

Midwest Wolfhound

A quarterly newsletter for and about
Irish wolfhounds and their people.
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SPRING MATCH
April 30 - May 1
Join us for our 10th
Anniversary
Celebration!

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**At the Member's Meeting and Dinner
Pictures by Jennifer Cummins Ahrens**

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Presidential report:

We had a great Annual Members Meeting at Ballydoyle's Pub in Aurora last month with a talk and slideshow presentation on therapy work by Dr Susan Brown. We had 32 members attend and everyone had an enjoyable evening..

We have had a shift in the officers and board. Chris Krowzack has stepped down from her presidential duties and is taking a break from serving on the board. Chris is still Match and Field Trial Chair so if she thinks she is getting off easy, she should think again. I am honored to be taking on the job as President as this club has been a special part of my life for many years now.

I know it is a recurring theme, but I would like to get more membership participation in our activities. Come on, try to make it to a meet up or an activity or two. All activities are listed in our newsletter and on our website and reminder emails are always sent out to those who have an internet connection.



This year we celebrate our 10th Annual Match. I can't believe it has been 10 years! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April, 30th. If you have never been there before and especially if you have, make it a point to come join in the wolfhound fun.

Debbie Habian our new Secretary is in charge of Membership. Our memberships are due in April, so if you are due this year, please make sure the updated enrollment form and payments go to her. Debbie will also be available at the match to take your dues, so please go over and meet her. I'd also like to introduce Jane Schade as new on our board. She is fairly new to the Chicago area, but brings with her lots of experience from the Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association.

Looking forward to a great year,

María Lubera

Calendar of Events

April 10 - Meet up, 11 am

Mike and Helen Philpot have invited us for a meet up at their home in Seymour, IL. It might be a bit of a ride for some of us but it will be a delightful day spent with friends and our wolfhounds.

We will walk on their five acres of land, with opened unpaved trails that go down to the Sangamon River. According to Helen, April is the perfect time to be there, the beautiful bluebells will be in bloom.

After our walk, Helen has invited us for a delicious homemade lunch. Pack a lawn chair for yourself, water bucket and x-pen (if you can) for the dogs.

So that we have some idea how many will be coming for lunch, contact Helen at helen@EnglishHedgerow.com or me, Claire Morrison morrison-iw@att.net. Last minute guests are always welcome. Mike and Helen Philpot, 26 County Road 1800 N, Seymour, IL 61875

April 8, 9 & 10 The Missouri Tartan Day Festivities

Held at Frontier Park, 500 S. Riverside Drive in St. Charles, Missouri.

<http://www.motartanday.com/id7.html>

Parade on the 9th at 12 noon...

<http://www.motartanday.com/>

Contact Jennifer Ahrens for details.

jenniferahrens@sbcglobal.net

April 16 or 17

Passport to Ireland, Chicago Children's Museum, Navy Pier.

Limited to six wolfhounds, contact Barb Pische if you are interested.

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April 30 MATCH!!!!!!

Come and join us as we celebrate our 10th anniversary Annual Spring Match

Held at the **Greater Racine Kennel Club, Caledonia, Wisconsin**

Our judge is long time member and one of our club founders, Connie Smalley, Prairie Creek Irish Wolfhounds, Walsenburg, Colorado.

May 1

ASFA Lure Coursing trial with practice afterward for anyone who wants to see if their hound is interested in running. Greater Racine Kennel Club, Caledonia, Wisconsin.

May 21

Springfield Highland Games, Springfield, IL

May 16-19

Irish Wolfhound Club of America Specialty

Seneca Lake state park, Geneva, New York

Conformation: Liz Thornton, Andover, Hampshire, England

Sweepstakes: Diane Redfern, Rainster Irish Wolfhounds, Derbyshire, England

Obedience: Evelyn M. VanUden, Ransomville, New York

May 27-28-29-30 Gaelic Park Irish Fest

6119 W. 147th St, Oak Forest, IL. 60452

June 3

(tentative)

Shriner's Parade-Belleville, IL

June 5 Lure Coursing Fun Day

Chicagoland Hound Assoc. is holding a fun day of lure coursing at the Lure Coursing Fanatics site. Location is north of the border of Illinois in Wisconsin, off of Interstate 94. lurecoursingfanatics.com. I don't have all the details yet, check our web site for updates.

