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SOFT-COATED WHEATEN TERRIER BREED CLUB OF NSW (INC.)

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart.



Review of 2015

The year started with our participation in the Worldwide Wheaten Walk, and I can tell you all that Verne, the Jubilee Wheaten Terrier, circumnavigated the world and his itinerary was organized by our President. We hope to have a pictorial record of his adventures which will be available for purchase early in 2016.

We had a wonderful year with our dogs at the Sydney Royal and the Breed Stand on Children's Day. In addition, I would like to extend special thanks to those who participated in Dogs on Show at Orchard Hills in June and in the 2015 Sydney Dog Lovers Show in August. We look forward to you joining us again at the 2016 Dog Lovers Show on 5 and 6 August 2016.

We appreciate your continued support for our calendar, and I can report that this year we sold 150 calendars.

The 2017 calendar production schedule will start much earlier, so don't forget to take lots of photos of your dogs over the holiday period.

The closing date for the submission of photos for the 2017 calendar will be 30 April, so that we will have calendars to sell at the Sydney Dog Lovers Show in August. For the 2017 calendar we ask that you submit only two photos per dog.



I will be sending out a note about preparations for the 2017 calendar early in the New Year.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 14 September, and I was pleased to present the Club's Annual Report, which showed an increase in our profit for 2014/2015. I would like to thank all the members of

the Committee for their work, and I look forward to another successful year.

The elections for the Office Bearers and the members of the Committee were held. I would like to thank all those who supported my nomination to serve for another year as President. Our Vice President and Secretary were re-elected, and we would like to welcome our new Treasurer, Allen Morley.

President	Jeanette Grayston
Vice President	Robert Smith
Treasurer	Allen Morley
Secretary	Nikki Behne-Smith
Committee	Margaret Gray, Jenny Martens, Elizabeth Byrne, Iain Bradbeer

We had a lovely day at our annual picnic and were able to thank Cheryl and David Deasey for their outstanding contribution to the Club over a period of many years, and to award Lori Ann Davis the Rywani trophy. Lori Ann was able to perform a makeover on Winston Lehman, and he looked like a new dog at the end of the grooming session.

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Show Round-up and Awards

11 July 2015: British Terrier Club Show

The British Terrier Show was held on 11 Mrs G Hagstrom (Sweden) and months) (Ch Ballinvounig Sunshine x Ch 11/4/2014) was awarded Best of Breed Bitch Challenge.



July under international judge Ardgaiethe Derrydale Dara (18 Inchageela Aoife Epakiisa and Open Class of Breed &

6 September 2015: SCWTBC of NSW (Inc.) Specialty Show



On Sunday, 6 September the Club held its 2015 Championship Show at Hillsborough. Our dogs were judged by Graham Kerr, the first wheaten breeder in Australia, and it was a perfect spring day with not a cloud in the sky.

Huge congratulations to Margaret Gray, who won Best of Breed (Puppy in Show) and bred the RuBOB (Intermediate in Show),

and also Reserve Challenge Bitch (Open in Show) and Dog (also from Puppy). Margaret also scooped the pool in the Property Classes. Lastly, congratulations to Michael Bradbeer, who handled BOB in the Championship Show and won Best in Show.



It was a great day and thank you to all those who supported the show; the members; the donors; Lori Ann Davis for doing the Catalogue; Jeanette and Graham who collected the judge and entertained him at dinner; and of course our very generous donors and sponsors, including Jenny Maartens, Trevor Eade, Elizabeth and Conor Byrne, Jeanette and Graham

Grayston, Laserlite, and
Alinex, Saphyr and
Ardgaeithe Kennels.



And special thanks to
Liz Brodie, who drove up
from

Sydney to cheer all the
dogs and their handlers.

