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Meet Finn, CH Star’s Mr. Huckleberry Finnigan, having a glorious romp in the snow. Photograph taken by his owner, George Davis.
From the President

I always look forward to Montgomery! Living on the West Coast, I love experiencing Fall in Pennsylvania . . . gorgeous trees, rolling hills and cooler weather. Catching up with old friends and making new ones is a favorite part of the weekend. And then, there are our glorious Wheatens, the reason this weekend is so special. Congratulations to the winners along with their breeders and mentors. You all deserve to celebrate and who celebrated more than this year’s breed winner, Michele Connor as she raised her arm in a triumphant “fist pump” as she realized she had just shown her Veteran Dog winner, “Eiffel” to Best of Breed at the National Specialty!

Montgomery weekend has grown into “Montgomery Week” in recent years with the addition of Agility, Barn Hunt and Obedience. I had planned to go to Palmyra this year to catch some of the agility trials, but responsibilities at the hotel didn’t make it possible. Our previous Vice President Karen Mueller and current VP Lee Martin both attended the trials and gave glowing reports on the success of the Wheaten participants. Barn Hunt, held in Kimberton , was very popular as more and more people discover this fun activity. Our breed continues to excel in many sports in addition to conformation. To quote a prior Specialty theme . . . “Wheatens are more than just a pretty face.”

This year brought a change of location for the Hatboro Shows along with the Del Valle Specialty held in conjunction. I have to say the grounds were exceptionally beautiful, parking was easy with lots of space and there were several routes to the show grounds. I wonder if the Hatboro club will consider remaining at this show site given all the positive comments I heard from exhibitors and spectators.

Gay Dunlap and Cindy Vogels presented the “Ins and Outs of Puppy Evaluation” for our Thursday night education. Over a hundred people signed up to get tips from these long time breeders. This year we were pleased to offer the education program at no cost to attendees. I wanted to extend a special thank you to breeders Denise Daniel and Deb Van de Ven and their puppy owners for bringing a number of older puppies from the same litter to be part of the presentation.

In keeping with this year’s theme, “That’s Amore,” our talented coordinators Anna Marzolino and Pam Tinnelly arranged for a fantastic buffet featuring delicious Italian specialties. The table decorations featuring a traditional Chianti bottle gave the feel of dinner in an intimate bistro. Our annual meeting and awards presentation is a special part of the evening. It truly is an honor to present the awards to our members who have worked hard to achieve their successes. Many of them have put years into a breeding program to produce that Montgomery winner or years of training to achieve one, or in many cases multiple Performance titles. My congratulations again on your well deserved awards!

The SCWTCA Board on behalf of the membership was so pleased to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Nancy Butler for her dedication to the breed and her years heading up our Rescue Committee. Nancy is also a longtime breeder and exhibitor whose time in the breed spans decades!

Each year, the AKC offers the Outstanding Sportsmanship award to a club member who exemplifies the best qualities of good sportsmanship in our breed. This year we were very pleased to present that award to Denise Daniel.

Motor City once again hosted our farewell dinner on Sunday night. Their enthusiasm was contagious and in no time, the room was full of laughter and fun! The door prize drawing with prizes that are provided by the Motor City club is always a highlight and I’m thrilled to say that I was the happy winner of a new Wheaten embellished “hoodie.” Our specialty coordinators continued with their Italian theme with a great selection of pizza, pasta and salad.

I’d like to thank our coordinators, Anna and Pam along with the countless people who worked to plan the events and then make them happen. You all did an amazing job! I continue to be impressed by the talents of our members and

From the Editors

First, apologies for the hap-hazard format of this issue. Changes required three redo’s to obtain the best print pricing for the publication. Please remember deadlines are the 1st day of the previous month’s publication. None-the-less. We believe the content is excellent and hopefully valuable for you, our readers.
Another MCKC, another hurricane! At least this one only delayed arrivals. Such a disappointment to miss the breeder education; I heard it was an excellent symposium and well-attended.

Thank yous extended to Anna and Pam (and all those involved) who did an outstanding job of communication and organization. The updates on the website were really helpful! It was great to see old friends, meet new ones, and connect faces with names of people we work with on a regular basis.

December is another lengthy publication, but hopefully worth the size. In this issue we will meet our new Board members, summarize the changes to our Code of Ethics, and review the new Open Registry rules in Wheaten Health News.

In place of our Wheaten IQ this time, we focus on coat and presentation, with some good articles (a great oldie) and interesting commentaries and tips from long-time breeders/handlers.

Of course included are results from the Greater Milwaukee Specialty, Greater Denver Specialty, and in-depth coverage of our Montgomery weekend and the SCWTCA Annual Meeting, awards and Specialties...the rain, the mud, the cold, the sun, and, of course, the fun!

Helen Fraguela

So as the saying goes ... Another Montgomery is in the Books ... with all the wins, the glory, the crazy weather, the judging ... both inside and outside the ring!, the controversies, and of course the uproar over hotel etiquette or lack thereof! One take away for me was the message delivered at the after party by our Outstanding Sportsmanship Award winner, Denise Daniel. In addition to being a gracious winner and being the absolute personification of a good sport, Denise’s motto is ... “Be Kind, Be Honest, and Help Others Succeed”. Wow, that’s refreshing!

In a game where egos and competition often get overblown and turn longtime friends against one another, what a wonderful philosophy Denise espouses that we might all take to heart. Have you wondered why the dog hobby seems to be waning? Why new enthusiasts are few in number? Maybe we all need to look inward and question whether our actions could reverse that trend.

Think about your local clubs and exhibitors and ask...How welcoming are we to new people? How supportive are we to people trying to show their first dog? Ours is not a breed that you can jump into without some help, with the grooming required, and even the training of dogs that aren’t all born knowing how to be show dogs.

When you are on the other side of the equation as the new exhibitor, if you find a breeder who’s willing to mentor you, be grateful. The path to becoming successful is through learning from those who’ve been around awhile. Look at the advice given by those who have been in Wheaten since they were shown in the Miscellaneous class, they point to the comradery and advice of their fellow breeder, including Marjorie Shoemaker and Kerry breeder, Penny Belviso. Going along with the idea of helping others succeed, we’re excited to bring you opportunities for learning from the “Best” in this issue’s featured articles with advice from longtime Wheaten breeders, and professional handers who specialize in presenting a Wheaten to their best advantage.

So happy reading and the next time you encounter a new, or not so new Wheaten enthusiast, be kind, be honest, and we’ll all succeed.

Deb Van De Ven

“You DON’T KNOW WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW”
-Socrates-

Following our September issue, and the SCWTCSC critique by Shari Boyd, several people have asked about the references she cited from the SCWTCA Illustrated Standard. It appears that some of us are not familiar with, nor have copies of this critical and fundamental publication on our breed. It was produced by Gay Dunlap with illustrations by Jody Sylvester, copyright 1992, and is considered the most comprehensive and important reference piece we have as a graphic amplification of our breed standard.

For anyone who is “serious” about showing/breeding/grooming, this is a “MUST-HAVE” reference book.

Most of the material used in our “Wheaten IQ” is based on information found within. The price: $18 for members, $20 for non-members. Order your copy today through Kayce Healy at publications@scwtca.org
Meet Our New Board Members

Julie Burdick, Recording Secretary

My husband, Josh, and I live in Spokane Washington with our 11 year old son, 4 year old daughter, and our family of Wheatens. We quickly started a business, Play N Stay, a dog daycare and boarding facility. Once we had our son, my position moved from working at the facility, to working from home, doing the books, while getting to stay at home with Jacob and the dogs.

My life of training and showing dogs began in third grade when I joined a 4-H dog training group. My “practice dog” was a Miniature Poodle named Tiger. It was back then that I learned about behavior and the importance of a good temperament in dogs. After a couple years of training and showing in 4-H shows and many, many fun matches, I finally got an ILP number on Tiger so I could show him at AKC shows in Obedience. By seventh grade, I had put a CDX title on him and was working him in Utility work. At that time, my Mom decided I was responsible enough to have another dog that I could show in AKC Conformation and for my 13th birthday she bought me my first Wheaten Terrier, Dandydogs Worldwide Traveler CD. That was in 1985. Sadly, Travis ended up with a curly coat and was never finished in Conformation. After finishing college, I decided I was ready for my own dog and I bought Spencer, CH Touchstone Angel In Suspense CD. When I was ready to start breeding, I waited until I had a foundation bitch that I felt was the right one to start Burdigan Wheatens, she was CH Dubloons’s Finger Painting ROM, aka Frances. Frances earned her ROM in 2012 and is still with us today, living her life as a couch potato. At this time, I have bred 10 litters and have 16 champions that carry the Burdigan Prefix, with the hopes of many more to come.

Once I started breeding, it was time to join SCWTCA. Since joining, I’ve volunteered with various committees, searching for my niche in our club. I have helped with the Yearbook, the Calendar, MCKC Dinners, MCKC Co-Coordinator for 2015, Annual Awards, and now Recording Secretary. I am committed to giving back to the club and to the breed that I have loved for so many years. I am honored to serve on your Board. Thank you for trusting me in this position.

Kathi Elliot, Director

My husband Roger and I moved to the US from Canada in 1993 and became citizens in 2002. We own several marketing and professional motor racing related companies. We have one daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

We met our first Soft Coated Wheaten terrier in 2002. Two years later, we decided the SCWT would be an ideal family addition and we found 13 month old pet, Sanddollars Miss Personality, “Bree”. She became part of the family and once a year I would take her to a show to see Barb and Walter Bates, her breeders. Years later I decided that Bree should have a friend, so we purchased a puppy from Marilyn Stowell of Sho-Well Wheatens, Bentley. Roger really didn’t want a second dog and since he was a “car guy” maybe naming the puppy after a car would help. While waiting for this boy, I would say to Bree, “I am getting you a boy toy,” thus he became Sho-well’s Bree’s Boy Toy. I was talked into showing him, and what began as a few “fun” shows, was the start of a show career that lasted 5 + years with a professional handler, and then becoming more and more involved as the years went by...GCHS, CH, CDN CH Sho-Well’s Bree’s Boy Toy would have had a registered name that was at least grammatically correct had I known he would become a “real show dog”, and the sire of the first Ainle Wheaten. He was a multiple group winner at a time when it was difficult for wheatens to place in the terrier group. Bentley sired the 2014 AKC Eukanuba Breed winner GCHG CH, CDN CH Ainle Villanova Mouth of the South, “Gabby”, and the 2015 AKC Eukanuba Breed winner GCHB CH Villanova Blame It On The Bossanova. “Tyson”.

We went on to breed Gabby, and finished our first wheaten from the BBE class. Marlie and two littermate brothers were finished by 9 months old and all are still in the conformation ring, with GCHS CH Ainle Something To Talk About, “Bogie” receiving a RBIS in 2016 before he was 2 years old and is currently the #2 wheaten in both Breed and All-Breed standings. Four puppies from Gabby’s second litter began their conformation careers in the fall of 2016. Three will be Owner Handled by new owners.

I served two terms as President of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Tampa Bay, after years on the Board, and continue active in the Club. I have also served as Public Education Chair for SCWTCA for the past 4 years.
Dana Barton, Director

My love of dogs began as a child living in Spain. As an Air Force family moving every few years, keeping pets was restricted to small poodles. My Mother and sisters learned to groom their poodles and when they returned to the states, began grooming dogs for a living. Going to dog shows was a weekend activity for the family. My father encouraged us to participate in the sport to keep us "off the streets" as teenagers. It wasn't long before a client breeder from the grooming shop, where my mother and I worked, gave the family a Bearded Collie for Christmas. We family showed Beardies for a few years and during that time, I became interested in Wheaten Terriers. The owner of the grooming shop owned and showed Wheatens. I learned to trim, show and love the breed. In 1984, I purchased my first Wheaten, Jenny from, then, Gay Dunlap.

I formed a partnership with Gay to show and later co-breed, until she decided to go out on her own. As my mentor, Gay taught me the history and essence of Wheaten type. Gay's passion for the breed instilled the importance of purposeful and thoughtful breeding decisions. Through much of the 1990s, our long distance partnership produced many AKC Champions. Unfortunately, the breed took a devastating blow when PLN/PLE was discovered in a major stud used by all of the breeders at the time. As a result, I neutered my foundation dog, CH Jendu Anti Up. Taking a step back and carefully breeding to "clear" the bloodline, I acquired a puppy from one of her Dog's littermates and Elsa was born. Glenamon Bjorn Free of Jendu. At the same time, I purchased another foundation bitch from Bev McDonald to bring in the European bloodlines into my breeding program. These two Bitches, were the new foundation of Jendu, named after my first Wheaten, Jenny do. Since then I have formed a new partnership with my spouse Cathy. Together we have bred and shown Jendu progeny for 10 years. We continue to strive to retain the heath of these pedigrees while always looking forward to regaining the "type" once achieved by my long time mentor.

In Memoriam: Donald Arthur (1936-2016)

The Wheaten world lost a true friend with the recent passing of Don Arthur. He and Gwen were one of our breed’s great partnerships, making their mark in both the show ring and in rescue.

