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From the President
by Gary Vlachos

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue: the four “somethings” traditionally recited detailing what a bride should wear on her wedding day.

Well, I’m not a bride technically, but in essence I am! As I accept the role of your president, I say, “I do.” I do promise to uphold our constitution & bylaws. I do promise to maintain a transparent Board. I do promise that I will always listen before I lead. I do promise that I will not have time for meanspiritedness.

Now back to those four somethings:

Something old. Well, that could be me, but I’d like to think it is our history - our history as a club; the history of our sport; the shared history of our friendships as we have traveled this road together. I promise to wear this during my tenure.

Something new. New members, new health tests, new policies, new procedures, new ethical challenges, new ideas. New, new, new! New is good. New keeps us moving forward into the future. New is even better when it is coupled with, and tempered by, something old. I will wear new next to old.

Something borrowed. Time is borrowed. The time we share with our dogs, our families, our friends. We all live on “borrowed time.” It is up to us to make the most of time, in the most positive of ways, thus my promise of not having time for meanspiritedness! My time as your president is short. I promise not to waste it. I will wear time around my head so I never forget to listen to the tickstock of time moving on.

Something blue. Now this is traditionally worn as a garter, but for me blue is about the heart. Blue is something we feel when we lose one of our Wheatens. Blue is what we feel when we lose a loved one, a fellow breeder/member. Blue is also the color of the skies we show under! I will always wish our members blue skies when they venture out with their Wheatens in tow. Of course blue is also the color of that most coveted of ribbons. I wish all of you blue ribbons in every one your endeavors both in and out of the ring! I will wear blue next to my heart because that is where I feel the blue of loss and the happiness that blue can bestow.

Any wedding also needs its wedding party. This Board is my wedding party. It is as fine as anyone could wish for. They will serve you well. Please make use of them. Talk to them. Let them know your thoughts. Help them. Volunteer!

This wedding would not be complete without you, the members. It is only with your assent that I have been given this honor to serve you and the club. As President my job will be to lead, but it is a course not set by me. It is a course set by those four “somethings.” Those four “somethings” have one common denominator. None of them is about one person. They are about relationships. A successful productive club, like a good marriage, is not about the one, it’s about all the “somethings” that come together.

Please join me along with your board, committee chairs, their volunteers, your fellow breeders, and anyone else you come to know in this great sport of ours, to make the next years we spend together really “something” to be remembered!
Fleece Navidad
and Happy Hanukkah
from SCWTC of Southern California

New 100% polyester fleece vests feature our exclusive Beth Babos logo in two classic winter colors
Please visit www.wheaten.org for details and to purchase online by PayPal, major credit cards or check
Ah! Wisconsin weather can be so unpredictable. Normally we fight hot and humid conditions for the annual SCWTCGM specialty. This year we kept an eye on the sky and prayed that our show and hospitality would be over before the rain started. The temperature was cool. Some would say a little chilly. Then, the rain came. And, oh boy, did it come!

Our 25th anniversary annual sweepstakes and specialty was held at the Waukesha County Expo Center on Friday, July 26. Six puppies (2-4) were entered in sweepstakes under Judge Karli Mueller.

**Michaenen’s the Kerry Dancing** (dog) (CH Bryr Rose Nouvelle Vague x CH Michaeline’s Innisfree White O’Morn), bred by Patricia Weir and Mac Thompson and owned by Patricia Weir, was named Best in Sweepstakes.

**Winterwheat Amber Blast** (CH Pinehomes Lumber Jack JNA x CH Winterwheat Second Edition), bred by Bette Eckstrom and owned by Karen Brodzik, was awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes.

The Wheaten specialty began after a short break. (We needed to give the rain time to really come down in buckets!) Kathy Clarke of Kilronan Wheatens judged an entry of 15 Wheatens (3-9-2-1).

Awarded Best of Breed was **GCH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over** (dog) (CH Whindancer Waiting on the World to Change x CH Reyem’s Dress for Dancing), bred by Gwen Meyer and owned by his breeder and Richard and Laurie Hager. Best of Winners was **Bryr Rose Shoot the Moon** (dog) (CH Bryr Rose Nouvelle Vague x CH Bryr Rose Flower Power), bred by Carolyn Garrett and owned by breeder and Bette Eckstrom.

Best of Opposite Sex was **CH Raelyn Jadore Eiffel** (GCH Bryr Rose Symbol of Paris x GCH Raelyn Midnight Surprise), bred by Lynn Cone and owned by Kimberly Wright and breeder. **Kaylynn’s Sassafrass Tea** (GCH Seanacy’s Walk the Line x CH Kaylynn’s Matilda Goes a Waltzing) was named Winners Bitch.

She was bred by Kay Baird and Gwen Meyer, and is owned by Kay Baird.

**Michaenen’s the Kerry Dancing** was Reserve Winners Dog. **Seanacy’s Ima Puzzle Piece** (CH Star Kaler Four Twenty x GCH Candance Dazed and Confused), bred by Louise Bishoff and Candace Little and owned by Louise Bishoff, was Reserve Winners Bitch.

**CH Van Beard’s Son of Anarchy** (VanBeard’s Milwaukee Thunder x VanBeard’s Providence), bred and owned by Susan Ostrander & Kathleen Ostrander-Bowers, was Select Dog.

**CH Mil Mear Geragold Penny Ante** (CH Ellora Bastion x CH Mil Mear Geragold Cowgirl Up), bred and owned by Monica Kipp, Neil O’Sullivan, & Gerard Thompson, was chosen as Select Bitch.

Thank you to the SCWTCA for supporting our entry. And a big “thank you” to the show committee members for their roles in celebrating our 25th specialty: Nancy Andersen (trophies), Geoffrey Bilda and Larry Larson (ring stewards), Liz Roesler (catalog sales), Bette Eckstrom (advertising), Suzanne Larson and Carmen Glazier (hospitality), and Larry and Suzanne Larson (Meet the Breed).

The weekend continued with two back-to-back Waukesha Kennel Club (WKC) shows. **GCH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over** was awarded Best of Breed both days.

Other winners on Saturday’ WKC show under Judge Mrs. Patricia Hastings were:

- **WD, BW, BBBE - Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing**
- **BOS - CH Mil Mear Geragold Penny Ante**
- **WB - Seancy’s Ima Puzzle Piece**
- **SD - CH Van Beard’s Son of Anarchy**
Sunday’s WKC winners under Judge Robert D. Black were:

WB/BW - Winterwheat Amber Blast
BOS - CH Raelyn J’Adore Eiffel
WD - Bryr Rose Shoot the Moon
RWD - Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing
RWB - Heirloom Take A Chance On Me
SD - CH Van Beard’s Son of Anarchy
SB - CH Mil Mear Geragold Penny Ante

Two shows on Monday and Tuesday by the Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club rounded out the four days of all-breed shows following our sweepstakes and specialty.

Monday’s results at the Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club show under Judge Robert E. Hutton:

BOB - GCH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over
BOS/WB - Canopy Road’s Ipod Shuffle
WD/BW - Lil’Town Chapman Flirt of Ardnacassa,
RWB - Winterwheat Amber Blast
RWD - Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing

Tuesday’s results at the Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club show under Judge Ms. Charlotte Clem McGowan:

BOB - GCH Reyem’s Red Rover Come Over
BOS/BW/WB - Canopy Road’s I-Pod Shuffle

Congratulations to all of the winners. Please join us next year for our 26th annual specialty on July 25th.

