

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021

In the KC Journal for May the following judges are announced: 2022; ISBC Pat Butler-Holley, dogs, Jane Mugford, bitches, Phyllis Pollard, referee; Manchester, Jean Byrne; LKA, David Pike.

2023: ISAE, Jacquie Willis; Joint Irish setter Clubs, Christine Warner.

Another Championship Show is open for entries. Gundog day at East of England is Saturday, 10th July and our judge is Jacquie Bayne (Corranroo). The last time Jacquie judged she gave a first CC to Caemgen's Element of Truth at Feorlig, RCC to Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle, bitch CC was Sh Ch Gwendariff Rock Diva and Reserve was Sh Ch Neathamill Isabella at Clonageera.

The classification is good with 13 classes for dogs and 13 for bitches and entries close at Midnight on Monday, 14th June. There are no postal entries, all must be made online at Fosse Data.

Also available on Fosse are the schedules for the two back to back ISAE Open Shows on 5th June at Steventon Village Hall, Oxon. The judges are Chuck Carter and Kerry Chorley. Entries close at midnight on Sunday 23rd May.

Bath Championship Show schedules are out now on Higham Press. Gundog day is Saturday, 31st July (the day before NGA) and entries close Friday 25th June by post and Wednesday 7th July online. The judge for Irish is Pat Rutherford and there are 10 classes for each sex plus a mixed Special Beginners class. Pat last judged at the Joint Irish Setter Clubs Championship Show in 2018 when she did the dogs and gave the CC to Sh Ch Chase Cinnamon's, his third, and the Reserve to Heathclare American Dollar. The last time she judged bitches was at ISCS when she awarded a first CC to Brabrook Titania's Dream at Neathamill and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Rock Diva.

The ISCW is holding its Open Show in partnership with Bath; the judge is Alec Stewart. Schedules can be found at <https://www.onlineshowentry.com>. Entries close by post Friday, 9th July and online Monday, 19th July.

MISS Open Show is on Sunday, 4th July at Bagginton Village Hall. Di Heppell is the judge. Entries close by post on 12th June and online 19th. Schedules can be downloaded from their web site and also from <https://www.onlineshowentry.com>.

The Kennel Club has announced the qualification for Crufts 2022 and as well as the usual placings they have added First, Second or Third in Novice and Graduate Classes plus dogs that have won a First Prize in **any** breed class at Crufts 2020.

A dog I mentioned last week was Sh Ch Corriecas Gideon. He was bred in 1981 by Brenda Levick out of Corriecas Jamie by Coppersheen Beau Brummell. 'Brodie' was bred by Sue Edwins, now Clifford, out of Coppersheen Serenata by Sh Ch Stephenshill Gamebird.

I asked Sue to tell me something about her and her dogs and this is what she wrote:

"My first husband, Terry and I bought our first Irish Setter, Kargray Charity (Copper) in 1970, from Mr & Mrs Millard of Wimborne, Dorset. She was by Raycroft Larry out of a bitch by Sh Ch Wendover Vagabond.

We had initially visited Joan Anderson's Andana kennel with a view to obtaining an Irish Setter and immediately fell in love with her Vandamist Morning Glory of Andana. Unfortunately, Joan had no puppies at the time but knew of the litter in Wimborne. We had no thought of showing Copper. We lived in London at the time, and one day, whilst out walking with Copper, I met a very nice lady who asked if I showed her, as she thought she was very nice. She said: "Let me know when she gets her first CC!" That lady was called Jackie Keegan, who showed and worked Irish Setters in Ireland. We kept in touch until she sadly died some years ago. Copper never got a CC of course, or anything near, but we did start showing her.

I had no idea and went to our first show without a show lead or any idea of the procedure and there were no Irish Setter classes. By the next show we were better prepared. It was at Alexandra Palace and the judge was Peter Edwards (Inisheer). Terry showed Copper but instead of stacking her in the traditional way, he held a choc drop in front of her nose and held her tail out with the other hand.

She was reserve in a class of eight and a fellow exhibitor commented that 'she got that placing despite her handler!'

After that we were hooked and went to many more open shows in the London area, and later after we moved to Hampshire, where Copper was always in the cards until the day where she was unplaced, and that day Terry decided to give up showing! However, I was determined to continue! We bred twice from Copper. The first litter was by Vandamist Rhu, and we kept Amber (Coppersheen Serenata) and the second litter was by Sh Ch Stephenshill Gamebird. Amber also had two litters, first by Zimoka Rambling Red ((Sh Ch Brackenfield Tertius x Gay Serenade of Andana) and the second by Gamebird, which produced Brodie.

