

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 23RD AUGUST 2021

Last Wednesday I attended the funeral of Michelle Webster. It was a lovely service attended mostly by 'dog folk' as she had a very small family. It was very fitting that the processional music was "Wind Beneath My Wings" which are the words heading up her web site. Rest well Michelle.

I am delighted to see that Belfast and DISC is going ahead with its shows after all.

Its 2021 championship show is in conjunction with Belfast dog show society on the 24th October when the judge is Jenny Miller (Feorlig). The 2020 championship and open shows will be held on Monday 25th October at a new venue close to the Eikon centre. The judges are Pam Blay (Stablaheim) championship show and Sue Randle (Rionore) open show. Schedules will be available on Fosse Data soon.

The KC Find a Judge web site is finally up and running. As with everything else on the new KC site it is a bit different from the old version but I'm sure that we will get used to it. If you award CCs I suggest you go on and make sure that your personal details and your judging records are correct. Those who are A2 approved or have been granted grandfather rights should be on there too. The address is thekennelclub.org.uk/search/find-a-judge/

It's been a very busy few weeks and my notes have been sporadic and sparse as I was away at the shows in our caravan so I will elaborate now on the winners.

I failed to mention that the Dog CC winner at Bath, Heathclare American Dollar, had previously won the RCC from Pat Rutherford at the Joint Irish Setter Clubs Champ Show in 2018. On that occasion Pat made up Sh Ch Chase Cinnamon's who is by Sh Ch Copper's Champagne On Ice At Aoibheanne (Imp Swe) JW "Edward" out of Banthi Cinnamon's.

I think I was pretty comprehensive about Angela Roberts' "Chrissie" who took the BCC and about the littermates Riverbrue Morning Glory and Riverbrue Flashbax at Henaleas who won the RCCs. Not only is Chrissie's litter brother (Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) their sire but they are also great grandchildren of Edward's.

The ISCW held their Open show in conjunction with Bath. Alec Stewart was the judge and he made Thendara Tiger Dance BD & BIS. RBD was Redclyst Maximus, BPD was Swiftlark Invincible and BVD was Anlory Tamhill. BB went to Lynwood Abracadabra who was RBIS, RBB was Kerrimere Red Ribbon JW. BPB and BPIS was Sixoaks My Fair Lady, BVB and BVIS was Danaway Goody Twoshoes.

The next day at NGA Sh Ch Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW won his 12th CC and Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie (Luca) won his 2nd RCC.

After sitting on 2 tickets and 5 RCCs since Crufts 2020 "Magic" aka Lynwood Abracadabra JW won her crowning 3rd CC. Her first was at SCCA in 2019 under Diane Stewart-Ritchie when Sh Ch Sangarah Skyline over Lynwood took the RCC. Her second was from Brian Grace at Manchester 2020.

Lochlorien True Detective is Andley was Reserve to her.

Finally, at Paignton, Luca gained his crown. His first CC was from Jonathan Daltrey at SWKA in 2018 when he was still a minor puppy and his second was just a few weeks ago at East of England from Jacquie Bayne. Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight JW won his 7th RCC.

The Bitch CC winner Teleri Indian Summer (A.I.) JW picked up her first CC having previously won a RCC from Karen Richardson at LKA in 2019 behind Chrissie.

Twoacres Promise of Spring who won 2 RCCs on the day had already won a RCC back in 2018 from Ro Cox at SCCA; Ixia Ever Hopeful won her 2nd CC that day.

At the Joint Irish Setter Clubs' Champ show held in conjunction with Paignton "Hudson" aka Gwendariff Here I Come won his first CC. Ir Sh Ch Toberbilly I Wish You Luck who won the RCC already has one CC won at BISC in 2019 under Linda Fauvrelle. Vistador Diesel in the Dust Summergate was RCC that day.

"Magic" won her 4th CC and as stated above T. Promise of Spring with A. won the RCC.

