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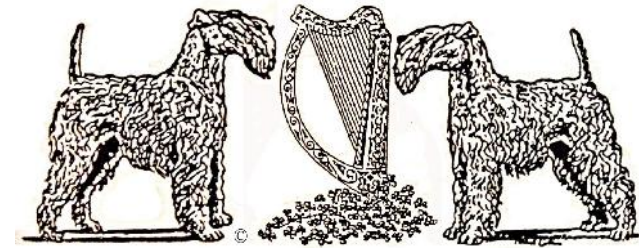
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Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Of Ireland THE WHEATEN NEWS



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Secretary's Corner

Hello Everyone.

We have all been very busy; it's really wonderful to have so many people interested in our breed and our Club. I am currently going through photographs now for our photo competition. We have had a great response from all over the world from as far as New Zealand and Australia, it has also been well supported in Europe and Ireland so I would like to thank all of those who have taken part. There have been a huge variety of photos really showing how much fun you can have owning a Wheaten.

I am also in the process of finalising the Christmas Cards and they will be €12.00 for a pack of ten cards with two designs. I would also like to take this time to wish you and your family a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

Jennifer Kealy
Honorary Secretary

Editor's Notes

Hello Readers,

Although many of us are enjoying the unseasonably mild temperatures, my old problem of hedgehogs in the garden is occupying a lot of my time in the evenings and late nights! On a recent visit to my vets he told me most dogs learn from their encounters with hedgehogs, but I have a Wheaten with other ideas and is a true hunter and never learns. Vet showed me photos on Internet of some poor dogs in Canada with Porcupine quills all over their faces! Ouch! Thankfully I only have to remove a few hedgehog spines. Squirrels are also being very active collecting acorns and chestnuts with the result that my girl has excitement ALL day now!

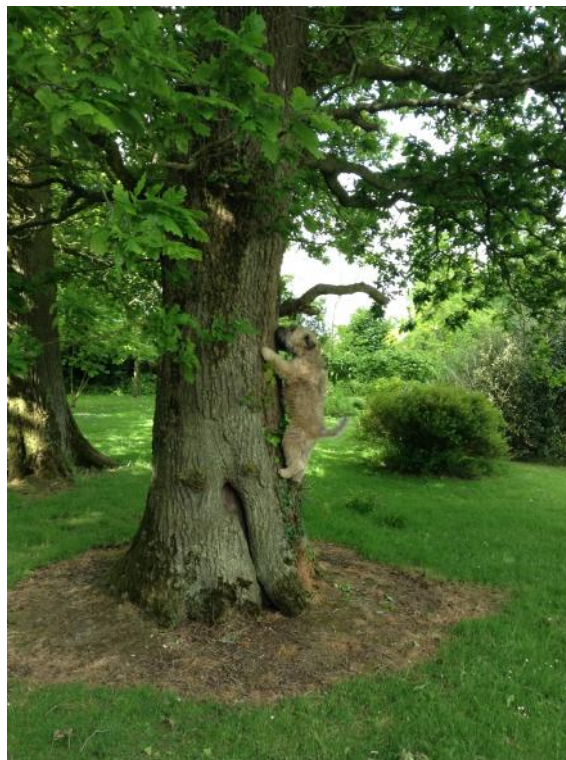


We had a most successful Club Championship show in May. A full report and photos are included in this issue. It was the following day that I lost my husband Ray. A sincere thank you to all who sent cards and condolences; I really appreciate your kindness and caring.

Thank you to those who have contributed articles for our Newsletter but I do have to remind you a Letters Page and any Overseas News page needs your input to achieve this. I know a great many of our members make contact through Facebook but not everyone is a member of this so please send in your articles or comments to Jennifer our Secretary.

Christmas cards will be available again and may I take this opportunity to wish all our readers and Members a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes in the New Year.

Eileen
Editor



Clodo
looking for
those pesky
squirrels,
yes she's
actually
trying to
climb the
tree!!!!

(Front cover – Spinky (RUS/RKF CH Hobel I'm Nearly Famous RUS Jun Ch) & Gavryusha (Inter & Multi Champion Bon Aquarel Match Point) enjoying the snow in Moscow, Russia. Many thanks to Maria Antonova for permission to use the photos and her copyright is acknowledged)

Wheaten Walk At Glendalough

A walk was organised at the beautiful Glendalough, Co Wicklow.

