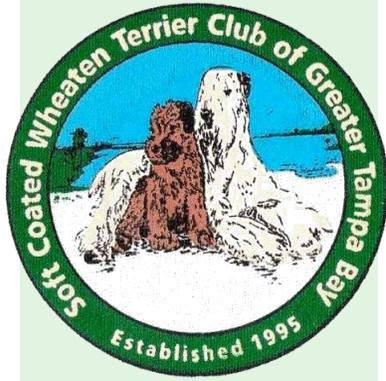


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Wheaten Words

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hopefully all our members are safe from the effects of our recent weather! As we enter the last few months of 2012 let's hope for less rain and more sunshine so we can enjoy our upcoming outdoor events.

Last year we became an official AKC accredited specialty club. Our first sanctioned "B" Match is quickly approaching. Mark your calendar for Friday afternoon, November 9th and PLEASE enter your wheaten, we need as many as possible. The only requirements are that they meet the minimum age of 3 months, are purebred, non-champion and not spayed or neutered. Further information is on line and in this newsletter. We need your support.

Fall is a busy time, but we hope members and their dogs will participate: Sep 15- Responsible Dog Owner Day, Oct 20 - Rescue Chili Cook Off, Nov 10 - Dogtoberfest. If you can help, please contact Debie Scurr... we need everyone's participation.

It is also the time of year when we look for nominees for our 2013 Board of Directors. The nominating committee will be putting forth the slate of officers. Additional nominations should be made to the Corresponding Secretary no later than October 30. The requirements for an eligible member are a willingness to work for the betterment of the Club and attend quarterly meetings. A sense of humor comes in handy too. It does not matter if you own a pet, performance dog or participate in conformation, the Board represents ALL our members. The 2013 Board will be announced at our Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner and Auction will be held November 10th (details in this newsletter). You won't want to miss it - we have some very special auction and raffle items and it promises to be a fun time. If you have an item to donate please contact a Board member or come a few minutes early and bring it with you. All donations are encouraged and are tax deductible.

December will be here before we know it, and again we are participating in "Meet The Breed" at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, December 15th and 16th. We need volunteers and their dogs for both days. If you haven't attended Eukanuba it is well worth it. Dogs compete in conformation, agility, obedience as well as various demonstrations by very talented dogs - there is something for everyone. Volunteers work 3 hour morning or afternoon shifts. Please contact me if you are willing to help out.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to all our members who have participated in the PLN DNA testing. Our Club has now tested 154 dogs! If there is anyone who has not tested their dog please do so. It is a non-invasive test (cheek swab) and no cost if you do not want the results. All pure-bred SCWT's are needed - including our seniors, who are very important to this study. Please contact me for swabs.

This has been a busy year for the SCWTCGTB and it isn't going to slow down in the last quarter. We need your involvement to ensure our success. Many paws will make it easier for all.

Kathi Elliot



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CLUB BUSINESS



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A TRIBUTE TO RENIN, OUR COLONY DOG, 10/18/96-7/23/12:

On Nov 21, 2004 at our Picnic and General meeting the SCWTCGTB voted to adopt a Colony Dog. The Colony Dogs were the project of North Carolina State University searching for the mode of inheritance of PLE/PLN in our beloved dogs. Tonya Harris, one of the researchers at NCSU, reports that Renin's health was declining: "We have continued to struggle with his "stroke-like episodes" over the past several months. He seems to have also developed Cushing's disease. As much as I never want to admit it, it was time. Please let everyone know and thanks so much for everything. Only 2 left, so sad."

Taurine and Threonine are the two remaining Colony Dogs; both are Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers.
Sincerely, Shirley Gee



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 3rd, 2012 WPB, East Coast Picnic
Nov 9th, 2012 Brooksville, First "B" Match
Nov 10th, 2012 Brooksville, Annual Dinner

Rescue Events

- September 15 - AKC Responsible Dog Day - Tampa
October 20 - Rescue Chili Cookoff - St Petersburg
November 10 - Dogtoberfest - Dunedin

NEW MEMBERS...

WELCOME TO THE SCWTCGTB!

