

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 18TH MAY 2020

Last Saturday would have been SKC at Ingliston where John Thirlwell was to judge. Last time he officiated was at Three Counties in 2016 when he gave the Dog CC to Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses, the Reserve to Sh Ch & Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper JW CW15, the Bitch CC winner was Sh Ch Int Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten At Braidmount and the Reserve Sametsuz In A Fankle.

This show is now rescheduled for 29th November. Let us all hope and pray that things are back to some sort of normality by then.

With the Kennel Club making the announcement that they recommend all shows/events are cancelled up to the end of September we can expect all societies to announce that their shows are cancelled in line with this. Our Breed Clubs have already shown how they can hold two shows on one day so let's hope that they manage to re-arrange for next year.

Gerry

Condron

has had a bit of a set back and is in hospital again. I know that you will all want to send him get well wishes and that he will be glad to know you are all thinking of him and Kate.

I was so sorry to hear that Stuart Woods (Haltonian) passed away on 11th May. Stuart was a well known exhibitor in the North East who started out with Irish but latterly showed WSS. He was a lovely, kind, quiet, unassuming man. I last heard from him just after Crufts when I messaged him to ask how he was; he had messaged me in January to say that he was undergoing chemotherapy. I am very grateful to

Joan Northend

for letting me know and for sending the following:

"Pat and Stuart became my friends in the mid 70s when he bought his first Irish from one of my friends. It was a dog sired by Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus . I introduced him to the show world and he did OK locally. A few years later he bought a bitch bred locally of predominantly Wendover breeding that had been mated to Sh Ch Cornevon Lovebird . He eventually mated them together but didn't keep anything so the showing stopped as family life etc took over. He was part of the original group that pushed for a local Irish Setter Club which became the NEEISC.

He loved his trips to Crufts in those early days and even though he didn't always qualify he would organise the bus to London and we always had a good laugh."

“One can know a man from his laugh, and if you like a man's laugh before you know anything of him, you may confidently say that he is a good man.” - Fyodor Dostoevsky

I send my heartfelt condolences to his wife Pat, his children, grandchildren and his many friends.

Jim Sharman

did another fabulous live karaoke session on Friday night and reminded us that his Just Giving page is still open. Up to now he's raised £1,602.00. Well done Jim.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/shakeyjimsnhs?fbclid=IwAR3Qzr_tOn97B4oaPQ-LEg41QFe-L5CMNhY8B174QCo3BH8gaYcqKuRyRd4

The BRS for January to March 2020 arrived this week. It shows that there were 14 litters and 133 new registrations. There were 5 importations; 4 from the Republic of Ireland and 1 from Sweden. In addition, there were 2 exports, both to the USA.

New advice has been issued from DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food & Rural affairs) regarding owners picking up their new puppy.

Defra have said that new owners in England may now (from 15th May) collect a puppy by prior arrangement when the sale has already been agreed as long as you adhere to social distancing and hygiene requirements. The puppy must be at least eight weeks of age and any viewing of them with their mother and litter mates can be achieved remotely.

Further guidance on how this can be done safely is available here:

<https://bit.ly/2WZelAb>

And finally, here's a Little Mate Story. I think this one is when I first called her MLM. It's from November 2010.

We make the trip to Ingliston for GBAS on a Saturday and win the Reserve CC with Sol & BOB with Chintz. The next day, Sunday, we are going to is Merseyside Gundog which calls for an overnight stay somewhere near St Helens in Lancashire. We are booked into a Travelodge and have a better night's sleep because the dogs stay in the van.

Next morning, we get up, go down to the van, open the door and are overwhelmed with the smell of poo. It is everywhere! So, we get the dogs out, throw away the bedding and clean up the van and the dogs. After a quick dash back to the room to clean ourselves up we make our way to the show.

We have another good day; I show Sol and get BOB, MLM shows Chintz and gets BOB.

As she comes out of the ring MLM looks down in dismay,

Me: ' What? '

No reply

Me (again) 'WHAT?'

MLM: 'Oh no.....I'm still wearing my pyjamas!'

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