

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023

Claire Prangle and Hope continue their winning ways, Claire writes: "Clonageera it's a New Dawn at Heathclare JW finished her fabulous puppy career off in style by winning the Puppy Group at Stroud & District open Show under David Smith (Oliwoodpoint), we look forward to the juniors."

The sun shone down on us at Stoneleigh for the ISAE and Joint Irish Setter Clubs' championship shows where Jackie Willis (Jacwilins) and Fiona Heron-O'Brien (Caskeys) were our judges.

For the dog CC and BIS Jackie chose Rebecca Ellrich's Gwendariff Absolutely Marwell'us (IKC) who was handled by his breeder Diane Stewart-Ritchie. 'Per' is 3 ½ years old and by Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W. x Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W. This is his 2nd CC and he also has 2 RCCs.

Reserve to him was second in open, Sue Edwards' Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucantmissme Bonhomie who is his half brother having the same dam but Luca's sire is Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W. This is his 14th RCC to go with his 9 CCs.

In the adjacent ring Fiona judged bitches first and started half an hour after the dogs at ISAE.

In dogs she awarded a first CC to Debbie Brown's Riverbrue Soldier On who was the winner of limit.

George also has 1 RCC. He was bred by Blake Crocker in December 2019 out of Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) and is the 5th CC winner from this litter.

George was also BIS.

The RCC was awarded to the Bott, Allen and Morgan partnership's Hector aka Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow who is also by Calvin Klein out of Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. He is 3 years old and this is his 8th RCC; he also has 8 CCs.

There must have been one heck of a party in heaven on Saturday night after Lisa Bougen's Gwendariff Lily The Pink (Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W. ex Multi Ch/Int Ch/Cro Ch/It Ch Gwendariff Pink Pyjamas) won veteran bitch and then her crowning CC. She was also best opposite sex and best veteran in show.

Lily Longlegs belonged to the late Gill Tully (Highclare) who was a very successful breeder and exhibitor of Welsh Springer Spaniels and whose dream it was to have a show champion in Irish Setters. The closest she came to this was with Paddy Catling's Highclare Mary Poppins at Teleri who won one CC and Highclare Knights Tail who won one RCC.

Those who knew Gill will remember how loud she was and I wouldn't have been surprised if there had been an almighty clap of thunder as Lily took her third and then under Jackie her fourth CC. She won her first CC at Blackpool 2022 under Jim Sharman and her second was at ISBC this year from Lyn Macaulay. She also has 3 RCCs.

"There's a thing that keeps surprising you about stormy old friends after they die; their silence."
— Ben Becht.

Winning her fourth RCC at the Joint Clubs' show was Eva Ciechonska's 5 year old Sh Ch Gwendariff Smart Move Back To Aoibheanne (Sh Ch Gwendariff Unknown Soldier J.W. ex Aoibheanne's Smart Move Gwendariff). She also has 4 CCs.

At the ISAE show the reserve bitch CC went to the Sturrock girls' Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW. She is out of Int Ch Forfarian You Sexy Thing by Sh Ch Kerryfair Snow Fox J.W. Bridget has 6 CCs and this is her 6th RCC.

BPIS at the Joint Clubs was Bardonhill Pacific Rose who is the daughter of Per out of Bardonhill Somebody To Love and BPIS at the ISAE was Sandra Chorley-Newton, Kerry Chorley and Emma Flinders' Kerryfair Misty Rose (Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Kerryfair Foxy Forever). Lily was BVIS.

Congratulations to you all.

We all know how expensive it is to fund this hobby of ours but spare a thought for Peter Hall (Harreds) who has had a very expensive time of it recently.

At some ungodly hour he sets off in the dark to attend a show and as he approaches some roadworks and a 50 mile an hour limit sign, he sees the dreaded flash of light go off.

Hoping that it's not him being flashed at he carries on and after a long day at the show stops at a service area on the way back to take a break.

He is so tired that he drops off to sleep but wakes up feeling refreshed enough to continue his journey.

Surely enough later that week the postman drops the speeding ticket through his letter box.

This is quickly followed by a letter informing him that he is being fined for staying too long in the services car park.

He had slept for 2 ½ hours!

I must add that Peter was very reluctant to share this story with me in case I put it in my notes.

Would I?!

Christine Morgan

morgan@thechrisses.co.uk

07970 634780