**SCWTCGM 2013 Specialty Judge’s Critique**

by Kathy Clarke

To say it rained the day of the specialty would be an understatement!

The funny thing was the Breed, BW & BOS awards were embroidered towels and the reserve were water buckets. The irony of this was not missed by my Irish sense of humor.

There were three dogs entered. My Winners Dog, *Bryr Rose Shoot the Moon*, was from Open. He appeared a little more mature than Reserve Winners. Both dogs were similar in type. They were both up on leg, short-backed, had pretty puppy coats, nice heads, bite, and dark eyes. My Winners Dog just had a stronger topline. He was also Best of Winners. There were eight bitches entered in the classes.

My 12-to-18 month class winner was nice with a pretty outline, nice head and a good front. *Heirloom Take A Chance On Me.*

Bred-by was a lovely, put together, very honest girl, good movement. She dropped off a little at the tailset that showed when she moved around the ring. She had a nice front which was very sound coming at you. *Seanacy’s Ima Puzzle Piece.* She was my Reserve Winner.

American Bred had a single entry and she was my Winners Bitch, *Kaylynn’s Sassafrass Tea.* She had a very pretty outline and held it as she moved around. This bitch has breed type, great topline and tailset. I loved her rear movement - this and the fact she floated around the ring even in the pouring rain. She didn’t put a foot wrong.

The Open class had three lovely Irish-coated girls in it. These coats were a joy to put my hands on. The rears could have been sounder. They had nice heads and good dark eyes. First went to *Mil Mear Geragold So She Dances.*

The Breed was given to a dog I finished last year in St. Louis. It is nice to know he has matured into a pretty boy. He is on size, has good shoulders and a sound

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My Best of Opposite, CH Raelyn J’adore Eiffel, was a pretty, lovely headed young lady who had a nice outline and was very showy.

SD: CH VanBeard’s Son Of Anarchy
SB: CH Mil Mear Geragold Penny Ante

Well, by the time I was done judging, all of us involved were soaked but everyone appeared to have a good time. Thanks for the tote bag with snacks I received as a gift.

Everyone sat down afterwards for a nice lunch prepared by the club. The picnic area was flooded but we all made the best of it.
First let me say I couldn’t be more honored to have been asked to judge this beautiful group of dogs. What a wonderful experience. Thank you.

9-12 Puppy Dog

1st- *Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing* (BISWP) Beautiful movement, nice coat, well-balanced. Outstanding neck. This dog is stunning in movement and structure.

12-18 Puppy Dog

1st- *Bryer Rose Shoot the Moon* - Nice size, beautiful coat. Nice head.

6-9 Puppy Bitch

1st- *Seanacy’s Ima Puzzle Piece* - Small, beautiful bitch. Outstanding neck. Would have like to see her move a little better for me in the ring.

12-15 Bitches

1st- *Winterwheat Amber Blast* (BOSSWP) - Beautiful fluid movement, nice head, beautiful coat. This bitch had great balance and expression.

2nd- *Bryer Rose Enchanted Moon* Beautiful coat, nice ears, well-balanced.

15-18 Bitches

1st- *Heirloom Take a Chance On Me*. Nice ears, low hocks; would have liked to see her move better in the ring.

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**BISW: Michaleen’s The Kerry Dancing**
(CH Bryr Rose Nouvelle Vague x CH Michaleen’s Innisfree White O’Morn’) Breeders: Patricia Weir & Mac Thompson. Owner: Patricia Weir.

**BOSSW: Winterwheat Amber Blast**

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If You’re Lucky Enough to be Irish, You’re Lucky Enough.
From the obedience ring...

“FINN”
GCH JENDU OUTLAW UD TD OA OAJ RA AXP
CH Jendu Fleur De Lis  x  CH Greentree Skellig’s Jendu Taboo.

Owner: JoAnne Vogt & Dana Frady
Breeder/handler: Dana Frady
Jendu1@AOL.com

DNA: Clear
Available to approved bitches
JoAnneV46 @YAHOO.com
To the conformation ring, in one hour

FINN DOES IT ALL!

TEAM FINN: (Left to right) Cathy Perron, Sally George, Dana Frady, Patrice Chevalier, JoAnne Vogt (owner/trainer), Gary Vlachos

Thanks to Sally George for his wonderful win

It takes a village to have a “performance” dog.
Fix It

Umpteen years ago, a boss said to me, “Don’t bring me problems, bring me solutions.” I thought of that in the fall when two items of club business appeared on Discuss.

The first was a topic that comes up periodically: should we always have our national specialty at Montgomery? The context is generally the cost and difficulty of taking dogs there and the resultant unfairness to exhibitors who don’t live nearby. The conversation immediately jumps to a solution: it’s only fair to have the national specialty in the middle of the country.

Great, make it equally difficult and expensive for everyone.

This time, everyone was reminded we DO have a national specialty other than at MCKC: the Roving Specialty. Technically, true…in reality, a disingenuous claim.

Quick and without looking: where and when did the last Roving take place?

It’s ok you don’t know. No one considers the Roving as significant as the specialty at MCKC. All you need to do is to look at the online policy manual with the listing of trophies and awards. How many of them require a win at “the national specialty at Montgomery?” Beyond that, how engaged is the national club in promoting the Roving?

The other issue raised was embedded in Gary’s first Board Bytes. He addressed the complications that arose with filling board positions arising from turnover and movement within the Board. He suggested that “policies”…no actually, they are bylaws…around term limits and staggered terms will be reviewed.

Not surprising, this provoked no response. In part, I am sure this is because Gary suggested the ideas would be brought to Discuss in the future, but truthfully, I don’t think this is particularly meaningful to most of the membership.

In the September issue of Benchmarks, my Devil’s Advocate (“Montgomery Warm Up”) went on at length about staggered terms and term limits. I’m happy to rehash it but in short, I’m in favor of removing term limits and maintaining staggered terms. Further discussion of the reasoning can await another time… it’s beside the point today.

Both moving the specialty and fiddling with board terms are solutions. What’s not clear is that we have ever really considered the real problem we’re trying to fix. That’s typical for most people…a “fix” makes us feel good, like we’re doing something so we rush right into it. Or maybe it’s a solution we like, even if it has nothing to do with the problem. Too often, we then miss an opportunity to get it right…and sometimes make matters worse.

Certainly the cost of traveling to a distant specialty, especially when bringing a dog, is a significant deterrent to attending…and to any one individual it is. We took a dog cross-country to Great Western some years ago, and to do it again, we’d have to be pretty sure a dog was truly competitive.

But the collective frustration of individuals may not be an adequate basis for making such a change. Is it many people? Is the problem that there is not such diversity in the breed that people don’t feel the need to see what’s going on in other parts of the country? Do we have breeders too self-satisfied to think they should see what else is being bred? Is it just a reaction to what MCKC has become? Is it even simpler: a struggling economy? Is it more complex: the shrinking of the sport? Each of those questions might call for a different fix…or none at all.

To the credit of most who engaged in the discussion, they recognized that just moving the specialty isn’t a simple proposition and required some study. That’s
a project the Board should get behind. It’s an issue that arises periodically, and it’s time to give it some real attention. At least as a club we can then say we considered it fully and have reasons to change or not.