After a long wet cold summer we awoke to a glorious day for our walk at Glendalough. This was my first visit, but it won't be my last as Glendalough is a truly beautiful spot in the Wicklow mountains and was the idyllic location for our amble and picnic.

We had Wheatens large and small from all corners of Ireland. After a couple of hours walking and Wheaten talk there followed the perfect picnic – plenty of food and a small glass or two to wash it all down!

It was at this point that my husband thought it would be a good idea to play a joke on Susan White (the lovely blonde in the photograph). Susan had “borrowed” her Wheatie from Jay and Evelyn Rutherford, who were back at the start of the walk in their camper van, a good hour and a half away. Stewart, my husband, told Susan that they were on their way to catch a ferry and because of her they would miss it – poor Susan, it took a while for the penny to drop, poor Stewart he won't do that again!!

Many thanks to Lesley Porter for the wonderful photos and write-up of the day.



“Remember, a dog is a treasure, not a Christmas gift to be ignored by the time Easter rolls around”



*“The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.”
~ Anonymous*

Overseas News

I'm excited to let you know that Laila, Hobel Wonderful Summer (Macfinn Macken x CH Hobel I Love You) who was born in Ireland and bred by Deborah Evans-Barry is now a Swedish and Danish Champion. Laila got her Danish title under Laura Cox from Ireland and was Best Bitch and the next day under Ger Cox Laila was Best of Breed and gained the Danish Winner-15 title.

Sandra Hellsing, Honeyrags, Sweden – photos below courtesy of Lena Tamm



Murphy, Ballinvounig Charowleen (CH/GB CH Feanaro Niallan Naomhan x Ballinvounig Bonne Chance), who was born here in Ireland and bred by Eileen Collins-Kennedy and owned by Sr Kaare Hegrum became a Norwegian Champion this year.



Whilst in Finland, Tiina Salmivuori has had great success with Muru, Hobel Michelle Leith Bhrogan (Macfinn Macken x CH Hobel I Love You) who was born in Ireland and bred by Deborah Evans-Barry. Muru became a Finnish Champion in May this year and was also Best of Breed under Irish judge Yvonne Cannon-Ladd and went on to be placed 4th in the Group.

Photos courtesy of Kaarina Kontinen & Tiina Salmivuori



Continuing with Finland and Tiina Salmivuori's success as Tiina also owns Väinö, Hobel Dance Shoes LB (Macfinn Macken x Macfinn Take Me High Avec Hobel) who became a Finnish Champion in September this year. Väinö actually lives with the Matikka family and it was Elina who trained and handled Väinö to his title. Elina had to also learn as she was a beginner and Väinö was not always easy to handle.

Photos courtesy of Marjo Matikka



Hello, my name is Maria Antonova and I own Spinky, Hobel I'm Nearly Famous (CH Hobel La Nollag x CH Hobel Vision), she was born in Ireland and bred by Deborah Evans-Barry. This year Spinky has become an RKF and Russian Champion. I have also been doing agility with Spinky and she has won in this too, she loves it.

Maria Antonova, Russia – photos courtesy of Maria



Staying in Russia, Marik, Macfinn Smartie At Bon Aquarel (Macfinn Macken x Macfinn Susie Two) also bred in Ireland by Eithne Brady and owned by Tanya Zhukova has become a Russian, Latvian, Armenian and Georgian Champion.

Photo courtesy of Tanya Zhukova



Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland held at the Green Isle Hotel, Co Dublin on Sunday 18th October, the following committee members were voted in.

Patrons: Hannah Ryan and Tom Deegan

President: Mr. H Kinsella

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Committee Members:

Eithne Brady

Richard Dalton

Deborah Evans-Barry

Bernadette Moynihan

Evelyn Rutherford

Jay Rutherford

Susan White

IKC Representative:

Susan White

Thanks and applause were given to Mrs Anna Butler who has served as the IKC Representative for many years.

**"The only creatures
that are evolved
enough to convey
pure love are dogs
and infants."
Johnny Depp**

Recipe – Tuna Loaf or Tuna Treat

Ingredients:

2 tins of tuna in sunflower oil

2 beaten eggs

160 grams of flour (wholemeal is healthier)

1 teaspoon of garlic powder

(To make less just halve all of the above ingredients)



To make:

To a bowl add the tuna with the sunflower oil

Add the beaten eggs and mix together

Add the flour and garlic powder

Mix well together to form a consistency like a thick paste

Spread the mixture on a large flat plate or glass flan platter

Place in the microwave for 4 to 6 minutes

Allow to cool

Cut into small pieces

Store in an airtight container in the fridge

Alternatives:

Any fish can be used

Note:

If using tuna in brine then you will need to drain the brine off and add 1 tablespoon of sunflower oil

The Standard by Maureen Holmes

Found in the archives of Mr Wallie Ladd was this write-up by Maureen Holmes, it has been reproduced exactly as Maureen wrote it.

