

Setter Tales

Winter/Spring 2014



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Breaking thru the winter doldrums all thru March!

OVASA is very pleased to offer the following playdates in March for indoor fun for you and your dog. Challenge your dogs in performance events! Suitable for all age of human and dogs, four Saturday mornings at the Dog Ranch in North Gower all the OVASA pack two legged and four, can get some summer quality exercise and have a lot of fun together! No experience necessary! We can continue the fun over lunch in Kemptonville following the sessions. A contribution to the facility rental of \$5 per dog is requested and OVASA will pick up the rest.

Start time is 10:10 am. [Map to Dog Ranch pg 13](#)

March 8

RALLY-O Learn the 31 signs to earn a Rally
Novice(RN) title

March 15

OBEDIENCE for the field, whoa training, recall, etc

March 22

AGILITY

March 29

POINT THAT BIRD! Rod to wing/ live bird plant,
etc.

Field/Gun Dog Clinic May 3rd

Welcome to the Field/Gun Dog Clinic! The clinic will be Saturday – May 3rd at Liz Outram's Pointblank Kennels located in Norwood, Ontario.

(From Kemptville it is about a 3 hour drive and from Smiths Falls 2 1/2 hours, Arnprior is also a 3 hour drive.) (it is possible that driving expense be shared if we go together, also making the drive enjoyable)

Instructor is Liz Outram of Pointblank Kennels. The day starts at 9am and runs 7 hours til 4 pm. The length of time each dog needs is approx. 1 hour. The course itself is only 20 min-30 min but time is needed to put out the birds in between dogs, and also long line each dog into a couple of birds for some practice prior to going around test course.

We can do some gun work as well with some shoot and throw exercises. We can keep bird costs down by initially working each dog on a long line, into a few birds that are tethered.

Lunch could be a pot luck or individual, club member's choice. To be decided before we go.

This clinic is open for OVASA members so please let me know if you are attending. I will send forms to anyone who wants to attend this session. The cost will be \$40 per dog.

If you have any questions regarding the clinic please feel free to contact me at home: 613-258-6907 or e-mail me at deborah.cook@loblaw.ca.

I do need a head count of dogs and people that are up for this terrific opportunity to train their hunting dogs.

The following weekend is a trial being held at the same location where it could be possible to get 2 legs on the FDJ-Field Dog Junior Title.

Then the OVPDC trial being held June 7 and 8 in Maxville and Tuesday, August 26th you could qualify for OVPDC Versatility Award.

FDJ Title could be obtained in those two weekends.

Thanks, Debbie Cook

May 25, 2014

Guide Dogs Dollar\$ for Dog\$ Fundraising Walk

Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind will host our 30th annual fundraising walk on Sunday, May 25, 2014, presented by 98.5 The Jewel. Join us for the Dollar\$ for Dog\$ Fundraising Walk, a 4-km walk with your best canine friend, plus a BBQ and terrific prizes. You can attend our national walk at Andrew Haydon Park, 3169 Carling Ave in Ottawa. Online registration and more information is coming soon, but it's never too early to raise funds or get involved. email events@guidedogs.ca anytime to get a pledge form.

The Nose Knows!

March 16th from 1-4 pm. at the Dog Ranch in North Gower, the Ottawa Valley Golden Retriever Club is sponsoring a small demo/introduction to canine nosework. This is a low-impact fairly new dog sport, although currently not a CKC supported event,

An auditing spot is \$20 and a working spot is \$40. Map to the Dog Ranch on page 12

New paws on the ground!

Anne Perkins (Carannagh Kennel Rg'd) is pleased to announce the birth of 11 little redheads - 5 girls and 6 boys -- on December 15th. Georgia (Ch Carannagh's Georgia RN, 2013 ISCC Versatility Award) is the mother and Rafferty (Fairline's Rafferty - Vicki and Patrick Hunt) is the father.

All have new homes except for two boys and one girl.

