

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

Last Thursday we should have been at Manchester Championship show and Lynn Morris should have judged. Lynn's last appointment was in 2017 at Darlington where she did both sexes. Her Dog CC was Sh Ch Gwendariff D'ya Know My Name By Bardonhill JW and RCC was Sh Ch Copper's War of Roses, Bitch CC was awarded to Sangarah Skyline Over Lynwood (Imp. Hun) JW and RCC to Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady JW.

Lynn had a bitch called Macquin Liscannor Bay who was born in February 1982. She was by Gamefell Finnegan Of Connomar ex Macquin Ba Thra Li. In 1985 Lynn mated her to Sh Ch Brinara Inula and kept a dog and a bitch. The dog was called Minsterlands Wood-Rush Of The Fens and he gained his Stud Book number. The bitch, Minsterlands Marsh Anoromeda, had two litters; one to Free Spirit Of Danaway in 1988 and one to Erinade Lewis J.W.

From the litter by Lewis in 1992, Lynn kept a bitch, M. Eleuthera and Sally Cooper (formerly Baker) had a bitch M. Exuma At Rowdenhill.

In 1994 Lynn went into partnership with Brenda Berry when they bought Shenanagin Statesman from Alister Watt. He was by Sh Ch Bardonhill Team Spirit At Wynjill J.W. out of Sh Ch Shenanagin Sugar And Spice and he won his Junior Warrant. He also won 3 RCCs.

His first was in 1996 at SKC from Maureen Oliver who had given the CC to Sh Ch Starchelle Chicago Bear, his 13<sup>th</sup> and last. Maureen did the bitches as well and her CC winner was Sh Ch Delsanto Roxanne, her 5<sup>th</sup>; RCC was Sh Ch Dunnygask Allegra.

Ann Aitken gave him his second RCC when she judged at Leeds in 1997. Sh Ch Tatterslee Special Effect took the CC and Sh Ch Bonhomie Forgotten Dream took the Bitch CC. Withersdale Crystal Maze was Reserve.

In 1998 he won his third RCC from Linda Davis at GSoW behind Delsanto Luke. Elizabeth Lawton-Moore judged bitches and made up Sh Ch Erinade Exotic with Sh Ch Romarne Rheanne taking her 26<sup>th</sup> RCC.

He sired four litters, two of them being to Ir Sh Ch Autumnnglow Melody, one to Bon Viveur At Brinara and one to Corribeg Larch J.W.

Bon Viveur At Brinara was born in 1996 and won a CC from Viv King at LKA in 1993, Tagamago Loving Memory of Shiredale won her 3<sup>rd</sup> RCC. Brian Gurney judged the bitches and gave an only CC to Reddins Zarbie and RCC to Sh Ch Shenanagin Stockbroker who was full sibling to Statesman.

From the Statesman/Bon Viveur litter, Lynn and Brenda kept B. Fleurie who had a litter by Sh Ch Strathmead Blue Moon At Clachnahar in 1999. A grandson of this mating was B. Indus who won his Junior Warrant.

They had used S. Blue Moon previously in 1998 on M. Eleuthera and kept a bitch B. Scottish Affair who, when put to Sh Ch Shenanagin Some Might Say It's Bardonhill J.W. in 2001, produced Sh Ch Brinara Back Seat Driver.

She was made up at three consecutive shows in 2008; the first at Boston from Cheryl Stevenson, the second at SEISC from David Laidlaw and third from Diane Cardwell at Manchester. Reserves to her were Sh Ch Amberwave Spangle and Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl twice.

Jane Mugford had judged the dogs at Boston and made it a Caskeys double with Sh Ch Caskeys Concept at Aobheannes CC and Caskeys Checkmate Reserve. Rachel Shaw-Rainey judged the dogs at SEISC and she too gave the ticket to Concept and RCC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Dom Perignon. Diane Cardwell also judged dogs at Manchester and found her dog tickets in Dom Perignon and Sh Ch Delsanto Isaac.

