

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2023

At Border Union Geraldine Cove-Print has attracted an entry of 39 dogs and 39 bitches making 78 entries. Overall entry is 50 dogs and 46 bitches making 96.

Teresa Gisby is our judge at Blackpool and her entry is 39 dogs and 43 bitches making 82. With second entries the figures are 48 and 47 making 95.

Once the early morning cloud had burnt off it was a lovely sunny day at Southern Counties and with there being no benching it made for something of a garden party atmosphere around the Irish Setter ring.

Anne Orzel (Braxton) was our first time judge and she made it a double day for the Quensha kennel. The Bott, Allen and Morgan partnership's Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow won his 9th CC and BOB and Quensha Crimes of Passion won her first CC from limit. She already has one RCC.

They are litter mates out of Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) and are 3 years old.

Reserve to Hector was Ann and Bill Need's Covarney It Takes Time with Stourford who had won graduate; this is his second such award. He was bred by Kate and Gerry Condrin in February 2021 and is by Thendara The Watchmaker ex Covarney Estee Avec Marzanne J.W.

Second to Enda in limit was Lisa Bougen's Gwendariff Hot Ticket JW and she took the RCC. She is almost six years old and was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie out of Gwendariff On A Tic Ett To Lochindorb by Sh Ch Gwendariff Unknown Soldier J.W. She also has two CCs.

Best Puppy in Breed was awarded to Cathy Neil's Ferasheen Perfekt in Pink Gwendariff TAF. She is 8 months old and by Gwendariff Absolutely Marwe'llus IKC out of Ferasheen Jindea.

Joy Russell and Ronnie are on a roll as he took another Best Veteran in Breed award and Veteran Group 2 under Kari Jarvinen from Finland. Joy held a little celebration at the show in honour of Ronnie's Veteran Group win and Reserve Best Veteran in Show at Bath. What a shame I missed it as I was busy judging Gordon Setters.

Best Junior in Breed was Abi Levene and Ruth Lewis' Quensha Remember The Name. He was of course bred by the Bott, Allen and Morgan partnership in May 2022 out of Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. by Pawsword Priceless To Kerryfair J.W.

Helen Bentley's Penclippin Jubilee Flame was Best Special Beginners and then took Special Beginners Group 2 under Dr Annukka Paloheimo Segersven of Finland. He is just a year old and is by Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli JW ex Tredura Roselyn At Penclippin.

It's great to see the Irish featuring in the groups; well done all of you.

In the Southern Counties Charity Stakes judged by Jill Peak Bluebyeyou Love Affair at Derrydore, owned by Mrs D A Murray was VHC and in the A.V. Gundog Stakes judged by Liz Cartledge Dee and Jeremy's Thendara Big Love was third.

I am very grateful to Jacquie Rorke for sending me the results of the SEISC's open show that was held in conjunction with Southern Counties and judged by Linda Murchison (Corphin).

Best dog and BIS was Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus and RBD was Clonageera Touch Of Gold. BPD was Penclippin Jubilee Flame, BVD and BVIS Strathmead Huckleberry Of Settesoli, BB, Best Opp Sex and RBIS was Twoacres Promise Of Spring With Avacet, RBB. Sh Ch Jetsetter Cristalle To Polmennor (Imp Rus), BPB and BPIS Penclippin Celtic Asthore and BVB Sandstream Welcome Breeze JW.

The ISAE held its two open shows the following day and I will report further on these next week.

My notes will be late again next week as I am travelling to Border Union next Monday. I only got back from two weeks away at Bath and SC yesterday evening so have written these rather hurriedly this morning.

Needless to say I am missing MLM as she has not been with me but Shelagh and Nobby Tolladay have. Here's a Nobby story from S.C. 2021.

There I am in the show and Nobby comes strolling along looking lost. We can see that he is pulling something along behind him.

Mike Lewin: You OK Nobby?

Nobby: Yes I'm looking to see where I empty this?

With horror we realise that what we think is a dog being dragged along behind him is actually the caravan toilet cassette!

Me: For God's sake Nobby you can't bring that through here. The Elsan point is over the other side of the showground!

Nobby (shrugging his shoulders): Oh right I'll just cut through here then

'Here' is through the rings!

I managed to head him off and guide him round the back of the show and as we walked along I realised that this brings a whole new meaning to the designer dog debate.

What kind of 'Poo' would his 'dog' be called?

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