June 18

25th Anniversary Scottish Festival and Highland Games The Midwest's premier showcase for Scottish arts and Culture. New Location- Hamilton Lakes, Itasca. Times are usually between 8-4pm.

Date to be determined

Meet up

Chicago paranormal one time Capone location, now known as The Irish Legend Many nice trails to walk, plus a pub where we can sit and have a bite to eat with our wolfhounds. Address, 8933 South Archer Avenue, Willow Springs, Illinois, Phone 1-708-330-5264
<http://www.theirishlegend.com/>

Date to be determined

GLIWA grooming seminar

Home of Joe and Madeleine Mahoney, Shorewood, IL.

September 3-5

Labor Day Weekend, Wisconsin

Highland games

Waukesha, Wis.

September 9 & 10

Southwest MO Celtic Fest- Buffalo MO

September 17

Missouri River Irish Fest, St. Charles, MO

September 30 & October 1

St. Louis Highland Games, Forest Park, St. Louis, MO

October 8 (tentative)

Indianapolis Highland Games, Indianapolis, IN

October -Date to be determined

GLIWA Annual Fall picnic

October 16-17 (tentative)

Western KY Highland Games, Murray KY

October 22

Locust Grove Match

Edwardsville, IL.

December 3 (tentative)

Hopkinsville KY Christmas Parade
Check our web site for updates on all events

Spring and skunks

Almost here- How to get rid of
THE SMELL!

Mix 4 c. hydrogen peroxide with 4 tbsp. baking soda and 1 tsp. dish-washing soap.

2 Put cotton balls in your pet's ears to protect the inner-ear tissue from the cleaning mixture, which could easily drip in.

3 Don rubber gloves to protect your hands during this process.

4 Start with your pet's head, taking care not to get the solution into his eyes, ears or mouth. Apply a drop of olive or baby oil to his eyes to prevent irritation.

5 Rub the mixture evenly into your pet's coat. It will probably be more pleasant to do this outdoors.

6 Rinse the coat with clean water.

7 Repeat if the smell persists.

Read more: How to Get Skunk Smell out of Pet Fur | eHow.com
http://www.ehow.com/how_3017_skunk-smell-pet.html#ixzz1HA5i0aq7.

Saint Patrick Day Parades



GENTLE WHEN STROKED ~ FIERCE WHEN PROVOKED



Photos by Winston Tiao

Our Tenth Anniversary Match!

April 30-May 1 10:00 AM

Can you believe this is our 10th match!

Please join us for our 10th Annual Match to celebrate the 10th Anniversary. We are planning of a super time for you.

Connie Smalley is our match judge and she was one of the founders of the club. Match will be held at the Greater Racine Kennel Club in Caledonia, Wisconsin.

Lots of wonderful prizes and goodies.

Boutique/Auction-
Silent Auction items:

hand-painted chair done by Bev Stobart
Sid Wood original handmade gemstone necklace with six pence
IW handmade keepsake box from Cindy Shiley
18x24" original pastel on wood of your wolfhound (valued at \$250) from Kerry McGuire
Catnap dog mat from Fuzzywumpets

Two IW throw pillows
Three gift baskets with assorted goodies (homemade dog cookies)
Dr. Fosters and Smith \$25 gift certificate & Martingale collar & leash from Morrison's Discounted 50% off PetEdge, Zanies.