For any breed the standard is the most important document there is, as “The Standard” is to be considered the “Blue Print” of what the dogs are supposed to be.

The Federation Cynologique International (F.C.I) recognised this from the start as their basic rule is that **ONLY** the country of **ORIGIN** of a particular breed is entitled to make (any) changes in The Standard. This to prevent diversification within one breed as each country will come up with its own interpretation of what the dogs should look like.

One of the reasons for this is that we live in a very diversified world in which rapid changes are occurring, most of the time because the “VOGUE” has changed, i.e. certain people feel that things should be changed as they “look” better or are more “showy”.

Unfortunately this has also happened in our breed The Softcoated Wheaten Terrier. Next to the official **IRISH STANDARD** there exists an English and an American version.

The Standard in fact is and should be a “technical” specification (just like in civil engineering or architecture) which spells out in detail what is **RIGHT** and what is **WRONG**.

Dogs are part of a countries cultural heritage and like all valuable things should be preserved. The Standard tries to safeguard “what was” and “still ought to be”.

It is very easy to deviate from what the “original” dogs looked like both in appearance and character. Looking around on the showgrounds one sees ample prove of this as many breeds become too popular with all the negative phenomena that go with it; i.e. dogs that are too big, too hairy, too curly, too docile, overangulated and too exaggerated etc, etc.

In many breeds this eventually resulted in a “working” type (the way the animals used to be) and the “show” type, animals that are only fit to “perform” at a show and would not survive in the real (dog) world.

The fact that “show” type dogs exist is a manmade distinction based on selective breeding (or illegal cross breeding) to arrive at an exaggerated point which the breeder feels is better (read showier and/or more profitable).

Dog breeding is in fact, apart from the idealistic few, for many people a lucrative hobby in which the demands of the “market” or the “personal” taste of newcomers in the breed” is sometimes more governing than the compliance with The Standard.

It is therefore that the F.C.I. **accepts only the Standard of the country of origin of a breed** and recognises at the same time that **ONLY** the Breed Club of the country of origin (through it’s Kennel Club) can put forward changes and/or additions to the Standard.

Never should “numbers only” result in (qualitative) changes to be brought about in a specific Standard, especially not when these “volumes of deviated dogs” are realised “abroad” i.e. outside the country of origin.

The incidence of a large amount of faulty dogs (i.e. not answering to the Irish Standard) is by no means an incentive to change the Standard. It just proves that breeders, exhibitors and (some) judges did not do their job correctly!

Wheatens should be “WHEATEN” in colour with coats that are “SILKY WITH A GOLDEN SHINE OR HUE” and “TERRIER” in type and **NOT LIKE** the ever increasing number of dogs that are bred abroad and are “called” wheatens over there. No dogs with colours other than Wheaten, no woolly coats and / or over exaggerated volumes of hair with the wrong texture, no domed skulls, no yellow eyes, no over angulated hindlegs preventing a proper forward drive, nor the introduction of apparently crosslinked (killing) diseases most probably brought about by introducing interbreeding with other breeds (i.e. poodles, bobtails, cockapoo or the like) are allowed nor wanted in the breed.

It is the difficult task of the Breed Clubs to prevent these deviations and their only guidance is the **IRISH STANDARD** as recognised and distributed by the F.C.I.

The Breed Club shall educate its breeders (at home and abroad) and shall educate the exhibitors at shows and most of all educate the breed judges (even at home (Ireland) and abroad).

No one outside the Breedclub in the country of origin should be allowed to interfere. The Standard as it is is clear and straightforward. People in different countries, including the Homecountry, are well able to breed quality Wheatens according to this Standard as is shown in the recently (1991) published book of Mrs Maureen Holmes, “The Softcoated Wheaten Terrier”, thus proving that there is no need for changes. The only drastic change that is urgently needed is the “mentality of breeders, exhibitors and judges” i.e. to adhere to and comply with this **IRISH Standard**.

