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Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland

THE WHEATEN NEWS



Newsletter

2017

Secretary's Corner



Hello Everyone.

Well it's been an extremely busy year with happiness and sadness. Unfortunately we didn't get a spring newsletter out but I hope you enjoy this edition. This is our 7th Newsletter. I would like to thank all of our committee and our club members for all their help throughout the year. I know many of you, especially overseas members, look forward to catching up with what is going on in Ireland, we are busy as usual.

We celebrated our 80th Anniversary of Breed Recognition. We opened our celebrations on St. Patrick's Day with a parade of about 20 Wheatens in the main ring. They were first paraded on St. Patricks Day in 1937 before being recognised for Green Stars in August of that year. We had our Club show in April which was well supported.

We have had two walks this year, our first one was at Russborough House and in our usual tradition it rained again but we had a lovely day. Our second one was in November at Castletown House, it was very well attended with 12 Wheatens and two Poodles and another little dog enjoying the day out. We had blue skies and sunshine, see photos in newsletter. We went to the Christmas market afterwards which was lovely and gave us all a chance to chat.

Our AGM went well and we enjoyed a sociable chat and pint afterwards. We have continued to grow our Facebook family which is hovering around 1k Members and I really enjoy reading the interaction and seeing the advice offered and would also like to thank everyone for the lovely photos that they post.

Our Christmas cards once again were a great success. Thank you so much to Eileen Collins-Kennedy's son-in-law Robert who continues to provide the Club with unique artwork.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy NewYear. Best wishes to you all in 2018.

Jennifer
Honorary Secretary

Editor's Notes

Happy Winter months everyone! How this year has flown by!

We are continuing to maintain our Membership numbers, so it is important to give something in return for your support. Our "Wheaten News" is one way of keeping in touch and imparting news, but we need more contributions to keep going please!

It was lovely to meet some Wheaten owners from Australia who contacted the Club on their travels around the world. This was their very first visit to Ireland and they have promised to return! We met for dinner and they have very kindly sent an article, included in this issue, about their experiences.

Our Club Championship Show was held at the end of April and although a windy day we had some fun. Our judge, Gunther Ehrenreich from Austria found his winning dogs from the Hobel kennels. Full report and photos inside this issue.

Our hard working Secretary, Jennifer, organised another 2 Wheaten walks. The first earlier in year and the most recent only a couple of weeks ago. Quite a few joined in on both days and it was an enjoyable day for owners and dogs.

Our Christmas cards are available now and also a generic blank card for your own message suitable for any occasion. A limited number available so make sure you buy yours quickly as they get sold out fast!

If there is anything you might like to see included or anything to discuss or even helpful advice then please let me know and I shall try and include in next issue.

Thank you to all our Members for your continued support and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and very Best Wishes for 2018.

Eileen
Editor

Lesley Porter Appreciation

Many of you will only know of Lesley through her stunning photos that she regularly posted on Facebook. I and the rest of the people in Ireland, were lucky enough to have had the pleasure to know her in person and have called her a friend. The first time I met Lesley was at Cloghran at a dog show, I believe her first one. I heard her infectious laugh before I saw her warm smile. She was vivacious and full of life and so enthusiastic about everything she turned her hand to. She got her first Wheaten, Dougal, from Debbie Evans Barry (Hobel). She regularly showed him, including at Crufts, where he got a 3rd. She enjoyed showing and went on to get Dolly from Debbie who she showed successfully to Green Star level.

She wanted to get good photos of her two lovely dogs and so she took up an interest in photography, she was extremely talented and it was lovely to watch her work progress. She went on to win many photo competitions and her photos often featured on the BBC weather forecast. She was very talented in particular working with the light.

