

NEWSLETTER

The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Breed Club of NSW

On behalf of the SCWTBC of NSW

SUMMER 2014/2015

I would like to thank you all for your support in 2014 and to wish you every happiness and joy for 2015. We look forward to working with you for the health of our dogs in 2015 and beyond.

And until next time, take care of yourselves and your wheatenens and if you would like to send me a contribution for the newsletter, please send to me at nsw.wheaten@gmail.com

Jeanette Grayston, President, SCWTBC of NSW (Inc.)

Club News

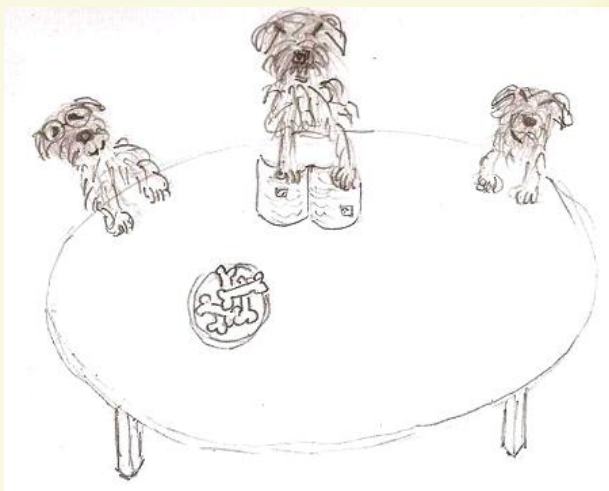
The Club held its Annual General Meeting on 30 August 2014 & the following people were elected

President: Jeanette Grayston
Vice President: Rob Smith

Secretary: Nikki Smith
Treasurer: Lynette Pezely

Committee: Margaret Gray Jenny Maartens
Trevor Eade Elizabeth Byrne

We also have sub-committees on:
Show, Health, Fundraising, Review of the Constitution, The Website.



Dates for your diary for 2015

Sunday 15 March 2015	World-wide Walk for Wheatens, at 11 a.m. Battersea Park, Battersea St Abbotsford.
Friday, 27 March	Royal Easter Show judging of Wheaten Terriers at Homebush
Saturday, 28 March	Invitation to Club to march in the parade in the Silver Sands Festival Huskisson Beach, NSW
Tuesday, 7 April	Breed Stand at Royal Easter Show
Saturday, 23 May	Berry Celtic Festival at Berry Showground, Berry NSW
Saturday, 13 June	NSW Dogs on Show, Orchard Hills - Club to mount a stall
Tuesday, 30 June	Submit photos for 2016 Calendar
Saturday, 11 July	British Terrier Show, Orchard Hills
Saturday, 15 August	Sydney Dog Lovers Show, Hordern Pavilion, Randwick
Sunday 16 August	“ “ “ “
Friday, 28 August	Spring Fair, Orchard Hills
Saturday, 29 August	“ “ “
Sunday, 30 August	“ “ “
Saturday, 10 October	British Terrier Show, Orchard Hills
Sunday, 11 October	Annual Wheaten Picnic, Centennial Park

Our Club Breed Winners For 2014



Annual Dogz Online 2014 Awards - Wheaten Terriers:

<http://www.dogzonline.com.au/pointscore/2014/topbybreed-state.asp?breed=1680>

Australia

Top Dog: Aust Ch Saphyr Solaris Leo
Neuter Aust: Ch. Larnook Nellie Melba
Rising Star: Shaneca Burning Red (Cassidy)
Top Breeder: Saphyr Wheatens (Margaret & Norman Gray)

NSW

Breed Challenge:
Aust Ch RBISS Silktrader Neva A Dull Moment (imp NZL)
Neuter Ardgaeithe Ballinbar Sarbi

Victoria

Top Neuter in Terrier Group:
Aust. Ch. Larnook Nellie Melba
Show Winners 2014

Spring Fair Dog Show , Orchard Hills, Sydney

Day 1: 29 August 2014

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
BOB, Bitch CC & Intermediate: Aust Ch Silktrader Neva A Dull Moment (Imp NZ) (*Ms L A Davis*), R/UP BOB, Dog CC & Puppy: Saphyr Two Pi R (*Margaret Gray*).