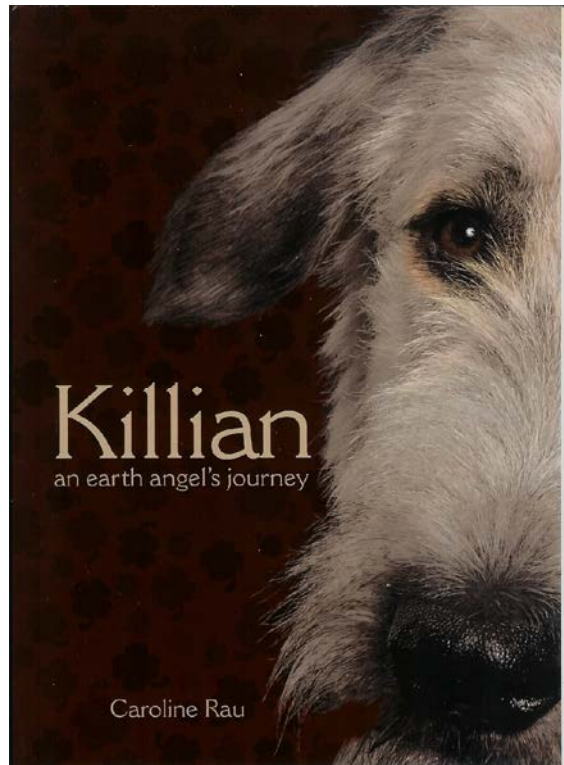
And on Sunday an Irish Wolfhound Specialty Lure Coursing Trial at the same site.

Just up the road from Chicago so come and celebrate with us!

See <http://www.gliwa.org/> to download the premium and directions.

Saturday, April 30, 2011, Greater Racine Kennel Club

**Greater Racine Kennel Club Grounds,
6320 Six Mile Road,
Caledonia, Wisconsin**



2 copies donated for the boutique by the author, Carolyn Rau - to be published in November. Killian, an Earth Angel's Journey.



Rockhart Naraya, JC

Owned by Beth Renstrom; bred by Christiana Hartenstein and Lynn Simon, MD



Naraya won Best in Match at the Northstar Irish Wolfhound Club's Second AKC B Match in January 2011

Brag from our Members

Congratulations to Naraya and Especially Kamille at 10!



Kamille - Prancing into double digits!



Stoneybrook Kamille, FCh turned 10 years old on December 13, 2010!



Going Where Knowledge Leads Us

Gretchen Bernardi

Temple Grandin, professor of animal science, bestselling author, consultant to the livestock industry, inventor of animal handling devices, and renowned speaker, appeals to many people for many different reasons. That she is a high-functioning autistic and successful academic is one such reason, but the fact that she has gloriously overcome this disorder, referred to as Asperger's, is the main reason. But the messages that she brings to those in the animal community, including the dog community, is really the combination of all of her many gifts: she believes her autism gives her insight into animal behavior; she sees a strong connection between autistic behavior and animal behavior; she has been educated in the field of animal science to better understand and apply that insight; she speaks and writes well on the subject, all strengthen her appeal to those of us who surround ourselves with dogs .

Most people know Dr. Grandin from the Emmy award-winning HBO film, *Temple Grandin*, for which she acted as advisor and consultant. But her life has actually been fuller and more interesting than any film could portray. She probably came to the national spotlight in the neurologist/author Oliver Sacks' 1995 book, *An Anthropologist on Mars*. The title essay describes her description of how she feels around neurotypical people, the term used in the autistic community to identify anyone not on the autism spectrum.

Dr. Grandin's speaking audience around the world is wide and diverse, but sometimes she speaks exclusively to those involved in the various segments of the dog community. That was the case in late 2010 when she presented a full-day seminar, A Look at the Emotional Lives of Animals, at For Your Canine Training Center in the Chicago area. This training center offers classes and activities based on relationship centered training, hoping, as stated in their publications, "to help people develop good communication skills to enhance the dog/human relationship while having fun learning new skills in a calm, relaxed environment."

That would seem a perfect recipe for using the experience and knowledge that Temple Grandin possesses and the size and obvious appreciation of the audience proved it. The range of her presentation was wide and she began by praising Dr. Ian Dunbar, an animal behaviorist who was born and trained in Scotland, but joined the University of Guelph, Canada, in the late 80's. Ms. Grandin credited him as being one of the first academics to discuss emotion, or feelings in animals. Many of us remember Dr. Dunbar from his regular columns in the AKC Gazette in the 80's, a time in which tried and true training methods of animals of all species were being questioned.

Topics covered, studies cited, researchers praised, comments made—it was a day filled with material, and some of her knowledge was presented in small bites, little nuggets of information:

- Neurotransmitters are the same in all mammals and the mammalian brain is the same across all species.
- There are certain things that you cannot train an animal to do.
- Species specific behavior motivates animals.