Don was born in Livingston, Texas, on November 13, 1936. He served in the Air Force from 1957 to 1961 and graduated from the University of Texas in Austin in 1964, earning a degree in civil engineering. His long career as an engineer took him all over the world. He and Gwen were married on June 5, 1976. They became interested in Wheatens in the early 90s, joining SCWTCA in 1992. CH Legacy Caraway Ltd. Edition ROM (Shelby), born in 1996, was the foundation bitch for their Ltd. Edition line.

Most of Don and Gwen’s many champions were owner handled. Although his declining health kept him out of the show ring in more recent years, Don was an accomplished handler in his own right. Their Grand Champion Ltd. Edition Dempsey’s Legacy (Dempsey) brought great joy in Don’s later years in the sport. A multiple specialty winner, he finished under Gay Dunlap at SCWTCNC in Northern California, garnered wins at specialties in Denver and St. Louis and most notably, winning Breed at Hatboro and Select at Devon on Montgomery Weekend 2011.

After being diagnosed with lung cancer, Don, ever the loving and unselfish man, saw to it that Gwen held onto a particularly promising pup, knowing she would need the promise and joy of that lovely pup through the difficult times to come. He lived to see Ltd. Edition Who’s The Regal One (Tiffy) win the Breed from the Puppy Class at the St. Louis Specialty Weekend with Gwen handling, and finishing homebred Champion Ltd. Edition Pocket Pistol (Peppy) that same weekend. Tiffy would be their last "keeper" together. It is clear their breeding program graced the designs in Don and Gwen’s heart with a fitting final flourish worthy of the exemplary Wheaten fancier and man that Gwen would agree made it all possible.

Outside of the show world, Don and Gwen had a tremendous impact on the breed through Wheatens In Need, which they founded in 1998. More than a thousand discarded Wheatens have been placed in loving homes thanks to WIN, and that is perhaps their greatest legacy. Don’s battle with cancer ended on August 7, 2016, when he passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Special thanks to Sandra Amorosia, Jon Caliri and Paige Marko for their assistance in writing this article.
Celebrating Long Life

“DAISY”
10/10/99—5/17/2016

Sheryl Menacker and her family adopted one of my puppies, Winnie, in 1990 and when she died of protein losing nephropathy in 1999, they adopted another puppy, Daisy.

"She was such a sweet, loving, good dog for our family since that time. Very good natured, loved other dogs, and, even more, loved our family, eventually including our grandchildren. At 16-1/2, Daisy suddenly became ill and had to be put down. She was a little old lady who, like most little old ladies, loved to eat and take naps. She was fine until she suddenly suffered a couple of grand mal seizures. We took her to VSEC, the emergency care center in Bucks County, where tests showed she had a large abdominal mass and the vet surmised she had cancer that metastasized to the brain, causing the seizures.

Our two wonderful girls graced our household for 25 years. Daisy lived a full, happy life to age 16. These Wheatens were more than pets, they were members of our family. Our children both live in Atlanta, so Daisy traveled there many times with us, most recently this past October. As a matter of fact, our love of SCWT’s extended to my daughter and her husband, who had two Wheatens, which traveled with them to Philadelphia from Atlanta for their wedding in 2007, and both walked down the aisle as part of the wedding party. They since have been loving buddies of their children.

Thank you for the gift of these wonderful companions and family members. I just wanted you to know how much love and joy they had given us over the years. We miss Daisy very much already.”

Emily Holden

Happy Birthday Seniors!

“SAMMY”

CH Lonestar’s Order of the Phoenix
9/30/2002

Now retired from stud service, Sammy continues to live a life of luxury as he always has. Sammy was sent out with Shari Boyd at about 1 1/2 years old and was returned to me five weeks later with his championship. His many offspring have done well in the ring, just as he did. He is the Sire of Jolie, Ch. Doubloon’s Ultimate Player. Upon the demise of his Border Collie sister Sophie several years ago, Sammy has a 1 1/2 yo PWD sister for a playmate. At 14, he can keep up with her, although this is usually followed by a good nap.

For a 14 year old kid, he is actually doing amazingly well. He is a bit hard of hearing these days, but responds well to hand signals and clapping. It is really easy to sneak up on him. The upside to the hearing loss is that he doesn’t hear thunder anymore (fear of which was taught to him by Sophie). We just love this little dog. He is so very sweet and pleasant and good natured. He has become quite the Mama’s boy these days. A real testament to good breeding and the resulting disposition.

When not going to the office, he loves to ride in the truck, play with his sister, chase squirrels, sleep and otherwise guard us.

Peter & Sammy
Raleigh is our 1st Wheaten & 1st show dog. He’s 14 1/2 now and does pretty well for his age in spite of some eyesight and hearing loss. He is very special to me and my husband. In fact, Robert always says that Raleigh is the BEST dog he’s ever had, perhaps because they’re both opinionated and alpha like... LOL!! He’s full of personality, very smart and has that Terrier confidence for sure. He exuded that confidence and attitude in the conformation ring and made showing fun & easy for me as a novice.

We also did agility and herding together. He got bored with the herding after a while, but always loved agility, and although he was very good at it, we never went after a title. My husband travels a lot and when he comes home Raleigh jumps up on him wagging his tail, then barks at him as if to be chewing him out for being gone so long, he would repeat this behavior several times, then nothing but kisses!!

He’s been an “only” dog at times and also shared us with other Wheatens. He’s been through a couple moves and helped me get through Breast Cancer treatments. Raleigh will always be our very special Wheaten!!

I would like to end with an expression of gratitude to Jody Sylvester, Nona Mansfield & Gay Dunlap for their faith in me as a newbie to the breed and welcoming me into this Wonderful World of Wheatens, where I’m still enjoying my journey and the many friends I’ve made along the way.

Owners: Cheryl & Robert Johnstone, Breeders: Nona Mansfield & Gay Dunlap

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Jackie Gottlieb bred Connor’s litter with temperament foremost in mind. She knew what she was doing. Connor is steady, fun and calm. We call him our Zen dog. He is guaranteed to lower anyone’s blood pressure- human or animal. He is the quintessential gentleman- stately and mannerly. He still sits tall and proud whether on the couch or in the car, placing his back end on the armrest, window sill, or whatever gives his rear end some elevation.

He finished his championship at 10 months of age, going BOB over specials. He was too calm to be a special, unless a bitch in season was in the ring. He is the sire of 11 champions, consistently throwing his beautiful head, long beard and temperament. When a bitch in season would come to visit, he was so gentle with them. As he was our first stud dog, we assumed all dogs spooned with the female after a breeding.

He loves to body surf. He walks out in the ocean, turns around, looks back at the waves approaching, and rides one in. We have no idea how he learned to do that! He walks 1-2 miles every day, always stopping to smell the roses. He is a little hard of hearing, occasionally a little stiff when he first gets up, but is very healthy. We are especially grateful for this as Connor is not only 13, but a homozygous positive (two marker) dog with a UPC of 0.1.

Connor loves birthday parties! When one of our dogs has a birthday, we put on their party hats, set them up to the table, sing, and give them each a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Connor wears his party hat as long as he can. He does the same with his Halloween costumes, his University of Utah football jersey, and especially his beloved flashing reindeer antlers.

He is my husband’s best friend and literal co-pilot. If I leave the passenger seat in the RV, it takes Connor a few seconds before he is sitting there, tall and proud, with his backside on the armrest! We love our special boy and hope that he lives until he is almost 17, just like his dam!

Susan Jacobsen
Many years ago as a fledgling breeder to Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, I was presented with a challenge of perspective on breeding type in the Soft Coated Wheaten. The question posed to me by one of the bedrock breeders of our community was this: "Do we breed for a Wheaten that looks good in coat, or a Wheaten that looks good 'wet down?"

That question has been an integral part of my approach to the Breed since!

My answer to the question of body type with or without coat was simple. We breed for body type "wet down." Our Standard describes body type as it is, not as it appears with coat. You can take a tall, rangy dog, and fill in the spaces with coat and make him seem balanced. But is this what the Standard is asking us to do? Is this in keeping with the purpose of the Breed?

I find as I judge, I have become more focused on the origins and purpose of the Breeds set before me. What good is a timid terrier? In an actual working environment, we would remove it from the ranks; this also goes for one lacking the strength of muzzle to dispatch its quarry, or the body and bone of insufficient strength and substance to take on that very tenacious quarry. I could go on. Each terrier in our group has unique criteria that were determined by its originators to enable it to do its particular task.

We tend to forget in our artificial environment of the show ring the purpose of our breeds and focus more on the visual appearance of them. An example of this argument is the Smooth Fox Terrier and its Wire counterpart. For years these two breeds were shown as one breed but of two varieties. Indeed it was not uncommon to have litters containing both. The breed separated as two distinct breeds in 1985. When you read the standards for both, you will see little difference in the essence of each. Why should you? Same breed, two different coat types.

Fast forward 31 years. If one were to stand ringside of both, one might get a similar picture in the exhibits. It's upon closer examination that you start to see and feel the differences. The Wires, for the most part, are not as robust in their bodies. Ribs not as sprung, loins marginally longer. Certainly, a difference in headpieces, muzzles, can be felt. A Wire with a fuller muzzle will start to appear thick and coarse to the eye. Over the years we have seen a subtle but discernible refining of the Wire's muzzle give it the right "look." Basically, we fill in with the coat! Now before I get skewed by those that can show me examples to the contrary, I am speaking of a general drift in the type of the breeds and not of particular dogs! Is this movement in type mitigated by its original purpose, or by how it will be perceived in the show ring? Which muzzle would best take on its quarry? Which body type will have the strength and stamina to fulfill its' task?

When I look at the Wheaten Terrier, I see a moderate terrier possessing many of the hallmarks of its working terrier counterparts. Our dogs, however, were owned by the working farmer, not the landed gentry. Our Wheatens had to perform many tasks beyond that of going after vermin. They had to be of a balanced structure to move about the farm the entire day without tiring. Not necessarily the first one around the ring, but the one who can go around the ring the most! Robust in body with adequate bone and muscle to fulfill the many tasks of the farm that would be expected of it. Of course, the Wheaten had to be tenacious enough to take on vermin when asked, but steady enough to move into less "high wired" tasks set before it.

Now, what about that coat? Indeed, the Wheaten of proper body type will appear thick and stuffy in a fuller, cottony, or curly coat. The only way to make the image more palatable is to trim the coat excessively. The taller, rangier dog can carry this mantle more successfully as it fills in the spaces as I mentioned earlier.

I have often thought and have shared with other breeders over the years, that in the initial days of our Breed in the States, we were attracted to and liked the look of the fuller coats. Certainly not coats that were too cottony, or coarse and wiry, but more abundant. We were willing to sacrifice silk and sheen for this Abundance. After all, it certainly groomed up better for the show ring! Perhaps
our mistake was our interpretation of the term abundant. Abundant as compared to what? If I refer again to the origin and purpose of the Wheaten, I see a farmer that would want a coat abundant enough to protect from the elements, but not so profuse that it would bring home every burr and thistle on the farm embedded in it!

When we as breeders divorce ourselves from the origin and purpose of our breeds and fall victim to the process of the show ring, we do a tremendous disservice to our sport as it was intended to be. I was once told by a consummate breeder/exhibitor, and now judge: "You don't go to the prom in a house dress!" My reply, to him years later would be: "A prom is once a year, a home is forever."

The Importance of Proper Presentation

By Gay Dunlap
Breeder/Judge

From the very beginning, my heart was in breeding, putting together pedigrees and producing beautiful Wheaten with consistent breed type. The show ring was an adjunct activity, a means to an end, and the process through which one proved ones' worth as a breeder of quality dogs. It didn't take me long to realize that, if I wanted to play with the "big boys" in the show ring, I needed to "up my game." I would arrive at shows early in the morning and stay till the very end, watching how the professional handlers presented their dogs, trying to emulate them. It wasn't long before I was competing with the best. But it wasn't simply about my aptitude as a handler.

In those early years we realized, especially those of us who were closely connected to Marjorie Shoemaker, that she had very artistically set the pattern for the Wheaten Terrier's trim. She taught us exactly how to create it (using thinning shears, primarily) to present a dog that looked neat and tidy but, at the same time, natural. It was Marjorie's trim that really set the bar high. Those of us who were able to put this trim on our dogs, were the winners, time and time again. It was almost impossible for us to lose! It is important to note here, however, that there was a selflessness among us; we were willing to teach anyone who asked and wanted to learn. The problem was that not all were capable of achieving it. I referred to them as "those who look but cannot see." Some resorted to using professional handlers. But most professional handers botched the trim unmercifully! I have personal history attesting to this. My foundation bitch, Ch Innisfree's Anne Sullivan, shown by a professional handler, won the breed's first Best In Show. The picture of this remarkable and historic win has seldom been seen because her trim was so dreadful that I can't bear to look at it!

I fear that, today, the beautiful presentation, created by Marjorie and brought forward by the "old guard" is in danger of being lost. Many of our handlers are using clippers on the sides of the face and neck, as well as the chest. Rears are also being shaved and testicles exposed, creating what I call a "baboon butt."