Following is a list of the awards:

Best in Show



Winner of the perpetual trophy (L A Davis/The Club), Glass Rosette (The Fool's Glass) & Rosette (G & J Grayston)

Saphyr New Beginnings
Bred by: Exhibitor
Sire: Grand Ch Dancestar Pirates Gold
Dam: Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN

Runner Up Best in Show



(see photo above)



Winner of the Club Trophy and Rosette

Ch.Saphyr Solaris Leo
Owner: Iain Bradbeer
Bred by: M A Gray
Sire: Ch Ballinvounig Sunshine (Imp Ire)
Dam: Ch Saphyr Island Rose

<p>Opposite Sex to Best in Show (see photo above)</p>	<p>Winner of the perpetual trophy (Tchoklat & Cormack Wheatens), & Rosette</p> <p>Ch Saphyr Solaris Leo Owner: Iain Bradbeer Bred by: M A Gray Sire: Ch Ballinvounig Sunshine (Imp Ire) Dam: Ch Saphyr Island Rose</p>
<p>Baby Puppy in Show</p> 	<p>Winner of the perpetual trophy (T & T Clift), Club trophy & Rosette (Ardgaeithe Kennels)</p> <p>Owner: Maura Fitzgerald Tchoklat Fhirdhia Alainn Bred by: T Clift Sire: Traligil Prionnsa Pisceach (imp New Zealand) Dam: Betandy My Love</p>
<p>Puppy in Show (see photo above)</p>	<p>Winner of the perpetual trophy (M Gray), glass trophy (Saphyr Kennels) & Rosette (Saphyr Kennels)</p> <p>Saphyr New Beginnings Bred by: Exhibitor Sire: Grand Ch Dancestar Pirates Gold Dam: Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN</p>
<p>Junior in Show</p> 	<p>Winner of the club trophy & Rosette (Alinex Wheatens)</p> <p>Ardgaeithe Derrydale Dexter Owner: N Behne-Smith Bred by: Exhibitor Sire: Ch Ballinvounig Sunshine (imp Ireland) Dam: Ch Inchageela Aoife Epakiisa</p>
<p>Intermediate in Show (see photo above)</p>	<p>Winner of the club trophy & Rosette (Ardgaeithe Wheatens)</p> <p>Ch Saphyr Solaris Leo Owner: Iain Bradbeer Bred by: M A Gray Sire: Ch Ballinvounig Sunshine (Imp Ire) Dam: Ch Saphyr Island Rose</p>

Australian Bred in Show 	Winner of the club trophy & Rosette (Ardgaeithe Wheatens) Owner: T Clift Bred by: M O'Kelly 1st Aust Bred IS Sire: Ch Cormak Bono Vox Dam: Ch & Am Ch Geragold Tinker's Wedding (imp USA)
Open in Show 	Winner of the Club Trophy & Rosette (Coliemore Wheatens) Ch Saphyr Triple Crème RN Bred by: Exhibitor Sire: Ch & Swd Ch Honeyrags Island Duke of Villa Rosa (imp Sweden) Dam: Ch Larnook Noisette
Breeder of the Best in Show	Winner of the sash donated by Marellan Show Ribbons Margaret Gray, Saphyr Kennels

Property Classes

Best Head	Ch Saphyr Solaris Leo
Best Coat	Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN
Best Gaited	Saphyr New Beginnings
Best Parent & Offspring	Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN
	Saphyr New Beginnings
	Saphyr A New Rule
Best Brace	Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN
	Ch Saphyr Triple Crème RN
Breeders Team	Saphyr

Melbourne Royal 2015**Club member results:****Best of Breed
Challenge Dog**

Owner: Iain Bradbeer Bred by: M A Gray
 Ch Saphyr Solaris Leo
 Sire: Ch Ballinvounig Sunshine (Imp Ire)
 Dam: Ch Saphyr Island Rose

**Reserve Dog Challenge
Puppy Dog**

Owner: M A Gray Bred by: M A Gray
 Saphyr A New Rule
 Sire: Grand Ch Dancestar Pirates Gold
 Dam: Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN

**Reserve Bitch Challenge
Australian Bred Bitch Dog**

Owner: M A Gray Bred by: M A Gray
 Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey
 Sire: Ch, Swd Ch Honeyrags Island Duke of Villa Rosa (imp Swd)
 Dam: Tangterr's O'Kelly (imp Nor)

**Puppy of Breed
Puppy Bitch**

Saphyr New Beginnings
 Owner: M A Gray Bred by: M A Gray
 Sire: Grand Ch Dancestar Pirates Gold
 Dam: Ch Saphyr Sentimental Journey RN



Awards:

At the Club annual picnic on Sunday, 11 October, the President was delighted to present Lori Ann Davis with the Rywani Trophy, which her girl Naeva, Ch Silktrader Neva A Dull Moment (imp NZ) won for 2014 by gaining the highest number of show points in New South Wales.