Only in England and America people had to make their own Standard and are not even able (or willing) to breed dogs according to it as they have no intention whatsoever to heed anything. Their guide is “**personal taste**”. Thus the dogs are changed beyond recognition! Judges, that don’t want to know or just don’t know (out of ignorance) and do not put in an effort to study the Standard, **DESTROY** the breed because they put up these **UNUSUAL** dogs, some people want to call Wheatens.

It might be a good idea if Breed Clubs or even the Kennel Club would reevaluate the way in which judges carry out their tasks as safekeepers of the breeds and not the followers and fixers of the trends and vogues that certain “breeders” try to introduce. Dogs judged and placed shall always be true to type and be excellent samples of the breed they are representing.

Issuing certificates which have to be renewed after a number of years, just like your driving licence, might prove to be necessary for certain judges who divert from the right track (read: the official recognised F.C.I. Standard for the breed).



Junior Corner

I would love to hear stories about your Wheatens, pictures of your Wheatens, jokes, poems etc in fact anything you can tell us. So get your crayons, paints and pens and send me something to include in our next issue. You can email them to eilocollins@hotmail.com

A little something for you to colour in



Word Search – Find the words forwards, backwards and diagonally

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Can you spot the 6 differences?



Views From Breeders Around The World

This issue – Eithne Brady – Macfinn, Ireland

1. What first attracted you to ISCWT? How many years have you been involved with the breed? Are Wheatens your original breed?

I always loved and had terriers, including a Wheaten as a child. The Wheatens have a lovely temperament; don't shed, so a great dog to live with in a home environment.

We got Holmenocks Hoffberg (Doughal), bred by Maureen Holmes in 1992 and Holmenocks Hacada (Susie) the following year, the ancestors of all our Wheatens today. I had the breed as a child and seriously since 1992. They are the only breed that I am interested in.



2. In your opinion which is the best wheaten owned or bred by you?

I can't name just one out of many; Doughal was wonderful, he became Irish Champion Holmenocks Hoffberg in 1996, winning at the Club show three years in succession, 1994, 1995 & 1996.



*Irish Champion
Holmenocks Hoffberg
handled by Tony Killykeen-
Doyle*

The other is Macfinn Macken known as Macken, who has never become a champion himself but who has sired many champions not only here in Ireland but abroad as well, in countries such as Finland, Sweden (also a Danish Champion) and Russia. Macken lives in harmony with his son, grandson and great, great grandson.



*Macfinn Macken
Age 11 years*

All our subsequent dogs were wonderful Wheatens who never became champions as I was not actively showing then. We now have Macfinn Magneto, Erik (Doughal's g.g.grandson), a young dog who is starting out on his show career. He already has his Junior Champion title, 4 Best of Breeds and a Group 1 placing at an All Breed Champion Show which he won at just 16 months of age.



Macfinn Magneto

3. Other than those you have been personally involved with, which two or three Wheatens would you describe as the best ones you have seen and why?

Killykeen Sandy Man, bred by Anthony Killykeen-Doyle, for his size and coat and colour and also Holmenocks Hetargo, Doughal's mother, who in many ways reminds me of Macfinn Kally Keen today.

Not least is CH & GB CH Feanaro Niallan Naomhan, Nevan, owned by Richard Dalton and who was Crufts Best of Breed winner under Zena Thorn-Andrews. Another that caught my eye was Brayson Briony,

excellent type, construction and movement, crowned by a beautiful coat of correct texture, she was owned by Tempe Pearson.



CH & GB CH Feanaro Niallan Naomhan

4. What kennel within or outside of the breed has impressed you and why?

Holmenocks and Killykeen kennels for selecting and evolving the Wheaten we have in our homes and the show rings today.

5. If you could incorporate just one dog from the past, into your breeding programme, who would it be and why?

Killykeen Sandy Man, lovely size and temperament, the quality and colour of his coat had to be seen to be appreciated.

6. Who has been your greatest mentor in the breed?

Maureen Holmes who we had the privilege to know from when we got Holmenocks Hoffberg, until her death in 1996 and Tony Killykeen-Doyle who kept us going in the right direction until his passing in January 2011. Both are greatly missed for their input into the Breed.