As for Board terms, that seems like an easy issue, right? We don’t want mass turnover in any one year. We don’t want a clique running the club. Simple to fix.

Not so fast. The problem may run a little deeper. I suspect the problem isn’t cliques or turnover; it’s not having enough people who can or will step into leadership roles.

Talk to anyone who has served on a nominating committee in recent years. All will tell you of people they approached who were unable or unwilling to serve. Often, they will mention people who have “potential” but no experience.

If the problem is having an adequate pool of leaders, maybe SCWTCA should be thinking about how they can develop them. That’s a far different solution than just changing how often Board members are elected.

Companies have succession planning. Sometimes it’s as casual as hiring Joey as a busboy and thinking he’s a go-getter who will shortly be waiting tables.

Sometimes it’s more formal; Susie is a good manager so we’ll give her these projects, then we can make her a director, set up training so she can make some lateral moves and eventually become a VP.

Clubs can do something similar… give people tasks and as they do well, give them more complex projects. Back in the day, the MCKC coordinator was someone who’d done jobs for the club before taking on the specialty and often moved onto the Board the year after chairing MCKC. That hasn’t happened in some time, in part because Board members have served as coordinators.

Board members can actively look for new members to get engaged. They can pass things they are doing to other members. They can challenge committee chairs to involve newcomers, to bring on assistants or co-chairs and to start thinking about their successors. The Board can communicate with other clubs of our size to see what strategies have worked for them.

As a club we should forget about solutions in search of problems. That long-ago boss wasn’t asking me for quick fixes. He was asking me to think through the problem and come up with ideas for solving it. As a club we should do no less.

New Open Registry Members - November 2013

The Open Registry is a joint project of SCWTCA-sponsored research at NC State University, University of PA and the University of Guelph (Canada). Its purpose is to publish information on confirmed cases of genetic diseases in Wheaten and to maintain health and genetic records for SCWTCA-sponsored research. Dr. Meryl Littman at Penn maintains the Registry at the request of SCWTCA.

Members of the Open Registry agree to forward pedigrees and medical data for all Soft Coated Wheaten Terries they own, have owned or bred who may be affected with Protein-losing Enteropathy/Nephropathy, Addison’s Disease, Renal Dysplasia or Irritable Bowel Disease to the SCWT Open Registry, c/o Dr. Littman. For membership form, visit SCWTCA web site at http://scwtca.org/documents/health/or_membershipform_20100630.pdf. For a complete list of Open Registry members, email kccarlson@comcast.net.

Kelly Brancato  Susie Blackledge  Peggy & Thomas Gardner
Brian Ness  Ilona Shur  Robin Stoudt
Michael Weiss  Regina Whitesell
A Tribute To...

“Annabelle”
CH Stratford
Worth the ExSpence

*Greater Denver Specialty Winner
*Dam of CH Stratford The World
    Revolves Around Me ROM
*Granddam of CH Stratford Top
    Priority ROM

(CH Heartstrings Toast to Tara ROM x CH Stratford Veiled Illusion ROM)
September 1998-September 2013

Bred by: Molly O’Connell and Kayce Healy
Owned by: Molly O’Connell, her daughter and son-in-law,
    Maggie and Jimmy Yates

Stratford Wheatens
moconn1030@comcast.net
The Ladies Of Stratford

“Sissy”
CH Stratford Spice Girl
* #1 Wheaten bitch 2006
* Winner of the Amaden Trophy
* BOS MCKC 2005
* BOS at Westminster 2006, 2007
* BOB at Eukanuba 2006

(CH Bonney Midnight Spice Dreams x CH Stratford SiouxSpence Thriller)
June 2003-October 2013. Sissy was

Breeder: Molly O’Connell
Owners: Molly O’Connell and the Sherman Family
2013 SCWTCA National Specialty Weekend  
October 2 - 6

SCWTCA, Inc. 2013 National Specialty did not disappoint. The weather was beautiful, the dogs were happy, and everyone was glad to be together again in Philadelphia. Bonney Snyder and Connie Koehler, with the help of all their committees, planned a week full of activities centered on the theme “Paws Across the Water.” Many thanks to these two gals and all their helpers!

Kimbeton was, once again, the site for Montgomery All-Terrier Agility Trials. Many of our wheatens participated all four days in the sunshine. Many thanks to Betsy Geertson who always takes care of the “Wheaten needs” during the agility competition.

Hatboro Dog Club held their shows on Thursday and Friday with breed judges Connie Clark and our own Chris Erickson. After the show on Friday, everyone gathered around and celebrated Jackie Gottlieb’s 90th birthday. SCWTCA, Inc. provided the cupcakes along with a “brilliant” birthday crown that Jackie wore proudly!

Thursday evening, new members Gwen and Kent Meyer presented Understanding Behavior at our education evening, held at the Double Tree, our host hotel. The event was well attended and everyone really enjoyed the Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Saturday was an extremely busy day. For some, the morning was spent watching the breed competition at Devon while others participated in SCWTCA Obedience and Rally Trials in Blue Bell. Thanks to Sue and Bruce Peters for being in charge of the obedience and rally competitions. JoAnne Vogt and Finn (GH Jendu Outlaw) were awarded High In Trial at the MCKC Obedience Trial. Congratulations to JoAnne and Finn!

The temperatures kept rising on Saturday as forecasted. Puppy Sweepstakes was to begin at 2:00, so for those of us who did not believe the weather report and brought only fall clothes, it was off to the mall to buy more suitable clothes before Sweepstakes began. Karen Mueller judged 32 beautifully presented puppies. Susie Ratliff, with Whindancer’s Light My Fire, took Best in Sweepstakes honors, and Kathy Clarke, with Kilronan Late For The Sky, went Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes. Congratulations to Susie and Kathy.

Sunday, the big day finally was here. Everyone arrived early in the morning to put the finishing touches on their Wheatens; for observers, it was enjoying breakfast goodies and coffee at the SCWTCA hospitality tent. Once again, Bill Behan and Gary Vlachos provided our ring decorations and trophy table which were the envy of the show. Mums were in scarce supply this year, but Bill and Gary had their creative juices flowing and complimented the ring with decorative purple cabbages along with a few colorful mums.

Sally George, our Breed judge elected by the membership, methodically worked her way through the classes to find her Winners Dog, Whindancer Tied Together With A Smile, bred by Susie Ratliff, and Winners Bitch, Keepsake’s Soul Surfer, bred by Shari and Sydney Robinson, before examining all the Specials. At the end of the day, Elena Landa, breeder/owner and GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play, took top honors for Best of Breed. GCH Reyem’s Saddle Up N Ride, bred by Kay Baird and Gwen Meyer, was awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Congratulations to all the award winners of the day!

Now it was time to relax and enjoy dinner with friends at the post-show hospitality party. A cash bar and great spaghetti dinner was provided, and JoAnne Vogt’s donated stain glass and the Specialty theme banner were auctioned off to the highest bidders.