- Predatory animals have ears that move together; prey animals have ears that move independently.
- Most animals see yellow really well.
- In general, heavy-boned animals are calmer in general than fine-boned ones.
- Cattle with hair whorl patterns above the eyes are more excitable in temperament (she gave a possible explanation for this relationship: hair patterns in the fetus form at the same time the brain forms).
- It was very easy to turn a wolf into a dog.

As enriching as the day was, one of the most rewarding aspects of having spent the day with her was where the discussions led us to explore these fields on our own. She touched only briefly on some topics due to the time constraints, but gave us ample details for future inquiry. One such topic was Dmitry Belyaev's now-famous research into domestication: how does it work? Dr. Belyaev's work is widely known and his writings on this subject widely available, but briefly, by using fur farm-raised foxes and selecting harshly, carefully and exclusively for one trait—temperament—he and his team were able to compress thousands of years of domestication into 40, a remarkable feat.

While the entire project, which is still ongoing years after Dr. Belyaev's death, is fascinating, what captures the dog-breeder and trainer's attention are the many physical changes that occurred: white patches of fur on the face, the loss of the fox's strong musky odor, wagging tails that curl, drooping ears, and dog-like barks, overshot and undershot mouths and more. The theories explaining these physiological changes that accompanied the single selection for temperament are many and complex, but all fascinating. On the subject of "floppy ears," Charles Darwin wrote in the first chapter of *On the Origin of Species*, that "not a single domestic animal can be named which has not in some country drooping ears," a feature not found in any wild animal except the elephant.

One of the hopes in this ongoing research at the Institute of Cytology and Genetics of the Siberian Department of the Russian Academy of Sciences is that defining the genes important to friendly, outgoing and social behaviors in foxes might lead to treatment or prevention of autism or other human neurological disorders. As interesting as all of this is to us, imagine how interesting it must be to Temple Grandin, who has devoted much of her life to understanding autism.

When Dr. Grandin made the statement that "acquired traits can be inherited," with the emphasis on "can," I thought I had misheard her, and it illustrates why lectures and seminars like this are important, even on subjects that we think we know about. Didn't this fly in the face of everything we have been taught? Every book we read in our "doggy life" stressed this simple, biological dictum. If a giraffe's neck stretches longer by eating leaves from taller trees, that giraffe's own progeny will not inherit its longer neck. Right? Well, maybe, maybe not. Recent studies at MIT and at the Tufts University School of Medicine casts doubt on this old dictum. An article in MIT's Technology Review in February, 2009, states: "The effects of an animal's environment during adolescence can be passed down to future offspring...." And this may be especially true, and provably true, in the case of single cell organisms and prions. Stay tuned.

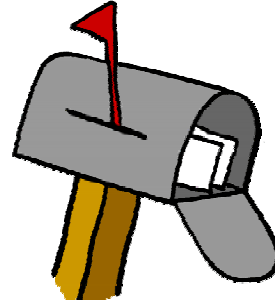
Nowhere is the debate between nature and nurture more heated and confused than in the purebred dog community. We tend to believe in the inheritance of certain skills and abilities when we engage in field trials, coursing events, earth trials and more, especially when dogs are awarded for their instinctive, inherited behavior. But we get a little testy when that inheritance involves less desirable, less attractive traits that may get us crossways with the ill-informed breed specific legislation crowd. Looked at with an unprejudiced eye and an open mind, most people—lay people and professionals alike—realize that behavior is shaped by both. Dr. Grandin has edited a book on this subject, *Genetics and the Behavior of Domestic Animals*, a textbook for veterinarians, livestock producers, laboratory animal researchers and technicians, etc. Selling for a hefty price on Amazon, it is a subject dear to her heart and her professional mind and well worth the read.

Someone at the seminar asked about the behavior of singleton puppies and any special training techniques required, and again, Dr. Grandin gave us another trail to follow. Dr. Patricia McConnell, a certified applied animal behaviorist and Adjunct Associate Professor in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin, addresses the subject in her book, *For the Love of a Dog*. Calling on her professional knowledge and first-hand experience in raising litters of her own breeding, including a singleton, she writes: "Over the years, I have seen what appeared to be a disproportionately large number of singleton puppies with serious behavior problems. Many of them seemed to have no frustration tolerance, and would spiral into a fury whenever they were pulled away from something they wanted." I am sure many people already knew about this book and this wildly popular author/lecturer/professor, but I didn't and I was thrilled to be able to follow that trail of knowledge because, like so many of us, I, too, have faced that situation.

