

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2021

Yesterday would have been the ISCW Championship Show together with the Joint Irish Setter Clubs. Viv Blackshaw was doing the dogs and Gill Bye the bitches; referee was Peter Rowlands. At the JISC John Vant was to have judged dogs, Per Iverson bitches and Margaret Gittins referee.

Viv's last appointment was at ISCS in 2018 when her CC winners were Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna and Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady, Reserves were Caskeys Mischief of Stylersetts and Quensha Tumble and Twirl.

Gill Bye judged at Three Counties in 2019 when she gave the CCs to Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas and Sh Ch Sangarah Skyline Over Lynwood. RCCs went to Caskeys Mischief of S. and Ixia Rainbow Brite.

John Vant hasn't judged since 2013 when at MISS he did the bitches. He titled Sh Ch Lynwood Kissed by an Angel at Sandstream and gave the RCC to Millcroft Ballad of the Moon.

It was 2017 when Per Iverson last judged the breed. This was at Bath and his CC winners were Chase Cinammon's and Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream. Reserves were Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper and Sh Ch Suteressett Miss Splendid at Bransett.

There is good news about the ISCW Championship Show; it will be holding its 2020 Champ Show on Wednesday 8th September this year at the Kennel Club Building at Stoneleigh. The SEISC will be holding its 2020 Championship show in conjunction with them. Congratulations to both committees for thinking outside the box and giving the exhibitors another chance to compete for two sets of tickets on one day.

The long awaited K.C. Breed Record Supplement for September to December 2020 arrived last week. It records 33 litters, 239 puppies, 2 Imports (one from the Netherlands and one from the Republic of Ireland) and one export to Poland. I see as well that Clare Prangle's Heathclare American Dollar has attained his Show Certificate of Excellence, congratulations.

The ISBC Yearbook for 2020 arrived as well and what a fabulous publication it is.

More good news, this time from the ISAE re their Open Shows 5th June 2021

"The ISAE Committee is progressing with plans for the two open shows scheduled to take place at Steventon on 5th June, taking on board advice from the Government, the Kennel Club and the relevant local authority. The schedules for the shows are now available on Fosse Data. A link will be sent to all Members on email and a hard copy will be sent to the small number of Members without an email address. The schedules will be supplemented by further information for exhibitors closer to the date of the shows, based on the most up-to-date guidance at the time. Obviously we are continuing to monitor the situation and should advice/guidance change we will provide a further update. We hope to be able to welcome many members and exhibitors to the shows."

And then there's more! Rhiannon Jones writes:

'On Wednesday, 8th. September 2021, the ISCW and SEISC are planning to hold their 2020 Championship Shows together at Stoneleigh. Specific details are yet to be finalised, but permission has been granted by the Kennel Club, so it is all systems go. Further details will be posted on the Facebook Pages of both clubs. The only note of caution is that everything is subject to Covid 19, but the members of the committees are optimists!'

Gill Dale writes re the Rescue Walk:

"Due to continuing restrictions, we have decided to cancel this year's walk & garden party in May. I would like to thank everyone for their support & hope to see them again soon."

Continuing the influence of Wendover Game on our breed, his daughter Sh Ch Cornevon Cinderella aka Cinders and brother to Sh Ch C. Prince Charming, was the dam of two UK and one Dutch Show Champion, Ned Ch Cornevon Quiet Gentleman.

In 1970 she had a litter by Sh Ch Cornevon Snowstorm and Ann Trott took a dog who became Sh Ch Cornevon Mercury. M Paterson gave him his first CC at LKA in 1972 with Sh Ch Monty Count of Medina taking the RCC. Not for another three years did he win his second CC. This was again at LKA when Des McGarry was the judge. Sh Ch Stephenshill Gamebird took the Reserve. The following year Val Page made him up at Leicester and she awarded the RCC to Goldings Nimrod.

Mercury also won 1 RCC from Helen Hay at SCCA in 1976.

Margretwoods Caretaker of Scotswood was the sire of Cinders' litter in 1973 and Janice kept a bitch Sh Ch C. Candida who won three CCs and 6 RCCs. They were won at Driffield 1976 from Kitty Edmondson, Blackpool 1977 from John Harper and Bournemouth 1978 from T Hubert Arthur. Reserves to her were Sh Ch Joanma's Scampi, and again at Blackpool and Sh Ch Hartsbourne Periwinkle.

