

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES  
W/C MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

Just as we thought things were getting better Birmingham City Champ Show has been cancelled. Following meetings with Stoneleigh Events, the venue for the show, they are advised that the buildings that they traditionally hold their shows in are currently being used by The National Health Service as a Vaccination Centre along with other COVID related activities. This situation is unlikely to change during the remainder of 2021.

Ray Strudwick was to have judged Irish for the first time at this level.

Right now we should all be recovering from our day out at Crufts.

50 years ago, in 1971 Gundog day was Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. The other groups scheduled were Hounds and Terriers and it was held at The Grand and National Halls, Olympia. The price of catalogues was 8 shillings (£5.69 in today's equivalent).

Dogs still had to qualify by winning first or second prize in a breed class at a Championship Show (whether there were Kennel Club Challenge Certificates for the breed or not) between 1st January, 1970 and 31st December, 1970 held under the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club or by winning at any time a Challenge Certificate at a Show held under the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club, or any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the Rules and Regulations of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club. Also, dogs who had qualified for the title of Field Trial Champion, Working Trial Champion or Obedience Champion under the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club or any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club could enter.

It is interesting to note that classes were not scheduled for all breeds and that there were Any Variety classes scheduled.

Entry fees were 30 shillings (£1.50) per dog for the first entry and 10 shillings (50p) per dog for subsequent entries. That's £18 and £6 today. It was a whopping 60 shillings (£37 today) to enter a dog not for competition plus they had to qualify as above. The average weekly wage in 1971 was £28; £352 today.

Dogs were admitted from 6:00 am, had to be on their benches by 10:30 and could not be removed until 6:30 p.m.

There was prize money on offer of £4, £2, £1 for 1st to 3rd places. Today's equivalent is £50, £25 and £12.

The judge for Irish Setters was Joe Braddon and they were judged in Ring 22 Grand Hall Floor. His stewards were Mrs I Broomhall, Mrs J Clarke, Mrs L Hurden, Mr M J R Stockman MRCVS and the entry was 159 dogs making 255 entries.

The classification was Junior, Novice, Undergraduate, Graduate, Post Grad, Mid Limit, Limit, Open and Special Breeders' dog or bitch. There were no Puppy classes.

Dogs could be advertised for sale in the catalogue and at this show there were Mr A Faulkner's Norlan Red Candy and Dengret Rustic Lass with no price given and Brenda Howes' Brendower Memory and Brendower Marksman both at 40 guineas. (£528).

The Dog CC winner from Limit was Peter Heard's Joanma's Adriano who was bred in March 1965 by Mrs Silverman out of Copper Retford by Marjorie Jarosz' Wendover Game. This was his second CC his first having been from Owen Jenkins at LKA 1970. Mrs A Nicolson made him up at Windsor in 1971 and of course he became a full champion.

RCC to him was Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus.

The Bitch CC winner was Mrs G G Follows' Melody Minet who had won Undergraduate and Graduate. She was bred by her owner in December 1968 out of Halstock Rosina by Ch Brackenfield Orichalc Juniper. Her second CC was won at Windsor 1971 from Mrs A Nicolson and her third at Darlington later that year from Bob Cleland.

RCC to Minet was Cornevon Violet who was on one CC which she had won from Owen Jenkins at LKA in 1970. She went on to get her title finishing on 3 CCs and 3 RCCs.

100 years ago in 1921 Crufts was held on Wednesday and Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of February at The Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, London and Charles Cruft was secretary. The entry fee was 12 shillings and 6 pence (63p in decimal currency) for each class with prize money of £2, £1 and 10 shillings. A pound in 1921 would be worth about £50 today. Bearing in mind that the average weekly wage for a factory worker was £4, dog showing was truly a rich man's hobby and a very different thing in those days; dogs were sent by rail and delivered to the venue by the Railway Companies. The judge for Irish Setters was Dr. L. O. Fuller but I'm afraid I don't have any results. The classification was Open Dog, Special Limit Dog, Open Bitch, Special Limit Bitch, Novice Dog & Bitch and Veteran, in that order.

