

Irish Setter Breed Notes
W/C Monday 23rd November 2020

I start with good news!

Last Wednesday the Kennel Club announced that Crufts will go ahead next year between 15th and 18th July at the NEC. Gundog day will be Saturday the 17th.

This gives us hope that at some point next year we will return to some sort of normality; shows might be different from what we have been used to but we will all have to think outside the box. I just hope I can keep you all entertained with my MLM stories till then.

For those of you who have not yet entered you have until midnight tomorrow, Tuesday 24th November, to get your photos sent in to the ISBC for their online show in memory of Gaye O'Connor who passed away recently. There are 17 classes and the entry fee is £1.00 per class.

You don't have to be a member and entries are open to everyone across the world. Full details can be found here <https://isbc.org.uk/isbc-online-dog-show-2020/>.

This is a wonderful way to commemorate Gaye and to support the Macmillan ward that cared for her in her last days.

In my notes from 9th November I mentioned Sh Ch Sowerhill Sarong Of Kingscott who was mated to Sh Ch Clonageera Tarka. Sarong was bred by Olwen Hunt in January 1977 and was litter sister to Sh Ch S. Sahib and sibling to Sh Ch S. Satyr Of Fearnley. They were sired by Sh Ch Wendover Jeeves ex Sh Ch Sowerhill Sarah. Sarong was owned by Jean Goodhind who lived in the West Country. She won her first CC at WELKS in 1979 from Rita Bryden who gave the RCC to Sh Ch Fearnley Firegem. Ernie Froggatt was the dog judge and his top winners were Sh Ch Sowerhill Storm and Sh Ch Scarletti Cockney Rebel.

Storm was a Sh Ch Stephenshill Gamebird son out of Sh Ch Sowerhill Red Colleen Of Kitewood and the winner of 18 CCs and 9 RCCs.

During 1979 Sarong picked up two RCCs. Alicia Coupe was the judge at Border Union and gave a second CC to Fearnley Firegem whilst Val Wade judged at NGA and awarded the CC to Sh Ch Fearnley Firecinders of Dallowgill.

In 1981 she was transferred to the ownership of Angela Begg and Colleen Leavey and won her second CC from L C James at SKC; the RCC was awarded to Cornevon Peasblossom of Caspians. He gave the dog CC to her brother Sh Ch S. Satyr of Fearnely, making him up on the day; he went on to win 31 CCs in total and 11 RCCs.

Marjorie Jarosz made her up at LKA later that year and gave the RCC to Woodmarsh Gemma of Kasakeepa; this was her only ever Green Card. June Aspinall did the dogs and she awarded a second CC to Tagamago Top Deck and RCC to Sh Ch Clonageera Tyrone.

Jean Goodhind had a litter from her in January 1980 by Goldings Goldmarksman and a bitch was registered as Kingscott Hi Fi Of Muharraaq. This bitch was in turn mated to Sh Ch Wendover Tonic and produced, Muharraaq Moondaisy Of Henaleas, who won a CC from Barry Rhodes at WKC in 1990; Sh Ch Brayville Private Affair was Reserve.

She had a further two litters in the ownership of Angela and Colleen; one to Night Fever and one to C. Tarka, which I mentioned in my notes of 9th November, and in which were the RCC winning brothers M. Firebird and Muharraaq Firedance.

Firebird was the great grand sire of Muharraaq Spring Rhapsody At Almareja (Sh Ch Crimbledale Golden Choice ex Muharraaq Magic Moments) who won one CC from Eva Ciechonska at Bath in 1998; Sh Ch Harreds Poacher was RCC.

Jean Goodhind disappeared from the world of dogs so I am grateful to Kate and Gerry Condon for the information they gave me.

Jean was noticeable at shows for the long waterproof mac she wore together with a large hat with a feather in it. Her other interests were sculpting and writing and she moved to Tintern behind a big hotel where she had a studio.

She is now a published author and writes under the names Jean G Goodhind, Erica Brown, Jeannie Johnson and Lizzie Lane. 'Honey Driver' is the heroine of a series of murder mysteries which she

based on her experiences when she ran a haunted hotel in Bath. Honey is a hotel owner and police liaison to the Bath (UK) Hotels Association.

As Erica Brown she wrote a trilogy of historical novels about the Strong Family plus East of India and House in the Hills and as Jeannie Johnson she has been a supporting actress in Casualty and Holby City.

Her most recent novel as Lizzie Lane is The Tobacco Girls which follows three friends through thick and thin in 1939 Bristol.

Gerry says he caught up with Jean about 9 years ago when she was preparing to leave the U.K. in a large motorised yacht to sail around the Greek Islands.

Above I mentioned Tagamago Top Deck. He was bred by Maureen Savage in November 1979 out of Tagamago Gypsy Moth by Sh Ch Brinara Inula and owned by Cliff and Sharon Ball.

Gypsy Moth was out of Carbonek Lady Eileen (Brackenfield Oliver Twist ex Veraspee Alice) who I believe was Maureen's foundation bitch. She won a RCC in 1980 from Val Page at LKA. Glendronach Girl won her second CC that day. Mary Duncan judged the dogs and gave a 6th CC to Sh Ch Zorosean Aqvamarina and RCC to Rhumist High Flyer, this was his only such award.

Top Deck's first CC was from Robbie Robertson at NGA in 1981 when Sh Ch Sowerhill Satyr of Fearnly was awarded the RCC. Harold Wheeler was the bitch judge and his top awards went to Sh Ch G. Girl and Sh Ch Shannonlee Sailor Girl.

As mentioned above June Aspinall gave him his second at LKA.

Pat Turner judged the dogs at ISBC in 1982 and made him up. Sh Ch Z. Aqvamarina was Reserve.

Top Deck also won 3 RCCs.

At Driffield in 1981 his first was from Violet Yates who gave the CC to Sh Ch Ballywestow Persimmon of Oldestone. Vi also did the bitches and gave the CC to Sh Ch Astley's Portia of Rua and Reserve to Sh Ch G. Girl.

Viv King judged at Three Counties in 1982 and awarded him the RCC with the CC going to Sh Ch Brendower Bronze Champagne. The bitches were judged by Eve Gardner who gave the CC to Sh Ch G. Girl and RCC to Sh Ch Wickenbeery Countess.

And finally, at SKC that same year Dinah Robertson gave the CC to Sh Ch S. Satyr of F. and RCC to Top Deck. Dinah's father Robbie judged the bitches and gave a second CC to Shandwick Silver Spray and RCC to Cornevon Dreamgirl.

To continue the brush theme, here's A Little Mate Story from Midland Counties 2017.

So we get home from the show and as always I sort my dog bag out.

To my horror my brush is missing so I ring MLM

Me: Is my dog brush in your bag?

MLM: (Indignantly) No it is not!

Me: Are you absolutely sure that you don't have it?

MLM: Absolutely sure

So I resign myself to the fact that I've turned into her and the brush is lost.

Some days later the phone rings.

MLM: You know that brush that you lost? Well I've found it

Me: Oh thank goodness for that. Was it in your bag after all?

MLM: No

Me: So where the flippin' 'eck was it then?

MLM: Inside my shoe

Me: Which shoe?

MLM: The one at the bottom of my suit bag

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