Michele	Allen	St.Petersburg
Matthew & Ashlie	Bradley	Wesley Chapel
Sheila	Burke-Bridges	Litchfield, NH
Julie	Clyatt	Oviedo
Marcia	Fenning	Longwood
Mary Pat & Bryant	Griffin	Ocala
Pamela & David	Keith	Spring Hill
Robert & Lynn	Penson	Palm Beach Gardens
Ann & Paul	Phillips	Tampa
Christy	Smith	Tampa



GENETIC TESTING FOR PLN-ASSOCIATED VARIANT GENES...reprint

FROM SCWTCA

"SWAB AND SEND"

Our efforts to obtain DNA samples on as many Wheatens as possible continues. The SCWTCGBT has already distributed 154 kits ...

After years of research supported by hundreds of Wheatens and their owners and breeders, Drs. Littman & Henthorn at Penn Vet have identified mutations associated with PLN in 2 genes. There is now a non-invasive test using a cheek swab which an owner can perform and send by regular mail to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. There is no blood testing or complicated mailing. Individual owners can submit samples from their dogs to learn the genetic status and the associated risk for developing PLN or passing it on to their offspring. Breeders and owners have the option to submit these tests anonymously or, for a fee, receive the results for their own dogs. Cost of the kits is funded jointly by the SCWTCA Endowment and the SCWT Genetic Research Funds and the local clubs are helping by distributing the test kits at their events. If you want the results for your individual dog it is \$125. A reduced fee is available for breeders wishing to test a litter. These kits will be available at our East Coast picnic in October. If you will not be attending the East Coast picnic but would like a kit please contact Kathi Elliot.

For complete instructions: <http://www.scwtca.org/health/dnatest.htm>

1. ORDER CHEEK SWABS



2. PEEL OPEN SWABS



3. SWAB INSIDE CHEEK



4. RETURN SWAB TO PACKET... MAIL IN W/ PAPERWORK



FEATURE ARTICLE

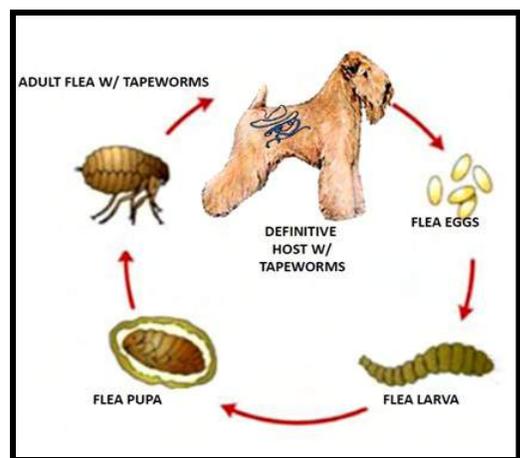
PET OWNERS BEWARE: PESTS ARE POISED FOR ATTACK

By: Excerpted from NPMA

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA), is a non-profit organization committed to the protection of public health, food and property.

With the severe warm weather across the U. S. this year, pet owners nationwide are bracing themselves for a serious flea and tick season. If you have ever dealt with a flea infestation, you know how important it is to protect your pets from these pesky critters. If you haven't faced fleas and ticks, consider this a helpful warning. "Pet owners should prepare for a pest battle unlike in previous years as hungry ticks, fleas and mosquitoes await their prey" says Missy Henriksen, vice president of public affairs for the National Pest Management Association (NPMA). "These pests are not just an annoyance, but could pose serious health threats to your pet and your family."

FLEAS are the most common external parasite of dogs. Fleas thrive in warm, humid climates. We see them year round, but especially in the spring and summer. It only takes one flea to cause an infestation on your dog and in your home! Its amazing how one tiny flea can be very dangerous. Because fleas can be difficult to detect, it is imperative that pets with itchy skin and rashes are thoroughly evaluated by your veterinarian. It is important to also keep in mind, a dog could have fleas and not be itchy! Fleas are known for biting, leaving itchy, red bumps that cause excessive scratching and subsequent staph infection. Fleas can also cause conditions such as anemia and flea allergy dermatitis and are the most frequent host for transfer of tapeworms.



