

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 8TH MAY 2023

Entries for the ISAE open shows close by post on 11th May and online at midnight 21st. The judges are Laura Kolbach, show 1, and Graham Hart, show 2.

Entries for the SEISC open show close by post on 14th May and online at midnight on 21st. It is being held in conjunction with Southern Counties Championship show and the judge is Linda Murchison. Phyllis Pollard has attracted an entry of 79 making 85 at SKC.

It's always good to receive some open show news. Clonageera it's a New Dawn at Heathclare Owned by Claire Prangle was BPIS at Pontypool & District Canine Society 23/4/23 under judge Janice Janes (Coedybrain). She had another good day winning the puppy group at Marlborough & District Canine from Steve Richardson and the judge considered her for RBPIS, so she said technically she was 3rd overall, Claire is just blown away by her fabulous start; she is only 6 1/2 months old.

Of course, Claire was our judge last week at WELKS and she gave Blake Crocker's Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana her 32nd CC and the bitch breed record. More of this later in the column.

Reserve bitch CC was the winner of yearling, Sandra Coleman's Camaling Rose Royale. She is home bred out of Devacott Rose Creek At Camaling by Riverbrue Galliano Fizz To Clonageera J.W.

Claire also gave us a new dog CC winner when Dee and Jeremy's 'Mac' (Thendara Big Love JW) won junior and then the CC. He was home bred in January 2022 by Sh Ch Thendara Commitment J.W. ex Susie Snapshot By Thendara J.W.

The RCC was awarded to Pat Harris and Gideon Hoeksema's Blazing Bronze Happy Clappy Sings Konakakela JW (Imp Nld) who had won limit. He was bred in the Netherlands by Gideon out of Ned Ch Blazing Bronze Ammerson Mirain by Cie Ch Applegrove I Am The Dragon's Aid and is 5 years old. Diane Bridgewater's Bridgella's Jubilee Queen was BPIB. She is 10 months old and by Bardonhill Pearly Spencer ex Blazing Bronze Eye Candy (Imp Nld).

A delighted Sandy Waterton and Blanche (Sandstream Welcome Breeze JW ShCM) took Best Veteran in Breed. She is 9 years old and was bred by Sandy out of Sh Ch Lynwood Kissed By An Angel At Sandstream J.W. ShCM by Sh Ch Riqitta Authentic. She has 2 CCs and 3 RCCs.

There were a number of stakes classes but the only Irish I could find was Chloe Clarke's Covarney Dream Time from Bronrians JW who was 3rd in the Young Kennel Club Members' Stakes.

Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana was of course second in the gundog group under Pat Butler-Holley.

The showing record of Gloria and her siblings is utterly remarkable and I don't know of any other litter of Irish Setters that has achieved such success (unless you know otherwise).

Between them they have notched up 63 CCs, 24 RCCs, 44 BOBs, 1 Reserve Best in Show (all breeds), 11 Best in Show (breed shows), 1 Group 1, 9 Group 2 and 3 Group 3.

This was Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa's only litter sired by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) and in it are 4 show champions and a stud book entrant; Gloria, Pat & Ken's Ronnie, Katrina Hall's Lily (Sh Ch Riverbrue Ophelia At Glennara J.W.), Eva Ciechonska's Geoffrey (Sh Ch Riverbrue Altissimo At Aoibheanne J.W.) and Jenny Evans' Riverbrue Keepsake.

Nerissa herself won 4 CCs and 4 RCCs, whilst Arthur is the second highest winner of CCs in dogs after Intrepid, with 45 CCs and 20 RCCs and was bred by Camilla Ostman in Sweden.

The litter was bred by Blake, Amelia Siddle and Jenny Evans whose late mother Caroline bred Nerissa. Gloria and Ronnie have done the double no less than 5 times and Gloria has been beaten for BOB by Arthur 4 times.

The previous bitch CC record holder was Mona Hunter and Will Brown's Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl who won 31 CCs and 13 RCCs in the 6 years 2004 to 2009, 12 BOBs, 3 BIS (breed shows) and 3 Reserve BIS (breed shows).

Meisha was by Sh Ch Konakakela Zagar By Romarne ex Sh Ch Laggan Shoshoni Maiden and had one litter by Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Northamber Just Cause For Glenavna JW in which were two stud book winners.

Gloria won her first CC in 2017 and now has 32 CCs, 11 RCCs, 22 BOBs, 4 BIS (breed shows), 2 Group 1, 4 Group 2 and 2 Group 3.

This is an amazing tally in anyone's book but considering she wasn't shown at all in 2020 and 2021 makes it even more remarkable.

She has had two litters, one by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) and an A.I. litter to Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne JW and her children are making their mark on the show scene.

Her son is Sh Ch Riverbrue Morning Glory, her daughter, Judi Frampton and Holly Piggins' Riverbrue Cloudburst Over Strathmead has 2 CCs & 7 RCCS, another daughter Paul and Julie Humphreys' Riverbrue Flashbax At Henaleas has 1 CC & 3 RCCs and Diana Heppell's Riverbrue Be Here Now has 1 RCC.

Huge congratulations.

At Birmingham National Jeff Horswell judged the breed for the second time and gave the dog CC and BOB to Sue Edwards' Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie. Reserve to him and Best Veteran was Debbie and Gordon Rowbottom's Sh Ch Lanstara Spring Moon. In bitches the CC went to Lisa Bougen's Gwendariff Hot Ticket JW and RCC was Sue's Gwendariff Its Numero Uno At Bonhomie JW. Best puppy was Gabrielle and Kate Sloane's Ferasheen Hot Proper Tea and Best Special Beginners was Henderson and Szwajkowski Grenada Lofty Czerwony (Imp Pol).

More on these next week.

A Little Mate Story from May 2014

So here I am at My Little Mate's and we've trimmed the dogs. She gets the vacuum out and starts to clean up the hair.

Me: So you bought a new vacuum then?

MLM: Yes but I'm not really a cylinder person, I'm more upright.

UPRIGHT? Depends on the angle you're looking from I guess!

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