IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES W/C MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2023

David Pike rang and asked me to print an apology about his critique for LKA.

In it he states the age of the dog CC winner (Sh Ch Gwendariff PS I Love You Bonhomie) as 7 % when he is in fact 8 % .

(It's OK David, we all lost a year due to Covid!)

At Manchester Lynn Morris has drawn an entry of 167 making 188.

There was a lovely atmosphere at Boston where everyone seemed to be glad to get back into the swing of things.

Joy Russell hosted a party for her upcoming birthday and of course she and Judi Frampton made everyone welcome.

It is sad that this was the last Boston show at the East of England Showground and on this date. From next year the society moves to the East of England dates in July and will have more sets of CCs. The show will be held at a new venue at Rutland Showground.

Boston & DCS has been established for many, many years and always held very successful open shows at the Newark and Notts Showground before being elevated to championship status, albeit with a limited set of CCs.

Their first championship show was held at Newark and Notts Showground in January 2007. I remember attending that show and it was freezing.

Dogs were judged by Alister Watt (Shenanagin) who awarded a crowning CC to Rachel Shaw-Rainey's Sh Ch Gwendariff Simply Red Plays Starchelle (Shenanagin What Next ex Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Pop My Cork). The RCC went to Glencarron MacDuff (Strathmead Stormboots x Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Fearnley Firesky At Glencarron J.W.).

Bitches were judged by Peter Armstong (Atron) and he gave a 5th CC to Michelle Kavanagh's Sh Ch Withersdale Ivy (Shandwick Diamond At Orstone J.W. x Withersdale Hi-De-Hi) who was handled by Richard Bott and a 3rd RCC to Kirkavagh Jumilla J.W. (Sh Ch Kirkavagh Fidalgo J.W. x Sh Ch Kirkavagh Lalibela J.W.).

At this year's show Gail Griffin (Corriebran) judged both sexes. This appointment was carried over from 2021 when the show was cancelled because of Covid.

The dog CC, his first, went to the limit winner, Jacquie Lorrimer's Kerrimere Classique, who was bred by Lynn Sketchley in October 2016 out of Oakchase Gulietta (A.I.) by Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle J.W. Sue Edwards' Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucantmissme Bonhomie (Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W. ex Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W.) won his 11th RCC.

In bitches Gail awarded a second CC and BOB to Jill Holley's Gwendariff Look This Way To Wynjill J.W. who is 4 ½ years old and out of Gwendariff Lily The Pink by Sh Ch Gwendariff I'm Comin Out JW. She too had won the limit class.

Second to her was Judi Frampton and Holly Piggin's Riverbrue Cloudburst over Strathmead (Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana) who took her 6th RCC; she also has 2 CCs. BPIB was Sylvia Cole's Riverbrue Ophelia Bobby (Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Riverbrue Ophelia At Glennara JW) and BSB was Sandra Corless' Swiftlark Spellbinder (Covarney Macaroon ShCM ex Swiftlark First Edition).

I couldn't see any Irish featuring in the stakes classes but please let me know if I've missed you. I remember going to one of Boston's shows at Newark showground which is one of the venues that me and MLM rarely travel together to.

I got there first and got my dogs inside and settled in their crates.

I went outside to meet her and help her get her dogs inside.

It was a good plan and very kind of me to help her.

But when she opened the back of the car it was empty.

She'd forgotten to put the dogs in!

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