Day 2: Saturday, 30 August

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
BOB, Bitch CC & Intermediate: Aust Ch Silktrader Neva A Dull Moment (Imp NZ) (*Ms L A Davis*), R/UP BOB, Dog CC & Puppy: Saphyr Two Pi R (*Margaret Gray*)
Res Bitch CC: Ozwheat Heaven Sent (*L A Davis*).

Day 3: Sunday 1 September

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
BOB, Bitch CC & Open: Saphyr Island Rose (*Margaret Gray*), Res Dog CC & Puppy: Saphyr Two Pi R (*Margaret Gray*).

Adelaide Royal

Sunday, 14 September 2014

BOB, Dog CC & Puppy: Saphyr Two Pi R (*Margaret Gray*).

Melbourne Royal

27 September 2014

Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
BOB, Dog CC & Puppy: Saphyr Two Pi R (*Margaret Gray*), Bitch CC: Shaneca Burning Red (*Sarah Lowe*)

Rywani Trophy

The Club has awarded the Rywani Trophy (highest point score) for 2013 to Naeva - Ch Silktrader Neva A Dull Moment (imp NZ) owned by Lori Ann Davis.

Wheaten 2016 Calendar Down Under Calendar

Thank you to all those who supported the Club and purchased a copy of the first ever Wheaten Down Under Calendar for 2015. We sold 130 copies at \$20 each and after expenses such as postage were deducted, a cheque for \$319.77 was handed over to the Club by the President.

We hope you will all start taking for our 2016 calendar. Detailed instructions on how to take high resolution photos will be put up on the Down Under and Club Facebook pages and on the Club Website early in the New Year. The price of the 2016 calendar will remain at \$20 per copy, but postage will be an extra cost.

Club Website

We now have our very own website!

<http://www.scwtclubnsw.com>

Please have a look at the site when you have a moment. We would appreciate your comments. If you have any articles and or photos which you think would be of interest, please send them to the Secretary of the Club email: nsw.wheaten@gmail.com

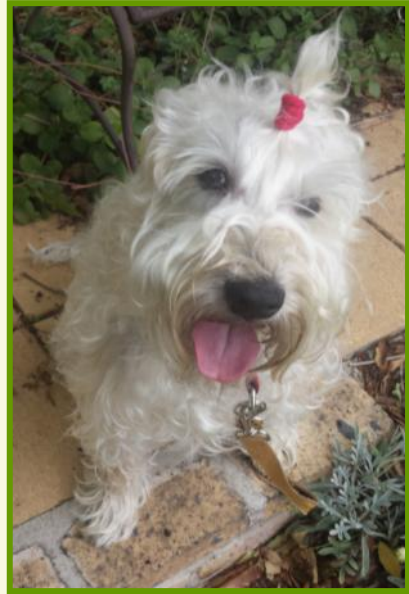
We have uploaded a list of events for 2015, some of which you might like to enter into your dairies. The list can be found on club website, the Club FB page, the SCWT Down Under FB page.