A tremendous thank you to all the volunteers that made this week possible for all of us to enjoy. Remember to say “yes” to Karen Mueller, 2014 National Specialty Coordinator, when she calls for your help. See ya again next year!
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| Awarded to the Wheaten owned and bred by a SCWTCA member that produces the most champion get during the calendar year. | CH Marymore Hot Pepper Jack  
Owner: Mary Peltier |

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| Awarded to the Breeder(s) of record accumulating the most points from the Bred-By Exhibitor class over the National Specialty Weekend or the Roving National Specialty Weekend. | National Specialty Weekend  
Richard & Sonya Urquhart  
National Roving Specialty Weekend  
Jim & Tami Herzog |

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| Awarded to the Wheaten with the highest average obedience during the calendar year. A minimum of two qualifying scores is needed and all scores are averaged. | Chergold Tanzanite Girls CDX RN  
Score: 193.4  
Owners: Cheryl Demallie, Bruce Goldsmith |

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| Presented to the person or family which exhibits extraordinary care, dedication and personal sacrifice for SCWTCA rescue. This year, it was a TEAM effort. | Jimmy & Murella Adams  
Debbie & Ladd Baxter  
Sharon Browning  
Amy & Ed Fowler  
Sarah Geiger & Sally Stors  
Cynthia Hollis  
Al & Sandy Kalin  
Connie & Charles Kirchner  
Nancy & Walt Land  
Rick Lemons  
Mary O’Connell  
Cathy Perron  
Victor Pescatore  
Cathy Shirak  
Howard Silverman  
Lori Toivola  
Bill & Joyce Wickenberg  
Mary Yourich |

In March of this year, 5 Wheatens were rescued with assistance from AARF Rescue in Ohio. These 5 gems; Onyx, Emerald, Sapphire, Ruby & Diamond became part of a rescue that required a team to accomplish.  
They were in good weight, but with matted coats and had not had socialization with humans. They were part of a backyard breeding facility, had been bred frequently and they all needed extensive Vet care. Their age – 10 Years old!  
It took 5 months and countless hours of TLC on the part of the foster homes and extra financial assistance from a wonderful benefactor to accomplish the end result – they are ALL in loving homes and living their last years relishing the care and attention they deserve.

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### Wheaten Ambassador Award
Awarded to the Wheaten that has made a difference in its community.

- **CH CuiLin License To Kill CGC CD**
  Owners/trainer: JaNell Mayberry & Holly Million

### Versatility Dog Award
Awarded to Wheatens achieving two AKC titles, one from each of two different areas:
- Conformation - CH
- Obedience - CD
- Agility - NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP
- Tracking – TD
- Herding - HS

- **CH Aran Twisted Logic AX AXJ**
  Owners: Elizabeth Abate, Shari Boyd Carusi

- **Ceili’s Leap For Joy CD RA AX AXJ OF**
  Owners: Sara & Elizabeth Sorenson, Seth Mulinnex

- **CH Eringlo Choc’ Late Chip Crunch OA NAJ**
  Owners: Dennis & Cindy Shea

- **CH Katdancer Look At Me Scamper NA NAJ NF**
  Owner: Lee Martin

- **Molly Power Hallas CD PT NA**
  Owner: Linda Hallas

- **CH Moonstruck Rhumba Rhythm OA NAJ CGC**
  Owners: Nancy Griffin, Helen Fraguela

- **CH Sam Hill’s PS I Love You NAJ**
  Owners: Kate Scott, Amy Havely, Vicki Noah

### Register of Merit
To qualify for the Register of Merit, a Sire must have produced 15 Champions or a Dam must have produced 8 Champions.

- **CH Mil Mear Geragold How Far? ROM**
  Breeders: Neil O’Sullivan, Monica Kipp
  Owners: Neil O’Sullivan, Gerard Thompson, Monica Kipp, Susan Kipp

- **CH Honeylee's Bye My Fair Whind ROM**
  Breeders: John & Cindy Prokop
  Owners: Nancy Elijosius, Susan Ratliffe, John & Cindy Prokop

- **CH Shandalee Star Studded ROM**
  Breeders & Owners: Sue Goldberg, Naomi Waxman

- **CH Starlight Treasure Chest ROM**
  Breeders: Ann Leigh, B Ditmars
  Owner: Miriam Kahan
JoAnne Vogt and Her Dog, Finn, Repeat High in Trial Performance

Adding to their victory the SCWTCA, Inc. obedience trial in 2012, JoAnne Vogt and “Finn” (CH Jendu Outlaw UD TD OA OAJ RA AXP), again were High in Trial at the 2013 show. With a score of 196, this consummate team prevailed at the trial. Adding to Finn's outstanding weekend, he earned an AOM at the National Specialty under Judge Sally George the next day.
Beverly Streicher

SCWTCA /AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
Recipient 2013

Remarks by Bonney Snyder, Specialty Co-coordinator

It is an honor to accept the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award on behalf of Beverly Streicher, the SCWCA recipient for 2013. Bev has been a SCWTCA member since 1988 and is one of the early members of our local club, SCWTC of Southern California.

Bev’s dedication to the breed is unquestionable. She is always ready to step into the breach when others cannot or do not come forward to help Wheaten and their people. A noted breeder/owner/exhibitor in Southern California and past president of the SCWTSC, Bev remains fully involved in all things Wheaten to this day. She has led numerous grooming seminars throughout the years; hosted eye clinics at her home; chaired and ring stewarded club B matches; chaired club fun days; co-chaired DNA collections; and has always worked public-education venues such as Meet the Breed at AKC/Eukanuba and elsewhere.

For a number of years, she has either chaired or co-chaired the raffles at MCKC and GWTA as well as the MCKC Friday-night boutique.

Bev has helped countless club members and other Wheaten owners as a mentor and guide, from the grooming table to the show ring to the meeting room, for those new to the breed as owners, all the way to various SCWTSC presidents.

Most importantly, Bev took on the role of local rescue chair in 2010 at a time when the Southern California economy was in major crisis and rescues were surrendered in astronomical numbers. She helped pioneer a new network of rescue volunteers throughout the sprawling L.A. area and made it work. Over 20 Wheatens have wonderful new homes due to her efforts. For Bev, it was a labor of love. She is still involved in rescue as an area coordinator.

Bev truly epitomizes the best in our breed; everything that she does is for the love of Wheatens. We are very proud that the Board has chosen such a fine role model. Thank you!
Judging puppy sweepstakes at the National Specialty is a great honor, and from the minute I was told I was chosen to judge, I have imagined what this day would be like. I envisioned a crisp autumn afternoon with a nice breeze. I just hoped that it wasn’t raining. When the day arrived it was more like an August day, hot and humid. My first thought was for the young dogs that would be moving around in the heat. I knew I had to be efficient and try to make my decisions without overworking the pups (and handlers).

The other thing I imagined was that there would be a dog or bitch in every class that would stand out way above the rest. This was quickly proven to be not true when the first class came into the ring. There were so many nice puppies it was far from easy.

Puppy dogs 6-9 months
1st Bryr Rose Lilliet’s Monsieur Cooper This is a very nice young boy with a beautiful coat and color. He covered ground well and held his topline on the go round. I would have liked more bend of stifle. It will be nice to watch him mature.
2nd Coventry Penny For Your Thoughts I really liked this puppy’s expression; he has lovely proper-sized ears. He has nice shoulders that transition nicely into his back. I would like a higher tail set and more butt behind his tail.
3rd Lismore V For Victory This boy has a nice length of neck but his shoulders were more upright than the pups placed before him.