Because much of Dr. Grandin's work, reducing the stressors in livestock handling, results in more humane conditions in stockyards and other livestock facilities, she is often denigrated by the lunatic fringe as an animal rightist. She is not a vegetarian and she works closely with industries and in facilities that the hard-core animal rights advocates would rather picket in protest, even burn down. But she believes in humane practices for both practical and ethical reasons. "Why are people still mistreating animals," she asked, "since stress causes disease. Weight gain, noise levels, cortisol levels can all be measured." To quote a line from the HBO movie when she is asked how she can be involved in the killing and eating of cattle, an animal she clearly likes and respects, she replies: "They deserve our respect."

Temple Grandin, her work, her writings and her personal appearances are all full of information we can all use, in and of themselves. And for those who are so inclined, they all open up worlds of further inquiry into the fascinating and rapidly emerging world of our dogs' interior lives.





We Get Mail!

Subject: Fw: gliwa newsletter
Good Job, Girls!
From Pat Reilly. ~M

Just had a look at the newsletter – It looks great. I love the format. And, as usual, so very informative.

I am always saddened to read of a hound's passing, but Chris Krowzack's story about her Teuse pulling over the toy box to climb on to get a treat made me smile. My late Rosey was a thinker as well. Seems the bitches have an edge on that!

Anyway, thanks for sending, hope all is well in your neck of the woods. Snowy and cold here, but hey, it's winter.

Best,
Pat



From the St Andrews Society:

Hi Claire,

Very pleased you had a great time. We at ISAS were appreciative of your presence in the parade. The crowd, especially the kids, was just in awe of your Irish Wolf Hounds. We were listening to the crowds comments and they just loved seeing the Hounds.

Please thank all those in your club that participated in the parade. We were happy they could make it in spite of the blustering wind and cool temperature.

Keep warm,

Bill Giles MacLeod



To Breed or Not

An introduction from Chris K for a letter Connie Smalley wrote to a person that wanted to breed her bitch.

Many times owners have a dog or bitch they love, who is a great companion with a sweet, loving temperament and they decide they want to have another wolfhound "just like her/him", so they consider breeding their hound. This is a letter from Connie Smalley, a well known wolfhound breeder, and our judge for the 2011 Annual Match, to an owner who did the correct thing by asking for advice before bringing a litter into the world. No matter the breed, having a litter is a great responsibility and should be pursued only after thoughtful consideration.

C. A. Krowzack, DVM, Slaine Irish Wolfhounds

Breeding a wolfhound is a great commitment. Not only do you need to be concerned about bettering the breed, but you also make a commitment to the puppies. GOOD homes for puppies are not always easy to find. Every bitch and every dog should not be bred. Only the best of the best should be considered as breeding stock. I, of course, have not seen your bitch or her bloodlines so I couldn't make a recommendation. You should question anyone who would breed to your bitch without going over her pedigree and health records at length and assessing the quality of your bitch. It is not easy for us to assess the quality of our own stock. This is why many breeders will not consider a breeding unless there are multiple AKC champions in the pedigree, preferably the dam and sire. The other thing I want to caution you about is the cost of a litter. Prenatal care of the bitch and puppy care can run in the \$1000s. My last litter totaled over \$8500 in vet bills alone. Halfway through the whelping, we had to do a C-section. We were glad to do it; it saved the bitch and four puppies (\$2500). At 12 weeks (puppy food and supplements for the bitch ran about \$1500), I sent the puppies to their new homes. Six days later, one of the puppies had an obstruction and needed surgery for \$2300. I paid for it when we found it was something he ate before he left. Ten days later, the best puppy came down with canine influenza. We were so lucky to save him (a friend on the east coast lost eight in one weekend), but to the tune of \$7000. I have been breeding hounds for 35 years, and although this is not normal, I have never had a litter that wasn't a cash outlay of at least \$2000. Breeding Wolfhounds is not for the faint of heart, and you need a really solid support group if you plan to save all of the litter. If you know all of these things, please forgive me for rattling on. Because my last litter is so fresh in my mind, I wouldn't want anyone to go through what I have without knowing what they are getting into. It is much cheaper and easier to buy a quality puppy than to raise a litter. It is of no value health or longevity wise to breed a bitch rather than having her spayed. In fact it is just the opposite. Most spayed or neutered hounds seem to live longer. Please consider everything I have said. I know you love your girl and she must have a great disposition, but those are not the reasons to breed her. You must weigh your responsibility to the breed, to her, to the puppies and to yourself. It is a life long commitment.