Instructions for presentation of the Wheaten Terrier clearly state that the length of coat should gradually blend in every direction, creating a more natural look...as though it grew that way. I am saddened that this natural look is becoming a rarity in the show ring. And further, that the "natural look" is often misinterpreted, with many of our dogs looking either unkempt and ragged or else blown dry, with no semblance of wave to their coats. It is, admittedly, a lot of work to create a beautifully presented Wheaten, but certainly much less than that required of the Poodle exhibitor!

Note: All trimming should follow the contour of the dog; i.e., body coat should curve in rather than to resemble a curtain. Beards should be kept in proportion with dog...not excessively long.
The essence of breed type can be defined as how the various parts of a dog come together with the requisite temperament to make a breed unique.

Part 3 - Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Coat and Color

In my previous two articles on SCWT type, I described proper silhouette and head properties. This article will not be a primer on Wheaten coat (that might be a chapter rather than an article*); instead, I will attempt to explain the relationship between proper coat and breed type. In other words, what coat factors contribute to the uniquely Soft Coated Wheaten "look."

Our standard states, “An abundant single coat…. Texture soft and silky with a gentle wave.” Color is described as “any shade of Wheaten” and goes on to describe guard hairs of different colors and the characteristic darker mask. However, there is a range of acceptable coat textures and colors. In fact, while still remaining “typey,” many Wheatens go through continual changes in coat and color. In an attempt to categorize coats, breeders often use the terms “Irish”, “American”, “Continental”, etc., but I will attempt to discuss coat without geographic designation. Too often the terms are used pejoratively, and coat texture and color are controlled by heredity not birthplace. Geographic differences in coat variations reflect selective breeding.

I will discuss coat and color separately, but the two actually go hand in hand. Proper color generally reflects (pun intended) proper texture as the requisite shine is due to the quality of the individual hair shaft. (For an excellent discussion of this phenomenon, see “What Makes for Colors and Coat Texture in Yorkies,” by Janet Bennett. Benchmarks, Volume 7, no. 2, Spring, 1979)

Both the AKC and the FCI standards will be quoted as well as the SCWTCA Illustrated Standard; while we must adhere to the requisites of the AKC standard, the FCI standard represents the edicts of the country of origin – Ireland. To view the standards, go to www.akc.org , www.fci.be. For a copy of the Illustrated Standard, go to the SCWTCA website at www.scwtca.org.

"The most desirable coats are soft, silky, abundant, wavy, and single. Maureen Holmes, in her book, “The Soft coated Wheaten Terrier, (“Printed by Racmo, Meppel;1991Page 152-153) sums it up well, stating, “coat…must be soft and silky to the touch, wavy or curly. NOT Coarse…. "The coat must have body and be shiny. IT IS NEVER TO BE WOOLY. "Thick, white, wooly, straight hair or stand-off coat are serious deviations as is a frizzy coat." Since the American standard states the coat is to fall in “gentle waves,” I take exception to the inclusion of the word “curly” in describing the ideal coat. In fact, in the original Irish standard it was specified that coat “…if curly, curls must be large and loose.” (Redlich, Anna "The Dogs Of Ireland. Dundalk, Ireland; Dundalgan Press 1949, page 166) Note that Mrs. Holmes uses the word “body.” “is important to our discussion as the amount of coat Wheatens carry has a tremendous impact on their appearance. While Mrs. Holmes goes out of her way to decry overly abundant coats, thin coats where skin is readily visible are equally faulty. One key factor is undercoat. Ideally, the coat is single and abundant. Some dogs do carry single coats throughout their lives, while others start out with undercoat which intensifies during adolescence and then dissipates with maturity resulting in single coated adults. It’s remarkable that such divergent puppy coats actually mature into very similar adult coats. 
“The American standard mentions guard hairs only in the color section, but in the past, many adolescent Wheatens’ coats contained harsh guard hairs (the infamous “dead reds”). Today, many dogs sport coats where any guard hairs which do appear are soft, so this is the ideal for which we should be striving.

Unacceptable coat qualities include: coarse, wooly, frizzy, and/or plush. All of these factors produce a “stuffed animal” look. An overabundance of coat is caused by the presence of undercoat and produces a look that is foreign to correct breed type. On the other hand, too little coat is as faulty as too much coat. To be typey, Wheatens must be well-covered with coat. All the standards and amplifications agree on this.

Adult Wheaten coats must never be straight or tightly curled. Fortunately, the fashion of blow-drying (and even ironing) of Wheaten coats has been replaced by air-drying which enhances the coats’ natural waves. While “straight” is pretty self-explanatory, a distinction should be made between “waves” (gentle undulations) and “curls” (ringlets). Any sign of kink in the coat is particularly offensive.

I see the breed coming full circle in terms of coat quality, and if there can be any semblance of a silver lining behind the ominous kidney cloud, I think the rash of imports have not only improved coat quality, but also re-adjusted our eyes to the look of correct and typical coat.

We can only hope that just as it has become nearly impossible to finish a Wheaten with a curly, frizzy coat, in the future the other undesirable coat qualities (harsh, wooly, over abundant, straight) will become nearly extinct as well.

Our (American) standard calls for “any shade of Wheaten.” The FCI standard is a little more specific stipulating color must be “A good, clear wheaten of shades from light wheaten to a golden reddish hue.” In the American standard amplification proper color is described as “…any shade of Wheaten from pale gold through warm honey” (Illustrated Standard, page 26). Sometimes proper coat casts a platinum-like sheen.

Mrs. Holmes refers to this phenomenon saying, “over this [coat] is a ‘silver sheen’ characteristic of the breed.” (Ibid. page 152.)

Correct color should be thought of as falling within a range of acceptable hues. "The American standard amplification reminds us, “Very deep color in a puppy does not always predict strong adult color. Color change continues throughout the life of the dog. “The hairs are often banded. Closely observed, the Wheaten is not a solid-colored dog.” Illustrated Standard, page 26)

Both the American and FCI standards go into detail about puppy coats. However, the FCI describes newborn puppy colors which would be nearly, if not entirely cleared by the time they entered the ring. Our standard devotes a paragraph to the color transition some coats make between 6 months and two years of age. While we still do see many Wheatens’ coats which go through the described transition, increasingly, many do not. Most importantly, coat color must always be warm and reflective which is dependent upon proper coat texture. (See above). Again, proper coat texture creates correct color; you will never see ideal color on an improper textured coat as it will not carry the requisite sheen.

Mrs. Holmes is quite adamant in stating “coat color…must have a warm GOLDEN hue NOT yellow…Brown is a colour that is NEVER mentioned or allowed in a WHEATEN…No black or gray is allowed in the adult coat, which includes the head.” (Ibid. page 153) She singles out the head because it is not uncommon to find grey shading, allowed on ears and muzzle, spilling over onto the head. She goes on to say…”A white or pale coat must also be penalized.” (Ibid. page 153) I would take exception to faulting a “pale” coat. If it has shine and is not white, I would call it acceptable – far more acceptable than a dull, oatmeal or grayish hue.

Historically, trimming has been a point of contention both here and abroad, but presently I don’t consider it a problem here. A general discussion of presentation is outside the parameters of this article, but it can affect breed type when improper presentation creates an uncharacteristic look. While the FCI standard still allows for untrimmed dogs (which is rarely seen abroad), the American standard only describes trimmed dogs, cautioning that “Dogs that are overly trimmed shall be severely penalized.” Wheatens’ coats should never be cut as close as our Kerry Blue cousins, but,
most often, when dogs appear to be over-groomed, it is the by-product of poor coat quality not overworked scissors. As noted above, the cessation of blow-drying and ironing coats has greatly contributed to the uniformity of proper wavy coats seen in the ring today. **Can an otherwise excellent Soft Coated Wheaten with a bad coat be considered excellent? No!**

**Can an excellent coat make an otherwise mediocre Soft Coated Wheaten excellent? No!**

Proper coat is only one important component and must never be championed above the whole dog. Accompanying photos depict ideal coat color and **"For an excellent in depth discussion of coat, see Kickie Norrby’s “Evaluating Coat in the Wheaten Terrier”. Also, note color photos of Wheaten Terrier coat in Maureen Holmes’ book "The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, pages 155 & 156!**

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**Welcome New Open Registry Members**

**December 1, 2016**

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 was to publish information on confirmed cases of genetic diseases in Wheaten and to maintain health and genetic records for SCWTCA-sponsored research.

The Open Registry lists dogs affected with Protein-losing Enteropathy/Nephropathy, Addison’s Disease, Renal Dysplasia or Irritable Bowel Disease.


For a complete list of Open Registry members, email [kccarlson@comcast.net](mailto:kccarlson@comcast.net).

Alexandra Taylor & Martin Cowart
Leslie DeMattia
Kathleen & Peter Gottschalk
Gina Iannuzzi
Eric VonGodenschwager
Reginald Martin
Evelyn McAdams
Marcel & Patricia Tremblay
Coat & Presentation

In order to maintain a wheaten terrier in the best show coat I brush out once a week and bath and brush also end of week. I never brush a dog without spritzing them with water first, otherwise you risk breaking and tearing the coat. When I bathe I always use conditioner and rinse well. It is very important not to leave any shampoo in the coat and on skin. I think it is also important to have an open mind to change shampoo and conditioners as needed since dogs go through coat changes, as well as the conditions they are living in.

I do not use leave-in oils or conditioner as my dogs run in a huge yard, and the leave in conditioners act like a magnet for all the dirt my dogs always manage to find. It then rubs on the coat like a Brillo pad and ruins all the work you previously put in. I also do not blow dry every time they are bathed as it tends to dry out the coat.

My favorite products include #1 All systems and also use Dove conditioner or #1 All systems conditioner. It is important to change it out and not use the same product for a long period of time.

For trimming tips I would recommend that you never do an exaggerated cut, blend-blend-blend. A statement that was told to me when I was learning to trim left a lasting impression and I refer back to it a lot: “You will not learn to be a good groomer until you take the dog too short.” That way you will not be afraid to take the length down where needed. Always use a mirror when grooming your dogs. Observing the trims in the ring also helps you develop your own eye on what works and what doesn’t for you. Practice on non-show dogs to learn the various coats, and it also gives you the freedom to take it short, leave it long or find that happy medium. Always finish with someone moving the dog for you and taking a look at how the coat flows.

For a less then an ideal coat It would be beneficial to try different shampoos and conditioners to work with the off coats. The harsh and curly coats respond better to straight scissors versus the standard thinning shears. The very thick coats I have found need extensive line thinning with a good pair of thinning shears. I recommend you refer to Gary Vlachos’ grooming seminar papers. Do not be afraid to experiment with those types of coats, it’s the only way to learn and a lot of fun. DO NOT FORGOT TO HAVE FUN!!!!

Elena Landa

Survey Says...

We asked some of our top exhibitors and handlers the following questions:

1. In order to maintain a Wheaten Terrier in the best show coat what bathing & conditioning schedule do you recommend?

2. What is your preferred product line? Do you have favorite products within this line?

3. If you were to give a couple trimming tips based on the Wheatens you’ve campaigned or those you’ve see in the ring, what would they be?

4. For less than an "ideal" Wheaten coat do you have any tips? For example a harsh or crispy coat?

With class dogs we are showing, we try to maintain a weekly bath, with conditioner; and trimming. We find hair is much easier to maintain, and it just looks and works better when even on weekends we aren’t showing, we still prepare them once over a weekend just as if we have a show, bathe, dry, trim as we would for a show.

I have always been a fan of crown royal biovite shampoo, and crown royal bodifier: added to water spray bottle for styling. Sydney has introduced The Coat Handler shampoo and conditioner. Both are great, I’m addicted to the smell of the crown royal.

Trimming tips are hard to explain.

A few things that come to mind ... I try to remove anything that distracts from my square balanced Wheaten shape. We often get addicted to really nice hair, but too much hair detracts from that outline. One of my pet peeves is the underline, get down to eye level to see the underline for trimming. And remember blend, blend, blend. Everything should flow... not stick out.

I look forward to see everyone else's answers for this question. For coats that are too thick, using the thinning shears to thin out the coat is what I was taught. I find it effective to thin all lumps/bumps and having the hair lay down. For curly, crisp coats, other than maintaining the hair and making sure the hair is in good condition, there isn't much more you can do. Hope to finish their championship quickly.

Shari Robinson
In order to maintain a Wheaten Terrier in the best show coat bathing & conditioning schedule is as follows:

We are very fortunate being in the area of the country that we live and we have an excellent climate on our side. We have just the right amount of humidity and I know this because of the different geographical areas and different coat types we’ve had to come to over the years. Sometimes dogs will come and the coat is like straw and broken and 8 weeks later completely different. It is not unusual that we will get calls from clients when we send dogs back to their homes, comment on the texture, softness, lushness of the coat. The strongest point I can make is clean hair grows. In general, show dogs in our care get a bath and blow dry every four days. That is what works here for us. You need to take into consideration, your coat type and your climate.

As far as our preferred product lines;

We really do mix it up but we make a plan for what the coat needs to make it to its best possible. My most consistent go to is Pantene products. You have to be careful though because of the amount of protein. It will build up and then you need to cut it with something clarifying.

