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From the President
by Jinx Moore

“Celebrate the Breed. Celebrate the Friendships.” I was wide awake about 3:00 a.m. some four years ago thinking about the Club and the people. I thought it's always important to concentrate on improving the breed, but the friendships are what has held us all together throughout the years, thus "Celebrate the Breed. Celebrate the Friendships." I hope we have done a good job of following this motto.

As I am writing, I have 18 six-week-old puppies surrounding my chair. Yes, I said 18! If that isn't celebrating the breed I don't know what is. (I find myself celebrating clean puppy bedding, fresh newspapers, and the hint of freshly sprayed Febreeze - lavender scent - lingering in the air also.) Every week I send updated photos of the “kids” to my dog friends. (The list is long.)

Friendships that I have made as a result of serving SCWTCA, Inc. are invaluable. I used to look at the Membership Directory and honestly, it was like reading the phone book—just names on a page. Now I thumb through the directory and smile because of the personal relationship that I have with so many of you. The breed brought us together, but the friendships will last a lifetime!

We have improved our efforts to celebrate the breed with our Wendall August trophies and additional awards and titles. I will never forget the two gals from another breed club walking past our trophy table at MCKC and stating, “We are suffering from trophy envy!” Due to the versatility of our breed, Wheatens are now eligible to earn AKC Herding and Therapy Dog titles. The efforts of members working with rescue, our young exhibitors and breeders are recognized with the addition of Rescue Family of the Year Award, Junior Handler Award, Wheaten Ambassador Award, and the Brenmoor Best Bred-By Challenge Award.

Celebrating the friendships seems to be easy for us as evidenced by our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Groups of friends were literally standing in line to have their picture taken under the anniversary banner. The pictures continued during the Sunday night post party as well. I can see the regional photo shoots becoming an annual event.

As a Board, it was always our goal to be open and timely informing the membership of the day-to-day operations of the club. (Was there ever a doubt how the club money was being spent with the 20+ pages of quarterly reports posted on the web site provided by Lori Kromash?) Even though you may not always have agreed with all the decisions made over the years, be assured there was plenty of discussion that ensued with the goal being “always do what is in the best interest of SCWTCA, Inc.”

There are not words to express my appreciation to all those who have served on the Board with me the last few years. The time and effort given by these individuals to make SCWTCA, Inc. the best it can be is impressive, to say the least. The friendships that have been made are forever and very dear to me.

So, on a final note, please accept my gratitude for allowing me the opportunity to serve and celebrate our breed with all of you, while making friends along the way.

“Celebrate the Breed. Celebrate the Friendships!”
Buddies.

As with most teachers, I began my career in a classroom run by another - an experienced teacher. I was called a student teacher, apropos because I was learning from a master. So began my mentorship with me as the follower. Years later the roles were reversed when I became the leader and a new teacher counted on me to lead her down the path of good practices. As with my initial relationship, we eventually abandoned these roles to become close colleagues.

Following – leading. Leading – following. These are relationships we naturally enjoy as children and often continue as we mature. So it has been and should continue to be in our world of dogs. We need to be the leader of our dogs and, equally important, we need to lead others in our sport. When I bought my first Wheaten 28 year ago from Jackie Gottlieb, I was entering a world about which I knew NOTHING. My sole qualification was my love of dogs, terriers especially. Jackie patiently educated and guided me through the rules, regulations and nuances of showing dogs.

"Get a grooming table." “Okay.” “Sign up for handling classes.” “Sure.” “Meet me on the highway at 6 a.m. to hand off the dog.” “All right.” I tried to absorb everything that came my way. I bought the orange book and started looking at pictures and pedigrees. Went to dog show after dog show where I hid behind trees or pillars so my dog wouldn't see me. Helped groom other dogs. Took other dogs in the ring and started to learn the art of handling. I didn't finish many of my own dogs the first 10 years. It was a time of mentorship and I was the mentee. I was “earning my stripes.”

Mentorship in the business world is a common practice; a more experienced individual grooms and teaches a novice, helping that person to grow into a productive professional who may then become a mentor. Mentoring in the dog world has a similar intent: to pass on and perpetuate good practices.

What does it take to be a good mentor? Lots of patience, suspension of judgment, and a willingness to answer lots and lots...and lots and lots of questions. It requires a mentor to know when it's time to shift the relationship and let your mentee's wings develop. A number of years ago I sold dog to a novice (as I so clearly had been.) Over the course of many grooming sessions she said, “I have to ask another stupid question.” I replied, “There are no stupid questions for the first five years; after that we might need to talk.” Mentors may do a lot of talking, but they should do a lot of listening as well.

What does it take to complete this connection, to find your own mentor? First, believe that you can always, always learn something new. Second, seek out someone who is truly passionate about Wheaten Terriers. Love + knowledge = wisdom. What a combination! Be patient and open to new ideas. You probably will learn things you didn't expect to know - like you have to drive really, really fast if you are going to follow Jackie to a dog site and you don't want to get lost. Translation: If your leader is speedy, you better learn to be speedy too!

Here are tidbits that I learned early. “The wind goes where the brush goes” (when drying a dog). Never fix with your comb what your scissors should do.” “If you want a perfect dog, go get a stuffed animal.” Seemingly innocuous things, but I tried to remember everything to be a good follower.

Another thing I hope I learned from Jackie: always be available. Remember what it was like to be a rookie and remember how it felt when your leader quelled your worries. A funny and wonderful thing will happen. The lines between individuals blur until you are equal....until you are buddies.
The Delaware Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club held their 9th Annual Wheaten Herding event at the Raspberry Ridge Sheep Farm in Bangor, PA on April 6th and 7th, 2013. We continue making history as this was the first full AKC Wheaten-club sponsored herding trial since Wheatens were admitted to the AKC Herding program on January 1, 2011. There were other breeds present herding both ducks and sheep, but the Wheatens dominated both the Delaware Valley SCWT Club Herding Instinct Test, with eight Wheatens entered, and six Wheatens qualifying. The AKC Herding Instinct tests were judged by Carolyn Wilki, AKC judge and sheep-farm owner, and Sherry Lee DVM.

We had two judges for the AKC Herding Instinct test because in order to pass, a Wheaten has to pass the AKC Instinct test two times under two different judges. There was one dog and handler earning their 1st Herding Instinct Test pass: CharMax Belle of Israel, owned by Ann Sue and David Israel. They will come back to the next Del Val Wheaten event to get the second “pass.”

The following are among the first Wheatens to pass the AKC Herding Instinct Test under two different judges:
Can CH Holweit’s Red Grenadine, and Holweit’s Charlotte’s Web owned by Dorice Stancher.

CH Amaden Lady Slippers and CharMax’s Juicy’s Dazzles, owned by Bonnie and Barry Ivler

CH Waterford Adare Anew, owned by Joy Ellwanger

Greentree Mombo in Maui and Greentree Point Given, owned by Andrea and Ron Chesinski

Lonestar Play By Play CD MX MXJ XF CGC, owned by Suzanne Stone

At the same time the Del Val herding event was happening in Pennsylvania, Jethro NA NAJ AXP MJP2 NF XFP, a midwest SCWT owned by Deb Holderman, was passing his AKC Herding Instinct Test at The Sunflower Cluster sponsored by four local clubs, Wichita Kennel Club, Wichita Dog Training Club, Salina Kennel Club, Hutchinson Kennel Club, 4 Corners Herding Association of Tulsa (OK). Jethro was the only participating Wheaten there.