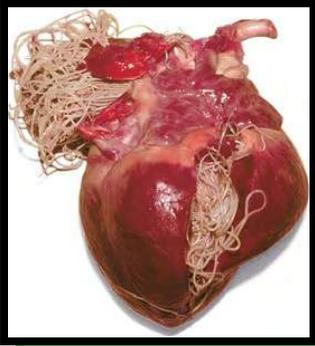
TICKS are even more hazardous to family pets. Blacklegged deer ticks can spread Lyme disease, which causes fever, decreased appetite, painful joints, limping and lethargy. In serious cases, kidney disease and failure can also occur. And as dogs are more likely than humans to pick up ticks while outdoors, they are more likely to contract Lyme disease.



American dog ticks, which are larger than deer ticks, can spread Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and cause "tick paralysis". This is an extremely serious problem which occurs when a female tick attaches near a pet's spinal cord and releases a potent toxin directly into the nervous system. Tick paralysis can lead to complete loss of muscle control, muscle weakness, loss of coordination and in some cases, death from respiratory failure as chest muscles become paralyzed.

FEATURE ARTICLE Con't ...

MOSQUITOES also pose a serious threat to dogs as several species can be vectors of heartworm parasites, which are deposited as the mosquito feeds on the animal. Heartworm disease (dirofilariasis) is a serious and potentially fatal disease in dogs. It is caused by a worm called *Dirofilaria immitis*.



Heartworms are found in the heart and large adjacent vessels of infected dogs. The female worm is 6 to 14 inches (2.3 to 5.5 cm) long and 1/8 inch (5 mm) wide; the male is about half the size of the female. One dog may have as many as 300 worms. Each year, thousands of dogs become disabled or die from problems caused by heartworm disease.

The current West Nile outbreak in humans, also caused by mosquitoes, is one of the largest in U.S. history, with four times the usual number of cases for this time of year. West Nile can also affect our dogs.

The NPMA recommends these tips to help reduce your pet's exposure to fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and other parasites:

- Check pets frequently for ticks, fleas and flea dirt. Be aware of excessive scratching, licking and nibbling behavior in pets.
- Avoid walking the dogs in tall grass, where there is a greater chance of fleas and ticks hitching a ride.
- Avoid tick habitats such as low-growing brushy vegetation along the edge of the woods or a trail. Check pets after a walk near or in such areas.
 - Bathe pets after walks or playtime with other animals.
 - Frequently wash pet bedding, collars and plush toys.
- Wash bed linens and vacuum carpets, floors and furniture frequently.
 - Empty vacuum bags in an outside receptacle.
- Avoid environments that can possibly be contaminated by pet feces, plants, soil or sand, and keep your pets away from these areas.
- Keep your pets on monthly flea, tick, and heartworm preventive that also treats and controls intestinal parasites.

If you suspect a pest problem, contact your veterinarian immediately.

A SAD AND TRAGIC STORY ABOUT BACKYARD BREEDING

On Wednesday, June 27th, we received a phone call from a lady who runs an all breed rescue group in S. Florida.

A "BACKYARD" Wheaten breeder in the area died suddenly, leaving 10 Wheatens in her home; 5 puppies, 1 male Wheaten and 4 unspayed females. The girls were 9, 8, 7 and 1 year old. Our Rescue got the 4 females. The family kept the male Wheaten and sold the puppies.

These dogs had been kept in appalling conditions. They were bred over and over again, and were never vetted unless they were having puppies or it was a life threatening situation. They never had vaccines or regular vet care. They are all tiny - under 30 lbs. The 8 year old had a cancerous mammary tumor. They were all matted to the skin and had raging ear infections.

Our Rescue swung into action and we had all the dogs safely into our care by the following Sunday. 3 girls went north to Apopka to Debi Rossi. The 7 and 9 year old were boarded at Deb's vet. Lisa Shore and her husband Greg in Beverly Hills fostered Mor-

gayne, the 1 year old, and Lois in Lithia fostered the 9 year old, Velvet. Debi fostered the 7 year old.



The three who went to Apopka were all vetted and spayed and are in wonderful homes.

Steve and Melissa in Miami fostered the 8 year old. She was very sweet and skittish and terrified of men. *Her ears were so infected the vet feared she would lose her hearing, and she had a large tumor on her eyelid. She was fostered for a month, and as the days went by she ate less and less and finally quit eating altogether. The vet could find nothing. We sadly had to have her put to sleep as we did not want to do anything invasive at her age. A necropsy revealed that she had stomach cancer.*

This, truly, is Rescue. We saved these girls from a continuing life of misery, we saved a one year old from being bred the rest of her life, and our little Miami dog is running free over the Rainbow Bridge.