Photo Gallery



Ruarí O'Driscoll



Molly Jeffrey

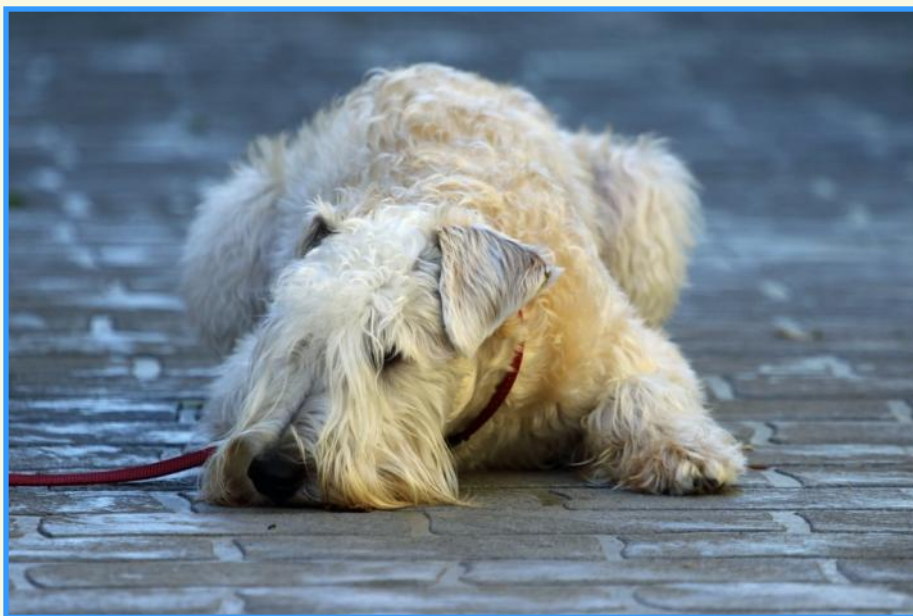


**Saphyr Babies
February 2015**

Photo Gallery



Winston Suter



Adieu, adieu, je
me salue, courage
je pars pour
les. Il faut

Adieu, adieu, je pars pour

Annual SCWT Picnic, Centennial Park, NSW

Sunday, 5 October 2014

The picnic this year was held on Sunday 5th October at Centennial Park, Sydney . There were approximately 45 adults and some children.

The weather was unusually hot and lots of Wheatens and their owners took advantage of sitting under the most gorgeous and ancient Port Jackson Figs. Temperatures rose to 34 degrees and with Sydney humidity no Wheaten or human were up for anything energetic!

Although games were organised people felt so relaxed they were happy enough just to chat, eat and watch their Wheatens enjoy themselves by many and varied methods. Every year we get some new faces as well as regular attendees. I felt this year the picnic had a tremendous bonding amongst Wheaten owners. I guess everyone has got to know each other over the years and to have our wonderful dogs in common has led to great friendships. So the picnic was not just held for the benefit of our dogs! It was a very relaxing day even with the weather.

A raffle was held (thanks have already been given to the wonderful people who donated) and over \$80 was raised. People who donated prizes requested that the money raised be used for social gatherings. Our President, Jeanette Grayston, consented to this.



Nothing like a bit of fun!

A big thank you to everyone who came. From a personal point of view it warmed my heart to meet some old friends and catch up on all the Wheaten antics.

I particularly want to thank Ann Carter for helping to organize this picnic. Ann's ideas and advice have been invaluable.

I am looking forward to our next picnic which will be held on Sunday 11th October, 2015.

Prepared by Cheryl Deasey.



Group photo - all watching the photographer

The Sydney Dog Lovers Show

The Sydney Dog Lovers Show was held from 7-9 November and more than 13,000 dog devotees flocked to the Royal Hall of Industries and Hordern Pavilion for the inaugural Sydney Dog Lovers Show.

I visited the Sydney Dog Lovers Show to see if it would be a worthwhile venture for our Club's involvement in 2015 and will present my findings to the next Committee meeting of the Club in 2015. If the Club decides to participate in this event in 2015, we will need volunteers for each of the three days and we will be contacting you to see if you would like to be involved.

The world class event celebrated the unconditional love Australians share for their dogs and featured over 150 exhibitors, around 500 dogs and dozens of pooch experts, personalities and performers who entertained and wowed crowds over three mammoth days.



2014 Wheaten Picnic Pals

International News



Ireland: The Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland now have a Facebook page, details below:

www.facebook.com/iscwtclubofireland



Great Britain: Our club has been invited by the SCWTC of Great Britain to join with them in their 65th anniversary celebrations. The UK club will hold a World Wide Wheaten Walk on Sunday, 15 March. They would like wheaten walks to commence at 11.00 a.m. moving from the western most point on the globe, i.e. NZ and moving east to Australian and then to the Far East. The club has approved our participation in this event and we will hold a walk in Sydney on Sunday 15 March, at 11 a.m. in Battersea Park in Abbotsford, Sydney.