A couple trimming tips based on the Wheatens we’ve campaigned or seen in the ring;

1. Our standard calls for square, create a square.
2. Always blend the coat from short to long short to long, short to long....EVERYWHERE.
3. In people’s efforts to “create” butt, they end up making them look like they have a load in their pants. Sorry, it’s the best way I can describe it. Always be mindful of where you hip point is and trim it, not below it.

For a less than "ideal" Wheaten coat, for example a harsh or crispy coat? A straight or too curly coat? A coat that is too sparse or too thick?

This is hard without seeing the coats specifically and having some time to work on them and see if you get results. For harsh, crispy, curly and thick my first thought would be conditioning and a little different plan for each and trying different conditioners/oils for what is being addressed in the coat. With any of these, there is no quick fix. It’s trying some things. Make your plan, work your plan and the key is being consistent. The biggest factor in good hair is genetics. Do your research and breed for the very best you can get to and it may take a few generations. Also we are huge on diet. What you put in comes out in behavior, in health and in coat. Feed the right diet for your dog and see what differences you can make.

Gwen Meyer

To keep a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier in show condition I bathe my Bryr Rose Wheatens every two weeks. If I’m showing I always bath and blow dry my Wheaten the day before a show. I want them to look their very best.

My favorite products are very simple. I really like Burt’s Bees products for shampooing. It cleanses the coat without harsh chemicals. It’s very natural. In between shows, I condition their coats. Again it’s basic and natural. I rub 1/2 t of extra virgin olive oil, in my hands to warm it up. Then I lightly go over the entire coat. Running my hands in an upward direction on the leg furnishings and with a foreword movement, starting from the back (tail) to neck on the body. I also use a bit more oil in an upward motion on each side of the body and of course on the head. Then I brush upwards all over the coat and then down, so it really gets into the coat. It’s a wonderful natural conditioner. Just don’t use too much at a time, or your dog will be oily. You can always add a little more the next day if you feel that your dog needs it.

Grooming tips... I pray that people buy a puppy from a reputable Wheaten Breeder. That Breeder should be able to help teach a new buyer how to groom a pet. Also provide your pet person with a grooming chart. If it’s a show potential puppy, the Breeder should be willing to groom the dog for show, and help teach the buyer steps in handling a dog. Also, suggesting that they take the pup to handling classes. If the dog is to be shown by a professional handler, then they need to have long conversations with their handler, so they know what is expected of them. Keeping them in condition and mat free is a must. Handlers have their own way of grooming and doing things. It’s important that everyone is on the same page.

I started out with a Soft, but very curly Wheaten. Back in the 80’s I don’t think that judges were all that educated on Wheaten coats. I would blow dry my Penelope’s coat completely straight. No curls. Her coat was easy to sculpt so she looked super. I have had some Wheatens with abundant coats. There’s an easy solution ... Thinning scissors. Get underneath the outer coat and start thinning. The key to not leaving scissor marks is, don’t close the scissors all the way! I’m always so surprised that so many breeders don’t know this trick. Well, now you do! You don’t want their coats chopped up with scissor marks. Not a good look! I see a lot of that in the show ring, unfortunately. As far as crispy, flat or dry coats, I’ve never experienced that. I would think the thinner and wispy the coat, the more difficult to make your dog look correct. The Standard asks for an abundant wavy coat. In saying that, I see lots of dogs groomed more like Kerry Blue Terriers. Clippers should never be used on a show dog! Not even the ears. Use thinning scissors. Around the feet and under their pads I always use a curved ball point scissor. Best of luck!

Jeanne Ferris
In order to maintain a Wheaten in show coat, before getting to a bathing schedule, I find it a great deal of importance to properly brush and comb daily. As for bathing, that will vary on a number of factors but every other week should be a minimum.

With regard to a particular product line, I have no preference and different coats will have different needs.

A trimming tip I might advise would be this: The Wheaten is a moderate breed in form and presentation. Exaggeration in either should be shunned.

Tips for less than an ideal coat, such as harsh, crispy, straight or curly would be to strongly weigh whether to enter such dog in a show as the standard is quite clear on ideal coat. It is this standard that the dog is to be judged to.

Shari Boyd

December Question:
From your experience of campaigning top ranked dogs can you share a grooming secret that you or your handler used to make your dog stand out among the competition?

I was not a good groomer, I just had good coats, and good friends who helped at the last minute. My dogs looked better when they did nice finishing for me. my “pfc” coats, as Marjorie labeled them, were not easy to trim, and I never seemed to have scissors who obeyed. my advice re coat: quality diet.... all my dogs got the same diet, and it was high protein. Each got a half an egg every morning along with kibble and a little cottage cheese, at night it was a supplement of raw ground chuck, and fish oil. One thing I found out from my experience with welsh was that if I put babies on a puppy lead at 6 weeks, they didn’t fight that strange thing around their necks, truly enjoyed a fast trot in the great outdoors.

Jackie

Different coats will benefit from different Conditioners. To keep a coat in top condition, mist it and comb and brush it {DAILY}. It is not possible to get a coat in condition if you only do it just before the show.

Ilze Barron

I feel the biggest mistake people make when preparing coated dogs for the ring is to not put them on the ground and then you can see what they are really like. Remember they will look quite different once they shake and move around.

Cindy Meyer

The coat must be worked on every day. brushing spreads the oils throughout the coat and weekly baths, and twice during a show weekend, are a must. natural sea sponge to gently wet the coat makes a difference, and wheat germ oil added to the daily diet adds sheen to the coat.

Sue Goldberg

When I started in Wheatsens, my mentors were as raw as I was. We would find a product or brush that was good for the hair and we would share the knowledge. Penny Belviso was one of the most skilled people when it came to hair. She was a Kerry breeder but a very good friend and mentor to Marjorie Shoemaker, Gay Sherman Dunlap, Janet Dalton and many of us who had top winning dogs in the last century. Basically, we would work, and there were many dogs in the ring with a similar look, forcing the judge to find the best dog under the fur. Key word...CONDITIONING!

Emily Holden
This year has been an active one, with changes to Club By-laws, the Code of Ethics and the Open Registry. Although all changes have been announced on various websites, I thought it a good idea to revisit the latter two in terms of how each impacts the health of our dogs.

**Code of Ethics (COE)**

Please see the following chart on the next page, comparing the old COE and the current one.

Perhaps the change that most impacts how we report on the health of our dogs is the one concerning eye exams. In the past the breeder/owner had dog’s eyes examined by a certified canine ophthalmologist and immediately received results of that exam. At the owner’s discretion, those results could be sent to CERF, or the breeder/owner could keep the document in the dog’s file. With the new COE, those results of breeding stock must now be reported to CAER (Companion Animal Eye Registry), and they will be listed on the dog’s OFA (offa.org) website. The age of examining dogs’ eyes has been clarified as well.

**2 (e)(ii)** The eyes of breeding stock are examined by a Board-certified ophthalmologist and registered with Companion Animal Eye Registry (CAER) (a division of OFA) prior to the first breeding and a minimum of every two years thereafter while being bred; live dogs whose semen has been frozen are tested until age 10. Only dogs with CAER/OFA eye certification may be bred.

Another testing update appears in the next item. Because research is constantly finding new and better testing, suggestions are given but not dictated in the new document. Previously, a member of SCWTCA was required to use the urine protein/creatinine ratio test. That test is still recommended, but others may be used in its place as well.

**2(e)(iii)** Breeding stock undergoes annual blood testing and urinalysis, including testing to determine proteinuria, such as the Microalbuminuria (MA) test, the urine protein/creatinine ratio (U P/C) test, or the E.R.D. Health Screen. For the most current testing recommendations, go to the SCWTCA, Inc. website.

Of great interest is the addition requiring the PLN-DNA testing for the variant gene allele in breeding stock. Some dogs do not require the test as the results are already known due to the parents’ DNA results. Those exceptions are listed.

**2(e)(iv)** Breeding stock is also tested prior to the first breeding for PLN-associated variant alleles with three exceptions:
1. A dog whose sire and dam have both been DNA-tested as homozygous negative as the dog can only be homozygous negative.
2. A dog that is the result of a breeding between a DNA-tested homozygous negative and a DNA-tested homozygous positive need not be tested as the dog can only be heterozygous.
3. A dog whose sire and dam have both been DNA-tested as homozygous positive as the dog can only be homozygous positive.

What I would like to emphasis is that this is a breeder’s tool, not a test whose results will be monitored by the Club.

It is understood that neither SCWTCA nor this Code of Ethics makes any requirements regarding how these results are utilized.
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Membership in the Open Registry is no longer a requirement of membership in the Club. This change is a result of Dr. Littman’s retirement and the difficulty found in updating the Registry. Originally we hoped that another person— even a volunteer—could assume this role, but Dr. Littman made it clear that it would be a very difficult position to fill. She wrote, “It is very time-consuming because of the need to follow up on the documentation of the diagnosis, to interpret all the medical files from local vets and rule out other causes of the illnesses, getting the permission slip signed by owners/co-owners, and getting info on sire/dam, DOB, DOD, etc. So it’s a complicated task and I’m amazed that we got this done as well as we did in the past.”

While the Open Registry will be maintained and available as a historical document, its information is not current. It should still be useful for researchers, encouraging them to work on the other problems we see in Wheaten, such as PLE, IBD, Addison’s, and JRD. People new to the breed may find it valuable to their pedigree research. New membership is available for the lifetime fee of $15. It continues to be password protected as promised to those who have submitted testing/results on their dogs.

**Letter From Dr. Meryl Littman**

Recommendations Concerning Protein-Losing Nephropathy (PLN) in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers

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1. I recommend having each dog’s DNA sample tested for the PLN-associated variant alleles at Dr. Paula Henthorn’s lab at Penn Vet. The results will help you know the individual’s risk for developing PLN in its lifetime and help you with decisions about breeding partners.

   a. The information about how to submit DNA samples (cytology brushes for cheek swabs, samples of whole blood or semen) is found at www.scwtica.org/health/dnatest.htm.

   b. Dogs with homozygous positive genotype (2 copies) have the highest risk of developing PLN, dogs with heterozygous genotype (1 copy) have an intermediate risk, and dogs with homozygous negative genotype (no copies) had the lowest risk of developing PLN during their lifetimes. Any breed dog can develop PLN, which can be due to infectious, inflammatory, neoplastic, toxic, or genetic influences.

   c. The current effort is to choose mates for dogs so as to avoid producing homozygous positive dogs. Since the allele frequency is high, culling heterozygotes is not recommended since it would lead to loss of genetic diversity in the breed and possible future (other) genetic problems. Thus, healthy dogs that are carriers of one or two copies should have mates that are homozygous negative, so that puppies will be clear or heterozygous at most.

2. Every healthy Wheaten should be screened (blood and urine tests) annually for changes that might suggest the genetic predispositions for the breed (PLN, protein-losing enteropathy (PLE), Addison’s disease, renal dysplasia, etc.). There are no genetic tests yet for these except for PLN. Dogs that are carrying one or two copies of the PLN-associated variant alleles should be checked for proteinuria more often, perhaps 2-4 times a year, especially after age 3 years. Dogs that are sick should have a thorough work-up.

   a. Annual recommended screening usually involves urinalysis (SG, dipstick, sediment), either microalbuminuria or urine protein/creatinine ratio (UPC), CBC (complete blood count, to check for cytopenias, eosinophilia), metabolic biochemical screen (Chemscreen, including creatinine, BUN, albumin and globulin. If any tests are abnormal, further work-up is advised.

   b. If proteinuria is found or suspected, interpretation must be made regarding urine pH, sediment, if the sample were taken post-ejaculation, post-prandial, whether the sample was obtained from home or in the clinic, and whether the dog is hypertensive or on medication that could raise blood pressure measurement (eg, phenylpropanolamine for urinary incontinence).
c. If samples are requested for UPC determination, either for screening or to monitor PLN dogs that are on treatments, because of daily variability it is suggested that 3 samples (creatinine, BUN, total protein, albumin, globulin, Na, K, Ca, Phos, glucose, ALT, Alk phos, and cholesterol), and in tick-borne or heartworm endemic areas, a SNAP-4DxPlus or AccuPlex4 test. An SDMA test is also helpful to evaluate kidney function. A ‘minimal screen’ (less expensive) might include a urine SG/dipstick, blood PCV/TS, be brought in from home, collected each day (first morning sample is best) for 3 days, saved in the refrigerator, and brought to the vet so that equal aliquots (1 ml) of each sample can be mixed together and submitted as one sample, to get an averaged UPC determination. Daily variability can be as much as 80% for dogs with UPC of 0.5 and 35% for dogs with UPC of 12.0. Normal UPC is less than 0.2; borderline is 0.2-0.4, and greater than 0.4 is abnormal.

