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This stunning photograph, taken by Shari Robinson includes: Brittney, Surfer, Sizzle, Quinn, Rachel, and Summer, the baby. This was Shari’s back yard last year in the dead of winter... BRRRRRRR!
From the President …

WOW!
What a Montgomery!

For me, every Montgomery weekend is something special to experience. But in every constellation of bright stars some shine brighter than the others. This Montgomery 2014 shined bright for all the right reasons!

Of course, the weekend sparkled for the winners; my congratulations to them all. As I have said in the past, these wins represent countless years of dedication from the whelping box to the grooming table, to the road well travelled, ultimately to the show ring. There is no win awarded, especially on this weekend, that hasn’t had years of commitment behind it. So let’s tip our hat to those winners, their breeders, owners, and handlers for their fine wins.

We were also blessed by more seasonable weather this year. The trend for this weekend has been to be progressively warmer over the past few years. While that makes our wardrobe choices somewhat easier, the heat coupled with the long days has not been a friend to our dogs to be at their best when Sunday rolls around and you want them at their best! Thursday and Friday were warm but not as hot as it has been. Saturday greeted us with rain but cleared out by late morning. I was judging at Devon and as I have judged there before in the rain… and mud. I have to say it wasn’t really muddy at all! The rain cleared by late morning with cooler temperatures following behind. Sunday morning greeted us with high 40’s and a typical fall day in Pennsylvania of clouds, breezes, sunshine, with a gradual warming as the day progressed. And what a difference the cool temperatures made in our dogs! You could sense a renewed energy in all of them, and it showed in the ring too. The sparkle was there!

Our Agility enthusiasts were shining in their new location in Palmyra, PA, and our Barn Hunt devotee’s happily ensconced themselves at the Kimberton Fairgrounds, adding to our growing constellation of events.

The Breeder’s education on Thursday night given by Melissa Goodman DVM brought out a crowd of 70+ Wheaten breeders eager to learn about stud dog management. I heard nothing but positive responses to the evening.

Our hotel and their hospitality was another star in the weekend. The management and staff went out of their way to make us comfortable and feel welcomed. The ballroom was set up perfectly for our meals and boutique under the guidance of our coordinator extraordinaire, Karen Mueller. The food was more than good for banquet food. As I looked around I couldn’t help but notice our banquet director Nelson moving about constantly making sure that we were being taken care of. Nelson made it a personal mission that all of our needs over the weekend were met and always with a smile.

As is the custom at our Annual Club Meeting/Dinner, we handed out the Club awards to those stars in our Club for their past year’s achievements. This is truly a special event for all involved. I can tell you as the presenter of these awards this year, I was humbled by the amount of time and dedication it took every recipient to earn their honors. Every recipient was met with great applause for their accomplishments but a standing ovation was given when Nancy Butler introduced the SCWTCA Rescue Person of the Year Award to Karli Mueller-Brough for her compassionate work in spearheading the Puppy Mill Survivor Challenge. Because of her efforts and the generosity of so many members and Wheaten lovers, 23 Wheatens are stars in their new homes.

The Motor City Club drove into town with the mission of hosting the post-show dinner. Mission accomplished! They had fun, we had fun, and again… great food! Just what we needed at the end of the weekend. If you haven’t attended one of our post-show hospitality dinners and you have the flexibility in your schedule to do so, please do! The weekend wrap up and the feeling of camaraderie amongst all the members attending is not to be missed.

Of course I will end this report with a familiar theme that I seem to touch on in so many of my musings to you. This weekend sparkled because of all of the dedication and effort put forth by so many members of this Club. I can’t even begin to name all of the people who contributed in their own unique way to make this Montgomery shine so bright. You know who you are. Job well done!

Gary Vlachos
From the Editors...

“...Prohibiting personal attacks and establishing a forum that educates, informs, and supports the Wheaten community. .. All content should be in the best interest of SCWTCA and the Breed”.

This is our official Benchmarks policy, and it embodies the spirit of what I believe this publication should be. Molly did a “stellar” job at maintaining this ideal, and her kind and thoughtful dedication will be missed. As your new Editors, we too are committed to this principle.

Benchmarks is OUR publication, it should be “inclusive” and focus on teaching and uplifting our breeders and exhibitors to be the best they can be, and have some fun with it as well. Your input is invaluable to achieve this. We invite your ideas, positive educational articles and editorials (and your ads). And, keep in mind that advertising in Benchmarks is probably the best “bang for the buck” to reach your audience…fellow Wheaten enthusiasts, both approved and provisional judges, and, in this issue, we have eleven (11) ads.

And, what a thrill to have the December issue with all our Montgomery Information be our first endeavor.

As a passionate animal lover, my family always had dogs, along with every other pet imaginable. My son, however, had respiratory allergies as a youngster. For years I searched for a breed he could tolerate. Then one sunny NY day in 1973. I met my first Wheaten. I fell in love that day, and was put on a course that has led me here, 41 years later.

Our first Wheaten, 1974, was an Irish coated male, Scruffy, whose name suited him well. We adored his wonderful spirit and silly antics. That same year, driving by the Westchester Dog Show in progress, was my introduction to dog shows. I stopped, met many of the early pioneers of the breed, and decided this “show stuff” was for me. By 1975, Melanie, my first show dog joined the family, and our journey began. There were few “experts” at that time, so we all just learned as we went along. Shows and Wheaten activities were great fun, the camaraderie exceptional. It was primarily an owner-handler sport. I bred/ showed under the name HoneyGlo, which I later changed to Moonstruck.

Since that time, I’ve exhibited and bred on a relatively small scale because of a demanding 30 year career in Clinical Diagnostics. Interestingly, I was hired by the original developer of the serum/urine creatinine assay in my first job, and my second (recruited to FL) worked for the Coulter brothers who invented the automated method for counting, sizing, and differentiating blood cells…the CBC. Both of these, critical components of our annual Wheaten lab work.

Like some of you, I have experienced the heartbreak of both PLN and RD. During the late 80’s I stopped breeding Wheatens because of it and entered the Kerry Blue Terrier arena (hence the kennel name change). Kerrys, also a great breed, a little more difficult to live with, but a “thrill ride” in the ring! During this time my involvement with Wheatens continued, helping others with showing, breeding, whelping, etc…

After we understood a “bit” more about the problems that plagued our breed, I returned to Wheatens. However, my Kerry days stand out as a significant learning experience for me. My mentor (now passed) was rich with terrier knowledge. He taught me more about structure, movement and type than anyone.

My experiences with health in our breed have made me cautious to a fault. I can only hope that in my lifetime we are able to solve some of these problems. This is my wish for our beloved Wheatens.

Now, let me introduce our new Assistant Editor, Deb Van De Ven.

I was thrilled when Gary and Helen asked if I would like to join the team as Assistant Editor of Benchmarks.

One reason is that I’m a huge fan of this publication. As Helen mentioned it’s the ideal place to advertise your latest wins or new Champion, with more full color ads than ever, and at prices that are unheard of in the dog world.

Secondly, I’m very excited about the renewed emphasis in Benchmarks on breeder education. Following the lead of Gay’s September issue with articles on aspects of breeding principles and how structure relates to stride. Helen and I decided to introduce a series of articles on Wheaten structure using descriptions and drawings from the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Illustrated Standard.

In the coming issues we’ll continue with additional aspects of the standard and breeding and definitely welcome your ideas on topics of interest. Based on recent discussions on the breeders list, it’s clear that we have a variety of opinions on interpretation of our standard and how dogs in the ring measure up to that standard ... understanding the official standard and striving to build breeding programs to produce dogs who exemplify that standard is a worthy endeavor.

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Meet the new SCWTCA Board Members

Meet Mary Ann in her own words:

I am a native Washingtonian, having lived in the Seattle area my entire life. Our household includes myself, my husband Tim, and our 3 Wheaten - Am/CA CH Landmark Three Piece Suit (Tailor), CH Baroque Top Shelf Wild Irish Rose (Rosie), and Rosemayre’s Rock My World (Carly). I’m a Senior Finance Manager, employed by the Boeing Company, where I have worked for 26 years. Retirement is in my near future…possibly within the next year. In addition to my Wheatens, I enjoy travel and spending time with my children and grandchildren.

My husband and I have been avid dog fans our entire lives, owning many different breeds.

Circumstances were such that we didn’t own a dog for a number of years. As we became empty nesters, the time was right to find the perfect companion to join our family. I began researching different breeds online, and stumbled upon SCWT’s. We fell in love with everything we read about them and felt this was the breed for us. We got our first puppy, our boy Tailor, in the summer of 2005 – and we haven’t looked back! I became a member of SCWTCA in 2010.

This is my first SCWTCA ‘office’, however, I have co-created and produced the SCWTCA Calendar since 2011. In the 4 years I’ve been involved with the calendar, we have raised/donated over $25,000 to Wheaten Health research. In addition to the calendar, since 2012 I have been the focal point for the online and printed SCWTCA directory.

I’ve held a variety of finance and management positions within the Boeing Company where I have learned the value of working as part of a team. Additionally, over the years I have served on several non-profit boards in a number of capacities, including president, treasurer, and directorships. I’ve had the opportunity to lead fundraisers, coordinate large scale activities, and manage teams of people to successfully accomplish organization goals.

My girl Rosie – CH Baroque Top Shelf Wild Irish Rose – has had two litters (Jan 2011 & July 2012), so I’m still a novice in breeding. I am looking forward to breeding again in the near future. My first Wheaten, Tailor, was my first finished champion achieving both his American and Canadian championships. He loved the show ring which made my first experiences in the show ring an amazingly great time.

