

# Irish Setter Club of Michigan News and Views

April 2013

# From our Editor

# **GREETINGS FELLOW MEMBERS!**

Have we had spring yet!! If we have any more rain the spring bulbs will float out of the ground. I do not know about most of you but seems like we are constantly mopping up mud and wet everywhere in the house. Have you noticed that most of the Irish do not care what the conditions are outside, mud, snow, rain whatever, they are loving to be outside and running around to see if they missed anything from when they were last out. You gotta love the enthusiasm and all the energy.

This edition of the News & Views will be a little lighter but Jackie & I wanted to put out a newsletter to stay on top of things.

Additionally, we would still like to hear from many of you. Your news and your views are important. Please contribute, your bit of news or contribution may be of utmost importance to someone in the club. Also, it would be good to know who in the club has a celebration they would like to share or know of a person who would enjoy hearing from club members with a card etc.

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To those of you who will be travelling with or without a red dog, good trip and safe travels to you all. Some of us are heading to VA for the ISCA's National Specialty beginning on April 17. Best wishes to all of you and let us pray for good weather.

# GO IRISH SETTERS!! GO RED, GO RED!!

(I just may have been watching too many basketball games)

Best wishes to you all,

Barbara Riegle, Editor



# **Viewpoints from Members**

In past editions of the New and Views club members have voiced their opinions and made great suggestions which we highlighted in the newsletter.

Please continue to keep this line of communication open. All ideas are welcome!

There will be reports on activities you as members are involved with, as well as future dates and activities to list on your calendars included in this newsletter. We are including the names and contact information of members who are currently holding positions such as officers, board members, and persons who chair committees (see last page). Please direct any questions to the appropriate person. Send your suggestions, opinions, articles, show and performance news to Barb Riegle at: <a href="mailto:barbara.riegle@comcast.net">barbara.riegle@comcast.net</a> or to Jackie Shelest at: <a href="mailto:jshelest@tds.net">jshelest@tds.net</a>.



# DID YOU KNOW . . .?

# Volunteers make Lake Hudson Recreation Area a better home for pheasants, other wildlife

# **Submitted by Janet Parker**

Michigan's Pheasant Restoration Initiative got a boost recently as about a dozen volunteers from the Lake Hudson Pheasant Cooperative showed up to work with Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division employees to take out an overgrown fence row between two grassy fields at Lake Hudson Recreation Area. The goal is to create a large block of habitat that will be more hospitable to pheasants and other grasslands residents as well.

The Lake Hudson area is in one of three, three-county pilot areas the DNR Wildlife Division has identified as potential pheasant restoration hubs. It is somewhat unusual in that it is not a wildlife management or game area, but part of the Parks and Recreation Division.

The Lake Hudson Recreation Area consists of 2,800 acres of land as well as a 500-acre lake, which is a well-known muskellunge fishery. The area boasts 50 campsites and a day-use area with a beach and is also a dark-sky preserve. Area staff has identified about 500 acres to be managed as grasslands as well as perhaps as many as 200 more that could be converted to grasslands, explained area manager Jim O'Brien.

DNR staff recently mowed about 250 acres that had grown up into brush for conversion to quality grasslands, O'Brien said.

The work at Lake Hudson is ongoing, said Ray Fahlsing, who heads the stewardship program with the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. Fahlsing said the DNR has cobbled together a number of funding sources as well as enlisted volunteers to get the job done.

The <u>Lenawee Chapter of Pheasants Forever</u> donated \$5,000 that the DNR is using for tractor fuel and herbicide, Fahlsing said. In addition, volunteers from the Monroe County Chapter of Pheasants Forever recently cleared 20 acres of brush.

"They pulled brush out by the roots and then moved the entire 20 acres," Fahlsing said.

Volunteers from the Washtenaw County Chapter of Pheasants Forever cleared an additional 10 acres, Fahlsing said.

"And we were able to obtain some grant money to pay for removal of another 6,000 feet of fence rows," Fahlsing said. "We're fitting all kinds of pieces together to get this done."