Hope this helps you in your decision. I am sure this is not what you wanted to hear, but it is what any truthful long term breeder would tell you.

Connie Smalley

Her reply to a friend that had recommended she talk to me:

Connie just talked me out of having puppies. She's so experienced! She blew me away with all the info. Good to know! Thanks for your help with this, too! I'll have her spayed after the waiting period for this heat cycle coming up in a week or so.



Breath Bustin' Biscuits

- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 cups Bisquick® baking mix
- 1/2 cup mint leaves -- loosely packed
- 1/4 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons margarine
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 tablespoons maple syrup -- or corn syrup

Combine all ingredients in food processor, process until well mixed, mint is chopped, and a large ball forms. Press or roll on non-stick surface (floured board or ceramic) to a thickness of 1/4-1/2". Cut into 1x2" strips or with bone-shaped cookie cutter and place on non-stick cookie pan. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cool and store in air-tight container.

Makes about 30 medium biscuits



Gone Hunting



***Toby died of bone cancer on 11/17/2010.
He was born 11/15/2003.
It was a privilege and an honor for Kathy, Katie, and me
to share that time with Toby.
We had many joyous moments - he was our Grey Angel.***



NIETZSCHE, March 29, 2004 - January 1, 2011
Níobrara Thus Spake Nietzsche
(CH Níobrara Fleetwind Toby X Níobrara Fleetwind Savvy)



"And those who were seen dancing were thought insane by those who could not hear the music." Friedrich Nietzsche



Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association

Annual Members Meeting of February 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chris Krowzack, Outgoing President, at 8:12 pm. Board members present: Leslye Sandberg, Maria Lubera, Joe Mahoney, Doug Morrison, Pat Powers.
Absent: Barb Pische
President's Report: The main business of this meeting is the election of board members and officers. No other business requiring a vote of the membership has been put forward. The slate of candidates was elected by consensus as no nomination by petition for any office or directorship was filed as per article VII, section 6 of the by-laws.

President – Maria Lubera
Vice President – Claire Morrison
Secretary – Debbie Habian
Treasurer – Leslye Sandberg
Director – Joe Mahoney
Director – Doug Morrison
Director – Jane Shade

Pat Powers and Barb Pische are finishing their directorship term.
It was approved that we table all committee reports
The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Board Meeting, February 12, 2011

Maria Lubera, President called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Announcement of next board meeting to be held Sunday March 6, 2011
1:00 pm at Morrison's home
The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.
Respectively submitted,
Debbie Habian, secretary

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association
Board Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:29 p.m. Board members present: Maria Lubera, Claire Morrison, Debbie Habian, Pat Powers, Barb Pische, Leslye Sandberg, Joe Mahoney, and Jane Shade.

Also present: Chris Krowzack.

The minutes were approved as read with amendment to include motion to table business at annual meeting.

Reports

President- No report. Maria introduced new board members Jane Shade and Debbie Habian.

VP / Hospitality - Discussed reservations for the Match Judge's Dinner. There are reservations available for 30 people.

Secretary / Membership- We have a total of 128 members, up from 118.

Treasurer- Available upon request

Activities:

Annual Dinner went well. 31 guests attended. Suggestions as to venue change next year and to be held Sunday rather than Saturday as it was difficult to hear speaker. A Saturday date, no matter the venue, would probably have same issues. Also suggestions to try to find a venue to the south for our southern members and then vary location thereafter from year-to-year.