Ned Ch Cornevon Quiet Gentleman was by Troilus and June Coates had a bitch from this litter who was registered as Solace of Twoacres. She won 1 CC from Mrs A Nicolson at Belfast in 1973. RCC was Greenglades Golden Dream. Solace was the dam of Sh Ch Twoacres Gold Eagle.

In 1967 Cinders had had a litter by Sh Ch Cornevon Snowstorm in which was a bitch called Cornevon Seabreeze. She was owned by Mr & Mrs M.D. Dearsley of Potters Bar and became the foundation bitch of the Treveryan Irish Setters.

Treveryan Moon Magic by Sh Ch Scotswood Barabbas won one CC from Janice Roberts at SWKA in 1972 with Sh Ch Twoacres Teresa standing in the Reserve spot.

I wrote about Treveryan Pink Lady in my notes of 8th March as well as mentioning Muriel Oldman's Treveryan Moonstone.

For some time, I have been going to write about Mr & Mrs Stephens and Sh Ch/Ft Ch Bidford Buffin. The following email prompted me to do so now:

"Hi, I recently fell upon an article you had written on the Internet in which you mentioned Bidford Buffin.

My late father used to show a bitch from the same litter, Bidford Bernadette. She was a very pretty dog but temperamental. He always said that, on her day, she could win BOB and she did win some CCs, if I remember correctly. When she was at her best he really didn't need to be in the ring, she did it all. But like a true diva, if she wasn't in the mood he came away with nothing.

If you are ever looking at that era again, can you copy me on anything you might have about her please? Best wishes, Kelvin Manners."

I can't see where Bernadette won any CCs but she was entered at Crufts in 1963. I can find a litter sister B. Babette being the dam of Bidford Blossom, who won a RCC from C Brown at Three Counties in 1969 behind Sh Ch Cornevon Cinderella. Her sire was Wendover Glade.

Babette also had a Show Champion son. Sh Ch Chestnut of Welbeck was by Wendover Fred and owned by Mr & Mrs R. S. Burns of Solihull. He won 3 CCs and 2 RCCs all in 1971.

Judy Russell at her first ticket appointment gave him his first at Birmingham National with Troilus taking his eight RCC. His second was at SWKA from Violet Yates with Carnbargus Hartsbourne O'Brady taking Reserve. Jack Whittaker made him up at ISAE and awarded the RCC, his first Green Card, to Corriecas Baron.

His first RCC was behind Troilus at Dumfries from Mrs D Owen and second from the aforementioned C Brown at Leicester.

B. Bernadette and Blossom were litter sisters to Sh Ch/Ft Ch Bidford Buffin out of Sh Ch Marrona Marica by Ch Wendover Beggar who was the sire of eight other Show Champions.

Mr & Mrs Stephens owned M. Marica (Sh Ch Norlan Paddy ex Sh Ch Marrona Merope) who was the winner of 4 CCs and 6 RCCs.

Buffin won 11 CCs and 10 RCCs and was the sire of Judy Russell's Show Champion litter mates Ballywestow Kelso and Ballywestow Keysoe.

Rae Furness awarded him his first CC at Leeds in 1966 when he was a four year old; Rainwater of Ronnette took the first of his four RCCs. He was owned and bred by Ron Cordwell and was by Brackenfield Dandelion out of Rambler of Ronnetta. Peg Stokes judged at Bournemouth later that year and gave him CC #2 with Sh Ch Raycroft Call Boy winning the Reserve. Mrs L.C. James made him up at WELKS in 1967 when Call Boy was reserve once again.

He went on to win a further 3 CCs that year, 3 in 1968, 2 in 1969 and his last in 1970 at Leicester from John Lambley (on his first ticket appointment) who gave the RCC to Achilles of Hedgeway. That's a terrific show career.

A different story this week, not about MLM but about Debs Hamlyn Sharp.

22 March 2019

I love it when conversations begin with 'If I tell you something you won't put it on FB will you?'

But this time it's not an MLM story, it's an Ex-Staff story

So, this morning Debs Hamlyn Sharp is working from home but realises that she needs to go in to the office to use the scanner.

She hurriedly throws some clothes on, drives in and arrives at 6:30. On her way out she comes across the lady who runs the Costa coffee shop who shouts her a 'Good morning Debs' but then adds 'Oh, your top is hanging out of the back of your jeans'

'Top?' Thinks Debs 'I'm not wearing a top, I've got my green jumper on.'

She gingerly feels round the back of her jeans and feels some soft material.

What is it? Is it a top after all? Is it something that's stuck to her from her seat?

No! Its yesterday knickers!!

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