One of the last photos of Maureen Holmes and in her lap one of the pups from her last litter she ever bred. This photo was taken approximately a month before she passed on

7. Since you began in Wheatens have you seen many changes within the breed? If yes please explain.

Yes, in Ireland changes are mostly for the better, there is greater appreciation of the Breed and the Irish type of coat and temperament.

8. Do you believe the quality has improved or declined since you first became involved?

In Ireland, I believe quality and construction have improved as well as coat quality which is also much better. Ring training and presentation are very much improved with the Breed in contention for top Group honours.

9. What in your opinion is the greatest hurdle that is now facing the breed?

Maintaining the health and stamina of the Breed, while at the same time remembering the origins, purpose and its working ability.

10. What needs to be done to protect the breed into the future?

Making them more appreciated in their native country and to extend this influence worldwide. I appreciate that there are now many breeders throughout the world who are trying to maintain the original Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier in the way that was very dear to Maureen and know that they struggle for recognition. Continuous education of all our native breeds is imperative.



Macfinn Magic Maker as a pup and Holmenocks Hoffberg

Competition Time

For the first time we are running a competition which is open to Members of the Club only. Below is a Word Search with the names of 52 Irish bred dogs starting from the very beginning of the breed. For example Gip, now that leaves you 51 to find 😊

Closing date is the 31st January and entries should be emailed to wheatenclubofireland@gmail.com with a copy of the Word Search and the number of dogs you have found. The Winner will be the person who has found the most names and will receive a beautiful hand carved Wheaten set on Irish bog oak made by Jay Rutherford.

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Holmenocks, Newkilber, Corrlough, Ballysax and Maroc dogs do not have their Affix before them.

The Wheaten Puppy Evening Prayer

Thank you for all the times you took me out to water the lawn and not the carpet in the living room.

Thank you for allowing me to use all my senses, even if I had the whole of nature in my coat when I came in.

Thank you for not forgetting my meal and the clean water.

Thank you for taking care of me and clipping my nails and grooming my coat.

Thank you for letting me sleep and play when I wanted.

Thank you for letting me into your bed when loneliness became too much for me.

Thank you for not getting angry when my paw hit your eye.

Thank you for removing the Christmas tree, after I had killed the angels on it three times. It was so tempting with everything that moved on it.

Thank you for not losing your temper when I took the pillow full of down and let out all those funny “birds”.

Thank you for all the good words you said to me, and that I am allowed to be your friend.

Thank you for giving me a wonderful day.
AMEN!!

PS: Thank you – and forgive me for taking those wafers. I could not resist setting my milky teeth in them.

AAA---H---MEN!!

K.M.Hegrum, Norway



Dogs In Society Today – Part 1

I started writing this article on hearing about one of my home bred Wheatens saving a family from a break-in. I thought recognition for this could be the beginning of an article on how dogs play a beneficial part in Society today. During my research I have been overwhelmed by the many various roles that assistance dogs can be trained to do.

We all know the huge value that dogs trained for blind persons can give, but there are so many other areas where they give benefit. To name just a few.....to assist law enforcement officers, drug detection at airports/ports, companion dogs, search and rescue, dogs for deaf persons, message runners in WW1 and WW11, therapy dogs used in work with Autism, Alzheimer's, etc, shepherding dogs, diabetic and seizure alert dogs, retrieving dogs, hunting dogs..... the list can go on and on.

It has been well documented that the therapeutic benefit of dog ownership has a most positive effect on owners of all ages. From very young children playing with pet dogs, to an elderly person enjoying the companionship of an animal. The dog plays a key role in every stage of human life. Children learn responsibility, caring and respect for animals. In adulthood dogs provide companionship, especially for people living alone and the opportunity to make contact with others when taking a dog for a walk. Both animal and human will get exercise thereby improving health. There are mutual benefits for both. In today's high pressure society the contact between animal and humans helps coping with stress and anxiety. The relationship instils qualities of confidence and friendship, caring and communication.

In Ireland there are a number of nursing homes and teaching establishments that are recognising the value of contact with dogs. In Cork a member of our Wheaten Club, Ms Bernadette Moynihan, regularly attends a local hospital with her Wheatens. This is her story....

A Day In The Life Of A Therapy Dog

“The ISCWT as a breed, because of its nature and character, is eminently suited to being around people, young and old, who are invalided in any way or have a disability. Wheatens are widely used in this capacity in a

number of countries, including the UK and the USA. They also visit schools to introduce children who know nothing about animals and have no pets, so that they can experience handling a dog properly and getting to know one as a companion.

