

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021

There is a very important announcement from SKC.

“Due to planned Scottish Government legislation, it is expected that anyone over the age of 18 years attending our 2021 Championship Shows will be required to present a copy of their Covid Vaccination Certificate on arrival.

Anyone who has good reasons for not being fully vaccinated, including children and people with relevant medical conditions will be exempt from this process.

To obtain a copy of your certificate, please visit your relevant NHS website to login to/or create your account (i.e. Scotland, England, Wales, N. Ireland).

SKC must comply with Scottish Government guidance/regulations in order for the show to go ahead as per statement provided on the front cover and inside front cover of both show schedules.”

Most of us have mobile phones and it is very easy to download the NHS App N.B. NOT the Track & Trace App. The NHS App has all of your medical details on it including Covid vaccinations.

Entries for Richmond are 107 making 118 and for Darlington they are 75 making 80.

The B&DISC schedule is available online at Fosse Data. Postal entries close Friday, 24th September 2021 (Postmark) and on-line entries can be made up until midnight on Sunday, 3rd October 2021.

There are 12 classes for each sex and it is being held in conjunction with Belfast Dog Show Society General Championship Show at the Eikon Centre, Balmoral Park, Sprucefield, Halftown Road, Lisburn BT27 5RF.

The judge is Jenny Miller (Feorlig) who last judged Irish in 2018 at Bath. Her CC winners were Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb at Jacwillins and Sh Ch Thendara Chasing Boys to Sumaric. RCCs were Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle and Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream.

I still can't find schedules for their rescheduled 2020 Championship and Open shows.

Setter & Pointer Championship Show entries are open on Fosse Data. The show is on Saturday, 6th November at Bingley Hall, Stafford County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD and the judges are Dogs Aidine Howes (Medogold) and Bitches Mick Howes (Medogold). Postal entries close Saturday, 2nd October 2021 (Postmark). On-line entries can be made up until midnight on Sunday, 17th October 2021.

Aidine last judged the breed in 2018 at Crufts when she awarded the CC to Sh Ch Neathamill Isabella at Clonageera and Reserve to Aubanjon Royal Symphony. Her last appointment in dogs was at Midland Counties in 2014 when Riverwood Kazatchet with Porschet took his first CC and Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper the Reserve.

Mick's last appointment was at Crufts in 2017 when he did the dogs. His CC winner was Sh Ch Forfarian I'm Sexy An I Know It and Delsanto Snow Storm was Reserve. He hasn't judged bitches since 2012 at Darlington when he awarded the CC to Suteressett Wispa at Juledeane and RCC to Balintyne Luck Be A Lady.

There are 11 classes for each sex plus a mixed Field Trial class and a mixed Special Working Gundog class. In case this husband and wife team should disagree, Ron James is the referee.

S&P is holding an Open show in conjunction with the Championship Show. The judge is someone who is usually behind the lens, our own lovely photographer Laura Kolbach (Pawsword). There are 5 classes.

Gundog Breeds Association Scotland is open for entries. The show is on Saturday, 13th November at Ingliston and our judges are Dogs - Diane McDonald (Chugerra) and Bitches - Jo-Anne Parsons (Bransett). There are 11 classes for each sex and entries close by post on Monday 27th September and online on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at www.highampress.co.uk.

Diane last judged Irish at Boston in 2018. Her CC winners were Sh Ch Amblin's Sweet William, his 3rd, and Aiobheanne's Stay With Me, her 2nd. RCCs were Sh Ch Forfarian I'm Sexy An I Know It and Sangarah Skyline Over Lynwood.

This will be Jo-Anne's first time giving tickets.

The ISBC Championship and Open Shows held at Newark & Notts Showground a week ago yesterday was a lovely affair. The Lady Eastwood Centre has been refurbished and it is very nice indeed but because the weather was pleasant judging was held outdoors in 3 spacious rings which were side by side. There was plenty of room for tents and gazebos and decent aisles between the rings so that it was easy to watch the judging.