Before we had our first Wheaten, my husband, on business travel in No. California, with extra time on his hands, went to a dog show. Little did he (or I) know, he had stumbled upon the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of No. California Specialty Weekend. He called me to meet him at the dog show, so the next morning I caught a flight to Sacramento to meet Wheatens in person for the first time. Our love affair with the breed began that weekend – it’s also where we first met many wonderful owners, breeders and handlers who continue to help us on this exciting journey.

My number one priority will be to focus on 2015 MCKC. I’ll be co-chairing the event with the hopes of making the 2015 Specialty every bit as wonderful as all the preceding years.

Carol Carlson
And now Cecily Skinner:

My husband Ken and I live with our two Wheatens, “Toney” CH. Tara Some Like It Hot, age 12 and “Roxy” CH. Tara Life’s A Beach, age 5 in an unincorporated area of Orange County, CA. Our house overlooks the 17th fairway of a golf course in Trabuco Canyon. We owned and operated a neighborhood Italian restaurant for 30 years. I grew up showing horses and got interested in dog shows when we were looking for a dog to join our family.

I first became interested in Wheatens in 1988 while talking with a Golden Retriever breeder at a dog show. We were in the early stages of looking for the right dog for us. We had a bird at the time, so the Golden breeder suggested we look at Wheatens since Goldens aren’t the best choice if you have a bird! We wanted a dog that loved people that would be in the house with us. Several months later we got our first Wheaten “Abby” and two years later or so, we got a show potential boy from Karla Cohen. With the encouragement of Ilze Barron and Karla, I joined SCWTCA in 1998.

I am currently the SCWTCA Health Chair and have been the Editor of “Wheaten Health News” for a number of years. I also served on the board for a one year term and have chaired Montgomery Weekend. I have been a member of several nominating committees and also served as Chair. I have been an active member for over 10 years.

I have been a member of the SCWTSCSC since 1992 and have been Specialty Co-Chair many times, served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Director over a ten year period. After a several year hiatus, I went back on the local board two years ago as a Director. I am also a member of Great Western Terrier Association and have served as President for the past six years and Show Chair of our Group Shows for over ten years. Beginning with the new GW term I will be Vice President and a member of the Budget Committee for our Group and All Breed Cluster.

For many years I had a spayed female and two male dogs so most of my breeding was done from the male side of things. I had a top producing sire “Spencer”, CH. Heartstring’s Toast To Tara ROM who sired over thirty Champions and Obedience/Performance Titlists. I have been the breeder or co-breeder of five litters.
New SCWTCA Members

Name: Lana Campbell
Occupation: Marketing & Customer Service Manager for a residential builder, Calgary AB.

My first Wheaten, Teddy, arrived in 1993. She was sold to us on a show contract, as she was the only puppy available from the breeder. Teddy was the gentlest sweetest Wheaten I have known. I had been involved in 4-H & pony club as a child and liked the competitive aspect of showing. When the breeder became too busy to finish showing Teddy to her championship I asked if I could do it – that launched me into the world of showing, breeding and many great friends in dogs! I was looking for a purebred dog and was drawn to the Terrier breeds. I went to a dog show hoping to find a Welsh Terrier breeder and happened to see the Wheatens being shown. It was love at first sight!

We are mainly involved in conformation showing with our Wheatens but have taken some Agility and Rally training. The dogs really enjoy Agility and I would like to pursue this when time permits.

There have been lots of memorable moments in my journey with Wheatens. One of the highlights was winning the Canadian National Specialty in 2006 with our beautiful foundation bitch Monet (CH Caraway Show Me The Monet), another was Reserve Best in Show last year with her son Rhodes (GCH Tyrone’s Revolutionary Road).

I have met many wonderful friends and mentors through my involvement with Wheatens and they have encouraged me to join the SCWTCA. I feel it is a responsibility to give back to the breed by being involved in and participating in initiatives for Wheaten health, and to promote the breed to others. I am currently serving as President of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Association of Canada. I feel it broadens my perspective on issues facing the breed to be a member of the National Clubs in both countries. My Wheaten journey has been a fun and rewarding one, and I am looking forward to being part of the American Wheaten family!

Lana was sponsored by Beth Verner and Jeri Voyles and is an International member. Lana is involved in fundraising and event planning through work. She has served as the Show Chairperson for two national SCWT Specialties and a Group Terrier Specialty. Her interests and skills include breeding, fundraising, event management, grooming, marketing and stewarding.

Names: Chuck Rodamer and Marla Braun
Occupation: Chuck owns a landscaping business and garden center. Marla is a paralegal.

Chuck’s parents got him his first Brittany when he was 15. He trained her himself for the show ring. His parents took him to a Brittany Specialty in Ohio and she won BOS against 26 other Brittanys. She finished that weekend and Chuck was bitten by the “show bug.” He then started handling dogs for others, not to mention finishing four Brittanys from his own line. Growing up, I owned a Pekinese and two Poodles. After I left home, I had two wonderful Great Danes and a Border Collie who became the Seeing Eye Dog for my Australian Cattle Dog, Sammie, who lost her sight at age 5.

Finally one day, I opened the SCWTCA site and began to read. It was like it was meant to be. All the things I wanted in my next dog were right there. I printed a picture, took it home and told Chuck I found the breed I wanted. He looked at the picture and said “Great, now find a good one.” I found out that Susan Ratcliffe had puppies. The next thing we knew, we were traveling to Rochester, NY to meet Susan and her dogs. While there, Chuck asked if she had a nice stud dog she could show us. Enter Frankie. Susan brought him in and he went immediately to Chuck and me and put his head on our leg to be petted. The next day I got a message from Susan and she said she had a show female pup for us and we could bring Frankie along on a trial basis. The rest is history. Frankie never left our home. That is the moment I understood the meaning of unconditional love.
I had never been to a dog show until we got Sophie. The moment I got there and felt the excitement in air, I knew why Chuck loved to show. We began showing Sophie at 6 months, her second show ever was Montgomery. We have gone every year since then. Of course, Frankie went everywhere we went and we made sure that he saw Susan at least several times a year. We learned quickly that if we told someone we were Frankie’s “parents” it opened the door to great conversation.

Our girl, Gabby came from Carl McGill and Chuck finished her at 15 months. Our granddaughters show both Sophie and Gabby when possible. We plan to start Gabby in agility and see how that goes. With showing comes the opportunity to meet some wonderful people. It is what makes showing fun for us. So many members have helped us along the way. We decided to join SCWTA simply because of our love of this breed. We want to contribute any way we can so that these beautiful dogs have bright and healthy future for generations to come. In order to accomplish that, we have to stay informed and the best way to do that is to be a member. Thanks for having us.

Marla and Chuck were sponsored by Susan Ratliffe and Marcie Kraus. They love the breed and want to preserve and promote Wheatens. Marla and Chuck are interested in fundraising, rescue and health.

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**New Open Registry Members**

**November 15, 2014**

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 Wheatens 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 Terriers 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](http://scwtca.org/documents/health/or_membershipform_20100630.pdf).

For a complete list of Open Registry members, email kccarlson@comcast.net.

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**July - September, 2014**

**Compiled by Sheila O’Connell**

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2015 will be a big year for the SCWT Club of GB as it is 60 years since our Kennel Club awarded us Breed Club status. We are looking forward to celebrating our Diamond Anniversary with many events planned throughout the year. We would be WOWed if our International Wheaten friends would help celebrate this special anniversary.

WOW (Walk Our Wheatens) events have been a fun part of the Wheaten family life here in the UK and we know many of our international friends also enjoy their own version of WOW days. On the Sunday, 15th March 2015, the nearest Sunday to St Patrick’s Day, we are hoping for a number of WOW events around the UK. We’re trying for a record for the largest number of Wheatens walked at one time on one day - ONE HUGE WOW!

We would love it if our many international friends would help celebrate by organizing your own WOW on the same date with a celebratory cheer for UK Wheatens and the SCWT Club of GB? It would turn our big UK WOW Day into one massive WWW (Worldwide Wheaten Walk) Day. We won’t break the record for the biggest single dog walk (22,742 dogs with 182 breeds in England in 2011), but we might claim a record for the greatest number of dogs of a single breed walked on the same day and same (local) time, around the world - a WWW Day to remember!

Our WOW co-ordinator would love to hear of any events you plan around 15th March 2015. Please email her at denise_pascoe@btinternet.com with details; and afterwards, with numbers, four-legged and two-legged, of those who helped celebrate the GB Club’s 60th Anniversary. Photos of your WOW welcome too!

If any of our international friends are visiting the UK next year, they will be welcome to join in with the fun. Our Club’s website at www.wheaten.org.uk has updates of all events planned. It would be great to see some of you in person!

The Committee and Members of the SCWT CLUB of GB
Celebrating Long Life…

“Pearl” Tremblay
April 5, 1999 – April 24, 2014
Maroc Captain x Holmenocks Hadora

The 15 wonderful years we had with Pearl will be with us always and bring a smile to our faces even though our hearts are hurting.
We can clearly see Pearl the teenager as a soccer star flying through the air making acrobatic blocks of balls sent her way; swimming with abandon between us in the pool; enjoying the pleasure of our walks and the barking of dogs penned within the confines of their yards; listening for the jingling sound of car keys signaling the prospect of a ride even if it was just down the driveway; and, accepting reluctantly at first, the arrival of Toody, a.k.a. Tanner, the 5-year old Wheaten who is surely responsible for extending her stay on this earth by several years…These and other memories bring a smile to our faces and help to lessen the pain of having lost our best friend. Stay well Pearl and enjoy a new and pain free life in doggie heaven teaching new friends your wonderful ways. Owned By: Patricia and Marcel Tremblay, Breeder: Emily Holden

Happy Birthday Seniors!

