

Christmas 2023

Setter Tales

*Wishing Everyone Safe and Happy Holidays
and
Prosperous New Year!!!*

Ottawa Valley All Setter Association

Greetings Everyone!

As we wrap up another great year we look back at the most memorable moments. We are blessed with having such a great group of people with whom we enjoy spending time together and share our love for beautiful setter breeds.

Please, check OVASA FB page for hundreds of pictures and videos.

We gained two new members:

Christina Yank

Babak Yazdani

Welcome to OVASA, guys! We hope to meet you and your dogs in person in the near future!

And we look forward to a New Year for making new good memories!

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please, do it now to support OVASA and promote our breeds.

OVASA web site: www.ovasa.net

OVASA Facebook: www.facebook.com/OttawaValleyAllSetterAssociation

...Lord help me be the kind of person my dog thinks I am.

The Bellamy Brothers



• OVASA SPECIALTY 2023 RESULTS

OVASA 47th Specialty show took place on August 26, 2023 in conjunction with the SD&G Dog show.



We would like to express our gratitude for the support to all our sponsor, exhibitors and friends as their generosity and friendship make our show possible.

Special thanks to Mandy and Larry Mosgrove for their help with our trophies.

And special thanks to our volunteers who donate their precious time so we all can enjoy the show.
THANK YOU!

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Best Setter in Multiple Breed Specialty	Prize donated by Doghouse Custom Creations
Best Puppy in Multiple Breed Specialty	Mary Lou Levesque in honour of all the Amberglen English Setters
Best Baby Puppy in Multiple Breed Specialty	Bev and Keith Beardsley
Best Veteran in Multiple Breed Specialty	Connie O'Brien, Silverstone Kennels
Best Field Dog in Multiple Breed Specialty	Deborah Cook, Matriarch Kennels
<u>English Setters</u>	
Best of Breed	Oxana Erokhovets, Broughall English Setters
Best of Opposite	Oxana Erokhovets, Broughall English Setters
Best Puppy	Artizoe Keeley's English Setter, Lise, Louis, Kendra
Winners Dog	Artizoe Keeley's English Setter, Lise, Louis, Kendra
Select Dog	Donna Johnson

♦ OVASA SPECIALTY 2023 RESULTS (cont-d)

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<u>Gordon Setters</u>	
Best of Breed	Luv-A-K9 Inc
Best of Opposite Sex	Alistair Sutherland in memory of Annie
Best Puppy	Savannah MacKenzie
Best of Winners	Alistair Sutherland in memory of Player
Winners Dog	Louise Cusson, Michel Dumont, in memory of Bruce
Winners Bitch	Louise Cusson, Michel Dumont In Memory of Lillie
Reserve Winners Dog	Harbinger Gordon Setters
Reserve Winners Bitch	Harbinger Gordon Setters
Veteran Dog	Guy Cluff in memory of Liam
Select Dog	Susan Howe in memory CH Standfast Sterling
Select Bitch	Susan Howe in memory of GCH Am CH Amberlove with My Usual Flair
<u>Irish Setters</u>	
Best of Breed	Barbara Hollingworth for Mick McGreevy
Best of Opposite	Gord Jones
Best Puppy	Bev Kelsey in memory of Kelsey's Firecrest Tara
Best of Winners	Kathryn Adams in memory of Maranova's Summer Miracle
Winners Bitch	Stephanie and Chris in memory of Kahlua
Reserve Winners Dog	Barbara Hollingworth in memory of O'Malley
Veteran Dog	Florence and Don Pullen, Shillalah Kennel
Select Dog	Dennis and Christine Phillips
Select Bitch	Dennis and Christine Phillips

• OVASA SPECIALTY 2023 RESULTS (cont-d)

<u>Trophy</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<u>Irish Red and White Setters</u>	
Best of Breed	Joan and Ken Colbourn, Fallowfield Kennel, Irish Setters
Best of Opposite	IRWSCC
Best Puppy	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Best of Winners	Teena, Dave and Abbey Lafleur
Winners Bitch	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Veteran Bitch	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Select Dog	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Select Bitch	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Reserve Winners Dog	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Reserve Winners Bitch	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Veteran Dog	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC
Veteran Bitch	Mary Wagner, IRWSCC



OVASA Show Chair Christine Phillips hands over *CH Carannagh's Lindy FDI RN Memorial Trophy* to Pinray's Primrose Charm - HQS in Rally Obedience (owner Susan Golden)



♦ OVASA 47th SPECIALTY RESULTS (cont-d)

