

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2023

There has been a change of date and venue for the ISAE open shows. They will now be held on Sunday, 4th June at Chieveley Village Hall, High Street, Chieveley RG208TE. Show 1 will be judged by Laura Kolbach (Pawsword) and show 2 will be judged by Graham Hart (Gilliegrae).

March is going to be an expensive month for those of you who show your dogs.

The Irish Setter Club of Scotland entries close by post on 6th March and online at noon on 20th March. The judge is David Shields whose last appointment was in 2017 at WELKS. On that occasion he awarded the dog ticket to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses and the reserve to Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna. He titled Sh Ch Thendara Jocasta and gave the reserve BCC to Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady.

They are holding their open show in conjunction with the championship show and closing dates and times are the same. The judge for the open show is Kay Donnelly.

Also closing by post on 6th March is Birmingham National with online entries closing at noon on 23rd March. The judge is Jeff Horswell. This will be his second time giving tickets in Irish. His first appointment was at WELKS in 2019 when he gave the DCC to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses and the reserve to Sh Ch Gwendariff PS I Love You Bonhomie. Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream took the CC and Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana was in the reserve spot.

Moir Paterson owned and exhibited Irish Setters in the late 1940s and 1950s.

Her first show champion of whom I wrote two weeks ago was Sh Ch Roamer of Portalie whelped in July 1943. I can find one son of his, Portarlie Outlaw Of Dochra, who was born in June 1948 out of Scarlet Of Dochra (Ch Borrowdale Tristan ex Gemma Of Matsonhouse). He was owned and campaigned by Elinor Scott (Gentles).

In 1946 Moira became the owner of Lionheart of Dochra who was bred by Miss Crawford out of Scarlet Of Dochra by Sh Ch Raycroft Mediator. He and his sister, Ladybird of Dochra owned by Miss Crawford, both gained their titles with 3 CCs each.

Tara of Glenron was bred by Moira in March 1948 out of Gale Warning of Glenron by Jeeves of Dochra and won one CC at SKC in 1952 under J Downes-Powell. This must have been a wonderful day for her as Lionheart gained his title that day.

At the Irvine & DCC show in June 1952 Tara was Best in Show. The newspaper report names the judges as Mrs L.M. Daly, Mrs Hemery and Mr T Wright and states that they 'placed the entries with confidence and the exhibitors generally seemed pleased with their verdicts'. Not a lot has changed there then!

Reserve to Lionheart was Miss Crawford's Rohoy of Dochra (Panda of Dochra ex Norna of Dochra) and reserve to Tara was Mr R.F. Wallace's Hartsbourne Bloom (Sh Ch Hartsbourne Tobias ex Ch Hartsbourne Popsy) who became a show champion in 1956.

Moir Paterson awarded CCs in Irish six times between 1960 and 1976.

Her first appointment was at Windsor in 1960 where Sh Ch Forestred Rodney won his 4th CC and Sh Ch Loongana Red Biddy Of Portarlie gained her title. Reserves were Sowerhill Winsford Robert and Hartsbourne Tulip.

Her final appointment was in 1976 at SKC. Tamarisk Tarragon Of Duskhunter (Sh Ch Carnbargus Hartsbourne O'Brady ex Tamarisk Bronze Bryong) won his first CC and Emmafield Carefree (Sh Ch Orichalc Alchymist ex Emmafield Beck) her second. Raycroft Carnoustie and Sh Ch Caskeys Zoe won the RCCs.

I was watching an article on T.V. last night about stuff that is found in sewers and it reminded me of a Little Mate story.

Many years ago, we went to a show at Alfreton Leisure Centre and MLM took herself off to the loo. I followed shortly after to find her standing there stroking her head with one hand and then the other.

Me: What are you doing?

MLM: Looking for my glasses

Me: How?

MLM: Well they were on top of my head and now they're gone.

Realising she must have dropped them we search high and low.

Me: They're nowhere in here

MLM: I can't understand it. How can they have disappeared

Me: Did you have them on your head when you were actually in the loo?

MLM: Yes

Me: And when you flushed it?

MLM: Yes

Me: Well where do you think they are then? You must have flushed them down the loo!

MLM: I'll ring the sewage company on Monday to see if they've found them

Me: #rollseyesandsighs

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