“Hope”
CH Mansura Andover Lady Luck
CH Gleanngay Waggin Wheel x CH Mansura Andover Lady Boss
DOB 11-19-1997

Hope was 17 yrs old this November. She only had one litter of puppies when she was 5, but she raised & trained many a litter. My other girls handed them over to her when they were about 6 weeks old to teach them manners. Hope completed her Championship at 18 months and has been a great pet in my home ever since.
She is pretty hard of hearing and almost blind but she still goes outside with the others to bark at whatever they are barking at! Owned, bred & loved by Kathy Clarke

Do I smell Birthday Cake?

“Chance”
CH Azlough’s Twist of Fate “Chance” x CH Bradberry’s Calla Lilly “Callie”
DOB 10-15-2001

Libby is much adored by her people Bill & Candy Roberts. From their first meeting with this little charmer they were smitten … and in the years that followed she won the hearts of not only their entire family, but those of friends and strangers alike. Libby was there through thick and thin, including a hurricane which saw their home destroyed and rebuilt from the ground up. To Libby this was just another adventure, and chance to meet new people as they camped out with friends and in hotels. Libby continues to live a “charmed” life including her pure joy as she romped in last winter’s record snow fall in NC.

Maverick’s Mom, Laura Gralton, fondly refers to him as her first child. Working in the political arena, Laura’s schedule can at times take on a life of its own. Mav is the rock that keeps Laura grounded. No matter the outcome of the race, Mav is there to celebrate or console. The “perfect” dog, he and she have a bond that is truly unbreakable. So much was her love for him that Laura decided to get him a puppy a few years back. He has long since forgiven her, and today the two of them are best buddies … and the luckiest dogs in WI. I can hardly believe Lilly is now my “old girl” … she has always been a puppy at heart. She still loves to be the “special one”… getting to snuggle on the couch, looking forward to mealtime with her favorite foods including rotisserie chicken, and laying at my feet while I work at the computer. She has given me beautiful puppies, grand puppies, and now great grand puppies … how lucky I am to have her! Hopefully we have many more years together. Bred by: Deb Van De Ven

Bradberry’s Liberty Belle “Libby” * Bradberry’s Top Gun “Maverick” * CH Bradberry’s Lilly of Alexandria “Lilly”

Bred by: Deb Van De Ven
Based on a recent conversation on the Breeders’ List, some people need glasses and/or more experience with real dogs.

The conversation had turned to the “square outline” required by the Standard. One individual was adamant today’s dogs are much squarer than at any time in the 17 years they’d owned a Wheaten, also claiming there were many dogs shorter-backed than tall. I and many others remain dumbfounded by this assertion.

A few more rational posters commented about some dogs “appearing” taller than long. Lots of things could lead to that appearance.

Unlike our Adamant Annie above, I see rectangular dogs dominating today. There are plenty of reasons…it’s harder to breed a square dog, for one. But in my opinion, it’s the influence of imports over the last 20 years. Wait…this isn’t an “imports are bad” statement. It’s acknowledging the FCI standard calls for a dog who measures longer than the US standard. Consequently, it should be no surprise many dogs seen in the ring are longer cast. Apparently, it also means someone can see a correct short-backed dog as looking too short and tall.

One’s eye can also be fooled by anything drawing it to the center of the dog and upward. This could be structural elements of the dog…a long neck, well-laid back shoulders, great tailset, a gay tail, deep chest, long legs, etc. Looking at a dog and imagining him without a neck and tail to find the square takes experience.

Clever grooming intentionally fools the eye. Creating a longer neck and a more extreme tuck-up, leaving more leg furnishings and taking off more hair fore and aft all bring the eye to center and up. A dog groomed to counterbalance the effect of today’s grassy ring will look different indoors tomorrow. This is where hands-on will eventually help your eye. If you aren’t the one doing show grooming or you’re not watching and talking to the person grooming your dog, it’s very hard to “undress” a dog with your eyes…you just don’t really know where talented grooming ends and the dog begins.

Then there’s what’s going on with the dog at that moment. Our oldest bitch is a bit low on leg and a bit long. When she spies a squirrel in the yard…..WHOA! She goes up on her toes, her tail comes forward, her legs come under her, her head goes up, her neck extends and she tenses. Everything comes “up” and she looks like a world beater. It’s why facing off Wheatsens in the ring can be so stunning…they’re excited and everything comes “up and center.” It’s also why helpers get the dog’s attention for a win photo and handlers toss bait or toys in the ring. Look at a correctly square dog at those moments and your eye will be fooled.

With the abundance of opportunities to share photos of dogs these days…from email to Facebook to Instagram and on and on…I’m concerned too many judgments are being made on the basis of photography rather than an in-person look. One of the posters in the discussion commented on square dogs that are not short-coupled, as the Standard requires; they have short rib cages and long loins. You need your hands to know what’s under the coat.

I’m always bemused by raves about angulation based on photos of a fully coated dog or puppy set up on the grooming table. First…well…see grooming tricks above. There’s hair covering those bones and angles. Not to mention someone positioned the dog, well or poorly. A well respected breeder once commented that one puppy in my litter photos was straight in front and behind. The stud dog owner was incensed. I checked the pup…he may not have had the angles of his more extreme siblings but they were fine... and looked again at the photo. Yep, he looked straight because he was being a royal pain in the patoot on the table although he was a nice mover….both things no one can see in a photo. The well-respected breeder wasn’t really wrong…but their eye was fooled.

Then there are conclusions about coat based on photos. Maybe you’ll see shine and likely you’ll see color…or will you? Will that innocent Photoshop correction for too little light make the coat...
richer than it really is? Less grey? Is it shine or the camera’s flash? And that’s before we ever get to the tactile descriptions in the standard: soft, silky, woolly, harsh, crisp, cottony, frizzy, kinky.

As an aside...can we all stop raving about dogs on Facebook that aren’t great? I’ll see a photo posted and a dozen people saying “gorgeous” while I’m thinking “place it as a pet.” We’re not talking a matter of taste here...we’re talking dogs who aren’t even close to the Standard.

Listen, a great thing about the sport is the opportunity to get to know people worldwide. Sometimes, they are...as one of my friends puts it (yeah, you know who I mean)...”nice people with ugly dogs.” They win, proudly post the photo and although you’re happy for them, the dog didn’t get any prettier. It’s really ok to just say congratulations. Being a friend doesn’t require you to be an idiot.

(Bribe me sufficiently and I’ll let you in on the best polite phrases for ugly dogs)

Going back to Adamant Annie’s observations about the mythical too square dogs...snarky me offered a bet: $100 if the dogs, properly measured, were shorter than tall. There’s truly only one way to know sizes and proportions: measure. Anyone can correctly measure height with a reasonably cooperative dog, a table and arm, a helper, a level and yardstick...and no fudging. Length is harder but you can get close. You will likely surprise yourself when you measure; I did.

I strongly believe a component of breeder education must be online...articles, photos, slide shows, videos. Wheatendom is too large to rely solely on face to face experiences. Online materials, however, are only “Wheatens 101.” They won’t make you an expert.

The bottom line: you can look...but you better touch to make sure your judgment isn’t being fooled as much as your eye can be.

Watch for the Fall/Winter edition of Wheaten Health News with a new format!

Molly O’Connell has taken over as Editor with Cecily Skinner, SCWTCA Health Chair as Associate Editor.

Many thanks to Holly Craig for creating an index of all articles from prior Health newsletters.

The Index is on the SCWTCA website in the What’s New section and at the top of the Health News Archive page. Active links are in the works!
When we discuss “Wheaton Type” we refer to several attributes; a square outline or silhouette - a soft, silky, wavy coat - a balanced rectangular shaped head - and a happy and steady attitude. Let’s also remember movement, expression and presentation contribute to the overall picture of a proper Wheaten. Here, we will focus on the head a major component of what we call “expression.”

When a fellow breeder mentions a dog who has a stunning head, do we all have the same visual image in our minds? Check out the following descriptions and drawings from the SCWT Illustrated Standard to brush up on your Wheaten IQ.

HEAD: The head is rectangular, with the skull and forehead equal in length, each a rectangle unto itself, creating a longer rectangle as a whole. Well-balanced and in proportion to the body. Powerful with no suggestion of coarseness.

EYES: Dark reddish brown or brown, medium in size, slightly almond shaped and set fairly wide apart. Eye rims must also be black, with black pigment extending beyond the eye rim in the mature dog. Major fault: Anything approaching a yellow eye.

EARS: Small to medium in size, breaking level with the skull and dropping slightly forward, the inside edge of the ear lying next to the cheek and pointing to the ground rather than to the eye.

SKULL: Flat and clean between ears. Cheekbones not prominent. Defined stop. Muzzle powerful and strong, well filled below the eyes. No suggestion of snipiness.

NOSE: Black and large for size of dog. Major fault: Any nose color other than solid black.

TEETH: Large, clean & white, scissors or level bite. Major fault: Undershot or overshot.

