

The Green Sheet

Irish Setter Club of New England

2nd Annual Combined Hunt Test

Luanne Witt

It is time once again for our annual hunt test, scheduled for April 27th and 28th. Again we will join with the TarTan Gordon Setter Club to hold 4 tests in one weekend. The judges are all lined up, the birds have been ordered and the kitchen coordinator is busy making plans. Our breed was bred to find upland game birds, point them out to the hunter and then "set". That is, get down low to the ground to allow the hunter to throw a net over the covey of birds. If you have never seen your dog find a bird and go on point you will be truly amazed. Come out and spend the day with our dogs, good friends and good food. If you would like to help we would love to show you the ins and outs of hunt tests. If you are a little

uncertain of what you can do to help just come down and watch. We can show you how to perform the various things that need to be done and you can see just how incredible our dogs can be. Enter your dog and see how it all works. You will be amazed and there will be many experienced people to give you pointers and explain the finer points of hunting. For those who are uncomfortable with the birds or the idea of hunting in general rest assured the birds fly away at the Junior level and neither you or your dog have to touch them.

We will have food available from early morning until about 2pm. Please donate something to the kitchen. Caren is coordinat-



From last year's Hunt Test

ing the kitchen for us again this year.

This is a very popular part of the hunt test. There is nothing like a day in the great outdoors to generate an appetite!

For more information contact Luanne Witt

Hunt Test Chair

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Volunteers Needed for Spring Events

On March 2nd we will celebrate with **Saint Patrick's Day Luncheon** at the home of Luanne & Bob Witt. Please [contact Ann Francour](#) to let her know what you will contribute to the luncheon. Of course we will have our usual raffle bring any items you would like to donate. ISCNE will also participate in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in Providence, RI. On Saturday March 9th. [Jan Mathews](#) is the contact for this

event. On March 16th & 17th **The New England Sporting Group Association Supported Entry**, new location; The Mallory Building at the Eastern States Grounds in West Springfield. April promises to remain busy, with the **National** being held in Region I in Fairfax, VA in mid-April. We return from VA just in time for our Annual **Hunt Test** again being held in connection with the TarTan Gordon club on

April 27th & 28th. Please volunteer a couple of hours to make this a success. Many hands make light work. Please [contact Luanne Witt](#) to volunteer

We wrap up the spring with our **85th Annual Specialty Show**, this year on May 31st at the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham, MA. We will again have our **Lobster Dinner** after the show. [Kyle Shaffer](#) is the chair and needs volunteers for all committees.

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April 27 & 28 2013

Markover Hunting Preserve, Danielson, CT

- See the dogs do what they were bred to do
- Volunteers needed
- Kitchen donations needed

For more info on all events, please see <http://www.iscne.org>

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2012 Canine Massage & Photos with Santa

Nov 2, 2012



and bodywork. She concluded the program with an interactive session, demonstrating some techniques to dogs and their handlers. A very informative program

Photos with Santa and your Irish:

This year our photographer was Joyce MacWalter. She and her husband Jim are owned by Gordon Setters and they participate in conformation and Hunt tests. Joyce has been tapped to be photographer at The New England Great Dane Specialty and candid at the Gordon National. She was also guest photographer at the

Specialty and do candid at the Gordon National. She was also guest photographer at the Westminster Hunt Test



Many people commented that Santa sounded an awful lot like Walter Clover

“Canine Massage: from Puppies to Couch Potatoes” was Presented by Frederica Vecchi, Canine Masseuse

Freddie discussed what massage can do for your dog and some of the conditions which can benefit from massage

Holiday Party

Dec 2, 2012

On December 2 ISCNE gathered at the Westford Regency to celebrate the holidays. The venue was chosen in order that we could honor and thank long-time member Virginia Sprong who has generously supported ISCNE through the years. Virginia attended accompanied by her companion Zee, both of whom seemed to enjoy the day. Festive table decorations, a small tree and holiday music filled the background as we had Hors d’oeuvres and a lovely luncheon finished by a peppermint holly cake. Following luncheon the traditional Yankee Swap was held. A grand time was had by all.



Virginia Sprong

Winter Wags

Jan 27, 2013

On January 27th we met for a fun day at the Silver City Training Center where Kara Firnrrohr, Certified Professional Dog Trainer CPDT-KA presented a program on the AKC’s Canine Good Citizen program and Cassia Burris, Professional Trainer and Behaviorist, presented a scenting workshop. Both workshops were participatory and great fun. Even better, two dogs were deemed ready for testing and successfully completed the requirements for their CDC title. Way to Go! Good food completed a fun and informative winter’s day spent with good friends.



Contact info for our presenters:

CGC Presenter:

Kara Firnrrohr, Certified Professional Dog Trainer CPDT-KA certificate # 1081559 AKC CGC Evaluator # 43103 Her home phone /and business is 781-293-7567

Scenting Workshop Presenter:

Cassia Burris, Co-owner, Versatile K-9 Professional Trainer and Behaviorist <http://www.barrelselectchesapeake.com/training.html>

Rescue News Sage

By: Claire Marx

Usually rescue can be a very rewarding experience. I wanted to share a couple of those hugely successful stories with everyone.

First I think some of you know Sage. The first time I saw Sage she crawled into an obedience class on her stomach. She was so terrified to be some new place she wouldn't even stand up. The couple who had her knew she was completely un-socialized but had no idea how to cope. She came to the entire six week class and improved, but any new situation would have her on the floor again. The people came to a couple of sessions and a few months later called me to place her. They were moving to Florida and didn't think she'd adjust to a new area.

