

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021.

“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering 'it will be happier'...”
— Alfred Lord Tennyson

Richard Bott, the Breed Education Coordinator for Irish Setters, has written to all judges on the C list of the Joint Irish Setter Clubs' Judging list. He has asked all those already on there to confirm that they meet the Judges Education Programme level 1 requirements as in having attended a seminar for the requirements of a dog show judge, attended a conformation and movement seminar and have completed 2 full days stewarding.

If you don't fulfil these requirements you are not allowed judge.

He needs your answers by the 10th of January when the new list will be published.

The Kennel Club Journal for January is available online. There are no new judges listed but there are an awful lot of rule changes. One of the additions is this:

“To accept appointments and to judge breed classes at Kennel Club licensed championship, open and limited shows judges must be listed on the relevant breed club judging list or at the appropriate Judges Education Programme Level. Judges must maintain accurate records of educational evidence and confirmed judging appointments”

So, if you are on the list and have not answered by the stated time your name will not appear on the published list and you will not be allowed to judge Irish Setters.

If you have any questions please email Richard at Richardbott@hotmail.co.uk

We lost so many shows last year and looking back I see that in 1946 there was only one Championship Show for Irish and that was the ISAE. Mr A Ashworth was the judge and he gave a first CC to Raycroft Mediator and the RCC to Corrymeela Copper. The Bitch CC was awarded to Hartsbourne Sweetness and RCC to Hartsbourne Poppet.

In my notes of 14th December, I wrote about some of the Withersdale dogs bred by Chrissie Sones and Will Brown. Those I mentioned were Withersdale Crystal Maze At Shandwick, Withersdale Livia, Sh Ch Withersdale Dangerous Lady Of Glennara and Sh Ch Withersdale Songbird Of Serrula. Chrissie and Will's first dog was Ledwyche Bronze who was by Brackenfield Oliver Twist out of Ledwyche Andromeda and was whelped in January 1972. He won a RCC from I Parsons at Bournemouth in 1974 when Sh Ch Monty Count of Medina won his fourth CC. I believe that Bev and Tony Drinkwater had a litter brother.

Their next was Bardonhill Supertramp born March 1982 and sired by Sh Ch Scarletti Cockney Rebel ex Moyna April At Bardonhill therefore a sibling of Sh Ch Bardonhill Supergrass. He gained his Stud Book number and Rita Pike had a litter brother, Bardonhill Crafty Cockney By Scarletti JW who won two RCCs; the first from Barbara Birch at Crufts in 1987 and the second from John Lambley at LKA later that year. On these occasions Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever and Inisheer Flamingo were the ticket winners.

The first Show Champion owned by Chrissie and Will was Shandwick Golden Rose bred by Pat Butler, now Butler-Holley, in August 1983 out of Palelsa Boadicea by Sh Ch Twoacres Gold Eagle. Her first Green Card was a RCC at ISAE in 1987 from Maureen Hurl who gave CC number 9 to her litter sister, Pat's Sh Ch Shandwick Golden Spray. Katie's first of four CCs was won at Driffield in 1988 when Robbie Robertson was the judge. Sh Ch Fondador Charlene took the RCC. Lynn Dale judged the dogs and gave a second CC to Inisheer Flamingo and a one and only Reserve to Little Boy Blue.

The following year at WKC she took her second at WKC when Mary Tuite judged with Reddins Arabella taking her one and only RCC. Mary also judged the dogs and found her CC winner in Sh Ch Reddins Ferdinand, his 7th, and Sh Ch Brayville Dynamic Diplomat, also his 7th.

Maureen Hurlll judged again in 1989 at ISCW and made her up; Sh Ch Clonageera Forget Me Not was Reserve CC to her. Olwyn Hunt did the dogs and she reversed the results from WKC with Sh Ch Brayville Dynamic Diplomat taking his fourth CC and Sh Ch Reddins Ferdinand winning his 7th RCC. Katie won a final fourth CC at Midland Counties in 1990 from Joan Kniveton who gave the RCC to Suteressett Coconut Capers. Peter Edwards was the judge for the dogs and he made up Sh Ch Chantryhill Sir Alyduke of Lorlawd on the day with the Reserve CC going to Sh Ch Reddins Justin of Stylersetts.

