

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

Following on from last week's notes when I wrote about Elinor Scott-Gentles, I received the following lovely email from Alister Watt: "Hi Chris, just a short note following you and your husbands fabulous research and information about Elinor Scott-Gentles. As you have mentioned, she was a really lovely, kind lady, very knowledgeable and passionate about Irish Setters. She was happy to pass on this information to beginners like me but did not suffer fools. The Miss M Paterson who owned Sh Ch Roamer of Portarlie was Moira Paterson who went on to award CCs in the breed on several occasions. Dorothy Mateer (Loongana) was actually Elinor's cousin and she came over from Northern Ireland to live with Elinor and Jimmy in the late 60's when she lost her husband. Elinor is remembered with great fondness by all who knew her and her role in the Irish Setter Club of Scotland was immense."

Thank you very much Alister, I am very grateful for this.

Elinor's first ticket appointment was at Dumfries in 1972 when she awarded the dog ticket to a very young Cornevon Lovebird. He was bred by Janice Roberts in January 1971 out of Sh Ch Cornevon Primrose by Sh Ch Cornevon Prince Charming. Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus won his 13<sup>th</sup> RCC behind him. Primrose (Sh Ch Scotswood Barabbas x Cornevon Snowbunting) took her 17<sup>th</sup> CC that day with Trawricka Golden Ambition (Loongana Lough Corrib ex Lady Amber Of Bramleyhill) in the Reserve spot. She was bred and campaigned by Frances McKimm.

Three years later Elinor judged both sexes at the Irish Setter Club of Scotland's first championship show. She awarded a second CC to Orichalc Alchymist (Sh Ch Cornevon Prince Charming ex Orichalc Juneberry) and an only ever RCC to Fearnley Firerocket (Sh Ch Wendover Gentleman x Sh Ch Fearnley Firecracker).

For the bitch CC she chose Sh Ch Fearnley Fireflight (Sh Ch Wendover Racketeer x Fearnley Firefly) and Wellingham Triader took the RCC; she had previously won a CC under Violet Yates at Birmingham National in 1974.

Triader was owned and bred by the Misses Norman in 1972 out of Wellingham Chanter by Sh Ch Wendover Highlander.

Elinor judged both sexes at Border Union in 1977 and awarded a second CC to Twoacres Wayward Caesar (Sh Ch Wendover Ballymoss ex Musbury Melisande Of Twoacres). Cornevon Westerhuy's Dream won his fourth RCC; he was a full sibling of Lovebird.

On the day Elinor titled Sh Ch Gewdore Morello who was a Lovebird daughter out of Linvid Gewdore Amber and then awarded a first of 5 RCCs to Cornevon Butterfly (Cornevon Blackbird x Sh Ch Cornevon Candida).

In 1980 Elinor judged the bitches only at Leeds and gave a one and only CC to Mudenday Marnie (Margretwoods Caretaker Of Scotswood x Treveryan Moonstone) with Connie Of Dunnygask winning her first of two RCCs. She too was a Lovebird daughter out of Gewdore Camellia.

Elinor was invited to judge at Border Union again in 1984 and this time she gave the dog ticket, his 28<sup>th</sup> of 31, to Sh Ch Sowerhill Satyr Of Fearnley who was owned and campaigned by Pat & Barry Rhodes but bred by Olwen Hunt out of Sh Ch Sowerhill Sarah by Sh Ch Wendover Jeeves.

Sh Ch Dunnygask Spirit Of Spring (Sh Ch Wendover Colas x Westerhuy's Dutch Spirit) won her 5<sup>th</sup> CC and Myresden Damask Rose (Myresden Just-In-Time ex Drumwood Juliana) won her one and only RCC.

At SWKA in 1985 Elinor judged the dogs and gave a first CC to Wickenberry Knight At Arms (Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever ex Sh Ch Wickenberry Baroness) with the RCC going to Sh Ch Bardonhill Supergrass.

Elinor's final appointment was at NGA in 1986. She gave a first of four tickets to Bonahaird Snowboots (Sh Ch Erinade Scottish Union ex Cornevon African Violet) and a 6<sup>th</sup> RCC to Sh Ch Shandwick Golden Spray.

Also following last week's notes, I had a message from Anthony Allen informing me that the T. Dinwoodie I wrote about giving a CC to Sh Ch Roamer Of Portarlie was Tom Dinwoodie of the Lochar Gundog Kennel and happens to be the late father of 'Frantic' Fran Glendinning (Plaiglen) of English Springer, Cocker and American Cocker Spaniel fame.

I shall write more about him and also Moira Paterson next week.

At yesterday's MISS championship show we had two judges, Dave Hemmings (Orlanset) dogs and Cheryl Stevenson (Lochlorien) bitches.

The dog CC went to Suteressett King of Hearts JW and Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame among Amberlight JW took the RCC.

The bitch CC and BIS was Irish Sh Ch Corranroo Just One Kiss with Riversett and Shenanagin Half a Sixpence won the RCC and RBIS. BPIS was Quensha Thinking Out Loud at Bransett. I'll report further next week.

So last week I was messaging MLM. There were so many questions and answers going backwards and forwards between us that I decided to ring her.

No answer.

I tried again, still no answer.

Eventually she rang me.

MLM: I'm sorry I didn't answer but I'm not very good at multi-tasking.

Me: Why, what were you doing?

MLM: I was flossing my teeth.

Me (rolls eyes): Really.

MLM: Yes, well, it's one of those electric water flossers and as I tried to pick up the phone with my other hand I dropped it and cut you off.

Me: So why did it take so long for you to call me back?

MLM: Because as I dropped it I panicked and couldn't find the off button on the flosser.

Me: So?

MLM: So then I ended up flossing my face by squirting the water all over myself.

Oh the vision!

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