Lesley and her husband Stewart were so helpful and kind to the club. We stayed in the same B&B for our club show and had such fun in Tipperary. They had never seen the like of us four and our 5 Wheatens before. While out on a walk we decided we would go for a pint in the local! We arrived into a pub that was empty apart from two men at the counter. We ordered our drink and sat quietly by the fire all dogs sitting under the table, after about 10 min there was a stream of people arriving into the pub they had never seen the like before! We had lots of questions and chat. The pub got quite crowded so we left to go back to B&B to get our dinner. We were greeted by our landlady who said the whole town was talking about the 5 Wheatens in the pub, "It will be the talk of the town for the year"! We had such a great weekend. But then you always did when you were in Lesley's company. It was a huge shock to hear of her illness, she fought it bravely with great dignity. She had been planning a mating with Dolly and Dougal and then thought it might be better to postpone it. However the dogs had other plans and went ahead with it anyway. I know that these puppies brought her great happiness and joy. She is greatly missed by us all. We extend sincere sympathy to her family.

Written by Jennifer Kealy



Sabine Perko an Appreciation.

The late Sabine Perko neé Fechner and her mother Karola have been in touch with me in relation to ISCWTs for the past 10 ½ years. Karola and her husband Ralf came to Ireland on holiday in August 2007 and also to see ISCWTs at the Munster Circuit shows. Karola e-mailed me some weeks later about the breed, attaching some photos from several shows she had taken of me in the ring, handling some of my dogs. She was unaware that I was fluent in German, and she and Sabine have been in contact since then.

I first met them in person in June 2008 when they flew over to Cork to bring home a bitch pup of Aifric's (Newkdara Babella Star) 3rd litter, Parkalissene Caolainn, known as Cate, aged 8 weeks, in a soft carrier in the cabin of a Lufthansa plane flying to Berlin. They then and there decided to breed only ISCWTs. Caolainn has since done them proud. She has never had a litter of fewer than 10 pups. Sabine and Karola happened to own Robin (Von der schönen Lausitz Brian O'Kelly), a first cousin of my Saidhbh (Helene D'Or), so we had a further interest in ISCWT lines through his father in common.

Robin was the first Wheaten that we know of to be trained as a rescue dog. Sabine had created a website dealing with him. She contributed an excellent article about him and his training in a recent article published in the club newsletter which I translated from German for her. Robin retired some years ago and unfortunately died in 2015 of cancer, aged 11. She was bringing on another male TJ (Newkdara Irial Keep Irish Dreams) and a daughter of Caolainn's they had kept. I gather there are several other Wheatens now being similarly trained in Germany.

Sabine and her husband Toby came on holiday to Ireland in August 2014 bringing Caolainn, Robin and TJ, along with a couple who also had a daughter of Caolainn's, Rhia. They had made Caolainn a multichampion and were somewhat disappointed that she did not get a Green Star at any of the shows in which she was entered on the Munster Circuit. Robin did get RGSD at Clonmel out of champion class and Rhia got RSGB, so they kept the flag flying.

I visited Sabine and Toby at their home near Cottbus in Germany in 2015 so that Caolainn could be bred to Parkalissene Faolán for her final litter. A more relaxed first mating one could not have seen. From this litter of 12 who all came through, Sabine, who had been in charge of their breeding programme for some years, selected a male to keep called Kendrick. He has been duly accepted and registered as a stud dog since February 2017 as has a son of TJ's. Luckily Sabine was aware of this approximately one week prior to her death.

Sabine was full of life and activity, a very positive and simple person. She commuted daily to Berlin for her job with German Railways and was studying at night for additional qualifications. She and Toby were gradually restoring a lovely old farmhouse with outbuildings and large courtyard they had acquired in a small village in the countryside which had white storks nesting outside the gate. Their ISCWWT pups had an extensive specially designed outdoor environment to develop in and to explore. We spent a very enjoyable time together and did some sightseeing.

Sabine generally preferred male dogs to bitches and spent the whole of her first visit to my home in 2008 in the company of my second male, Bran, and the bond between them was mutual. Robin was her pride and joy, as they had bred him, and he turned out to be extremely similar in all respects to my Saidhbh, his first cousin and to his other first cousin, Macfinn Tiarnach, whom I knew well all his life, so I could well understand the closeness of the attachment. It was most interesting to find 3 related Wheatens like peas out of a pod, all grandchildren of Maroc Inishkea and Wheaten Rebels Lucky Luciano. We kept in touch and exchanged news and photos.