Now, take the quiz...Can you match these definitions with the correct terms

1. Dorsal, posterior point of the skull ________
2. Asymmetrical alignment of upper and lower jaws ________
3. Rectangular________
4. The general appearance of the features of the head ________
5. Sum of qualities that distinguish dogs of one breed ________
6. Nose normally black, acquires flesh streak in winter ________
7. Square or cube-like formation of the head ________
8. Six upper and six lower front teeth between canines ________
9. A small drop ear that folds over and back ________
10. A bony ridge extending laterally from the eye orbit ________
11. The relative position of the upper and lower teeth with jaws closed ________
12. Cheeks prominently rounded; thick, protruding ________
13. Viewed in profile, the contours of the top portion of the skull from occiput to stop, and the forehead from stop to tip of the nose ________
14. The two upper and two lower large, conical pointed teeth ________
15. The step up from muzzle to back skull ________
16. The flap of the ear supported by cartilage ________
17. The head in front of the eyes; nasal bone, nostrils, and jaws, forehead ________
18. A pointed, weak muzzle, lacking breadth and depth ________
19. Forty-two adult teeth ________
20. The colored membrane surrounding the pupil ________

A. Bite
B. Blocky
C. Brick-Shaped
D. Canines
E. Cheeky
F. Dentition
G. Expression
H. Head Planes
I. Incisors
J. Iris
K. Leather
L. Muzzle
M. Occiput
N. Nose Ear
O. Snipey
P. Stop
Q. Type
R. Winter Nose
S. Wry Mouth
T. Zygomatic
U. Arch

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A BREEDER-JUDGE PERSPECTIVE
By: Gay Sherman Dunlap

On the previous page, Deb “Tests Your Wheaten IQ” with regard to heads. This piece is meant to embellish that information and help breeders identify and understand where we are falling short in producing heads that are in compliance with our standard. Heads are, generally speaking, NOT rectangular. Back skulls are a thick and coarse, forming a three-dimensional block (width, length, depth) instead of a neat, clean brick (narrow, long and lean). As a general rule, head width should be slightly less than half the length. What saddens many of us seasoned breeder/judges is that few seem to recognize this. And unless breeders see it, chances are slim that it can be remedied.

In the absence of a front view SCWT head this Kerry head shows what we mean by “rectangular.” Though perhaps slightly leaner than ours, it presents the ideal shape, nose to top of skull. The side view photo shows perfect depth of head as well as level planes and equal length, skull-to-muzzle. Even with the best of heads, one will feel the Zygomatic Arch on both sides of the skull, adjacent the eyes, but these “macaroni bones,” as many call them, should never be prominent.

MEASURING THE SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER

With all the discussion on Breeder and Discuss re: what is Square and how do we visualize Silhouette, I felt this was the perfect opportunity to develop some all-inclusive guidelines for measurement of the SCWT.

In the best of worlds, the measurements here would be equal as specified in the legend. When one considers the possible build up of coat in certain areas, the dog used in the diagram comes pretty darn close. Of course, these measurements represent perfection. Perfection, although difficult to achieve, should always be that for which we strive.

He may have a slightly longer second thigh (K-L), something hard to determine under the leg furnishings. Additionally, if body depth (C-G) equals elbow-to-ground (C-H) he appears to need a tad more leg. To my eye, however, looking at this dog without all the measurements, he displays beautiful overall balance and angles.

LEGEND: AB = CD, EF = EC = JI, CB = BG, AJ = AK = KL, CG = GH, MN = OP (view on line for color key)
Celebrating the

Bond
Int'l IABCA CH and CH Cuiilinn License To Kill CD CGC
CH Chorochie Drusja's Nijinsky x CH Acacia Ferrari Testarossa

Steal
CH Cuiilinn How to Steal a Million
CH Trebol Labour Leader x CH Acacia Ferrari Testarossa

Kevin
CH Ellora Footloose Icon
CH Geragold Orla Finlandia x Ellora Bright Banner

Guinness
CH Cuiilinn Going Pro
CH Lakkas Ustilago X CH Acacia Ferrari Testarossa

Phantom
CH Acacia Music of the Night
CH Honeylee's Bye My Fair Whind x CH Acacia Hot Lava

George
Int'l IABCA CA CH Gold GCH Cuiilinn
Expresso Con Panna
CH Rolfelan Danny Boy O'Lil Town x
CH Chrischele Gold Digger of Padrone

Cuilinn Wheatens  Holly Million  Jones, OK
Boys of Cuilinn

Gabe
CH Cuilinn Paris When It Sizzles
CH rTebol Labour Leader x CH Acacia Ferrari Testarossa

Zimmer
CH Cuilinn X Marks the Spot
CH Ellora Bastion x GCH Cuilinn Funny Face

ACE
CH Cuilinn Ace of Cakes
CH Acacia Music of the Night x Cuilinn 007

Jet
CH Cuilinn Leaving on a Jet Plane
Int’l IABCA CA CH Gold GCH CUILINN Expresso Con Panna x GCH CUILINN Funny Face

Connell
Cuilinn Tyrconnell
CH Lakkas Ustilago x CH Cuilinn Purple Heart

Drummer
CH CUILINN Caislean Dundrum
CH Mackanme Foreign Affair V. Bodasca x CH CUILINN 007

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New DNA Test Available

Wheaten Paroxysmal Dyskinesia Genetic Mutation Found

By Elaine Azerolo

Introduction
The genetic mutation responsible for Wheaten Paroxysmal Dyskinesia (WPxD), a rare neurological disease, has been found by researchers at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. WPxD was previously unnamed and described as an abnormal movement disorder. A DNA test is now available.

Dr. Denis O’Brien has been studying this rare disease in Wheatens for several years. Liz Hansen, breed club liaison, showed a video clip of an affected Wheaten when she spoke at the SCWTCA educational seminar in October 2006.

Fourteen (14) affected Wheatens have been identified. All exhibited clinical symptoms and all had two copies of the mutant allele.

Disease Description
A Sept 2014 announcement from Dr. Gary Johnson of the Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory states: “We have been studying a rare neurologic disease of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers that can be clinically classified as a paroxysmal dyskinesia (PxD). Thus, we are currently referring to the disease as Wheaten Paroxysmal Dyskinesia (or WPxD). Veterinary Neurologist Denny O’Brien has described WPxD as an autosomal recessive, hereditary movement disorder.

Signs typically begin between 8 months and 3 years of age and consist of episodes of abnormal tone or movement affecting one or more limbs. The hind limbs are most commonly affected but front limbs can also be involved. In a mild episode, the dog may just have an exaggerated flexion of one hind limb as it walks. Other times, it may have a stiff, stilted gait with a hunch-backed or twisted spine. In a more severe episode, there is repeated, irregular flexion and extension of the limbs and the dog may be unable to stand. In contrast to seizures, the dogs do not lose consciousness during an episode.

Episodes can occur several times a day, and the length of the episodes can vary from minutes to hours. Between episodes the dogs can appear normal.

Research Findings
Dr. Johnson’s statement continued: “We are pleased to announce that we have identified the mutation responsible for WPxD.

The disease is relatively rare: of the 650 Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers tested so far with our newly devised DNA test, only 14 tested “At Risk” (with 2 mutant alleles) and all 14 of them have exhibited characteristic movement disorder episodes.

Nine other Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers (tested) Carrier” (with one mutant allele). The “Carriers” do not show clinical signs. The rest tested Normal” (no mutant alleles). We will be offering a DNA test for this rare recessive disease via our partnership with OFA . . .”

DNA Test
The DNA test is now available on the OFA website, www.offa.org. Supplies and instructions will be sent for collecting DNA using a cheek swab. Samples may be mailed with no special handling required. The standard fee at OFA is $65. A reduced fee is offered for affected dogs (clinical signs) or dogs with DNA already banked at the University. Owners should contact Liz Hansen at HansenL@missouri.edu for specific instructions and forms to receive the reduced rate. Do not order through OFA.

Affected dogs are eligible for a free DNA test if samples are sent directly to Dr. Johnson’s lab through December 31, 2014. There is a reduced fee of $35 for dogs that already have DNA banked at the lab. This includes all Wheatens who sent blood samples for the Canine Phenome Project or sent blood samples to the CHIC DNA Bank. This is a “thank you” to owners that made samples available for DNA research. Owners must contact Liz Hansen for specific instructions. Do not order through OFA.

Continuing Research
Research continues as Dr. Jonson states, “We are trying to learn more about characteristics of this disease. These efforts may help us identify effective therapies to limit the number and severity of the disease episodes in affected dogs and may also provide benefits for human patients with the corresponding disease.” Owners of affected dogs (w/ clinical signs) should contact Liz Hansen at HansenL@missouri.edu.
remembering

Bob Nerrie
& Vinnie the Weasel

Happy dog, happy Bob. Vinnie The Weasel was always checking to make sure that Bob was paying attention. You had to be there when Bob would make an ill-chosen cross or forget a jump, and Vinnie would stop and bark at him.

Focus, focus, focus. Teamwork is what it’s all about—trust in your partner, being in the moment, ignoring the conditions, forgetting about the wet feet and the... Wait—is that a morsel of liver???

This photo was displayed at Bob’s memorial, the first inkling most of his Stanford and architectural colleagues had as to what his real passion involved.

Bob and Vinnie were connected by the invisible thread of The Work In Progress. Every course was a challenge to do it well, do it with as much dignity as possible, and have more fun doing it than anyone could imagine! Also, trimming optional.

The joy of working and the joy of best friends getting happily muddy together. Everyone should have such a wonderful life. They did it well.

words by Elaine Nerrie
photos by Ron Shelby, this last his favorite of Vinnie on that day
GCH BRYR ROSE PHOENIX RISING

FLYING HIGH...

MULTIPLE GROUP WINNER
NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNER
A TOP SOFT COATED WHEATEN TERRIER 2014

2014 NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNER

Our sincere appreciation to breeders-Judge Mr. C. Richard Urcuhiart and
terrier breeder-Judge Mrs. Maroth Kipp
for these prestigious best of breed
wins over an outstanding entry of
over 100 Wheaten!

Bred by Carolyn Garrett
Owned by Carolyn Garrett & Jeanne Ferris
Presented by Gwen & Kent Meyer

Sire: CH BRYR Rose Nouvelle Vague - Dam: CH BRYR Rose Flower Power
“RHODES”

Can GCH Tyrone’s Revolutionary Road
Am/Can CH Modny Style Great Expectations x
BISS Can CH Caraway Show Me The Monet

Maureen Holmes Trophy for Best Canadian Bred in Specialty
Canadian SCWT National Specialty June 7, 2014

Thank you Judge Patricia Nemirovsky, Carol Carlson & Emily Holden for this very special honor

Owners: Lana Campbell & John Slack
Breeders: Beth Verner & Lana Campbell
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Tyrone Wheatens, Reg
Sam Hill
Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers

Amy Havely & Vicki Noah
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Panache
Ch Sam Hill's Super Soul Sunday
Ch Sam Hill's PS I Love You (Wicklow) x Aran Achtung Baby (Beagle)

 Owners: Amy Havely & Vicki Noah
 Breeders: Amy Havely & Shari Boyd
CH Candance Daze of Thunder x CH Acacia’s Sam Hills Cowgirl

Ch Sam Hill’s PS I Love You NAJ

Wicklow

SCWTCA 2012 Versatility dog of the year
Health tested & clear.
Available to approved bitches.

