

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
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The Kennel Club Journal for February has been published online. It notes the following judges; Richmond 2023, Ellen Loynd; Belfast & DISC 2023, Tania Gardner; Birmingham National 2024, Mike Gadsby; Manchester 2024, Ron James; Bath 2024, Mr A.A. Czegledi (Hungary); National Gundog 2024, Nicola Walker dogs, Marita Bott Bitches; Blackpool 2024, Viv Blackshaw; SWKA 2024, Rita Pickersgill; Bournemouth 2024, Diane Stewart-Ritchie.

I saw a FB post the other day about the late Sue Loynd's Brackenfield Fan who won her one and only CC at Cheshire Championship show in 1970 under judge Mrs A Nicholson.

Fan was bred by Sybil Lennox in March 1968 out of Brackenfield Tory by Sh Ch Brackenfield Tertius. Reserve to her that day was Sh Ch Loongana Lough Sheelin who was the winner of three CCs and three RCCs. According to the Crufts catalogue of 1970 she was bred by Dorothy Mateer in March 1965 out of Loongana Magic Moments by Hartsbourne Cashel. Her owner was Elinor Scott-Gentles (Portarlie).

Sheelin's first CC came from Mrs 'J' James at SKC in 1969 and in the reserve spot was Sh Ch Fearnley Firecracker (Ryan O'Rafferty x Wendover Bronze).

The year before Sheelin had won the RCC at Belfast from Marjorie Jarosz who awarded the CC, her only one, to Cuanhills Reserve for whom I can find no record but the Cuanhills were bred by Mrs J.M. Hicks of Castle House, Comber, Co. Down, N. Ireland.

In 1970 Marjorie judged again and awarded Sheelin her second CC. She won another RCC behind Sh Ch Cherrybeech Sabrina at Dumfries under Jack Whittaker later that year.

Her crowning CC came from Janice Roberts when she made her judging debut at CC level at Windsor in 1970. The RCC was awarded to Wendover Kathy (Sh Ch Wendover Gentleman x Wendover Star).

The first Portarlie show champion was whelped in 1943 out of Scatterbrain Of Dochra by Brian Of Portarlie and was owned and campaigned by Miss M.E.D. Paterson of Glenronnie, Maidens, Ayrshire.

He was Sh Ch Roamer Of Portarlie and the winner of four CCs and four RCCs. His CCs were won in 1947 and 1948 from Florence Nagle, T Dinwoodie, Bill Rasbridge and Mrs 'J' James.

Sh Ch Loongana Red Biddy Of Portarlie was bred by Dorothy Mateer in March 1958. She was by Ch/Ir Ch Cuanhills Calling (IKC) out of Loongana Tosca Of Portarlie.

Biddy won four CCs and six RCCs between 1959 and 1961. Her CCs were awarded to her by Mrs A Nicholson, Mrs 'J' James, M Paterson and Mrs M Darling.

Biddy's dam, Tosca, had won two RCCs in 1953 from Mr A Ashworth and Mrs A Nicholson. The CCs were won by Peckers Prim (SKC) and Sh Ch Raycroft Gay Lass (Belfast).

Other RCC winners bearing the Portarlie affix were Linda Of Portarlie, Portarlie Loch Maree and Portarlie Nicolette Of Dochra; all won one RCC each.

Thanks to my husband's passion for genealogy and assuming that the records are correct he has found out the following about Elinor.

Elinor Kirkpatrick Potter was born in 1916, in Old Monkland near Glasgow; Kirkpatrick being her mother's maiden name. She married John William Scott in 1940 at Pollok, Glasgow.

Sadly John died in Mungo, Lockerbie on 8th April 1964 and then in 1968, Elinor married James Gentles a butcher in Biggar.

Elinor was widowed again when James died in 1988 in Biggar.

Elinor herself died on 16th November, 1990 - also in Biggar. She was buried with her first husband in Mungo.

She was a founder member and past Honorary President of the Irish Setter Club of Scotland.

She was very much respected by all who met her.

For reasons you don't need to know My Little Mate has a wound that needs proper dressings on it. She complained bitterly about them and said they were noisy.

Me: How can a dressing be noisy?

MLM: Well every time I move I can hear it crackling

Me: Strange

MLM: Yes I'm going to see if I can get some different ones.

A few days pass

Me: How's the noisy dressing?

MLM: Oh fine now

Me: Did you get some different ones

MLM: No

Me: So how come they're OK now?

MLM: Well during the night it was so noisy that I couldn't sleep and I got angry and pulled it off

Me: Oh no

MLM: But it's all OK

Me: How?

MLM: Well as I pulled it off, I pulled off the packaging round it as well

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