My Wheaten girl Gabby, Lonestar Play By Play CD MX MXJ XF CGC adds an “HT” (Herding Test) to her name, being the first Wheaten to pass the Herding Test since Wheatens began participating in AKC Herding events in January 2011. The Herding Test requires you to have a controlled stay at the start, and be able to have the dog move the sheep between two cones set at 3:00 and 9:00, this time in a circular ring, three times - there, back and forth, turning the sheep twice within 10 ft. of the cones, then calling the dog off the sheep into a controlled stop. Gabby did it twice, under control, in much fewer than the 10 minutes allocated.

I know not everyone has a sheep farm near where they live (Raspberry Ridge is 2 ½ hours away from my home), but if you can find a herding trainer within driving distance who uses positive reinforcement training, try herding with your Wheaten. It’s not easy, but it’s WAY fun!

There are a lot of people to thank, including Rob Dunning and Jay Bloch, who took over Trial Secretary duties at the last minute, our two judges, various volunteers from our Wheaten group and from Carolyn Wilki’s students and helpers, but this Del Val Wheaten event would not have happened without the dedicated work and enthusiasm of Bonnie and Barry Ivler. Thanks for allowing our Wheatens to show that they belong in AKC herding! Looking forward to the next Del Val Wheaten herding event April 5-6, 2014.
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Name: Karen Bilda
Occupation: Retired in 2012 as Assistant Dean for Curriculum in the College of Business and Management at Cardinal Stritch University.

Children/Grandchildren: My husband, Geoff, and I have one son, Andy, who is a third generation law-enforcement officer. We have seven grandchildren ranging in age from one to 15.

Name and Ages of Dogs: We have three Wheatens – Shamrock, age 13; Kandi (CH Winterwheat Kinsey’s Kandi Kiss), age 12; and Wexford (CH Winterwheat Klassic Kombo), age nine.

When did you get your first Wheaten? We got our first Wheaten, Misty, in the mid-’80s.

How did you become interested in Wheatens? I first became interested in Wheatens when I saw them at a Meet the Breed event at our Wisconsin State Fair. I fell in love immediately. If it hadn’t been for Meet the Breeds, it would have taken me a lot longer to discover them.

What breeds of dogs have you had other than Wheatens? As a child, I had a Collie mix, a Cocker Spaniel, and then a Miniature Schnauzer. When we first married, we had an Old English Sheepdog, named Daisy. Once we lost Daisy, I wanted to get something as furry, but smaller. A Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier was the perfect fit.

What activities do you participate in with your Wheatens? Right now, all of our Wheatens are retired. But we spent several years on the road showing our second Wheaten, Kinsey, and then Kandi in conformation. Wexford was already a champion when he came to live with us. Shamrock is a rescue dog and I have helped place other rescue Wheatens. Both my husband and I are very active in our local Wheaten club, the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Milwaukee (SCWTCGM), and I serve on the Board of the Combined Specialty Clubs of Greater Milwaukee.

What is the most memorable thing that has happened to you and your dog(s)? It is tough to pick just one. The most memorable, I think, was hearing Judge Robert Moore say, “The Best in Show today is the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier” at the Paper Cities Kennel Club show in June 2001. Our Kinsey, CH Galway K is for Kinsey, won not only a Best in Show, but Best of Breed at the Westminster Kennel Club, several BISS and two Awards of Merit at the SCWTCA National Specialty in Montgomery County. Seeing her win those awards in person with our good friends Bette Eckstrom and Nancy Andersen made them most special.

When you think of your first Wheaten, what do you remember most about him/her? I remember how insatiable Misty was in playing ball. My husband and I would spend literally hours every day throwing a ball to her. Till the day she died, she always wanted to chase a ball.

Why did you decide to join SCWTCA? Joining the SCWTCA seemed like a natural progression with my involvement with dogs. I have been president of the SCWTCA since 2002 and a board member of the Combined Specialty Clubs of Greater Milwaukee since 2012. Being a member of the SCWTCA will give me more of an opportunity to connect with other Wheaten owners.

Karen Bilda was sponsored by Bette Eckstrom and Nancy Andersen. Karen excels in proofreading and attention to detail. She offers writing and education skills to SCWTCA and looks forward to expanding her knowledge of Wheaten health.
Name: Diane Byra

Occupation: Homemaker

Children/Grandchildren: Three daughters: Jillian, Hayley, and Melanie

Name and Ages of Dogs: Daisy, five; and Sid, 11

When did you get your first Wheaten? In 1999

How did you become interested in Wheatens? I was introduced to Wheatens when I laid eyes on my very first Wheaten, Abby. My daughters and I were in a pet store and went to look at the puppies when I saw Abby. It was literally love at first sight. I knew it was not a good idea to purchase a puppy from a pet store, but I could not leave her there. We brought her home and I had found the best dog and the best breed I had ever known. I will never be without a Wheaten in my life.

What breeds of dogs have you had other than Wheatens? Scottish Terrier and Cairn Terrier

What activities do you participate in with your Wheatens? I have been involved in conformation and co-breeding my Wheatens. I am working with Daisy to become a certified therapy dog. We also love the outdoors and do lots of walking and swimming.

What is the most memorable thing that has happened to you and your dog(s)? My first champion, CH Holweit’s Keeper of the Light (Maggie) was to be bred to CH Islander’s Jamakin Me Krazy (Jake). We had decided to use artificial insemination. On the day I drove two hours to my repro vet only to discover that Fedex could not locate my package. Immediate panic set in; it was a Saturday and I would not be able to get another collection delivered until Tuesday and that would have been too late. I called Lori and explained what had happened and she asked me to come directly to her home. I lived seven hours away, so I called my family and said I will see you on Tuesday. I had no clothes, no dog food as I expected to return the same day. Maggie and I left immediately on our little voyage. I had to stop and buy clothes and toiletries for me and food for Maggie. We were able to achieve natural breedings and thanks to Lori’s kindness and hospitality, we had a great weekend and I made a forever friend. I was blessed with nine beautiful, healthy puppies. So, in the end it was well worth all the time and confusion.

When you think of your first Wheaten, what do you remember most about him/her? When I think of Abby, I remember her gentleness. I don’t think I ever heard her growl; she was amazing with my children and even loved our guinea pigs. When we took them out of the cage, she would lie with them and clean them. She would chase away the other dogs if they tried to come near them. Most of all I am forever grateful to Abby for allowing me to fall in love with the breed.

Why did you decide to join SCWTCA? I have met so many wonderful people and made great friends. We all have a common goal and that is our beloved Wheatens. I have so much to learn and want to work together for the betterment and future of our breed.

