

Badgerland Gordon Setter Club Newsletter January 2011



BGSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/26/11 WINTER WALK

Held at Wetzel's cabin
See Meeting Notice

3/19/11 FUN FIELD DAY

Held at R&R Ranch in Marshfield, WI

4/30 & 5/1/11 AKC HUNT TEST – OPEN TO ALL POINTING BREEDS

Held at Pine Island Trial Grounds in Portage, WI

8/19 & 8/20/11 SUPPORTED ENTRY

Held in conjunction with the Marshfield All Breed Shows in Marshfield, WI

8/27 & 8/28/11 FIELD TRIAL-FORMAT TO BE APPROVED

Held at Pine Island Trial Grounds in Portage, WI

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MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held at the Winter Walk on February 26th. This will be held at Frank and Marte Wetzel's cabin, north of Wisconsin Dells. We will have potluck lunch, with many wonderful goodies, as always. There will be a club meeting and we will let loose the dogs for a romp through the neighboring fields. Details are on page 5 of this newsletter.

EDITORS NOTES

As always, if you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter send me something or drop me a note.

I'd also like to thank Marte Wetzel for all her help accumulating the New Titles & Wags and Brags then sending them to me for the Newsletter. It saves me a lot of time and work. Thanks Marte.

Janet

TREASURER'S NOTE

2011 dues are due. Club members who owe for 2011 received a dues notice in the mail. If you think you owe dues but did not receive a renewal notice please check with Connie at crhoden@tamdhusetters.com to see if you owe. You can also email Connie if you plan on not rejoining as well so she can take you off the list. Family dues - \$15.00 Single membership \$12.00. Please make checks out to Badgerland Gordon Setter Club or Gordon Setter Club of America.

If you move or change your e-mail address please notify Connie so that she can keep her database up to date.

HELP NEEDED

Field Trial Chair Needed. Jack Johnson has commitments that keep him from remaining as the chair so we need someone to step up and volunteer for the job. If we don't get a volunteer we won't have a field trial this year. Please consider volunteering.

NEW MEMBERS

Connie & Keith Skarvan
N3894 Orchard Lane
Kewaunee, WI 54216
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BGSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2010 8:00 P.M.
Conference call

Board members participating:

Jack Johnson - President
Chris Rhoden - Vice President
Marte Wetzel - Secretary
Connie Rhoden - Treasurer
Clyde Sippel
Steve Gibson
Chuck Kolar

Members also participating:

Betsy Sippel
Jenny Gibson

Connie made a motion to approve the minutes of the August meeting as published. Chris seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Connie reported the club has \$7797.65 in the bank. Steve made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Chuck second the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve is working with Connie to get the membership names and addresses put together and distributed to the membership.

Connie reported the income for the August Field Trial was \$142.00. There was a discussion on opening up Derby and Amateur stakes to all breed competition. Jack will contact Janet to gather info to present at the Winter Walk meeting.

Web Site

Jenny recommends we purchase Microsoft Expression Web II. She also checked into a few others including Dreamweaver. Price on the Microsoft package was about \$120.00 and the Dreamweaver was about \$400.00. The Dreamweaver would be a bit more difficult to use for the web master. Jenny feels the Microsoft would be easier to use and we would have the ability to change web masters easier. Jack made the motion to purchase the Microsoft product and get started setting things up. Steve seconded the motion. Motion passed. There was a bit of discussion on web hosting. Chris feels we need to take one step at a time. Work on upgrading the Web Page, hopefully to have it going by the Winter Walk. We may consider other options for hosting at a later time.

Dog Fair

Things were busy this year. Steve talked to everyone at the Dog Fair and brought up the idea of purchasing 2 booth spaces next year. Marte will check on the 2010 prices and let us know at the Winter Walk what we would be looking at. Marte will also get feedback from all who attended and let the Dog Fair coordinators know what we thought about the changes this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Hunt Test

Committee: Marte Wetzel, Chris Rhoden, Connie Rhoden, Clyde Sippel, Jack Johnson, Betsy Sippel, Chuck Kolar (if work clears).

The Hunt Test will be April 30 and May 1, 2011, at Pine Island.

2011 dates for upcoming events:

Winter Walk - Feb. 26, 2011

Fun Field Day - March 26?

Hunt Test - April 30 & May 1, 2011

Supported Entry - August 19, 20, & 21 2011

Field Trail - August 27 & 28, 2011

Betsy will do Awards, Marte will send form out with Holiday cards per usual. We will also have Janet put form in the January newsletter.

Connie moved to adjourn, with a second by Steve. Meeting adjourned.

BGSC 2010 AWARDS

If you have completed any AKC or UKC titles in 2010 please send or email the following information to Betsy Sippel as soon as possible.

Owner's Name

Dogs Full Registered Name

Title and Date Completed

Send to Betsy Sippel
1880 210th St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715) 726-1923
or email to paintcrk1@gmail.com



TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Applicant requirements:

- Owns a Gordon Setter or
- Is the child or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2011-2012 academic year
- Major field of study shall be related to Animal Sciences (including, but not limited to, veterinary, zoology, wildlife management, ecology, behavioral science, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (including, but not limited to) microbiology, pathology, biotechnology, genomics, molecular genetics, etc.)

