

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020

More sad news to begin this week's notes; Ray Luto, husband of Pat (Rappatty), has passed away. I have known him for over 40 years and he was a truly lovely man who took some great photographs. Please join me in sending sincere condolences to Pat, his children Wendy, Robert and Marie, his grandchildren and his friends.

Gill Hart (Gilligrae) has written this lovely tribute to him:

"It is with great sadness I am writing this post at the request of Pat Luto's son Robert.

On Tuesday 27 October Pat's husband Ray passed away peacefully at home.

Ray had suffered from ill health over the past few years, Pat, Wendy, Marie and Robert have lovingly cared for him throughout this time.

Pat and Ray had been together since Pat was 16 years of age, together they raised their 3 children and shared their life lovingly with their beloved Irish Setters under the affix Rappatty.

Graham and I were honoured 13 years ago when they allowed us to bring home Etney, since this time we have forged a lifelong friendship.

Ray's ill health never got in his way, he was an avid photographer, taking beautiful photos of their beloved setters. He supported Pat ringside when she showed her Setters and was always the most gentle natured and polite gentleman with a wicked sense of humour and a twinkle in his eye.

Graham and I are honoured to have known such a wonderful man and along with all their 'doggy' friends offer our sincere condolences to Pat, Wendy, Marie, Robert and grandchildren.

RIP Ray xxxx"

The November KC Journal lists the following judges; Belfast & DISC 25/09/21 Pam Blay (in conjunction with Belfast Championship Show); ISAE 02/10/21 Rachel Shaw Rainey dogs, Mel Hillocks bitches, Becky Box Referee; Blackpool, 2022 Jim Sharman; Darlington 2022 Lynn Sketchley; Midland Counties 2022 Gill Dale; National Gundog 2023, Jeremy Bott dogs, Diane Cardwell bitches.

I omitted to write about Irish who have won Best in Show at Midland Counties.

In 1980 well known allrounder Bill Siggers was the Best In Show judge and he awarded it to Clonageera Tarka. He was whelped in July 1978 by Pat and Jim Rutherford and sired by their Sh Ch Jason Of Andana Of Clonageera out of Clonageera Tamoretta. He was owned by Pat and Richard Hirons and handled by Richard to 12 CCs and 10 RCCs.

How fantastic that his first CC win was also the day he won BIS. Bob Heron was the breed judge and he gave the RCC to Sh Ch Sowerhill Sahib. Bob's wife Christine judged the bitches that day and gave the CC to Sh Ch Sowerhill Sarah (Sahib's mother) and the RCC to Sh Ch Ballywestow Petite Etoile.

Tarka waited 2 years before winning his second CC although he had picked up two RCCs in 1981.

Jean Quinn was the judge at SEISC in 1982 and Sh Ch Hutton Bruno took the Reserve. Yvonne Vaughan judged the bitches and her CC winners were Priorsbrook Playful and Sh Ch Clonageera Rebecca.

It wasn't a long wait for his third which was awarded to him by Jill Holley at LKA; Sh Ch Scarlett Cockney Rebel was RCC.

In 1983 he won a further 3 CCs and then six in 1984, his last being from Major J Houghton at WKC with Sh Ch Laggan Bryan's Boy winning the Reserve.

He sired 17 litters and amongst his offspring were Muharraq Firebird and Muharraq Firedance out of Sh Ch Sowerhill Sarong Of Kingscot who both won a RCC.

Sh Ch Milldai Irish Fireflame was his son from Collorne Elegance Of Milldai. He won three CCs and his sister Milldai Scarlet O'Hara won one.

The Hirons had three litters from him to their Ireleith Pearldor. One of these offspring, L. Lorelli, won a RCC and when mated to Jennison Phantom gave them the siblings Sh Ch Loskeran Oleander (11 CCs, 8 RCCs), Loskeran Camelia (1 CC) and Sh Ch Loskeran Gold Crown (4 CCs, 2 RCCs) owned by Rachel Stanley and her husband Colin.