I was absolutely aghast to receive news on Feb 20th this year that Sabine had died on the 19th aged only 35, having been diagnosed with cancer some 6 weeks earlier, when the possibility of recovery was initially considered very good. Karola had posted her death on her Facebook page along with a photo of Sabine which my informant immediately recognized as having been taken in our garden. It was one of a series Toby had taken in August 2014 when they spent a lovely summer's day with me and all our dogs and were joined for afternoon tea by the other German couple with Rhia and her companion, also bred by the Fechners. That day

Caolainn was able to meet her litter sister Caoimhe and her mother Aifric again and to explore all the wild places she had raced through as a pup. The photo shows Parkalissene Bebhinn on the left and Parkalissene Bran on the right.

Sabine is a great loss to our breed in Germany from all points of view and her husband and mother are absolutely devastated. Karola has only been able to write me a brief line or two since her death.

Written by Bernadette Moynihan



Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland held at the Clayton Hotel, Newlands Cross, Co Dublin on Sunday 22nd October, the following committee members were voted in.

Patrons: Hannah Ryan, Ann White

President: Eithne Brady

Vice Presidents: Michael Brady & Jay Rutherford

Chairperson: Susan Kealy

Vice Chairperson: Nicky White

Secretary: Jennifer Kealy

Treasurer: Eileen Collins-Kennedy

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Deborah Evans-Barry

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Bernadette Moynihan

Fergus O'Sullivan

Tomas Rosengrave

Evelyn Rutherford

Jay Rutherford

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Eileen Collins-Kennedy

Auditor:

Nicky White

“A Dog is the
only thing on
earth that loves
you more than
he loves
himself”



Wheaten Parade St Patrick's Day 2017

We had great fun on St Patrick's Day when we got to parade our Wheatens in the main ring to recreate and mark an event that had taken place 80 years ago.

We would like to thank all those who handled Wheatens for us on the day. Sean Delmar announced all the dogs as they came into the ring and we attracted attention from many spectators as they came to watch the parade.



It was extremely difficult to get pictures of them all. Thank you Rosaleen Fleming for doing so well in taking these pictures.





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Club Show 2017



On April 30th 2017 our annual Club Championship Show was held in Clonmel. This year was an extra special occasion for the Club as it celebrated 80 years of Breed Recognition by the Irish Kennel Club. We had a great entry and were joined by overseas visitors and old friends who we were delighted to have taken part in our day.

To mark this date a special green table covering for the trophy table had been made and very kindly donated by Mr Michael Doyle. It drew many admiring glances and comments. A special Perpetual Trophy was also presented to the Club by Aya Lundsten.

We greatly appreciate the above donations.



The day started dry and stayed dry! We did have strong winds but not enough to spoil our super day! We had a wonderful celebration cake from Tomas Rosengrave and Fergus O'Sullivan as their dog Bran, Macfinn Victor Creed had recently gained his Irish Champion title. Congratulations to them! This cake was enjoyed by everyone as was the yummy spread after the judging was completed. So a truly memorable day!

Written By Eileen Collins-Kennedy.



Results of Club Show 2017

Baby Puppy Dog.

Macfinn the Flash. (Mrs E Brady.)

Parkalissene Tadhg. (Miss B Moynihan.)

Open Dog.

Hobel As Time Goes By. CJW 16, JunCh. (Mrs DV Evans-Barry.)

Macfinn Scott Summers. (Mr D Nolan.)

Parkalissene Faolan. (Miss B Moynihan.)

Champion Dog.

Ch. Macfinn Magneto. (Mrs E Brady, Mr R Dalton.)

Baby Puppy Bitch.

Macfinn Harley Quinn. (Mrs E Brady.)

Parkalissene Tuilelaith. (Miss B Moynihan.)

Junior Bitch.

Hobel Carrie. (Mrs DV Evans-Barry.)

Open Bitch.