Sydney Dog Lovers Show, August 2015



The organizers of the Sydney Dog Lovers Show held in August 2015 were absolutely delighted with the results from the 2015 Sydney Show, and the feedback from all the DOGS NSW Breed Clubs that took part was overwhelmingly positive. The organisers are already working on making the 2016 Sydney event even bigger and better, with demand for stands in 2016 already very high.



At our Club meetings we often talked about how we could involve our pet owners, i.e. those who do not show their dogs. I now know that the Sydney Dog Lovers Show is the perfect venue for us to showcase our dogs and for our loving owners to promote our wonderful dogs. Our owners did a superb job, the dogs rose to the occasion, and the public were smothered with wheaten kisses.



My husband Graham came along for the event and wasn't expecting to be involved. However, things turned out differently and he had a wonderful time. Graham was a translator and editor for many years with the United Nations in Geneva and is fluent in a number of languages. We had enquiries from a Russian lady whose English was limited, so Graham took over, and also from French, Spanish and German speakers. It was wonderful that we were able to help.



I printed 200 flyers on our breed and returned home with 7 — a fantastic result. By Monday morning one of our breeders in Melbourne had already received a call from a lady looking for a puppy.



Article by Sabine Perko on training a search-and-rescue dog

Firstly, thank you for asking me to write about my work with wheatens. I'm Sabine Perko from Germany, and I have been breeding and training Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers as search and rescue (SAR dogs) for 11 years.



It all started with a visit to Sweden, where I saw an article on a wheaten SAR dog in a magazine.

Robin (Von der schönen Lausitz Brian O'Kelly) was born in 2004. He was chosen from our B-litter to be my partner and the foundation dog of the RESCUEWHEATEN; and he made my dream come true.

Robin was with me for 10 years, and we went through a number of examinations and deployments before he was retired in March 2014. Alas, his retirement was short, and he

died in June 2015.

Robin showed the world that a wheaten is not only a beauty -- he is also functional!

I trained TJ (Newkdara Irial Keep Irish Dreams), the first wheaten from the country of origin, and Lisa (Jacintha von der schönen Lausitz). Training a wheaten as a SAR dog is not easy. It takes about



four years of training until the first examination, whereas for a working breed it takes only two years. It's all voluntary work, additional to my full-time job. We work as a team, and it is a tough test. Wheatens don't like to be pressured when working; they question what they are doing; and training them means you are always fighting against prejudices, especially regarding the look of the breed.

The first thing you must do is understand the way a wheaten works and thinks. Only when you understand that should you pursue your goal of

training your wheaten as a SAR dog.

People should remember that the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier **was, is and remains** a working dog!

What is a SAR dog? We search for people missing for a variety of reasons -- for example, missing children, people buried alive, injured riders or individuals intent on committing suicide. Operational areas include forests, fields, river banks and lakesides, ruins or wreckage following explosions, airline crashes or train accidents.



Training starts with learning the basics through play. This means that the dog searches first for his owner and then for strangers. He learns that finding human scent is always positive for him. Therefore, discovering human scent also when it has been deliberately deployed will always be something positive and a game of "hide and seek". However, our dogs do not draw attention to everybody located in the search area, but only those who are clearly in a helpless and atypical position, such as

sitting on the ground or lying in ruins. This demands maximum effort by the dog in terms of physical and mental work. He slips and slides and climbs over things that shift and shake. He must learn to ignore those distractions and concentrate on filtering out the human smell from all the other scents on a site.

Barking is one of the possible means of alerting the trainer when the individual sought has been found. The dog barks beside the individual until the trainer arrives on the scene. The dog behaves passively towards the individual, stays at an appropriate distance and remains neutral. The dog must be obedient and react to audible and/or visible commands. We are all used to the standard comment "He cannot see anything", but our wheatens cope much better than some people think.

