

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 22nd MARCH 2021

You are all most probably aware that Southern Counties has changed its date and Gundog day is now Saturday 26th June.

There is good news from Belfast & DISC, SKC and Border Union.

B&DISC will be holding both its 2020 and 2021 Championship shows and also its Open show in conjunction with Belfast Dog Show Society on the weekend of 23rd and 24th October. This gives exhibitors the opportunity of competing for three sets of CCs as well as cutting down on travel expenses.

May SKC has been moved to 30th September - 3rd October and will be held in tandem with their show already scheduled for this date. Gundog day is Sunday 3rd October and the majority of breeds will be judged back to back, ie May 21 followed by October 21. Any breeds that are too large numerically will have two rings, with May judging in one ring (dogs followed by bitches) & October judging in the adjacent ring (bitches followed by dogs). Each day will finish with the May & October Group judging & BIS for both shows held on the Sunday. All judging will be held inside the warm exhibition halls. Not all breeds have CCs on offer at the second show but Irish Setters do so there is another opportunity to compete for two sets of tickets on the same day.

Border Union will now be held on 4th and 5th October with Gundog day being Monday, 4th, the day after SKC.

So, a quick dash down from Ingliston and you have the chance to compete for three sets of tickets over two days.

I watched DNA Journey on ITV last week and on it was Alan Carr with his two Irish Setters, Bev and Joyce.

Bev is Kerryfair Whispering Wind and was born in November 2009. Her sire is Balintyne Take A Chance On Me J.W. and her dam is Kerryfair Lady Macbeth.

Joyce was born in May 2011. She is by Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Simply Red Plays Starchelle out of Kerryfair Red Evie. Her kennel name is Kerryfair Breaking Dawn.

Thanks Kerry Chorley for the information and for the following: "Alan said that he thought Madonna probably had an easier time adopting her children than he did getting my mum to sell him a puppy! It's such an amazing home though and I get very jealous when they hire a private jet to get to France so that they can take the dogs with them."

Following last week's notes, I had a lovely email from Lynn Muir. Here it is:

"Hi Chris, what memories you bought back to me this week. I was Mrs Follows kennel maid and the handler of Melody Minet (Minnie). Mrs Follows never saw one of her Irish in the show ring.

I travelled down to Crufts on a coach that left Derby at 3am. That was the very first CC I won....I was 17 years old. I had to stay for the group, and the lady who organised the coach would not wait for me.

There I was stuck in London. Another Irish exhibitor Mel Taylor, who had driven down from Leicestershire, decided he needed to stay and make sure I got home safely. So, at 1.30am I arrived home. Now 52 years later....here I am still showing .

Funny thing was, the next year I went on the same coach again....the same woman organised it, she went best of breed with her dachshund. The whole coach load had to stay behind !!

We arrived home at 1am..... That's when I realised I had to learn to drive. Lynn M x"

Mel Taylor lived in Coalville, Leics, and owned Brackenfield Fleur who was born in May 1969 by Sh Ch Brackenfield Tertius out of Brackenfield Tory. Her breeder was of course Sybil Lennox. What a very kind and caring man he must have been.

Continuing my notes on the Emmafield Irish Setters; Sh. Ch. E. Double Dutch sired 25 litters.

Barbara Kay had a litter by him from her Troila Of Burfield (Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus ex Glendale Nicola Jane) and produced Sh Ch Burfield Blue-Bijou who was born in January 1979.

June Aspinnall awarded her her first ticket at SKC in 1983 and the RCC went to Brayville Regal Glory.

Later that year at GBAS Sheila Vant judged and gave her her second. Shandwick Silver Spray won her fifth Reserve.

Lynn Dale awarded tickets for the first time at Leicester in 1984 and made her up. Sh Ch Clonageera Megan won the RCC.

Janice Roberts used him on Cornevon Dutch Classic who produced Cornevon Holland Mischief and Cornevon Holland Magic in May 1979.