Kealdale Nutmeg. Jun Ch, CJW 15. (Miss J Kealy.)

Parkalissene Laoise. (Miss B Moynihan.)

Champion Bitch.

Ch Hobel Devil Woman. Jun Ch, CJW 14. (Mrs DV Evans-Barry.)

Ch Macfinn Ororo Monroe. (Mrs E Brady, Mr R Dalton.)

Green Star Dog.

Hobel As Time Goes By.

Res Green Star Dog.

Ch Macfinn Magneto.

Green Star Bitch.

Ch Hobel Devil Woman.

Res Green Star Bitch.

Kealdale Nutmeg Jun. Ch. CJW 15.

Best of Breed.

Hobel As Time Goes By.

Reserve Best of Breed.

Ch Hobel Devil Woman.

Best Veteran.

Parkalissene Bebhinn

Show results throughout the year are available on www.dogshowentry.ie

Annual Champion 2016

Congratulations to Eithne & Michael Brady and Richard Dalton on their success in the show ring this year.

AN. IRISH CH. MACFINN MAGNETO



Ch Macfinn Magneto (An. Ch. 16) (Ch. & GB Ch. Feanaro Niallan Naomhan x Ch Macfinn Kallykeen). Bred by Mrs Eithne Brady. Owned by Mrs E Brady & Mr R Dalton. The highlight of the year for Magneto was winning the Challenge Certificate and reserve Best of Breed at the world renowned Crufts dog show in March of this year.

Liz Brodie: Irish Hospitality

Last December after an amazing 10 days in Iceland my husband and I arrived for what was to be a quiet ten days in Ireland - how wrong we were!!??

We have a crazy loving 4 year old wheaten called Millie or Betandy Mischief Maker who was home in kennels in Sydney, Australia. She is a family pet and not a show dog but she enjoys all our fun activities especially the beach!



As we are members of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club in Sydney we were asked to say hi to wheaten "friends of friends" in Ireland - it opened Pandora's Box! Soon after arriving in Dublin we had an amazing dinner with Jennifer, her mother Susan and friend Eileen. It was at a nearby restaurant and such good fun.



It was like catching up with old friends - we chatted on and shared a glass or three! Before I knew it our plans had changed!

There was to be a show on - four days hence in Dublin so my husband insisted we stay for it - I was a little more unsure! but it was so worthwhile.

The saying I will always remember from that dinner was asking Jennifer about the show venue "what street is it in?" To which Jennifer replied "we don't do streets in Ireland- just pubs and roundabouts!" We found that to be so true!

The show was amazing - not so much for its content but for the friendliness of people we met. Thank you Deb, Bev (and congrats on getting needed points that day). It amazed us to meet Richard showing our dog's grandad Nevan and great aunt that day and to meet Rob with the Glen of Imaal. You were all so welcoming.

Jennifer you should work in travel! By the time we left - much later than we anticipated - we were booked in to Fishy Fishy at Kinsale for dinner

and ended up staying next door at the lovely hotel. We back tracked to Cobh and did the Titanic road next day!

Never did we "meander on" and so we missed many things but that just gives us an excuse to return!

To find Louisa in County Mayo was another challenge but well worth the lack of "roundabouts or pubs"!! An amazing lady who generously painted a logo for our club. You are special.

We loved the wildness and green of your beautiful country with such cute sheep. We loved your quirky people and LOVED your Irish dogs. We are similarly minded people here in Australia and would love to return your hospitality.

Photo sent by Kaare Hagrum



No Ch Ballinvounig Charowleen (Murphy)
became Fi CH for judge Tamas Jakkel in Oulu
in Finland on the 15th of July in 2017.

Perils of the Pantry

Bath Vets Surgery explains why our pets' treats must be carefully chosen

Everybody loves to give their pet a treat, but what's great on our plate might be dangerous for your pet. So here are some of the foods which can be potentially toxic to our pets.

Chocolate – A treat which many of us know can be dangerous to dogs. The toxic agent is theobromine which acts as a stimulant. Dark (plain) chocolate can be particularly dangerous even in small doses. Chocolate toxicity can lead to heart problems, seizures and kidney failure if left untreated.