Website: <http://www.wheaten.org.uk/>



USA: In October My 12 year old Susanna and I went to the US to see the Montgomery County Kennel Club dog show. It is a terrier specialist show and includes the SCWT specialty show as well as being on the same weekend as the Hatboro Show and Barn Hunting, Wheaten agility and Wheaten Obedience. We flew into New York stayed with lovely wheaten people, saw the sites and then made our way to Montgomery in Pennsylvania and stayed at the Hilton Double Day Hotel. This amazing Hotel was the Official American Club venue and allows you to stay with your dogs in your room so we would often meet famous wheatens in the lifts. One was too excited to meet us.

Each day we were driven around by one of the lovely US breeders who took us under their wing and taught us a great deal all about the dogs on show and the history of each breeder, and we enjoyed critiquing each exhibit as they came past us in the ring. We met and went over some very beautiful dogs. Without exception the breeders and handlers welcomed us and showed us their dogs with great pride and we enjoyed making some very special friends.



In the evening the club president made us very welcome and allowed us to join their special dinner and presentation, being kind enough to present to us the furthest visitor award! We were also entertained by two obedience trainers demonstrating Wheaten dancing!

The weekend also had the shopping experience of a lifetime if you like wheaten gear! I filled a suitcase!

Overall a very exciting and rewarding trip, not just from the point of view of seeing hundreds of wheatens in one show, but also meeting some of the loveliest most generous people you could ever be privileged to meet.

Website: <http://www.scwtca.org/>

Prepared by Nikki Smith.

Book Reviews

The Soul of All Living Creatures: What Animals Can Teach Us About Being Human

by Vint Virga D.V.M.

http://www.booktopia.com.au/the-soul-of-all-living-creatures-vint-virga/prod9780307718860.html?gclid=CKO_5qydu8ICFVEAvAodrC4ATQ

Book Description

Release date: July 9, 2013

Based on the author's twenty-five years of experience as a veterinarian and veterinary behaviorist, *The Soul of All Living Creatures* delves into the inner lives of animals – from whales, wolves, and leopards to mice, dogs, and cats – and explores the relationships we forge with them.

As an emergency room clinician four years out of veterinary school, Dr. Vint Virga had a life-changing experience: he witnessed the power of simple human contact and compassion to affect the recovery of a dog struggling to survive after being hit by a car. Observing firsthand the remarkably strong connection between humans and animals inspired him to explore the world from the viewpoint of animals and taught him to respect the kinship that connects us.

With *The Soul of All Living Creatures*, Virga draws from his decades in veterinary practice to reveal how, by striving to perceive the world as animals do, we can enrich our own appreciation of life, enhance our character, nurture our



relationships, improve our communication with others, reorder our values, and deepen our grasp of spirituality. Virga discerningly illuminates basic traits shared by both humans and animals and makes animal behavior meaningful, relevant, and easy to understand. Insightful and eloquent, *The Soul of All Living Creatures* offers an intimate journey into the lives of our fellow creatures and a thought-provoking promise of what we can learn from spending time with them.

Tales from our four-legged friends

A Vet's Tale - A dog's baptism by Martha Hardison

<http://alldogswelcome.com/4/category/all/43.html>

A client brought a litter of golden retriever puppies to my veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, I realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest. So, I turned on the water faucet, wet my fingers, and moistened each dog's head when I had finished. After the fourth puppy, I noticed my talkative client had grown silent. As I sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I didn't know they had to be baptized, too."

The Stud Dog's Lament

My job is making puppies, and I get two tries at that.

They pat me on the head and say 'good boy' – and that, is that.

Its half my job to give 'em teeth and top lines, fronts and other,
Remember it's only half my job, they also have a mother.

It's NOT my job to carry pups and make 'em grow and nurse 'em,
And feed and clean and make 'em strong, that's for the Mother
And her person.