Puppy dogs 9-12
1st Whindancer’s Light My Fire This boy caught my eye when he walked in the ring and when I went over him, he didn’t disappoint me. He sports a beautiful coat with a nice clean head and nice ears and expression. He has a very nice neck set and shoulders that blend smoothly into his back. He went around the ring effortlessly holding his top line all the way around.
2nd Tyrone Limitless This is another lovely boy. He has a coat with proper texture and sheen. He has a bit bigger ear but still has a pleasing expression. He covers ground efficiently with good reach and drive. He is a little less square than the winner.
3rd Dalstar Ace Ventura This is a nice young Irish dog. He has a beautiful headpiece and nice ears giving him a really lovely expression. His shoulders are very smooth and he has a nice top line. He is lower on leg than I like and needs more bend of stifle.

Puppy dogs 12-15 months
1st O’Mannion Greentree Havana’s Midnight Rambler This is a nice-sized dog with a nice head, ears and expression. He moved easily around the ring.
2nd Greentree Do You Believe In Magic This is a bigger dog with a head that is wider than I like. He has a beautiful neck and shoulder and moved out well.

Puppy dogs 15-18 months
1st Frolic Road Warrior At Fenris This is a very nice young dog with a good neckset and smooth shoulders. This boy really moves around the ring with ease.
2nd Aingeal Proud To Be Waterford This boy has a really nice headpiece with proper-sized ears. He is a little more dog than I was looking for.

Puppy bitches 6-9 months
1st Coventry Seanchai Penny Serenade This little girl is dead on square and has beautiful little ears and a very pleasing expression. Her neck set was lovely and her shoulders were very smooth. She didn’t mind the heat at all and moved around the ring holding her top line.
2nd Banner Jersey Girl This girl has a lovely coat. She has a nice clean head and a well-set-on neck. She is a little bigger bitch than I prefer but she is still feminine.
3rd Sam Hill’s Super Soul Sunday This is a lovely...
Irish-coated girl. Her coat is a bit crispy at this stage but it should mature nicely. She has a lovely head and ears, giving her a very pleasing expression. She is lower on leg than the bitches I placed over her.

4th **Edgewood September Morn** This is a very feminine bitch with lovely expression. She has good butt behind her tail and nice bend of stifle.

**Puppy bitches 9-12 months**

1st **Whindancer’s This Girl Is On Fire** This girl has a lovely coat and carries herself like she knows she is “on fire.” She has lovely shoulders and great rear angulation, and moves around the ring effortlessly.

2nd **Diamond’s Sentimental Journey To Tidewatch** This is lovely girl and she pushed hard to take the class. Her expression is just lovely and she is very feminine. She moved around the ring easily with lots of confidence.

3rd **Holweit’s Squirrel Scout** This girl has nice expression and showed herself well. She is lower on leg than I was looking for.

4th **Holweit’s Counting The Star** This girl had lots of substance, a little more than I was wanting. She could carry a little less weight.

**Puppy bitch 12-15 months**

1st **Ltd Edition Pocket Pistol** I really like this girl; she has lots of expression and caught my eye from the time she entered the ring. She has a nice square outline and a lovely neck and smooth shoulder.

2nd **Haldane Does Your Mother Know?** Another very feminine bitch with lovely expression. She moved around the ring easily. She was a little longer than the bitch the won the class.

3rd **Greentree Sugar Plum Magic** This girl had lovely expression. Nice smooth shoulders and level top line. I would like to see more leg.

4th **Charmax’s Liberty Belle II** This is a very feminine bitch with really nice head and ears. She is a lovely size with smooth shoulders. She did not want to show herself in the heat.

**Puppy bitch 15-18 months**

1st **Kilronan Late For The Sky** This is a stunning bitch, very feminine with a beautiful expression. She has a lovely length of neck that is well-set-on and her shoulders transition smoothly into her back. She covers ground while holding her top line as she goes around the ring.

2nd **Frolic’s Road Runner To Fenris** This bitch made my job harder; she is lovely. She has a clean head and nice ears, giving her a very pleasing expression. She is a nicely balanced bitch.

3rd **Whindancer Forget About The Boy** A nice bitch with really nice expression. She could use a little better tail set.

4th **Greentree Preakness Catch a Wave** This is a bitch that didn’t enjoy the heat. She has a lovely head and nice expression.

When my final lineup came into the ring, I was really challenged to pick the winners. There were many worthy youngsters. It really came down to very small differences.

I was so pleased with the depth of quality but most noteworthy was that even in the heat every one of the entries went around the ring easily. I was able to examine every youngster with none shying away or fighting the exam. What a testament to the breeders and handlers.

We still need to work on ears; some were still much too large, necksets and shoulders were mostly quite good. I would like to see more rear angulation and cleaner rear movement.

Thanks so much for this experience. I loved every minute of it. I will watch Sweeps in the future with a whole new outlook!!

**Best in Sweepstakes:**

**Whindancer’s Light My Fire**

**Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes:**

**Kilronan Late For The Sky**
Note to self: check weather for Eastern Pennsylvania and pack appropriate attire.

I did, but mid 80s for Montgomery County weekend? No rain? I didn’t believe it, so I packed my raincoat, boots, and woolens and headed east. As I wandered around the rings at Devon seeking shade, I dreaded judging in those conditions on Sunday, for as we all know, many Wheatens will wilt in the heat, but the weather gods smiled on us as I arrived in a Montgomery mist on Sunday morning.

I have always thought that breed quality comes and goes in cycles, and looking at the overall entry this year, I feel the SCWTs are in an upswing. There were an abundance of lovely, flowing coats on steady, sunny-dispositioned dogs who stood up and showed, perhaps grateful for the break in the weather. I saw more good rears than in recent years though unfortunately not so many good front assemblies. There were many, very upright shoulders, which when stacked and the coat combed over, presented a lovely picture, but as soon as they went on the move, the pieces didn’t work well together and the picture fell apart.

On to my class winners:
My 6-9 puppy winner, Edgewood Take on Me, was balanced with good angles on both ends and a nice coat. This puppy was a bit unsure but hopefully will become more confident with time and promises to become a lovely dog.

Whindancer’s Light My Fire, my 9-12 winner, was nicely balanced and won on his coat quality and excellent rear.

The 12-15 months dog, Acacia’s Hawaiian Expresso, was a nicely conditioned, Irish-coated dog; wish he were a bit better on his front.

Aingeal Proud to be Waterford, the 15-18 months dog, was a cobby, moderate dog. I wish his coat texture was a bit better.
The bred-by dog class was strong, and the **Winners Dog** was a very nice dog with a lovely coat, natural tail, and very sound, **Whindancer Tied Together With a Smile**. Second place in this class was **Reserve Winners Dog, Cashel’s Oban on Ice**, who pushed the winner in the head department, and was very pretty standing but did not hold it all together as well on the move as the class winner did. Open class winner, **Greentree Do You Believe in Magic**, was not as moderate as I would like, but made a good showing for himself.

Still enjoying the overcast skies, we moved onto the 6-9 puppy bitches. First to a lovely coated girl who caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Her front end was well put together, and though she is a bit rangy, she should come together nicely as she mature, **Banner Jersey Girl**.