Six new parents are former or current owners of other puppies of Anne's breeding. Anne expects this to be a very talented group of Irish, with 3 Carannagh generations of FDJ titles, 3 with CD titles, and 2 with RN titles as well as Canadian championships in several of the same dogs with performance titles. Great Aunt KC (Joan Colbourn's girl) is a good example of Anne's redheads with a talented owner (Joan) -- K.C. is very, very accomplished in many things, including performance events and therapy work.

Vicki and Patrick's lines can also claim many conformation championships over the years and are very birdy, with Vicki's Annie counted among the top field dogs in Canada a few years back. Most of all, they grow up to be good family and companion dogs.

For inquiries about the 2 boys AND THE GIRL, contact Anne at 613-826-3297 or aperkins@magma.ca.



And in other show news,

Sue Howe's My Usual Flair (known to her friends and family as Holly) -took Winners Bitch NOVEMBER 17, 2012 at the Syracrduse show. Everything about that girl makes the term 'bitch' a very desireable compliment!

Tina Cockram is happy and proud to announce her latest addition to the Munstervale Kennel, Midnightblue Quail of Munster, took Best of Breed at the Ontario Breeders show in Lindsay, Saturday and Sunday, February 15 and 16, aged 20 months.. Although a lot of American in his breeding, he has British Wendover in his sire's background and his great-great-grandfather on his dam's side is Brackenfield Jonquil of Munstervale. Tina has great hopes for Quail.

Munstervale Kennel - Tina Cockram

Loving memories

DUNEIRIN OF MUNSTERVALE - EIRIN

May 27, 1999-October 15, 2013

Eirin was the most wonderful, loving girl one could ever wish to own. Right from her birth, it seemed she could do no wrong. Her dam was Fairline Hollyglade of Munster, sire Cucuhullian Good Fortune. She obtained her Canadian Championship at the tender age of 13 months, unbeaten, thanks to Bob Rowbotham. She then won the OVASA Specialty Sweepstakes, handled by Patrick Hunt.

She produced two wonderful litters in 2004 and 2005, from which I kept FyFy and Geileis. I still have FyFy but, unfortunately lost my beloved Geileis suddenly at the tender age of only 5.

She was just short of being 14 ½ when she became ill and I had to say a sad good-bye to her.

Enjoy the shamrocks over the Rainbow Bridge Little One.



BRACKENFIELD WALNUT - BRACKEN

September 7, 2002 - April 14, 2012

I will never forget Bracken when I met Beryl at the airport with him in the crate. I don't think I've ever seen a puppy with such a beautiful head and expression. He came from Sybil Lennox of Brackenfield/Hartsbourne and I had chosen him when I was over in England three months before.

He was a wonderful dog and companion, and finished his Championship under Bob Rowbotham and Marie Tinlin's daughter Colleen. After that he was very much an at-home dog but thoroughly enjoyed runs in the car. He, along with Eirin, gave me a lovely litter, which included my beloved Geileis. Unfortunately, a month before he left me he had been diagnosed with an heramatoligal sarcoma. I only had him for a further 12 days.

Live in eternal peace over the Rainbow Bridge dear Bracken and enjoy the shamrocks.



OVASA 2014 SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS

We are asking you to sponsor a specific trophy – perhaps in memory of or in the name of a special person or pet. To sponsor a specific award, please send a \$25.00 donation with this form or a \$50.00 donation for the “Best in” choices or donate to the General Trophy Fund. Each Donation will be acknowledged in the SD&G Show Catalogue, including your special message. Trophy Donations are on a first-come-first-served basis, so please let us know about your choice as soon as possible.