The South Florida Four required intensive vet care and our Rescue fund is dwindling. Again, we are asking for tax deductible donations to bolster our fund and help us care for all the needy Wheatens who come through.

Thank you again for all you folks who help us help our Wheatens in need.

Melissa Nelson
Co-Coordinator, SCWTCGTB-Rescue

I rescued my
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



WITH A "PUPPY DREAM" COMES HUGE RESPONSIBILITIES

By: Nancy Griffin

Some people dream of trips to Europe, back-packing in the wilderness or riding in a fancy car. For years my dream was to have Wheaten puppies at home. When I first moved into my house, I made sure it would be a good place to raise puppies. The fence had to be just right so pups could not escape and the location of the whelping pen needed to be a quiet place. Years passed by and no puppies were in sight!

Finally, today, while I was watching my seven 7-week-old, exuberant and healthy Wheaten puppies romping and playing, I realized I had achieved the long term goal I had set for myself: to become a reliable Wheaten breeder. As in anything worthwhile, when you finally achieve that goal, there is a sudden realization that your studies and work have all been worth the trouble.

Of course, much longer than 7 weeks ago, I began a journey towards my "puppy dream" and it wasn't easy! First, my 10 week old show potential puppy, Neala (a Gaelic name meaning female Champion) came home with me. Weekly bathing, daily grooming, attention exercises and lead training were my focus for the next couple of years. It took travel to shows, entries, handlers, and dedication to achieve her AKC Championship.

Neala's health was meticulously monitored, with special yearly blood tests and tests for genetic diseases of the eyes and hips. Once she was 3 years old, a 10 generation pedigree check, using a suggested sire, met the requirements for improved puppy conformation and most importantly, for good health for the puppies and the breed. I asked many questions, had wonderful help from my mentors, became a member of the SCWTCGTB, the local Wheaten club, and SCWTCA, our national Club. As a member, I was then responsible for adhering to the Code of Ethics of our club. I learned what was needed to be a reliable breeder and how I needed to help educate others about the breed.

Once Neala was in season, her blood was analyzed every other day to monitor progesterone levels. The timing had to be just right and the artificial insemination was completed at the exact time of ovulation. Semen was collected from the stud dog, shipped and arrived overnight, just in time.

I waited until 4 weeks when an ultrasound showed she was pregnant, and the next busy phase of preparing for the whelping began. From building a whelping box, to goat milk, to puppy kibble, supplies were gathered. Neala was happy to try her whelping pen and slept there for several days before the whelping.

The time for delivery came and I was sitting in the whelping box with my mentor and co-breeder assisting me and Neala all the way through the delivery of 7 beautiful pups.

The puppies were kept in a warm environment for a week and monitored very carefully. They were weighed every day to ensure each one was growing at the same rate. I slept next to them and their mom, listening for every sound. I took care of Neala, with extra meals, so she could continue to nurse her babies. The little ones were kept clean and began to grow. Fortunately, Neala, the "super-mom", did most of the work at this early stage.

There would be plenty more for me later.

I have been giving each pup love, socialization, and exercise, feeding them 3 times a day and keeping them clean. They are being given around the clock attention, some elementary house-training lessons, and are being introduced to new sounds, children, people, and animals. They will be walking on a lead and happy little pups when they are ready to go to their new homes.

After hours of emails, phone calls, and personal interviews, I have found the best possible homes and have checked carefully to ensure everyone can take the best care of their pups. Soon they will be going to their forever homes and I know I have done the best I could for them in their start in life.

My puppy dream is now my reality and my responsibilities continue as I will always be there for these babies and to mentor their owners... ready to take care of them at any time in the future if need be.