Diane was sponsored by Lori Kromash and Sylvia Hamilton. She has expressed willingness to help the Club in any way possible. Diane has skills to contribute regarding breeding, computer, education, event management, fundraising, grooming, health, research, stewarding and training.
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Our Specialty show this year was again indoors at the beautiful Purina Farms Events Center and was dedicated to Jeannette Lohman, who lost her battle with cancer shortly after our 2012 Specialty show. Jeannette was a founding member of our club, yet never owned a Wheaten and rarely missed a club function. Jeannette served as a ring steward for our specialty every year and shared her wonderful baked goods in the hospitality area. Jeannette is truly missed.

This was our first year giving handmade pottery from the Mississippi Mud Pottery with our Wheaten design and club logo as our trophies. The pottery was a big hit with all our exhibitors and guests.

Barb Smith judged sweepstakes with an entry of 5(2-3) puppies. Best in Sweeps was awarded to Burdigan’s I’m On My Way (b) (6-9) and Best Op in Sweeps went to Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing (d) (9-12).

Mr. Robert Hutton judged the specialty entry of 3-14-9-6 awarding the following:

BB/G4: GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play (b)
BOS: GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer (d)
SD: CH Marquees Love The One You’re With
SB: GCH Shandalee Fireworks
WD: Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing (9-12)
RWD: Haldane Chasin Tail (bbe)
WB/BW: Burdigan’s I’m On My Way (6-9)
RWB: Rosheen Espressione Supremma (12-18)

Boutique sales, the raffle and silent auction were held during the specialty dinner at the Checkerboard Café in the Event Center on Friday evening. After dinner and a few draws of raffle tickets, the evening was disrupted by a tornado warning that sent all the attendees and their dogs to seek shelter. While tornados were in the area, Purina Farms was not involved. After the warning was over, we returned to the Café to finish the raffle and silent auction.

Our hospitality area was set up in the RV parking area where we had snacks and drinks all weekend. Club members hosted a casual BBQ on Saturday evening serving some of the best BBQ ribs around.

Our weekend was full of fun, friends and competition. We thank everyone who came to visit and participate and for all the wonderful club members and friends that contributed their time and talents to make the show weekend truly special. We appreciate all the Raffle ticket sales that we again donated to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America Endowment Fund for Wheaten Health.

We hope to see you next year!
Cindy Shea

Weekend companion shows results:

Gateway Terrier Association
Judge: Mr. Fred Bassett / Entry: 1-8-7-5
BB: GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer (d)
BOS: GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play (b)
WD/BW: Haldane Chasin Tail (bbe)
WB: Haldane Does Your Mother Know? (bbe)
SD: GCH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over
SB: CH Doubloon’s Walking On Air
RWB: Kaylynn’s Sassafrass Tea (12-18)

Mississippi Valley KC
Judge: Mr. Terry Stacy / Entry: 3-14-8-6
BB/G4: GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play (b)
BOS: GCH Greentree Cayenne Dancer (d)
SD: GCH Cuilinn Expresso Con Panna
SB: GCH Shandalee Fireworks
WD: Haldane Chasin Tail (bbe)
RWD: Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing (9-12)
WB/BW: Burdigan’s Rays Your Glass (bbe)
RWB: Orla Fire Of The Hearth (open)
MO Rhineland KC
Judge: Col Joe B. Purkhiser / Entry: 2-15-7-5
BB: GCH Greentree Cayeene Dancer (d)
BOS: GCH Shandalee Fireworks (b)
SD: CH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over
SB: GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play
WB: Raelyn Jadore Eiffel (open)
RWB: Bryr Rose Moonshadow (9-12)
BW/WD: Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing (9-12)
RWD: Acacia’s Appointed By The Queen (bbe)

MO Rhineland KC
Judge: James J. Ham / Entry: 1-5-4-5
BB: GCH Greentree Cayeene Dancer (d)
WB/BW/BOS: Heirloom Take A Chance On Me (12-18)
SB: GCH Shandalee Fireworks
SD: GCH Lil’Town Fiddler’s Lullaby of Ardacassa
RWB: Haldane Does Your Mother Know? (bbe)
WD: Haldane Chasin Tail (bbe)

BOB: GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play
(GCH Doubloon’s Salt of the Earth x CH Doubloon’s Ultimate Player) Breeder/Owner: Elena Landa.

SD: Marquee’s Love the One You’re With

WB/BW & BSW: Burdigan’s I’m On My Way
(CH Whindancer’s Take It To The Max x GCH Burdigan Banner Five Finger Discount) Breeders: Julie & Josh Burdick, Pam & John Mandeville. Owners: Julie & Josh Burdick and Janice Driver.

RWD: Haldane Chasin’ Tail
(GCH Cuilinn Expresso Con Panna x GCH Haldane Oh Baby Don’t You Loose Your Lip on Me) Breeder/Owner: Tim Smith.
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Let The Sunshine In
SCWTCSC Specialty Show

June 21, 2013
by Ann Leigh

It was a weekend of sunshine, color, beautiful dogs, exciting competition, and camaraderie.

An array of merchandise was available for sale, including embroidered and screen-printed items in hot summer colors. The theme art work was graciously donated by artist and friend Beth Babos.

Our vendors, coordinated by Miriam Kahan, were a Wheaten shopper’s dream!

Bright sunflowers and a life-size Wheaten topiary adorned the ring. Vicky Gosnell, Mary Lou Piccard, and Laura Virant were in charge of ring decorations, and what a splendid job they did. Mike Smith was the fix-it man, who made sure everything was secure.

The box lunches proved to be a great success, delivered on time all three days by the Panera Bread Company.

The raffle was outstanding! The Grand Prize, comprised of a hand-painted bowl and two platters depicting the Queen Mary and ocean scene designed by Debbie Carmen and partially contributed by Jann Lane, was a big hit. So many wonderful donated gifts were expertly packed and displayed by Beverly Streicher, Connie Koehler, Vickie Gosnell, and Bonney Snyder.

Kathy Apogee topped off the weekend with style and panache with our “Dinner on the Green,” catered by Nana’s Mexican cuisine. Fresh tacos were cooked in front of us; it was gorgeous! Yellow table clothes and lime green plates and place settings adorned the tables. Virgin margaritas were the drink of the night because of the no-alcohol-in-the-park rule!

It was wonderful to see our friends from all over the USA and Canada as well as those all the way from England!

And when all was said and done, congratulations to the winners, judges, and heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our specialty. It took a village to put this lovely specialty on, with great appreciation to all.

Hope that we will see you all again next year.
Judge’s Critique
By Cindy Vogels

Thank you so much for the honor of judging your specialty. It was a gorgeous day, and, as always, the SCWTCSC put on a first-class event. Special kudos to Specialty coordinator Ann Leigh and her capable team, including ring stewards Wilma Johnson and Lynne Aguirre.

Since I judge Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers often, most are aware of my priorities among the essentials of SCWT type. The more a trait distinguishes the breed, the closer to the top of the list it appears:

- **Silhouette.** SCWTs must be *square, upstanding, long-legged, balanced* Terriers, dogs between 18 and 19 inches at the shoulder, and bitches, 17-18. Correct silhouette requires enough length of head and neck to balance the proper length of leg and back.

