

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 26TH APRIL 2021

Yesterday we should all have been at WELKS where the appointed judge was Claire Prangle. This would have been Claire's fifth time giving tickets. She last judged at Boston in 2019 when she gave the Dog CC to Riverbrue Altissimo at Aoibheanne, his second, and the Reserve to Vistador Diesel in the Dust Summergate.

Bitch CC was Clonageera Walk with Me to Summergate and RCC was Jetsetter Cristalle to Polmenor. A few weeks ago, I was delighted to receive an email from Viveca Hulley who many of you will remember as Veca Vamplew.

"Hi Chris, long time no see, in fact the last time I saw you very briefly was at Crufts when I accompanied Maureen Savage, when she judged dogs that day.

As you know I am now living permanently in France, and with the Covid, my journeys to the UK have been none existent for well over a year now.

I read your setter pages, and reminisce so much about the people and dogs you write about that I have known over the decades having started showing in 1975, with Bonahaird Sierra.

The open shows around Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and then venturing into champ shows.

The first champ show being the ISAE where I travelled down with Sandra Chorley (we travelled to many shows together including Leeds Champ show when Rasbridge was judging and Knight Fever a young dog, then being asked to come back in the ring, I cannot remember what he was awarded, but Sandra was beside herself with nerves) I remember, Jimmy James was judging.

I got collared by Bill Rasbridge to join and have been a member ever since. I met Alister Watt and spoke with Janice Roberts.

It was like a dream come true

Now I think of all the friends I made over the years and the fabulous dogs I bred and Judged.

Keep up the good work and keep the memories flowing. Kind regards and good wishes to you.

Heaven knows when I'll hit the UK again Viveca xx"

In a follow up email, she says "Your write ups bring back so many memories, of the people and dogs that you mention. The dog showing world (I think we started about the same time) of Irish, was strange, like 2 divided camps Hartsbourne/Brackenfield and the Wendovers, it took quite a few years for people to be brave enough to mix their blood lines.

But how we laughed at the shows of all grades, and enjoyed our fabulous breed, and companionship of fellow exhibitors, travelling the length and breadth of the UK.

I worked as a nurse often on night duty, I'd take my dogs to work with me, leave them in the car, having got permission to leave duty early in the morning then drive up sometimes to SKC and Border Union."

The Leeds show that Veca talks about was in 1981 and was Bill Rasbridge's last time awarding CCs.

He gave the dog ticket, his second, to Shaytell Goldfinch and Night Fever took his second RCC, his first having been earlier that year at Birmingham National from Bill Parkinson; he was not yet two years old. Bill's co-judge on the day was Helen Flynn who titled Sh Ch Glendronach Girl and gave the RCC to Eliza Doolittle of Quilmark.

L.C. "Jimmy" James judged the ISAE in 1976 when he did the bitches and gave a second CC to Bella Rosa of Andana and the RCC to Sh Ch Ballywestow Keysoe. Sybil Lennox was the dog judge and she made up Sh Ch Sowerhill Storm and gave a second RCC to Barnsforde Windward of Simmerford.

As mentioned above Veca's first show Irish was Bonahaird Sierra (Sh Ch Cornevon Lovebird ex Normar Cheree) but her actual first was a pet bitch by Gewdore Eclipse who was bought when she lived in Edinburgh. In 1977 she bought Glentarkie Craven-A (Mac) who was bred by John Brown up in Scotland. He was out of Ch Laurie Of Allsquare by Sh Ch Allsquare Mickey Finn.

Sierra had a litter in 1977 by Shannonlee Hibernica from which a bitch, Erinade Honeysuckle, was retained.

The following year she was put to Mac and produced Sh Ch Erinade Scottish Union who won 3 CCs and 5 RCCs.

He was made up in 1984 by Ron Cordwell at Setter & Pointer, David Tobin at GBAS and Val Lockhart at NGA. Reserves to him were Sh Ch Bardonhill Supergrass, Sh Ch Laggan Bryan's Boy and Reddins Jonah.

Sierra's next litter was to Stephenshill Justin from which Gilbert Leighton-Boyce took a bitch registered as Erinade Neula Of Norlan and handled by Veca. Lulu won 4 CCs and 1 RCC. Her first was from Yvonne Vaughan in 1984 at ISCW and Sh Ch Burfield Blue Bijou took the Reserve. Judy Russell gave her #2 at ISBC in 1985 with Shandwick Golden Spray winning her first RCC. Val Lockhart made her up at SCCA in 1986 and Glennara Glint of Gold won her only ever RCC.