It was wonderful to see Chairman George Stevenson looking well following his recent illnesses which, I am glad to report, haven't affected his sense of humour; he is still telling those jokes. Show secretary Jim Cuddy and show manager Dave Hemmings were both looking very smart and made sure things ran smoothly whilst club secretary Diane McDonald greeted everyone with her usual beaming smile. In fact, the whole committee were visible and working hard to ensure the day's success.

The rosettes were a different colour from their usual green and white and very pretty they were too being a beautiful shade of pale purple with white. It was debatable as to whether the colour was chosen to match Pat Butler-Holley's trousers or Alister Watt's eyes!

Pat judged the dogs and awarded a first CC to Joy Russell's Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli JW who had won Limit. He was bred by Jane & Roger Mugford in May 2017 out of Ch Lynwood Happy As A Lark J.W. by Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under.

Reggie has 5 RCCS, the first from Sally Foster at MISS in 2019 behind Sh Ch Copper's War of Roses. Julie Humphreys gave him his 2nd at ISCW in 2019 when she made up Sh Ch Riverbrue Altissimo at Aoibheanne.

The last three have all been won this year behind Ronnie aka Sh Ch Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW. The judges were Lee Cox at SCCA, Marita Bott at Blackpool and Tania Gardner at Driffield.

Reggie and Ronnie are of course uncle and nephew and their placings were switched this time with Ronnie picking up his 4th RCC; he also has 15 CCs.

Nancy, aka Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady J.W., continued her winning ways taking her 16th ticket from Alister. She also has 12 RCCs and the judges agreed that she should be BIS & BVIS.

The Reserve CC came from Limit; Maureen Elkins' Twoacres Promise of Spring with Avacet aka Briar, winning her 4th RCC. She is by Sh Ch Avacet Snowdrift ex Twoacres Luck Be A Lady and is 5 years old. BPIS was the Sturrock Girls 'Dustin' (Forfarian Dusty Bottoms). He is 6 ½ months old and by Quensha Just Like Fire ex Forfarian Soo Lush J.W.

A very proud Betty & David Laidlaw were in attendance to watch granddaughter Chloe Green judge the Open Show.

Chloe made Briar BIS with Beccy & Olivia Danks-Kemish's Sh Ch Alolfrana Hotter Than You Know JW taking the Reserve spot. Monica & John Heather's Sixoaks My Fair Lady was BPIS.

There are some lovely photographs on the ISBC web site taken by Colin Waddell.

The atmosphere at the show was terrific with lots of applause for the winners.

I was pleased to be invited for drinks and cake with Agnieszka Dufurat who was celebrating her 30th birthday.

The day after was North Riding Gundog Club Open Show where Annette Mappin (Bryerdale Gordon Setters) judged the breed. She made Allen, Bott & Morgan's Quensha Take A Bow (Hector) BOB and he then went on to win BIS under Shelagh Tolladay (Bethersden).

And last Saturday at Perthshire CC Linda Murchison's Pawsword Paperback Writer for Corphin was BOB under Louis Poynter and then Gundog Group 4 under Sandra Sturrock (Forfarian).

On Bank Holiday Monday I was at the Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla Association's Championship & Open Shows at the K.C. Building at Stoneleigh Park. I travelled with show secretary Karl Gawthorpe and MLM went under her own steam to steward for us.

Now, there is a short cut to the venue via the airport and Bagginton and lots of new roads are being built.

On the way home MLM leaves just before us and after a while we get a phone call.

MLM: I'm lost

Me: You can't be

(Karl splutters and chokes)

MLM: Well there are lots of new roads and I don't know where I am.

Karl: Can you see signs for the M69?

MLM: No! Yes! No! Oh I don't know.

Karl: I can see you. You're just turning right on a roundabout aren't you?

MLM: Yes

KARL: You're on the right road so just keep going and you'll be fine.

MLM: Are you in front of me then?

KARL: How the flaming hell can we be when we've just seen you turn right?

MLM: Oh, yeah

(My turn to splutter and choke!)

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