The application can be downloaded from the TarTan GSC Inc. website: www.tartangsc.org or is available from:

TarTan GSC Inc.
c/o Ginette Desrosiers
32 Baggs Hill Rd.
Granby, MA 01033-9508
(413)467-7919
email: ginetteld@comcast.net

The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 31, 2011.

CONDOLENCES

Diana the Huntress, a.k.a. Dinah, June 7, 1993–July 6, 2010. She was the daughter of Springset Zenith Quest and Springset Sweetest Love. My late husband's hunting companion (and teacher) for her first five years, she became my pal for her next 12 years. She showed me her birdiness, how she would point one pheasant, and after it flew up when I stepped in, make a big circle and come back to point the second one. On her tenth birthday, with her "hunting college" training years behind her, she entered her first (and only) AKC hunt test and received a qualifying score as a junior hunter with scores of an 8 (for hunting), one 7.5, and two 7s. Up until a little more than a year ago, Dinah was a 40-lb. "Ms. Dash" in the fields, brush, and woods beyond the house, happiest on a scent, nose to the ground, and tail waving madly from side to side. How I loved watching her move.

Here is a photo of her on her 17th birthday in June of 2010, with Henry, my rescue Gordon, standing behind her:



Marsha Tuchscherer

CH. GLEN OAKS PRIDE AND JOY

5-13-1999 - 1-8-2011

Dear Hunter,
You were truly Gail's Pride and Joy.
Her first Gordon, her first Champion.
You were Graham's best buddy.
Yes, it was very much a dog and his boy!
No tennis ball was safe with you around,
and no other Gordon could sing your song.

Rest well Dear Boy.
I'm sure you've found an angel with a "chuck it"
and tennis ball.

Frank and Marte Wetzel
Glen Oak Gordons

NEW TITLES

CH RAVENS CRAIG ROIS OF MAC RAE, JH. Raven earned her Junior Hunter title in four consecutive hunt tests (the last leg October 2nd) under the expert handling of Ralph Jackson (McAllister Gordons, Whippets, and Vizslas). Raven is owned by Byron & JoAnn Holston & Drieke van Giffen,

BIT O' GOLD GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY, JH
Molly finished her Junior Hunter title November 14th and 15th at the KMESC hunt tests. Molly also started 2011 out with a bang. She took WB on Friday, Jan. 7th at the North Country Specialty and again on Sunday, Jan. 9th at the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club show. She added 2 majors to her collection. Molly is owned by Steve and Jenny Gibson and Peg Nowak. Congratulations to all!

ALAINN'S FIRST LADY CEILIDH, SH, RN
Ceilidh finished her Novice Rally title, Dec 18th & 19th in Oshkosh. She got a score of 83 on Saturday and a 95 on Sunday! Her journey in the conformation ring began on January 16th, when she took Winner's Bitch in Oshkosh. She was also Reserve Winners on the 15th. Ceilidh is owned by Ron & Gwen Pfeil. Way to go everybody!

CH. HONEYCREEK'S GONE NUTS-4-ROASTED CHESTNUTS
Chester finished his Championship with Winner's Dog and Best of Winner's at the North Country Specialty on January 7, 2011. Chester is owned by Ed and Cathy Geb. Nice job!

CH. AMETHYST'S SNOW 'N' ICE, RN
Drifter finished his Championship on Jan. 15th in Oshkosh. He received Winner's Dog and Best of Winner's. Drifter is owned by Peg DaValt, Greg DaValt, and Donna DaValt. Congratulations!

WAGS AND BRAGS

TAMDHU ORIONS CANIS MAJOR, JH
Gunner qualified for 2 legs on his Senior Hunter title, November 14th and 15th at the KMESC hunt tests. Gunner and Steve spent a few weeks in the warmth of Texas after the new year and picked up another qualifier down there. Gunner is owned by Steve and Jenny Gibson.

GILROY GUTHRIE OF MACRAE
Gilroy was Winner's Dog and Best of Winner's on Sat. Nov. 20, at the Minneapolis K.C. show. He was also RWD on Sunday, Jan. 9th, in St. Paul. He is owned by Drieke van Giffen and C. & C, Sarkinen.

ADAIRA ALVIE OF MACRAE
Adaira was WB both days at the Minneapolis K.C. shows in November. She is owned by Drieke van Giffen and C. & H. Moen.

AMETHYST MARINI'S ON ICE
Legacy was RWB both Saturday and Sunday in November, at the Minneapolis K.C. shows. She was also RWB on Dec. 11 and 12 in St. Cloud, MN. Legacy is owned by Martha Martini and Greg DaValt.

CH. AMETHYST SOONER OR LATER A MARTINI
Sooner was Select Bitch on Saturday, Nov. 20th and Best of Opposite Sex on Sunday the 21st, at the Minneapolis K.C. shows. She also took Best of Breed both days at the St. Cloud shows. On January 9th, Sooner was Select Bitch at the Land O' Lakes show. Sooner is owned by Martha Martini and Greg DaValt.