A number of fields are currently in agriculture under share-cropping operations, he added. As those leases expire they will be converted back into grasslands.

<sup>&</sup>quot;It was quite the operation, better than any contractor I've ever worked with."

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"We want to see bobolinks and short-eared owls and all kinds of species that use grasslands, not just pheasants," Fahlsing said.

Ken Prats, a retired trucker who lives on a farm near the recreation area that he has enrolled in the federal Conservation, was one of the volunteers who spent the day removing and piling up brush – which will be burned – as well as removing old wire fencing and pulling out fence posts.

"We've got big aspirations that this program is going to pan out," said Prats, 55. "We've always had a good bird population around here, but where the land was in crops, there were just birds here and there. Once we got it into CRP, the first couple of years we had good rains and the grass came up real well and the birds just proliferated."

Nelson Evers, a painting contractor from Tecumseh who described himself as one of the "core members" of the Lake Hudson Pheasant Cooperative, said he was encouraged by the turnout.

"We want to clear these fences so we can take these three fields and eventually have one 90-acre parcel all in one piece," Evers said. "The members are pretty passionate about doing this.

"We started out with just a couple of guys and we had 12 or 13 people show up for this work day. There were some sons and daughters and mothers out here. It's kind of a family thing. And they're all workers – that's the important thing."

Volunteers spent about three hours on the project on a cold, wet Saturday, reducing the fence row to piles of brush and a few stumps.

"Lake Hudson is a great example of co-op partners rallying around the pheasant initiative," said Al Stewart, upland game bird program leader with the DNR. "They're actively working to get things going on the ground."

Lake Hudson, in Lenawee County, is part of the Lenawee-Monroe-Hillsdale County pilot area. The others are in Clinton, Gratiot and Saginaw counties, and in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties in the Thumb.

"There's a co-op developed in Barry County actively engaged in the initiative, too," Stewart said. "We're working to get local co-ops formed throughout southern Michigan, though we're concentrating on the pilot areas to really get things moving."

The DNR envisions eventually creating and preserving 200,000 acres of pheasant habitat, Stewart said.

"The focus is on working on a landscape scale, with public lands as the core of the activities, but expanding into private lands as well," he explained. "In the past, habitat improvements have centered on small areas. This is an attempt to do things on a big scale."

To learn more about the Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative, visitwww.michigan.gov/pheasant.

If you would like to receive the News & Views via email <u>only</u> let Jackie know at jshelest@tds.net

#### ARE YOU AWARE??

# Submitted by Barbara Riegle

I have been asked to share some information that we just gleaned after months of misery with one of our dogs. Last fall we noticed one of our girls limping. It was slight at first but then got worse and the first visit to the vet indicated a hotspot on the bottom of the foot in between the pads where the hair grows. We typically do not have hotspots! Unfortunately, we broke the major a couple times because there were moments when the foot appeared to be improving. The soaking and all the preparations seemed to help but the limp was still prominent.

A series of antibiotics were used and a culture was taken to identify what organisms might be causing this problem. You would be surprised what nasty things are carried on a dog's foot. To make a long story shorter, we took her to MSU to see a specialist especially after a second foot was affected and her litter sister had also exhibited the same reaction. MSU Dermatology Dept thought it might be an allergy but after keeping our girl for 2 hours it was determined she had a chemical burn as did her sister on all the feet in various degrees. Both dogs are housed in the house. The diagnosis was a chemical burn.

SOOO the big question was what were they walking on? I started looking for clues in the house. Actually the answer was staring us in the face. A friend who had been doing the kennel/house sitting while we were on one of our trips, commissioned a carpet cleaning service & a cleaning lady to come in and clean the house as a surprise to us. Since I have never used any cleaning service before, and the house looked great, we decided to keep the person on mainly to do the floors. We learned that Lavender Pine Sol was used on all the wood & tile floors. I went on line & found out a whole heap of bad reviews about how toxic Pine Sol is to domesticated animals. We checked all of the cleaning products that were being used and because the Pine Sol is what they are always walking on, it had to be the culprit. Every two weeks the girls were getting a layer of toxic material on their feet. I have further learned that after several applications, it takes awhile to remove the toxic remnants from the wood and block flooring, that if water is spilled and the dog walks through it the toxic material is activated.