Erinade Bewildered was the winner of 2 RCCs and her matings with Intrepid were very successful. The first litter in 1994 produced Sh Ch Erinade Exotic, Hun Gr Ch Erinade Extinguished and the Junior Warrant winner E. Executive and in the second litter in 1998 were Sh Ch Erinade Jaunty and Ir Sh Ch Erinade Jack Pot.

Exotic was owned by Mr & Mrs Roberts and handled by Claire Prangle to win 3 CCs and 4 RCCs. Her first was in 1997 at City of Birmingham from Mary Gurney, second the same year at Darlington from Mick Howes and third from Elizabeth Laughton-Moore at GSW in 1998. Sh Ch Bonhommie Forgotten Dream, Timadon Airs and Graces and Romarne Rheanne stood behind her in these occasions.

The late Lynne Dale owned E. Jaunty who won 5 CCs and 5 RCCs. Sheila Vant gave her her first in 2001 at NEEISC with the Reserve going to Laggan Shoshoni Maiden and then Sheila's husband John gave her CC #2 at Bath in 2002. R. Rheanne picked up another RCC. She was titled at Border Union later that year by Greta Ross who gave the RCC to Maesffynnon Cressida of Trapwell.

E. Jack Pot was owned by Cathy Loughlin of Northern Ireland and she campaigned him to his Irish title. She also showed him in the UK and won one CC with him as well as his Junior Warrant. Mabel Coulter gave him the CC at Belfast in 2001 at her one and only ticket appointment; Autumn glow Emperor took his only ever RCC.

The most recent Erinade Show Champion is E. Star Wars owned by Wendy Holehan and Mr A North. He was born in February 2006 out of Erinade Octavia (Sh Ch Shenanagin Some Might Say It's Bardonhill ex Erinade Kirsty) and by Sh Ch Danaway Discreet.

He won 9 CCs and 13 RCCs. Kate Condon on her second ticket appointment gave him his first CC at Belfast in 2008 with the RCC being awarded to Sh Ch Ember Gene Simmons Sings Quensha. Pat Rhodes gave him his second at Manchester in 2009 and Danaway Lancelot of Autumnwood took his second RCC. This was Pat's last time giving tickets; BCC was Sh Ch Braidmount Geisha Girl and RCC was Lynwood Follow Your Dreams.

'Radley' gained his title at WELKS shortly after and Jacwillins Willoughby was Reserve to him. The judge was Mary Gurney. It was a double day for the Jacwilins' with J. Miss Dashwood winning her only CC; Carnbargus Contemplation was Reserve to her.

Veca has bred other overseas Champions; Ch Erinade Leroy Of Westerhuy (Sh Ch Bardonhill Supergrass ex Sh Ch Erinade Neula Of Norlan) and Ger Vdh Ch Erinade Fredrick (Sh Ch Caskeys Bo-Jo ex Erinade Lydia).

The Erinades were very popular in the 1980s and 90s and did a lot of winning; many well known faces of today had Erinade Irish Setters. I won't try to name them for fear of excluding someone! But one I remember and will mention was Brian and the late Wendy Chisholm's E. My Speciality of Vaternish (Sh Ch Cornevon Westerhuy's Dream ex Bonahaird Sierra). I believe they had him as an older puppy who Veca intended keeping. She had called him Bing which Wendy hated so she changed his name to Wing. He was a lovely natured dog who had a big black spot on his tongue and won well for them.

Veca ends her emails to me with "When we left France, I had 2 bitches of my breeding, I had decided not to breed anymore, as finding good homes in France can be a nightmare. Dusty died, so I bought in a bitch from the Vicarys Kennel (Vicary's Kissntell At Erinade (Imp Bel)). She's 10 now and my constant companion, we also have a border collie ex show ring.

Fabulous walks and lots of fun together I took up riding again, I own a pretty little thoroughbred mare that I hack out most mornings.”

Sh Ch E. Scottish Union sired 5 show champions of whom I shall write next week.

A Little Mate Story from 28 March 2015

So, we're motoring down the M5 and I say to MLM 'Put the satnav on so that we know where to get off.'

She then has a bout of fat finger syndrome and argues with Gerald (that's satnav's name) because he's not getting the post code right. Eventually she types in the right details and Gerald says 'No matching post code.'

She tries and tries but he still tells her there's no match.

At last he recognises it and calculates the route.

Me: How come he's found it now?

MLM: I was in Ireland before.

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