

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
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I am sorry to report that Helen Flynn (Campisle) passed away recently. Helen lived in Inverness and showed Irish from the 1950's onwards with her last one, Kirkavagh Barona At Campisle (Sh Ch Shenanagin Some Might Say It's Bardonhill J.W. ex Sh Ch Kirkavagh Kooyonga), being born in 2004. I believe her foundation bitch was Hartsbourne Verbena (Hartsbourne Sullivan ex Sh Ch Hartsbourne Honeysuckle) but she had Irish from Twoacres, Bardonhill and Westerhuys lines.

Campisle Flicker (Drumoyne Red Flash ex Hartsbourne Verbena) won two CCs; the first in 1967 at SKC from M Smith (Brackenfield Mimosa was RCC) and the second in 1968 at Leeds when L C James judged. Ballywestow Cantelo was Reserve.

Campisle Murtagh (Campisle Bryan ex Westerhuy's Dutch Sunburst) won one RCC from Joyce Webb at Driffield in 1986.

Helen awarded CCs in Irish between 1979, at the ISCS, and 2007 at Belfast ISC.

On her first appointment she did both sexes and gave the dog ticket to Sh Ch Twoacres Wayward Caesar, Reserve went to Fondador Milwalkie. BCC was Sh Ch Hartsbourne Periwinkle and RCC was Scotswood Matilda.

At her last appointment at BISC her Dog CC was Sh Ch Shaytell Andante and RCC Sh Ch Gwendariff Dom Perignon. In bitches the CC went to Sh Ch Kirkavagh Jumila and RCC to Tannymac Could It Be Magic at Heathclare.

Back in October last year I mentioned a bitch called Sh Ch Emmafield Aubanjon Adventuress who was bred in 1969 by Gill Dale's father Aubrey Petty.

The Emmafields were owned and bred by June Aspinall from Sheffield and later of Chesterfield. 'Meg' as she was called was by Moval Red Warrior, a dog bred by Bob Cleland and of Hartsbourne/Gaelge breeding. Her dam was Marshlea Merry Marrie who was bred (I believe) by Mrs E Needham of Burgh Le Marsh, Lincolnshire out of Franklyn's Farm Kim by Orichalc Merrydown. I find it vaguely amusing that F.F. Kim was out of a bitch called Peg Leg but nevertheless she was of good breeding (Wendover/Hartsbourne).

Bob Cleland gave Meg her first CC at SKC in 1972 with the Reserve going to Wendover Lady May. His dog CC went to Sh Ch Joanma's Saffron and RCC to Corriecas Baron.

Later that year at LKA M. Paterson was the judge who gave Meg her second ticket and the Reserve to Joanma's Kayla. Cornevon Mercury won his first ticket that day and Monty Count of Medina took the Reserve.

Meg was titled at SKC in 1973 by T. Hubert Arthur when Brackenfield Verbena won her second RCC. The dog ticket went to Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus and Wendover Marauder took his first RCC.

Meg also won 2 RCCs from Joe Braddon at Bournemouth in 1972 and Bob Cleland at Darlington in 1973. On these occasions she stood behind Sh Ch Cherrybeech Sabrina and Sh Ch Melody Minet. Before buying Meg, June had a bitch from Rae Furness, Raycroft Briar, from whom she had a litter by Sh Ch Raycroft Callboy and kept a dog, Emmafield Red Boy.

In 1971 Meg was mated to Red Boy and June kept a dog, E. Burn, who gained his Stud Book number, and a bitch, E. Beck.

Beck was put to Sh Ch Orichalc Alchymist in 1973 to produce Sh Ch Emmafield Carefree who won 4 CCs and 1 RCC.

Val Page (Orichalc) awarded her her first CC at Border Union in 1975 and Caskey's Zoe took the Reserve. Val gave a first and only CC to Cornevon Starspangle and a second RCC to Wendover Marauder.

M. Paterson clearly liked the Emmafield Irish because at SKC in 1976 Carefree took her second CC. Caskey's Zoe who was by now a Show Champion won the RCC. Tamarisk Tarragon of Duskhunter won his first CC and Raycroft Carnoustie won his only ever RCC.

She won her title at Darlington later that year when Val Albertis was the judge. Cornevon Stargazer took the Reserve, Sh Ch Barnsforde Winston won his seventh CC and Barnsforde Windward of Simmerford won the first of his three RCCs.

Meg had a litter by Sh Ch Cornevon Lovebird in June 1975 and June kept a bitch E. Enchantress who won an only CC from Betty Cantwell of New Zealand at Birmingham National in 1978. Mrs Cantwell had previously given a RCC to E. Carefree. Enchantress also won a RCC from Joe Braddon at Driffield in 1977 behind Mudenday Memoir (Margretwoods Caretaker Of Scotswood x Treveryan Moonstone), her only ever such award, and a second RCC from Mary Roslin-Williams at Darlington in 1978 when she was handled by Pat Butler (-Holley).