St. Patrick's Day Manhattan Parade members attended. First year St. Andrew's Society parade Naperville, Saturday, March 12. Feedback next meeting.

We've been invited again to participate in Passport to Ireland program at the Children's Museum, Navy

Pier, Chicago April 16th or 17th. Barb will find out which date works best for members participating.

Two meet-ups being planned. Irish Legends 8933 South Archer Ave., Willow Springs, date TBA and

Mike and Helen Philpott from Seymour, IL have invited members out to their property.

Sunday, April 10 works best for them and they will provide a lunch of homemade soup and salad.

Further details to be posted on website

Ways and Means: GLIWA fleece jackets \$45 for the match boutique. Chris will do inventory on

sweatshirts and T-shirts. Black hoodies were suggested. Chris will look into getting more travel mugs.

Leslye will reprint To Do pads.

Publications: Pat Powers has taken over with Carolyn Dean's resignation.

Deadline for submissions for next newsletter will be Weds/Thurs 3/23-3/24

Chris suggested a new printing firm for newsletter be found. Leslye will try to obtain bids.

Members Only site log-in should be member's first initial and last name, no spaces, and then "password" is password. Maria to be contacted if any issue with member log-in.

Rescue: no report

Old Business

Match 2011

Connie Smalley of Prairie Creek Irish Wolfhounds, Walsenburg, Colorado - Judge. Field Trial all set.

Greg Breitbach contacted to be judge.

Confirmation pending. Premium is approved and up on website.

Chris sent contract for building to Michelle Roberts. Birgitta will be photographer. Debbie will be at table set up for Membership renewal drive during lunch on Saturday. Chris to get judge's gift.

Boutique/Auction-

Silent Auction items:

hand-painted chair done by Bev Stobart

Sid Wood original handmade gemstone necklace with six pence

IW handmade keepsake box from Cindy Shiley 18x24" original pastel on wood of your wolfhound (valued at \$250) from Kerry McGuire

Catnap dog mat from Fuzzywumpets

Two IW throw pillows

Three gift baskets with assorted goodies (homemade dog cookies)

Dr. Fosters and Smith \$25 gift certificate & Martingale collar & leash from Morrison's Discounted 50% off PetEdge, Zanies.

Everything has been donated except the chair itself. Claire's daughter looking to provide gummy bears and tootsie roll donations. Still light on boutique items. Claire asked for dog-related items for donation.

No more jewelry - doesn't do well due to recession. Jennifer Ahrens is helping with

donations for gift baskets. Raffle discussed and suggestions to put a bucket for tickets in front of each raffle item.

Suggestion to put advertisement for catalogue on website and Facebook. 10th Anniversary foil stickers available.

Trophies – Pat Powers reported most big classes have trophies but overall only have half the amount trophies needed. 10-year GLIWA coffee mugs for first place each class have running Wolfhound on side and on bottom imprinted "10th Anniversary GLIWA 2011." Bitch class has 2 collars and leashes, Puppy class stuffies & biscuit. No trophies yet for Best Type, Reserve Adult. Chris Krowzack donated trophy for Best in Match. Philpotts donated crystal bowl for puppy class. Leslye Sandberg donated a momento trophy and dog toy.

Suggestions for Permanent trophy for Reserve puppy, putting announcement on website for donations. Facebook receiving donations. Birgitta is making wood placard holders for ring stands. Motion approved to provide up to \$100 for Brigitta's costs to make holders.

Lunch – Submarine sandwich lunch to be served with cookie or muffin. Pat suggested charging \$2 to cut down on waste. Volunteer list needs to be made.

Dinner – Mahoney's doing decorations. Will have banner and balloons, Mylar and regular, some with GLIWA 10th anniversary for centerpiece on 6 tables. Oval ceramic medallion pin with wolfhound head will be favor at dinner place settings. Motion approved to provide up to \$200 for decoration expense. Chris asked Amy to make special 10th anniversary cake for dinner. Volunteer list needs to be made.

New Business

Executive session 2:42

Our next meeting will be held end of May, date and location TBA Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm Respectively submitted, Debbie Habian, Secretary

Remember the match and get more
information at www.gliwa.org
April 30-May 1



Are you on Facebook? So are we – just
look for Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound
Association and click on “like”