I knew she would be a hard dog to place. Enter Joan Huber who was looking for a companion to her older dog. I took Sage down to Joan's and they all connected immediately. Joan is a very patient loving person, who spends a lot of time with her dogs. She is very soft spoken and really seemed to understand Sage.

Time passed and I kept in touch with Joan. A few years later I saw Sage at an Irish Festival and hardly recognized her! She pranced along in a big crowd of people with her head held high.... her tail was up and she looked like a show dog!! It almost brought tears to my eyes.....what a beautiful dog she was!

Thank you to Joan who truly gave Sage the wonderful home she deserved



Sage

The following note was received from Joan

October 23, 2012

Dear Claire,

Yesterday, in brilliant sunshine and bright fall colors, sitting in our front yard, Sage in my arms, she left her body. Her

Comforting, loving spirit remains vividly in my heart, and will forever.

I thank you again for the most precious gift I have ever received.

It was an honor to watch Sage grow and thrive, and to learn from her. I cherished her presence in my life. Thank you and Rescue for giving her the chance to know the love and valuing she deserved. My arms will always be around her.

Joan and Sage

Thank you to Joan for giving Sage the wonderful home she deserved.

Thank you members for your generous donations to Rescue with your membership renewal!!

Spring Specialty

“A Time to Celebrate”

By: Kyle Shaffer

On May 31, 2013, Irish Setters from all over New England, and regions near and far, will gather together to mark an unheard of celebration in the world of dogs: **The 85th ANNUAL Specialty Show of the Irish Setter Club of New England.** The distinction of being the oldest Irish Setter Club in the United States can be held by one club, and one club only; your club, The Irish Setter Club of New England! This distinction has many benefits as well as its responsibilities. So on Friday May 31, 2013, we will gather together

to celebrate this grand old club, ISCNE, as only its special members can do! We have lots in store for you to mark this momentous occasion. We invite you to come and join us in Celebration. We will mark this occasion with the new 4mo-under 6mo puppy classes, some amazing commemorative trophies, stylish ribbons, never seen before Auction Items, Luncheon under the Tent, a Commemorative ISCNE Catalog (limited edition) and our ever famous New England Lobster Dinner after the show. If that isn't enough, we always



keep a few surprises till the end! This is ONE ISCNE Specialty you won't want to miss!

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"The aim of the club shall be to work for the improvement, advancement, and development of the Irish Setter in every possible way; and to cultivate a spirit of harmony, friendship and cooperation among owners and breeders of Irish Setters"

ISCNE 85 Years Young A Time to Celebrate!

ANNUAL AWARDS DEADLINE: ALL applications must be submitted by US mail and postmarked by MARCH 15

No exceptions see web or contact Susan Watson for more info

Braggs

NANCY CONNOR - SHAGADEE BLACK TIE AFFAIR "IRELAND" WAS WINNERS DOG 3 DAYS IN A ROW IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND WINNERS DOG AT RHODE ISLAND.

DIANE D'ENTREMONT - SELWYN'S UNLEASH THE FUTURE, CD, BN, RN EARNED 1ST PLACE IN OBEDIENCE NOVICE B AT THE CAPE COD KC 9/16. THIS IS THE 1ST TIME **HANNAH** HAS EARNED 1ST PLACE AT AN ALL BREED OBEDIENCE TRIAL. CONGRATS!!

LUANNE WITT - "**BLUE**" COMPLETED HIS JH AT THE HUNT TESTS AT THE CAPE IN SEPT.

MURRAY FAMILY - CAPTIVA **MACKENZIE** UNLIMITED COMPLETED HER CHAMPIONSHIP BY GOING WINNERS BITCH FOR A

3 PT MAJOR AT GREEN MT DOG CLUB 7/14. CONGRATS!!

SHELLY DECHAMBEAU - "**MIA**" IN 2 OUTINGS WAS RWB TO A MAJOR AND BEST PUPPY IN SPECIALTY. BEST OPPOSITE IN SWEEPS, WB FOR A MAJOR, BEST PUPPY IN SPECIALTY AND BEST IN SWEEPS. **FIONA** - CH BEAUBRIAR SPIRIT OF SUCCESS CO-OWNED WITH KATHY ROSCOE HAS STARTED HER SPECIALS CAREER WITH A BANG. SHE HAS 2 BOB, BOS, AOM, AND 2 SELECT BITCH FROM SPECIALTIES AND ALL BREED SHOWS IN HER FIRST 4 WEEKENDS OF SHOWING. **LOGAN** - CH BEAUBRIARS SPIRIT MEANT TO BE FINISHED HIS CH. HE HAS WON SEVERAL BREEDS SINCE AND MADE THE CUT AT GROUP LEVEL. HE IS CO-OWNED WITH KATHY ROSCOE, PENNY, NANCY & RICK.

JENN ROSCOE - "**ROSE**" HAS GONE RWB TO A MAJOR, 2 BEST IN SWEEPS, WB FOR 2 PTS AND A PUPPY GROUP 3 IN ONLY 2 WEEKENDS OF SHOWING

PEGGY WAMPOLD - "**HENRY**" IS NOW CH MEADOWLARK DOUBLE THE MISCHIEF

GINA HAYES - GINA AND HER DOG **RUBY** ARE MEMBERS OF THE CAPE COD THERAPY DOGS. UNDER RUBY'S LEADERSHIP, THE GROUP PRESENTED ANOTHER FUN DEMONSTRATION OF THERAPY DOGS INTERACTING WITH CHILDREN AT THE NEW ENGLAND PET EXPO. THIS GROUP HAS BEEN FEATURED IN NEWSPAPERS - ARE BOOKED FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS AT THE EXPO! ALL THANKS TO THE GUIDANCE OF RUBY! WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SHOW THE VERSATILITY OF OUR IRISH!!