

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

There's not a lot of news this week, just a couple of reminders about closing dates.

Postal entries close for the ISCW championship show on 26th March and online at midnight on 16th April. We have a first time judge for dogs in David Alcorn and Pat Butler-Holley will be judging the bitches.

David is no newcomer to judging at championship show level as he gives tickets in 9 gundog breeds and is approved to judge the group. You will know him from his recently crowned Irish Setter Gwendariffs Red Light Show Farnfield.

Pat last judged Irish at ISBC in 2021 when she did the dogs and awarded a first CC to Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli and gave the Reserve to Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas. Her last appointment in bitches was in 2017 at ISCS. Her CC winner was Sh Ch Bardonhill Please Don't Tease Quensha with Copper's Roses All Over taking the RCC.

Pat has been giving tickets in Irish since 1988, is approved for just about all of the gundog breeds and is a group judge.

The society will be holding its open show in conjunction with the championship show and closing dates are the same. The judge is Sue Harris who is better known for her German Shorthaired Pointers.

The Scottish Kennel Club's championship show has a postal entry closing date of 28th March and online at noon on 4th April. Phyllis Pollard is judging both sexes and her last appointment was at Setter Pointer in 2018 when she did the bitches. She gave the CC to Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana and the reserve to Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady. The last time Phyllis judged dogs was in 2017 at ISAE when she gave the CC to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses and the reserve to Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under.

Last Saturday the NEEISC held a very successful Breed Appreciation Day where I gave the breed standard presentation and My Little Mate was one of the assessors. I have to say that the catering was exceptional and all credit is due to the very hardworking committee led by the effervescent Colin Wheeldon.

We met early and had an uneventful journey (apart from her wanting to go into the Co-Op which she was convinced was the venue) and got our equipment set up without incident.

I began my talk but about half way through a phone started ringing.

You can imagine the look of horror on MLM's face when she realised that it was hers.

What's more, her handbag with her phone in it was behind the projector screen so she had to walk all the way to the front muttering apologies to everyone.

Phone in hand she crept to the back of the room but had missed the call.

Now imagine my horror and her delight when my phone then started ringing!

With total embarrassment I quickly answered it and told the caller to go away.

I think many of you will have seen the look of disapproval she often gives me.....and this was definitely no exception.

#revengeofmylittlemate

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