Results

Specialty Judge: Denys Janssen
Sweepstakes Judge: Sonya Haskell

	Name	Breed	Owner
BISS	GchS Harbinger's Forest Ranger	Gordon	S.Howe
BVISS	GchS Harbinger's Forest Ranger	Gordon	S.Howe
BPISS	Ramblin' Red Living The Dream	Irish	P. Kubacz
BBPISS	Harbinger's Love Story	Gordon	S.MacKenzie & A.Sutherland
BOB (English)	Ch Festivity BJ's Tornado Warning	English	B.J. Parsons & K.M.Apodaca
BOB (Gordon)	GchS Harbinger's Forest Ranger	Gordon	S.Howe
BOB (Irish)	GCh Ramblin' Red Slam dunk Buckpasser	Irish	J.&H. Laabs, P. Kubacz
BOB (Irish R&W)	GChS Cornadore Branco With Annagh	Irish R&W	M. Wagner
BP in Sweeps	Lyric's Sword Dance For the lion Rampant	Gordon	K.Davidson-Christman
BV in Sweeps	GCH EX Harbinger's Forest Ranger RN	Gordon	S.Howe
Best Field Dog	GCH Harbinger's Just for The Record	Gordon	S. Mackenzie, A. Sutherland
Rally	Pinray's Primrose Charm	Irish	S. Golden



Best Setter in OVASA Specialty:
GCH Harbinger's Forest Ranger / Susan Howe



Best Puppy in OVASA Specialty: Harbinger's Love Story
Savannah MacKenzie & Alistair Sutherland

♦ OVASA SPECIALTY RESULTS (cont-d)

Total number of 71 setters and 5 baby puppies were registered for OVASA Specialty.
Please, visit OVASA FB for many more pictures.



Irish Red & White Setter Club of Canada



Silver Jubilee



Come celebrate our 25th Anniversary National Specialty

Ancaster, Ontario ~ September 6, 7 & 8, 2024

Club Events:

Friday, Sept. 6th

- Grooming Seminar
- Welcome Pizza Party
- Sweepstakes
- Parade of
Champions/Veterans

Saturday, Sept. 7th

- National Specialty
- Gala Banquet &
Awards Ceremony
- Breed History
Presentation
- Silent Auction

Sunday, Sept. 8th

- Regional
Specialty

7 sets of points for IRWS

National Specialty
Regional Specialty
3 All Breed Shows
Group One Limited Show
Dogs of Britain/Ireland
Limited Breed Show



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1072227957267267/>

Website: <http://www.irishredandwhitesetterclub.ca>

Contact Show Chairs: Teena Lafleur (teena.flintoft@gmail.com) & Noreena Seery for more information.

♦ NEW TITLES

Annie goes hunting!

Kathryn Adams

I attended the Pointing Dog Club's indoor training this Spring (2023) and then the outdoor training in the Summer. The indoor obedience and retrieving training was excellent. It was held at the Dog Ranch near North Gower. Annie and I work pretty well together indoors and we learned some really good tips on how to improve our performance.

The idea of 'downing' a dog in place and then standing on it's leash, sounds simple, but it's quite extraordinary. And it works! The dog realizes there is no point in fussing, and just lies down and relaxes.

I also learned an important lesson on giving commands. The task was to fetch a dummy from behind a blind. I sent Annie and told her "find it". She spent a long time looking but returned without anything. I was really surprised because she should have done that easily. So what happened? It suddenly dawned on me that I use "find it" for scent detection so she had searched for something that smelled of an essential oil. There wasn't one. It was a different sport and a handler error.

I went to the outdoor training sessions at Rejina and Anton Sagh's estate and Annie learned the importance of the 'whoa' command and practiced pointing birds. She was definitely keen on birds. It made me worry that if I hunted with her she might take off and never return. We needed lots of work on the 'come' command.

Happily this story has a good ending. Annie and I got two legs of our Field Dog Junior at the Pointing Dog Club's Field Trial near Maxville and we received the Shelley Price Field Dog Award "In recognition of Excellent Sportsmanship and Team Work 2023". I hadn't even entered on the Sunday because I certainly wasn't expecting such a wonderful outcome on Saturday, but we did enter a trial at Norwood this Fall and have now titled in FDJ.



♦ NEW TITLES (con-d)

In May 2023 Broughall's Living A Dream a.k.a. "Bella" finished her Canadian Championship with ease!!!

Proudly bred, owned and handled by the owner Oxana Erokhovets.



CH Harbinger's Errol Flynn FDJ RN VN "Flynn" received his Novice Barn Ratting Title-NBAR & his Novice Brush Hunting Title - NBRH. He loves to work & enjoyed himself immensely.

Owned by Debbie Cook

• OUR DOGS (1)

And a puppy makes it merry and bright!

Susan Howe

As I sat with Whisky the dachshund curled up on the couch and Woody the Gordon stretched out on the floor, I looked around the peaceful room, and thought “We need a puppy!”

Now, no one in her right mind, who already has two beautiful happy dogs in a small house, would ever think that a puppy (especially a Gordon Setter in November) was a good idea.