It's Not my job to wean - and feed the calcium and food,
And stack and gait and housebreak, and make 'em showing brood.

It's NOT my job, to plan the breeding and learn what produces well,
To study pedigrees, learn what's there and pick out what to sell.

It's NOT my job to guarantee champs, - the breeder picks the pair.
To mate, and whelp, and feed, and show, and HOPE the champ is there.

It's NOT my job to be on hand, when points are given out,
The breeder, owner, Dam and friends take credit, with a shout.

It's NOT my job to deliver a win, it's only genes I sell.

But, - let the puppies turn out BAD, and guess who catches HELL!!

Author – Auld Terrier Man

And for those who may have lost a furry friend, here is a little something for you.....

My Best Friend Closed His Eyes Last Night...

As his head was in my hand,
The doctors said he was in pain
And it was hard for him to stand.

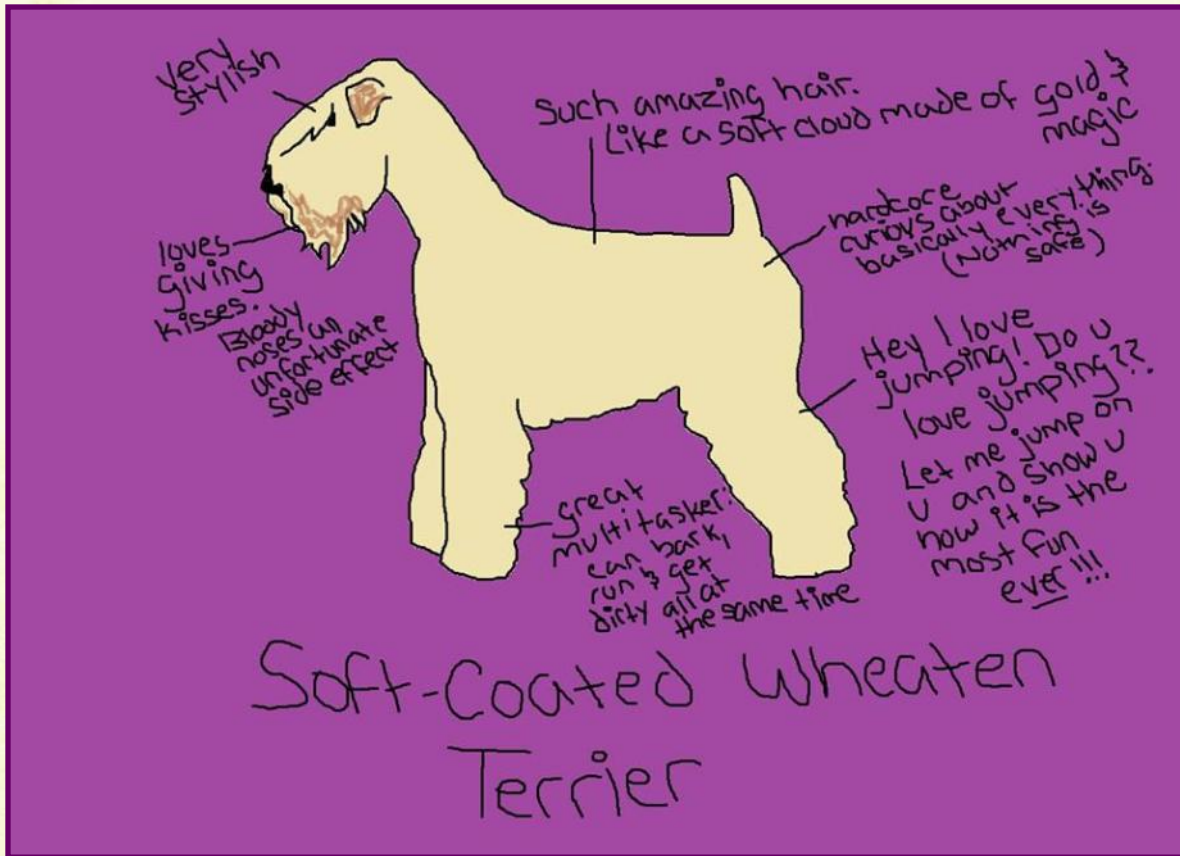
The thoughts that scurried through my head
As I cradled him in my arms,
Were of his younger, puppy years,
And Oh, his many charms.