In 1987 Katie had a litter by Sh Ch Wickenberry Knight At Arms and a bitch, W. Livia, was kept; she gained her Stud Book number and proved to be a very useful brood bitch. Mated to Sh Ch Reddins Ferdinand she produced Sh Ch Withersdale Songbird Of Serrula and W. Evergreen, the winner of 2 CCs. Her first from Sandra Chorley at Merseyside Gundog in 1993 and her second the following year from Pat Butler-Holley at City of Birmingham. Reserves to her were Sh Ch Brayville Private Affair and Navylark Oracle.

Livia had a litter by Sh Ch Konakakela Zagar By Romarne in which were Sh Ch Withersdale Dangerous Lady Of Glennara and her sister W. Crystal Maze at Shandwick who won one RCC from Ann Aitken at Leeds in 1997 behind Sh Ch Bonhomie Forgotten Dream. Another litter sister, W. Hi-De-Hi, and a litter brother, W. Monty Python were awarded Stud Book numbers.

Hi-De-Hi went on to have a litter by W. Oh Boy at Shandwick, who was a grandson of Katie, and in this litter was Michell Kavanagh's Sh Ch Withersdale Kupola. She won her first CC at ISBC in 2004 when Chris Sheldon judged the bitches; RCC to her was Braidmount Geisha girl whose first Green Card it was.

In 2005 at SKC Enid Hinslea awarded her her second and she also gave the RCC to Geisha Girl. Her third came from Rita Pike later that year at Belfast ISC when Caispern Miss Bennett took the Reserve. She picked up two more CCs from June McAvooy at Darlington in 2008 and Dee Milligan-Bott in 2009 at SEISC.

She also won 5 RCCs from Dee Milligan-Bott, Christine Heron, Sue Ward, Sandra Christian and Jeremy Bott.

Her litter sister W. Kizzy won her Stud Book number.

Hi-De-Hi had a second litter this time by Shandwick Diamond At Orstone; Chrissie kept a bitch W. Ivy. She won a first RCC in 2004 from Sally Foster at GSW who gave a first CC to Danaway Clara Belle.

In 2006 Chrissie became too ill to campaign Ivy and so Richard Bott took the reins. He handled her to her first CC at Birmingham National under Gillian Barker-Bell who awarded the RCC to Sh Ch Amberwave Spangle. Lynn MacAuley judged at NGA and gave her her second CC with Lynwood Promises Promises to Gimaroch taking the Reserve. Sharon Littlechild made her up at Driffield and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Romarne Melissa.

Sadly Chrissie did not live to see her gain her crown and Ivy went to live with Michelle Kavanagh.

She won a further CC that year from Marita Bott at NEEISC and her fourth and final from Peter Armstrong at Boston in 2007 with another RCC coming from Rita Pickersgill at ISCW.

Michelle had a litter from Ivy by Sh Ch Atron Limited Edition out of which W. Ameryllis won her Stud Book number. Ameryllis had an AI litter to W. World Wide Web (Withersdale Oh Boy At Shandwick ex Withersdale Hi-De-Hi) from which Withersdale Lady Of Letters and Withersdale Telling Tales won their Stud Book numbers.

There were three other Reserve CC winners from the Withersdale Kennel.

W. Red Star (Red Mountain By Caskeys ex Withersdale Chanterelle) won one RCC from Rita Bryden at ISBC in 1997 behind Intrepid; W. Backstreet Boy owned by Michelle's father, Pete, won one RCC from Gillian Barker-Bell at Blackpool 2002 and W. Morning Mist owned by Richard Bott won one from Joan Kniveton at Leeds in 2008.

A Little Mate Story from 18 December 2014

So here we are at the railway station on our way for Christmas Lunch at the Kennel Club and I say to My Little Mate 'Why are you wearing your big overcoat?'

MLM: Because it's going to snow later

Me: No it isn't it's going to be mild

MLM: No it's going to be minus 3 and snowing later

Me: No it's going to be 14 degrees and mild. Let me look at your phone app.

Now all is clear; we're on our way to London Canada....

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