

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES  
W/C MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

Fingers crossed that Bournemouth goes ahead on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Postal entries close Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and online 8<sup>th</sup>. The judge is Bruneau Fauvrelle (Fionnlugh) whose last appointment was in 2018 at Manchester. He gave the Dog CC to Caemgen's Element Of Truth At Feorlig (Swed Imp), the Reserve to Int Ch Paris Match Thendara JW, Bitch CC to Sh Ch Shandwick Love In A Mist For Teleri JW and Reserve to Sandstream Welcome Breeze JW.

I am very grateful to Teresa Gisby for emailing to say that at National Gundog in 1987 Sh Ch Suterese Hot Rumour JW was Best in Show. He was bred in December 1980 by Teresa and her mother Sue out of their Margretwoods Gipsy by Rita Pike's Sh Ch Scarlett Cockney Rebel. The dog judge on the day was Lynn Muir and BIS was judged by Margaret Lyndesay-Smith. This was his 11<sup>th</sup> of 13 CCs, he also won 5 RCCs. Reserve to him was Sh Ch Danaway Baccante. Bitches were judged by Sylvia Muggerridge who awarded the CC to Caskey's Burgandy; this was her only CC and the RCC to Whimbrel The Wicked Witch; this was her only RCC.

His first CC was won at Birmingham National in 1984 from Mary Tuite, his second later that year from Penny Jeffries at Driffield and his third in 1985 at Birmingham National from Val Foss. He had also been Reserve BIS at NGA in 1986 when Brenda Berry judged the dogs. This was his seventh CC and Reserve that day was Sh Ch Reddins Jonah.

Pat Turton judged the Bitches that day and her winners were Sharon Littlechild's Romanwick Sweet Reflection and Sh Ch Borndelle Jessica.

I can see only one litter by him.

I'm sure some of you will remember Sharon as Sharon Szumowski when she showed Irish. Of course, I first knew her as Sharon Marshall when she was only five years old! Sharon had her first Irish from Sybil Lennox in the 1970's and her second from me in 1979.

In late 1980s she bought Romanwick Sweet Reflection who was by Sh Ch Cornhill Pippin ex Romanwick Corndolly. She won the CC at ISAE in 1984 from Val Albertis and her second in 1986 from Pat Turton at NGA. Before she could gain her title, she tragically died following a Caesarean operation. When Sharon returned to the showring it was with an English Setter from Dawn Goutourbe from which she went from strength to strength.

Sharon's first husband Pete was an artist of some note and I am proud to own a pen and ink drawing by him. When Sharon married Graham Littlechild I was her witness.

Sh Ch Borndelle Jessica was by Sh Ch Emmafield Double-Dutch out of Sh Ch Greenglades Sweet Sarah Of Borndelle. She was the winner of 4 CCs and 3 RCCs.

This weekend we should all have been at Welsh Kennel Club at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. Our judge was to have been all rounder Jim Richardson (Darrochonna). Jim last judged the breed at Belfast in 2018 when he gave the Dog CC to Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper JW Cw'15 and the Reserve to Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna JW. The Bitch CC was awarded to Quensha Tumble And Twirl JW and the Reserve was Gwendariff On A Tic Ett To Lochindorb.

The last (and only) time I can find an Irish going BIS at WKC was in 1999 when Margaret Everton awarded it to Sh Ch Caspians Intrepid.

Last week I wrote about Andana Jake being the litter brother of Sh Ch Andana Jemimah and being the sire of 4 Show Champions.

He sired 18 litters. Mated to Cornevon Happy Hour Of Fairward he sired Sandy Waterton's Sh Ch Fairward Summer Breeze Of Sandstream; to Clonageera Germaine, Sh Ch Clonageera Stella; to Mitzi Of Moriba, Sh Ch Moriba Dulcinda and to Andana Super Noodle, Sh Ch Marksway Marquis. Marquis was bred by Martin and Val Russell in May 1988 and owned by Bonnie Andrews.

He was the winner of 27 CCs, 23 BOBs, 24 RCCs, 3 groups, 7 BIS and 1 RBIS.  
His first CC came from Maureen Hurl at Leicester in 1990 when he had already won 2 RCCs, his second from Mary Gurney at MISS 1991 and his third from Pat Brigden at Bath in 1991.  
In 1991 he won 7; 1992 9; 1993 7; 1994 2 and his last from Lynn Muir at Crufts in 1997 from Veteran when he was also BOB.  
He had been awarded the RCC at Crufts the year before by Val Wade and was a consistent winner of RCCs in the years 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994. Eight of these Reserves were behind Sh Ch Danaway Debonair although on four occasions Marquis won the CC when DD won the Reserve.  
He was the sire of 45 litters and his Sh Ch offspring are Ir Sh Ch Pheasant Of Clonageera At Cloonminda, Sh Ch Autumnwood Prince Of Tides J.W., Vdh Ch Titiandale Charade, Sh Ch Delsanto Luke, Sh Ch Delsanto Lucinda, Sh Ch Bramleyhill Mariah and Sh Ch Bonhomie Theme For A Dream.

Finally, A Little Mate Story from August 2016

We are camping in Builth Wells for two weeks. Yesterday we had to do the weekly shop and the washing. Not having been in a laundrette for years this wasn't going to be easy so I decided that I would shop and MLM would do the washing. I duly dropped her off and went my merry way to Tesco's. Just as I've finished shopping she calls to say she too has completed her task so off I go and pick her up

Me: How did you get on?

MLM: Well sort of alright. All the washing is done and I've dried what could be dried

Me: So what happened

MLM: Well I put the washing in, chose the program, put in the soap powder and then the assistant started shouting at me because I'd put the powder in the wrong compartment. So as the water is running in I had to scoop it out with my hands and put it in the right one

Me: Then what happened?

MLM: I came to put the washing in the spin dryer and had to take it out piece by piece till I'd filled it, spun it and then walk the length of the shop to put it in the tumble drier.

Me: Then what happened?

MLM: As I'm on my fourth trip to the tumbler a man in the shop said 'Here love, use one of these'.

Me: What was that?

MLM: A washing basket that he picked up from a long line of them on top of the washers

Me: They were too high up for you to see them weren't they?

MLM: (sigh) Yeah.....

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