

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 5TH APRIL 2021

The latest show to cancel is Windsor, it's such a shame, the committee tried so hard to make it happen. Peter Hall was to have judged.

But there has been good news from Southern Counties, Bath and Paignton who have put out very positive statements about their shows going ahead.

Even better is that from Bournemouth whose entries will be open on Higham Press soon.

Jacque Rorke sends terrific news from the SEISC:

"SOUTH OF ENGLAND IRISH SETTER CLUB is hosting the Joint Irish Setter Clubs Championship Show postponed from last year, to be held in conjunction with Paignton and District Fanciers Association on the 7th August 2021. Judges are Dogs Sharon Littlechild, Bitches Julie Humphreys.

It is going to be FULLY BENCHED and we will have four rings for our Irish Setters. Going to do our best to make it an enjoyable day. Paignton schedules are at the printers and will be available soon ours also are in the process of being prepared."

There are some judges announced in the latest edition of the Kennel Club Journal; Boston 2022 is first time for Susan Begg; East of England 2022 is Becky Box; Welsh Kennel Club 2022 Irene Glen; Gundog Breeds Association Scotland 2022 has two first timers, Linzie Richardson, Dogs and Gemma Gisby, Bitches. It's fabulous to see the youngsters coming through.

Continuing the legacy of Wendover Game; his son Sh Ch Scotswood Barabbas sired six Show Champions.

In 1968 Janice Roberts had a litter by him out of Cornevon Snowbunting (Sh Ch Cornevon Coppernob ex Brackenfield Iris).

From this litter Mrs A.J. Burman of Bexhill On Sea owned C. Red Robin who won a RCC from L.C. 'Jimmy' James at Three Counties in 1970. On the day Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus won his 4th CC and Robin's litter sister Sh Ch Cornevon Primrose took her 6th CC with Beaulagh of Castleoak winning her 2nd RCC.

C. Primrose was the winner of 17 CCs and 7 RCCs. Her first was from Bill Rasbridge at Richmond in 1969, second from Violet Yates at Manchester 1970 and Mrs M Darling made her up at WELKS. Reserves to her on these occasions were Sh Ch Fearnley Firecracker, Fearnley Firefly and Raycroft Emmerline.

She won a further four CCs in 1970, two in 1971, six in 1972 and her last in 1972; she was the dam of eight Show Champions.

Another litter sister campaigned at the same time was Sh Ch/Am Ch Cornevon Violet. She won her first CC at LKA in 1970 when Owen Jenkins was the judge; he gave the RCC to Raycroft Emmerline. In 1971 Rae Furness gave her her second in front of Sh Ch Twoacres Teresa and Kitty Edmondson titled her at Cheshire later that year. Sh Ch Timadon Ballywestow Festoon took the Reserve CC. She also won 3 RCCs.

Maureen Hurl had a bitch called Kathryn Rhu Of Carramore who was by Sh Ch Hartsbourne Heron out of Boisdale Moy and bred by Mrs. M.H. Smith of Braintree. Put to Barabbas she produced Sh Ch Hurricane of Carramore in January 1969.

He was titled in 1972 with his first of 5 CCs coming from Janice Roberts at SWKA when Troilus took the Reserve. Two shows later at NGA June Coates gave him his second with the RCC going to Sh Ch Corriecas Baron. Peg Stokes judged the breed at ISBC and made him up; John Harper's Marrona Malachite of Bodewell was Reserve.

Hurricane won 5 CCs in total and 4 RCCs.

Peg Stokes was of course the breeder of the Marronas and she had a litter out of Marrona Marstock Witch by Barabbas in which were M. Malachite of B. and Sh Ch Marrona Meriel. Apart from his RCC Malachite won a CC from John Lambley at SCCA in 1972.

Rae Furness gave Meriel her first CC at SCCA in 1973 with Brackenfield Verbena taking her 3rd RCC. Her second and BOB was at Crufts in 1974 when Janice Roberts judged both sexes. The James' Wendover Happy Go Lucky was RCC, Sh Ch Cornevon Lovebird took his 4th CC and Troilus won his 12th RCC. June Coates made her up at Paignton and gave a first ever Green Card to Pat & Jim Rutherford's Bella Rosa of Andana.