Several of my dogs have gone through the selection process enabling them to work in this field handled by me. They love this activity and really enjoy visiting a local hospital which mainly deals with geriatric cases. All of us with Wheatens will have recognized that they have a sixth sense when somebody is not quite themselves or ill in some way and will want to comfort and support them. From experience, I know how ideal Wheatens are for interaction with older people and those suffering from dementia.

I take the dogs in turns, making sure that they are freshly groomed and that their paws have been washed. This indicates why we are going out and where, so they are lively and enthusiastic as we set off.

On our very first visit my dog and I were shown round the wards and day room where the patients are located. A certain number will be in hospital for respite care, while others are there on a more permanent basis. I always ask each patient if they like dogs and do not press anybody to stroke a dog or interact with it, if they are not a dog lover. Some people are keen to do so one week and not the next, depending on how they are feeling. Those who can speak are always delighted to tell me about dogs they have owned in the past. They ask my dog's name, about the breed and other questions. Common questions include, how can they see through the fall, their age, whether they have had pups, and how many dogs I have. Some people will have heard before of the ISCWT, but not know that it was originally a badger hunter. At this stage, some now remember me and the dogs, plus their names.

Quite a number of people are invalided, so a smaller dog which can be lifted or supported standing on its hind legs is an advantage. Commonly I may put a dog sitting on a visitor's chair to have it more relaxed. Then the head, legs or chest can be stroked resting on an arm rest or at the edge of a bed, even if the patient only has very restricted movement. Often those who cannot speak or are only barely audible and the otherwise disabled get such obvious pleasure by just running their fingers through the long

soft coat, rubbing the muzzle, the top of the head or another part of the body they can reach. For those who are totally incapacitated, with their permission I gently stroke the back of their hand or their wrist with a dog's leg. The Wheatens are very well-behaved at all times, they never jump up or lick, keep still and never react adversely. This is why the staff and visitors describe them as placid, not a word I personally would use for a Wheaten.

However, they do not forget their terrier nature, as they are always alert, watching what is going on and looking out the large windows and door in the day room. They sit beside patients on command where this is suitable. They have realized that the odd biscuit crumb may be lurking around on the floor under a table after morning tea or coffee. Abban is fascinated by the fish tank, never having seen one before, and was initially trying to get closer to the fish. The dogs give off such a friendly and bright aura that the patients clearly liven up and are pleased to see them arriving. The staff give us a big welcome too. Word has now gone round amongst visitors and relatives as well, as the dogs are greeted by them and it is clear that they have already been spoken about. It is extremely rewarding to be able to bring a welcome change to the routine of these elderly patients and only a pity that time constraints on both sides prevent the dogs staying longer in the company of some residents."

PEATA is an organisation in Ireland of which our Clubs Chairperson, Ms Susan Kealy is a member. PEATA is the Irish word for pet. Its main objectives are to provide a pet therapy service to caring institutions and to promote an awareness of the benefits people derive from pets and to further the understanding of the relationship between people and pets. Susan is taking her Wheaten to a library to help the younger children learn to read. Her next appointment is in a week or two and I will give you an update in the next Newsletter.

PEATA are also holding a Christmas Carol Ceremony in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin on Tuesday 8th December. Time is to be confirmed but please read more about this on their web site PEATA.ie

I [Eileen] have been rewarded in my breeding programme with two dogs passing the stringent tests required to become Therapy dogs.

One is a Delta dog living in Australia and the other a PAT dog living in England. Pdraig in England is kept very busy and his owner, Ms Julie Sheldon gives talks to promote Pets as Therapy dogs. Pdraig used to go to a young offenders prison where he played a huge part in the rehabilitation of inmates. He now attends a local Secondary school to take part in the "Read to dogs" programme. Pdraig is so popular and he has helped pupils who have reading and behavioural problems. The teachers come for a hug and a stroke and say it brightens their day! Only certain dogs are suitable. They must all have an even temperament and a surplus of love and calmness. I am very proud of Pdraig and his owner.



In the next edition of Newsletter I will tell you about Aubrey the Delta dog in Australia and catch up with Susan and her PEATA dog. There will also be an interesting article on training for search and rescue.

To be continued.

