IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES W/C MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023

Entries for the ISCW Southern Open Show close by post on 30th July and on 6th August online. The judge is Sandra Corless and the show is being held in conjunction with WKC.

Richmond entries close by post on 31st July and online on 14th August. Our judge is Ellen Loynd who last judged the breed at GBAS 2019 when she did the dogs only. On this occasion she awarded the CC to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses and the reserve to Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight. The last time Ellen did bitches was in 2013 at SKC. She titled Sh Ch Anlory Carinena and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten At Braidmount.

Last week I wrote a little about Louis (Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W.) who is the sire of the bitch CC winner at East of England last week. Riverbrue Snoozeulose was born in June 2021 even though Louis passed away some years ago. I seem to recall that I wrote a while ago about how wonderful it would be if there was semen stored from him, Night Fever and Intrepid.

Louis' previous litter was an AI mating in 2018 to Sh Ch Thendara Jocasta.

He won his first CC in 2006 under Teresa Gisby at Leeds, his second the following year at Three Counties from Marion Sweeney and was titled later that year at GSW by Penny Jeffries.

He won a further 3 CCs that year and then 10 in 2008 making 16 in total and 9 RCCs.

He was Top Sire in Irish for five consecutive years and Top Sire all breeds from 2011 to 2013.

He has now sired 37 litters; 18 UK Show Champions, 8 Overseas Show Champions, Stud Book entrants and Junior Warrant winners.

He is third Top Sire in Irish Setters behind Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever who fathered 23 Show Champions and Sh Ch Caspians Intrepid.

Shirley is his 22nd CC winner and as well as him being her sire she is line bred back to Louis who is twice behind Sh Ch Coppers War of Roses (her maternal grandsire) through his sire Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under's dam Sh Ch Copper's Magical Bubble and Arthur's dam Ch Copper's Wine'n Roses Hun/Rom Jun Ch (Imp Swe) sire CIE Copper's Bubble Power.

Louis is also Shirley's great-great grandsire through her mother Gloria.

Louis' matings with Balintyne Copper's Home N Dry prompted something of a Viking invasion. Eva must be incredibly proud of his legacy.

Chris Jennings-Sharman (Canteris) reports that there was a lovely garden party atmosphere when she judged the MISS open show recently. It was a great day with some super dogs which gave her a few headaches. It was scorching hot but then there was a very heavy shower at the end. There was lots of applause for the winners.

Best in Show and Best Bitch was Gabrielle and Kate Sloane's Gwendarriff The Purple Star and RBIS and BD was Ruth Richardson's Gwendariff Tullys Red Arrows. Lisa Bougen's Gwendariff Lily the Pink was BVIS and BPIS was Gabrielle and Kate's Ferasheen Hot Proper Tea.

There are no shows next weekend so I'm having a week off. Next notes will be Monday 31st July when I'll report on Leeds.

A Little Mate Story from East of England 2015

It was a very blue day at East of England yesterday but no complaints. Nice to see lots of my FB friends especially Mark James who took the trouble to ask how MLM's tooth was.

Me: Oh it's great thanks, her dentist has done a good job of repairing it

Mark: Have you ever thought of getting her insured?

Me: Have I ever thought of it? How do you think that would go???!! Insurer: Has she had any accidents in the last 5 years?.....

#uninsurable #totalliability #notevenanaccidentwaitingtohappen

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