Please make cheque payable to: OVASA and send to:
Deborah Cook, 951 Townline Road, R. R. #2, Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0

Best Setter in Multiple Breed Specialty:

Best Puppy in Multiple Breed Specialty:

Best Veteran in Multiple Breed Specialty:

Best Field Dog in Multiple Breed Specialty:

	English	Gordon	Irish	Irish R&W
Best of Breed:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Best of Opposite Sex	_____	_____	_____	_____
Best Puppy	_____	_____	_____	_____
Winners Dog	_____	_____	_____	_____
Winners Bitch	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reserve Winners Dog	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reserve Winners Bitch	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veterans Dog	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veteran Bitch	_____	_____	_____	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Breed: _____ Kennel Name: _____

Trophy Message: _____

Note: WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THE SPECIALTY IN MANY ROLES:
Hospitality – Organizer and Helpers – Photographer – Set-up and Tear Down Crew

OVASA Club Pack News

Gleanings from

The AGM 2013

- The annual general meeting of the Ottawa Valley All-Setters Association was held Saturday, November 2, at the home of Debbie Coo. Fourteen club members were present which it was confirmed did make a quorum.
- The current president has had to retire due to ongoing health issues, and was not present so Wendy Watson chaired the meeting and Alistair Sutherland agreed to take the minutes.
- The positions of President and secretary were declared open. Alistair Sutherland with a few decades of club experience in various positions, agreed to take on the role of President for 2014. Patrick Hunt who also has decades of experience including the CKC, the OKC as well as OVASA accepted the position of Secretary, with assistance from Lesley Cluff as intern.

Reports

- The 2013 OVSA Specialty last August was a success, as usual. Wendy Watson ably chaired that and was willing to chair the 2014 Specialty. Volunteers are working with Wendy on it already.
- Newsletter – Editor Lesley Cluff apologized for the errors. There are only two periods a year when there is enough information and club news to justify putting out a newsletter – late winter and early fall. Members present appreciated the larger print used throughout the newsletter and the photos. Lesley explained the cost for a colour newsletter printed and mailed runs as high as \$7 each. Members present agreed as a component of the membership fee and its value in contributing to the cohesiveness and communication within the club, the price was acceptable. However anyone who would rather receive the newsletter by email instead of a hard copy may email Lesley and request email only.
- Treasurer Debbie Cook reported that as of September 25, 2013, the club has a bank balance of \$5,477.93 and the club rescue fund has \$1,714.81.
- Club Activities in 2013
- All events from the BBQ at Joan Colbourne's with 22 members present to the profitable Specialty were well attended and enjoyed by all.
- A motion to organize Sanction matches for performance events was put forward, but defeated, not because no one wanted to see the club do it, but for lack of new and younger volunteers as our older ones are already heavily involved in other club work.

First regular meeting of the 2014 OVASA executive

Meeting began at 11.39 am in the midst of a snow storm on January 25, 2014 at Rob Roy's in Smiths Falls.

Treasurer Debbie Cook reported that as of December 24, the general fund account sits at \$4,963.15.

Rescue fund has \$1,714.81.

OVASA Specialty 2014: Show Chair Wendy Watson reported

Susan Howe is doing trophies. Anne Perkins is handling the lunch. Debbie Cook is handling the raffle.

Everything is on track

Performance Recognition at Specialty: Action: As per a motion passed at the AGM, a Rosette will be awarded to the setter earning the most points each day of the Specialty weekend in Performance events including Obedience, Rally O, Agility and Field competitions.

Club Fun Dog Activities: While official non-confirmation competitions are not practical for OVASA, the high interest among club members in alternate dog activities generated some interesting ideas. We will incorporate those activities into our usual club activities, giving members an opportunity to try something new and/or practice what they are involved in.

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Canadian Kennel Club

NOTICE TO POINTING FIELD DOG TEST CLUBS & EXHIBITORS

Re: New Test Level & New Title effective January 1, 2014

The new provisions can be found online at

http://www.ckc.ca/en/portals/0/pdf/Shows%20&%20Trials/AmendmentsPointing-FieldDogTest_2014.pdf

DIRECTIONS AND MAP TO DOG RANCH IN NORTH GOWER

Enter into GPS - 6361 Fourth Line Road, Ottawa, ON

Coming from the WEST,

take Dwyer Hill Road from Hwy #7 to Roger Stevens Drive. Turn left and go up to North Gower. Turn left at the traffic lights and proceed through the flashing light. Then follow the above instructions.