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

3rd May 2015

Judge: Mr Tim Finney (Ireland)



Best In Show (L) CH Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW-15 Jun Ch, CJW-11

Reserve Best In Show (R) CH Hobel I Love You, Jun Ch, InTerraW 11, CW-14

Dog Green Star - CH Hobel La Nollag Jun Ch, CJW-11

Reserve Dog Green Star – Macfinn Magneto

Bitch Green Star - CH Hobel I Love You, Jun Ch, InTerraW 11, CW-14

Reserve Bitch Green Star – CH Dalstar Giselle Jun Ch, CW-11

Baby Puppy Dog

Hobel As Time Goes By (Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

Junior Dog

Macfinn Magneto (Mrs E Brady)

Macfinn Victor Creed (Mr F O'Sullivan)

Open Dog

Hobel A Matter Of Moments CJW-14 (Mr S & Mrs L Porter)

Parkalissene Faolan (Miss B Moynihan)

Champion Dog

CH Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW-15, Jun Ch, CJW-11 (Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

Puppy Bitch

Flaxela Everlasting Love (Mrs P Clarke)

Hobel If I Give My Heart To You (Mr S & Mrs L Porter)

Junior Bitch

Macfinn Ororo Munroe (Mrs E Brady)

Kealdale Mace CW-15 (Ms J Kealy)

Parkalissene Orfhlaith (Miss B Moynihan)

Intermediate Bitch

Kealdale Nutmeg Jun Ch (Ms J Kealy)

Open Bitch

Hobel Devil Woman Jun Ch, CJW-14 (Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

Macfinn Cordelia (Mrs E Brady)

Parkalissene Laoise (Miss B Moynihan)

Champion Bitch

CH Hobel I Love You Jun Ch, InTerra Winner 11, CW-14 (Mrs D V Evans-Barry)

CH Dalstar Giselle Jun Ch, CW-11 (Ms J Kealy)

GB CH Calvenace Fat Bottomed Girl For Flaxela ShCM (Mrs P Clarke)

CH Macfinn Kally Keen Jun Ch, CW-13 (Mrs E Brady)

Veteran Bitch

Parkalissene Bebhinn (Miss B Moynihan)

Brace Stakes

Kealdale Nutmeg Jun Ch & CH Dalstar Giselle Jun Ch, CW-11

CH Hobel I Love You Jun Ch, InTerra Winner 11, CW-14 & Hobel Devil Woman Jun Ch, CJW-14

Parkalissene Orfhlaith & Parkalissene Laoise

Hobel A Matter Of Moments CJW-14 & Hobel If I Give My Heart To You

Team Stakes

CH Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW-15, Jun Ch, CJW-11 & CH Hobel I Love You Jun Ch, InTerra Winner 11, CW-14 & Hobel Devil Woman Jun Ch, CJW-14

Parkalissene Orfhlaith, Parkalissene Laoise & Parkalissene Bebhinn

Breeders

Mrs D V Evans-Barry



Tim Finney (L) with Jackie Stubbs (R) from our Sponsors Happy Dog. Deborah with BIS Winner, Kris, CH Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW-14



Cups and Rosettes with the food kindly sponsored by Happy Dog



Open Dog - Hobel A Matter Of Moments CJW-14 (L) & Parkalissene Faolan



Int Bitch - Kealdale Nutmeg Jun Ch



Best Veteran - Parkalissene Bebhinn



BGS CH Hobel I Love You Jun Ch, InTerra Winner 11, CW-14



Best Brace - CH Dalstar Giselle Jun Ch, CW-11 & Kealdale Nutmeg Jun Ch



DGS (L) Kris, CH Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, CW-14 & RDGS (R) Macfinn Magneto



Best Baby Puppy - Hobel As Time Goes By



Open Bitch - Hobel Devil Woman (L) Macfinn Cordelia (C) & Parkalissene Laoise (R)



Junior Dog - Macfinn Magneto(R) & Macfinn Victor Creed (L)

A Great Christmas Gift For Wheaten Lovers

Eithne Brady is the lady who had the foresight to create the “Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier” DVD which features an interview with Tony Killykeen-Doyle and a video, taken by Wallie Ladd, of the rehearsal of Maureen Holmes preparing for the world congress. Unfortunately Maureen did not get to give her presentation so it is particularly pertinent that we have this historical record. We have a limited number of these available so if you require one please email

wheatenclubofireland@gmail.com



FINALLY

**MERRY Christmas and a Happy New Year
From All Of The Committee and Officers
Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Duif**



**Santa Claus
and his little
helper,
Arktikko's
Fenella**