But we all know what happened next. I got a puppy.

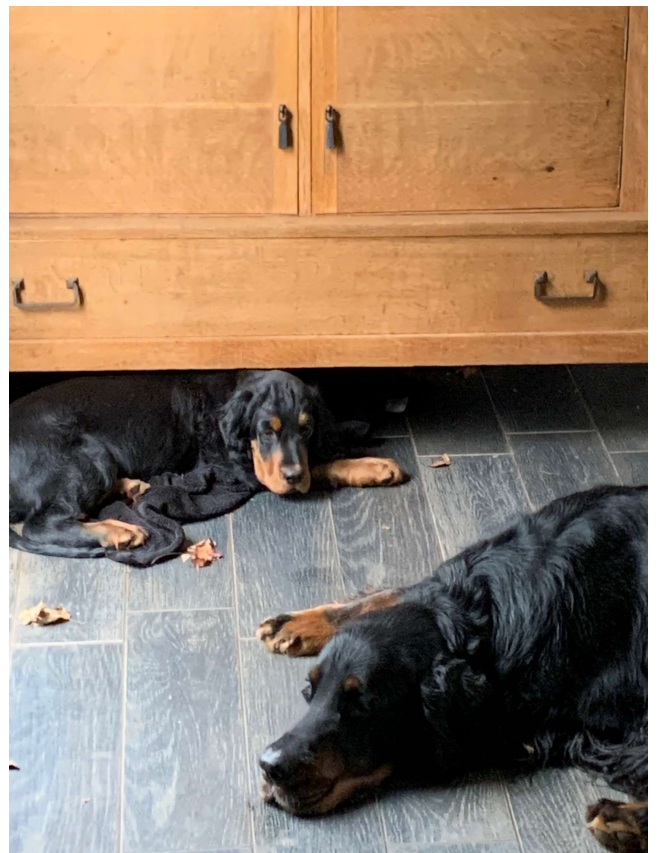
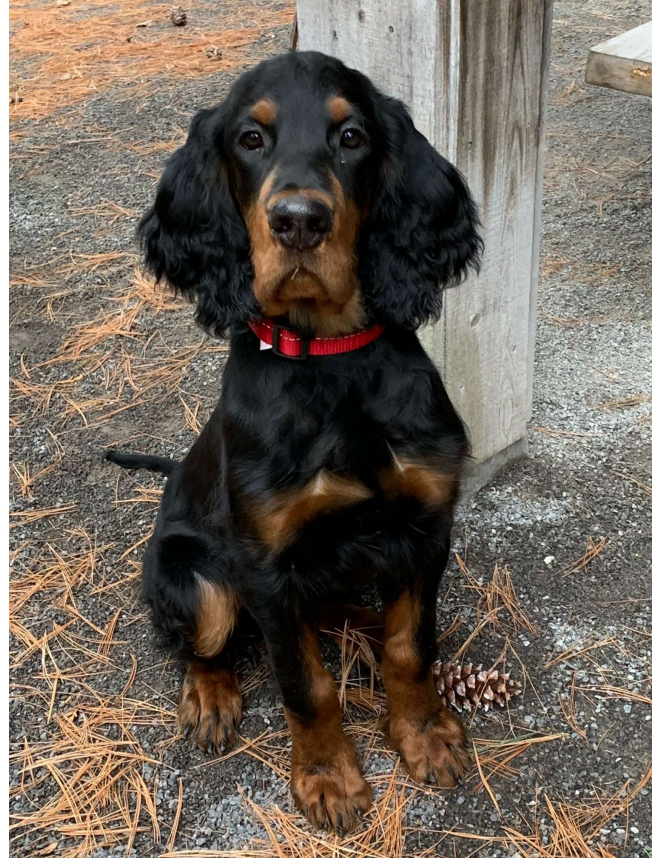
Peggy Nowak of Bit O’Gold Gordon Setters in Wisconsin had been sharing pictures of her last ever litter on Facebook. After close to 40 years Peggy was retiring, with an enviable reputation as a breeder and owner-handler of some of the top Gordon Setters in Canada and the United States. I’ve known and admired Peggy since the 1980’s but I’ve never owned one of her dogs.

I wasn’t the only one looking at puppy pictures on Facebook. Alistair Sutherland messaged me one day, as I was about to message him, and we started chatting about a male puppy that Peggy had available. The puppy looked lovely, and his pedigree was incomparable. His dam was Best of Opposite Sex at the 2022 National Specialty in Chicago, and his sire was a top winning dog from the 1980’s. This pedigree looked like a who’s who of Gordon Setters! Well, it took about an hour for me to decide that this puppy should come here. Alistair and I contacted Peggy and she was more than happy to send this little one to us! And so, at the beginning of November, we all met in Sault Ste-Marie, and 10-week-old Duncan came home to Carleton Place.