Owners: Amy Havely, Vicki Noah & Kate Scott
Breeders: Amy Havely & Barb Smith
BRYSON
BISS GCH Haldane Double Down

He Came, He Saw, He Rocked... 

Best in Show

The first male import and US dog to ever win at this prestigious show

Loved, cared for, groomed, presented, and handled by team Silkcroft in the UK

Bryson has achieved multiple wins whilst in the UK, his biggest so far, the coveted Best In Show at the 34th annual Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Of GB Championship Show October 19, 2014. With 124 wheats competing, breed specialist judge Eileen Boak (bacanti) awarded Bryson both the DCC and ultimately BIS

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Haldane Wheatens
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Co-owned by: Cheryl Satherley
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Whindancer Wheatens

**SIRE**

CH Whindancer’s Little Ball of Fire CD, SCWTCA OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR 2013

**DAM**

Lilah

CH Hey There Delilah
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX, MONTGOMERY SWEEPS 2009

**LITTERMATE**

Keegan

Whindancer’s Burning Down The House
RWDC MONTGOMERY 2014

**SIRE**

**DAM**

**LITTERMATE**

**LITTERMATE**

Murphy

CH Whindancer’s Light My Fire
MONTGOMERY BEST IN SWEETS 2013

Seymour #2

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Keys to Top Breeding

Espen Engh

Espen Engh has bred Jet Greyhounds in Norway, in partnership with his late mother Kari, since 1975. With no co-bred litters, the Jet’s home-bred dogs have won more than 650 champion titles in 60 countries around the world and include 36 individual Best In Show winners and as many National Specialty BOBs. A veterinarian by education, Espen is also an FCI all-breed judge, having officiated in more than 85 countries around the world.

This article is from the Jet Greyhound web site, with Dr Engh’s permission.

Breeding for quality:
The key to successful breeding is to be very selective and critical of your own dogs. Make sure to select the best ones at all times, and then breed them with the very best. If you do that generation after generation, you are likely to have success. Never be fooled into thinking that the dogs are any better than they really are. You must be absolutely objective about your dogs. Don’t overestimate them, but you shouldn’t think that they are worse than they are either. Put your dogs in the right perspective and see them as they are: recognize what is good about them, what is not good, and what you can improve on in the next and generation and further down the line. There is a lot of work to be done, and it does not pay to cut corners.

The thought process, choosing stud dogs, and pairing them with females:
I always start out with the bitch. The bitch line is the most important aspect – what separates a great pedigree from a very good one. A breeder must analyze the bitch thoroughly and focus on her traits that are so outstanding that you want puppies from her in the first place. Those are the traits you don’t want to lose. You then have to find a male who is not too bad where your bitch is good, but who can improve on traits where your bitch is not so good. That way you get something new, but don’t loose those traits you already have in your line. Don’t even try to look for the perfect dog to breed to, he does not exist, you will always have to make some compromises. All dogs have imperfections, maybe not desperate faults, but there is always something to improve. You have to decide which traits you want to improve, and you will have to put them in an order of priority. Then you hopefully get a big litter and you start to select the puppies. If you have a line-bred combination, as we almost always do to the extent it’s allowed these days, it’s much easier to predict the result. It’s also much easier to select the puppies from a line-bred combination. You recognize the puppies from your line instantly. It’s much harder to pick them from an outcrossed litter. You keep those puppies that have the from that combination. It’s much more difficult when you have an outcross and you did that to get specific traits like dark eyes or small ears. Then keep the puppies that have those traits. Otherwise you just diluted your line, and that’s not good at all. You have to realize that breeding dogs is a slow process; consequently a lot of patience and long-term planning is required.

My mother and I established a system for small-scale breeding. We select the very best bitch of every generation. She goes into the tail bitch line, and I call her the alpha-bitch. The alpha-bitch is bred several times, producing three or four litters to different males that are closely related to her. In this way the tail bitch line always stays linebred.

Again, we keep the best of that generation, another alpha-bitch, daughter of the previous alpha-bitch. If she’s the best daughter from three or four litters, she’s the best of about 15–20 bitches in that generation, because Greyhounds regularly get 9–10 puppies. Only that alpha-bitch goes into our bitch line. If she is bred to really outstanding, closely related males, she is very likely to produce at least one outstanding daughter. This can continue forever, then we also have to produce the males to breed to the alpha-bitch. For this purpose we select the second best bitch of each generation, called the beta-bitch. She is preferably a half sister to the best one. She is also an excellent bitch, but has been chosen to take a back seat to the alpha-bitch and will not go into the main bitch line. This beta-bitch is bred with an outcross male from a line that is strong where we are weak. As we breed on a small scale, the beta-bitch generally gets only one litter. If the outcross fails – OK, it was a failure and I don’t breed on from the resulting offspring. But if it succeeds, I use those males for my alpha-bitches. Thus, the bitch line has been kept closely linebred at all times, some nine generations by now. We outcross only the beta-bitch to incorporate wanted traits from other strains, but never risk ruining our alpha-bitch line doing so.
Deciding what offspring to keep:
We keep all the best bitches until we are sure about who really is the best. If we have five bitches in a litter, maybe two of them go away to home pets. We will keep on to the best two or three and make the final decision when they are 12–15 months old, or whatever it takes to be absolutely sure. We never ever keep just one puppy from a litter. This is absolutely necessary, because breeders normally have the experience to take better care of puppies and young dogs than puppy buyers. Consequently the ones sold to others much more often than not don't turn out to be quite as good as the ones you keep.

Your bitch can actually look better than its siblings who may be better genetically. You have to rule out the influence of the environment, to be sure that the end product is not shaped by the environment, but by the genetics. The ones we keep get exactly the same amount of exercise and they get the same food, so the difference between the puppies when they are fully-grown will depend on the genetic make-up. I feel this is the only way to make sure to end up keeping and thus breeding from the best.

Ever feel you are balancing on the DNA tight rope?

ON MENTORING

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“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

Benjamin Franklin
The 26th annual summer specialty of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Milwaukee was held at the Waukesha County Expo Center, Friday, July 25th. For the first time, our ring was located in an air conditioned building. Traditionally an outdoor show, we were so grateful that indoor rings were available this year, especially because last year’s show was held in heavy rain. Our show was dedicated to Fred Rigoni, who passed away in April. Fred and his wife Sue were long time members of the SCWTCGM and served as co-ring stewards for many years. Early in the day, the Club participated in the annual Meet the Breed, organized by the Combined Specialty Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. Meet the Breed gave us the opportunity to showcase our Wheatens and educate visitors about their characteristics.

**Sweepstakes: Louise Bishoff, of Seanacy Wheatens judged an entry of 6 (1-5)**

6 to 9 month puppy dog:
1st place - JNA Madderlake O Holy Knight

6 to 9 month puppy bitches
1st place - JNA A Christmas Story – Paige Won (CH Bryr Rose Shoot the Moon & JNA Madderlake Murphy’s Pride & Joy), bred by Jayson and Carrie Madderom and Nancy Andersen and owned by James and Nancy Andersen.

9 to 12 month puppy bitches:
1st place - Cela Just Call Me Maybe (CH Mackanme Foreign Affair V Bodasca & GCH Jendu Cela Everlasting Hona Lulu) bred and owned by Michele Lomax

2nd place – Mil Mear’s Accidentally Yours (CH Haldane Double Down & CH Mil Mear’s Kismet) bred and owned by Bruce, Monica, and Emily Kipp

12 to 15 month bitches:
1st place - Acacia’s Rosheen Milano

**Specialty: Mrs. Judith Franklin judged an entry of 19 (6-8-4-1)**

**SCWTC of Greater Milwaukee Specialty Critique: Judith Franklin**

First I want to thank all of you who entered the Specialty. As a whole, it was a very nice group of dogs for me to judge. I also want to thank the club members who work so hard to put on a nice show. Without you, there would be no shows - the legs that our sport stands on are breeders, exhibitors, judges AND club members who put on the shows. Your efforts are very much appreciated by the entire fancy.
The Wheaten breeders I met, impressed upon me the importance of the correct coat, as important as the correct Blue coat in Kerry Blues, which was one of the two breeds I started with. That lesson remained with me, and I have tried to pay close attention to coats. The first class, #11, 6-9 puppy, was a very energetic boy who always wanted to go a different way from his handler! He was a nice boy, but we'll have to wait a bit to see him competitive!

BBE Dog was absent.

The winner of the open class, #21, was a well-balanced solid dog, who showed himself nicely, and moved well, going and coming. I wish he had a bit more wave in his lovely-colored coat. The open dog did take WD, and the 2nd place open dog, #17, took reserve. He was a nice boy, just not quite as balanced as 1st place.

The 6-9 Puppy bitch class winner, #12, was a littermate to the 6-9 puppy dog, much like her brother, but she showed herself off enough to see her potential. It should be fun to see these two next year.

The 9-12 puppy bitch, #14, was another nicely balanced girl, just needing some time to move all of a piece.

The 1st place BBE bitch had a lovely coat, a true silky, wavy coat. She was a bit longer than her competitors, but the beautiful correct coat won the day.

The Open Bitch class had three lovely girls, but #22, Winners Bitch had the beautiful soft, silky, wavy coat, and again, this won the points for her.