The 9-12 bitch winner, **Diamond’s Sentimental Journey to Tidewatch**, was a very showy, typey bitch who was full of herself from start to finish. **Greentree Suga Plum Magic** won the 12-15 months bitch class and was a very pretty bitch with lovely coat. Hoping her colors clears a bit more with time.

The15-18 months bitch, **Whindancer’s Forget About the Boy**, won on her coat quality.

I was pleased to have another strong bred-by class in bitches. The class winner, **Keepsake’s Soul Surfer**, made a beautiful outline standing and moving. Her coat texture was exquisite, and I had to forgive her light color in favor of all her other virtues. Presented beautifully and in impeccable condition, she ultimately was my **Winners Bitch** and **Best of Winners**. The second-place bitch in this class, **Good Fortune**, was a better color, and also was a lovely, balanced bitch and sound; she could use a bit more layback, and her coat was just a tad off in condition. She was **Reserve Winners Bitch**.

**Ellora Over to You**, The open bitch class winner, was a very nice type.

**Best of Breed** dogs were sorted and sifted and in my cut I had several nice dogs, but no one had a strong hold on the breed as I headed to lunch. That changed when the bitch specials came in, for on the first go round there was one who caught my eye, and it was really hers to lose from that point on. My breed winner, **GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play**, is a beautiful bitch, in lovely condition, moderate, balanced and sound; she showed like a dream even though the sun came out and began to cast shadows. She would not give doubt that this was her day.

Best of Winners and Best Bred-By to my lovely Winners Bitch. **Best of Opposite Sex** to a very moderate, balanced and sound dog that I was pleased to find out had been my Winners Dog from the puppy class at Hatboro two years ago! I guess I still like him. At group time, I was proud to have sent the Soft Coated Wheaten into the group. She was competitive and represented your breed well.

Thank you all for your efforts in breeding, raising conditioning, training, transporting, and exhibiting your dogs to me. I hope you enjoyed being there as much as I enjoyed judging your breed. Keep working on your shoulders and soundness; I know the health challenges have been difficult and your devotion to this breed is evident in the ongoing improvement I saw.
BOB: GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play
(GCH Doubloon’s Salt Of The Earth x CH Doubloon’s Ultimate Player) Breeder/Owner: Elena Landa.

BOS: GCH Reyem's Saddle Up N Ride
(CH Mil Mear Geragold Cowboy Up x CH Reyem's Dressed For Dancing) Breeders: Kay L Baird & Gwen Meyer. Owners: Cathy Roozen & Kay L Baird.

WB/BW: Keepsakes' Soul Surfer

WD: Whindancer’s Tied Together With a Smile
(CH Whindancer's Catch A Falling Star x GCH Whindancer's Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This) Breeders: Susan Ratliffe, Abby Kochan, Dana Meath & Chelsea Radford. Owners: Susan Ratliffe, Art Miller & Evelyn Van Arsdale.

SD/AOM: CH Mackanme One Love One Heart
(GCH Bradberry’s Schnitzel Maguire x CH Mackanme Dutch Design V. Bodasca) Breeder: Jeri Voyles. Owners: Joseph Maguadog & Deborah Van De Ven.

SB/AOM: GCH Shandalee Fireworks
(CH Shandalee Star-Studded x CH Shandalee Rocketfire) Breeders: Sue & Harvey Goldberg. Owners: Dawn Sealy & Sue Goldberg.

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RWB: Gemstone Sailors Good Fortune
(CH Baroque Top Shelf Hurrikane x CH Gemstone Carolina Queen) Breeders/Owners: Jim and Tammy Herzog.

RWD: Cashel's Oban on Ice
(GCH Greentree Moonstruck Mombo Man x Cashel's Northern Exposure) Breeders/Owners: John & Penny

AOM: GCH Eringlo Alwaz Luk’n to Race
(CH Duidream Quicktime x CH Eringlo Alwaz An Angel) Breeders/Owners: Dennis & Cindy Shea.

AOM: GCH Lismore Catching Fire
(CH Andover SaltNSea Big Baby x CH Lismore I'm Going To Disney World) Breeders/Owners: Meg Ryan & Donna & Jerry Jordan.

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“Bond” and JaNell Mayberry Receive 2013 Wheaten Ambassador Award at SCWTCA Annual Dinner

by Dorice Stancher

The Wheaten Ambassador Award is presented in recognition of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers that have made a profound difference in the lives of others. Originally the award was established in 2010 in memory of Dorice and Mark Stancher’s “Duffy,” who excelled at pet therapy. Past recipients, including “Dharma,” “Jeeter,” and “Bob,” have stolen our hearts and made the world a bit brighter with their selfless and compassionate work.

A steady temperament, patience, and training are the hallmarks of a working Wheaten, and this year’s Wheaten Ambassador Award winner speaks volumes about the determination and bold courage of our breed and of the dedication or his owner.

“Bond” blazed onto the scene, easily earning his CGC and CD and progressed very quickly into drug, and search and rescue training, including personal protection work. Thanks to his well-rounded, versatile personality, he was also certified for therapy work. Bond and his owner, JaNell Verebelyi Mayberry, volunteered for local police departments, often working past the point of exhaustion. Like his namesake, this boy not only has swagger and style, but is also gritty, determined, and focused.

Little did JaNell know that she and her partner Bond would be pushed to their limits on May 20, 2013 after an F-5 tornado ripped through Moore, OK. This was their first natural disaster call, and among the hissing gas lines and sirens, they worked for seven straight hours, finding victims of the tragedy and pressing on with the same enthusiasm they had started with. Their stories have appeared in the media, and they have received accolades and praise from the officers and rescue personnel who say they couldn’t have done it without them. They have brought tremendous pride and honor to our breed with their teamwork and passion for helping others.

Bond and JaNell receiving Wheaten Ambassador Award from Dorice Stancher.

Bond (CH Cuilinn’s License to Kill CGC CD) with breeder Holly Million, owner/handler JaNell Verbelyi Mayberry, and breeder Barb Smith.
Meet the Breeds was held at Javits Convention Center in New York City Sept. 28 and 29, 2013. With the help and artistic talents of my co-chair, Dorice Stancher, our booth was both colorful and enlightening. Beginning with a brief TV appearance by Dorice’s Krista on Good Day New York the day before, we had a variety of Wheaten dogs over the two days, ages four months to 10 years, male and female, American and Irish-coated. All dogs were beautifully groomed and happy ambassadors of the breed. Enthusiastic participants were both SCWTCA and non-SCWTCA members, including Bev McDonald with “Sugar Plum;” Liz Jamilkowski with “Knick;” Shelly Serafin with “Buddy;” Gerry Wise with “Eddy;” Jeremy Coleman with “Sese;” Trent Hurst with “Ozymandias;” Karen Barrack with “Sunny;” Barb and Chris Wentz with “Katie;” Orsola, Bill, Gwen and Miranda Verbist with “Shamus;” Dennis Baribault with “Sassy;” Dorice and Mark Stancher with “Krista” and “Charly;” and me.

You may recall that last year Wheatens were late to the party and as a result, our spartan booth had no decorations and looked pretty barren with just Wheaten brochures and wristbands to distribute. To make matters worse, the floor plan had already been laid out and thus we were relegated to the back wall and difficult to locate although our charming Wheatens still garnered considerable interest from the public.