There was some confusion over the Veteran awards at Paignton and the Joint Irish Setter Clubs Champ Show hosted by SEISC. BVIB at Paignton was Kay Donnelly's Int & Ir Ch Millcroft Whispering Moon and BVIS at JISC/SEISC was Sh Ch Amblin's Sweet William owned by Pam Mitchell.

At Bournemouth Anlory Aidan won his 1st CC and Gwendariff Willy Wont He won his 3rd RCC. He won the previous 2 from Jenny Reed at Midland Counties in 2019 and Karen Richardson at LKA in 2019. CC winners on both occasions was Sh Ch Copper's War of Roses. "Howie" was bred by Diane in May 2017 out of Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Walnut Whip by Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Northamber Just Cause For Glenavna J.W.

Sh Ch Quensha Tumble and Twirl JW won her 7th CC. She is by Sh Ch Ember Red Hot Chilipepper of Quensha (Imp Swe) out of Sh Ch Bardhill Please Dont Tease Quensha J.W. It was Gwendariff Smart Move Back to Aoibheanne's first RCC. She is by Sh Ch Gwendariff Unknown Soldier J.W. ex Aoibheanne's Smart Move Gwendariff.

Judi Frampton hosted a party at Bournemouth to celebrate "Olympia" (Riverbrue Cloudburst Over Strathmead)'s recent successes. It was lovely to see her niece and co-owner Holly Piggin there especially as Olympia won her class on the day.

The weather at Blackpool was overcast but still warm first thing; but then the rain came and judging had to be moved to the wet weather ring. It became very crowded in there because there was a Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Show due to take place in that ring. They were moved to the next ring and judging continued until the bitch challenge when they went outside again.

In dogs the day belonged once more to The Krays, Ronnie & Reggie, aka Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW and Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli JW.

Pat & Ken's Ronnie took his 14th CC and was BOB. He later went on to win Group 2 under Gill Simpson. Joy Russell's Reggie won Post Grad and his 4th RCC. For their breeding see my notes of 5th July.

The Sturrock Girls Nancy, Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady JW, won Veteran and her 14th CC. She then won the Veteran Group under David Shields. Reggie's litter sister, Magic, the recently crowned Lynwood Abracadabra JW, won Limit and the RCC, her 6th. Their breeding is in my notes of 26th July and 9th August.

Sandra Corless' Swiftlark Illustrious (Anlory Aidan JW ex Swiftlark First Edition) was BPIB and Bott, Allen & Morgan's Quensha Take A Bow was Best Junior in Breed. Irene Glen judged the Junior Group and made Hector the winner. He is 16 months old and is by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Quensha Tumble and Twirl J.W.

There were numerous stakes classes but the only Irish successes I can see are Sandra Corless' Swiftlark Invincible 2nd in Special Beginners Puppy Stakes – Dog and also her Swiftlark Illustrious 1st in Special Beginners Puppy Stakes – Bitch. The judge was Chris Bexon.

It was lovely to see Jean Quinn (Wickenberry) at the show. It was her 82nd birthday and she looked fabulous. She still has an Irish at home who is 10 years old now.

Me and MLM spent a couple of nights at Bournemouth as she was judging Welsh Springers, Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas and Spanish Water Dogs.

Before judging we were in Judges Reception and MLM went to the ladies. I saw her go in and then hastily come out and look at the notice on the door before going in again.

Me: What was all that about?

MLM: Well, you know you always think it's me that does things wrong?

Me: Oh do I?

MLM: This time it wasn't. When I went in the loo there was a very well known all round male judge in there and I don't know who was more shocked him or me!

(In his defence he did explain later that he was in a hurry and there was a queue in the gents)

On Sunday as she's driving us home MLM asks me to use her phone to call her husband.

MLM: Haha you're waiting for me to say 'all you have to do is put your finger print on it' aren't you?

Me: Well you have done that before.

MLM: Well not this time; hold it up so that I can put MY thumb print on it.

Me: You know how you always boast that you can remember your mother's Co-Op number?

MLM: Yes I can

Me: Then why, instead of struggling when you're driving at 70 miles an hour on a busy motorway, don't you just give me the security code?

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