3. When a dog has proteinuria:
   a. It could be due to pre-renal, renal, or post-renal causes. Even if the dog is a carrier of one or two copies of the PLN-associated variant alleles, it should not be assumed to have PLN (renal cause) and will need a work-up, for instance to rule out urinary tract infection, tick-borne/heartworm disease, neoplasia, hypertension, and consideration of other causes for PLN such as amyloidosis, lupus, shigatoxin (raw meat diet), etc.
   b. Each dog’s diagnosis and management plan must be individualized. For instance, dogs with PLN should be fed a renal diet that is modified to be lower in protein and phosphorus. But if the dog also has had food allergies, inflammatory bowel disease, PLE, pancreatitis, skin or ear issues, then the diet also needs to be lower in fat and also hypoallergenic. There are specific diets that are recommended depending on the needs of the individual. Likewise, medications such as ACE inhibitors, antihypertensives, anti-thrombotics, omega-3 fatty acid supplements, antimicrobials, etc. are individualized depending on the dog’s test results and tweaked, based on monitoring over time. I have seen dogs with PLN live quality lives for much longer than in the past because we are screening for occult abnormalities and starting interventions earlier than we used to, when they can really have impact to slow the progression of disease. There are 8 recent IRIS Consensus papers concerning the diagnosis and treatment of PLN that I recommend. They are available on-line at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jvim.2013.27.issue-s1/issuetoc;jsessionid=55A453D9706C2FD288D76133300774F4.f04t01
   c. Since these cases can be very complicated, I recommend getting a consultation with a specialist near you who is Board Certified and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, with the initials ‘DACVIM’ behind their name. Your vet can recommend one or you can find one near you by going to www.acvim.org.
   d. After 41 years of vetting and a wonderful 38-year career at Penn Vet, I retired in July 2016. I am still travelling, speaking, writing, and giving on-line advice. If you want my opinion concerning questions about Wheaten or Airedale genetic diseases (PLN, PLE, inflammatory bowel disease, food allergies, Addison’s, renal dysplasia), Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, Leptospirosis, vaccinations, etc., or you want a consultation regarding a sick or healthy dog, you and your vet can still reach me at merylitt@vet.upenn.edu, however, my on-line advice is no longer free. Fees for ‘fast’ questions are $25-50 and consultations are $125-250, depending on complexity. Since I may be travelling, I may not respond to your emails as fast as I used to. I do hope you and your loved ones stay well so you can enjoy each other for a long, long time!

Take care. -Meryl
MCKC 2016...WHAT I LEARNED

Going to MCKC with no dog made this MCKC a different experience. Here’s what I learned…or re-learned…this year.

SCWTCA Specialty Coordinators Do it Right: This year was no exception to the annual post-weekend avalanche of well-deserved compliments for our Specialty Coordinators. Thanks to Anna, Pam and their team for making it a great gathering.

Other clubs’ specialties highlight how good our people are. Seven months ago my husband was asked to judge Kerry Sweeps at Hatboro. From that day until arriving ringside to judge, he heard nothing further from the club. Not a word. None. Nada. Zip. For all they knew, we hit the lottery and moved to Tahiti. I can’t imagine any of our team being so negligent.

Some of The Rest of Us Don’t: I don’t want to overly rehash the discussion about hotel manners. But…really? Do we still have people who, to put it bluntly, are pigs? Who can’t manage to stick a baggie in a pocket when they have their dog on a leash? Grow up…or stay home. We don’t need to lose a great host hotel because of you.

Some Judges Know What They’re Doing: Watching Maripi Wooldridge and Anne Katona judge was a breath of fresh air. From Maripi rearranging the ring providing youngsters with protection from rain to Anne insuring exhibitors and dogs were safe with every opportunity to show well when wind gusts threatened, they knew what was important. It extended to their judging procedure: thorough and efficient with no unnecessary re-exams just to prove a point.

The “Montgomery Glow” Applies to Everyone: The owners of a Glen bred by my niece came to their first MCKC and handled their dog to a Select at their national specialty. When they found us afterwards, their excitement was palpable…they’d done well in the big time.

That MCKC Glow never dims, no matter what you’ve achieved. Good friends in another breed with multiple BIS dogs in multiple countries took their current prospect to a well-earned BOB from the Bred-By class. Resulting from 8 generations of hard work, it was every breeder’s dream. They too, were dancing on air.

It’s Not About You: Good grief, some people need to get over themselves. There is no need for a disappointed exhibitor to say anything to a winner other than “congratulations”…at ringside or anywhere else. In another breed, a big fish in a small pond was so incensed at losing to the #1 dog, she didn’t stop at telling everyone ringside the judge had been paid off…she went on to accuse the dog’s handler of accosting her in the ring. Those bystanders who feel it’s up to them to right every imagined wrong, no matter how meaningless…oh, please. Everyone: rant and whine in private; your criticisms demean you, not the winner.

The Wheaten Ring: Those winning our top awards told the dog show story. Someone who’d bred specialty winners, was away from the sport for a few years and has returned to success as a handler and breeder. Another long time breeder-owner-handler producing frequent MCKC winners in her breeding program. An owner-handler who learned on her first show dog with the NOHS program now is placing in groups with her second. A talented all-breed handler now expanding into Wheatens. And…winning it all…a first-time, one-time owner showing her veteran.

What do they have in common? Start with a good dog, work hard and a good judge will find you. It puts the lie to those who see a rigged system in every win…or loss.

So the Wheaten ring was a reminder of the most important lesson of all: As always, it’s about the dogs.
BEAU
GCHB SUNDANCE MY BEAU'S A ROXSTAR

Our sincere appreciation to Judge Anne Katona for Beau’s AOM win at our 2016 National Specialty

Rockin` Along 🎵🎵🎵
Multiple BOB Wins
WD/BOW Morris & Essex 2015
AOM SCWTCA Specialty 2016
#7 Breed
#10 All-Breed

CH Mackanme Foreign Affair V. Bodasca x CH Sundance Order of the Irish Rose

Owned by: Cheryl Johnstone
772-597-5365
RoxStarWtns@comcast.net

Montgomery County Kennel Club, Inc.

Beautifully presented by: Tracy Szaras & Luiz Abreu
Dreams Can Come True

2016 SCWTCA National Specialty Best of Breed

Owner Handled from the Veterans Class

Eiffel is Owner Handled by Michele Connor  Bred and Co-owned by Jeanne Ferris
Eiffel
BISS GCH Bryr Rose Symbol of Paris

Thank you, Judge Anne Katona for making my dream come true!
GCH Bonney Bushel And A Peck CGC

"MACINTOSH"

Multiple group placing

Presented by: Amy Rutherford and Bonita Snyder

Bred by: Bonita Snyder & Vickie and Dave Gosnell
Owned by: Bonita Snyder

Bonney Wheatens

Bonita Snyder
bonwheat@aol.com
"Jett" Flyin’ High Over Montgomery!

GCH GREENTREE SAGE'S MAGICAL ENCHANTRESS

Multiple BOB and Group placing
AOM, 2016 SCWTCA National Specialty
#5 all breed (9/16)

Thank you Judge, Anne Katona, for recognizing this special girl!

Owners: Sandy & Frank Russo & Beverly & Kevin McDonald
Breeders: Beverly & Kevin McDonald

Sandy & Frank Russo * 954-651-4504 * natures@bellsouth.net
It's Beginning to look a lot Like Christmas!

CH HARBOUR HILL A CHRISTMAS STORY

"GUINNESS"

Harbour Hill a Toy Story "Buzz" x CH Harbour Hill Atas EVOO "Olive"

Multiple BOB and GW weekend winner
Watch for him in the specials ring in 2017

Guinness is owned by Alla Bezkrovny and Susan Sakuye

Harbour Hill
More Stocking Stuffers from Harbour Hill

NEW CH HARBOUR HILL THE FIRST NOEL

Owned by Gregg & Dominique Sakauye

Beautifully presented by Jorge/Susie Olivera (and S. Sakauye)

Introducing.....

HARBOUR HILL DECK THE HALLS

Holly joins littermates CH Harbour Hill The First Noel GCH Harbour Hill Double Dog Dare CH Harbour Hill A Christmas Story CH Harbour Hill Christmas Cookie in the winners circle

Co- bred by Jeanine Flavell

Susan Sakauye
ssakauye@aol.com
805.967.0953
EngCh. Abiqua Wild Jack of Hearts
Am/EngCh Starlight Master of the Game x Ch Abiqua Wild Lace Effect

‘JACK’

Thanks to Shari Boyd for her expert handling

Thank you judge Kathi Brown for awarding 5 point major

- JACK has 3 challenge Certificates all with BOBs along with two Terrier group 2 placings from strong entries
- Jack began his American Tour Montgomery weekend and did not disappoint
- Winning his class all 4 days
- Awarded Winners Dog (Hatboro #1) and Res Winners (Devon)
- A beautiful square moderate dog, Fabulous Head, no exaggerations and a lovely coat and colour to match

Owners Laney and Gary
so proud of their boy

Barbara Bradford, Abiqua kennel wishing Jack a fantastic time in the USA

USA co-owner
Ann Leigh
Bogie's Biloxi Blues
GCHS Áinle Something To Talk About
GCHS Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching x GCHG Áinle Villanova Mouth Of The South

Bogie, #2 SCWT,* scores big in Biloxi... taking group wins all four days, including two "Biloxi Blues" (Group ones)

Thank you judges,
Group 3: Dr. Steve Keating
Group 1: Mr. Kenneth E. Berg
Group 1: Mr. Robert J. Shreve
Group 2: Mrs. Carole A. Beattie

Owned by: Linda Robison  Bred by: Kathi Elliot  Presented by: Brian Tuel, PHA

* all systems
Caramel Celebrates Her Sweet Sixteen

CH Marquee’s Trick or Treat

CH Gleanngay Daring Display (Dickens) X CH Marquee’s Spellcaster CD ROM (Morgan)

Breeders: Sonya Urquhart and Richard Urquhart
Loved and adored by Owners: Rose Rose and Dr. Arnie Spanjers

June 2015 at 15 yrs old
And Mckinley Goes “BRONZE”

Thank you, Amy Rutherford and her awesome team!

Thank you Judge,
Mr. Robert E. Hutton for McKinley’s "Best of Opposite."

GCHB Finley Denali High and Mighty

CH Harbour Hill Mike Delfino (Mikey) X CH Marquee’s Party Girl (MeMe)

Breeders: Rose Rose and Sonya Urquhart
Loving Owner: Rose Rose
rose.rose@comcast.net
MULTIPLE RESERVE BESTS IN SHOW
MULTIPLE BESTS IN SPECIALTY
MULTIPLE GROUP WINNING
GCHS BRYR ROSE MATISSE

Thank You Judge Mr. David Kirkland for this Group First!!

Owned by Edward J. & Janet E. Koharik, Jr.
Bred by Jeanne Pedersen Ferris • jpferris@sbcglobal.net
CH Lochlinear A Serendipitous Win

Brenmoor Bred By Exhibitor Award for accumulating the most points from the Bred by Exhibitor class during SCWTCA National Specialty Weekend in Oct 2015

Owned and exhibited by Pat Mullin

Bred by Pat Mullin and R & C Taylor.

Karma
BISS GCH CH Lochlinear Gleanngay Cha Ching ROM

Chip

Register of Merit (ROM) for producing 15 or more Champions of record

Top Sire in 2015 Gleanngay “Doc” Holiday Award for producing the most Champion get in 2015

LochLinear

Pat Mullin ~ pat@lochlinear.com ~ www.lochlinear.com
TWICE
GCH CH ROSHEEN SUFFERIN SUCCOTASH

GCH CH BLESSING ALL THE WAY TO THE MOON (LUPIN)
LOVED BY THE YORK FAMILY

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GCH CH BLESSING ALL IN THE FAMILY (MORGAN)
LOVED BY THE REID FAMILY

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KATIE

Lil'Town Katlyn Song Of Ardnacassa CGCA

Special thanks to handler Allison Sunderman

Carol Shaltz
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http://www.lil-townwheatens.com/

Winners Bitch Devon
FIDDLER
GCH Lil'Town Fiddler's Lullaby Of Ardnacassa

"Fiddler is so proud of his daughter"

Award of Merit Hatboro
Congratulations to Ike on his ROM from his kids at Saltnsea
(GCH Stratford Top Brass ROM X GCH Saltnsea Weaving Magic)

GCH Saltnsea Magic Over Andover

“Jackie”
- Multiple breed wins
- Group placing
- Top ten SCWT at 8 months after her second show weekend

CH Saltnsea Suzi’s Sunmeadow

“Sunny”
- Multiple breed wins
- Group placing
- Look for her daughter, Saltnsea Sandi’s Southern Belle, in the show ring this winter

Breeders: Jody Sikorski & Susan Jacobsen
Owners: Eric Taylor & Susan Jacobsen
Sunny is co-owned with Sandi Larsen (thanks Sandi)
Saltnsea

GCH Saltnsea Commander-In-Chief

“Lincoln”

-Multiple breed wins

-Multiple group placements

-BOS at GWTA under breeder judge Candy Way

-AOM at MCKC under judge Anne Katona

-Top ten All Breed and Breed points for most of 2016 with limited showing

-Steady, exuberant temperament

Loved and beautifully presented by Bobby Ott
Congratulations Molly O’Connell, Meg Ryan & Ike

Susan Jacobsen * susanj02@yahoo.com
Sundance Wheatens
Shines Bright National Specialty Weekend...