Meriel won 6 CCs and 1 RCC.

Mr & Mrs S. A. Briggs owned a bitch called Rickerscot Clover Coleen who was by Gwas Bach of Ballyrobin out of Sowerhill Sally. They mated her to Barabbas and Barbara Birch took a bitch who was to become Sh Ch Rickerscot Bridget Maguire, the winner of 6 CCs and 8 RCCs. She was made up in 1973 when she won 4 of her CCs; the first from John Lambley at Birmingham National when the RCC was awarded to Mr & Mrs S.P. Stobo's Moyna Michelle who was bred by Barbara. Jack Whittaker gave her CC #2 at Paignton with Brenrue Moselle of Brinara taking the Reserve. Des McGarry made her up at East of England; Sh Ch Twoacres Teresa won the RCC. May and Phil Davis bred a bitch called Jessica of Castleoak who had a litter by Gaelge Gaffer and from this litter Barry & Mary Neave's Bridget of Castleoak was put to Barabbas; the resulting puppies were to become the well known Margretwoods Conductress (1 RCC), Margretwoods Caretaker of Scotswood and Sh Ch Margretwoods Craftsman.

Conductress won her way into the Stud Book with a RCC from John Harper in 1973 at Cheshire and became the foundation bitch of the Scarlettis; Caretaker was a popular sire producing ticket winners and four Show Champions; Craftsman won 3 CCs.

Craftsman gained his title in 1974 from Marjorie Jarosz at Manchester, Alec Dodman at SKC and Rae Furness at East of England. Reserves to him were Ballywestow Kelso, Sh Ch Corriecas Baron and Timadon Kendel.

Caretaker sired a litter to Jill Bacon's (now Holley) Cornevon Tranquil and the dog she kept became Sh Ch Wynjill Red Robin who won 8 CCs and 3 RCCs.

The ticket winning sisters Mudenday Marnie and Memoir were by him as was the only Merryborne Green Card winner, M. Monalisa.

Janice Roberts bred two Show Champions by Caretaker, C. Westerhuy's Cloggy and C. Candida and Pat & Jim Rutherford's Sh Ch Jason of Andana of Clonageera was also his son.

Back in November last year Janette Yarrow posted the following on my notes:

"Thank you for your posts it takes me down memory lane as I was Mary Neave's kennel maid for a while who had the Margretwoods and Renmark affixes she had a big influence on how I showed and behaved in and around the dog world in the early days, such a good grounding for me. Which was a mega 48 years ago now. I had an Irish with the name Deva Thetis of Minister, who I lost with more than I won but we always had such a laugh. Thanks again Christine for your posts xx"

I followed this up with a private message to Janette to which she replied:

"I am still in contact with Mary's daughter Patricia and Rita Pike who I actually got into showing. I suppose in the cheek of youth I saw this beautiful Irish setter tied to a pushchair as I went through Basildon town centre. I had Jenny my Irish with me so I went to say hello to this Irish, I was there for a few mins when Rita come out of Sainsburys and we started chatting. I said to her you really need to show your Irish she is beautiful. Her name was Scarlett. She started training and we met up at Wickford and Basilton CA and the rest is history. I was only 14 at the time.

But I can remember Bidy (Evans), I am sure she used to come and do Mary's hair, also Maureen Hurl was a regular visitor as well as Yvonne Rudin, Peter Evans and Peter Davies and his mum May. Such fun days, I think they had the Castleoak affix. So some lovely memories for me to remember xxx"

Janette now has the famous Bonapartist Britannies and Scarlett was of course Rita Pike's M. Conductress, the mother of Sh Ch Scarletti Cockney Rebel and Sh Ch Scarletti Hot Chocolate. Just imagine leaving a dog tied up outside a supermarket these days.....let alone a child in a pushchair!

Now that we are partly out of lockdown you will be pleased to know that I have seen My Little Mate for the first time since 20th October last year.

So excited was I that I rushed to hug her and when I realised what I was doing I came to an abrupt halt, but my hands kept going and I promptly punched her in the head!

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