

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTE  
W/C MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

The Officers and Committee of the ISBC have announced that they have made the difficult decision to cancel their rescheduled Championship and Open Shows which were due to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November at Newark Showground.

Also, Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland have announced the cancellation of their 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 show.

But chin up, there's a real treat for us all to look forward to on Friday evening, Jim Sharman is doing a Karaoke session at 8:00pm. He'll be singing songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

Because there are five weekends in August this year there were no Championship shows scheduled for the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>.

Last week I wrote about Romarne Rheanne so this week I am writing about her sire, Sh Ch Konakakela Zagar by Romarne.

'Jack' was bred by Pat Harris in March 1992 out of her Sh Ch Andana Jemimah by Sh Ch Reddins Ferdinand. This was her second litter, the first having been sired by Sh Ch Clonageera Genesis in February 1991.

Ferdinand, a Night Fever son, was the winner of 21 CCs and 15 RCCs and sired 5 Show Champions as well as Jack with one of them being his litter sister, Sh Ch Konakakela Ziggy Of Strathmead J.W. (3 CCs and 4 RCCs).

Jemimah won 4 CCs and 3 RCCs and her brother A. Jake sired 4 Show Champions.

Jack won his first CC at SCCA in 1996 from Priscilla Smith, his second from Alister Watt at East of England in 1998, his third from Chris Sheldon at ISCW in 1998 and his fourth and final one from Pat Rutherford at SCCA in 1999. He also won 5 RCCs.

He was a prolific stud dog siring 47 litters and amongst his CC winning children are Sh Ch Lynwood Sealed With A Kiss, Sh Ch Scotselaw Jackson At Lynwood, Sh Ch Atron Limited Edition, Sh Ch Delsanto Eleanor Of Jennison, Ned Ch Orstone Country Gentleman Of Westerhuy, Sh Ch Withersdale Dangerous Lady Of Glennara, Ir Sh Ch Dunswood Dochas, SA Ch Muharraaq Monique, Sh Ch Romarne Rheanne, Ch Romarne Rialto and Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl who is the Breed Record holder in bitches.

Several others won CCs and RCCs including Lynwood Strands Of Silk At Sandstream, Delsanto Fabian At Tatsbro, Grayrigge Ewan By Romarne J.W, Withersdale Crystal Maze At Shandwick and Braidmount Georgie Girl.

Pat Harris gave her first set of CCs in dogs at NGA in 2006, she gave a third CC to Sh Ch Scotselaw Jackson At Lynwood and the RCC to Three Rivers from Kerryfair. The following year she gave CCs in bitches at SCCA where her ticket winners were Lynwood Strands Of Silk At Sandstream and Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl.

In 2011 she judged the dogs at MISS. Redclyst Cormac and Kerrydown My Guy JW took the top spots. Later that year she judged bitches at LKA giving the CC to Sh Ch Amberwave Freckles JW and Reserve to Romarne Savannah JW.

Her most recent appointment was at Bournemouth in 2017 for both sexes, winners being Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle JW, Thendara the Watchmaker, Sandstream Welcome Breeze JW and Heathclare Que Sera Sera.

When I was doing my research into the number of RCCs won I came across Joan Kniveton's Sh Ch Orstone Interceptor who had 4 CCs and 12 RCCs.

He was whelped in June 2000 out of Orstone Memphis Mist J.W. (a K. Zagar daughter) by Shandwick Diamond At Orstone J.W. aka 'Levi' won one RCC in 2003 from Val Lockheart at Blackpool. He was an Intrepid son out of Withersdale Crystal Maze At Shandwick, another K. Zagar daughter.

Levi's brother was John Thirlwell's Sh Ch Shandwick Amethyst At Ferndel and another brother S. Topaz was an International Champion.

Interceptor gained his title in 2003 at Border Union, Leeds and WKC from Eve Gardner, Joan Northend and Jean Quinn. His fourth was from Norma Wilson at Darlington in 2005. His first RCC was in 2003 from Teresa Gisby at ISCS with another 2 gained during the year. In 2004 he won 4, in 2005 3 and in 2006 2. He sired 8 litters.

Whilst there are no U.K. Championship Shows scheduled it would have been the start of the Irish Circuit. Breed and Group Championship Shows were scheduled for last Saturday (15<sup>th</sup> August) with the first All Breed Championship Show planned for yesterday (16<sup>th</sup> August). The next All Breed shows would have been on Tuesday at Killarney, Thursday at Limerick and Saturday at Tralee.

Many exhibitors make the trip over from the U.K. and having done it for several years in the 1990s it's something I would recommend everyone tries once.

I remember one year we went and MLM hadn't had time to get her hair cut prior to the trip so, there we are on a Saturday morning in Killarney in what must be one of the busiest towns on earth, looking for a hairdressers'.

We found an empty one and being trusting souls, decided to go in.

'Can you make my friend look any less daft than she already does?' I asked. 'Take a seat' the hairdresser replied.

To be fair, she never said that she could comply with my request so we should not have been surprised when she came out looking ridiculous with what looked like a built an Alice band at the front and a great big clump of hair on the left hand side of the back.

We had a great holiday, picked up some prizes at the shows where young Archie, the Italian Spinone, did exceptionally well.

When we returned home the clump of hair on the back of MLM's head got bigger and it turned out that she had a benign tumour on her skull that had to be surgically removed before it did some real damage.

The night before the op I rang her to wish her well and to ask how she was feeling. She was naturally very apprehensive and worried; I gave her words of great comfort for which she was grateful.

MLM: Can I just say that if I don't come round....

Me: Stop! Don't say that, you will, you'll be fine

MLM: No, really, I just want to say that if I don't survive the op I want you to have Archie

There was total silence from me.....

MLM: Well say something then

Me: I don't know what to say. I don't know which way to pray

MLM: What do you mean?

Me: Don't die. Die. Die. Don't die.....I want the dog!

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