GCH Sundance’s Hot Surfer Dude CGC

MILO

Beautifully shown by Suzie Schafer

AOM National Specialty
Thank you Judge Anne Katona

AOM Hatboro/SCWTC Del Val Specialty
Thank you Judge Kerry Lee

Sundance Wheatens
sundancwheatens@gmail.com

Owned by Susan Wuerz and Juliana Mckamey
Bred by Susan Wuerz, Don Wuerz and Juliana Mckamey
Two New Champion Littermates

CH Kincora Tara Life In The Fast Lane x CH Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose

CH Sundance’s Lucky Rover

BOWIE

Winner’s Dog at National Specialty
Thank you Judge Anne Katona for this Esteemed Award

Owned by Susan Wuerz and Kerrie Rousey
Bred by Susan & Don Wuerz and Juliana McKamey.
shown by Jon Caliri

HOGAN

Thank you Judge Mrs. Loraine Boutwell for this lovely win that completed Hogan’s Championship

Owned by Susan Wuerz and Margie and Bob Murphy
Bred by Susan & Don Wuerz & Juliana McKamey
shown by Blake Hansen

CH Sundance’s Hogan’s Hero
SCARLET FINISHES HER SHOW CAREER WITH A
“BIG BANG”

GCH. LONESTAR A STUDY IN SCARLET

MANY THANKS TO “WATSON” & DENISE DANIEL, THE MANY JUDGES WHO GOT HER TO THIS POINT, AND ESPECIALLY MRS. ANNA KATONA AND HER AOM AT THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY!!!!!!!

BRED BY: Tom & WENDY NEILL & RAM PECKHAM
OWNED & LOVED BY: Tom & WENDY NEILL

* ALWAYS BREEDER-OWNER HANDLED
SCWT Champion and Performance Titles

June - Sept 2016

CH Ballybae Una's Keepum Keleigh
CH Bonney Antic Love Me Two Times
CH Bradberry's One Quintessential Love Story
CH Burdigan's She's Snow Flake CGC
CH Burdigan's She's Snow Flake NJP CGC
CH Canopy Road's Pasadena Rose
CH Canopy Road's Vixen At Haldane
CH Cela Nirvana Rocks Paradise
CH Cela Royal Hawaiian Night
CH Doubloon's Flying Solo
CH Doubloon's Playing For Keeps RATN
CH Edgewood Take On Me CGC
CH Eringlo Dancing Through Life VCD1 BN RN MX MXS MJX MJS
CH Eringlo Wild N Fast
CH Geragold Mill Mear Rodeo Diva
CH Geragold Poker Face BN CGC
CH Haldane Eleven Pipers Piping
CH Haldane Lightning's Hand
CH Harbour Hill The First Noel
CH Harbour Hill Wears Giorgio Armani
CH Julius Planus Parmigiano CGC
CH Katdancer Look At Me Scamper RN AX AXJ OF CH Kaylynn Murphy's Law Unto Himself RN AX AXJ CA RATM CGC
CH Keepsake Timtara Jedi Master
CH Kolohe It's Raining Sunshine
CH MACH2 Aran Twisted Logic MXG MJG OF
CH Marquee's Southern Comfort
CH O'lorcan's Mysterious Special Agent
CH O'lorcan's Mystery Writer's M.E. Confidante
CH Orla Geragold Knob Tipper CGC
CH Reyem's Diamonds And Gold At Exeter
CH Rosheen Happy-Go-Lucky
CH Saddlebrook's Rock'N New Year's Eve
CH Sam Hill's Check Yes Or No
CH Serendipity's Talk Of The Town CGCA
CH Star Cady O'Mull
CH Stratford Devil In Disguise
CH Vintage Sophie's Choice
CH Whindancer's Singing This Song For You
Dunfear's Live In The Moment AX OAJ
Dunfear's Live In The Moment NA OAJ
Dunfear's Live In The Moment OA OAJ
Edgewood Discovery CDX GN RAE3
Ellie Lynne Ulrich CGC

CH Goldkist Kisses Remy Garfunkel
GCH CH Saltseas Runnin' Down A Dream
GCH CH Mackanme One Love One Heart
CH Hion Be Still My Heart
CH Hion Be Still My Heart
GCHB CH Rosheen Sufferin' Succotash
GCHB CH Mil Mear Geragold Galilee RN CGC
GCH CH Mackanme One Love One Heart
GCH CH Mackanme One Love One Heart
GCH CH Mackanme One Love One Heart
GCHB CH Rosheen Acacia Go For Broke
GCH CH Rosheen Rise Above The Mist
GCH Bradberry's Schnitzel Maguire
CH Ellora Bastion
CH Whindancer's Heart Like A Wheel
CH Cuillinn Caislean Dundrum
GCH CH Cuillinn Leaving On A Jet Plane
Harbour Hill Toy Story
CH Pitterpat's Blue Bayou
Cameron Brilliant
CH Katdancer Ez To Look At
CH Trebol Top Billing OA OAJ NAP NJP
GCH CH Mackanme One Love One Heart
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower
CH Gleenagay Holliday
GCHS CH Lochlinear Gleenagay Cha Ching
GCHB CH Rosheen What's Up Doc
CH Whindancer's Sweet Baby James
CH Ellora Bastion
CH GH Stratford Top Brass
GCHB CH Rosheen Sufferin' Succotash
CH Whindancer Little Ball Of Fire CD
CH Aran Walks On Water
CH Orion's Ya Talkin To Me
CH Kincora Tara Life In The Fast Lane
GCH CH Lismore The World As I See It
GCHG CH Bryr Rose Phoenix Rising
GCH CH O'lorcan's Mystery Writer
Elielieah Star Of David
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CH Honeyee's Bye My Fair Whind
C Lou's Noah Lot
CH Ballybae Katie's Una
CH Bonney Follow That Star
CH Bradberry's Summer Fiona Lilly
CH Doubloon's Finger Painting
CH Doubloon's Finger Painting
GCH CH Canopy Road's A Star Is Bjorn
CH Canopy Road's Ipod Shuffle
GCH CH Jendu Cela Everlasting Hona Lulu
GCH CH Jendu Cela Everlasting Hona Lulu
CH Stratford Top 'O The Mornin'
CH Doubloon's Playing The Field
CH Edgewood Ruffian
CH Eringlo Playing With Fire VCD2 RE TDX MX MXS MJX MJS
GCH CH Eringlo Alwaz Lu'N To Race
CH Mil Mear Geragold Cowgirl Up
CH Geragold Seanacy Gilded Trebol
CH Haldane Colors Of The Sun
CH Haldane Little Black Dress
CH Harbour Hill Atas Evo
CH Harbour Hill French Pastry
Julius Planusarancina
Katdancer Matter Of Opinion
CH Reyem's Who's Under My Skirt
Timtara Keepsake Remember Me
CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
CH Aran Built A Betr Mouse Trap
CH Marquee's Sweet Home Alabama
CH O'lorcan's Mythical Irish An Scalai
CH O'lorcan's Mythical Irish An Scalai
CH Geragold Orla Finska Fiona
CH Reyem's Duck Duck Goose
GCH CH Rosheen Espressione Suprema
CH Saddlebrook's Pickapocket
CH Sam Hill's I Told You I Was Trouble CD RN AX AXJ
AX MXJ
GCH CH Marquee's Music Of The Night
GCH CH Star Bright Mystic Gal
Stratford The Ides Of Marge
CH Vintage Prairie Winds
GCH CH Whindancer's Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This
Dunfear's Sweet Sweet Spirit
Dunfear's Sweet Sweet Spirit
Dunfear's Sweet Sweet Spirit
CH Edgewood Manhattan Isle Chorus
Kelly Lake Frauline
Please remember to support Wheaten Health with your tax free donations.

Checks payable to SCWTCA Endowment.

Keep in mind the Open Registry is an important tool in our tool box as breeders. We need your continued support and participation.
The weather was perfect indeed, at this year’s summer specialties held on Friday, July 29 at the Waukesha County Expo Center. Temperatures were in 70s and partly sunny. And, hurray, no rain! Perfect weather for an outdoor dog show. For the first time we held two specialties in one day along with our puppy sweepstakes. And also for the first time, our show did not have enough entries to be a major win for bitches in either specialty and was only a major in dogs in one specialty. Disappointing indeed. Further complicating matters, one of our judges cancelled due to illness. Fortunately, Jay Richardson, who was to judge the Milshore Miniature Schnauzer specialty, graciously agreed to fill in.

Fiona, who owns Carmen and Herb Glazier, wowed visitors at Meet the Breed, which was organized by the Combined Specialty Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. Fiona was her usual charming self while allowing guests to interact with her. Carmen was there to answer questions and explain about grooming, temperament, and diet.

Our trophies included beautiful embroidered towels that featured the Wheaten outline, the club name, and the date of the win. Other placements were awarded mugs or toys. Puppies proudly walked out of the ring carrying their prized toy!

In between Specialty #1 (3, 4, 3, 0) and Specialty #2 (4, 4, 3, 0), the Club served light snacks. Exhibitors had ample time between shows to exercise and fluff their dogs and rest a bit before continuing on to the second specialty. Following Specialty #2, we offered a complimentary luncheon of sub sandwiches, salads, and cake. Each guest received a gift bag containing samples of dog goods and treats, a commemorative pen, a bookmark, hand sanitizer, and other delights. Participants spent time visiting with new and old friends while anxiously awaiting the results of the raffle baskets containing unique Wheaten items, wine, and other goodies.

A big “thank you” to those who helped organize this year’s shows, especially, Nancy Andersen (trophies and chief ring steward), Geoff Bilda (show chair and assistant ring steward), Carmen Glazier (Meet the Breed), Larry and Suzanne Larson (hospitality and raffle), and Liz Roesler (catalog sales). A special “thank you” to Jay Richardson for stepping in with only one day’s notice.

The competition continued during the all-breed Waukesha Kennel Club shows on Saturday (supported by the SCWTCA) and Sunday (supported by the SCWTCGM). Congratulations to all of the winners.

We hope to see you all again next year. Please share ideas on how to increase our entry next year. We would love to be able to continue to hold our show. Send ideas to Karen Bilda at bilda@sbcglobal.net.

**Judge Sweeps Specialty #1: David Miller (no critique)**

“Thank you very much for having me judge sweeps at your event. I truly appreciate having the opportunity to learn about your breed. Please extend my gratitude to your club members. I wish your club much success. Best wishes”.

**Best in Sweeps**
Tiffen's Mischief Maker (d)
Tiffen's Hot Shot x Tiffen's Jazz MaTazz
Breeder: Nancy Lynn Holland  Owners: David & Kathy Kaiser & Nancy Lynn Holland

**BOS Sweeps**
Cela Royal Hawaiian Night (b)
GCH Mackanme One Love One Heart x GCH Jendu Cela Everlasting Hona Lulu
Breeder: Michele Lomax
**Judge’s critique Splty #1: Jay Richardson**

"I would like to thank the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Greater Milwaukee for inviting me to judge one of the concurrent specialties. The club asked for my thoughts on the entry and to provide a critique.

I decided not to critique individual dogs, but address the quality of the overall entry. I found the quality generally to be average. This is a breed that should be moderate and square in outline. The majority of the dogs lacked that look as many were longer than they should be and some short on leg. I also found heads and eyes to be a concerning issue; often lacking the qualities highlighted in the breed standard. The standard calls for a head that is “rectangular in appearance; moderately long, powerful, with no suggestion of coarseness.” Within the entry, I found short, thick muzzles with broad skulls. Additionally, eyes are supposed to be medium in size and almond shaped, but I found the majority of eyes round and large.

On the whole, coats represented what one always sees in the breed: poor, cottony texture and lacking color. I would like to add that as a judge it is very easy to tell breeders and exhibitors what is wrong and where you need to do a better job. It is another thing to tell you how to correct it. This is a difficult breed to try to successfully breed. With all the health problems and limited gene pool, the breed lacks a real dominate sire to help steer the breed in a better direction. I admire the breeders who continue to strive to produce quality, healthy dogs as it is not an easy task in SCWT."

**Judge’s Critique Splty #2: Mrs. Janie Bousek**

I would like to thank the Wheaten Club of Greater Milwaukee for their hospitality and the exhibitors for their entries.

I have watched Wheats from the breed’s beginnings. I admired the Parent Club as they protected the breed from irresponsible breeding of the “new” breed. And the Wheaten ring at Montgomery County is always a sight to behold. It’s obvious that the breed has a loyal and active fancy.

My BOB winner was Ch. J’adores Lord Stanley Cup at Raelyn. He had enough length of coat to flow, a clean rectangular head, square body, good tail set and moved well. WB & BW going to Reyem’s Diamonds And Gold At Exeter a feminine bitch, within the standard size, square in body, good tail set, RWB going to Starlight Patience Is A Virtue. WD being Tiffen’s Mischief Maker, a balanced dog, a bit longer in back than WB, moved well, good attitude and clear coat color. RWD was Cela Nirvana Rocks Paradise a young dog with a good head and moved well.