I remember clearly Joe Braddon judging at Driffield. Sheila Vant was smoking a cigarette in the ring whilst she was showing her dog and Joe bellowed very loudly across the ring "Madam put that cigarette out now! I had a dog who lost an eye because of a cigarette."

Joe also insisted that we all walk our dogs rather than move them at a trot; very peculiar. But, when it came to the bitch challenge, he put into practise one of his old habits.

He would pick on a very well-endowed lady, which Muriel Oldman was, and make them run round and round and round until they were on the verge of collapse, at which point he would thrust the CC into their hands.

I remember as well that his judging was so quick that many missed their classes.

In November 1976 June took another litter from Meg, this time to Sh Ch Cornevon Westerhuy's Dream. He sired 30 litters and whilst he produced some very good stock only 3 were titled.

Sh Ch Emmafield Double-Dutch, Sh Ch Westerhuy's Try My Best of Elwood and Sh Ch Fearnley Fire Cinders Of Dallowgill.

Double Dutch won six CCs and 8 RCCs.

His first came from Jack Houghton at WELKS in 1978 with Sh Ch Sowerhill Storm winning the RCC. Violet Banks judged the bitches and found her CC winner in Althorne Antoinette and RCC winner in Sh Ch Joanma's Scampi. This was Antoinette's only such award. She was owned by Mr & Mrs D.R. Mortlock of Chelmsford and bred in 1974 by Mrs E. F. Britton out of Highcray Antonia by Sh Ch Margretwoods Craftsman. Mrs Britton, also of Chelmsford repeated the mating in 1976 and kept a dog, A. Anton.

D. Dutch's second CC was from Betty Cantwell who I mentioned above when she judged at Birmingham National and so made it an Emmafield double. She gave the Reserve dog CC to his sire, Dream, and the Reserve bitch ticket to Cornevon Tamarind, her first of two.

David Tobin made him up the following year at National Gundog and gave a first Green Card, the RCC, to Brinara Inula. L. C. 'Jimmy' James was co-judge and he awarded the CC to Sh Ch Pollyanna of Caskeys and Reserve to Cornevon Starkissed of Cribbarth.

June herself gave tickets in Irish, the first time being in 1980 when she did dogs at Leicester. Her ticket winner was Sh Ch Brinara Inula, his fourth, and Shaytell Goldfinch picked up his fourth RCC. Her last appointment was at Richmond in 1991. She gave a one and only CC to Scotford into the Light and a third RCC to Reddins Jemima of Lexbear.

Sh Ch Fearnley Fire Cinders Of Dallowgill was bred by Pat & Barry Rhodes out of their Fearnley Fire-Sprite and owned by Mr & Mrs P Jackson of Leeds; they also bred and exhibited English Springer Spaniels. She won 3 CCs and 1 RCC, all of them in 1979. Joan Anderson gave her her first at City of Birmingham with the Reserve going to Sh Ch Pollyanna of Caskeys. Rae Furness gave her CC #2 at Richmond and Sh Ch Hartsbourne Periwinkle took her 8th RCC. She was titled by Val Wade at NGA with Sowerhill Sarong of Kingscott taking the Reserve.

Sh Ch Westerhuy's Try My Best of Elwood was bred by Willie Duynkerke in 1978. She was out of a bitch co-owned with Elaine Lewis (now Patman-Wallis), Treveryan Pink Lady, who won one CC from Michael Boothroyd at Richmond in 1978.

Try My Best won 3 CCs and 3 RCCs. Her first RCC was in 1981 from Barry Lincoln at SCCA and the rest were all won in 1982. Brenda Levick gave her her first at Crufts in 1982 and the reserve went to Sh Ch Scarlett Hot Chocolate. Her second was from Barbara Birch at Leeds in front of Sh Ch Wickenberry Baroness and her third was awarded to her by Barry Lincoln at Midland Counties with Sh Ch Wickenberry Countess Reserve this time.

June hasn't been actively involved in Irish Setters for some time but Gill Dale tells me that before last year's lockdown she used to see her regularly doing her shopping in Sainsburys.

A Little Mate Story from February 2014

My Little Mate has just phoned.

MLM: 'If I tell you something do you promise to be a true friend and not put it on Facebook?'

Me: 'Yes'

MLM: 'No really, you must promise not to.'

Me: 'I solemnly swear not to.'

MLM: 'Today I've been head butted by a pig and it's broken my front tooth.'

I can hardly type this for laughing

MASSIVE fail!

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