Recognisable names are Mrs Ingle-Beppler being the breeder of Miss M Hemmant's Bulimba Peter (Don Sancho ex Upsilon; later Ch Ypsilon Of Rheola) and Mr J A Carbery as exhibitor and breeder with his Of Boynes.

Whilst doing my research, I came across this obituary of Mr Carbery, late of Drogheda.

"Deep regret has been aroused by the death of Mr. J. A. Carbery, Brookfield, Castlepark Road, Dunlaoghaire, which took place on Tuesday of last week. A former District Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary, he retired in 1921 after 42 years service, a considerable portion of which was spent in Drogheda. An officer of great ability and integrity he enjoyed the respect and confidence of the general public as well as of the men who served under him. For some years he was attached to Scotland Yard, having been lent to that force. While stationed in Drogheda, to which he came in 1905, the late Mr. Carbery came prominently under the public eye. A terror to wrong-doers he was kind-hearted to those whose temporary lapses were due to some misfortune and he often pleaded in Court for defendants whom he himself prosecuted. His exchanges with local solicitors, often vigorous, but always good-humoured, provided many bright spots in the otherwise drab reports of court proceedings. He himself figured as defendant in a famous case in 1916 in which he was sued by a well-known Drogheda business man for alleged wrongful arrest after the Easter Rebellion. The late Mr. T. M. Healy, K.C.M.P. was briefed for the plaintiff and his cross examination of the late Mr. Carbery, and the latter's often hard-hitting replies, were given a widespread publicity. Outside his official duties Mr. Carbery was a most likeable personality and in his retirement, he remained in residence in Beechgrove, Drogheda, and devoted himself to his all-absorbing passion for dogs, being recognised internationally as a judge, breeder and exhibitor. He owned the renowned Boyne strain of Irish setters, which he exported to all parts of the world. For thirty years, while residing at Beechgrove, he exhibited his setters and won hundreds or prizes at championship shows in England, Scotland and Wales. As a Judge of all breeds of dogs his fame was widespread and he adjudicated in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, France, Italy and at practically every championship fixture in Great Britain and of course, Ireland. He was a member of more than twenty dog societies and was Vice-President of the old Irish Kennel Club at the date of its abolition and was one of the first to assist in the formation of the present Governing Body of which he had acted on the General Purposes Committee for more than nine years. He was also the senior member of the Irish Red Setter Club of which he acted as Hon. Treasurer for 21 years. He was a regular contributor to the "Irish Field" and to cross-channel periodicals dealing with dogs. In his younger days he was a racing cyclist, having won several gold medals and 1st prizes, and he started the Waterford track when stationed there. He was also keen on shooting and was one of the best shots in the district even when long past his prime. Recently he organised a dog show in aid of the Irish Red Cross Society. Mr. Carbery is survived by his wife, son and daughter. The latter, Miss Josephine Carbery, is secretary of the County Louth Golf Club and of the Drogheda Gate Club. His son, Mr. Cecil Carbery, is on the staff of the Hibernian Bank, Cork. Two other sons, one of whom was studying for the priesthood, died at an early age. Deep sympathy is extended to his family in their bereavement."

Not an MLM story this week but a Gill Tully one. It's a little over a year since Gill passed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

11 March 2020 My Gill Tully story

Back in August 2006 me and MLM took our Soul Diva of Kazval under Gill at NGA. She was on 2 tickets and to our utter delight Gill gave her her crowning CC.

Some years later we took our Sol (Cwsscwn Soul Mate) under her and she gave him the CC. On the same day she gave the Res Bitch CC to Glynis Short's Cwsscwn Northern Soul.

Then we got Ferndel Butterkist Cwsscwn and she was BPB at the NEWSSC under Graham Tain. Gill was the co-judge.

I stood there in the middle of the ring whilst the two judges made their decision on BPIS.

Gill walked over to me, thrust the BPIS rosette under my nose and exclaimed loudly 'Now f\*\*k off and don't come back again!'

P.S. We never did dare.

P.P.S. Oh how I wish we could.

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