

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

The latest casualty on the show calendar is Border Union; this is due to local council restrictions and I suspect that no amount of badgering from the Dog Show Society will get them to change their minds.

Springwood Park is such a popular venue with the river Tweed running along side it and the pretty town of Kelso just a short walk away. It is a popular show for caravaners; many sausage barbeques are held in the week preceding the show.

In my notes from 26<sup>th</sup> October last year, I wrote about Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus and mentioned one of his children, Sh Ch Goldings Joss Cambier. He was bred by Bidy Evans in April 1971 out of Wendover Bonnie. His brother G. Kloka, owned by Mr & Mrs R.J. Smith of South Benfleet, won his Stud Book number.

Joss was owned by Yvette and David Coleman and won 3 CCs and 1 RCC, all of them in 1975 when he was solely owned by Yvette. His first CC was from Marjorie Jarosz at Bath. Wendover Jeeves who was on 2 CCs took his first Reserve CC. at Crufts earlier that year T Hubert Arthur had judged and he had awarded Jeeves his second CC and Joss his first RCC. Owen Jenkins was the bitch judge at Bath and he awarded a first CC to Ballywestow Keysoe and a second RCC to Cornevon Cinderella.

Mrs M A Stephens (Bidford) judged at Three Counties and gave Joss his second CC whilst Ballywestow Kelso won his 7<sup>th</sup> RCC. The bitch CC went to Sh Ch Marrona Meriel and the RCC to Scotswood Fara.

Janice Roberts made Joss up at Paignton and W. Jeeves was Reserve to him again.

Bidy repeated the mating in 1976 and from this litter G. Lola won 2 RCCs and Goldings Georgie Of Barwedel won his Stud Book number.

In 1965 Peter and Vivienne Edwards acquired a bitch called Atlanta of Hedgeway who gained her Stud Book number. Her brother Achilles of Hedgeway, owned by Miss F Rowley of Cobham Surrey, won a RCC in 1970 from John Lambley at Leicester, Sh Ch Bidford Buffin took his 11<sup>th</sup> CC.

Atlanta and Achilles were bred by Mrs Hipps out of her Hedgeway Hyacinth by Achates of Thurnbrook who was a Sh Ch Wendover Vagabond son ex Sh Ch Marrona Marigold of Thurnbrook; Hedgeway was the affix of John Lambley.

Vivienne Edwards also bred and exhibited English Setters.

In 1968 Atlanta was mated to Sh Ch Wendover Caskey and a bitch, Inisheer Minstrelle, was kept; she won her way into the Stud Book.

Both marriages failed and so Yvette Coleman married Peter Edwards.

In 1975 Yvette and Peter Edwards brought their lines together by mating Joss to Minstrelle and they kept a bitch, Inisheer Bernini.

Joan Anderson bred a litter in 1980 from Bramble of Andana by Sh Ch Clonageera Tyrone and the Edwards bought in a bitch, Rythmn of Andana of Inisheer. She gained her Stud Book number as did her litter sister, Romance of A., who was owned by Pat and Jim Rutherford.

In 1983 Rythmn was put to Joanma's Solo and they kept a dog and a bitch, I. Flamingo and I. Kiwi. Flamingo won his first CC at LKA in 1987 from John Lambley who gave the RCC to Bardhill Crafty Cockney by Scarletti. Lesley Page judged the bitches and his ticket winners were Sh Ch Fondador Charlane and Delsanto Cassandra.

Lynn Dale judged at Driffield the following year and gave Flamingo his second CC and a one and only RCC to Little Boy Blue. Robbie Robertson was the bitch judge and he gave a first CC to Shandwick Golden Rose and the Reserve to Sh Ch F. Charlane.

At NEEISC Pat Butler-Holley judged dogs and made him up. Brayville Dynamic Delegate won his fourth RCC. Ailsa Harvey was Pat's co-judge and she awarded the CC to Sh Ch Navylark Naiad with the Reserve going to HoneyPie of Cornevon.

Flamingo won 5 CCs and 8 RCCs in total.

His sister, Kiwi, never gained her title; she won her first CC at GBAS in 1988 from Pat Turner and her second from Peggy Grayson at Midland Counties in 1989. Reserves to her were Brackenfield Rhododendron and Ballywestow Dahlia. She was also awarded a Reserve CC by Marjorie Jarosz at Paignton in 1989 when the CC went to Sh Ch Amberwave Moonlight Shadow.

Kiwi had a litter by Fearnley Fire Flyer in 1987 and the Edwards kept a bitch, I. Harmony. She won the CC from Marjorie Jarosz at Leicester in 1992 and Delsanto Romarna picked up her first RCC. Brian Marshall had given her the RCC when he judged earlier that year at SCCA; he awarded a first CC to Bardonhill Splashdown.

In 1991 Harmony was put to her uncle, Sh Ch I. Flamingo and produced the future Sh Ch Inisheer Falcon who was the winner of 3 CCs and 3 RCCs.

Angela Begg awarded him his first at SEISC in 1996 and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Thendara Kennedy. Eva Ciechonska was her co-judge who gave a first CC to Carnbargus Continuity and Reserve to Sh Ch Kirkavagh Zabara.

He gained his crown at Windsor in 1997 under June McAvoy; Intrepid picked up his 25<sup>th</sup> RCC. Linda King judged the bitches and she awarded an only ever CC to Fearnley Fire Dawn for Pennybourne who had previously won a RCC under Rita Pike in 1995 at MISS. Linda gave an only ever RCC to Toftwood Witchy Woman.

Flamingo's RCCs were from Marjorie Jarosz, Jack Bowen and Valerie Foss. The CCs went to Fearnley Firehurricane, Sh Ch Danaway Debonair and Sh Ch Marksway Marquis.

Flamingo sired another Show Champion when put to Sh Ch Laggan Macbie Lady; Sh Ch Laggan Uptown Girl won 4 CCs and 11 RCCs.

Very sadly, the year after Falcon was titled, Yvette passed away. Peter married Charlotte in 2001 but he too passed away in 2017.

They didn't breed many Irish but they are remembered as a lovely couple who were full of fun and devoted to the breed.

Real loss is only possible when you love something more than you love yourself.

- Robin Williams

Marjorie Jarosz used to hold a fund raising dinner dance every year for a group she called the Irish Setter Fanciers. Regular attendees were Christine and Bob Heron and Peter and Yvette. It was held in a hotel and everyone would stay over for the night.

I remember going one year with MLM and her daughter Katy. MLM had bought a new outfit; a black top and black wrap around skirt that tied at the side. She looked very nice.

As we walked through the corridors on our way to pre-dinner drinks, I was in front with Katy and MLM trailed behind. I heard a door open and MLM say 'Oh hello Peter, how are you?'

There stood Peter looking handsome as ever in his white tuxedo as he made small talk with her. Kate and I waited at the end of the corridor until she said 'Chris, does my mother know her skirt is on the floor?'

As I leaned against the wall I looked back in horror as there stood Peter gazing intently into MLM's eyes trying desperately not to look down.

He made a gentlemanly excuse and walked backwards into his room as MLM stood there in her knickers and black tights because the wrap around skirt had come untied and was in a pool around her ankles!

Me? I slid down the wall in a heap of laughter.

A Little Mate story from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Following on from last week's story.

So I drop her off back at the lay by in the pitch black and she gets out of the van without incident. Until she gets caught up in the brambles; twice.

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