Well, what a difference a year makes!! This year we were in alphabetical order where we could be easily found, and again we distributed Wheaten brochures, club information, and wristbands. We hung the Club banners, and thanks to Dorice’s considerable creativity, we were decorated in beautiful fall colors: green, orange, and gold. We had Celtic banners and tablecloths, glittering shamrocks, fall flowers and foliage in burlap covered pots; two beautiful maypoles with colorful streamers each topped with a Wheaten; a fabulous Wheaten sign; a corner bench to sit on to quietly greet a Wheaten; and a painting depicting the key considerations before getting a Wheaten, namely the jumping, the grooming, and the personality with a note on the bottom that read, “If it’s not a Wheaten, it’s just another dog!” Imagine our delight when the Wheaten booth was awarded a Terrier Group II for the best decorated booth!!

Lots of interest from the public as always. New York City is a mecca for Wheatens -- they’re all over New York -- so it’s extremely important for our breed to be represented here and for us to get the message out to buy from a reputable breeder. Puppy mills and petshop Wheatens abound in the tri-state area and this is a unique opportunity to deflect the public from the puppy mill/petshop door and explain the benefits of buying from a SCWTCA breeder. Interestingly, a number of people said they’d had a Wheaten as a child, or their family member had one, or a best friend. Quite a change from years gone by when people would ask, “What kind of dog is that?”

All the dogs were beautifully behaved and very patient, giving that Wheaten greetin’ to young and old alike. The participants answered many of the same questions over and over, but I have to share a question from an adorable 9-year-old boy that actually stumped me. In my 45 years in the breed I have never before been asked, “How many miles per hour can a Wheaten run?” Stopwatch, anyone?

The two days were exhausting but so much fun. My personal thanks to all who brought their beautiful Wheatens. To the SCWTCA members out there, if there’s a Meet the Breeds in your area, be a part of it and share our fabulous breed with the public. The opportunity to educate is unique, the experience is delightful, and the positive publicity it generates is priceless.
Rumor came to me via Gary Vlachos and Bill Behan. From the very beginning she was one of the easiest Wheatens I have ever raised. I think the hardest thing I had to do was to come up with a name that we all agreed on. It was a challenge, but in the end I think she has a great name.

From a very young age she excelled in the conformation world, and we had a number of very memorable wins, including a BOB at Devon.

After her show career was over, she produced a number of very nice litters. Between litters we also did agility. Her agility career was not very long, but she did well, earning lots of titles, including an AX. Early in her agility showing, she apparently objected strongly to the rubber band that I put on her head to keep her fall out of her eyes. She would get in the tunnel or the chute, stop and rub her head trying to get it out. I quickly figured out that this was not going to work for her so I trimmed her fall so that she could see without the rubber band. However, that never ever stopped her from rubbing her head and eventually I just had to stop showing her.

At 13 she is in great shape, hates all Golden Retrievers and lets them know it, and can boss around my other dogs.
Everyone has her first dog. Duncan was mine as an adult, and together we had many “firsts.” Even his last moments on this planet were my first time to experience such intimate passing. He opened a whole new world to me of pure bred dogs and introduced me to many a new friend. He soldiered me through tough times, always welcoming me with a goofy grin and a nibble of a kiss no matter if I was gone five minutes or five hours. He knew he was my prince.

Duncan nearly finished his championship, but made it clear he’d rather just stay home with mom. I knew this to be true, but a dog whisperer confirmed it for us. Instead, he became my first therapy dog and was “hired” as my classroom’s official hall pass and school’s love bucket. I fondly remember him looking back at me each time he left the classroom, for my “it’s okay, you go have fun” and then he’d trot off merrily, tail wagging, and laughing, cheering up the most melancholy pre-teen.

A friend said that if you knew the pain you’d endure at your friend’s passing, would you trade the 14 years of life together? The answer is obvious. Yes. To love much is to suffer the loss. I loved Duncan with all my heart, which ached with every arthritic move he made those last months. Up until the last day, no matter his discomfort, he blessed me with a Wheaten greeting as fine as when he was a young fellow. I know he is going for very long walks, limber again, in heaven with all those first-time dogs! I whisper his name and blow a kiss in the wind most nights to speed him on his way…. “it’s okay, you go have fun.”

With forever love,
Lise and Bill Morgan, Blessing Wheatens
The entry of the Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Specialty, Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club, September 7, 2013, was lovely, and the depth of quality was a compliment to your breeders and exhibitors. The dogs were well-balanced, square in outline, with strong toplines and correct tailsets. Watching movement, I was remembering the egg beater down and backs of years ago, thinking of how much improvement Wheatens have made. Heads were uniformly clean and rectangular, and temperaments were happy. Coats were soft and silky, beautiful Wheaten colors, while remembering you need a solid, compact body with substance beneath. To nitpick, there were a few ears a wee bit larger than desired. Overall, the quality of the entry made judging your Wheatens an absolute pleasure.

**WD: Trigo Let Freedom Ring Gabby**  
(CH Starlight Treasure Chest x CH Trigos Relantago)  

**WB/BW: Harmony Full Circle**  
(GCH Ceili’s Time To Shine x CH Harmony Sweet Blessing)  
Breeders: James Little & Sue Little and Lise Morgan.  
Owners: Linda & Doug McCallum and Sue & Jim Little.

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

**CH Blessing High Regard**  
(GCH Ceili’s Time To Shine x CH Harmony Sweet Blessing)  
It was an honor to be asked to judge Sweepstakes for the Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club this year. I truly appreciated the invite and enjoyed the day spent with the club members and exhibitors. The Denver club always hosts a wonderful specialty at a fabulous facility in Greeley, CO.

While the Sweepstakes entry was small, the three puppies I had the privilege to see were all very nice.

My Best in Sweeps went to Lismore I Like Ike. This bitch caught my eye the minute she walked in the ring. She has a lovely coat with nice wave and texture. She was happy and confident and moved effortlessly around the ring.

Her littermate, Lismore V For Victory, was awarded Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes. He has the same wonderful coat and disposition as his sister. Both of these puppies had nice shoulders with a smooth neck transition that I like to see.

I liked the other bitch puppy that was shown to me, Stratford I Have A Dream. This puppy was a little less happy to be in the ring on this day but did not make my decision an easy one. She also had a lovely coat and was a nice small package.

Congratulations to the puppies shown on this day and good luck in the future!

Greater Denver Sweepstakes Commentary
by Judge Cindy Shea

SB: CH Ceili’s Shiny and Bright
(GCH Ceili’s Time To Shine x Ceili’s Firefly OA OAJ)
Breeders/Owners: Elizabeth Sorenson & Russell Howard.

BISW: Lismore I Like Ike
(GCH Stratford Top Brass x GCH Lismore World Without End)
Breeder/Owner: Meg Ryan.

BOSSW: V For Victory
(GCH Stratford Top Brass x GCH Lismore World Without End)
Breeder/Owner: Meg Ryan.
The Open Registry  1996-Present

Below are cuttings from two articles about the origin of the Registry, the rationale behind it, and the status of it as it moved forward. Following that is an interview with Dr. Meryl Littman by current Health Chair, Cecily Skinner. This overview provides an opportunity to take an historical look at the Registry as it has developed over the last 17 years and to look to its future.

The Board of Directors of SCWTCA, Inc. has taken an enormous step with the advent of a health registry…. Let’s consider this [registry] from a realistic point of view.