I have gleaned more information on some of these products and learned that any cleaning solution with the word sol on the label, such as Lysol etc. could be hazardous to domesticated animals and humans as well. This was a real "brain teaser" for the veterinary community and a learning experience for all of us including the 2 veterinary interns at MSU.

**Nominations are being accepted for one board** seat. Susie Schafer resigned her board position as she could not make the meetings because she now lives in California.

Please submit your name, or the name of another club member in good standing, that you would like to nominate for the ISCM board seat to: Debbie Davis at <a href="mailto:Emislsdavis@gmail.com">Emislsdavis@gmail.com</a>. All nominations must be received by May 8, 2013.

Nomination will be read at our next club meeting in May (location to be determined) - watch your email and the ISCM web site for date, time and location.

# ISCM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER



# ISCM FIELD TRIAL

SATURDAY & Sunday, MAY 4 & 5, 2013
SILO COURSE, HIGHLAND RECREATION AREA

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY - MAY 1, 2013



# ISCM DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 5** Bird Training & Meeting

March 14 ISCM Meeting

March 30 ISCM Hunt Test

May 4 & 5 ISCM Field Trial

May 9 ISCM Meeting

June 22 Sporting Dog Judges Seminar

July 11 ISCM Meeting

August Puppy Match

**September 12** ISCM Meeting

September 21 & 22 ISCM Specialty

October 26 ISCM Hunt Test

**November 14** ISCM Meeting

**December** ISCM Christmas Party

# **Grand Championship Points Ranking**

Points Ranking for Michigan Setter (Irish)

Today's Date April 9, 2013



Today's Date: April 9, 2013

	Rank	Dog Name	Sex	GCH Points
for	No. 1	GCH CH Bluerose One For The Money	Bitch	54
	No. 2	GCH CH Rosette's No Stone Unturned	Dog	40
	No. 3	GCH CH Beaubriar In Cahoots With Erin	Bitch	31
	No. 4	GCH CH Regalaire A Reason To Celebrate	Dog	24
	No. 5	GCH CH Bluerose Phantasmagorical	Dog	6
	No. 6	CH Captiva's Notorious	Dog	3

This ranking report is based on number of Grand Championship points earned and may include dogs who have not yet completed the requirements to earn the Grand Championship title.



# SUGGESTION BOX

Member Karen Lynch suggested that perhaps the club might be interested in putting together an Irish Setter calendar as a fundraiser project. The photos would be candid shots of ISCM member's dogs. Since our breed is quite versatile there would be numerous opportunities to capture them on camera.

# GREAT FUNDRAISING IDEA KAREN!

Anyone interested in coordinating this project? Come on you shutter bugs . . .!



Do you have an opinion or a suggestion relating to this or any other topic? Email or call Barbara Riegle.



Getting ready for the National . . .







# Cassie Allan finished Fiona's DC!!!

Sired by Russell's Joseph's Journey (Starbrite Marvel Bright Star x Highfeather's Raise 'N A Ruckus - "Journey" x "Raisin.") Bright Star is very thrilled and ecstatic! DC #23 I think. Fiona won an **Award of Merit** from the **Field Trial Bitch** class at the 2012 Irish Setter Club of America National Specialty. **Hurray Cassie! Go Duals!!** 

# **Vickie Castiglione**

Anamacara It's Now or Never, known as Bennie to the rest of us, went Winners Dog at DKC on March 3rd and also got a Reserve at Livonia Kennel Club in January. Life has been quite the challenge for me this last year I am very happy with this. Hopefully my strength and stamina will continue to improve back to its original status.

# **Barbara Riegle**

AM,CAN, INT'L CH Regalaire A Reason To Celebrate, Brock earned his Grand Champion and Champion of Record titles. He was also Select Dog at both Saginaw Shows on April 6 & 7 at Birch Run.

