

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2023

The Crufts entry for dogs is 131 making 150 and 145 bitches making 171. Irish have the 8th highest entry in the show. Our judges are Jennie Reed, dogs, and Chris Sheldon, bitches.

At last week's Midlands Irish Setter Society's championship show Teresa & Gemma Gisby's Suterese King Of Hearts JW won limit and his 2nd CC. King was homebred in November 2016 out of Suterese Once Upon A Dream by Anlory Aidan J.W. Reserve to him was Paula and Phil Lucas' Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlite JW who was also BVIS.

In bitches it was a 2nd CC also for Irish Sh Ch Corranroo Just One Kiss with Riversett (Sh Ch Caemgen's Element Of Truth At Feorlig (Imp Swe) ShCM ex Corranroo Rainbow Kisses). She was bred by Jacquie and Graham Bayne in March 2017 and is owned by Gillian Sterritt.

Having won post grad Alister and Catherine Watt's Shenanagin Half A Sixpence took her 2nd RCC. She was homebred in December 2019 and is the daughter of the dog RCC and BVIS winner out of Shenanagin Sweet Sixteen J.W.

It was a day for the girls as Skye was BIS and Holly was RBIS.

Jo-Anne Parsons' Dennis aka Quensha Thinking Out Loud at Bransett was Best Puppy in Show. He was bred by the Bott, Allen and Morgan partnership in May 2022 and is by Pawsword Priceless To Kerryfair J.W. ex Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W.

Sue Edwards and Paula Lucas held a joint celebration at the show to celebrate Rio gaining his title and winning the gundog group at LKA and Paula's forthcoming "big" birthday.

Last week I mentioned Tom Dinwoodie of the Lochar gundog kennel who awarded CCs in Irish between 1948 and 1965.

Most of the dogs registered at Lochar were Labradors, English Springers and Cockers but I also found 3 Irish Setters bearing the affix.

I can find no information on the bitch Lochar Leading Reine nor the dog Lochar Royal Flush but Lochar Clanruig was bred by D Turnbull on 7th July 1946 out of Briarruig by Gewdore Corrymeela Copper.

He was exhibited at Crufts in 1948 where he won first place in undergraduate under L.C. James.

It seems that after this he was only exhibited in 1949 bearing the Wendover affix when he became Sh Ch Wendover Lochar Clanruig. He won his first CC at Birmingham National under H Mears and Hartsbourne Senior Of Shadowood (NZ Ch Coppercoat Of Crosshaven ex Queen Of Ardkeen's Molly 'O) won the RCC.

The next show was SKC where Frank Warner-Hill was the judge and he awarded Clanruig his second CC with Lionheart Of Dochra in the reserve spot. He was by Sh Ch Raycroft Mediator ex Scarlet Of Dochra.

Two shows later at WELKS D Leighton titled him and awarded the RCC to Conrad Of Lyndale.

He went on to win a reserve ticket at SWKA from Bill Rasbridge behind Victory Moon and then his final CC came from Mr A Ashworth at Blackpool. Jasper of Dochra took the RCC, he was litter brother to Lionheart of Dochra; both went on to gain their titles.

Conrad of Lyndale also went on to get his title. He was owned Mr J.W. Hodson of Coventry and bred by D.L.Penny in 1945 by Red Dan Of Ide ex Santley Sylph.

Victory Moon who was born 7th July 1944 but never did gain his title and the award from Rasbridge was his only ever green card. He was by Pensive Patrick ex Delia Of Wendover.

Tom Dinwoodie first gave tickets in Irish at Ayr in 1948. His dog CC went to Roamer Of Portarlie, his second, and the RCC went to Jasper Of Dochra, his second also.

He gave a first CC to Raycroft Gay Girl (Raycroft Dochra Gerremy ex Raycroft Scarlet) and the RCC to Wendover Bracken (Friar Of Baldonnell X Fleet Of Wendover)

At his next appointment the following year at SKC Tom titled Jasper of D and gave a first of two RCCs to Rajah Of Owram.

Rajah was owned by the Messrs Roddie and Tetlow of Keighley and bred by Mrs Gabbittas in May 1947 out of Rosheen by Crookrise Forrest Fancy.

On the day Tom also titled Sh Ch Boisdale Bidien (Boisdale Rococo ex Boisdale Biddy). Bowhill Lass took the RCC. She was owned by Mr M Leggat of Uddingston Nr Glasgow and was by Pilot Of Glyncoed ex Maureen Of Barrenmoor.

Not for another 9 years did Tom Dinwoodie give CCs in Irish. This was at SKC again in 1958. He gave a first of six CCs to Murtagh Of Barnsforde (Sh Ch Lionheart Of Dochra X Borderland Clare Of Barnsforde) and awarded the RCC to Ch/Ir Ch Cuanhills Calling (Cuanhills Glassfern Barney (IKC) ex Hartsbourne Brunette).

Murtagh was owned by Mr A Fulton of Kilmarnoch and bred by Jean Dodman.

His bitch CC went to Sh Ch Glenmont Bronze (Ch Ir Ch Cilldara Robinhood ex Cilldara Zena), her 5th and Barnsforde Linda Of Portarlie (Maestro Of Barnsforde X Portarlie Olivia Of Dochra) owned by Jean and bred by Elinor Scott-Gentles won her one and only RCC.

Tom's final appointment was at Blackpool in 1965 when he gave a first of 17 tickets to Raycroft Call Boy (Sa Ch Hartsbourne Kerry ex Sh Ch Raycroft Bramble), RCC was Wendover Glade (Watendlath Joao O'Pandy ex Sh Ch Wendover Kelly) and then gave a first of 14 CCs to Wendover Nancy (NZ Ch Wendover Gary Of Acres ex Sh Ch Wendover Katie). It was a day of firsts when Gaelge Gerpat took the RBCC. She was bred by Jack Whittaker in 1963 out of Sh Ch Gaelge Gisela by Int Sh Ch Raycroft Hoobram Rich Corona.

Next week I shall write about Moira Paterson.

A Little Mate story from New York, February 2015.

It's Sunday night and NYC has the lowest temperatures on record so we decide to walk up to Times Square. We hop from Starbucks to Starbucks trying to keep warm and then find a bar.

After a few drinks we decide to walk back to our hotel and it's even colder. Bear in mind that MLM doesn't drink.

As we're hurrying along the street with our heads down MLM is suddenly yanked backwards and I see her patting something and apologising profusely.

Me: What are you doing?!!!

MLM: I've just bumped into this child and nearly knocked her over

Me: No you haven't, It's a statue of a fairy!

Only she is short enough for the statue's out stretched arms to get caught in her collar!

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