There are groups of people who are going to always be looking for a scapegoat in any situation. They are doing it now and are keeping lists and comparing notes constantly. At least the registry will help the gossip mongers and blame givers to become a little more accurate.

Breeders who have had no health problems in their lines have no reason to be intimidated, nor any reason to worry about a registry. Those of us who have been around for any period of time know that if some of the breeders have problems, then all of us will be affected in some way at some time. There is no vacuum in dog breeding and eventually you will find that try as you may to avoid breeding into a problem a secret held by some other breeder will create a possible health problem for you.

Many people have suggested DNA testing. We have perused this idea and have found that it is unreasonably expensive unless there is a human disease that will benefit from the findings. We have tried to find ways to have DNA work underwritten and would accept any suggestions the membership has as well as any large amounts of money they can spare.

An AKC foundation grant is in the works, but they will not fund DNA testing.

Finally, it is important to note that every single research veterinarian, and every other breed club health chairperson with whom I have had contact this year has applauded our efforts in setting up this registry. Without exception, these people have said that we stand to learn a great deal about the mode of inheritance, the incidence of disease in the breed, and ways to help the immune system to fight, once we open our lines of communication and bring information out into the open.

Please recognize that the registry is an effort to save the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. No breeder or owner should feel threatened. Wheatens, as charming as they are, are dogs. Our reputations, our integrity, our ability to deal with life’s problems and injustices should not hang in balance over an issue as simple as a dog registry.

There is still no evidence to prove that this is a genetic problem, and if it does turn out to be a simple, immune-mediated problem, compounded by a limited gene pool, we will all be able to rest more easily. Only by comparing notes, honestly, will we ever know.

written by President Emily Holden and published in Benchmarks, vol. 23, number 4, March 1996.

Fifteen months later, then-current President Pam Donahue, and members of the Health Committee provided this update after the first Open Registry was published. Her message echoes that of the previous president, exhorting fellow members, breeders, and owners to continue the work that had just begun. The article in its entirety was sent to SCWTCA Members and friends, June 6, 1997.

The first Open Registry has been published and distributed to members. This is a unique accomplishment and a proud step forward for our club and our breed. Other terrier breed clubs have talked about starting open registries, but no one has accomplished it yet. Once again, we are in a leadership position. The only other breed club in the United States to have an open registry is the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America. The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Great Britain reports dogs with hereditary diseases in their quarterly publication.

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The Open Registry: An Interview with Dr. Meryl Littman
by Cecily Skinner, Health Chair

Just prior to the publishing of the Open Registry update, I had an email conversation with Dr. Littman regarding the OR. It has been a number of years since we addressed the OR process and now with the PLN Variant Gene Test in wide use and an OR update imminent, this seemed like the ideal time to offer a new look at the Open Registry.

Dr. Littman, you will soon post an update to the Open Registry. Given the new PLN Variant Gene Test, will there be a need for the OR to continue?

The OR is an important tool to study PLN, IBD, PLE, Addison's disease, renal dysplasia. There are no genetic tests for most of these. Even with the genetic PLN testing, we need to continue surveillance of the incidence of PLN in heterozygous vs. homozygous dogs so we can guide breeders with their decision-making. The OR helps lead researchers to study Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers and their diseases and helps educate owners, breeders, and veterinarians about all these diseases.

Will newly diagnosed dogs with PLN be listed on the OR without the PLN Variant Gene Test?

Yes, they will but having DNA Test results for them will help us gather data on the prevalence of affected dogs and their marker status.

It’s been a long time since the first Open Registry was published in 1997. For those new to the breed and as a refresher for the rest of us, how is the initial contact with you handled?

My first concern is the health of the dog (not the OR), and teaching the owner/breeder/vet about diseases. The most time-consuming part for each case involves the consultations for sick dogs. . . deciding what diagnostic tests are needed to confirm diagnosis, interpretation of the test results they send me, and management plans concerning diet recommendations and medications that will help their dog increase quality of life and in many cases, length of life.
A subset of the consultations I do for Wheatens are not OR-related, but concern other health questions or problems that the dogs have (allergies causing skin and ear problems, urinary incontinence, vaccine questions, Lyme disease, disc disease, cancer, behavioral problems, etc.).

How is a dog ultimately placed on the Open Registry?

There are lots of steps to get a dog listed on the OR. Having a “case” that is moving towards being listed on the OR goes something like this (realize there are lots of pending ones and cases with partial documentation):

1) The dog’s owner or vet initiates contact via emails, faxes, and/or phone calls. Then there are lots of communications back and forth with advice (consultations) with the vet, and also many times the owner and breeder in separate communications, concerning diagnosis and management for their sick dog. There’s lots of teaching about the five diseases that can mimic each other. I try to interpret things as fast as I can for sick dogs because sometimes I see that they are missing an Addison’s diagnosis, etc., and I love to save a life whenever I can! I do lots of teaching about the causes of PLE and PLN; how we will work up the case; discussions about whether to do intestinal or renal biopsy, and where to go to have it done; the ACTH stimulation test; tick-borne diseases, etc.

2) We discuss getting DNA samples saved and sent properly, and sadly, if the dog succumbs, histopathology samples to save and send. These discussions often involve both owner and vet communications.

3) We gather complete documentation from the local vet (test results). If the file is incomplete, we check to see if a CBC was done, whether a full biochemical profile was done, whether Na/K was checked, whether urinalysis and UPC were done and how the sample was collected (cystocentesis, catheter or free catch), was a urine culture done, was an ACTH stimulation test done, etc. We try to get as complete a picture of the dog’s current and prior health status as possible.

4) Once a diagnosis is made we have to obtain permission from the dog’s owner and co-owners for placement on the OR.

5) We obtain pedigree information from owner and/or breeder.

6) There are many communications with the dog’s breeder and/or owner about how this dog’s diagnosis impacts their decision-making, questions about the DNA test, questions about Addison’s or the other diseases in general along with questions about diet, etc.

7) A single case may have a file that is inches thick. That’s a lot of time and work! Thanks to the funding by the SCWTCA, we are able to hire vet students to assist us with the collecting of basic information which allows me more time to do owner and vet consultations, test interpretations, and other communications that only a vet can do.

8) Our involvement with the affected dogs doesn’t end with their listing on the Open Registry. We continue monitoring them with new test results updated in their file (with more consultations) throughout the dog’s life.

MY CLOSING THOUGHTS . . . At the time of this publication, an update to the OR has been posted on the SCWTCA website. As I reviewed it, I felt grateful to Dr. Littman for all she has done and continues to do for our breed and also to the many, many Wheaten owners and breeders who have supported the Open Registry since its inception! It’s through their dedication and the DNA samples from our affected dogs and our healthy geriatrics that we now have the PLN Variant Gene Test. While it’s only one piece of the breeding puzzle, the DNA Test can be a valuable tool to help us move forward to a time when there may be no new PLN dogs listed on the OR. Wouldn’t that be wonderful! ~c.s.

ed. note: Dr. Littman expresses her gratitude to PennVet for allowing her to work on the Open Registry and give free consultations all these years to the Wheaten community. PennVet’s continuing support has allowed her to volunteer some of her scholarly effort time toward Wheaten health issues for the last 30 years.
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