Back Seat Driver had a litter by Sh Ch Thendara The Tourist and a dog from this mating, B. Morris Traveller, won one RCC from Mary Price at Setter and Pointer in 2008. Mary gave a second CC to Kirkavagh Bikala.

A granddaughter of B. Scottish Affair was Sh Ch Brinara Vanity Fair J.W. born in July 2012 by Sh Ch Multi/Int Ch Sumaric Shadow Of Mr Jingles ex Brinara Mercedes. Her first CC was at Leeds in 2015

from Pat Turton; Aubanjon Royal Symphony took the Reserve. CC number two came two years later at SWKA when Geraldine Cove-Print judged and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Thendara Jocasta JW.

Another year passed and she was made up at Border Union in 2018 when Gaynor Myers judged and gave the RCC to Jubliana Eternal Flame for Cwsscwn.

Another granddaughter of Scottish Affair was B. Wintercherry sired by Sh Ch Delsanto Isaac. She won her Junior Warrant and one CC from Mick Howes at EoE in 2009. Hartsbourne Hyacinth was Reserve.

We have to turn the hands of the grandfather clock right back to find the last time that an Irish Setter was BIS at Manchester. In 1954 Macdonald Daly did Best in Show and awarded it to Ch Gaelge Andrew Pride.

I wrote a bit about this dog in my notes of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020. "in 1952 the death of King George VI on 6th February threatened the possibility of the cancellation of Crufts for that year but the show was allowed to take place two days later. Mr L.C. 'Jimmy' James was the judge and he found his Dog CC winner in Jack Whittaker's Ch Gaelge Andrew Pride and Carmichael of Esbjerg took the Reserve." He was bred in April 1950 by Mr & Mrs Goddard out of their Peacemakers Charming by Jack's own Ch Gaelge Copperplate Of Ide who was bred by Joe Braddon.

His first CC was from Joe at Leeds in 1951; Sh Ch Brackenfield Romulus Of Casamia was Reserve. His second was from Rae Furness at Cheshire later that year with Romulus taking the Reserve again. Bill East made him up at SKC in the same year; Sh Ch Raycroft Rory took the RCC.

In total he won 18 CCs and 8 RCCs. His last CC was at Manchester in 1955 from L. Daly.

1939 Beorcham Blameless was BIS at Manchester. She was whelped in February 1935 by her breeder/owner Mrs R.M. Foot of Berkhamsted out of Beorcham Radiant by Beorcham Blazes. It seems that she was exported to America where she gained her title but her brother, Beorcham Blazon, became a UK Show Champion.

In 1938 they were both entered at Crufts along with 7 other of Mrs Foot's Beorchams. They brought home a few prize cards between them but as they were the only entry in the Team class I assume they won that one.

I've not seen My Little Mate since last October so the adage 'live with them till you get like them' would seem not to apply to us, so the this must have happened by telepathy. Yes, it's my turn to have done something silly.

Apart from dogs one of my hobbies is making greetings cards and knowing that some friends would be moving house in January I made them a 'welcome to your new home card' before Christmas. They moved last week so I sent them the card. I received the following message: "Thank you for your card it's distinctive so knew it was from you even though you've not written anything in it "

Doh! It reminds me of one of last year's Christmas cards that arrived with nothing written in it. When I looked on the back of it I saw that it was a charity card for the Alzheimer's Society!

Another MLM story from our Christmas lunch at the Kennel Club. Coming home on the train last night the most miserable couple were sitting opposite us. Not a smile between them nor an acknowledgement of us.

MLM whispers to me that she's fed up of this man because he's got his legs stretched right out and she's had to put her feet under her seat. So you can imagine how far stretched he was!

After a while I send her a text saying 'They've not had a very good day, have they?'

At the top of her voice she shouts 'Who hasn't had a very good day?'

I glare at her but she shouts 'I don't know who you're talking about; everyone had a good day.

You're too cryptic for me'.

That moment when I want to throttle her.....

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