In general, coats varied with the differences in age, and as with all the coated Terriers, coat condition is always a work in progress. Heads were clean in back skull with eye color and size much improved over the years. Bites were good. The entry being small, had a number of youngsters that hopefully will gain more confidence with time and experience. There was also some excessive gray in the body coat but no coarse or over size exhibits.

I want to thank the club for the invitation to judge their specialty.
**BOS/WB Specialty #1**  
*Cela Royal Hawaiian Night*  
GCH Mackanme One Love One Heart x GCH Jendu Cela Everlasting Hona Lulu  
Breeder: Michele Lomax

**BOS/BW/WB Specialty #2**  
*Reyem’s Diamonds and Gold at Exeter*  
GCH Stratford Top Brass & CH Reyem’s Duck Duck Goose  
Breeder: Gwen Meyer  
Owners: Cynthia Stokvis & Gwen Meyer

**SD Specialty #2**  
*CH Bryr Rose Starry Starry Night*  
CH Bryr Rose Noevelle Vague x CH Bryr Rose Flower Power  
Breeder/Owner: Carolyn Garrett

**SWEETEND AT A GLANCE**

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Sweeps, Judge David Miller |
| 8/29       | SCWTCGM Specialty #2 Judge; Mrs. Janie Bousek  
Supported Entry |
| 8/30       | Waukesha KC Judge, Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine  
Supported Entry |
| 8/31       | Waukesha KC Judge, Patrica V. Trotter  
Supported Entry |

**Day 1**  

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The day dawned bright and cool for August in Colorado and continued for the rest of the weekend. The Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club’s Specialty and all the shows that weekend were held at Island Grove Park in Greeley, Colorado, in a large, brightly lit, air-conditioned building with plenty of grooming space provided by the club. It is a lovely show site with plenty of green grass to walk your dog(s). Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes, Specialty and dinner were held at the show site. Nancy Butler (Trigo), judged a small, but high-quality entry. Then Kathy Clarke (Mansura/Kilronan), breeder-judge, handled the duties of class judging.

This year, the excitement of the Specialty day ended with a massive but brief wild wind and pounding rain storm. Fortunately, dogs and handlers were safe and sound and the bar was open for drinks. At the end of dinner, Bob Bergman, Club Vice President, provided a farewell to outgoing President and Sweepstakes Chairperson, Toni Wieland. Toni has been on the Specialty committee or the Specialty Chairperson for the past 9 years.

Next year’s plans are underway. We are planning two specialties on one day, Friday, August 18, 2017. This will provide everyone with the opportunity for four shows in three days. If the local number of litters that are being whelped is any indication, we will have a much larger entry to look forward to next year!

Patrice Chevalier

**Judge’s critique SCWTC Greater Denver Sweepstakes: Nancy Butler**

I want to thank the club for the opportunity to judge sweepstakes. Disappointing to have such a small entry but the quality was good. Good temperaments, small ears, good bites and dark eyes were very apparent in the puppies. It took them a few down and backs to settle to a good gait, slowing them down helped. It is always important for the youngsters to have a good ring experience for their future competition. Hospitality was wonderful and thanks to the club.

Best in Sweepstakes-A well balanced male beautifully presented, coat and color good

Best Op in Sweepstakes-Nicely moving both down and back, good angulation. Hard decision between Best and Best. Op

**BISS: LISMORE RETURN OF THE KING**
CH GCH Lismore McCormack’s Dragon Song x CH GCH Lismore World Without End
Breeder/Owner: Meg Ryan
BOSS: LISMORE NATIONAL ANTHEM
CH Tara I Get Around x CH GCH Lismore Catching Fire
Breeder/Owner: Meg Ryan

Best Veteran: HEIRLOOM HEY GOOD LOOKIN’ RN
CH Heirloom Heartsong Look N’See x CH Heirloom Tots Tige In A Shoe MJB OF CDX RN MX.

BOV: ROSHEEN ACACIA JACK FROST
Windisle Don Hugo x CH Acacia’s One Hot Mama
Breeder: Melissa Lopez & Barbara Smith
Owner: Coral Samuels & Melissa Lopez.
NO PHOTO

Judge’s critique SCWTC Greater Denver: Kathy Clarke

I had a small but lovely entry of class dogs and bitches.
My winners dog was moving a little better than my reserve dog that day.
WD Heirloom Dancing Moon
RWD Lismore Return Of The King…No photo

I had some lovely young girls who just need to have more maturity. My WB was a nice well moving, very nicely put together bitch.
WB Ceili’s Sister Of Fire
RWB Lismore National Anthem…No photo

WD: HEIRLOOM DANCING MOON
CH Lovesong’s So You Think You Can Dance x
CH Heirloom Kailen Fly Me To The Moon OAJ NAI
Breeder: Patrice Chevalier & Kathleen Wishart. Owner: Patrice Chevalier & Nancy & Otho Burton

WB/BOW: CEILI’S SISTER OF FIRE
CH Whindancer Little Ball Of Fire CD x CH Ceili’s Shiny And Bright OA AXJ
Breeders/Owners: Elizabeth Sorenson & Russell Howard

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The absolutely sound on size bitch I gave the breed to owned the ring from the minute she came in. She moved beautifully, well presented, a good feel to put your hands on. A very nice representative of our breed.

BOB GCH Azydeco How Can U Surpass Perfection

I gave BOS to a young dog in superb condition, extremely well handled.

BOS GCH Bryr Rose Matisse...No photo

A couple of things that I have observed are size for one is getting quite large in both dogs & bitches.

We could have better coats & color. It is either too light in color & felt like cotton or good hair just to much grey on the head & neck.

Eye color was good, ears & bites were decent.

The bitches seem to be of better quality than our dogs.

**WEEKEND AT A GLANCE**

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| 8/20 Greeley KC (Greeley CO) Supported Entry |
| Judge: Kathleen Ferris |

| 8/21 Greeley KC (Greeley CO) Supported Entry |
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| WD | Heirloom Dancing Moon |
| RWD | Lismore Return of the King |
| WB | Cell’s Sister Of Fire |
| RWB | Lismore National Anthem |
| BOB | GCH Azydeco How Can U Surpass Perfection (b) |
| BW | Cell’s Sister Of Fire |
| BOS | GCH Bryr Rose Matisse (d) |
| SD | GCH Rosheen Ring Of Fire |
| SB | GCH Stratford You’ve Got Mail |

| Sweeps | Best In Sweeps - Lismore Return of the King (d) |
|        | BOS Sweeps - Lismore National Anthem (b) |

**BOB: GCH AZYDECO HOW CAN U SURPASS PERFECTION (b)**

*CH Abiqua Wild Knight Romance x CH Azydeco Starlight Savannah Annabella*

Breeders/Owner: Cathryn Bennett

**SD: CH GCH ROSHEEN RING OF FIRE**

*CH Never Lasting’s No Limits x CH GCH Acacia’s Bat Out O’Hel*

Breeders: M Lopez & B Smith Owner: Melissa Lopez
Oh, what a week it was! The theme of the 2016 national specialty week, *That’s Amore*, was reflected at every club and show event. How we have come to love (or maybe just expect) the changing weather in Pennsylvania from the warm temps early in the week to the chill and rain by the time Sunday arrives. From the hospitality events to the table decorations to the food, *That’s Amore* reflected how we love getting together to showcase our Wheatens’ performance abilities and their appearance and movement in the conformation show ring.

The week of activities started on Monday with a variety of performance events, including barn hunt, agility, obedience, and rally, and coursing ability tests. Wheaten after Wheaten displayed their talents as performance dogs and showed off their skills doing what they were bred to do as all-purpose farm dogs and family companions... check out page 60 for some results.

Wheatens strutted their stuff at the Hatboro Kennel Club’s all breed show in Macungie on Thursday and Friday (also the Del Val SCWTC specialty) and the Devon all breed show in Ludwig’s Corner on Saturday. The education seminar, “The Ins and Outs of Puppy Evaluation,” took place on Thursday evening under the expertise of Gay Dunlap and Cindy Vogels. What a great opportunity to learn about assessing a litter of puppies and how and if they change as they grow.

On Friday evening, attendees anxiously awaited the opening of the popular boutique. The items for sale varied from clothing to ornaments to stained glass. Lucky buyers were able to pick up the mugs, platters, or bowls featuring the *That’s Amore* artwork that they previously ordered. Sorry, all are sold out.

The banquet, annual meeting, and awards presentation followed the boutique. The buffet dinner of Italian food offered plenty of opportunities for guests to visit and reminisce about the week’s events and speculate about the winners in the coming days. The evening capped off with the annual meeting and the presentation of awards. Congratulations to all the winners of these special awards. They were certainly well-deserved.

The SCWTCA sweepstakes took place on Saturday under Judge Mrs. Maripi Wooldridge. Despite the cold and a bit of rain, the puppies enjoyed their time in the ring. Ms. Anne Katona judged the entry at the national specialty on Sunday. She made the experience as enjoyable as possible even though the cold, rain, and wind made things a bit challenging for everyone. The week ended with another hospitality event hosted by the Motor City Wheaten Club.

All of this could not happen without the wealth of volunteers who work tirelessly to plan, organize, and work the various activities. Also, thank you to our wonderful donors who step up every year to fund trophies. Co-coordinators Pam Tinnelly & Anna Marzolino are commended for their superb job in making this a well-organized and fun-filled week. Thanks to all of you for your continued support to make our specialty week something to remember. Plan to attend next year as we “Treasure the Moments, and Cherish the Memories” at the 2017 National Specialty.

Karen Bilda
## 2016 Annual Award Winners

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<td>Ida Sawtelle Mallory Versatility Dog Award – Excellent Award</td>
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<td>SCWTCA Lifetime Achievement Award</td>
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Nancy became aware of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier in the late 80’s when her nephew wanted to acquire one as a pet. She was hooked from then on! Ch. Kaskadon Windcrest Whisper (Puzzle) was her first show dog that received an ROM. Many Trigo Wheatens were exhibited from coast to coast and there were multiple champions among them. Nancy enjoyed showing her own dogs.

In 1999, she joined SCWTCA and was dedicated not only to the breed, but to their health and rescue efforts. Piloting the national rescue program for 17 years seemed to be right up Nancy’s alley. With a ready smile and flexible nature, she seemed to easily match a lost dog to an appropriate home. At one time, Nancy and her rescue crew helped close down a puppy mill and place almost two dozen Wheatens.

Nancy’s honesty and accurate assessment of any situation enabled her to identify a dog with incorrect temperament, or have the patience to give another one the time and attention they missed before placement. Our Nancy Butler cares deeply about the breed and is still a tireless worker for the welfare of the dogs she loves.

By Norma Wilson

I started showing dogs when I was 12 years old and working at a Pet Store for 50 cents an hour. Cocker Spaniels were my original breed and then poodles, until the day I bought my first wheaten and the love affair for the breed began. As time has gone by there are now 2 wheatens who are in charge of the household, Gator a 31/2 yr old and a very “in charge” 14 yr old.

Passions in life are important. Family-5 children, 5 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Volunteering for a great organization Seed 2 Need, last year we produced 70,000 pounds of fresh produce for the food banks. WHEATEN RESCUE-When I started my involvement with Wheaten Rescue I inherited an 8/10 stationary box of records. Today there are 8 file boxes in my garage.

SO NOW TO THE THANK YOU The wheaten community is amazing and I want to give a huge round of thanks to all of you. The boards have been so supportive and the individuals who have stepped up to the plate have made me humble and proud to be part of this organization. Without all who help, it would be impossible to accomplish what I, Karli, and our core team want to do for the dogs we love.

Thank you seems inadequate to express all of the efforts of the wheaten community and to receive this award is overwhelming.

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU All, Nancy
Denise Daniel
The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Awarded to an active and valued member of SCWTCA, Inc. who has made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs and embodies the AKC Code of Sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Denise Daniel, recipient of the 2016 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award!

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was established in 2006 to provide each breed club the opportunity to recognize and celebrate one of its members who epitomizes the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and gives selflessly to their fellow breeders and exhibitors. The award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition for the contributions they’ve made as an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

After receiving nominations from across the country the SCWTCA selected Denise Daniel as the member to be honored for her outstanding devotion to our breed and her efforts to make a difference in the sport of purebred dogs. Denise proudly wore her AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship medallion at the post show Arrivederci Dinner Party – where she delivered gracious comments encouraging all of us to mentor and assist newcomers to the hobby.

Denise’s contributions start with her leadership role in the Motor City Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club. In addition to serving as an officer in the club for many years and acting as Editor of the club’s newsletter, Denise has also played a major role in organizing numerous club activities including picnics, holiday and awards banquets, and Wheaten fun days.

Denise takes every opportunity to share her knowledge and is a terrific ambassador for the SCWT. She is the first to welcome newcomers, generously spending time to answer their questions about our wonderful breed. She frequently helps her fellow competitors by offering her grooming talent to put those final tweaks on their dog’s trim. The most remarkable part is that these dogs she’s perfecting the trim on are often dogs that will be in direct competition with hers in the show ring. Denise believes it is her obligation to help others, just as her mentors helped her.