Coming from the Richmond/Fallowfield,

turn onto McBean Street in the middle of Richmond. At the Stop sign outside Richmond, about 3-4 miles, turn right and just before you come into North Gower, the Dog Ranch will be on your left, immediately after Phelan Road.

Coming from Hwy 416, the north or south --

take Exit 49, Roger Stevens Drive, between Bankfield/Manotick and Kemptville.

1. At top of the exit ramp, turn west. going straight down to the traffic lights in the middle of North Gower.
2. Turn right. Proceed to the flashing light, with Prince of Wales at right.
3. Continue straight ahead about 1-2 miles out of the village. On left there is a large bungalow and then red brick house with a flag. The Dog Ranch is just after that, on the **right**, immediately before Phelan Road. It has a single lane driveway going uphill with fencing on the right, house at the top on the right and a barn straight ahead and one to the left. There is no Dog Ranch sign.



OTTAWA VALLEY ALL-SETTER ASSOCIATION (OVASA)

OBJECTIVES*

- to encourage and to promote the breeding of purebred Setters (English; Gordon; Irish; and Irish Red and White) and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breeds as approved by the Canadian Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Setters shall be judged;
- to do all in its power to advance the interests of purebred Setters
- to encourage sportsman-like competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field trials;
- to conduct Specialty Shows; Field Trials or Tests; Obedience Trials and Sanction Matches under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club.

AREA OF OPERATION*

The club shall operate within the geographic Ottawa Valley, and within an area not in excess of 150 miles (240 km) from the Peace Tower of the Canadian Parliament Buildings, extending to but not beyond the Canadian/US border.

MODE OF OPERATION*

The club shall not be conducted or operated for a profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

** Exerpted from the OVASA Constitution*

OVASA CODE OF ETHICS

Breeding

- Each litter is conscientiously planned, based on parents of appropriate temperament, appearance, and other qualities in relation to the Official Standard and Description of the breed adopted by the Canadian Kennel Club.
- Before deciding to produce a litter, the breeder shall consider the possibilities of proper placement of the puppies that he/she cannot keep him/herself.
- All breeding stock should be of sound body and temperament.
- Healthy Breeding stock shall be kept under sanitary conditions and given maximum health protection through worming, inoculations, and close contact with veterinary medicine.
- Only mature bitches over the age of 18 months are used for breeding.

Registration

- All Setters sold are registered with the CKC and/or AKC and/or the American Field Dog Stud Book.
- All puppies or dogs designated as pet quality shall be sold with non-breeding contracts.
- The breeder shall provide a 3 or 4 generation pedigree and registration papers with each dog sold.
- All transactions will be covered with written, signed agreements.

Sales

- Members of the Ottawa Valley All Setter Association will not sell or consign puppies of adult dogs to pet shops or to commercial dealers.
- Breeders will sell only to individuals who are in accord with this Code of Ethics.
- All stock leaving the breeders possession should be at least seven (7) weeks of age.
- The breeder provides the buyer with written details on feeding and general care, data on worming and inoculations and guarantess healthy puppies at the time of sale.

Advertising

- All advertising must be factual. Advertising must not offer Setters as moneymaking schemes.
- The breeder will not supply dogs for raffles, giveaways or other similar projects.

OTTAWA VALLEY ALL SETTER ASSOC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Renewal/New Member complete only if changes (please circle one)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

Kennel Name: _____ CKC Tattoo _____

(if applicable) Combination:

Setter Breeds Owned : _____

CKC Registered : Yes or No (please circle one)

I/We agree to abide by OVASA's constitution, by-laws and code of ethics.

