

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES  
W/C MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

It has been an exhausting few days but here we are out the other side.

Wednesday I went to Crufts to set up the Discover Dogs stand for Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas, back home for 4:00 pm to get ready to go back the next day in readiness for my judging on Friday then back home for 1:00 pm Saturday. Sunday was another early start to go back to Crufts for a good look round and dismantle the Discover Dogs stand so you will understand how I've been pushed for time; that and the fact that the phone hasn't stopped ringing!

Anyway, here we are with Crufts behind us for another year and what a memorable and eventful event it turned out to be. Be assured that matters are being dealt with.

Peter Armstrong (Atron) was the judge for bitches and for his CC he chose Lisa Bougen's Sh Ch Gwendariff Lily The Pink who is almost 8 years old and was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie out of Multi Ch/Int Ch/Cro Ch/It Ch Gwendariff Pink Pyjamas by Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W.

Lily was the winner of the veteran class and so was Best Veteran bitch.

This was her 5<sup>th</sup> CC to go with her 3 RCCs.

Of course, Lily was previously owned by the late Gill Tully and how proud, loud and excited she would have been; and even more so because a dog bred by her, Sh Ch Highclare Only One avec Taillside (ai) JW was Best of Breed in Brittany's. God bless Gill, it was very emotional.

Reserve to Lily was Jill Holley's recently crowned Sh Ch Gwendariff Look This Way to Wynjill JW who was also bred by Diane and who had won open. Bubbles is rising 6 years old and is Lily's daughter by Sh Ch Gwendariff I'm Comin Out (JW). I'm sure I heard Tully screaming! This was Bubbles' 4<sup>th</sup> RCC.

Best Puppy bitch was Mireille and Dan Robinson's 12 mths old Cherrorvale Dream Come True. Posie Mae is home bred out of Lanstara Red Dress at Cherrorvale by Sh Ch Lanstara Spring moon.

I judged the dogs and found my ticket winner in the open class. Blake Crocker and Claire Lewis' Sh Ch Riverbrue Morning Glory took his 6<sup>th</sup> CC to go with his 6 RCCs.

Larry was bred by Blake in December 2019 so is just turned 4 years old and is by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) out of the CC record holding bitch Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana.

He was Best of Breed on the referee's decision.

Larry is the third generation of Riverbrue bred Crufts BOBS. Gloria was BOB last year when she made the cut in the Group and her sire, Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe), was BOB and Group 4 in 2018.

Not letting the side down Larry took Gundog Group 2 under Jenny Miller (Feorlig) who was also the referee for the breed.

My RCC went to the Veteran dog for whom I have done well in the past having given him a CC and a Gundog Group 2. Pat & Ken Stockton's Ronnie, Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW, is litter brother to Gloria and so uncle to Larry. He is almost 8 years old and by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa. This is his 14<sup>th</sup> RCC and he also has 35 CCs.

He was Best Veteran in Breed on the referee's decision.

Best Puppy dog was Margaret Aldridge's Clonageera Winner Takes All who was handled by Claire Prangle. You may remember Margaret by her previous surname, Stubbs.

Barney was bred by Pat Rutherford in March last year out of Clonageera Sweet Caroline by Clonageera Touch of Gold.

He was Best Puppy in Breed on the referee's decision.

It is 4 years ago that Our Dogs sacked me as Breed Note Writer because of my outburst over them not printing my notes when Gill Tully had passed away and I have to thank them for this. Writing my notes on Facebook is the best thing and free for you all.

Here's the story I wrote about Gill back then.

My Gill Tully story.

Back in August 2006 me and MLM took our Soul Diva of Kazval under Gill at NGA. She was on 2 tickets and to our utter delight Gill gave her crowning CC.

Some years later we took our Sol (Cwsscwn Soul Mate) under her and she gave him the CC. On the same day she gave the Res Bitch CC to Glynis Short's Cwsscwn Northern Soul.

Then we got Ferndel Butterkist Cwsscwn and she was BPB at the NEWSSC under Graham Tain. Gill was the co-judge.

I stood there in the middle of the ring whilst the two judges made their decision on BPIS.

Gill walked over to me, thrust the BPIS rosette under my nose and exclaimed loudly 'Now f\*\*k off and don't come back again!'

P.S. We never did dare

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