My Best of Breed class was quite nice, with 4 special dogs and 1 special bitch. All the dogs were nice sized, balanced decently moving, but #29, had substance and power, moved effortlessly, and showed himself to a T, earning the BOB. In a perfect world, I would give him a slicker coat, with some soft wave. The BOS bitch, 28, was smaller, and not quite as good a mover.

I wish there were more coats like #22, the Winners Bitch. I saw well-placed ears, for the most part, and 1 or 2 short fore faces, but overall, I found good heads. The same with movement - I wish more had well-made fronts, but most had decent movement.

Thank you again for bringing me such a lovely entry.

Judy Franklin
Embroidered towels were presented to Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best of Winners, as well as Best in Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes. Show leads were awarded to Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, while stainless steel buckets were provided to Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch. Plush toys were given to placements one through four in each class. Our entry was supported by the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America who provided Wendell August Medallions designed by Darcie Olson for winners of Best in Sweepstake and Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes, Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and Select Dog.

The day continued with a lovely luncheon graciously provided by the Rigoni family in Fred’s honor and members of the SCWTCGM. How nice to end the day reminiscing with old friends and meeting new! Conversation was most often focused on past shows and everyone’s favorite topic – our wonderful Wheatens. A big “thank you” to those who helped organize this year’s show; especially, Larry Larson and Geoff Bilda (ring stewards), Bette Eckstrom (publicity), Liz Roesler (Meet the Breed), Nancy Andersen (trophies), Suzanne Larson (raffle), Carmen Glazier and Carrie Madderom (hospitality).

Our specialty week-end continued with the Waukesha Kennel Club shows on Saturday and Sunday. The SCWTCGM supported the entry on both days by providing rosettes to Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex.

Winners on Saturday under Judge John Bink were:
Best of Breed: CH Bryr Rose Phoenix Rising
Best of Winners, Winners Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex, and in the Bred by Exhibitor competition BBE and Group 3: Cela Just Call Me Maybe
Select Dog: CH Bryr Rose Shoot the Moon (CH Bryr Rose Nouvelle Vague x CH Bryr Rose Flower Power) bred by Carolyn Garrett, owned by breeder and Mrs. Bette A. Eckstrom.
Select Bitch: CH Cela Iota Be Sweet N’ Spicy
Winners Dog: Springsong Geragold ‘Round Midnight (CH Mil Mear Geragold Cowboy Up x CH Geragold Fury At Springsong) bred by and owned by Leonard & Roxanna Springer & Gerard Thompson

The winners Sunday under Judge Charles Olvis were:
Best of Breed & Group 3: CH Bryr Rose Phoenix Rising
Winners Dog and Best of Winners: Duidream Rogue Runner’s Escapades
Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Breed Owner Handled: Cela Just Call Me Maybe

Winners Bitch: Winterwheat Amber Blast
Select Dog: CH Bryr Rose Shoot the Moon
Select Bitch: CH Cela Iota Be Sweet N’ Spicy

The Burlington Wisconsin Kennel Club shows were held on Monday and Tuesday.

The winners Monday under Judge Jay Richardson were:
Best of Breed, Best of Winners, and Winners Bitch:
Acacia’s Samhill Gypsy
Best of Opposite Sex and Winners Dog:
Acacia’s Hawaiian Expresso (CH Acacias Farmer Expresso CD x Acacia’s Funny Lady) bred by Barbara & Ann Smith and owned by Barbara C. Smith
Select Dog: GCH Acacia Rosheen Samoset (CH Whindancer’s Heart Like A Wheel x CH Acacia’s Hot Lava) bred by Barbara Smith & Lisa Lopez and owned by Monica E. Hogan Adams & Gabriel C Adams.

The winners on Tuesday under Judge Judy Webb were:
Best of Breed: GCH Acacia Rosheen Samoset
Best of Opposite Sex and Winners Bitch: Acacia’s Samhill Gypsy

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Test Your Wheaten IQ

Answers to quiz on pg 15...

How did you do?

1. Occiput
2. Wry Mouth
3. Brick-Shaped
4. Expression
5. Type
6. Winter Nose
7. Blocky
8. Incisors
9. Rose Ear
10. Zygomatric Arch
11. Bite
12. Cheeky
13. Head Planes
14. Canines
15. Stop
16. Leather
17. Muzzle
18. Snipey
19. Dentie
20. Iris

OK, OK...I’ll find your Jimmy “Chew” Who names a shoe that anyway?
The SCWTCA, Inc 2014 National Specialty was another amazing tribute to the members, friends, and dogs of our club. Friends, some old – some new, came together for a wonderful week of fun and competition. From running agility trials, to showing their best in the conformation ring, owners, handlers, and dogs were in the best of spirits and made the most of what the week had to offer and definitely proved that a Wheaten is far more than … Just a Pretty Face.

Karen Mueller, this year’s show coordinator, was an amazing hostess for the week. Karen and her army of volunteers ensured each event went off without a hitch. We can’t thank them enough for their efforts in making sure we all had a wonderful time. With the exception of a little rain Saturday morning, the weather was perfect throughout the week.

For Thursday evening education, Cherie Turner enlisted well-known reproduction specialist, Melissa Goodman DVM, to discuss Stud Dog Management. New and seasoned owners came away with valuable information on the responsibilities of owning and breeding stud dogs.

The Hatboro Dog Club held their shows on Thursday and Friday (also the DelVal SCWTC Specialty) with breed judges Mareth Kipp and Margret Moeller-Sieber.

Additionally agility, rally, obedience, and barn hunts were going on around the area. Many thanks to all who worked so tirelessly to ensure those events were well organized and our Wheaties were well taken care of.

Agility trials were held at Palmyra, a wonderful indoor facility where 27 Terrier breeds came together to compete. Wheatens were well represented over four days, with 19 being entered, more than we’ve seen the last several years. The camaraderie among the Wheaten community was wonderful - making new friends, comparing training notes and trading ideas.

The ever popular wheaten boutique was a huge success Friday evening. This year we had many returning vendors along with some new faces; SCWTCGM, Ilze Barron, Maggie Foxmoore, Sam Kaufman, and many others. Following the boutique, a fabulous meal was served while we all enjoyed great conversations and meeting new friends. The adorable table decorations of wheaten chalkboards were hand crafted by John & Jan McKamey.
President, Gary Vlachos, led the awards presentation honoring many of our beautiful wheatens and owners for their achievements in 2013. Included in the awards, Molly O’Connell was selected for the very special Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award. Pam Mandeville received the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, and, Karli Mueller was honored as the Rescue Person of the Year for her amazing efforts with the Puppy Mill Rescue – a well deserved award.

In addition, Brittany Phelps was awarded Junior Handler of the year, and Sandy Russo with GCH Sundance Second Chance was #1 SCWT AKC National Owner-Handler Series Finalist.

As usual, Saturday was a busy day – starting off with a little rain in the morning - hairdryers were on full speed at Devon. By ring time, the rain had stopped and it was perfect weather for a show.

Then it was off to Sweeps where Bev McDonald had the task of judging 39 beautiful puppies. Best in Sweeps: Legacy Kalohe Summer Wind (6-9) (b) and BOS Sweeps was Reyem Hot Tin Woof (15-18)(d).

Congratulations to all the puppies, they looked and showed beautifully, with a few puppy antics thrown in to entertain the crowd! A huge thank you to Bill Behan and Gary Vlachos for the beautiful ring display of mums, pumpkins, kale and ornamental grasses.

Sunday was a perfect day for MCKC – with a little wind thrown in for good measure. It was sunny with a high of 61°. Richard Urquhart judged 106 Wheatens, including three Veterans. Best of Breed honors went to GCH Bryr Rose Phoenix Rising (d) with Best of Opposite to GCH Doubloon’s Extreme Play (b). Star’s Just Sayin (15-18) (b) was Best of Winners and Reyem’s Hot Tin Woof was Winner’s Dog/AOM. Select Dog/AOM went to GCH Reyem’s Saddle Up N Ride. Select Bitch/AOM went to GCH Raelyn J’Adore Eiffel, and AOM’s went to GCH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching (d), GCH Waterford Carnival (d), and GCH Wheatens Pride Buxx Bogart (Veteran Dog).

SCWTCA National Specialty Obedience High In Trial was CH Eringlo Uncanny Cashew CD BN PCD GN RA. Brains AND Beauty! "Luke" has both, representing our theme perfectly!... Not just a pretty face. Luke took High In Trial at our Montgomery Obedience Specialty with a 188.5 in the Open A class. He is owned by Bonnie Kanter and Cindy Shea.

Congratulations to all the award winners throughout the week.

The Motor City SCWTC put on a fabulous post show event Sunday evening. While the dogs slept, everyone enjoyed a wonderful buffet of pastas and salad finished off with decadent cupcakes. The hit of the evening was the door prize drawing with all prizes donated by the Motor City club. The week culminated in the drawing for the amazing raffle prizes – a special thank you to Bob & Genie Kline for the donation of the Dogs of Steel Wheaten garden sculpture and the original pottery platter. In addition – a big thank you to Terrier Toys for the donation of their gift certificate.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped throughout the entire week. It couldn’t be done without all the extra hands. Plans have already begun for our 2015 National Specialty and we are excited to have our own breeder/judge, Candy Way, judging our Wheatens.

So mark your calendars for the week of September 28th and be sure to contact our 2015 National Specialty coordinators, Julie Burdick and Mary Ann Curtis, to volunteer. We look forward to seeing you there!!!
Some Interesting Statistics!

Craig Jacobsen took advantage of the “melting pot” that is Montgomery KC to give us this “license plate pictorial” of how we all come together to celebrate our wonderful breed!