Signature(s): _____

Membership type: (please circle one)

Single : \$20.00 per year Couple : \$25.00 per year Family : \$30.00

Date : _____

Enclosed : \$ _____

Please mail cheque payable to OVASA to:

Deborah Cook
OVASA Membership Chair
951 Townline Road, R.R. #2
Kemptville
Ontario K0G 1J0

MEMBERSHIP LIST

OVASA MEMBERSHIP 2014

Feb. 12, 2014

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Suzan	Ottawa, ON K2A 2P7			

First regular meeting continued....

We will depend on experienced members and guest experts to teach and guide members and dogs thru the new activities. This year will be a trial only, and if well received can be reconsidered and added to our usual annual events.

Action: First event will be March 8, 2014 at 10:10 . For the month of March, every Saturday morning, the club will rent the Dog Ranch located at 6361 Fourth Line Road, North Gower. OVASA will pick up the major portion of the rental and club members will contribute a small amount each towards the cost. It will be necessary to indicate ahead of time if members plan to attend.

Health issues and dogs

Irish Setter Health Survey

The OFA is hosting breed health surveys for Irish Setters Breed Club Health Surveys

<http://offa.org/surveys/index.html#i>

The OFA offers breed surveys for a number of breed parent clubs. Currently this includes Irish Red and Whites and Irish. Gordon and English Setters are not listed. These surveys are offered free of charge. All data is used only in aggregate and is kept confidential. No survey results will be traceable to any individual dog. It is hoped that this information will be valuable to breed clubs as they assess the health issues of their breed. Dogs as far back as 2004 can be included. The results will help the American Parent Club's to prioritise their health focus in the years to come. Results to date and also given.

"How to use this survey.

This Health Survey is the fourth in a series conducted by the Health Committee of the Irish Setter Club of America. The last survey we conducted was in 2003. Much has changed in our breed since then. Our population is smaller in numbers now, so in order to serve our breed it is important that all Irish Setter owners participate in this project. "

OVASA Survey - Pet First Aid Course -

Would you like to learn the proper First Aid for your four legged family member? When do you call the vet? How do you carry an injured animal? How do you stop a cut from bleeding?

Gary Baillargeon of Petworth Emergency Services offers his 30 years of experience in a 6 hour certified St. John's Ambulance course covering the same topics as a human First Aid course including CPR, wounds, broken bones, and choking as well as emergencies more related to pets, such as porcupine quills, parasites and fighting.

This is a St John Ambulance accredited course and each person registered will receive a St John Ambulance certificate and a pet first aid kit.

The course is offered to groups of 10 or more. If there is enough interest among OVASA members, the club could host a course and invite other clubs and pet owners to attend. Another idea is OVASA could sponsor one or two club members to take the course simply to provide the expertise if needed at OVASA events.

The cost of the course is \$100 per person and includes the pet first aid kit.

Your executive would like to know if club members are interested in taking the program themselves, possibly as an OVASA organized event inviting other clubs, and/or sponsoring designated club members to take the course to provide assistance at club events in case of an emergency,

**Please share your opinion with the executive
email Lesley Cluff lesley.cluff@xplornet.ca**



Memories

Here is a picture that takes older members back more than a few years! At the Winter Garden Specialties in New York on the weekend of February 7 - 9, Sue Howe ran into former OVASA member, Lori Stewart, an English Setter affectionado til the end! OVASA members Alistair Sutherland and Mary Lou Levesque and Marie Tinlin took a mid winter trip to the Big Apple for a comfy indoor show!

The Winter Garden Specialties have replaced the old "Combined Setter Specialties" held at the Westchester Hilton in the ballroom, Rye Brook, New York. -----Three English setter specialties, two Gordon specialties as well as 3 Irish specialties.



Why seniors like larger dogs



TRIED IT and its a BUY, errr, MAKE!!

