

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023

Entries for the last ever East of England show close by post on 19th May and online at midnight on 29th. Our judge is Shelagh Tolladay who last judged at NGA in 2018 when she did the dogs only. She awarded the CC to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses and the reserve to Riverbrue Galliano Fizz To Clonageera.

The last time she judged bitches was in 2014 at Driffild when she gave a first CC to Shandwick Love In A Mist For Telari with the reserve going to Gwendariff Gonna Be Special.

At Bath Blake Crocker has attracted an entry of 43 dogs and 49 bitches making 92. Overall entry is 57 and 61 making 118.

Claire Lewis emailed to say that her and Blake's "Phil", Riverbrue Ophelia Winky, gained the last points for his Junior Warrant at Birmingham National. He is 13 months old and by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Riverbrue Ophelia At Glennara JW. Well done.

My thanks to Eva Ciechonska for reminding me about the first Irish Setter that Sue and Mike Oakley owned. I remember Sue saying that their affix was named after a dog they once owned.

Having done a bit of digging I found that the dog was Caspian Valliantfield who was born in July 1972 out of Sowerhill Della Belle by Lornford Red.

Lornford Red was by Jacmin Jason ex Margach Marianne and Sowerhill Della Belle was out of Sowerhill Norlan Della by Sowerhill Loxbeare Lancer.

An interesting announcement from the Kennel Club:

RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES TO COUNT TOWARDS THE TITLE OF A CHAMPION/SHOW CHAMPION

The Kennel Club is pleased to announce that, following the May Board meeting, it has been decided that dogs which win two Challenge Certificates (CCs) in addition to five Reserve Challenge Certificates (RCCs) will gain the title of Champion/Show Champion, effective from 1 July 2023.

This decision has been taken following extensive consultation by The Kennel Club Shows Liaison Council formed of representatives from within the show scene and further supported by the Show Executive Committee and The Kennel Club Board.

This will mean that from 1 July 2023, in order to gain the title of Champion, dogs will either need to be;

Awarded three CCs under three different judges, one of which when the dog is over 12 months of age, or

Awarded 2 CCs, with one being awarded when the dog is over 12 months of age, in addition to five RCCs awarded from 1 July 2023, with the awards coming from seven different judges

Helen Kerfoot, Chief Operations Officer (Canine Activities) said "I am delighted to be able to announce this change which takes effect from 1 July, which recognises RCCs contributing to the title of Champion/Show Champion. I would like to thank the committee for the hard work that has been carried out for this decision to be taken and hope this will be a positive change to the show scene. "We acknowledge that there is still a backlog of awards which are being worked through as a priority. If, come July, an exhibitor is certain that a dog has the required awards to be granted the title of a Champion or Show Champion they will be permitted to enter as such using the title."

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It was a lovely day at Birmingham National championship show and the weather was kind to us. The ISBC provided a buffet lunch for everyone by way of celebrating the King and Queen's coronation and many people also contributed.

Sue Edwards' Luca (Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie) won his 9th CC and BOB and Debbie and Gordon Rowbottom's Rory aka Sh Ch Lanstara Spring Moon won his 6th RCC.

Luca was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie in March 2018 out of Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W. by Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W.

Rory is by Millcroft Poachers Moon Of Victoriaview ex Lanstara Lollipop and was bred by Viv Blackshaw in February 2014.

Diane handled Lisa Bougen's Gwendariff Hot Ticket JW to win limit and then her second CC. Fern is 5 ½ years old and by Sh Ch Gwendariff Unknown Soldier J.W. ex Gwendariff On A Tic Ett To Lochindorb. Luca's dam and Fern's sire are litter mates by Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under and have Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W. as double great grandfather.

Sue had a lovely day as her Keira (Gwendariff Its Numero Uno at Bonhomie JW) was second in limit and took her 7th RCC. She is now 6 years old and out of Gwendariff Carrys It Off J.W. by Sh Ch/Ir Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna J.W.

Gabrielle and Kate Sloane's Ferasheen Hot Proper Tea was BPIB. Hugo is home bred out of Ferasheen Jindea by Gwendariff Absolutely Marwe'llus IKC and is 7 months old.

Holly Henderson and Michal Sz wajkowski's Polish import, Grenada Lofty Czerwony, was Best Special Beginners. He is two years old and by Yahoo Lofty ex Vanessa Mae Lofty.

In the Any Variety Good Citizen Dog Scheme Class judged by Lee Cox Pat and Ken's Ronnie was first out of 53 and in The Meriel Hathaway Memorial Open Stakes he was second out of 28 (13 abs). I couldn't see any other Irish featuring in the Stakes classes but please let me know if I've missed you. Congratulations to you all.

The annual walk in aid of Irish Setter Rescue took place on the same day as the National; Linda Savage writes: "East Midland Social Region of The ISBC, Annual Rescue Walk on 7.5.23.

What glorious weather we had for the Annual Rescue walk from "Treetops" Matlock and what a great turnout. There were several new participants and many regulars who renewed old friendships, travelling considerable distances to do so. There was a count of 55 dogs the majority of which were Irish, with an age range of 5 months to 13 years. There was also a Gordon and a couple of Romanian rescue dogs with sad stories to tell, all of whom behaved impeccably.

The walk is quite robust and covers approximately Four and a half miles into woodlands. Thanks go to Regine who had energetically marked out the route a couple of days previously. Thanks also to the committee members who provided "four star" refreshments and kept tea and coffee flowing all afternoon. Also to the stalwarts who managed the stalls which include cakes, plants, bric-a-brac and Setter memorabilia. A particular mention to the lady who brought mountains of Fairy cakes with specially printed Setter heads on each one.

A very special mention to Alan and Angela Maitland who have supported this event for past 25 years, always with very generous donations.

The support of all the people who attended restores your faith in human nature and shows the love we all have for our Irish. A good time was had by all and we raised £1,600.00 for the Rescue fund, with a couple more donations promised.

Finally an extra special thanks to Gill and Andy who annually open their home and garden to this event. It entails setting up pergolas, organizing the Raffle, providing refreshments and generally ensuring that the day runs like clockwork, Sybil would be proud."

My notes next week will be late as I shall have been at SKC for the weekend where I am judging the Gundog Group and on Monday 22nd I shall be travelling to Bath for our first trip out with the caravan. I will catch up just as soon as I can.

A Little Mate Story from May 2016

Quote of the day goes to James Newton who almost let Julie Frost's Bracco pee on MLM's leg.

MLM: What does he think I am? A tree?

James: If he does you must be a Bonsai!

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