

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023

Entries for Border Union close by post on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and online at midnight on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The judge for both sexes is Geraldine Cove-Print whose last appointment was at SWKA in 2017. Her ticket winners were Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle and Brinara Vanity Fair (her second). Reserves were Sh Ch Thendara Commitment and Sh Ch Thendara Jocasta.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> May postal entries for Blackpool close, online close at midnight on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Teresa Gisby is our judge. She last judged at ISAE in 2016 when she did the bitches. Her CC winner was Sh Ch Bardonhill Please Don't Tease Quensha with the reserve going to Sh Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten At Braidmount. The last time Teresa did dogs was in 2013 at Windsor when she gave the ticket to Sh Ch Avacet Snowdrift and the reserve to Sh Ch Riqitta Authentic.

Entries for Windsor close by post on 10<sup>th</sup> May but online entries can be made up to noon on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Our first time judge is Terry Pearson.

I am sorry to hear that Sue Oakley (Caspians) passed away on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. Supported by her husband Mike she was the breeder of 5 show champions, including the breed record holder Intrepid, 3 ticket winners and 5 RCC winners.

The earliest I can find an Irish with the Caspians affix is in 1973 for Cornevon Rainbow Of Caspians who was by Sh Ch Cornevon Snowstorm ex Cornevon Arabella.

Sue also owned Cornevon Starbright in partnership with Janice Roberts. She was by Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus out of Sh Ch Cornevon Primrose. Both these girls were exhibited at Crufts in 1975.

Starbright was litter sister to Sh Ch Cornevon Stargem and Lux Ch Cornevon Starlight and she gained her stud book number. Also in this litter was Cornevon Starkissed Of Cribbarth, 1 CC & 3 RCCs, Cornevon Star Spangle, 1 CC & 2 RCCs, and Cornevon Stargazer who also gained her stud book number.

Starbright had a litter to Wendover Jackanory in 1975 which produced the RCC winning Cornevon Peasblossom Of Caspians. This RCC was won at SKC in 1981 under L.C. "Jimmy" James when Sowerhill Sarong Of Kingscott took her second CC. This was his last CC appointment.

I well remember Joan Kniveton's (Brooks) Oldread Precious competing against her many times and standing second behind her in Post Grad. When at last Joan's 'Kelly' won Post Grad the Oakleys were the first to congratulate her.

Rainbow had her first litter in 1977 to Sh Ch Wendover Racketeer and a dog, Caspians Rostrevor was kept. He was mated to Starbright in 1978 and so the two foundation bitch lines were consolidated. In 1979 Rainbow had a litter to Baron of Wendover and two bitches Caspians Sweet Cicely and the stud book winning Snowdrop were kept. Snowdrop is important here as she is the great-great grand dam of Intrepid.

In 1988 Sue bred the first Caspians show champion. Sh Ch C. Night Music was a Wendover Cassidy daughter by Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever. She won 14 CCs and 7 RCCs between 1990 and 1996 and was top brood bitch in breed 1995 to 2001.

She was the dam of Sh Ch Caspians The Music Man Of Danaway owned and exhibited by Mary and Brian Gurney and by their Free Spirit Of Danaway. He won 12 CCs and 17 RCCs in the years 1994 to 1998.

Her most famous son and the breed record holder Sh Ch C Intrepid was born in 1993 and owned and shown by Jacquie Lorrimer. His sire was the former breed record holder, Sh Ch Danaway Debonair (40 CCs, 12 RCCs). Intrepid's tally of 77 CCs and 34 RCCs may never be bettered.

In these days of focus on low co-efficient values I would like to point out that he is the result of a half-brother half-sister mating with a co-efficient of 28.8%.

Night Music had a litter by Sh Ch Kerryfair Lover Boy in 1997 in which was Sh Ch C. Palmerston. He was initially handled by Sue and later by his owner Joan Willett to a total of 9 CCs and 5 RCCs.

Sue used Palmerston on Caspians Hippolyta J.W. and in 2002 Sh Ch C. Disraeli was born. He too was owned by Joan and Brian Willett and won 3 CCs and 1 RCC.

Inbetween times Dee Rance made C. Modesty up to be an Irish Show Champion. She was out of Caspians Grace by Danaway Black Magic By Caspians and had 1 CC and 1 RCC.

Caspians Grace (Debonair ex Night Music) was the winner of 2 CCs and 1 RCC.

I have little time to write in detail about the WELKS results but here are the headlines.

We have a new bitch CC record holder in Blake's Gloria who took her 32<sup>nd</sup> CC from Claire Prangle and topped it off with BOB and Group 2 under Pat Butler-Holley. Reserve to her was the winner of yearling, Sandra Coleman's Camaling Rose Royale.

Claire also gave us a new dog CC winner when Dee and Jeremy's 'Mac' (Thendara Big Love JW) won junior and then the CC. Reserve to him was Pat Harris and Gideon Hoeksema's Blazing Bronze Happy Clappy Sings Konakakela JW (Imp Nld) who had won limit.

Best puppy in breed was Diane Bridgwater's Bridgella's Jubilee Queen and best veteran was Sandy Waterton's Sandstream Welcome Breeze JW ShCM.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day out at WELKS with My Little Mate, even though the weather was rather inclement and I thought it passed without event.

But I'll just leave you with this little ditty:



Oh dear what can the matter be?

My Little Mate got stuck in the lavatory.....

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