#### **Jackie Shelest**

Cairncross Peel Me a Grape, Meme is now a Champion! Meme finished her championship with a 5 point major win at Western Irish Setter Club Specialty under breeder judge Pamela S. Schaar.

Meme went **Select Bitch** on Saturday at **Saginaw Valley Kennel Club** under judge Mrs. Eileen Hollings for a **3 pt Major** towards her Grand Championship. Thank you everyone for your kind words of encouragement! Thank you to all the judges for the wins and the lovely comments about this beautiful bitch! She is a captivating little girl and a dream to show! You will see her in the breed ring as we work towards her Grand Championship.

# **Debbie Davis**

Chappell's Rockherin Treasure Voyage, Captain went WD/BOW for a 5 point major Judge Paula Dempsey at Western Irish Setter Specialty. Owned by Melinda Higby, Susan Schafer and Debra Davis.

**Rockerin National Treasure, Kelsi - Best in Sweeps -** Judge- Craig Cooper and **RWB** (Paula Dempsey) at Western Irish Setter Specialty. Owned by Katherine Wheatley, Debra Davis and Susan Schafer.

Captain went WD/BOW for 2 points at Detroit Kennel Club under Judge Gretchen Schultz.

Kelsi went WB/BOW for 2 points at Detroit Kennel Club under judge Nicholas Frost.

# **Cindy Kullik**

**AM CAN CH Milesian Special Occasion**, **Emma** was second in the Veterans Group Saginaw Valley Kennel Club under judge Barbara Dempsey Alderman. At eight years old she still floats around the ring!



Please be sure to check out the Irish Setter Club of Michigan web site at: <a href="www.irishsetterclubofmichigan.com">www.irishsetterclubofmichigan.com</a> for full color photographs of these special wins and placements!

# **AWARDS BANQUET 2012**

Winners Dog - Irish Setter winning the greatest number of points as Winners Dog, Karen Lynch offers a trophy. Winner: GCH Rockherin Access to Success. Owners: Katherine Wheatley, Debra Davis & Susan Schafer.

**Dog or Bitch, Owner Handled-** Irish Setter defeating the greatest number of Irish Setters by going Winners, Best of Winners, BOS, or Best of Breed. Barb Mooney offers, in Memory of Ed Mooney, the Ch Rockherin American Classic trophy. *Winner: GCH Rockherin Access to Success. Owners: Katherine Wheatley, Debra Davis & Susan Schafer.* 

Bred By Dog Class – Irish Setter dog winning the bred by class the greatest number of times (2 or more competing), Debbie Davis offers the Ch Rockherin Freedom Rings trophy. Winner: GCH Rockherin Access to Success. Owners: Katherine Wheatley, Debra Davis & Susan Schafer.

Best Sire – To the sire whose offspring win the greatest number of championship points, Debbie Davis offers a trophy in memory of Ch. Orchard Farm Mak'N Magic. Winner: CH. Rockherin Freedom Rings. Owners: Katherine Wheatley, Debra Davis & Susan Schafer.

Best Dam – To the dam whose offspring win the greatest number of championship points, Katherine Wheatley offers a trophy in memory of Ch Rockherin Center Stage. Winner CH. Rockherin American Beauty. Owners: Katherine Wheatley & Debbie Davis.

**High Combined Trophy-** Irish Setter achieving the highest combined score in Open and Utility at one trial, Jim and Toni Whipple offer a trophy. *Winner: CH Windrose Travelin' Music UDX6 OM9 RA. Owners: Ann & Dan Graham.* 

**Field Trial Trophy** – Irish Setter winning the most points by placing the Irish Setter in stakes in which 4 or more dogs compete, Janet Parker offers a trophy. *Winner: CH Mythodical's Fiona of Dualuc. Owner: Cassie Allen.* 

**Field and Show** – Irish Setter having won points towards a championship that wins the most points in field trial stakes. Martina Friedeberg offers a trophy. *Winner: Mythodical RusselL's Hail Gandalf. Owner: Cassie Allen.* 