DOG SHOW ETIQUETTE & GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

By: Cheryl Johnstone

DOG SHOWING is a sport, and like all other sports there are rules of sportsmanship. There are basically 2 codes of sportsmanship in dog showing... one applies to fellow exhibitors the other applies to communicating with judges. I'm going to talk more about exhibitors here, because I personally have experienced unsportsmanlike conduct myself, and as a newcomer to the sport, was very hurt and disillusioned by it. Anyone trying to do the ethical thing with dogs should be welcomed and encouraged. Most people are helpful and supportive, however, there are a handful of people that can be very unkind... I guess there'll always be a few "bad apples", we just can't let them spoil our enthusiasm for the sport! In today's competitive world of the dog fancy, success as breeders and handlers is greatly influenced not only by the quality of dogs produced and shown, but also by the perception others have of you as a sportsman and ambassador of the breed. It benefits each of us to examine our reactions to winning and, especially losing. As winners... are we gracious? Do we acknowledge wins without humiliating competitors? Do we find ways to compliment others in our class, OR... do we blame NOT winning on bad judging, politics, or anything other than the fact that there may be something imperfect with our dog? Are we one of those exhibitors who brag about our dog or run off at the mouth about how awful the other dogs are in the ring? If so, this is extremely poor sportsmanship!! Keep comments to yourself even if you feel you should of won that class, congratulate the winner...be a gracious competitor! Watch the professional handlers next time you're at a show, they always congratulate the winners, even if they lose to a newbie owner/handler...this is the mark of a professional.



The true sport of dogs goes far beyond competition in the ring; it also includes our interaction with fellow breeders and exhibitors, the people we mentor and new owners of puppies we place. Good sportsmanship is an important lesson to be learned in presenting a dog properly. If we're going to show dogs over a period of time, it'll be far more enjoyable to be known as a "good sport" rather than a sore loser. Many lasting friendships are made at dog shows! Sportsmanship and a balanced sense of perspective in and out of the show ring will help to foster those relationships!

DOG SHOWS Con't...

Now, let's talk a bit about **Etiquette**.... This is also very important at shows, whether an exhibitor or spectator. As an exhibitor who's interested in the opinion of the judge you just lost under, it's extremely important to wait until the judge's assignment is complete before approaching them. For spectators who may attend a dog show to see the dogs, please keep in mind that owners and handlers have spent hours training and grooming to prepare dogs for the ring. The last thing they need is for someone to just walk up, tousle the dog's hair or have a child pet the dog with sticky lollipop hands... YIKES!!!! The proper thing is to ask the handler if it's okay to pet their dog. The BEST time to pet a dog or talk to the handler about the breed would be after they have finished showing... everyone is much more relaxed and has time to answer any questions.

Remember our perspective... showing and breeding is all about "IMPROVING" our breed. Let's also remember that this should bond us as a group that loves and cares for our breed!!

This is a photo of several breeder/exhibitors coming together to evaluate a litter of pups, a true display of supporting one another for the betterment of the breed.



Corny as it may sound, sportsmanship and etiquette at dog shows (as life in general) is simply following the golden rule...



SHOW RESULTS



6/1/12-8/31/12

Áinle Villanova Mouth of the South "Gabby"

WB Asheville, NC 6/09
WB Asheville, NC 6/10
W/BP/PG2/BOB St. Pete, FL 6/16
W/BOB St. Pete, FL 6/17
W/BW/BOS Orlando, FL 6/22
W/BW/BOS Orlando, FL 6/23
W/BOS/BP Bobcageon, ON 6/26
W/BW/BP Bobcageon, ON 6/27
W/BP Bobcageon, ON 6/28
W/BW/BOS/BP Peterborough, ON 6/29
W/BOS/BP Peterborough, ON 6/30
W/BP Peterborough, ON 7/01
W/BOS/BP Blyth, ON 7/05
W/BOS/BP Blyth, ON 7/06
W/BW/BOB/BP/GRP2 Blyth, ON 7/07
W/BW/OS WPB, FL 7/14
W/OS WPB, FL 7/15

Bred by: Cynthia Phelps

Owned by: Kathi Elliot & Cynthia Phelps

GCH Inishkeen's Pillow Full O'Petals "Sachet"

SEL WPB, FL 7/14
bred and owned by Ann and James McCormick

GCH Inishkeen Maille Of Van Beard "Maille"

BV, VGRP 2 WPB, FL 7/14
BV, VGRP 2 WPB, FL 7/15
owned by Ann and James McCormick

Moonstruck Too Hot To Mombo "Tango"

WD Orlando 6/23
WD/BW Orlando 6/24
Bred by: Helen Fraguela, Martha Rowland
Owned by: Todd Hoover, Helen Fraguela

Moonstruck Dance The Night Away "Walter"

