

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 28TH MAY 2023

What a glorious day it was at Bath. The sun shone on the well laid out tents and the ground was immaculately prepared. The 'in and out' rings were spacious and provided shade from the heat of the day. There was a lovely atmosphere with lots of applause for the winners.

Blake Crocker (Riverbrue) was our first time judge and he gave us two new Show Champions. Winning his 3rd CC was Int Sh Ch/BIS/BISS Glimmer Noblesse Cloud Dancer who had made the long journey from Slovakia with his owner/breeder Bronka Glonekova. 'Slashie' is 4 years old and sired by Copper's Riddarsporre ex Ch Copper's Magic Glimmer Jun Ch.

He won his first CC under Richard Bott at Windsor 2022 and his second from Becky Box at East of England the same year. He also has one RCC which was awarded to him by Judy Frampton at ISBC this year.

Reserve to him was Sue Edwards' Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie (Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W. ex Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W.) Both boys have Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under as their maternal grandsire and paternal great grandsire.

Forfarian Soo Lush JW aka Bridget won limit and her 3rd CC. She was bred in May 2018 by the Sturrock girls out of their Int Ch Forfarian You Sexy Thing by Sh Ch Kerryfair Snow Fox J.W. She too won her first two CCs in 2022; the first from Tony Drinkwater at Border Union and the second from Lynn Sketchley at Darlington. She won her first RCC in 2021 at SKC under Karen Richardson and then the next three this year from Lyn Macaulay, Pat Butler-Holley and Phyllis Pollard.

Reserve bitch CC was Katrina Hall's Glennara Cherry Cola JW who had won Graduate; this is her first such award. She was home bred in April 2021 out of Glennara Cilleigne Dervla by Sh Ch Riverbrue Morning Glory. Both girls go back to Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W. who is the grandsire of C. Magiska Under.

Blake awarded BOB to Bridget.

Brenda Berry and Lyn Morris' Copper's Midsummer Night's Dream (Imp Swe) was Best Puppy in Breed. He is 11 months old and is by Glimmer Noblesse Copper Sky ex Jetsetters Trust No One Coppers. His breeder is Camilla Ostman.

Best Veteran in Breed and winner of the Gundog Veteran Group under Stuart Plane was a delighted Joy Russell with Strathmead Huckleberry of Settesoli. He is coming up 8 years old and was bred by Judi Frampton out of Strathmead Penny Whistle J.W. by Lynwood Lark In The Dark J.W.

Ronnie's great weekend didn't stop there as he went Reserve Best Veteran in Show. What a great achievement.

Grenada Lofty Czerwony (Imp Pol) (Yahoo Lofty ex Vanessa Mae Lofty) owned by Holly Henderson and Michal Szwajkowski won another Best Special Beginners in Breed.

The only Irish I could find in the Stakes classes were Dee and Jeremy's Thendara Big Love who was first in the Dorwest Junior Stakes under Moray Armstrong and Chloe and David Clarke's Covarney Dream Time from Bronrians JW who took second place in the AV Gundog D/B Stakes where the judge was Stuart Plane.

Congratulations everyone.

Last Wednesday I was at the RKC's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate its 150 year anniversary. It was certainly a momentous occasion and graced by the presence of the Duke and Duchesse of Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent who is President of the RKC.

I had the honour of being introduced to the prince but was rather embarrassed to shake hands with him as mine was sticky from the ice cream I had just eaten.

HRH: How many dogs do you have?

Me: Two sir both Welsh Springer Spaniels.

HRH: And do they get on?

Me: Yes although they do squabble some times

HRH: So what do you do then?

Me: I tell them to stop

HRH: And do they?

Me (quietly and with my best flat Yorkshire vowels): Noooo.

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