# **CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES**

CH ROCKHERIN ACCESS TO SUCCESS – OWNERS: Katherine Wheatley, Debra Davis & Susan Schafer

GCH ROCKHERIN ACCESS TO SUCCESS - OWNERS: Katherine Wheatley, Debra Davis & Susan Schafer

CH POMPEI'S EASY RIDER JH - OWNERS: Darla Ladkau & Annette Pusey

GREENWOODS FIRST IMPRESSION JH - OWNERS: Ann & Dan Graham

CH ROCKHERIN AMERICA'S CUP CD RAE3 – OWNERS: Ann & Dan Graham

CH WINDROSE TRAVELIN' MUSIC OM7/8/9, UDX5/6 - OWNERS: Ann & Dan Graham

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS! WELL DONE!!!

# **In Memoriam**

Just a note to say thank you to the club and to those who sent sympathy cards for my mother-inlaw. John's mom was a wonderful and caring lady and will be sadly missed by us.

Thank you, Vickie & John Castiglione



With broken hearts we had to say good-bye to our sweet baby boy, **Cooper, BISS CH Shangrila Dirty Lil' Secret**. He was the whole package, turning many heads during his 12 years of precious life. We were always so proud of him and so grateful for every minute with him. Cooper made our life exciting and fun. Thank you to all our friends for their heartfelt condolences. Your support and kindness really means a lot to us. May the Shamrocks fall softly for our sweet baby boy, Cooper.

# Jim, Toni and Melanie Whipple Lucie







Cooper, BISS CH Shangrila Dirty Lil' Secret

# **RESCUE NEWS**

Dan shared the exciting news that **all dogs have been placed in their forever homes!** Thanks Dan and Ann for the wonderful job you do with our Irish Rescue dogs!





# Submitted by Janet Parker

In preparation for this fall's hunting season clubs are planning several Sporting Clay shoots ... these are fund raisers ... but they are fun also!!! You know how you always plan on "tuning" up your shooting before you go hunting, well you can shoot with NAVHDA in May, Pheasants Forever in June and Highland Field Trial Grounds is putting on another in August!!! If you shoot at these events we know you will have a truly successful hunting season ... you will be a better shooter!! We hope to see you all there! These are open to anyone who wants to shoot so bring your family and friends. Pass these on to all your friends.

Flyers will be posted on the ISCM web site.

Hey Members - do you have a memorial, a brag, or an article that you would like to share with other members? Here is your chance. Please contact Barbara Riegle at 517-349-9848 or via Email barbara.riegle@comcast.net.

We would love to have your information included in the News and Views.

#### IRISH SETTER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

Thursday, March 14, 2013
MINUTES
Hollywood Dinner
Corunna Road, Flint, Michigan

# I. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order by President, Debbie Davis at Hollywood Dinner, Corunna Road, Flint, on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 8:24 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Debbie Davis, Dave Schafer, Martina Friedeberg, Janet Parker, Jackie Shelest, Ann Graham, Dan Graham, John Grill, Mary Grill, Toni Whipple, Vickie Castiglione, Barb Popyk

#### III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes Vickie Castiglione, Seconded Barb Popyk. Minutes approved.

#### IV. REPORTS

# <u>Secretary Report – Jackie Shelest</u>

News and Views and the Membership Directory finally done - available tonight and ready to be mailed out. Any thoughts about utilizing Pay Pal on our club web site? To take entries for shows and field events, pay for prenational t shirts, etc. Discussion. Dave Schafer to look into it further for costs, set up, etc.

# Treasurer's Report – David Schafer

Dave pass out the treasurers yearend report for 2012. Discussed the 2013 specialty show contract and it was determined to stay with Arden Shaw. Dave is check on contract status with show site, they have not yet returned his call. He will follow up to get the contracts separated and the language corrected.

# Obedience Report - Dan Graham

Dan reported that he and Jazzy earned High in Trial at Western.