- **Head.** Without being coarse, heads must have enough length and strength to balance the rest of the dog. Paramount is proper ear size and placement, as they distinguish Wheatens from their Irish and Kerry cousins, and give the breed its characteristic expression.

- **Coat.** When both coat texture and color are mentioned in a breed’s name, its importance cannot be overlooked.

- **Temperament.** Developed as multi-tasking, poor men’s farm dogs, Wheatens owe their existence to biddable, steady temperament.

- **Movement.** A reflection of structure, condition and temperament. *Of prime importance is the ability to retain an upstanding frame on the move.*

Dogs, Puppy 6-9 months (1)

1st - Winners Dog, Best of Winners, **Tyrone Limitless.**

What a nice way to start the day! This attractive, young pup fills the eye. He’s balanced, with good leg under him, and enough length of neck enhanced by a lovely set of shoulders. He’s got the requisite length of ribcage and short loin. As with most pups of his age, he sports a typical puppy coat, in his case, richly colored, but clear. He’s good-headed although could use a smaller ear. At the moment he’s more angulated in front than rear (which hopefully is developmental), causing a slight rise over the loin, and less than ideal...
tailset. However, he uses himself well, coming, going, and around the ring, exhibiting a lot of poise for a baby.

**Dogs, 9-12 Months (1)**

1st - **Tara I Get Around**. An attractive, balanced dog that’s just more everywhere than I prefer.

**Dogs, 12-18 Months (2)**

1st - **Harbour Hill Toy Story**. Nice level head planes, although head a bit coarse, and ears could be smaller and higher set. Has good substance, but could use more spring of rib. Uses his legs well.

2nd - **Legacy Gleanngay Kingdom Heart**. Nice shape and make, being well up on leg. Decent headed, with small ears. Much more powerful behind than in front causing a bicycling motion behind. Didn’t use himself well on the day.

**Dogs, Bred By Exhibitor (4)**

1st - Reserve Winners Dog, **Tyrone’s Revolutionary Road**. (Note: a half-brother to the puppy winners dog.) A little rangier than I prefer, but a dog of many admirable qualities: lovely head, with nice level planes, clean skull and good fill. Good topline and tailset, well-angulated front and rear, although I’d like to see more depth of body and spring of rib.

2nd - **Aran Walks On Water**. A beautifully coated Irish-type dog. Lovely ears, although head a bit coarse. Uses his rear better than front due to loaded shoulders. Good bodied, shown in excellent, hard muscle.

3rd - **Atas Harbour Hill Take a Bao**. Well-made dog of good make and shape. Sporting good head and ears, he was a bit unsteady, not wanting to be gone over.

4th - **Legacy Gleanngay Heart of Valor**. Very nice-sized, useful dog who was penalized for lack of steadiness. I would like a bit more head to balance, and better front assembly.

**Dogs Open (1)**

1st - **Trigo Let Freedom Ring**. Very pretty, balanced dog of proper size. Good headed, with good ears and eye placement, giving a typical expression. Would like more parallel head planes. Good coated. Didn’t use his legs as well as the ultimate winners.

**Winners Dog** to the puppy based on his overall superior conformation and presentation.

**The Reserve Winners Dog** is also a very worthy dog; well-made and sound moving that could be trimmed to better advantage.

**Bitches, 6-9 Months (2)**

1st - **Monarch’s He Mele No Lilo**. A well-constructed package, but still unsure in the big ring.

2nd - **Brelan Time For A Holiday**. A gorgeous-coated puppy of great potential, but also showed youthful insecurity.

**Bitches, 9-12 Months (3)**

1st - Reserve Winners Bitch, **Bryr Rose Moonsong**. A well-made, sound, and very pretty pup. Very feminine, good front and rear, she has some dark tipping over her withers, but is totally clear beneath. Would benefit from a new trim – which she sported the next day!

2nd - **Tara Good Vibrations For Claddagh**. Pretty-coated pup, not quite as up on leg, and her larger ears point more out than down.

3rd - **Marquee’s Hion Dixie**. A strong rear couldn’t quite match her front.

**Bitches, 12-18 Months (3)**

1st - Winners Bitch, **Kilronan Late For The Sky**. A very feminine, correct bitch of good proportions. Her ears are a bit fancy, but she can use them correctly. Good-coated and good on the move.

2nd - **Lontree Desert Petunia**. Another worthy bitch. Her handler informed me it was her first time in the ring, accounting for her inconstancy. Very nice coat. I’d prefer a smaller ear.

3rd - **Marymore Essence of Starlight**. Lost out on size and lack of femininity.

**Bitches, Bred By Exhibitor (1)**

1st - **Hion Mystere**. A useful bitch, but not as up on leg as I’d like, resulting in her lowering herself of the go. Stronger behind than in front which affected her profile on the move.

**Bitches, American Bred (1)**

1st - **Lyrical Legends of Irish Lore**. Very attractive bitch, balanced, good shape and make. Her front is not her fortune, and, on the day, her coat cost her, but overall, a useful bitch.
Bitches, Open (4)

1st - Paisley Days To Come. Won by virtue of her lovely shape and make, and typical expression, although she didn’t use herself optimally on the day. She could use a bit more head that could be visually disguised by more head furnishings. Her coat condition, in general, could be better.

2nd - Hion She Looks Alleurin. Could use more length of leg.

3rd - Harbour Hill Atas EVOO. Has decent leg under her, but is a bit long and doggy.

4th - Vintage Prairie Rose. Too much all over for a bitch.

Both Winners and Reserve Winners bitches were typical and well-balanced. On the day, the winner was steadier and better presented.

Veteran Dogs (1)

1st - CH Never Lasting’s No Limits. A sound, balanced dog, he’s bigger and coarser than I consider typical. His very nice coat had some obvious, self-trimmed holes.

Veteran Bitches (2)

Wow! These two bitches are incredible. I was amazed when I read the catalogue to see that the winner of the class is 12 while her worthy competitor is 10! They are both extremely lovely. Very different from each other, both are sound, typey and in great shape for their ages.

1st - CH Marquee’s Trick or Treat. I was delighted to see an old favorite of mine had aged so gracefully. She won on her overall balance and elegance.

2nd - CH Trigo Olive The Other Reindeer. A very pretty-headed bitch, she still moves like a youngster.

Best of Breed Competition

Best of Breed - CH Gleanngay Runaway.

An upstanding dog of beautiful size, proportion and balance, he commands the ring on the go-round, holding his lovely frame in profile, and is sound coming and going. Good coated and headed, with good expression. A lovely coated dog, well-trimmed. Although he didn’t show consistently, when he’s “on,” exudes Wheaten type.

Best of Opposite Sex - CH Banner Marymore Double Triple Axel

So feminine and pretty! A compact, typey package with winsome “Wheateny” expression and outstanding tailset. She has a lot to offer.

Best of Winners - Tyrone Limitless. See above.

Select Dog - CH Lochinear Gleanngay Cha Ching.

A different style from the Best of Breed dog; larger and not in as good balance as the winner. Nevertheless, a useful dog with a beautiful coat, well-presented in lovely bloom.

Select Bitch - GCH Doublon’s Extreme Play.