With a young family, I was not able to show my dogs beyond local shows and bred no more litters until 2001 when I mated my Marksway Magic Flute at Coppersheen to Sh Ch Shenanagin Some Might Say It's Bardonhill. The litter produced two Stud Book winners, Coppersheen Chaconne, and my Coppersheen Cantilena (Pebbles). In 2004 Pebbles had a litter to Gwendariff Guns 'n Roses at Trilite. Circumstances have not allowed me to breed any litters since then.

Going back to Kargray Charity, I bought one of her great granddaughters, Louian Natasha of Coppersheen, who did well as a puppy but I had to give up showing her after she was spooked at an open show by a judge's billowing skirt! Later I had Corriecas Lorna Doone (Oldspring Trade Winds x Corriecas Blue Ribbon), from Brenda, but Holly hated shows unfortunately. I also had Corriecas Chianti from Brenda in 1999.

I stopped showing entirely for 10 years, between 1986 and 1996, for personal reasons. But I decided to make a fresh start in 1996, and bought Marksway Magic Flute at Coppersheen (Zoe) She was by Konakakela Zulu Moya x Marksway Misty Morning. This was how I met Pat Harris. I decided that Zoe needed a companion and Konakakela Perdita at Coppersheen (Sugar) came to join the family. Pat and I have been great friends ever since, and have had a number of dogs in partnership.

These days I have two Irish Setters, Bardonhill Rita Skeeter at Coppersheen (Hetty) and Swiftlark First Light over Coppersheen (Shelley), and a rescue English Setter from Spain (Sadie).

By the way, Mr & Mrs Milward, from whom we bought Copper, were the uncle and aunt of Susan Store, who has the Coppersheen Irish Setters in Switzerland. Susan bought her first Irish Setter from me and later had the daughter of another bitch I bred, and from her bred her International Champion Coppersheen Alacrity, who was also a search and rescue dog in Switzerland. It is so appropriate that we both use the kennel name Coppersheen, given the family link.

This is a long rigmarole I'm afraid! I hope it covers the questions! Some puppies from the six litters I have bred have been shown and bred from, but that would be too much information!"

Judith Lynch of East Markham near Newark, Notts. was the owner of 'Brodie' so when Brenda used him she took Gideon from the litter. He had a very successful career as a youngster, winning two RCCs in 1983 from Eve Gardner at ISBC and Olga Hampton at Richmond. On these occasions he stood behind Chugerra Christmas Cracker of Bradking and Sh Ch Sowerhill Satyr of Fearnley.

In 1984 he won another RCC from Olwen Hunt at ISAE when Sh Ch Twoacres Gold Eagle gained his crown. Barry Lincoln gave him his first CC at SCCA in 1985 and Ballywestow The Tetrach won his second RCC.

He won two more RCCs in 1985 from Maureen Hurlll at SKC and Jim McKenna at NEEISC. Maureen gave the CC to Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever, his 15th, and Jim gave the CC to Sh Ch Laggan Bryan's Boy. I wrote last week about him winning another RCC from Ivor Gittins at ISCW in 1986.

Olga Hampton judged the breed again at MISS in 1987 and gave him the RCC once more, this time behind Sh Ch Wickenberry Knight at Arms.

Two years after giving him the RCC Maureen Hurlll gave him his second at ISBC 1987. RCC this time was Sh Ch Suteressett Hot Rumour.

He won no Green Cards in 1988 and then, finally, in 1989 four years after winning his first CC he was titled by Sybil Lennox at Birmingham National. Clonageera Genesis took the RCC. He won one more RCC after this from Jim Smith at Leicester in 1989; Barleydale Pascali got his first CC.

Gideon sired six litters one of them being to Corriebran Miss Havisham of Cokerford in which was the RCC winning bitch Cokerford Galena Of Corriebran. He was mated to Coolfin Colleen Bawn twice and in the second litter was Coolfin Melody Master of Girvans who won 1 CC and 2 RCCs. Before Gideon Judith had bought a bitch from Jill Holley, Wynjill Winter Snowflake, and she put them together. In the resulting litter Judith kept a dog and a bitch, Oldspring Trade Winds and Oldspring Chantilly.

This is a previously unpublished MLM story.

We are at Leeds Champ Show and I lose MLM for a while. I spot her talking to someone by the Irish Setter ring and she sees me so bids farewell and comes to join me.

Me: I thought you said you didn't know Ruth Longbottom?

MLM: I don't

Me: Then why have you just been talking to her?

MLM: I wasn't, I was talking to Debbie Grice

Me: That was Ruth Longbottom

MLM: Are you sure?

Me: Positive

MLM: No wonder she looked at me peculiarly when I asked how Ken was.

Me: And how is he?

MLM: She didn't know

#with apologies to Ruth and Debbie & Ken Grice

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