Her generous nature goes far beyond Michigan. Her close friends report one of her most endearing qualities is her refusal to say No. She’s constantly receiving calls, texts, and emails with friends seeking her advice. Some people wonder why they can’t reach her on the first try, only to learn she was on the line with another person, who was also trying to solve a dog related issue. So be patient … she’ll get back to you just as soon as she helps them.

As a fellow breeder, I can personally attest to her generosity as I found myself with the huge task of grooming three puppies for this year’s MCKC education seminar. Without hesitation Denise offered to spend her entire afternoon on Thursday making these pups, which had lots of hair and no table manners, into show dogs in time for their debut.

And, like any good breeder, Denise follows her dogs for life. People who get her pups know that they can call and get advice or help anytime. And her pups love her forever - they always remember “Grandma Denise”. One of her longtime owners tells of her dogs’ reaction to a visit from her … first they respond with ears up and running excitedly to the door after being told she was coming. Then the undeniable love they show by jumping up and licking her face when they see her. This same scenario is repeated time and again with all of her dogs who never forget her.

So for the reasons outlined and because so many of us in the Wheaten world have come to find … Denise is that person you feel fortunate to call upon whenever you need a helping hand, a kind word, or simply a friend. She will be there for you. They do not make them better than her!

The SCWTCA was proud to recognize her for this award as a small token of our appreciation for all she does for our club, the sport of purebred dogs, and the Wheaten community!

Nancy Draper, Diane Brus, Jan Schoenherr and Deb Van De Ven
The Wheaten Ambassador Award…It’s All About Helping Others

The 2016 Wheaten Ambassador Award Winner is, Rescue Dog “Marshall” and Bob Peck!

Wheaten Terriers are full of energy, confident, challenging as most terriers are, and often quite silly. But they are also kind, dedicated, sensitive and often possess keen intelligence when it comes to pet therapy. Since 2010 the Wheaten Ambassador Award has recognized owners and their dogs that have performed outstanding service within their communities, bringing comfort to others and proving that this breed is so much more than just a pretty face!

This year’s winner is “Marshall”, a rescue who was surrendered due to his many health issues and adopted by his owner Bob Peck. This active team was certified by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and has worked in a variety of challenging settings including the Bucks County Courthouse where they bring comfort and support to children awaiting outcomes in dependency court. Marshall will spend an hour with families outside the court room as they await their turn before the judge. He does tricks for the children and lays on his back for belly rubs. At times the children will request that he walks with them when the judge wants to speak with them alone without their parents. Marshall will sit steadfastly next to the child as they pet him for comfort! They are also an essential part of a bereavement group at their local high school for students that have lost a close family member. The guidance counselors explain that the dogs create an atmosphere so that the children are able to be comfortable and participate in the group. They have the handlers place the dogs in the center of the circle for the children to learn and pet as they help them talk through their feelings. Marshall is also a patient listener with the children at the Mill Creek Elementary School. They read to him as part of an emotional support group known as the Roxy Readers program.

The Wheaten Ambassador Award is sponsored by Dorice and Mark Stancher in memory of “Duffy” (Holweit’s Stancher, CD, RN, RA, double-certified therapy dog, therapy evaluator dog, herding instinct certified, ACE Award Nominee and recipient of the NJVMA Silver Award)

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We have just finished our third year of All Terrier Events at the wonderful indoor soccer facility at Palmyra, Pa. This was by far our best year. Our first year we had four days of agility trials. The second year we added one day of obedience and rally. This past year we added two days of Barn Hunt and two days of Coursing Ability Testing.

Our Wheaten entries remain about the same number each year, but our overall entries in agility are considerably higher. Barn Hunt, a relatively new venue, proved to be a huge draw and filled. Obedience and Rally entries were also very close to filling. The CAT event was a huge success as well.

There is a competition each year to decorate a "village" for each breed. This year, under Bobbi Salmon’s direction, our village used the theme "That's Amore", with a very clever outdoor cafe scene with lots of Wheats at the tables.

As terrier owners and performance competitors, I think everyone agrees that this is the highlight of the year for most of us. This is as much a social event as it is about competing. If you get a chance next year, please come and spend a day with us enjoying and appreciating our terriers. It is fun, amazing, never boring and most of all entertaining.

**OBEDIENCE**

Jendu Tongue Twister - Novice B - 2nd pl/All Terrier
1st pl/SCWTCA - HIT-Sue Peters

**AGILITY**

**Monday**

Marolou Run McLean - Master -2nd pl Std - Diane Guillotte
Marolou Highway - Novice -1st pl - Diane Guillotte

**Tuesday**

Marolou Run McLean - Master-2nd pl Std  3rd pl JWW - Diane Guillotte
Jendu Rowdy Rudy - EX - 2nd pl Std - Ashley Ambrose
Star Saved My Last Dance For You - Ex - 2nd pl JWW - Amy Martin Piesz
Marolou Highway -Nov -1st pl JWW - Diane Guillotte

**Wednesday**

Joy Dell's New Beginning for MacGuiness - Master - 2nd pl JWW - Lorri Ligato
CH Orion Trebol Hot On The Leader Board - EX - 1st pl Std - Betsy Geertson
Marolou Highway -Novice -1st pl Stnd 2nd pl JWW - Diane Guillotte

**Thursday**

Marolou Run McLean - Master - 2nd pl Std 1st pl JWW - Diane Guillotte
CH Orion Trebol Hot on the Leader Board T2B - 3rd pl - 3rd pl Std - Betsy Geertson
Marolou Highway - Novice 1st pl std 1st pl JWW - Diane Guillotte

**RALLY**

Marolou Highway - Novice A - 3rd pl/All Terrier -1st pl/SCWTCA - Diane Guillotte

**CAT - Coursing Ability Test **

**Wed & Thur**

Barnum's Pumpkin Pie Sage - Pass - Wed & Thur - Maria Barnum
Cheshire Heart of the King - Pass - Lori Ligato
GCH Orion Trebol Hot Like Me - Pass - Betsy Geertson
Seancasy's Ruby in the Rough Rilesberry - Pass Wed & Thur - Ashley Ambrose

**BARN HUNT**

Kaler’s Let’s Talk Turkey - Wed & Thur - Pass - Four trials - Masters-Karli Mueller
JoyDell’s New Beginning for MacGuiness - Pass - Two trials - Open -Lorri Ligato

Escapade Moonstruck Madness at Katdancer - Pass - Two trials - Novice- Lee Martin

GCH Orion Trebol Hot Like Me- Pass three trials/Novice /one /Open -Betsy Geertson
Cheshire Heart of the King -Pass One trial/Novice - Lorri Ligato

Star Saved My Last Dance for you -pass-one trial/Novice - Sharon Masica
Star Shut Up and Dance -pass one trial/senior - Amy Martin Piesz

CH Katdancer Look At Me Scamper - pass one trial/Novice - Lee Martin
First, I want to thank the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club membership, and the show committee for inviting me to judge their specialty show. An awesome job accomplished from the ground crew, the decorations crew, the trophy crew, my fantastic ring stewards Mary Yourich & Gary Vlachos, the dedicated show committee, the beautiful entry, the gracious exhibitors and the list goes on and on. Also thank you to the kind ring steward that loaned me her neck scarf – that was almost the same as “the shirt off her back”! The experience was everything I had hoped and more. A heartfelt thank you to everyone! ALL OF YOU made October 9, 2016 (and at the evening dinner) an experience I will NEVER forget.

I arrived in the morning while it was still dark, only to find SCWT club members putting trophies out and placing ring decorations galore! I attended the “In Memory of” service arranged by Lydia Hutchinson And Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine – it was well done, except a small portable microphone would have helped hearing the names of those dog friends we have lost over the past year. Then on to breakfast with my travel companion Wilma Johnson, we had such a great trip; do not be surprised to see us there next year!!

What a thrill to walk into the beautifully decorated SCWTC specialty ring on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at the Montgomery County Kennel Club show held at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA. The ring size was perfect to view every entry move down and back, then on move around. The weather was not on our side this year until later in the day when the sun did arrive! We had rain, WIND, rain and finally sun. I will say in my opinion, the Blue Bell grounds DO drain better than the grounds at Temple University – I have lost many a shoe in the mud at Temple over the years! I really like the Blue Bell venue and hope that parent clubs will continue to support MCKC being on these grounds.

The SCWT entry was beautiful with depth of strength from the 6 to 9 Months class to the Best of Breed class. There were many exemplary dogs and bitches in most classes. I know every article that I have read written by judges after a National Specialty always states that they did not have enough ribbons to go around...how true!! I found myself so many times throughout the day thinking “but I also want to reward that one and that one and that one.” Thank you to my wonderful ring steward, Mary Yourich, kept the ring moving with ribbons and trophies ready. Speaking of trophies – they were awesome and everyone seemed to enjoy receiving them.
Please let me express appreciation for the judge’s gift. I have the beautifully engraved Wendell August SCWTCA Embossed logo plate sitting on my office desk and have looked at it several times while writing this for Benchmarks.

I was asked for a few comments on my thought process while judging. I hope it was obvious that I prefer exhibits that move in a complete package: a compact well-knit body that supports a solid topline, with length to neck and good shoulders, docked tail that is well set and carried up, sound legs making for a good walker in a happy and confident manner that encourages balanced reach and drive. All exhibitors, breeders and handlers are aware of the many “styles” that compete in your breed ring, and my eye seems to enjoy that variety but always settles on a moderate breed example - I believe I was able to fill most of my class placements with exhibits that had those specific characteristics.

The one thing that I would mention that needs improvement are hindquarters. Some of the breadth and substance of rears has been lost, narrowing them. Improvement in the soft coated wheaten terrier, not the oversize or a designer trim style also seen. In my opinion, leg to body proportion is important in the overall balance and strong, level topline on the move. Many of the front quarters was a joy to see and feel; however, fronts still need work on shoulder angles and proper length of upper arm. Overall, I truly believe the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier breed is in capable hands with many dedicated breeders.

Hats off to you all and thank you for bringing me your BEST.

WD: SUNDANCE’S LUCKY ROVER
CH Kincora Tara Life In The Fast Lane x CH Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose
Breeders: Susan A Wuerz & Donald L Wuerz & Juliana McKamey
Owners: Kerrie Rousey & Susan Wuerz

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GCH Villanova Blame It On The Bossanova x CH Marqueses It Ain't No Trick
Breeders: Brittany Phelps & Sonya Urguhart
Owners: Melissa Deanne Pickett & Phillip Ray Pickett Jr

BOB: GCH BRYR ROSE SYMBOL OF PARIS (Veteran Dog)
CH Marymore Hot Pepper Jack x CH Bryr Rose Les Trois Saules
Breeder: Jeanne Ferris, Owner: Michele Connor & Jeanne Ferris

SB: GCH LEGACY KALOHE SUMMER WIND
CH Legacy Wildwest Wildflower x CH Avalon Noblesse Oblige
Breeders: Mary Brown & Sandra Amorosia & Glenn Amorosia
Owners: Karen & George Davis & Jon Caliri & Mary Brown
WB/BOW/BOS: STAR SHUT UP AND DANCE
Ch Star Kaler Lord Nelson x Star Saved My Dance For You
Breeders: Denise Daniel & Amy Crowell & Rob Crowell Owners: Denise Daniel & Amy Martin & David Piesz

RWB: BOREAL NORTHERN STAR GUINNESS
GCH Greentree Keepsake Tobasco x Soft Dog City Inaiia Stella
Breeder/Owners: Katia Lemay & Marc-Andre Hebert

SD: GCH LISMORE MCCORMACK’S DRAGON SONG
Ch Aran What Happens In Vegas x GCH Lismore The World According To Me
Breeder: Meg Ryan, Owners: Margaret A Ryan & Maureen A Long

AOM: GCH SUNDANCE HOT SURFER DUDE (d)
GCH Greentree Keepsake Surfin USA x Ch Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose
Breeder/Owners: Susan A Wuerz & Donald L Wuerz & Juliana McKamey

AOM: GCH SUNDANCE MY BEAU’S A ROXSTAR (d)
Ch Mackanme Foreign Affair V Bodasca x Ch Sundance Order Of The Irish Rose
Breeders: Susan & Don Wuerz & Juliana McKamey Owner: Cheryl Johnstone

AOM: GCH GREENTREE SAGE’S MAGICAL ENCHANTRESS (b)
GCH Wheaten Rebel S Take A Ticket To Greentree x GCH Greentree Rachael Alexandra
Breeder: Beverly & Kevin McDonald Owner: Sandy Russo & Frank Russo & Beverly & Kevin

AOM: CH SALTNSEA COMMANDER IN CHIEF (d)
GCH Stratford Top Brass x GCH Saltnsea Weaving Magic
Breeders: Susan Jacobsen & Jody Sikorski

AOM: CH BANRIONS BIBBIDI BOBBIDI BOO (b)
GCH Salt N’ Sea Running Down A Dream x GCH Banrions Give The Girl A Kiss
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