

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES  
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Some open show news from Kate Condron: "Hi Chris. Just to let you know that Covarney Mini Minx handled as always by Anne Needs had another really good day at South Western Gundog Club, wining a very good puppy Class (9) puppies under Breed judge Wendy Holehan (Loganirish ) and then Reserve Best Puppy in Show . This follows on from her Best Puppy in Breed (Judge Alistair Moss ( Ewtor ) and the Gundog Puppy Group ( Judge Lisa Nelson ) at Torquay and District Canine Premier Show . Great start to her show career

"Also not forgetting Marion Hadfield and Covarney Estee Avec Marzanne JW who won Open Bitch and Best of Breed. This from an entry of 40 Irish Setters. Always strong support and good competition here in the South West!"

Well done; that's some entry for an open show.

There have been two important announcements from the RKC this week.

The first is about conduct at Kennel Club licensed events and on social media.

"This new measure introduces a system for issuing yellow and red cards in response to unacceptable behaviour at Kennel Club licensed events and on social media (in the context of licensed events).

The issue of a yellow card in response to unacceptable conduct will indicate that should there be a further incident and / or repetition of a complaint on a similar issue, then the yellow card will escalate to a red card status.

A red card status will result in an automatic fixed period of 60/90 days for refusal of entry and attending Kennel Club licensed events – and such period will be aligned with any relevant competition or event season.

After the expiry of that fixed period, there may then be a further required period of expected behaviour before the red card warning status is reverted to yellow card and then ultimately the card status removed.

In the event that several or cumulative yellow or red cards are issued to an individual, then there may be further consideration under Kennel Club Rule A11, with wide ranging penalties and long-term disqualifications.

Also, an additional amendment to the Kennel Club Code of Conduct;

'Where any participant criticises licensed events, show/event organisers and judges, other exhibitors or their dogs in inappropriate, hurtful or excessive ways on social media this will be reviewed under the conduct regulation for the respective licensed canine activity and in particular the use of the Yellow/Red card measures where appropriate.'

The new regulation will be published in the November 2023 Kennel Club Journal."

The second is about partnership shows.

"The Kennel Club Board has agreed a recommendation that for a two year trial period starting from 1 January 2024, the regulations that prevent judges both officiating at one show and exhibiting at a partnership show will be removed, in a continued effort to boost entries and encourage the rising number of partnership shows.

This decision, together with the announcement in July 2021 that some breed clubs may be able to gain additional CCs when held as a partnership show, aims to provide exhibitors with more opportunities to show their dogs, whilst reducing the amount of travel needed. It also hopes to support societies with the selection and appointment of Judges.

The new changes, which will come into effect on 1 January 2024."

There was a warm welcome for everyone at the NEEISC last Saturday. The ever popular Colin Wheeldon greeted everyone and there was help yourself free tea and coffee.

The atmosphere in the sports hall was relaxed and friendly.

There was a change of judge for dogs due to Joan Kniveton being unwell; get well soon Joan. The replacement judge was Joan Northend (Joben).

There was a huge cheer for Dave Hemmings and Tom when Joan awarded them their third CC after winning limit; Tom will now be known as Sh Ch Orlanet A New Flame.

Dave and his wife Karen have been showing Irish for many years and whilst they have won CCs in the past Tom is their first show champion so massive congratulations are due.

He was home bred in May 2018 out of Orlanet Rosalie by Sh Ch Gwendariff D'ya Know My Name By Bardonhill J.W. and won his first CC at the Joint Irish Setter Clubs' show in 2022 under George Stevenson.

His second came later that year from Adrienne Callister at SEEISC and he also won a RCC under Viv Blackshaw at ISCW in 2022.

The judges agreed that he should be BIS.

Reserve to Tom was the winner of open, the Bott, Allen and Morgan partnership's Sh Ch Quensha Take a Bow (Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W.). This is his 9<sup>th</sup> RCC to go with his 11 CCs.

Linzie Richardson, Montgreenan, judged the bitches and she awarded a first CC to Alister Watt's Shenanagin Half a Sixpence who was handled by Paul Lucas and had won Mid Limit.

Holly is almost 4 years old and was bred by Alister out of Shenanagin Sweet Sixteen J.W. by Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight J.W.

She also has 2 RCCs which were won under Lynn Sketchley at Darlington last year and Cheryl Stevenson at MISS this year.

Again the judges agreed to her being RBIS.

Magi Henderson's recently crowned Sh Ch Sametsuz Believe In Me won limit and her first RCC. She is 4 years old and by Sh Ch Gwendariff Unknown Soldier J.W. ex Sh Ch Sametsuz In A Fankle.

Best puppy in show was Paul and Phil Lucas' Gwendariff Bachelor Boy (Corranroo Celtic Storm ex Gwendariff Smart Move Back To Aoibheanne) and best veteran was Cheryl and George Stevenson's Lochlorien True Detective is Andley (Anlory Keltic Blue Sky J.W. ex Lochlorien Scully Foxes Andley ShCM).

Stephen Wood judged the Special Awards classes whilst his wife Stepanie judged the open show. Best dog and BIS was Joy Russell's Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli JW and best bitch and RBIS was Peter Hall's Harreds Lillie.

BPIS was Paula and Phil's G. Bachelor Boy and BVIS was Cheryl and George's L. True Detective is Andley.

This is not a My Little Mate story but nonetheless it is a Little Mate story.

Irene Glen (Bessalone) was the referee at the show and I sat with her to watch the best in show competition.

(Those of you who know Irene will appreciate how much MLM likes talking to her at shows because she can, for once, talk to someone without having to bend her head backwards).

Sitting at the other side of Irene was Enid Hinslea.

The judges agreed on all the awards so Irene was not needed.

When all the awards had been made Enid turned to Irene and said 'I know you weren't needed but did you agree with the judges?

Irene: Yes, I agree with the judges.

They were both surprised to see me rolling on the floor laughing.

Irene: What's so funny?

Me: Who on earth would have thought that you two would turn into Tess Daley and Shirley Ballas?

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