

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023

Some of you might remember Gillian Barclay who showed Irish in the 1960s and 70s. Gill Dale emailed me to say that she has recently passed away.

In 1971 Gillian showed Brackenfield Teal at Crufts. She was bred in March 1968 by Sybil Lennox out of Brackenfield Tory by Sh Ch Brackenfield Tertius.

In 1972 she showed Teal and Brackenfield Wigeon. She was by Sh Ch Brackenfield Tertius ex Brackenfield Mimosa and won the RCC at WELKS in 1972 under Wilf Foulds. Sh Ch Cornevon Primrose won her 11th CC that day.

The last Irish she had was from a litter Sybil bred in October 2007 out of Heronswake Renaissance by Autumnglow Zephyr J.W. In this litter was B. Forgetmenot who Sybil was campaigning at the time of her death and who went to live with Sue Shepherd.

My condolences to her family.

At ISCW last weekend Blake Crocker's Gloria equalled the bitch breed record of 31 CCs set by Mona Hunter and Will Brown's Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl in 2009. Misha, as she was known at home, was bred by Mona and Will in August 2002 and was by Sh Ch Konakakela Zagar by Romarne x Sh Ch Laggan Shoshoni Maiden.

Gloria (Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana) is by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) x Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa.

Winning her third RCC was the Sturrock girls Bridget (Forfarian Soo Lush JW) who also has two CCs. She is home bred and by Sh Ch Kerryfair Snow Fox J.W. ex Int Ch Forfarian You Sexy Thing.

George and Cheryl's Lochlorien True Detective is Andley notched up another best veteran bitch. She is 8 years old by Anlory Keltic Blue Sky J.W. ex Lochlorien Scully Foxes Andley ShCM.

Bailey has one CC, which she won in 2019 at ISAE under David Bell, and three RCCs won under Alister Watt, Brian Grace and Gemma Gisby.

Best puppy bitch was Sandra Nevitt's Joaodaws Stargazer who was bred by Pete Gutsell in May 2022 out of Riverbrue Angel Child by Pawsword Priceless To Kerryfair JW. Nancy is Gloria's granddaughter. The judge for bitches was Pat Butler-Holley (Shandwick) and this was her 19th ticket appointment (8 times dogs, 7 times bitches and 4 times both sexes).

Giving tickets in Irish for the first time was David Alcorn (Rutilus) who did the dogs.

His ticket winner was Jackie Willis' Bradley aka Gwendariff The Grand Master At Jacwilins. He was bred in July 2019 by Diane Stewart-Ritchie out of Gwendariff The Catz Wiskers J.W. by Jackie's Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W. This is his second CC.

Reserve to him was Sue Edwards' Luca (Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie) who was also bred by Diane out of Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W. (Catz Wiskers' daughter). The two boys are half brothers having the same sire.

Best veteran dog was Sarah Pym's Thendara the Watchmaker who was bred by Dee and Jeremy in June 2015 out of Thendara Capriati by Cordarragh Rembrandt.

Fiona Nisbet (better known for her Afghan Hounds) won best puppy dog with Gwendariff Purple Reign at Finix. He was bred by Diane in August 2022 by Sh Ch Ir Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna JW out of Gwendariff The Purple Star who is litter sister to the dog ticket winner.

Pat & David didn't agree on Best In Show and so Lynn Morris was called in to referee; she awarded it to Gloria. This is the second year running that this has happened at this show. Last year's judges, Diane Stewart-Ritchie and Nicola Walker called on Peter Rowlands to referee and he too awarded it to Gloria.

They did agree on Reserve Best In Show which went to Bradley and Best Puppy In Show which went to Reign but called on Lynn once more to decide on Best Veteran In Show Which went to Bailey.

Sue Harris (Barleyarch GSPs) judged the open show which was held in an adjacent ring and she

awarded best bitch and Best in Show to EECh/LUCh/SLCh Fairhaven Electa JWW-18 WW-21. Electra is owned by Misses Holm and Lind from Sweden and bred by Miss Holm in May 2017 out of Fairhaven Red Light Rowena by CIE Applegrove I Am The Dragon's Aid.

Reserve best bitch and best veteran bitch was Lisa Bougen's Gwendariff Lily the Pink (Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W. ex Multi Ch/Int Ch/Cro Ch/It Ch Gwendariff Pink Pyjamas).

Best dog, best veteran and Reserve Best in Show was Thendara the Watchmaker making it a super day for them.

Gill Hart had a lovely day with her and husband Graham's Gwendariff In the Limelight with Gilligrae taking reserve best dog. He is by Sh Ch/Ir Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna J.W. out of Gwendariff In Neon Lights.

Best puppy dog and best puppy bitch were won by littermates Penclippin Jubilee Flame and Penclippin Celtic Asthore. They were bred by Helen Bentley in June 2022 out of Tredura Roselyn at Penclippin by Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus at Settesoli JW. The dog was Best Puppy in Show.

Last Friday me and MLM attended the funeral of an old friend and at the wake afterwards we got chatting to some friends about charity shops which reminded me of this story from April 2016 when we were at Malvern for WELKS.

Do you remember when you were little and could never get your jumper off over your head?

Well, today me and MLM went shopping and in a charity shop we saw a very nice jacket that she wanted to try on.

MLM: You're going to have to help me get my jumper off

So dutifully I start to pull it off over her head.

It would not budge and I ended up dragging her the whole length of the shop and back with it firmly stuck round her ears.

I saw us in a mirror and dissolved into a heap because she looked like the back end of a Pantomime horse!

How I regretted not having a Tena Lady.

After all that the jacket didn't fit but we did find another that did.

After she'd paid for it, she bent down to pick up her shopping and promptly head butted the counter.

Yes, I know, it's hard to believe that her head was actually above the level of the counter.....

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