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Also a “hint” for next year’s theme!
2014 SCWTCA Award Recognition

Pam Mandeville
The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
Awarded to an active and valued member of SCWTCA who has made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs and embodies the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.

Pam Mandeville is a long time breeder who has a wealth of knowledge in both Wheaten breeding and health issues. She actively breeds and shows her dogs both at all breed shows and specialty shows such as Montgomery and Bucks. Pam is a mentor not only to the co-owners of her dogs, but to all those in the breed. Her opinion is highly sought out by members of the club, and she is more than willing to help and encourage others. Pam is actively involved in Wheaten health and spear headed the rollout of the Genetic Testing PLN program. She has served on many SCWTCA committees, most recently the Nominating Committee.

Pam also contributes to Benchmarks by writing The Devil’s Advocate. Whether you agree with her positions or not, Pam certainly makes you think. For these and other reasons too numerous to list, Pam was most deserving of the AKC Sportsmanship Award.

Pam Tinnelly

Molly O’Connell
The Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award
Presented for extraordinary contribution to the SCWTCA and the breed to a person who epitomizes the outstanding human qualities of Jan Linscheid.

From the moment I met Molly O’Connell 18 years ago, I knew she was a very special person. A true lover of Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers she welcomed me, a complete newcomer, into her home. She was eagerly willing to share with me her vast knowledge of everything from structure and pedigrees to grooming and showing. Over the years I have watched her do this same thing with countless others she has brought into the fancy. Molly’s vast knowledge is eagerly sought by seasoned breeders as well. I have literally seen her eyes light up when she spots an exceptional puppy in a litter. The promise of a lovely puppy in the Wheaten gene pool, even if it is owned by a competitor, is a thrill for her.

As the consummate teacher, Molly has worked with 4-H clubs, taught Canine Good Citizen classes, and has worked with the CAP program.

The previous winners of this award are among the elite of our breed. I am thrilled to acknowledge my friend and mentor, Molly O’Connell, as the recipient of the 2014 Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award.

Kayce Healy

“The Jan Linscheid Fellowship Award was established in 1983, the year following her death at age 37. Her courage and integrity, her warm smile and enthusiasm for both life and the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier continue to serve as an inspiration to us all.”

Gay Dunlap
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**The Wheaten Ambassador Award...It’s All About Helping Others**

The Wheaten Ambassador Award generates great interest but unfortunately, there were no qualifiers for this year’s award. Let me share this brief experience and encourage members to rally their pet people and prepare for this important endeavor. Imagine a room with four classes of fourth graders and teachers, focused and engaged. As the therapy dog teams parade into the room, they settle into quiet pause. This happened today and the dogs that visited were retired from the show ring. The children were mesmerized and on their best behavior so they could see them perform and interact. These are your typical pet owners, the children of the parents who will contact you for dogs, and they want to participate. When we shared information on dogs breeds and types, the characteristics of our purebreds, they were fascinated. They are our future of the AKC and our breed clubs.

Information regarding the Wheatener Ambassador Award and how to enter can be found at [www.caninescando.com](http://www.caninescando.com). Therapy certified dogs are not created overnight. It takes time and work, talk to your pet owners about training pups from early introduction to AKC STAR Puppy, followed by the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program and ultimately consider giving back to others by becoming a certified therapy team. If you already know of someone on this journey encourage them to apply for the Wheatener Ambassador Award this year. It not only reflects positively on your kennel, it helps to make the world a better place.

Dorice Stancher, MBA, CPDT-KA Therapy Dog Evaluator and Handler
Sponsor of the Wheatener Ambassador Award
I would like to thank the club membership for allowing me the privilege of judging sweeps this year. I must admit that I did miss showing, but it is a great honor to be asked to judge. I saw some very nice pups that I am sure will be our next wave of Champions. Overall balance and outlines were very good. I saw very few bite issues and eye color was good. We STILL need a lot of work on movement and shoulders.

I would have been proud to be the breeder of both BIS & BOS.

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs
1st Canopy Road’s Luck Of The Noles - Very nice head & coat. Showed very well and held his outline on the move.
2nd Edgewood Motley Crew - Pretty coat but did not show as well as #1.
3rd Hooligan Knik-Knack Paddy Whack- He was a bit of a hooligan today. I am sure in time with training he will become a show dog.

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs
1st Diamonds Shape Shifter -Very nicely balanced pup with a pretty coat. Held a beautiful outline on the move.
2nd Star Orion The Hunter -Moved nicely, very nice outline. Like the coat on #1 better.
3rd Marchwind Dream Baby Dream - Nice neck and coat, needs time to mature.
4th Hollywood’s Back To The Future- Needs a bit more time to mature.

12-15 Month Puppy Dogs
1st Jendu Right In Time- Very nicely balanced pretty dog on the move with a nice outline.
2nd Windancer Harvest Moon- Needs time to mature and grow in his coat.

15-18 Month Puppy Dogs
1st Reyem’s Hot Tin Woof-Very nice balance. Showed very well. Looked great on the move, with a great attitude. He became my BOS.
6-9 Month Puppy Bitches
1st Legacy Kalohe Summer Wind- Very pretty outline and coat. Lovely length of neck. Showed very well, with a great attitude. Looked great on the move for such a young pup. **and was my BIS.**

2nd  Bradberry’s Born for Love- Would have liked to see a bit more neck but overall very nice.
3rd  Candance Sunny Skies At Jendu- A little bit bigger bitch that needs time to mature.
4th  Bradberry’s Vision Of Love- A nice, balanced puppy.
I wish I had more ribbons for this class.

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches
1st  Jendu Joyful Spirit-An elegant bitch, moved well and beautifully presented.
2nd  Honeywheat’s Devine Design- Again a very nicely balanced bitch but I like the coat better on #1.
3rd  Kaler Gimme Gimme Gimme - Would like to see a bit more neck and better coat.
4th  Marchwind The Girl Of His Dreams- Pretty coat, but a bit long in body.

12-15 Month Puppy Bitches
1st  Star Give It All You Got- Very nicely balanced. Moved well, but I would like to have seen a better coat.
2nd  Windancer Winsome Willow Moon- A bit longer in body than #1.
3rd  Star Shaken Not Stirred- A pretty bitch but I would like to have seen a better coat.

15-18 Month Puppy Bitches
1st  Honeywheat’s Over The Rainbow- Nicely balanced with best coat in the class.
2nd  Carrick’s Pollyanna- Nicely balanced but not as good a coat as #1.
3rd  Star Just Saying- Would like to have seen a nicer coat.
4th  Unique Beauty Una Kni-York- Pretty Irish coat coming in, just needs time to mature.

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**The Four Virtues Required For Judging Sweeps:**

*Patience*
*Ingenuity*
*A sense of humor*

Above all, a genuine love for the breed

Bev McDonald
The National Specialty. A beautiful cool but sunny Sunday morning which warmed up just enough. A good entry from which to choose the best. What more could a breeder/judge ask for? I again thank the members of the SCWTCA for giving me that wonderful opportunity. And, of course, a special thank you to my two stewards: Cindy Shea and Mary Yourich for their amazingly efficient organization of the “ins and outs” of the day and saving me a lot of unnecessary steps.

As I observed my final lineups in the classes and began the process of finding the ultimate lineup for BISS, I was pleased with what I chose. In some classes the first place dog was sometimes pushed by the second place. In the Best of Breed I had to let some dogs go which on another day I could have easily kept until the end. It was a very competitive last grouping and my final decision was not made until the final moments.

At all times I continually kept in mind my picture of the essence of our breed which is captured within our standards general description:

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is a medium-sized, hardy, well balanced sporting terrier, square in outline. He is distinguished by his soft, silky, gently waving coat of warm wheaten color and his particularly steady disposition. The breed requires moderation both in structure and presentation, and any exaggerations are to be shunned. He should present the overall appearance of an alert and happy animal, graceful, strong and well-coordinated.

That description is highlighted when the SCWT moves: Gait is free, graceful and lively with good reach in front and strong drive behind. Front and rear feet turn neither in nor out. Dogs who fail to keep their tails erect when moving should be severely penalized.

And of course the SCWT ‘tude is restated again: The Wheaten is a happy, steady dog and shows himself gaily with an air of self-confidence. He is alert and exhibits interest in his surroundings:

At the expense of leaving out a lot of past great moving SCWT’s who have clearly “owned the ring” just imagine the inestimable Kerry Blue Terrier, Mick, moving around a ring. If you don’t remember him or are newer to our wonderful breed then just look at our club’s own illustrated standard of a gaiting SCWT!

In the 6-9 Puppy Dogs all three puppies were nice and fairly comparable. The 1st place dog, Canopy Roads Luck of The Noles, took it as a result of a better neck to back transition with somewhat closer knit shoulders.

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The 1st place ribbon in the BBE went to the more mature Tyrone’s Revolutionary Road, who had good rear angulation, better tail set and kept his outline on the move. Although he seemed to be a little oversized, he just did not quite have the necessary elan to carry the day in the winner’s class. My second place dog, Star Orion the Hunter, pushed the first place dog, but could use a little better front end (which may improve with age).

My RWD came from the Open Dog class where I gave Whindancer Burning Down the House 1st place. He is a fairly square and well balanced dog with nice lay back and rear angulation resulting in pleasing movement. His undocked tail is not something I, nor does the standard, prefer but was willing to accept on this day.

**RWD: WHINDANCER BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE**  
Ch Whindancer Little Ball Of Fire x Ch Whindancer’s Hey There Delilah  
Breeder: Susan Ratliffe & Morgan Schild & Abby Kochan & Dana Meath  
Owner: Susan Ratliffe & Kirsten Shea

The 2nd place dog, Lovesong’s Racing the Dawn, was a well presented moderate and compact dog with a nice tail set who was just a little upright in his front.

