

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 10TH JULY 2023

There is a change of judge for the Joint Irish Setter Clubs championship show which this year is being hosted by the ISAE in conjunction with their championship show. Sadly, Christine Warner has had to withdraw and now Fiona Heron-O'Brien will be judging both sexes.

It was a wonderfully sunny day at the final East of England championship show which was held at a new venue, the Rutland Showground.

This new venue was a huge success for the society and appreciated by all; big level rings, spacious in and out tents, short grass and a permanent toilet block. From July 2024 it will be the venue for Boston championship show who have taken over the EoE dates.

Shelagh Tolladay (Bethersden) was our judge and she gave us two new CC winners.

Dog CC and the winner of limit was Blake Crocker and Claire Lewis' Riverbrue Wonderall at Hernwood. 3 ½ year old Norman was bred by Blake out of Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) and is handled by Claire. He has one RCC which was won last week at Windsor. He is litter brother to Sh Ch R. Morning Glory, R. Cloudburst Over Strathmead (2 CCs, 7 RCCs), R. Flashbax At Henaleas (1 CC, 3 RCCs), and R. Be Here Now and R. Soldier On who both have one RCC. Reserve to Norman was the Bott, Allen and Morgan partnership's Hector aka Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow who is his half brother having the same sire but out of Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. He now has 10 CCs and 6 RCCs.

Winning mid limit and the bitch CC was Blake and Ashleigh Frost's 2 year old Riverbrue Snoozeulose who is the result of an A.I. mating from Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W. ex Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana.

Reserve to Shirley was her mother, Gloria.

Anne Orzell judged the gundog group and Norman made the short list.

Best Puppy in Breed was Sandra, Kerry and Emma's Kerryfair Misty Rose (Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) out of Kerryfair Foxy Forever) and Best Veteran in Breed was Joy's Strathmead Huckleberry of Settesoli (Lynwood Lark In The Dark J.W. x Strathmead Penny Whistle J.W.) who made the cut in the Veteran Group under Phil Freer.

Mark Walshaw judged the Special Beginner's Group and he awarded third place to Charlotte Markey's Yokohama Lofty to Evenflow (Imp Pol) (Pol Ch Eminem Lofty ex Yoko Ono Lofty).

It's great to see the Irish featuring in the groups, huge congrats everyone.

Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W. aka Louis was bred by Bob and Christine Heron in May 2004 and owned and campaigned by Eva Ciechoska. He was a remarkable sire and the winner of 16 CCs and 9 RCCs as well as being Top Stud Dog All Breeds in 2011 and 2012.

He has 18 show champion offspring and Shirley is his 22nd CC winner. He is behind the greater majority of the successful dogs in the ring today and is, of course, the grandsire of Muscot (Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under) through his dam Copper's Magical Bubble. He is on both sides of Shirley's pedigree through her dam Gloria, as well as being her sire.

I shall write more about him next week.

Spare a thought please for Maureen Elkins who finally made it into hospital last week after waiting over 2 years for a knee operation. No doubt she will be back in the ring as soon as she is off the crutches. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

A Little Mate Story from Windsor 2015.

We go out for dinner but I can't find my specs anywhere even though Mr Morgan and I have turned the caravan upside down.

MLM and David are half way across the field so I yell after them: Have you seen my specs?

MLM: Oh hang on

And comes running back to the caravan.

MLM: I've found them

Me: Where were they?

MLM: On the top of my head.
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