A beautifully balanced bitch that presents a pleasing picture. Gave to the BOS bitch on front movement.

Awards of Merit (in catalog order):

CH Saltnsea Weaving Magic. Very appealing, balanced, sound bitch that didn’t show herself to her best advantage.

GCH Galen’s Winter’s Tale. This bitch too, didn’t want to use herself as well as she might, but was selected on her shape and make and soundness.

GCH Bonney’s Labor of Love. A pretty-coated bitch, I’d like more angles both ends, but she puts it together in a compact, appealing package.

Areas of strength:

- Overall shape and make
- Eye size, placement and color
- Bite
- Topline
- Rear
- Coat color

Areas needing attention:

- Length of Leg. Low on leg. The distance from the point of withers must equal the distance from the elbow to ground.
- Ear size, set and carriage. Large, low-set ears, tipping out. Tip of ear should not drop below the eye level, and should point to the ground. Ears appear to break level with the skull; the level “look” includes the hair on top of the head.
- Head Faults.

1. Broken planes i.e. down-faced, too much stop resulting in
high domed skull, lack of stop resulting in sloping backskulls. Muzzle and backskull should be parallel, divided by a definite stop.

Improper head proportions i.e. broad backskulls coupled with short, weak muzzles.

- Tailset. Sloping croups resulting in lower tailsets and no “butt behind the tail.”
- Coat texture. Crisp, cottony coats.

- Temperament. Lack of steadiness. Wheatens should exhibit self-confidence, merriness, and *never* be shy to the hand.

Overall, I was very pleased with the quality of the entry. Many areas I have found lacking in the past have been addressed by breeders, and, there was better overall consistency than I’ve seen lately. I thank you all - for the honor of evaluating your dogs, your gracious sportsmanship, and, most of all, your devotion to our wonderful breed.

**WD/BW: Tyrone Limitless**  
(CH Gleanngay Who’s Your Daddy x CH Caraway Show Me the Monet) Breeder: Lana Campbell. Owners: Lana Campbell & John Slack.

**SD: CH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching**  
(CH Gleanngay Holliday x CH Gleanngay Tilde Wink) Breeders: Pat Mullin & Gay Dunlap. Owner: Pat Mullin.

**WB: Kilronan Late for the Sky**  
(CH Haldane You Love The Thunder x CH Edgewood Steel Magnolia) Breeders: Kathy Clarke & Kim Perkins. Owner: Kathy Clarke.

**AOM: CH Saltnsea Weaving Magic**  
SCWTSCSC Sweepstakes Commentary
June 22, 2013
by Judge Tami Herzog

Being asked to judge the puppy sweepstakes for the SCWTSCSC Specialty was an honor and a thrill. This is by far my favorite specialty and the venue at The Queen Mary Park is a beautiful backdrop for our wonderful breed.

Overall it was a very nice entry. All were presented well with beautiful coat condition, nice dark eyes, big black noses, good tail sets and, for the most part, good bites. A couple could have used more weight.

6-9 Puppy Dog
1st - Tyrone Limitless. He was the only puppy entry in this class but he was a nice one. I only hoped that he would feel as good as he looked and moved. He did not disappoint. I loved his luxurious coat, pigment and level topline with lots of butt behind his tail.

9-12 Puppy Dog
1st - Tara I Get Around. Another single entry in the class but so much I liked about him. He had very pretty side movement. I would have liked a little less back skull.

12-18 Puppy Dog

2nd - Harbour Hill Monsters U. Another very nice boy who pushed the winner of this class. I was pleased to find out later that he and the class winner were littermates. On this particular day his movement wasn’t as good as his brother’s.

3rd - Atas Harbour Hill Take A Bao. This was a very pretty boy but seemed a little bored to be there on this day. All the pieces were there... a nice bite, lovely topline and good butt with clean movement. I wish I could have seen more enthusiasm out of him.

6-9 Puppy Bitch
1st - Brelan Time For A Holiday. This girl has a beautiful dark eye and a pretty head. On this day she seemed a little unsure of what was going on. With time, I’m sure she’ll get the confidence needed.

9-12 Puppy Bitch
1st - Tara Good Vibrations. I loved this little girl. Great attitude with confidence. She held her top line on the go around, clean coming and going. She had a beautiful coat, clean shoulders and very square outline. I loved her expression.

2nd - Marquee’s Hion Dixie. This was an elegant girl with a beautiful coat, nice topline and outline, with nice side movement. Would have liked more expression. It was hard to choose between her and my #1 pick from the class.

3rd - Bryr Rose Moon Charm. This girl has a very nice outline. Her movement wasn’t as clean as I would prefer but an overall nice girl. Beautiful bite and nice dark eye.

12-18 Puppy Bitch
1st - Harbour Hill Atas EVOO. I liked so much about her. Nice straight teeth, big black nose and great pigment. Her side movement was spot on but I would have liked to have seen a cleaner movement in the rear.

2nd - Harbour Hill Radiator Springs. Another pretty bitch and littermate to my #1 and #2 out of the 12 to 18 month puppy dog class. Beautiful coat but a bit dense. Another pretty mover.

3rd - Bonney Hey Macarena. Very pretty outline on this girl. Not as much attitude as the other girls in her class but pretty side gait. Her coming isn’t as clean as I would like but a pretty girl nonetheless with a beautiful coat, very nice bite, and beautiful pigment.

4th - Lontree Desert Petunia. On this day she misbehaved just a bit for her handler but this girl has a very pretty head, nice topline, and a very pretty coat.

Best in Sweepstakes went to Tyrone Limitless. From the moment he walked in the ring, I wanted to take him home. I loved just about everything about him. He was beautifully presented and showed like he owned the ring.

Best Opposite in Sweepstakes went to Tara Good Vibrations. Beautifully presented as well. A feminine package that was a nice complement to my Best in Sweeps.
It was an honor and a pleasure to judge the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Southern California Club Specialty Show on Sunday June 23, 2013. Thank you for inviting me.

My first puppy dog to enter the ring was Tyrone Limitless: very sound, showy and short-backed.

The second dog in my ring was the 9-12 puppy Tara I Get Around. Again, a beautiful picture: reachy neck, very sound, short backed.

The Bred-by Exhibitor and Open Dog classes all contained dogs of very good quality.

The 9-12 pup was my Winners Dog and BOW; the 6-9 pup was reserve. Both of these puppies have a bright future.

The bitches overall were of good quality, and I had many close decisions to make. But my Winners Bitch was one that I found to be the most complete and deserving on the day, Paisley Days to Come narrowly edging out Kilronan Late for the Sky who was my reserve.

The specials class was an overwhelming sight. My breed winner was GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play: beautiful make and shape, and she used herself well. Her presence was commanding. Best Opposite was a difficult decision; CH Pitterpat Allons-Y and Select CH Reyem’s Saddle Up N Ride were close.

I only had five awards of merit to give although I could have used many more.

Other than ears and coat I feel the breed is in good shape. When I think back to the early 1970s, when temperaments and mouths were a big problem, I feel the breeders can be proud of the great progress they have made. These representatives of the breed show it has come a long way.
BOB: GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play
(GCH Doubloon’s Salt of the Earth x CH Doubloon’s Ultimate Player) Breeder/Owner: Elena Landa.