Of course, Oleander was owned by Kate and Gerry Condron; Gerry sent me this lovely email about the Hirons and reminded me of the nicknames he used for them (which I am not allowed to print lol!)

"They had a lovely son called David a great lad.

A couple of years ago Anthony Bongiovani was running his annual village dog show to raise funds for Hartland village during their summer fete week & had roped Kate in to officiate. I was approached by a young chap & his family & he said to me "I know you "to which I replied "Well what were you serving time for?" After a bewildered look or two I realised that it was David Hirons (& he told me that he was 50 years old!!!!!! Still young to me)

Pat & Richard have emigrated & live in Spain. David had a very nice PBGV; as he explained, he would not have been able to compete against the standards of mum & dad. The PBGV was from Linda Lewis (Tangear) who had also bred & shown Irish Setters .

What a small world. Love to all, stay safe xxx”

The Rutherford's had three litters from Jason and Tamoretta. Litter brother to Tarka was their own Sh Ch C. Tyrone. He won his first of 3 CCs from John Lambley at Bournemouth 1982 when Skymist Wild Wind took the Reserve. Two years later Yvonne Horrocks judged at Midland Counties and gave him his second; Sh Ch Bardonhill Supergrass was Reserve.

Another year passed and Audrey Ashton gave him his crowning CC at Bath 1984. Borndelle Benjamin took the Reserve.

Tyrone sired 29 litters and his mating to Amberwave Whispering Wind produced Sh Ch Amberwave Pebbles J.W. (4 CCs, 3 RCCs)

A full sibling of Tarka and Tyrone was Sh Ch Clonageera Rebecca owned by Gordon Brewer and R.C. Floyd of Burescombe, Devon. She won 5 CCs and 2 RCCs. Mr N Morrish gave her her first at Paignton in 1982 and her half-sister, C. Sunglow, was Reserve. Later in the year at ISAE Joe Braddon judged the bitches and awarded her her second; he gave the RCC to Sh Ch Ireleith Precious Pearl. Geoff Coupe judged the dogs and gave the top honours to Sh Ch Corriecas Fagan and Caskey's Pagan.

A year after winning her first CC Rebecca went to Paignton again where Jimmy Cudworth was the judge and made her up. She won 3 CCs at Paignton as her fifth was there in 1985 from Moira Clark. Sh Ch Glendronach Girl took the RCC.

Last Saturday we should have been at Setter and Pointer where Katrina Hall (Glennara) was scheduled to judge Dogs and June Henderson (Pendledell) Bitches. Katrina's last appointment was in 2011 at ISCW when Meadway Morrisey JW and Sh Ch Northamber Just Cause for Glenavna JW were her CC and RCC winners. Before that she judged Bitches at ISBC in 2009. Her CC winner was Sh Ch Caskeys Happy Hour JW and RCC was Kirkavagh Ivanjica JW.

June Henderson last judged the dogs only at ISCW in 2013. Sh Ch Harvancourt Harlem at Jacingail was her CC winner with Sh Ch Sutereseet Milky Way with Scarlett JW the Reserve. She judged Bitches at Midland Counties in 2005 and awarded the CC to Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl and the Reserve to Barleydale Lulu with Maolruadhan.

I remember going to Setter and Pointer many years ago with Joan Kniveton; because I was learning to drive at the time Joan Kniveton took me in her car. As we were driving along in the dark I saw a road sign that had a white background with three diagonal red stripes on it.

Me: Do you know what that sign means?

Joan: No what is it?

As Joan sped along, we came across another with two red stripes and another with one stripe

Joan: Well what do they mean?

As the car shook, banged and bounced and the dogs were thrown about in the back, I could hardly answer for the rattling of my teeth.

Me: They're the countdown markers to a concealed level crossing! And you're supposed to slow down!

A Little Mate Story from 27 September 2013

So, we've been experiencing crackling interference on our telephone line for some time and today I've spent 1 ½ hours on the phone with TalkTalk. Just now I ring My Little Mate to see if things are any better.

Me: There's no crackling on this line, is there?

MLM: No, only on pork

Me: What???

MLM: I said no, there's no crackling on lamb only on pork

God give me strength!

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