# Cards and Flowers – Toni Whipple

John Castiglione lost his mother and a sympathy card was sent from the club.

# Education Report - Barb Popyk/Debbie Davis

Debbie reported that June 22 & 23 are the dates for the Sportsman Judges Seminar. Norma Smith offered to do a handling program as a fundraiser for the club. Deb will check with Norma on dates, Barb will check with Sportsman's Club and Dan will check with Companion Club to see if space is available.

News and Views Report – Barb Riegle/Jackie Shelest Please let Jackie Shelest or Barb Riegle if you prefer to read your newsletter electronically. They can email it to you or you can view it from the web page. Electronic

viewing saves the club postage and printing costs. Please get your information on articles, brags, etc. to Barb or Jackie.

# Rescue Committee Report - Ann Graham

Dan Graham reported that have placed all dogs in rescue! The two senior citizens went to the same home.

# Field Report – Janet Parker

Janet said that the January 26, Highland Field Trial Grounds work day at the Silo site met the clubs obligations for the year. Eight club members came out and worked until 1:00 p.m. She reminded everyone that the spring hunt test is March 30, 2013. Janet made a plea for club members to attend and help out at this event. We are required by AKC to have event committees at each hunt test or field trial. May 4 & 5 is the field trial and again we need members to come on out and be there. She is placing the order for the wrangler for both events.

# Membership Report - Vicki Castiglione

Two new memberships to read and voted at the next meeting. Michael & Kathleen Solan from West Bloomfield sponsored by Barb Popyk and Greg & Cynthia Galiete from Ohio sponsored by Jackie Shelest.

# Special Events Report - Debbie Davis

Debbie mentioned the puppy match as something for the club to think about as far as date and location. Will discuss at next meeting. The National presale t shirts were displayed. Club members can pay and receive their shirts at any time, but the presale t shirts will be sold to the public beginning on Saturday after breed at the National. T shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts are \$30.

Debbie is asking that each club member sell 5 books (\$100) of raffle tickets as a fundraiser for the 2014 National.

Our club was requested to donate two baskets for the 2013 National raffle. Debbie is putting together the Michigan themed basket for the 2013 National and Jackie is putting together the Rescue basket. They will take both to the National.

# Show Chair Report – David Schafer

Martina is working on judges for the specialty.

# Awards and Trophies - Martina Friedeberg

Awards and trophies - Martina shared that she would like help with the trophies. Debbie Davis said she would distribute an email to the club for trophy donations of \$10 for the specialty to offset the costs.

# 2014 National - Debbie Davis

Debbie bought the packets of information for the 2014 National to be stuffed into bags. We got through about half of the information bags. Debbie finished the remaining 150 bags at home. Debbie will take these bags to hand out at the 2013 National in Virginia at the presale

#### 3/14/13 ISCM Minutes (continued)

#### V. ANNUAL AWARDS

Toni Whipple and Barb Popyk did another fine job of putting together the annual awards. Please see Annual Awards list for winners.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Vickie Castiglione. Seconded Barb Popyk. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

#### IX. BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Board meeting called to order by Debbie Davis at 9:23 p.m.

#### XII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bills Payable

Janet Parker submitted bills for the hunt test - stamps, judges gifts.

Tony Whipple submitted bills for the award gift bags and cards.

Jackie Shelest submitted bills for the membership directory and newsletter printing and mailing.

Barb Popyk submitted bills for awards.

Dave Schafer submitted bill for insurance renewal.

Motion to authorize treasurer to pay all bills as submitted, Dan Graham. Seconded by Toni Whipple. Motion passed.

# XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Vickie Castiglione. Seconded by Martina Friedeberg. Adjourned at 9:26 p.m.



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items for the 2013 National baskets that our club agreed to take to the Virginia National this year!

Janet Parker, Martina Friedeberg, Cindy Kullik, Dave Schafer, Karen Lynch, Pam Sommers, Jackie Shelest, Debbie Davis, Ken Davis, and Kathy Schwartz



See you next issue!

Good Luck everyone at the Nationals!

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