BOS: CH Pitterpat Allons-Y!
(CH Derryhumma Mr. Mistoffelees x CH PitterPat’s Mabe Funke) Breeders: Sheryl J. Beitch & Julia Campbell. Owners: Karen & George Davis and Sheryl J. Beitch.

WD/BW: Tara I Get Around

WB: Paisley Days to Come
(Paisley Past Ever Present x CH Paisley American Girl) Breeder: Kathleen McIndoe. Owners: Kathleen McIndoe & Danielle Hanson.

SD: CH Reyem’s Saddle Up and Ride
(CH Mil Mear Geragold Cowboy Up x CH Reyem’s Dressed For Dancing) Breeders: Kay Baird & Gwen Meyer. Owners: Cathy Roozen & Kay Baird.

SB: CH Saltnsea Weaving Magic
AOM: CH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching
(CH Gleanngay Holliday x CH Gleanngay Tilde Wink)
Breeders: Pat Mullin & Gay Dunlap. Owner: Pat Mullin.

AOM: CH Atas’s Claire De Lune
(GCH Dhowden’s American Dream x CH Westridge Back To Limerick)
Breeders/Owners: Jeanine Flavell & Ilze Barron.

AOM: CH Banner Marymore Double Triple Axel
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AOM: CH Atas Grauman’s Gypsy Run Through
(GCH Dundalk Put Me In Coach x CH Westridge Back To Limerick)
Breeders: Jeanine Flavell & Ilze Barron.
Owners: Michelle Montes-Capton & Jeanine Flavell.

AOM: CH Trigo Olive the Other Reindeer
(CH Gleanngay Darling Display x CH Carrigan Trigo Eye O’the Storm)
Breeder/Owner: Nancy B. Butler.

RWD: Tyrone Limitless
(CH Gleanngay Who’s Your Daddy x CH Caraway Show Me the Monet)
Breeder: Lana Campbell. Owners: Lana Campbell & John Slack.
GCH Gleanngay Runaway “Miles”

GCH Andover Mayhem Magic X GCH Gleanngay Lady of the Lake

Best In Show SCWTC Southern California Specialty June, 2013
Judge: Cindy Vogels

Select Dog SCWTC Northern California Specialty April, 2013
Judge: Edd BIVn

A Very Special Thank You to these highly respected judges for this honor!

Breeder: Gay Dunlap

Owner/Handler:
Riley Frerking
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***Warning: The dog’s name is Miles and the owner’s name is Riley, not to be confused with the other way around.***
A Tribute To A Very Special Person: Our Beloved Jackie

Celebrating her 90th birthday, Jackie Gottlieb has dedicated over half her life to the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier and those involved in the breed. That’s right...90th! Did anyone see her "IN" the ring with Hammy last year?

Jackie is a trailblazer and inspiration for us all, leading the way to superior quality, health, and temperament of our wonderful Wheatens. She, along with a handful of others, initiated the GRF, a project focused on health research to address some of the problems facing our breed and to protect its welfare. Jackie’s first Wheaten was Andover Antic of Sunset Hill (Maggie) in 1968. Since that time she has bred and exhibited some of our finest and “top-ranked” dogs. Most of us carry her Andover dogs in our pedigrees.

Whether in the ring herself or sitting ringside, she’s always there, greeting friends and rooting for us all with only encouraging and positive thoughts. Jackie has mentored so many, it is difficult to enumerate or assess her impact on this breed. Her ability and willingness to help others has set a standard for our finest breeders and exhibitors.

Happy Birthday Jackie!
Coccidioidomycosis or “Valley Fever”

On Sunday June 23, 2013, I received a frantic call from my friend, Doreen Gordin, in Prescott Valley, AZ. Her 11-year-old boy, Casey, Grand Champion Lontree 24 Karat of Morningstar, was suddenly taken ill and was in the Prescott Valley Emergency Animal Clinic. He had gone to bed on Saturday night after having enjoyed a day of romping with the other dogs in her household followed by a good dinner. Doreen and Harvey gave him his daily bit of cheese as a bedtime snack and put him in his crate as usual. On Sunday morning, they opened the crate to find that Casey was blind in his right eye and staggering in a circle with his head down. A mere eight hours prior to that he was apparently a happy and healthy boy. An acute neurological event had obviously occurred.

After a battery of lab tests, X-rays, and ultrasound exams, no clear diagnosis emerged. Casey was slightly anemic but lab values were otherwise within normal limits. The X-rays revealed a small lesion on his lung and on his cervical vertebrae. The ultrasound results of major organs were negative.

Doreen and Harvey were planning to take Casey to Phoenix on Monday morning to a vet specializing in neurology. On Monday, however, it was obvious that Casey wouldn’t survive the 90-mile trip to Phoenix, so they transferred him to their regular vet in Prescott Valley. Casey was cognizant of their presence but completely helpless and obviously in great pain even with intravenous analgesia. There was no other choice except to say good-bye to him. Doreen stayed at his side supporting him, her darling boy, until he took his final breath. It’s the most difficult and simultaneously the most loving act we can perform for our pets. My guess is that everyone reading this has been there and this story brings back an emotional stew consisting of pangs of love and guilt, happiness and anxiety, dread and relief.

An autopsy was performed and the Gordins were notified that Casey had succumbed to Valley Fever.

The lesion on his lung was the primary site and had subsequently spread to his cervical vertebrae which were covered with lesions. That stress triggered compression on the spinal cord and a subsequent increase in the spinal fluid pressure resulted in blindness.

The Gordon’s theorize that Casey must have contracted the infection long ago and was asymptomatic. He was a very strong dog. The primary lesion in his lung had migrated to his bones, specifically the cervical vertebrae. A day of romping with the other dogs and the fact that a bitch in season was in the house probably caused him to be a bit more “frisky” than usual. The increased level of activity may have put extra pressure on his already fragile cervical vertebrae and a stress fracture may have ensued.

Here is the most current information about this dreadful disease from www.vfce.arizona.edu/ValleyFeverInPets/Default. The University of Arizona is the country’s “Center of Excellence” for Valley Fever.

Valley Fever Synopsis

Valley Fever is caused by a fungal infection, Coccidiomycosis, and is prevalent in the desert southwest region of our country (West Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and Southern California). The fungal spores live in the ground and become airborne when the soil is disturbed often by a strong wind. The spores are inhaled and thus the primary site of the infection in the host animal is the lung. The infection may migrate to other organs but is most often seen in the bones of infected animals. According to the Valley Fever Center for Excellence at The University of Arizona, 70% of dogs are able to fight off the infection and never become symptomatic.

Early symptoms of Valley Fever are fairly general: fever, loss of appetite, cough, weight loss, and listlessness. When the illness migrates inside the
host animal, new and more specific symptoms materialize. Some of these include lameness, back or neck pain with or without paralysis, seizures and other neurological indicators, swollen lymph nodes or testicles, blindness or clouding of the eyes, non-healing skin ulcerations, and heart failure.