GAELWYND AMETHYST RAYNE FOR BREACAN, JH
Rayne was WB, both Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 and 12, at the Granite City K.C. shows in St. Cloud, MN. She also took RWB to a major on Jan. 8th, 2011. In St. Paul, MN. Rayne is owned by Pat Larson and Peg DaValt.

BISS MUTI U-BIS GRCH U-GRCH GLEN OAKS RIVER BREEZE SHIRAZ
River received Select Dog at the North Country Specialty, on Jan. 7th, and again on Saturday and Sunday the 8th and 9th at the Land O' Lakes shows. He was Select Dog on Jan. 15th in Oshkosh and took Best of Breed on Sunday the 16th. River is making his second trip to Westminster Kennel Club show in February. Wish us luck! River is owned by Marte Wetzel, Gail Godding, and Peg DaValt.

MOONSETTER JUST ONE LOOK
Conall was Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes at the North Country Specialty on Jan. 7th. He went on to take WD and BOW on Sunday the 9th at the Land O' Lakes show. Conall is owned by Heidi and Olivia Moon.

MYTHODICAL'S NOTORIOS RORY CAMBLE
Rory was RWD on Saturday the 15th of January, in Oshkosh. He took Winner's Dog on Sunday the 16th. Rory is an Irish owned by Janet Gomez.

WINTER WALK

This year we will hold the Winter Walk on February 26th. We will start the day at Wetzel's cabin around 11:00 with a potluck lunch. This will be followed by a club meeting and a jaunt through the fields with the dogs. They have room for 5 to 7 people to stay over. There is also a Super 8 Motel, 8 miles north on Hwy. 13, in Adams. They are a dog friendly motel and can be reached at 608-339-6088. There are also many places 15 miles south in the Dells area. Marte and Frank will plan on making pancakes and/or French Toast for Sunday morning breakfast, for anyone staying over. So, come join us and plan on hanging out for awhile. We have an outdoor wood burning sauna. Winter on the White Creek. What could be better?

Directions to the cabin:

2925 14th Court, Adams, WI

From I 90-94: Take the Mauston exit (Hwy. 82), go East to Hwy. 13 North. Go 3 ½ miles to County H, turn left onto H. Travel 1 mile on County H to 14th Ave., turn right, go to 14th Court, turn left to 2925. We are on the right side of the road.

From the East: Take Hwy 82 West to Hwy. 13 North. Go 3 ½ miles to County H, turn left on H. Go 1 mile to 14th Ave., turn right, go to 14th Court, and turn left to 2925.

From the North: Hwy. 13 South through Adams-Friendship. Go 8 ½ miles to County H, (1/2 mile past Easton Motors), turn right onto H. Go 1 mile to 14th Ave.

COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR PET OWNERS

Keep your dog on his leash when you're outside with him, and make sure his ID tag is current. More dogs go missing in the winter than any other time of the year. It's very easy for pups to lose their scent and get lost when snow or ice is on the ground, and especially during snowstorms.

Snow accumulation can make it impossible for your dog to know if he's in his front yard or standing out on a street or highway. Light-colored dogs with snow on their fur can quickly blend into the background, making them nearly impossible to spot.

Thoroughly wipe off your dog's feet, legs and underside after she's been out in snowy or icy conditions. It's possible she picked up salt crystals, antifreeze or some other toxic chemical on his/her paws, which she could later ingest by licking the area.

Be especially careful not to leave antifreeze leaks or spills where your pet can sample them. Antifreeze is lethal to dogs. Also check your dog's paw pads for any signs of injury or bleeding from walking on frozen or snow-packed surfaces.

Don't shave or clip your dog's coat too short during the winter months. A longer coat will keep her/him warmer.

If you and your dog participate in lots of outdoor winter activities, make sure his species-appropriate diet has sufficient calories and protein to meet his energy requirements. This may mean increasing his meal portions during the winter months.

If, on the other hand, you and your pet tend to hibernate during cold weather, it's important not to let your dog lose muscle tone and physical conditioning. You'd be amazed at the number of canine knee, soft tissue, cervical disc and neck injuries seen in veterinary practices each spring.

These problems occur most often in out-of-shape dogs that go from zero to 60 on the first warm day of late winter or early spring. There are many creative ways to keep your pet active during cold weather.

Don't leave your pet outside in the car. Just as your vehicle can become an incinerator during hot weather, it can become a freezer, holding in the cold air, during the winter. While not as common as pets expiring in hot cars in the summer, too many precious dogs have frozen to death in a cold car.

Make sure your pet has cozy, draft-free winter sleeping quarters. If your dog has it's own crate, make sure his/her winter bed inside it is one that will keep her warm.

Give your frail or older pet some extra TLC. Cold winter temperatures can be especially hard on a senior pet or a dog with degenerative joint disease or another chronic, debilitating condition. Talk with your vet about physical therapy treatments and other safe, natural methods for improving your pet's comfort and mobility during cold weather.

From Health Pets with Dr. Karen Becker

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