Grapes and raisins – They contain a chemical yet to be isolated that can cause kidney failure in dogs. Their toxic dose varies, some dogs may only experience gastrointestinal disturbances while others can be very seriously ill.

Onions – Toxic compounds called organosulfoxides affect the red blood cells of both cats and dogs, but especially cats, altering haemoglobin leading to problems with oxygen uptake, destruction of red blood cells and anaemia.

Xylitol – This is an artificial sweetener found in low calorie food such as chewing gum. It can lead to a rapid life-threatening drop in blood sugar called hypoglycaemia in dogs.

Nutmeg – A hallucinogenic compound which can cause neurological signs in large doses.

Mouldy foods – Old cheese or decomposed foods contain mycotoxins which cause tremors and fits. Beans, peanuts and rice can develop mould which releases aflatoxin causing central nervous system disorders.

Alcohol – Ethanol is a toxic product which can cause weakness, unsteady gait and low body temperature.

Raw bread dough – The toxic compound once again is ethanol which is produced by yeast. In addition, raw dough can cause a gaseous gut and also lead to obstruction of the intestines.

Macadamia nuts – These contain an unknown toxin which causes tremors and increased heart rate in dogs, similar to chocolate toxicity. If chocolate and macadamia nuts are eaten together, their toxicity is increased.

Avocados – These are poisonous to birds, dogs and rodents. The active toxic ingredient is persin which causes vomiting and diarrhoea and fluid congestion of the lungs and the heart.

Store these goodies out of the reach of your pets and remember when you are whipping up a tasty meal in the kitchen, stop and think about which food you share with your dog or cat, as it can be potentially perilous.

If you know your pet has eaten any of these foods, we advise you to see your vet within 20 minutes of ingestion. After this period of time the food will start to be digested and to be absorbed into the blood stream. Your vet has medications to induce safe and effective vomiting. If you attempt to make your pet vomit at home, it may not be successful and may waste precious time. For further information please contact a client care nurse at a Vets Surgery close to you.



Up in Lights



Well we have all heard of the musical “Annie.” It ran in Cork over the Summer and Bernadette’s bred Wheaten known to his family as Crew (Parkalissene Niall) got to play the lead role! He was spotted while out for his evening stroll and chosen to be suitable to play Sandy.



Stained glass to mark our 80th Anniversary of Breed Recognition

If you would like to order one of the commemorative pieces for our 80th Anniversary you only have a few days to do so, no orders will be taken after the end of 2017, they are special limited edition pieces created by Diane of Fools Glass using our club logo. I would like to take this time to extend our thanks to Diane, as part of each sale is being donated back to the club. If you wish to order one you can email me at the usual address wheatclubofireland@gmail.com or directly with Diane via mcquigg@gmail.com

You can see more examples of Diane's work at the www.thefoolsglass.com



Wheaten Walks 2017

The first Wheaten Walk of 2017 took place on 30th July in the grounds of Russborough House situated near the Blessington Lakes in County Wicklow. There was a large turnout of Wheatens for this walk. It started out as a beautiful morning and we managed to get some great photos of all the Wheatens and their owners on the steps of Russborough House. We were thrilled that we had finally picked a day that it was not raining; but alas this quickly changed!

The trail that we chose was a 3KM circular one that began and ended at the front of the House with lovely views of the Blessington Lakes and Russborough House at various points on the walk. The route is fully enclosed, so it was a fantastic location to let the Wheatens run & explore.

As we set off on our walk, dark clouds started to gather! This was quickly followed by a torrential down pour of rain that continued for the duration of the walk. Dogs and Owners alike were soaked by the time we got back to the end of the walk.