The diagnosis of Valley Fever is often contingent on suspicion of the illness pursuant to presenting symptoms and proximity to the desert where the spores are most prevalent. The routine lab work we all have performed on our dogs will not pick up Valley Fever. Only a Valley Fever Titer (Cocci titer) confirms the diagnosis. This test picks up antibodies against the fungus. A positive titer indicates that the animal has become infected and is attempting to fight off the illness. The higher the titer, the more severe the infection.

Treatment for Valley Fever consists of antifungal medications. These three are primary: Ketoconazole (Nizoral), Itraconazole (Sporanox), Fluconazole (Diflucan). The length of treatment depends on the severity of the illness. Some animals with low positive numbers may be treated for only a few months. Animals with very high titers and multi-symptom pathology may need to be on medication for the remainder of their lives. The purpose of pharmacological intervention is to keep the fungus from migrating to other body systems. There is no cure per se nor is there a vaccine to prevent the infection from occurring in the first place.

It is the hope of Doreen and Harvey Gordin as well as Casey’s breeder, Joy Laylon, that Casey’s death will not have been in vain. Running a Valley Fever titer on animals that live in the southwest region of the country - or have traveled there - may save a life. Some vets in that part of the country will routinely run the test as part of the annual physical exam while others won’t do so unless prompted. The heartbreak of losing Casey so suddenly and violently is a tough lesson for all of us. We should test our dogs against regional illnesses as part of their routine health care and provide written instructions to our puppy buyers to do so as well.

Casey will be remembered by Doreen and Harvey as a loving pet. For the breeders whose litters he sired, he will be remembered as a superb producer of champions and grand champions. He was a natural show dog who loved the ring, strutted around the show grounds like a peacock, and was nationally ranked in his prime. Perhaps Casey’s greatest legacy will be the story of his untimely death. While the Gordin’s grieve their loss, they hope this message will prompt others to titrate for Valley Fever annually.
### SCWT CHAMPION and PERFORMANCE TITLES

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Get Out Now!

What You Need in Case of an Emergency
by Molly O’Connell

Hurricanes. Tornadoes. Earthquakes. Floods. Fires. Blizzards. We are all subject to Mother Nature’s furies with little we can do to avoid them. But we can be prepared. Recently I was visiting a friend in the mountains who has seven dogs, two miniature horses, and a donkey. Fires recently had raged nearby. I asked her what she would do in case she was evacuated and I saw a plan ready to be put into immediate action. On my drive home, I wondered what I would do in case I had to leave home immediately with my three dogs. I decided I needed to put together an emergency kit and update my first aid kit.

I have a red toolbox that serves as my first aid kit. It’s a bit awkward and has a small handle. Right now it is stocked, but I intend to replace the box with a backpack bag for easier carrying. Before I updated the contents, I went online to see if I could buy a kit easily. After comparing the contents of a ready-made kit and shopping at my local discount store, I decided that making my own was more practical and would actually include things I needed! Here is what I put in.

- Absorbent gauze pads (2” x 2”)
- Adhesive tape
- Antiseptic wipes, lotion, powder or spray
- Blanket (foil emergency blanket) (You can buy 10 of these for less than $1 a piece on Amazon. They aren’t heavy duty; instead they are intended for single use. I have one for each dog plus me)
- Cotton balls or swabs
- Gauze rolls
- Hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting when directed by a veterinarian or poison control) (I bought 3-oz. plastic bottles like the ones used for carry-on in your suitcase.)
- Non-latex disposable gloves

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- Rectal thermometer (your pet’s temperature should not rise above 103°F or fall below 100°F)
- Sterile non-stick gauze pads for bandages
- Sterile saline solution (sold at pharmacies)(Put this in another 3-oz. plastic bottle)
- Tweezers
- Rubbing alcohol (3-oz bottle)
- 81 mg. aspirin
- Vet wrap
- Hypodermic needles and syringe
- Flashlight
- Benedryl tablets (I bought a little plastic case that holds 20)
- Tramadol (if available)
- Eye dropper
- Hand sanitizer
- Bandaids
- Scissors

All these items really do fit in one easy-to-carry box or bag. (You can see that a lot of the items would also provide you with emergency first aid as well.)

Next, I considered what else I would need to take care of my dogs in case I had to leave my house immediately and be away for several days. I made this emergency list assuming that I would be able to leave in my car. If I had to go on foot, several heavier items (like gallon bottles of water) would have to be left behind.

**Emergency Kit:**
Non-spill water bowl (I use a Water Hole)
One gallon water per dog
One collapsible crate per dog
One feeding dish per dog
One Bully stick per dog
One lead per dog
Poop bags
Roll of paper towels
Towels/Space blanket
Package of wipes
Plastic Garbage bag
One can of dog food per dog/fork
8-lb. bag of kibble

Once I had these items assembled, I put them in a soft bag next to the gallon jugs and the bag of kibble in the garage next to my car. I felt pretty satisfied that I would be able to provide for my Wheatens adequately for a couple of days in the eventuality of a disaster. It wasn’t until several days later that I realized I had not thought about myself! As soon as I pack a small bag with clothes and food for me, I will think I’m really prepared!
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Lismore Past Forgetting “Kay”
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CH Raelyn Good N Plenty - Carly
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April 22, 1998 - June 8, 2013

Carly went to live with Jeff and her son, Kona, when she was six. Jeff called her his first love and she adored him. She has three champions, numerous grandchildren and grand kids. Such a special girl and very loved.

Owner: Jeff Verkon
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SCWTCA Versatility Excellent Award, 2011 SCWTCA Wheaten
Ambassador Award - “Jeter”
(CH Doubloon’s Expresso x Banner Little Miss Magic)
October 20, 1997 - April 18, 2013

It is with great sadness that I had to say goodbye to Jeter today. As of yesterday, he could no longer stand up on his own or stay up on his own. He died peacefully at the age of 15 1/2 and as always, as a perfect gentleman. He was my partner in crime, my main man, my best bud who made my life so much better. He was an incredibly easy dog to live with, sweet, an old soul.

He opened up an entirely new world of dogs and dog activities as well as being directly responsible for introducing me to so many friends, and reintroducing me to a very special cousin and her family. Jeter and I were like two kids in a candy store, trying every dog activity: conformation, being the Number 14 Wheaten in 1999 in the US, getting an Award of Merit at Westminster in 2000, shown by Peter Green; obedience, agility, herding and therapy dog, making 152 visits to a school for kids with disabilities, and doing more good in the world than a lot of people.

He traveled to Tennessee for a Canine Freestyle retreat, loved the sheep farm and beyond the sheep, loved to ride in the golf cart with the wind blowing his hair. He was the 2011 SCWTCA Wheaten Ambassador and he played the role perfectly. He needed some extra love and care in his final years and I was more than happy to repay him for all he did for me.

It’s been a long time since I lost someone so close and I forgot how much it hurts. Jeter’s memory and his spirit live on and will be with me always.

Love my Jeterbug.

