

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C 22ND MAY 2023

Katrina Hall wrote to say that her Riverbrue Ophelia Love Glennara gained the final point needed for her Junior Warrant at the Yeovil Open Show. 'Eliza' is 13 months old and was bred by Blake Crocker out of Sh Ch Riverbrue Ophelia At Glennara JW by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus). Congratulations. Chris Butler has drawn an entry of 66 dogs and 65 bitches making 131 at Three Counties. Overall entry is 86 and 83 totalling 169.

At Southern Counties first time (in Irish) judge Ann Orzel has an entry of 45 dogs and 53 bitches making 98 with 61 and 74 making 135 overall.

Sue Oakley's funeral will be at West Berkshire Crematorium at 1pm on Friday 16th June. James and Barbara Holdcroft with whom Sue and her dogs had been living for the last year ask that if anybody reading this has any relevant stories they would like to be shared at the funeral, they would be most grateful to hear from you. james.holdcroft@bugblatter.co.uk.

I had a lovely message from Kate and Gerry Condrón "Hi Chris hope you enjoyed your day at SKC. Just a quick catch up to let you know that the Import Register Gundog breeds BAD's with MCE's hosted by Merseyside Gundog with an amazing amount of hard work and support particularly from Alistair and Leanne Moss was an outstanding success. We (The Braque D'Auvergne Association) will be forever grateful to them.

Kate and myself decided to travel up on the Saturday in the Motorhome (first big trip since lockdown) and do a stopover at the Slipway pub in Burscough. Unfortunately, the landlady broke her hand (trapped between 2 barrels) and shut the pub up at 6 o'clock to go to hospital (but kindly poured us a couple of drinks) So it was a walk along the canal into town and the local burger bar. The next morning, I walked the dogs the other way along the canal (came across a pub within 5 minutes) I met up with a lady walking her Dandy Dinmont and an Irish Setter. Turns out it was one of Liz Rose-Hay's so we had a good old natter.

On the way back had a stopover in the lovely Forest of Dean. Early morning walk in the Speachouse Arboretum and bumped into our old acquaintance Yenta with one of her Irish so another good catchup. All in all a very pleasant weekend

The only downside was that as we were nearly home my crown came out (don't talk to me about dentists 🦷) so at present I look a little like Delbert Dweeble (try not to stare) Hope to see you soon x"

I'll do my best Gerry but you know me, I shall have to laugh.

At SKC it was a very early start for many of you. Phyllis Pollard (Grayrigge) was our judge and for the dog CC and BOB she chose Pat and Ken's Ronnie (Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amongst Kespas J.W.) with the RCC going to Blake and Claire Lewis' Sh Ch Riverbrue Morning Glory.

This was Ronnie's 29th CC and Larry's 5th RCC to go with his 3 CCs. They are both bred by Blake and are uncle and nephew with Larry being a son of Ronnie's litter sister Gloria. Ronnie is by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa and Larry's sire is Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus).

In bitches Maureen Elkins' Twoacres Promise Of Spring With Avacet won her second CC; she also has 5 RCCs. She was bred by Gillian Kennedy-Sloane in March 2016 out of Twoacres Luck Be A Lady by Sh Ch Avacet Snowdrift.

Reserve to her was the Sturrock girls Forfarian Soo Lush JW who already has 2 CCs and this was her 4th RCC. She is home bred by Sh Ch Kerryfair Snow Fox J.W. ex Int Ch Forfarian You Sexy Thing.

Best Puppy in Breed was Pete Gutsells' Joaodaws Rainbows End who is out of Riverbrue Angel Child by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus).

Phil and Paula Lucas' Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight JW was BVIB and BSB was Galea and Galea's Southlarch Touch the Sun (Danwish On High (A.I.) JW x Esbrown Eridanus).

Later in the day Ronnie was Gundog Group 2 behind the eventual BIS winner, the Clumber Spaniel Sh Ch Vanitonia Soloist.

I am told that the Gundog Group judge did a terrific job and looked fabulous (LOL!)

In the Eukanuba Champion Stakes judged by Ernie Paterson, David Alcorn and Gavin Ingram's Reggie aka Sh Ch Gwendariffs Red Light Show Farnfield ShCEX was placed 3rd out of 44. I couldn't find any other Irish featuring in the stakes classes.

Of course, everyone asked where MLM was. We won't be seeing her for a few weeks as we are expecting a litter of Shih Tzus and as I am too busy caravanning and judging she has to stay home and do all the work.

Never mind Cinders, you'd never ever get those size eights into a glass slipper anyway.

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