Definitions of Irish Rain

Torrential Rain = Unrelenting. Falling rapidly and with force, in copious quantities.
Lashing Rain = Diagonal hard rain (think hurricane weather)
Sheets of Rain = Seems like walls of rain coming down.
Heavens Opened = Sudden onset of strong solid flow of rain.
Bucketing Rain = Out in this rain you feel like you're instantly soaked.
Pissing Rain = Vertical hard rain (not as much wind as Lashing Rain)
Wet Rain = Not necessarily a heavy rain, but one that dampens you and soaks your clothes
Trying to Rain = The clouds have some in them but it's not quite coming down with consistency.
Sun Shower = Raining while sunny out. Perfect rainbow weather!
Soft day = Cloudy weather with soft mist or drizzle (typical Irish weather)
Grand Soft Day = A humid day with a fine, light drizzle
Dry Rain = Mist that doesn't get you wet even though it's technically raining

To warm up and dry off after the walk, we all retired to the Courtyard Café for some much needed lunch. Following lunch, some members took the opportunity to take a tour of Russborough House.



Castletown House



The second Wheaten walk of 2017 took place in Castletown House in Celbridge Co Kildare on Sunday 26th November. As with previous Wheaten Walks there was a big turnout of Wheatens, however, unlike previous walks, it did not rain!

Castletown House is very dog friendly and a great opportunity for all dogs to run off the lead and socialise and mix with other dogs. Some even got into the river for a swim!



After the walk, we all adjourned to the Courtyard of Castletown for a picnic. There was also a Christmas fair taking place.

As we were driving away from Castletown the rain started!

The wheaten walks are a wonderful opportunity to meet up with fellow lovers of one of our native Irish breeds and to talk about all things Wheaten and non-Wheaten. If you have not come along to one of our walks, I would encourage you to do so. The next Wheaten walk will take place in May 2018 in the grounds of Ardgillen Castle and we are hoping that the sun will shine!!!

Written by Fergus O'Sullivan



Junior Corner

My name is Maja. I'm 5 years old. I love all animals but dogs are my favourite. I have 2 dogs. One of them is Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. Her name is Lili. She is 1 year old. We got her from lovely lady Mrs Eithne Brady. She is the best dog ever. I like when we play together in the garden. She makes me laugh when she jumps and gives me kisses.



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 eilcollins@hotmail.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Views from Breeders around the World

This issue – Neil O' Sullivan – Geragold, USA

1. What first attracted you to ISCWT?

I became involved with Wheatens after meeting Gerard Thompson (Geragold), and his mentors, Maureen Prokosch & Late Jean Peterson (Newkilber). The Wheaten temperament is so endearing.

2. How many years have you been involved with the breed?

31 years

3. Are Wheatens your original breed?

Great Danes are my original breed, got my first Great Dane 40 years ago, and still live, love and show this breed also. We have also owned and shown Kerry Blue Terriers and Briards.

4. In your opinion which is the best Wheaten owned or bred by you?

Am Ch Geragold Lady Lavery. (She was the mother to a great producer Am Can Ir Ch Geragold Orla Finlandia).



Am Ch Geragold Lady Lavery



Am Ch Geragold Lady Lavery.

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

Ch Holmenocks Honey Bee, she was the right size, the correct shape, moved well and had a gorgeous flowing wavy warm wheat coloured coat. Ch Newkilber The Quiet Man, he was a stallion of dog, owned the ground he stood over, with the most superb movement.



Ch Holmenock Honey Bee



Ch Newkilber The Quiet Man

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

Edbrios Kerry Blue Terriers. The dedication to producing better and better Kerry Blues each generation is awesome. Kerries were already a high standard before Philip and Jarka turned their attention to this breed but they have put their stamp on this breed and very much breed to the standard.

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

Ch Danterri Wheaten Master Marco, for his longevity, his superior temperament and his soundness.

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

Both Maureen and Jean of Newkilber fame. They were always keen to see breeders do right by the breed and their dogs.

9. Since you began in Wheatens have you seen many changes within the breed?

Yes

10. If yes please explain.

The quality in the Irish lines has gotten better and better, the overly shy dogs of the past are no longer commonly seen. The long and low dogs are fewer now, bites and coats are now a lot more consistent. The movement to show them without a Terrier outline must be haunting Maureen Holmes in her grave. This is a trimmed breed.