Cornevon Holland Magic owned by Janice and Mr S Sunnick won one RCC from Bob Cleland at Three Counties in 1981. Sh Ch Timadon Concorde won his 3rd CC that day.

Mr & Mrs K.B. Frost's C. Holland Mischief won one CC from Major Jack Houghton at Three Counties in 1985 when Sh Ch Suterese Hot Rumour took the RCC.

Janice had a further litter by him, this time from Sh Ch Cornevon Candida, and she kept a bitch in partnership with Mrs K Davies from Wrexham. This bitch was to become Sh Ch Cornevon Velvet. She was made up in 1982 winning her first of 4 CCs from Judy Russell at East of England with Woodswell Future Charm taking her second RCC. June Coates judged at Setter and Pointer and gave her her second and the Reserve to Coaper Jasmine of Stearnwood. She was made up at GBAS by Ivor Gittins who awarded the RCC to Sh Ch Glendronach Girl.

Double Dutch sired a litter for Willie Duynkerke out of Westerhuy's Dutch Appeal from which two overseas champions were born. They were SA Ch Westerhuys Swinging Belle Of Oakdale and NED Ch Westerhuy's Sea Minstrel.

Peter and Hilary Kiddell of Grange Moor near Wakefield used to show Irish in the late 1970s and 1980s. They started out with a dog bred by Sybil. Brackenfield Spencer was born in March 1976 out of Ch Brackenfield Gigi by Betty Worth's Heathcliffe Tobias.

Jackie Lorrimer's first show dog was B. Harvey, his litter brother, and another litter brother was Jennie Lee (now Reed)'s B. Fagus of Tatterslee.

I spoke to Jackie recently about these three boys and she mentioned the following which may be of interest to you.

She has kept a catalogue for Brigg Open Show that was held in 1983. At this show she met a Mr & Mrs Harvey who owned a bitch called Wendover Carrie-Anne. She was by Baron of Wendover x Wendover Carmen Jones and was born in April 1980. Baron was a much used stud dog siring 46 litters.

At the show they asked Jackie to look at their bitch, who had been bought for showing, but they were concerned that they had been sold a 'pup'. Their concern was due to the fact that their puppy was covered in white spots. Jackie explained to them that the spots were called a 'shower of hail' and assured them that there was nothing wrong.

She says it is the only true shower of hail she has ever seen.

In 1977 the Kiddells bought a bitch from Val Albertis. Sh Ch Greenglades Sweet Sarah was by Sh Ch Barnsforde Winston ex Sh Ch Greenglades Golden Dream.

Sarah won 4 CCs and 2 RCCs and in December 1983 she had a litter by Double Dutch. The Kiddells kept a dog, Borndelle Benjamin who won one RCC from Audrey Ashton at Bath 1984, and a bitch, B. Jessica.

Jessica won her first CC at Richmond in 1985 under Frank Waring; RCC was Fearnley Fireheather of Kirkavagh. Sybil Lennox gave her CC #2 at Driffield the same year. Erinade Neula of Norlan took her first RCC. Joyce Webb gave her her title at East of England the following year. Brackenfield Rhododendron was Reserve to her.

A Little Mate Story from 19th March 2017

I was forbidden to post this until today. Off she goes in plenty of time to judge various breeds at Oswestry Show. Now she's not good at finding her way to places she's never been before, even though she has satnav, but she does arrive in plenty of time as she's been told she's not needed before 12:00. She can't actually find the dog show venue so takes out her schedule and stops a friendly passer by.

MLM: Excuse me but can you tell me where this venue is? (As she hands him the schedule)

Man: Yes love this is it; are you here for the Toy Fair?

MLM: No I'm here to judge the dog show

Man: Well love this is the venue but this schedule says the show is tomorrow!

PS She arrived there safe and sound today and has completed her judging.

PPS. She did miss her turning on the motorway though.

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