Life as I knew it has not been the same. Not the same peaceful routine for sure, but Whisky and Woody have welcomed Duncan (Bit O’Gold Last Dark Warrior of Harbinger) to the family. He’s super smart, bold and loving and I’m excited to see what adventures lie ahead.

And if I pick up the toys, and mop up the occasional piddle, and get the food bowls out in the right order, all is calm, all is bright. Or merry and bright. Or both.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and healthy and happy new year from me and the boys.



• OUR DOGS (2)

Buck

Oxana Erokhovets

You know me as an English Setter person but my first setter was actually Irish. This boy came into our lives unexpectedly. He was a runaway, people took him off the streets in the middle of February but had no idea what they got themselves into so they gave the dog away. And the next family gave him away and so the next. We were 4th (?) family who took a pity on a sad and grumpy skinny dog and took him in. We only had to pay for the leash that cost us \$1 thus the name Buck.

It was not an easy adjustment for any of us. Buck was 3 years old intact male. There was growling and biting and running away, too, but we did not give up. Instead of trying to discipline him and spoiled him with love, allowed him to sleep in our bed, took him on half-day long walks, let him run in the fields chasing rabbits and birds and swim in the lakes, took him hunting and eventually his heart melted – he became our dog, sweet and gentle and never ran away again!

When we decided to move to Canada there was no question whether Buck stays behind or comes with us: he comes. And so there were us arriving to Canada: young couple with couple big suitcases and a dog. Living in the city had very limited spaces where the dog could run. There were problems finding good apartments that would allow dogs and have location near rivers or parks. But when there is a will there is a way. We enjoyed walks along the Don river in North York and Humber river in Etobicoke, on the shores of Lake Huron. Never needed a leash!!! And we joke that it was Buck who pushed us into real estate because we had to have a home where we could have a dog and enough space for him.

Buck was our first “child” and when our son was born they were like siblings and shared their toys and treats. There are so many family stories and memorable moments that always make us smile.

Sweet Buck! You never forget your first love.



♦ OVASA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

December 9, 2023. Small group but great friends. Meal was excellent, Traditional Gift Exchange saw many gifts exchanging hands till the end. Weather was excellent for driving...perfect evening with OVASA members...

Thank you Dennis & Christine for hosting this Annual Event once again.

Please visit OVASA FB for more fun pictures and videos from this evening.



Priceless gifts!!!

♦ HUMOUR

From Darrell Hails

Day 4 and they suspect nothing 🤔🤔



Hmmm, wonder why? 🤔



Since I bought this toy for my dog...
no more salesmen,
break-ins, or friends popping in
unannounced.
Just peace & quiet.



♦ FINANCIAL REPORTS

Specialty Financial 2023

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Booster	\$ 287.00	Rosettes	\$ 1,069.47
Donation (cake)	\$ 69.99	Trophies and gifts	\$ 999.65
Entry	\$ 1,134.25	Expenses charged by SD&G	\$ 760.12
Raffle/Auction	\$ 541.59	Camp site	\$ 137.11
Trophy Sponsorship	\$ 1,390.00	Engraving	\$ 287.98
Donation (Journault)	\$ 20.00	Sweeps	\$ 146.25
Received from ISCC	\$ 188.55	Lunch	\$ 432.60
Total	<u>\$ 3,631.38</u>		<u>\$ 3,833.18</u>
Profit/Loss	<u>-\$ 201.80</u>		

Notes:

- 1.) Entry was lower than last year
- 2.) Prior year trophies and rosettes were lower due to use of items left over
- 3.) Revenue from auction was shared with ISCC
- 4.) Expenses for tables, camp site were shared with ISCC
- 5.) Additional \$90 revenue outstanding which may be collected, would reduce deficit to \$111.80

OVASA Financial

10 Months ended October 23rd

Opening Balance December 23, 2022 4233.39

INCOME

Hall rental refund	\$ 65.00
Membership 2023	\$ 675.00
Membership 2024	\$ 30.00
Ottawa Kennel Club Booster	\$ 105.00
Specialty	\$ 3,631.38
Winter play date Dog Ranch	\$ 90.00

Totals \$ 4,596.38

Excess of revenue over expenses \$ 258.86

Closing balance \$ 4,492.25

EXPENSES

Bank fees	\$ 25.00
Christmas cards	\$ 74.73
CKC dues	\$ 84.75
Ottawa Kennel Club Booth fee	\$ 40.00
Specialty	\$ 3,833.18
Spring BBQ	\$ 179.86
Winter play date Dog Ranch	\$ 100.00

\$ 4,337.52

Bank Reconciliation

Actual Bank Balance	\$ 3,756.11
Plus outstanding deposits	\$ 736.14
Less outstanding cheques	\$ -
Reconciled balance	<u>\$ 4,492.25</u>

