

Our Year in Review

2019 & 2020 Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet

Last year we held our Annual Dinner on June 15 at the Macaroni Grill in Brandon. We had a short business meeting and recognized the dogs who had earned titles during the year. There was a lovely basket donated by Bridget and Judy Makem was the lucky winner. The Board acknowledged the tremendous contribution our outgoing president, Bridget Bower, made during her tenure. Our 2019 Specialty Show theme was announced. A lovely time was had by all.

Due to our current environment with the pandemic, the Board has elected to do a virtual Annual Meeting in June so that we can stay in step with our bylaws. We sincerely hope we can plan a social event in the fall that will allow us to visit with our fellow Scottie aficionados!

Scottish Terrier Breed Booth

The STCTB took the lead for our parent club, the Scottish Terrier Club of America, in designing, set-up, and staffing of the Breed Booth exhibit at the AKC National Championship event in December. The national club has been very involved and supportive of our efforts. We thank all participants who volunteered their assistance in this very worthwhile event. A huge shout out to Todd Persons for stepping up to help organize and manage the booth this year. His enthusiasm was contagious! We have been notified by the AKC that the Breed Booth Exhibits will not be part of the 2020 National Championship weekend this year. The STCTB has been served well by all of you who have participated, with or without your dog, over the years. THANK YOU!

2019 Specialty Show

Our annual Specialty Show was held in December during the Royal Canin AKC National Championship weekend. "Let it Snow...Some Place ELSE" was a great success with a healthy entry from all over the country. Show Chair Sheila-Faith Barry and her committee did a phenomenal job. Many thanks to Jene Anderson, Bobbie Armstrong, Tony Asaro, Bridget Bower, Donna Johnson, Pam Lowe, and Patty Spence. Our judges were Mr. Edd Bivin for regular classes and Ms. Robbie Garvin for sweepstakes. Congratulations to our winners: Best of Breed--GCHP Woburn Barbary Iron Man, Winners Dog—Anstamm Titan Takes By Storm, Winners Bitch—Sodak On The Road To Fairway, and our Sweepstakes Winner—Singlemalt Jacglen Oban Siemper Fidelis.

The Fairway Scots Challenge Trophy for Winners Dog "My Hero", offered through the generosity of Pam Lowe and Nancy Hurren, was awarded to Cindy Cooke, Anstamm Kennels.

Congratulations also goes to Cindy Cooke who won our beautiful raffled watercolor donated by club member Judy Makem. Our gratitude goes out to club members who offered assistance ringside. A Specialty Show has lots of moving parts, and we need volunteers to keep things running smoothly.

2020 Member Appreciation Picnic: "All You Need Is Love...and a SCOTTIE!

Our spring picnic was held on February 22 at Hillsborough River State Park. The venue was lovely, the weather cooperated, and a fabulous catered meal by Missions Barbeque was provided by the Club to thank members for their support.

We had a large turnout of people and their dogs. It was a great afternoon with prizes, raffle baskets, a Scottie boutique for shopping, and a costume contest.

Special recognition goes to Laurie Slater, Leslie Condoleo, Donna Johnson, Jene Anderson, Bridget and Jeff Bower, and grateful appreciation to Patty Spence for overseeing all the catered luncheon details. These are the folks that made it happen.

Upcoming 2020 Specialty Show

The December show was hardly in the rearview mirror when Show Chair, Sheila-Faith Barry, started work on this year's show. We had some arrangements in place, but along with the pandemic came uncertainties. As of this writing we will proceed with our plans to have the show on Friday, December 11, in conjunction with the AKC National Championship weekend. Sheila-Faith has commitments from Kathi Brown to judge regular classes and Sharon Ero to judge sweepstakes.

The theme will be announced at the upcoming annual meeting. Please stay tuned as we navigate this uncharted territory dictated by the priority of health and safety. The club needs the support of all members to ensure a successful show, so please consider coming to watch our beautiful breed in action and/or volunteering for tasks ringside.

Our Scottie community in Florida has grown over the last six years which is so encouraging for the future of our beloved breed. The STCTB strives to be inclusive and responsive to its members. I urge you to bring forth to the board any ideas that you have regarding events, fundraisers, service projects, health education, etc. Our current restrictions may prevent us from gathering now, but it is the perfect opportunity to plan for the future. Let's keep the passion for our beloved breed front and center and grow our club experience to a new high. Thank you all for your Scottie love!

Linda Andresen, President