BOB WPB, FL 7/14
SEL WPB, FL 7/15
Bred by: Helen Fraguela, Martha Rowland
Owned by: Kim Johnson, Helen Fraguela

Silver GCH Sho-well's Bree's Boy Toy "Bentley"

BOB Asheville, NC 6/09
SEL Asheville, NC 6/10
BW/BOB Bobcageon, ON 6/26
BOS Bobcageon, ON 6/27
BW/BOS Bobcageon, ON 6/28
BOB Peterborough, ON 6/29
BOB, GRP4 Peterborough, ON 6/30
BOB Peterborough, ON 7/01
BOB Blyth, ON 7/05
BOB Blyth, ON 7/06
BOS Blyth, ON 7/07
BOB Greenville, NC 7/27
Bred by: Marilyn Stowell
Owned by: Kathi Elliot

Sunrise Sting Like A Bee "Rooney"

WD WPB 7/14
WD/BW WPB 7/15
Bred by: Gail & Geoff Johnston, Helen Fraguela
Owned by: Gail & Geoff Johnston

GCH Sundance Second Chance "Benny"

BOB Orlando 6/22
BOB Orlando 6/23
BOB Orlando 6/24
SEL WPB 7/14
BOB WPB 7/15
SEL Greenville, SC 7/28
SEL Atlanta GA 8/23
SEL Atlanta GA 8/25
SEL Atlanta GA 8/26
Bred by: Sue & Don Wuerz
Owned by: Sandy & Frank Russo

NEW CONFORMATION TITLES

US GCH CAN CH Sho-well's Bree's Boy Toy "Bentley"

Bred by: Marilyn Stowell
Owned by: Kathi Elliot

NEW AGILITY/ OBEDIENCE/WORKING TITLES

Shar D's Oliver Do "N"

The Twist **Beginner Novice**
Owned by: Ellen Chapman

UPCOMING FL SHOWS

Sept 22-23 Deland
Sept 29-30 Ocala
Nov 9-11 Brooksville
Nov 15-18 Ocala

for more info visit

<http://www.infodog.com/showinfo/state.htm>



CONGRATULATIONS

To all our dog sport enthusiasts

IN THE KITCHEN WITH DARCY

Frozen Furball Ice Cream

In a blender combine.....

1 container fat free vanilla yogurt

1 cup frozen blueberries

1 cup water

ice cubes

Blend until soupy consistency and then pour into small plastic cups or ice cube trays. Freeze until they are frozen solid. Pop them out for your Wheaten to enjoy as an "outside" treat!



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Griffin is pleased to announce the arrival of a new Wheaten Lane litter:

Dad: GCh, Can Ch Grzentrz Trinitz Heartbreak Kid (Tanner)

Mom: Ch Moonstruck Rhumba Rhythm NFI NFI (Neala)

Born: July 9, 2012

A decorative border at the top of the announcement features a row of colorful, patterned squares. The background is a light green color with several pink and blue paw prints scattered on the right side.

HAPPY B'DAY SENIORS

Happy Birthday "Caitie"

Sandcastle's Caitie Bar the Door turned 15 on Aug. 28th

She's owned by Kerry & Beth Rudy





SCWTC of Greater Tampa Bay Annual Dinner, General Meeting and Silent Auction

Silent Auction to benefit Rescue

Please look around and see if you have any Wheaten items or dog items you are willing to donate for our silent auction! Let us know and we will email you the Silent Auction form. Bring them to the dinner with you!

Donations are tax deductible.

This will be your opportunity to bid on some wonderfully unique Wheaten items!

Special Raffle Items

A Jewelry piece made by Hunting Horn
Dana Loring Wheaten Piece
And MORE!



Date: **November 10, 2012**
Place: Southern Hills Plantation Club**
19858 Southern Hills Blvd.
Brooksville, FL 34601
Time: Social hour 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$36.00 per person
Cash bar will be available
RSVP: By November 4, 2012

Guests are welcome!

****Dress Code: NO DENIM**

2012 Annual Dinner RSVP

Name of Guest(s) _____

Total Enclosed: # of guests at \$36.00 each _____

Mail this RSVP and your check made out to SCWTCGTB by Nov 4 to:

Debie Scurr, 7276 Moffatt Lane, Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Contact Debie @ flwheaten@gmail.com for more information and PayPal instructions.