Believe it or not, summer will come.. eventually. And with it comes large flying biting insect pests that can in an instant turn into a dangerous threat to our dogs. To a setter they are a challenge to be caught and swallowed alive! And they are usually there before we even know it. Above is a simple trap that can be hung off the eaves or in trees, anywhere above the jumping limits of a setter. This trap is simply a 2 litre plastic pop bottle with the top cut a few inches below the top and turned over and taped into the bottom. Do it before you see the enemy. Put a sugary liquid such as coke or pepsi or orange juice with extra sugar in the bottom. Over a week or two every insect in the area will catch the sweet scent and come for a meal! They can't get back out! Used one last summer hidden and it seemed slow to work at first, but the population soon grew very quickly.

ANNOUNCING..... OUR 2014 OVASA SPECIALTY
FOR ENGLISH, GORDON, IRISH AND IRISH RED & WHITE SETTERS
At The Stormont Dundas & Glengarry 4-Day All Breed Show



**Ottawa Valley
All Setter
- Association -**

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Regular, Non-Regular & Unofficial Classes - Judge: pending CKC approval
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes - Judge: Helene Viaud
Obedience - Setter with Highest Qualifying Score each days' Trials with Host Club
Rally Obedience - Setter with Highest Qualifying Score each day with Host Club
Agility - Setter with highest cumulative Score with Agility Club

To be held at the Long Sault Campgrounds, Woodlands Campsite
Long Sault, Ontario, Canada - a well-treed site on the beautiful

St. Lawrence River with easy access from Western Ontario, Quebec,
Eastern Canada, New England and the North East U.S.

Camping Reservations - <http://www.stlawrenceparks.com>

For Hotels accepting dogs - Jodie O'Meara (613) 443-2262 or banquise@sympatico.ca

And Sunday August 24th - Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Specialty
And Sunday August 24th -OVASA Booster with Host Club
And Tuesday August 26th - Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Field Trial

Come and Join Us for a Competitive but Relaxing Weekend!!!!

Other Special Setter Events
Parade of Rescue Dogs

Contact:

For online SDG Show Registration:
Colmar Show Services
(519) 351-3147
colmar@ciaccess.com

for other information:
Wendy Watson
OVASA Show Chair
(613) 283-4150

Matriarch's Lady Sheridan Rapids 'Sara'

I am having a very hard time dealing with this blow. Sara was a great dog.

She was my Belle's first born. Vicki Hunt and I had been up all night with Belle in labour and no puppies. Vicki went home for a sleep and I took Belle outside for a pee.

It was Victoria Day, May 24, 2004 and a big storm was brewing. So out we went for a quick one. There was a flash of lightning, followed by a big bang of thunder and then the rain just poured down. Belle had just finished a piddle when this happened and when she stood up there was a pup on the ground wiggling out of the sack. I grabbed the pup and put her in the pocket of my Irish knit sweater and we ran back into the house now soaked.

This pup was Sara. She had a marking just under her nose that looked like a lightning bolt. I should have kept her but I was still grieving the loss of Belle's brother that had died of bloat the night Belle was bred for this litter.



So Sara went to live with Peter and Leah with her brother Teddy Bear in Sheridan Rapids hence her name Matriarch's Lady Sheridan Rapids.

They live on an island that is accessed by two bridges and only 3 cottages on this island. They fenced the roadside of the property in hope that the dogs would be safe but Sara love to escape and explore the world all the time but she always brought poor Teddy Bear along. She would jump off the dock into the river and swim through the rapids to the mainland with Teddy trying to keep up. They thought they were going to lose Teddy by drowning so they fenced and gated the waterfront to keep them in. So then Sara found the bridge had a cement landing at the edge of their property and she could jump up onto it and then through the railing of the bridge she could be free again but Teddy was bigger and less agile and would get stuck on the cement ledge. All this was at the tender age of four to seven months.

So I took Sara back for 12 weeks and we went to obedience classes as this dog needed to be working and needed guidance. She was much better after that.

She was a healthy girl never ill in her nine years of life. Connie O'Brien was her handler in the show ring for her first 5 points and I did her last 5 points for her conformation Championship.