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

Improved a great deal, breeders hard work is paying off with a breed that is looking more uniform in the ring, with the drag of the breed in the old days (long and low Wheatens) rarely seen today.

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

Breeders are divided too much around the world. An Irish coated Wheaten is still at a significant disadvantage in the ring in North America, and in UK. This divide between the people who favour a heavy coat and those that favour an Irish coat has held the breed back.

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

Breeders should continue to avail themselves of all the breed appropriate health testing and use any good reliable gene testing to further the health of our beloved breed.

Neil
O'Sullivan



Here are the answers of the quiz in the Newsletter of November 2016.

- #1: Australian Shepherd + Rottweiler
- #2: Doberman + German Shepherd
- #3: Picard Shepherd + Schipperke
- #4: Bernese Mountain Dog + Boxer
- #5: Briard + Newfoundland Dog
- #6: Leonberger + Miniature Schnauzer salt/pepper
- #7: Airedale Terrier + Bedlington Terrier
- #8: Cairn Terrier + Fox Terrier wire
- #9: Irish Softcoated Wheaten Terrier + Fox Terrier smooth
- #10: Thai Ridgeback Dog + Basenji
- #11: American Akita + Shiba
- #12: Chow Chow + Samoyed
- #13: Beagle + Otterhound
- #14: Bloodhound + Dalmatian
- #15: Dachshund, smooth-haired + Basset Hound
- #16: English Setter + Gordon Setter
- #17: Irish Red Setter + English Pointer
- #18: Irish Red and White Setter + German Shorthaired Pointer
- #19: Flatcoated Retriever + Lagotto Romagnolo
- #20: Golden Retriever + Irish Water Spaniel
- #21: Curly Coated Retriever + Welsh Springer Spaniel
- #22: Bichon Frisé + Papillon
- #23: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel + Pug
- #24: Tibetan Spaniel + French Bulldog
- #25: Irish Wolfhound + Saluki
- #26: Scottish Deerhound + Afghan Hound
- #27: Sloughi + Whippet

If you have any ideas for quizzes please send them to
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Alternatively if you have any stories or suggestions please send them along. We would love to hear about the funny or amazing things your Wheatens get up to.



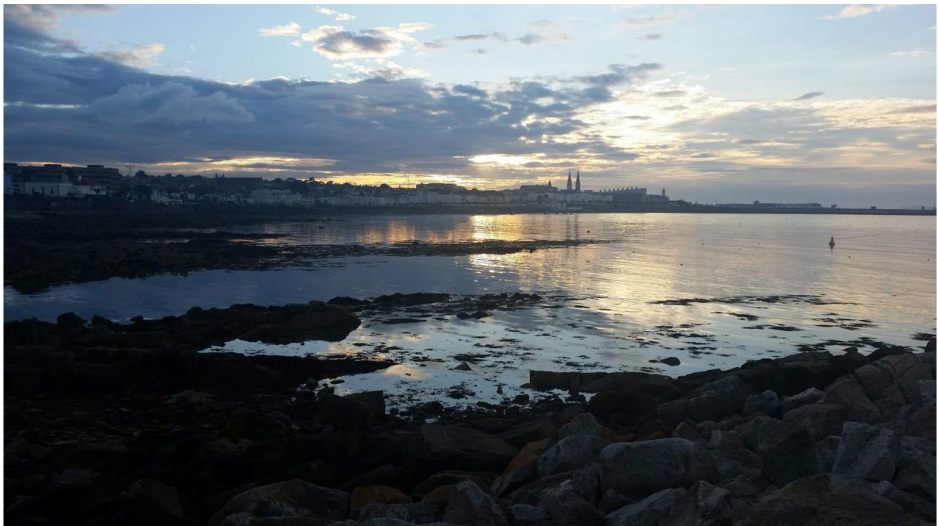


Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from all of
The Committee & Officers

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Shona agus
Athbhliain
faoi Mhaise
Duit



Thank you for your
continued support of our
Club



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2018