Owner: Suzanne Stone
Breeder: Sue and Harvey Goldberg
Dickens’ dam, CH Gleanngay Delight, lived with and was loved by Dan Swiss and Kay Bird, and once Dickens’ show career was over, he also went to live with Dan and Kay. Sadly we lost Dan to a heart attack in 2005 at only 53 years of age, predeceasing both Dickens and Delight, the latter living to age 14. Kay continued Dan’s devotion to their Wheatens, and christened Dickens fondly with such names as “Mr. Dickens,” “Danger Dog,” “Mr. D,” “Handsome,” “Honey,” and “Big Guy!” According to Kay, he was both an adorable, fun-loving dog and a “pain in the ass!” We all know how that is! A very special dog, Dickens lived to over 15, serving the breed well by producing 27 champion get. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

Owners: Dan Swiss & Kay Bird
Breeder: Gay Dunlap

Regis was a millennium puppy and is our second Wheaten. We purchased him from Gay Dunlap as a show puppy and he got his champion title in 15 months. He always performed well for his “Mom” in the numerous titles he collected over 13 years. His final title, TD, was the one he “loved” the most.

Regis was born to work with people, and his first therapy job was working with inner-city children at the library in Cincinnati, Ohio. He would wait patiently while the children read book after book to him and petted his soft ears. When he moved to Florida, he became a hospital therapy dog and although he had to share duties with Elvis, the pony, everyone loved petting Regis as he made his rounds on the rehab floor. When he started having problems standing on two legs to reach the patients’ beds so they could pet him, it became time for Regis to hang up his therapy duties and retire. He still prefers people to other dogs, but he loves his 15-year-old brother, Wrigley, and our vet says he is the nicest Wheaten they have ever had in their practice.

Owners: Sue & Bruce Peters
Breeder: Gay Dunlap
The Devil’s Advocate
by Pam Mandeville

Montgomery Warm Up
There’s something about the weeks before MCKC that fries my brain, making a coherent column on a single topic impossible. So, as we’re all getting ready to descend on eastern PA, some random thoughts…

Canine “Mad Men”
My very favorite pre-MCKC activity is creating a catalog ad. Do I go with the specialty theme? Do I have something special going on? Can I be witty? Who needs to be thanked? How stylish can I get? What photos do I use?

Fortunately, my better half usually brings me back to earth by editing out the superfluous fluff, reminding me good advertising is a visual medium.

The best ad is always a beautiful photo, accompanied by just enough text to emphasize your dog’s finest traits. That’s a pretty picture of the dog…not the trophy or the important judge or you grinning at the camera in an especially fetching outfit.

Of course, a smidge of humor goes a long way. One of my all-time favorite ads was for a top-winning Frenchie, Headlined “The Many Faces of Jason.”

There was a vertical column of identical headshots, each captioned with a different emotion…”Happy,” “Sad,” “Hungry,” “Excited,” “Thoughtful.” The last one read “Winning.” The rest of the ad was his name and standing in breed and group statistics. It was clean, lots of white space, in black and white…and memorable.

A great ad isn’t overloaded with flashy graphics detracting from that beautiful photo. And please, take a pass on gag-inducing language. A dog, thankfully not a Wheaten, currently being campaigned uses “The type you desire, the movement you dream about.” Oh? Is this a dog or a contestant on “The Bachelor?”

Here’s a hint: get good “insurance” photos of your dog. Grab a friend and your digital camera and decamp to the local park. A little patience and a couple of hundred shots and you’ll have a picture or two to be proud of. That shot will come in handy when an outstanding win photo makes your dog look like a pound puppy and you a refugee from an asylum.

Remember please: it’s about the dog.

What’s in a Name?
Admit it: you’ve got a registered name you’ve been saving for just the right dog.

CH Paisley Forever Man “Stevie”
(CH Paisley Power Play x CH Paisley Layla
DOB: March 11, 1999

Another year, another birthday. More active now at 14 than he was at four, Stevie spent all those years napping to save up energy for his geriatric years! I mean, seriously, what 14-year-old Wheaten still counter surfs? Of course, being Stevie, he hasn’t given up his naps, but we often catch him playing with the little Lakeland girls. He’s deaf as a post but still sees very well and never misses a meal. We’re keeping our fingers crossed for the opportunity to celebrate a few more birthdays!

Breeder/Owner: Kathleen McIndoe
I’ve held onto one for nearly 25 years. It’s been tempting to use at times. As I write this, I have two puppies, one of whom may be so christened. Good odds, right? But they remain unregistered. What if she goes undershot? What if she hates showing? What if she doesn’t make size? Decisions, decisions, decisions. You’ll know mine at MCKC.

**New Board**
MCKC brings with it the first meeting of SCWTCA’s new Board, this year with a new President and four new Board members. I think the nominating committee did a good job and hope I’ll still think that next year.

I hear talk we should do away with staggered terms and term limits. That’s only half right. Without staggered terms, we’d be potentially looking at even greater turnover. Remember, we’re just now coming to the end of the Board members elected before classes started. Give staggered terms a few more cycles before declaring it a failure.

However, I’m no fan of term limits except for the Treasurer role. It’s the wrong solution for ineffective leadership. If a Board member’s not working out, vote them out. Conversely if they’re effective and staying current, why should they go? More important, term limits make succession within the Board difficult. If a new director comes on for a term, moves into an officer’s spot for a term, potentially they can only serve a single term as president. That’s not necessarily a good thing.

Term limits can too readily result in a sense of entitlement. Board members stop thinking in terms of a two-year term but of three, two-year terms. Worse, so do nominating committees who only consider replacing those no longer eligible.

I’ve heard the argument a Board without term limits can become self-perpetuating. Sure it can. But the membership can look to the petition candidate process. I’ve seen it used twice, most recently seven years ago, and both candidates won. Despite the handwringing over “dividing the club,” it didn’t.

Back to our new Board…I hope they come in with all the enthusiasm they can muster. It’s warranted.

Yes, purebred dogs and Wheatens face problems. But there are still lots of things that SCWTCA can and should do to help ensure the future of our club and our breed. Some are big deals…continue to support health research, put effort into breeder education, finally tackle succession planning…and some are less momentous…provide members with more online tools, look at different specialty options, establish some processes.

Our new Board members have one thing in common: they’re long-time members with histories as breeders and exhibitors, some in multiple activities, and club service. There’s every reason to believe they can focus on preserving the breed and the club. Those I know personally won’t confuse Board service with membership in a sorority, a big plus, so I’m looking forward to seeing my optimism justified.

**Idle thought at 3 a.m.**
Marketers in dog toy companies must not sleep with dogs in their bedrooms; otherwise, they’d make a line of stuffed toys *without* squeakers.

**Perseverance**
I thought I was done writing about DNA testing until I overheard two breeders talking. The discussion was whether anyone was keeping heterozygote males.

No one asked me…like *that’s* ever stopped me before…but that’s the wrong question. The right question is whether a dog is worth including in a breeding program.

Many breeders are working to produce homozygous negative bitches in this generation. I can’t speak for all of them, but I know some agree when it comes time to breed those girls in a couple of years, we’ll be looking for dogs that match up, regardless of the DNA results.

I have a quote on my wall: “Perseverance is not a long race. It is many short races, one after the other.” We’ll be running short races for a couple of generations. But linked together, they’ll be the long race to better dogs.

See you in a few weeks in PA!
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