My dogs are trimmed in a so-called show trim and respond just as well to visual commands alone as short-haired dogs do. Furthermore, they are trained to expect the most varied behaviour from individuals who are found, such as shouting, eating, crawling, and so forth.

However, it is not only the dog that is important.



A good rescue team consists of a dog and the dog's leader. The person at the end of the lead is also important. He or she has to be able to work under pressure and to be a good team player. The requirements for deployments are rigorous and are checked every 18 months by examinations. During a search the dog leader

has a number of tasks in addition to looking after his or her dog. Radio communication, orientation, the terrain, communication with other dog leaders and their own search occupy them totally. In addition, a dog leader correctly assesses danger and senses the dog's performance limits, as well as being trained in map reading and using a compass.



The foundation of the relationship between the leader and the SAR dog is the mutual trust established between them. It is only thanks to that trust that my dogs and I can continue to exist as a team. I have to know each of my dogs very well. Innumerable situations can arise during deployment and in training that can be coped with only because of that mutual trust. I must be capable of interpreting each dog's slightest physical movement. What is the position of the tail, of the ears, in certain situations? Sometimes I can reassure my dog solely by the sound of my voice. This mutual trust does not come about instantaneously. It has to be developed and consolidated over time, so that together we can always cope with our missions. Of course, we and our dogs are not perfect searchers: numerous other factors — for example, the weather — play an important role. Nevertheless, we try to prepare ourselves and our dogs as well as possible during our regular training for all deployment eventualities so that we can conclude the deployment positively and help other people.



Don't forget: dreams come true if you only believe!



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Annual Wheaten Picnic, Sunday, 11 October 2015, at Centennial Park in Sydney

The picnic was well attended as usual and a fun day was had by all. Here are some photos of the event.











Links:

www.scwtclubnsw.com

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Breed Club of NSW (Inc.)
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www.wheatenhealthinitiative.com/

Wheaten Health Initiative

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/248601165173130/>

Wheaten Health Matters (FB)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/748753248496589/>

Wheaten Training Matters
(FB)

<https://www.facebook.com/iscwtclubofireland>

Irish Soft Coated Wheaten
Terrier Club of Ireland

www.wheaten.org.uk

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Club of Great Britain

www.scwtca.org

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Club of America

www.THEFOOLSGLASS.COM

Diane McHutchison

<https://www.etsy.com/au/shop/SquareDogDesigns?page=2>

Margaret Fox

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/216789615083012/>

ISCWT Art & Collections

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163113180434627/>

SCWT Down Under
(Australia/NZ)

https://www.etsy.com/nl/shop/Callan11?ref=search_shop_redirect

Belinda Vrinzen

<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/308278.html>

And just in case some of you might be looking for a perfect gift for a dog lover and lover of



French literature, you might like to look at the following link:

An excerpt from *The Difficulty of Being a Dog* by Roger Grenier

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Book reviews

<https://www.etsy.com/listing/247937239/>

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Dates for your 2016 diary

Friday, 18 March

Purina Sydney Royal Easter Dog Show –
Wheaten Terrier Judging and SCWTBC
of NSW (Inc.) Championship Show,
Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, NSW

Tuesday, 29 March

Breed Stand, Sydney Royal Easter Show

Sunday, 10 April

End of Summer Wheaten Picnic,
Battersea Park, Abbotsford

Saturday, 28 May

Berry Celtic Festival

Saturday 6, and Sunday, 7 August

Sydney Dog Lovers Show, Moore Park

Saturday, 17 September

Nelson Bay Celtic Day

Sunday, 10 October

Annual Wheaten Picnic, Battersea Park,
Abbotsford

Don't forget that I would love to receive contributions from you for our newsletter on items such as fun photos and stories of your dogs, wheaten gatherings, good training books you have read, good groomers, and good puppy training and obedience classes for your dogs.

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As 2015 draws to a close, on behalf of our Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, our supporters, their families and their four-legged friends a very happy Christmas, and good health, happiness and a safe and prosperous 2016.

Jeanette Grayston
President

