

*The Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier
Sporting Club of Ireland
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Welcome to your latest newsletter. We have put together a collection of news and information that we hope will be of interest to you all.

If you have any item or information or especially photos that you think may be of interest to your fellow members, don't hesitate to send them in to us - we will try including them in our next newsletter.

Newsflash!!

We will be running our first show on 13th August 2006 at High Cross Inn, Moone, Co. Kildare.

While our application for affiliation to the Irish Kennel Club continues to await clarification, we have gone ahead and obtained our own insurance cover, which will enable us to proceed with the objectives of the club – the promotion of the breed and the running of sporting events.

All help needed on the 13th "*Many Hands Make Light Work*"

There will be three types of events at the show:

- Showing
- Weight pulling
- Shore work

Make sure you are at the show with your Glens. All help will be given to those who have no experience in any of the above events. This first show should be of great benefit to our wonderful Glens.

FOOD ON THE DAY

High Cross Inn serve very good food, but YOU MUST BOOK FOOD IF YOU WANT IT, Phone them on 059-8624112

As a Club we must do all we can to promote and protect the Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier by keeping to the breed standard, and maintaining, Strong, Active, Intelligent and family loving dogs.

2005 AGM

We had a very good Annual General Meeting on October 13th '05. held in our usual venue. There was quite a good turnout on the night. All of the officers and committee members were re-elected. The only change being the election of Mrs Paddie Conway as Auditor. She replaces her late husband Cliff in this position.

After the AGM we had a Mini Symposium on The Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier. Mrs Paddie Conway spoke on 'Preparing your Glen for the show ring'. And stressed the points the Judge looks for at a show.

Eamonn Dobbyn spoke on the construction of the Glen detailing the height, length and weight. He stressed the importance of preserving the traditional type of Glen, describing how they performed their original role and explaining the function of each point of confirmation.

Neville Elliott gave a slide show on the breed clearly illustrating the points of the Glen and explained their function.

Sean Lawlor talked about the Show Glen against the Working Glen of forty years ago. He highlighted the danger inherent in showing - of turning the Glen into an 'ornament' rather than a working dog, as has been seen in other breeds.

This discussion and many others continued on as the meeting broke up and everyone partook of the excellent refreshments provided. All who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

OTHER NEWS

Swedish visit

Four of our members visited Sweden in November 2005. They went at the invitation of The Swedish Glen of Imaal Terrier Club. Mary Elliott judged the Glen classes while Neville Elliott gave a very interesting talk on the Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier. Paddie Conway and Eamonn Dobbyn were also in attendance.

Crufts

A number of club members attended Crufts this year. Stephen Holmes, Jason Atkin, Janet Sealy and Eamonn Dobbyn all took time to man the 'Discovery Dogs' stand. Their function was to 'sell' the breed i.e. to explain the history, characteristics and benefits of the Glen to anyone interested! All in all it was a very pleasant few days and a great chance to renew old acquaintances!

Showing Success

A.K.C. Champion Gerrardstown Maiden Fair "Olivia" bred by Mr. Ian McCulloch, competed in the South Californian Strong Dog Tests in June last. There were 16 dogs entered, Kerry Blue – 2, Glen of Imaal – 4, Am Staff – 4, Staff Bull – 6.

Each dog got 2 timed runs to get to the quarry and bring it back. Of those 32 runs, 8 passed, or 25%. These were;

Glen of Imaal (Olivia) -1.

Am. Staff – 2 different dogs.

Staff Bull – 2 different dogs.

The Glen passed one of its runs. One Am Staff passed both runs, one Am Staff passed one of its runs. The Staff Bulls past both of their runs.

Between all those that passed, the average time to quarry was 15 seconds.

Time for retrieval was 7.4. The rules call for 2 minutes to quarry and 2 minutes for retrieval, These rules may be changed given the times achieved.

Also a Glen dog, "Ballyfoyle Scoobie", exported by one of our members, Mr Tommy Conway, has been made up to American Kennel Club Champion by his new owner Ara Lynn.

Membership

Our membership continues to grow at a healthy rate. We are very close to the three hundred mark now.

Most have paid their subscription for 2006; however there are a number who have not yet done so. If you have not yet paid your subscription, don't worry, just send it on now to the Secretary.

Renewal Form enclosed

COMEDY CORNER

A beautiful little fair-haired girl went into Pet Shop. She seemed to be looking at the rabbits but was looking a bit confused, so the shop owner asked if he could help her. She replied "P..P..Please, Mither, I would l..l..like to buy a Bunny Wabbit." So he couched down in front of her and asked "Would you like a b..b..black fluffy wabbit with long ears, or a wh..wh..white fluffy wabbit with a long coat or maybe a b..b..brown wabbit with a white fluffy tail?"

The little girl replied "My p..p..pet p..p..python doesn't give a th..th..thit what colour it is!"

ADDITIONAL PREFIXES

In previous newsletters we included lists of prefixes used by breeders to help people to understand their breeding histories. Of course, we didn't get them all and here are a few more!

Enrale	-	Eamonn Taaffe, Co. Louth
Feradach	-	Helen Erickson, Sweden
McNally's	-	Ulrika G Bergmark, Sweden
Taramont	-	Jukko Toivoren, Silvius Sissi, Finland
Glen of Eden	-	Theo Peters, The Netherlands
Slievehorn	-	Aidan Page, Co. Mayo
Geolyn	-	George O'Sullivan, Co. Cork

Old Irish Proverbs - with Dogs!

- *Often the hound that was made fun of killed the deer.*
- *As sharp as the teeth of a hound.*
- *House without hound, cat or child is a house without love and affection.*
- *Better for a man to have a dog to welcome him than to bark at him.*
- *The dog that's always on the go is better than the one that is always curled up.*
- *A blind dog won't bark at the moon.*
- *The pup is a dog in the long run.*

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we record the death of Michael Brett of Ballinspittle, Kinsale, Co. Cork on the 11th May 2006. Michael was an ardent Glen man even though he did not exhibit his dogs for some years. One of his bitches was Glenhighs Bodicea, who won many prizes at Championship shows. This particular Glen was sired by IKC Ch. Glenhighs Dandy by IKC Ch. Glenhighs Broc.

It is interesting to note that Michael played a large part in presenting the Munster Club Magazine – 1970's to 1988. He was also Chairperson of that club from 1979 – 86.

He died suddenly just after reaching retirement age. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Gabrielle and family. May he rest in peace.

Canine Obituary

Christy Harnett's Blue Glen dog – Feohanagh Beag had to be put down recently due to lameness. Beag did a lot of winning at championship shows last year. He won many Green Star and Best of Breed awards. Who knows what he may have won had he lived?