She achieved her Field Dog Junior title very easily as she was just like her mom Belle. She accomplished a qualifying score in each of her trails attaining the title of FDJ in the 3 trials that I took her to. What a great hunter.

So on the Friday, February 14th, 2014 driving through a winter blizzard to the Vet's office for the 3rd time in 9 days she passed away peacefully in my arms. Strange, as it was I was wearing the same sweater that I had tucked her into the pocket 9 years before.

Even though I wasn't the registered owner of Sara, she lived with me almost as much as she lived in her home on the island where her ashes will be placed this coming spring. - Debbie Cook

OVASA PACK News



Special delivery at the home of Dena and Martin Woodman!

We were very fortunate that with the fantastic help of lots of contacts through OVASA and the ESCC we were introduced to Sharon Leblanc and so went to New Brunswick in November where we and Gibby were introduced to Lizabethans Frank Sinatra ... Frankie! A lovely very cuddly 2 1/2 year old orange boy, who's a bit of a shy country lad but who's learning fast that life in the city is ok, they still have birds and squirrels and better yet there are multiple couches and beds

-- Dena and Martin Woodman



A Player on a roll!

Triseter Celtic Player (Player) did just fine representing Canada and Australia at the Tartan Gordon Setter Club Specialty Show in beautiful South Windsor, Connecticut. Player came first in his Sweepstakes Class under Karen Gatchell and First in his Regular Class under Karolynne M. McAteer.

And on November 15, at the Syracuse show, Player goes Best of Breed and Best of Winners

On November 16th again, Player takes Best of Breed

FEBRUARY 8 and 9, 2014, an awesome weekend at the Winter Garden Specialties in New York. Saturday...Player won his sweeps class and was 3rd in regular class and on Sunday....2nd in sweeps and 2nd in regular class

-- Alistair Sutherland

From the desk of the Prez

It is wonderful to be back as part of the executive of OVASA! The Exec met on a very snowy January 25th in Smiths Falls to do some planning for the coming year.

It is very refreshing to know that our club is still very enthusiastic about making the club the best it can be for the members and their setters. 2014 will bring a focus on well roundedness for the club by introducing performance and field activities with our wonderful setters. You can find the list of planned activities here in the newsletter. March will be our pilot month for performance events and field training to follow for those interested. Please don't be shy about attending these sessions, as we are mostly all newbies and can learn from each other. If you want to come and participate/support/watch/learn and laugh with/at other club members, please feel free to attend – with or without your dog.

As we are already well into 2014, Wendy Watson, our Show Chair, is busily planning the Specialty Show in August. Please let Wendy know if you are willing to volunteer on the day of the specialty.

It is also time to start thinking of our 40th Annual Specialty Show in 2015. We have a handful of members that were at the very first OVASA Specialty show and are still very active club members. We are planning a very splashy event to celebrate and are very happy to hear any thoughts about how it make it a 40th Specialty to remember.

If you have an idea for club activities that haven't been addressed, I would love to hear from you. Hoping that 2014 is an exceptional year for you, your dogs, and the Ottawa Valley All-Setter Association. Best regards,

Alistair Sutherland
President, OVASA

OVASA PACK FUN EVENTS FOR 2014

Some details have yet to be finalized and will be distributed by email

March 8, 15, 22 and 29, at 10:10 am

OVASA Setter Pack Playdates! Learn or practice
The Dog Ranch in North Gower. See pge 1

May 3

Gun Dog Day – Norwood, On. See article page 3

May 25

Guide Dog Walk –
support/promote/donate - see article pge 3-Andrew Haydon Park

June -

BBQ

August

OVASA Specialty Show

September 6 -

Fun Day at Debbie's

October -

Dog Walk at Ferguson's Falls

? - Grooming session if enough interest

December -

Christmas Party at Guy and Lesley Cluff's home,
located south of Carleton Place.