

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2020

I hope you all enjoyed the video on the Irish Setters UK & Ireland web site.

Colin is planning a new video "Irish Setters of The Past" and writes:

"If you would like any of your dogs included please send me your photos. They can be formal or informal. Photos of you with your dogs and your family can be included. Let's remember those special friends who gave so much but asked for so little."

Please send your photos to colin.waddell@btinternet.com

A very thin KC Breed Record Supplement arrived last week. It records 7 litters and 55 new registrations. There are two exports, both to Norway, and one stud book entry for Riverbrue Keepsake.

The show we haven't been to this week is South Wales Kennel Association. Rita Pickersgill (Maolruadhan) was to have been our judge. Rita last judged the bitches only at ISBC in 2015 and gave the CC to Bardonhill Singing Skies Over Anlory JW and the Reserve to Bardonhill Please Don't Tease Quensha. The last time she judged dogs was at ISCS in 2013; her CC winner was Sh Ch Suteressett Milky Way with Scarletti JW and Anlory Bonarda JW was Reserve. She did the Bitches as well that day and found her CC winners in Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten at Braidmount and Shenanagin She's The One for Karidell JW

I believe her first time giving CCs was in 2007 at ISCW when she gave a 15th CC to Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl and the RCC to Sh Ch Withersdale Ivy.

In 2010 at Belfast & DISC her CC winners were; Dogs, Ir Sh Ch Trawricka High Jinks at Starchelle and Sh Ch Northamber Just Cause for Glenavna JW and Bitches Sh Ch Shenanagin Shooting Star and Gwendariff Ms Dynamite.

Not since 1935 has an Irish Setter been Best in Show at SWKA. Moyra of Halcana was bred by Mr and Mrs Waide in March 1932. Her sire was Ch Rheola Benedict and her dam was Moira Of Highmeade. R. Benedict, bred by Mrs Ingle-Bepler, was used extensively at stud and was the sire of six Champions/Show Champions. He had a Champion sister, Rheola Bryndona, whose sister was Val, the foundation bitch of Mrs Walker's Hartsbournes.

He was also the sire of one of the early Wendover champions, Ch Wendover Bidy who was out of Bessie Of Gadeland. She was eventually owned by Joe Braddon and won 20 CCs. At Crufts 1937 she won Open Bitch, the CC and BOB with Gadeland Rita of Casamia taking the Reserve. Borrowdale Juan took the Dog CC and Ch Shaun O'Kilner took the RCC.

She won the Bitch CC the following year under Mr P J O'Callaghan. Mrs Hempel's Ch Flair of Bowland won the RCC, Jimmy & 'J' James took the Dog CC and BOB with Portlairge Steady of Wendover and Eileen Walker's Ch Padriac of Matsonhouse was RCC.

Moyra was owned and shown by Joe Braddon but he had bought her from Arthur Ashworth whose affix was Halcana. She won the CC at Crufts in 1935 under Mr G C Bennett who gave the Dog CC and BOB to a dog called Mintymala who was bred, owned and shown by Miss P Russling. He was whelped in April 1934 out of Mintytoot by Brigand of Usan. He had won Puppy Dog, Novice Dog and Undergraduate Dog.

Miss Russling came from Bridlington, Yorkshire. The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer newspaper for Saturday, 8th October 1932 lists her as one of the 'Northern Prize Winners' at The Kennel Club Show. She won first in Maiden Dog and Bitch with Pattatoo and second in Novice Dog with him. He was by Ch Patrick O'Connell out of Minty O'Murrell. He was mated to Hartsbourne Virtue and produced Ch Hartsbourne Veracity.

Moyra was mated to a dog called Langbarian in 1934 and produced Aust Ch Brian of Halcana.

In 1989 Rita Pickersgill bought two Irish from Judy Russell; they were B. Fleet and B. Forego and both became Show Champions. Fleet won 5 CCs and 5 RCCs, Forego won 3 CCs and 3 RCCs.

They were out of Ballywestow Absurdity and sired by Sh Ch Wickenberry Knight At Arms. 'Oliver' was one of six Show Champions bred by Jean Quinn and was by Night Fever out of Sh Ch W. Baroness (11 CCs, 12 RCCs), a Sh Ch Twoacres Traviata daughter. He was owned by David and Pat Butler (now Pat Butler-Holley) and won 5 CCs and 4 RCCs. His first CC was at SWKA in 1985 when the judge was Eleanor Scott-Gentles who gave the RCC to Sh Ch Bardonhill Supergrass. His second was from Gordon Hogsflesh at Birmingham National in 1986 and his third was from Elsa Taylor at Midland Counties later that year; Supergrass was RCC again that day.

Oliver's sister, W. Nightingale became an Irish Show Champion as well as winning 2 CCs and 3 RCCs. Jean had previously had a litter from 'Nessie' by Sh Ch Twoacres Wayward Caesar in which were the litter mates Sh Ch Wickenberry Countess and Sh Ch Wickenberry Clansman.

Countess picked up her first CC at WELKS in 1982 from Elsa Rishworth when her dam was RCC. Her second was at Southern Counties in 1983 and RCC was Moriba Thifania; the judge was Mary Tuite. Her crowning CC was won at SEISC later that year from Yvonne Horrocks who gave the RCC to Sh Ch Ryseford Lady Galadriel. She won 8 CCs in all and 6 RCCs.

Gordon and Carolyn Hogsflesh were the owners of T. Wayward Caesar and so he took W. Clansman from this litter. He won his first of four CCs in 1983 at Belfast ISC from Audrey Ashton who awarded the Reserve to Sh Ch Wendover Royal Justice. Pat Turner gave him his second at ISCW in 1985 with the RCC going to Muharraq Pearly King. Later that year at Belfast Moira Clark was the judge and she gave him his third and the RCC to Reddins Michael. Between 1981 and 1987 he also won 8 RCCs.

In 1984 Jean had a litter from Countess by Nightfever and sold a puppy dog to Jill Whitfield; he was to become Sh Ch Wickenberry Nebbiolo and the winner of 3 CCs and 1 RCC. A litter brother, W. Nearco, owned by June Field (now Henderson) won 2 CCs and 3 RCCs.

A bitch from this litter, Wickenberry Natalma By Grangewood, was mated to Sh Ch Barleydale Pascali and produced Sh Ch W. Pretty Polly (9 CCs, 4 RCCs). Eva Ciechonska awarded her her first CC at Merseyside Gundog in 1989 and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Milldai Foxy Lady. The following year at ISCS Trudy Walsh was the judge and gave her her second; RCC was Sh Ch Shandwick Golden Spray. Lesley Page made her up at SKC and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Shenanagin Sugar and Spice.

To finish this week is a Pat Butler-Holley story.

My Little Mate used to run a dog training and obedience club and Pat, having got her first Irish Setter, decided to take it along to learn some manners.

'Kerry' wasn't bad at it, nor was she good, but she tried.

Recall wasn't her strong point and the shouts of 'Kerry come' 'Kerry come' pierced everybody's ears. They went one evening when the lesson was retrieving.

Kerry was not good at this but Pat persevered and with MLM's help she finally learned to pick things up and carry them. But in true Irish Setter fashion she would not bring them back.

Imagine Pat's sheer delight when Kerry is sent away for a retrieve and actually comes back and sits in front of her.

Imagine Pat's horror when Kerry spits out her retrieve and a little Yorkshire Terrier spills out on to the floor!

#No Yorkshire Terriers were harmed in the telling of this story.

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