Today there was no gentle nudge
With an intense "I love you gaze"
Only a heart that's filled with tears
Remembering our joy-filled days.

But an Angel just appeared to me
And he said "You should cry no more"
God also loves our doggy friends,
He installed a Doggy Door.

Anonymous

Not to Standard



A drawing from the Not to Standard Facebook Page, with a drawing and comments on the attributes of a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier.



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

Website: <http://society6.com/nottostandard>



Holiday Time in Sydney

- somewhere to cool down

Although rare, here are three of the best select swimming spots where your pooch can get wet.

Rowland Reserve, Bayview

This fantastic dog-friendly reserve got a mention in a review of Sydney's best off-leash dog parks, and there's no way it could leave it off this list either. This place always seems to be busy, so if your dog likes socialising with other pooches Rowland Reserve is perfect.

There's plenty of water, sand and grassy areas for even the most energetic pooch to explore and he's sure to make a host of new friends. You might too, as you'll usually find heaps of other like-minded dog owners to strike up a conversation with.

One-hour free parking is just the icing on the cake.

Even if you live a little way away from the northern beaches, it's still worth the extra drive to give your dog a great day out. Give him an hour or two here and he'll be in doggy heaven.

Sirius Cove, Mosman

For the pampered pooches of the north shore, this harbourside gem is the place to go to get wet. It's often well populated by playful



pooches, who can get their paws wet or just race around and go nuts on the sand.

The beach backs onto a peaceful reserve which also features barbecues, play equipment and the always-handy poo bins and bags. And with some impressive city views to admire, owners can sit back and take in the scenery while their four-legged friends go exploring.

Unleashed dogs are permitted on the beach and in the water all day Monday to Friday, and prior to 9am and after 4pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

Silver Beach, Kurnell

Located on the Kurnell peninsula fronting Botany Bay, Silver Beach boasts one dog off-leash section between the third and fourth groynes



(jetties) from the western end.

Conditions are nice and calm, so your pooch can frolic in the water to his heart's content. Bins and toilet facilities are also available nearby to make this beach as practical as possible.

So if you feel like spoiling your pooch with a day out at the beach, check out one of these dog-friendly gems.



Pet Friendly Holiday Listings:

- www.takeabreak.com.au
- www.holidayingwithdogs.com.au
- www.stayz.com.au
- www.wotif.com
- www.visitnsw.com
- www.petnet.com.au
- www.lastminute.com.au

Acknowledgement:

Finally, I would like to thank Deborah and Bruce Jeffrey, owners of Molly and soon to be members of the Club, for their invaluable assistance with the production of your newsletter.

Logo Design Competition for SCWTBC of NSW (Inc.)

The best three will be selected by the Committee and then Club members will be asked to vote.

Criteria:

- suitable for a lapel badge/banner and stationery,
- choice of head or body of a wheaten terrier, with a tail
- If you use colours, the Club voted in 2014 to use the colours of the Republic of Ireland:



- Open to club members and their children
- Prize to be announced

• Closing date: 30 April 2015

Please send your entries to Nikki Smith, Secretary of the Cub at:
nsw.wheaten@gmail.com

An example of a stained-glass wheaten head



Summer 2015

UPCOMING EVENT: The Sydney World-wide Walk with our Wheatens will be held on Sunday 15 March, at 11 a.m. at Battersea Park , Battersea Street, Abbotsford, Sydney.

We would love to see you and ask that each family bring one savoury and one sweet dish to share on a communal table. The Club will provide plates, cutlery and cups. Please remember to bring your own picnic rugs, chairs and umbrellas. You can let me know if you are coming by emailing me at: graystonjg@yahoo.com.au



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



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