As in the 12-15 dog class, for some reason I cannot find my dictated notes on the first two puppy classes, but went back to pictures to reconstruct my thought process in awarding at least the first two places.

In the 6-9 Puppy Bitches, either of the two could have gone first on any given day. Both were square and balanced with fairly nice neck to back transitions. 1st went to Legacy Kalohe Summer Wind, with a little more reach and drive and very much showing herself. She was also a little more feminine and elegant for this age. 2nd went to Banner Down in the Treme as I recall a somewhat more substantial girl.

In the 9-12 Puppy Bitches, both of my first two placements were fairly short backed but first place went to O’Mannion Greentree Heartbreaker who was bit cleaner coming and going. Kaler Gimme Gimme Gimme had nice ears and expression. I also recall Caraway October In the Pines, the 4th place dog. I loved her outline and balance. She could have easily taken the class if she had just been on her game when she moved.

The 12-15 Bitches class with Whindancer Winsome Willow Moon as a single entry. She is a nice leggy bitch who appeared somewhat long, but deserving of her 1st place ribbon.

The 15-18 Bitches produced my WB/BOW in 1st place Star’s Just Sayin, an elegantly square youngster with lovely ears, clean head and acceptable neck to back transition. She showed with a mature steady and happy attitude, which together with her somewhat more compact body overcame her coat to propel her to the BOW position.

**WB/BOW: STAR’S JUST SAYING**  
Ch My Dear Watson x Ch Star Hunters Dream Girl  
Breeder: Denise Daniel  
Owner: Denise Daniel & Diane Brus

The 2nd place bitch, Carrick’s Pollyanna, was also a nice square girl with a lovely head who because of a somewhat more upright front needed to show herself with a little more excitement about the day.

**BBE Bitches** produced my RWB in 1st place, Jendu Joyful Spirit. A nicely balanced, sound moving puppy with somewhat more butt behind her tail than the 2nd place Star’s Give It All You Got. Very nice representatives of the breed.

**RWB: JENDU JOYFUL SPIRIT**  
GCH Sundance Second Chance x Ch Jendu Free Spirit  
Breeder: Dana Barton & Catherine Perron  
Owner: Dana Barton & Catherine Perron

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All of the **Open Bitches** were also of comparable worth and proportionally acceptable, 1st place went to Star Shaken Not Stirred with better layback and shorter back.

**My Veteran Dogs** were a delight. In fact I was extremely hard pushed to make a decision and I wish I could have sent them both to the Breed ring.

I knew I had seen the 1st dog (and an AOM), GCH Wheatens Pride Buxx Bogart (Buxx) giving him SD a few years back. He is a wonderful dog, square in outline, moves with good reach and drive while exhibiting a beautiful but doggy head with a big black nose and small well set ears. And of course he wears that glorious shiny coat of the home of origin, which was ultimately the deciding factor. He is a perfect example of how the preferred dock tail can give way to the undocked when all other elements are considered. Full disclosure: he has been used as a stud by Marquee.

The 2nd place dog, Ch. Trebol Top Billing (Banner), was a dog I also knew but didn’t realize it at first look. I began to suspect he was the same dog as I went over him and rediscovered why Marquee had also used him as a stud. He has one of the best front ends a SCWT can have. His lay back and lay in are smooth and clean. Although he is also a square and nicely balanced dog he appears to be shorter of back because of his lay back. At the same time I was amazed at how well he has aged. Both of these fully mature dogs also had the spring of rib and depth of chest that the breed requires. The two may be the perfect examples of dogs meeting the standard with two different styles. My thanks to owners who entered them and hopefully those watching appreciated them as I did.

My **Veterans Bitch**, Ch. Star of Mystic’s Last Dance, was a nicely proportioned and sound lady, with pretty ears and expression.

**BOB** went to Ch. Byr Rose Phoenix Rising who was pushed hard by the Select Dog/AOM GCh Reyem’s Saddle Up N Ride. Both were square, well balanced and well-conditioned, holding their outlines with confidence as they moved around the ring, but my BOB did it with a little more efficiency.

**BOB: GCH BRYR ROSE PHOENIX RISING**
CH Bryr Rose Nouvell Vague x CH Bryr Rose Flower Power
Breeder: Carolyn Garrett
Owner: Carolyn Garrett and Jeanne Ferris

**My BOS, GCH Doublon’s Extreme Play,** is a bitch I have had the pleasure of judging before, giving her the Breed in No. Cal a few years ago. I learned later that on this Sunday she apparently had a run in with a bee. She almost didn’t make the cut as she moved with her tail down, but her clearly high quality overcame that initial appearance and her tail began to indicate she was “moving on.” Also well-conditioned, carrying a lovely wavy coat, she has great layback and rear angulation and can cover ground with eye catching movement. She needs all of her focus to keep her balanced outline, for lack of better descriptive phrase, “above the ground.” She is what I would describe as an extreme bitch, but not exaggerated. She just did not show herself “gaily” and with the happy alert attitude that one expects.

**BOS: GCH DOUBLON’S EXTREME PLAY**
GCH Doublon’s Salt of the Earth x CH Doublon’s Ultimate Player
Breeder/Owner: Elena Landa
My SB, GCh Raelynn J’Adore Eiffel, was a short, compact, elegant, moderate bitch that stood out at all times, displayed Wheaten alertness with steady aloofness and covered ground with a wonderful sense of economy.

My other AOMs went to GCh Waterford Carnival and GCh Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching. The first is a very well balanced dog with the appropriate length of leg, rib cage and loin to allow him to cover ground efficiently, and the second is a study in moderation, displaying an acceptable layback and shortness of back, and although he could in my opinion use a bit more front and rear angulation, was also a dog whose quality could not be ignored.

Readers will note that except in a few rare instances I did not give evaluations beyond the first two places, and the evaluations are somewhat truncated, because to be brutally honest, as a breeder/judge I was not very impressed with the overall depth of quality in the classes. Because of that I had some difficulty in trying to approach this article. To me, a correct and competitive SCWT is not just a set of pretty ears on a nice head nor is it just a short back with a pretty coat with the “correct” number of alleles. It is not a number of parts, it is the sum total of its parts. For me, a good SCWT must appear, move and behave as a complete package if you will. Most importantly if a dog doesn’t have acceptable reach and drive while holding its full outline, nor come at you with clean parallel movement, nor go away without its hocks bending out or so close together that you can’t see daylight or perhaps don’t even see the pads, it doesn’t belong in the ring. And if a SCWT stands not only in the grass but also on the ramp without sufficient leg under it, then that SCWT isn’t going to be square in outline.

Perhaps this may be the place to mention that when a dog or bitch is extremely moderate in type, the SCWT attitude must also be very evident to make it stand out on any given day. This is especially so if its breeder’s interpretation of moderation as used in the general description means to breed dogs with merely average qualities, which I guess is acceptable. My personal opinion is that moderation is used as a verb and not as an adjective or noun. The dog that pushes the boundaries of moderation, yes, perhaps even extreme, can sometimes stand more aloof and quiet in the ring while they observe the events happening around them. The more moderate dog needs to really “own the ring” in order for his or her more moderate attributes to stand out as the best on that day.
A few critical observations. I mentioned on Sunday evening that I saw some light eyes. Because for the majority of the classes I had the sun coming from behind me, I initially thought that was a contributing factor. But on at least one occasion, I in fact, purposely leaned to shade the sun and still found it to be true. Although no one approached a yellow eye, they were pushing the “boundaries” of light brown, and that is not a good boundary to push because the eye is very much part of the expression, despite the veil of the correct fall. Coming from a line which has on occasion carried some good size ears, I was pleasantly surprised by the smaller ears I saw. Some heads tended to be somewhat “domey,” but I was pleased with the fill of most of the lower jaws, even where the head could have used a little more length. Although I saw a few bad bites and one slightly overshot, for the most part the bites tended to the level rather than scissor, which is acceptable under the standard but I personally prefer the scissor.

More importantly I found many front ends to be unacceptable. Some may call this fault judging, but in my opinion and experience the correct front end assembly is the hardest element of the breed to obtain and keep. And if it is lost, the essence of the breed, its type, disappears instantly.

The outline is often lost as the neck disappears, balance is also lost and even if the dog comes and goes cleanly, its reach and drive becomes stilted, pounding and/or pendulum like. I was consistently presented with a lack of depth of chest coupled with very little, if any fore chest and some plainly obvious upright shoulders. To be honest, I did not spend time trying to determine if the few who apparently had acceptable layback, but inhibited reach and drive were lacking an equal return of shoulder. Gay Dunlap spoke of loose fronts at the Roving and I commented on the same issue at NCTA a few years ago, but was willing to give age a consideration. I am no longer so inclined. I believe Cindy Vogels has noted a few issues as well and I believe other non-breeder judges have made comments on individual dogs with the “could use more” observation. My opinion: if you have such a dog and you absolutely have to breed her because of all the other redeeming qualities she may have then find the best front end you can. Don’t breed for some other part (other than the head) until you get that right.

I believe the following is an Annie Clark quote: “In any breed, the whole dog is hung on its front end. How the neck is set, how its topline is, all go to the front.”

Again, my thanks to the Club for bestowing a breeder/judge’s ultimate honor: a National Specialty assignment. And, of course, to the Club and the Show committee for the free meal on Sunday evening and the spectacular Wendell August commemorative platter. Despite my comments, which I sincerely offer in order to warn and hopefully to educate, I enjoyed the day immensely and will remember it for a lifetime.

Richard Urquhart

Friendship isn’t about who you have known the longest... It’s about who came and never left your side.

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GCH Lil’Town Fiddler's Lullaby Of Ardnacassa
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Beside winning BOB at Devon, Fiddler earned his Silver GCH. Now... Going for the Gold. He sired 9 puppies in May! Watch for Ava (Fiddler’s 5 month old daughter) Appearing soon...

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