

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C 13TH JULY 2020

Last Friday we should have been at East of England Championship Show.

This show has been running as a Championship Show since the early 1960's when it was part of The East of England Agricultural Society. Our judge should have been Becky Box (Fernstart) who last officiated at LKA in 2017. On that occasion she gave the Dog CC to Amblin's Sweet William and the Reserve to Pawsword Priceless To Kerryfair JW. The Bitch CC was Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream and the Reserve Sangarah Skyline Over Lynwood (Imp).

I can't find details of any Best in Show winners and it seems that Irish doing well at Group level is something of a rarity.

In 2017 Blake Crocker' "Arthur", Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe), won the Group under David Shields and then took Reserve Best in Show under Anne Macdonald; he had previously been Group 4 under Ron James in 2016.

The only other one I can find is Alec Stewart and Danielle Ritchie-Smith's "Nilsson", Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper who was Group 1 in 2014 under Keith Young.

How different then from Windsor where Irish do well at Group level.

In 2019 "Arthur" won the Group under Jeff Horswell and in 2011 Blake and Jan Edden's Sh Ch Meadway Morrisey was Group 2 under Hans Lehtinen. Arthur has only been used at stud three times but is the father of four Show Champions.

"Morris" was bred in March 2008 by Jan out of her Meadway Melodyus by Sh Ch Caskeys Concept At Aoibheanne J.W. I can only see him having sired one litter, to Brabrook Star Reflection.

Val Foss was the Group judge in 2010 and she gave the Group to Suzy Roffey's Sh Ch Danaway Lancelot Of Autumnwood. "William" was bred by Brian & Mary Gurney out of Danaway Demure by Danaway Michaelangelo. He sired 14 litters and produced Magi Henderson's Sh Ch Sametsuz Call GirL J.W. and the littermates Sh Ch/Ir Ch Gwendariff Fizzy Pop J.W and Sh Ch Gwendariff Pop The Question J.W.

The Lauwers' Sh Ch Multi/Int Ch Sumaric Shadow Of Mr Jingles was the Group winner in 2009 when Carla Molinari was the judge. Jingles was bred by Susan Begg and is sired by Sh Ch Thendara Don Corleone out of Jonola Some Like It Hot At Sumaric. He has sired 30 litters and is the father of several European Title Holder children as well as, in the U.K., Sh Ch Thendara Jocasta J.W., Sh Ch Brinara Vanity Fair J.W., Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle J.W., Sh Ch Thendara Chasing Boys To Sumaric and Sh Ch Sutereseet Rebel Rouser In Balbriggan J.W.

Peter Green was the 2008 Group Judge and he awarded Group 3 to Diane's Sh Ch & Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Dom Perignon JW. "Harvey" was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie out of Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Clonageera Klassique Gwendariff by Sh Ch Danaway Fortune Teller J.W. He sired 15 litters and has the following Show Champion children: Sh Ch Sametsuz Secret Affair, Sh Ch Sametsuz A Taste Of Honey, Ir Sh Ch Lurgavon Ringleader, Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Mr I'm The One, Sh Ch Gwendariff Miss Whiplash J.W., Sh Ch Gwendariff Mr Noticeme J.W., IS Sh Ch/IS Vet Ch Gwendariff Rock Krystal, Sh Ch Gwendariff Rockin J.W., Ir Sh Ch/Sh Ch Gwendariff Rock Diva J.W. and Pol Ch Jacwilins Perfect Isn't Easy.

Paula and Phil Lucas' "Josh", Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Amberlight Firecracker J.W. took Group 3 in 2002 from R Vuorinen. He was used at stud only twice.

Sh Ch Caspians Intrepid was twice placed in the Group by Terry Thorn in 2000 (Group 3) and by Peggy Robertson in 1999 (Group 4).

A Little Mate Story from July 2012.

We need the final point for Fern (now Sh Ch Ferndel Butterkist Cwsscwn)'s Junior Warrant so off we go to East Riding Gundog Open Show.

MLM is handling Fern whilst I am in another ring with a Wire Vizsla but I can see them from a distance and watch nervously.

The judge goes over Fern and MLM moves her beautifully before going back to stand in line.

I'm feeling confident.

But then she starts jumping around in the ring and, to my horror, drops her trousers.

I throw my lead at someone shouting 'Look after this dog' and run over to the Welshie ring in a fury.

I get there just in time to see her pull her trousers back up, stack the dog and take the class.

Me: What on earth were you doing?

MLM: I could feel something down my trousers

Me: But did you have to drop them?

MLM: Yes, it was the only way to get the wasp out!

Now, there are ways of attracting the judge's attention but really?

MLM and Fern return for the challenge and are awarded Best of Breed; or was it Best of Bums?

P.S. No one was hurt in the rush to suck the sting out.

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