

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 17TH MAY 2021

It is sad to see that SWKA has had to cancel its 2021 Championship Show because at present the Royal Welsh Showground remains closed and the Welsh Assembly Government have indicated no decisions on large indoor events will be made until late July at the earliest. This is so terribly disappointing for all of us and for our first time judge Jacquie Rorke.

However, there is good news. Entries are now open for National Gundog which will be held on Sunday, 1st August at Malvern. Postal entries must be sent to Fosse Data and close Thursday 24th June. Online entries can be made up to midnight on Thursday 1st July. No gazebos or tents will be allowed on the showground.

The judges for Irish Setters are Ruth Lewis, dogs, and Diana Wilder, bitches; both are first timers. I am very proud to write that the referee and Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show judge is no other than My Little Mate, Christine Schofield.

There are no varieties classes this year.

Paignton is another champ show open for entries. Gundog day is Saturday 7th August. Postal entries close on Thursday 17th June and online at Higham Press at midday on Monday 5th July.

The judges are dogs, Fiona Heron and bitches, Nicola Sturrock.

This is Fiona's second appointment her first having been at Windsor in 2011 when she awarded the CC to Sh Ch Meadway Morrissey, RCC to Kerryfair Snow Fox, bitch CC to Reddins Esther of Blaysdell and Reserve to Sh Ch Northamber Causin a Riot.

It will be Nicola's first time giving tickets.

The Joint Irish Setter Breed Clubs Championship Show, hosted by The South of England Irish Setter Club will be held in conjunction with Paignton. The judges are dogs, Sharon Littlechild and bitches Julie Humphreys. For details and schedules please contact the Show Secretary:

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Sharon's last appointment was in 2015 at Driffield. Dog CC was Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle, RCC Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper, BCC Sh Ch Avacet Snowbird and RCC Sh Ch Bardonhill Please Don't Tease Quensha.

Julie last judged at the ISCW 2019 when she did the dogs. She gave the CC to Sh Ch Riverbrue Altissimo at Aoibheannes, his 3rd, and RCC to Lynwood Hocus Pocus at Settesoli.

The (Birmingham) National Dog Show is also open for entries on Higham Press. Gundog day is Thursday, 23rd September and entries close by post on Friday, 20th August and online at 12 noon Thursday 2nd September. This is a second appointment for Anthony Allen who last judged in 2017 at East of England. His Dog CC winner was Sh Ch Copper's War of Roses and RCC Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb at Jacwillins. In bitches he awarded the CC to Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady and Reserve to Bardonhill Afternoon D'Lite at Fernstart.

The ISBC rescheduled 2020 champ show is being held in conjunction with this show. Judges are Christine Schofield, dogs, and Viv Blackshaw, bitches.

Chris' last appointment was at Blackpool in 2016 and her CC winners were Sh Ch Copper's War of Roses, Caemgen's Element of Truth at Feorlig RCC, BCC Sh Ch Wynjill Well Known and RCC Sametsuz Mak'n Honey.

Viv last judged at the ISCS in 2018. Dog CC was Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna, RCC was Caskeys Mischief of Stylersetts, Bitch CC Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy and RCC Quensha Tumble and Twirl.

Schedules and entries are on Higham Press. Please note that bitches will be judged before dogs.

In accordance with KC requirements Belfast and District Irish Setter Club is organising an online Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) on Sunday 13th June 2021 at 2 pm. The speaker is Mrs Patricia Butler-Holley who is no stranger to the club and has a vast experience in our breed.

As this is an online event all interested parties are welcome to join in for the information session which should last around an hour to hour and a half.

Those wishing to participate in the multi choice exam following the talk need to meet with the KC level 1 requirements of:-

A minimum of 5 years interest in pedigree dogs

Attend Requirements of a dog show judge seminar (not necessarily to have taken and passed the exam)

Attend a Conformation and Movement seminar

Have had a minimum of 2 stewarding appointments

Numbers for the exam are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

To register your interest and get an application form for one or both parts of the BAD please send an email to Edenaveys1@outlook.com.

I had another very interesting email from Veca:

"Hi again. I was going to send a few notes to you regarding Gilbert Leighton Boyce. When Bonahaird Sierra was about 3, I received a letter from Gilbert, saying how interesting her pedigree was, as on the female tail line, it held dogs from, both his Norlan and his wife's Jean Oosh, pedigrees. We became very good friends and I spent many an evening with them at their home near London until he passed away.

He asked if I would consider mating Sierra with a dog of his choice that we could agree on, so she was mated to Stephenshill Justin.

I kept and ran on a bitch for him, Erinade Neula of Norlan, who gained her title at a young age. She was mated to Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever and produced Norlan Sebastian from Erinade.

I was friends with Gilbert whilst he was writing and produced his book the Survey of Early setters.

He also did for me 4 x 10 generation pedigrees of Bonahaird Sierra, following male and female tail lines. These are now on display at the Kennel Club."

The Stephenshill Irish Setters of Norman Morrish were very influential. The earliest Irish I can find in his ownership is a bitch called Taneen who was born in August 1926 by Tango ex Noreen. The first Stephenshill Irish Setter I can find details of is Stephenshill Sector who was whelped 19th November 1934. He was by Hartsbourne Hector ex Stephenshill Stella and was 2nd in Special Tyro Dog at Crufts 1936 behind Miss P Russling's Mintymarco.

In 1937 he entered Stephenshill Spruce (Tiverton Harvestor x Stephenshill Sprig) at Crufts in Puppy Dog/Bitch but he was marked absent.

Gilbert L-B had awarded a CC to Miss C. A. Warren's S. Justin (Stephenshill Guard ex Stephenshill Princess) at WKC in 1983 and given the RCC to Sh Ch Sowerhill Satyr of Fearnley. He only won this one CC but did get 4 RCCs three of which were from Owen Jenkins.

In 1977 at SWKA Cornevon Westerhuy's Dream took his first; in 1979 at ISAE Sh Ch Brendower Bronze Champagne won his 5th and at NGA in 1982 Sh Ch Sowerhill Satyr of Fearnley took his 10th. In-between time Norman Morrish judged at Windsor 1980 and awarded a first CC to Skymist Wild Storm with Justin winning the RCC.

There are other Stephenshill Irish Setters to write about but that will be next week.

A Little Mate Story from 15 May 2017

MLM is without electricity this evening and won't have any until at least 12:30 so I've just phoned her mobile to see how they're coping.

Me: Did you get some candles?

MLM: Yes but we've made a mistake with them

Me: What? How did you do that?

MLM: Well, we grouped them together and they've melted each other so now we've run out.

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