

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 28TH JUNE 2021

First of all, an important announcement from Midlands Irish Setter Society about their Open Show which is to be held on Sunday 4th July.

“Due to the COVID rules around Village Halls we the Committee have moved to another venue for our next Open Breed Show Sunday 4th July 2021

Sadly, we feel we cannot risk the high chance of Baginton not being allowed to host our show so we have MOVED TO LEICESTER RACE COURSE (still on the 4th July)

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We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you but it's better than no show at all!!

Thank you for your understanding. Diana Wilder. Secretary”

Further details can be found on their FB page.

Jacquie Bayne has pulled an entry of 110 making 136 at East of England.

Entries are now open on Higham Press for Driffild Championship show at Wetherby Racecourse; gundog day is Friday 7th August. Entries close by post on Tuesday 27th July and online Tuesday 3rd August. There is no benching so entry fees have been reduced accordingly at £24 for first entries in CC breeds.

Our first time judge is Tania Gardner (Danwish).

Chris Jennings-Sharman very kindly sent me her critique for North Riding Gundog.

Congratulations to NRGC for running one of the first Covid-safe open shows, not easy but they managed it with aplomb. To David and Mary Robbins, my stewards who kept us all safe in a good-humoured way and to you the exhibitors for your entry and support on the day – THANK YOU.

Irish Setters.

P (2) 1. Richardson, Richardson and Richardson Gwendariff Tullys Red Arrows. 2.Armitage Gwendariff Phantastic Phanny. Two good quality puppies, both showing promise. 1st just had more balance today and I preferred his topline. He has a promising masculine head with plenty of work in brow: excellent lay of shoulder and forehand angulation; well ribbed; moved with drive and precision. 2nd has a feminine head, ample substance and correct angulation. She moved well but not as positive yet as 1.

J(4) 1) Sturrock Forfarian Tickles Yer Fancy. Feminine b, nicely put together. She possesses a long lean head with ample work in the skull. Straight in front, tight feet, slightly long cast, topline gently sloping. Well turned stifles, moved out true and with drive. Well presented. 2) Alcorn Gwendariff Trolley Dolly. Kind eye and expression, slightly narrower in front than 1, so not the chest room at present. Well angulated, moved true, but feeling the heat today I felt 3) Brady Shennanagin Some Like It Hot Under Amberlight.

Y (5) 1) Sloane Gwendariff the Purple Star22mth b who covers the ground really well. V pretty head & exp. with plenty of work in her head. Long lean neck flows into well laid shoulders; a straight front with plenty of chest room, with ample depth. Well angulated quarters and a gently sloping topline, completed the picture. Well presented. Liked her a lot. 2) Sturrock F.TYFancy. 3)Alcorn GTD

PG (15, 6ab) 1) Sloane Ferasheen Jindea 3 yr old b headed a good quality class. Again, a long lean feminine head and exp. Long reachy neck, flowing into correct shoulders, with ample length of upper arm; straight front with substance. Her overall outline is correct with deep chest, well ribbed, with sloping topline. Had to move well to win this excellent class. Gave her serious thought for BoB.

2) Wheeldon Colemist the Name of the Game. 3yrs old male. Mature young man with masculine head and kind eye. Would prefer a little more work in his brow. Good straight front and bone: well angulated, if slightly longer cast than 1. Moved well and true. 3) McDowell Gwendariff Back off Baby

Op (7) 1) Holehan Loganrish Lets Go Crazy Headed a super class.2 ½ yr d who didn't put a foot wrong today. Very well presented. Well-developed masc. head not overdone in any way with balance and plenty of chiselling. Reachy neck flows into well laid shoulders. Straight front with ample bone; well ribbed with gently sloping topline. Drove off well, moving with style on a very hot afternoon.

Pleased to award him BoB

And finally, I have a Championship Show to report on!

The atmosphere around the ring and indeed throughout the whole show at Southern Counties, was one of joy and happiness; we were all so glad to see each other.

There was plenty of room for tents and gazebos which gave it something of a party atmosphere and to make it even better the sun shone on us.

Lee Cox (Vanitonia) judged Irish for the first time and he found his CC winner in Ken & Pat Stockton's Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW and his RCC winner was Joy Russell's Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoll JW. He was the winner of Post Grad. It was a fabulous day for Blake Crocker's Riverbrue Irish Setters with Judi Frampton's Riverbrue Cloudburst Over Strathmead taking her first CC from the Yearling class and her sister, Riverbrue Flashbax At Henaleas owned by Julie and Paul Humphreys, winning the RCC; she was second in Yearling.

BPIB was Rhiannan Jones' Gwendariff Dazzling Diva, BVIB was the Sturrock girls' Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady JW, Best Junior went to Anne Douthwaite and Susan Wharfe's Quensha Beautiful Stranger Of Gracewood and Best Special Beginners was Corless' Swiftlark First Knight.

Frank Kane judged the Group and he awarded second place to Ronnie aka Sh Ch. R. Alchemist Among K.

Massive congratulations to all the winners and indeed all the exhibitors for displaying such good sporting spirit.

I shall expand more on these dogs and their breeding in next week's notes.

Speaking of the Sturrock girls, it transpired that me and Sandra were wearing the same black and white spotted tops so I went and got changed in case anyone mistook us for each other!

(For those of you who don't know either of us she is about 5 foot and a bit and I am 5 feet 7 inches tall.)

It really was a wonderful day full of good humour and laughs although I was a bit concerned when I found Sandy Waterton lying on the floor but she was only fed up of standing and was down there marking up her catalogue. I found it rather amusing to pretend to kick a woman whilst she was down. (Sorry Sandy).

We've all missed one another so much and it was terrific to catch up but the things you learn whilst chatting! Who knew that Sally Foster was named after the Rag and Bone Man's horse?

Win or lose we all went home happy and sun burned but, Jackie Willis, did you really have to flash your white bits like that?

I'll end this week with a wonderful quote from Sue Begg.

Me: Hi Sue, good to see you, how've you been and how have you done today?

Sue: Hi Chris, good to see you too. I've been fine but I'm not entered today. I just came to see if I was still alive!

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