

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The Irish entry for the cancelled Bournemouth show was 115 making 145 for Bruneau Fauvrelle, not bad for a Monday on the south coast, but how disappointing the cancellation is for him and everyone who had entered.

And more disappointment comes with the cancellation of the rescheduled SKC Champ Show.

I'm always pleased to hear from my readers and this email from Chris Butler (Rubymoon) is no exception:

"My new ginger pup Reagan aka Anlory Sovereign at Rubymoon won Best Irish Puppy in the Our Dogs photo competition a couple of weeks back. Blinking nuisance no proper shows."

Well done Reagan! And how I concur with your sentiments.

The KC Journal for October 2020 is available online. It lists the following judges; Irish Setter Club Of Scotland, 2021, Russell Mosedale; Leeds, 2021, Lesley Trow; Paignton, 2021, Fiona Heron- O'Brien, dogs; LKA, 2021, Ro Cox; Bournemouth, 2022, Becky Johnson.

Belfast is the latest show that we haven't been to. Moray Armstrong (Bitcon) should have been our judge. His last appointment was at Birmingham National in 2018 when his Dog CC winners were Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins JW and Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle JW. Bitch CC was Bardonhill Guilty Pleasure and Gwendariff Nutmeg Shcm was Reserve.

Belfast and DISC were holding their Championship Show in conjunction with Belfast where Pam Blay (Stablaheim) was to have been our first time judge.

The last time an Irish was BIS at Belfast was in 1998 when Brenda Banbury was the judge. On the day the breed judge was Anne Webster and she gave Intrepid his 46th CC, he then went on to win BIS. Reserve CC was Delsanto Fabian at Tatsbro. He was by Sh Ch Konakakela Zagar By Romarne ex Sh Ch Delsanto Lucinda and went on to win a second RCC from Francis Curtis at NEEISC in 2001. Anne awarded the Bitch CC to Sh Ch Carnbargus Continuity, her 12th, and the RCC to Sametsuz Hop Scotch. She was out of Sh Ch HoneyPie Of Cornevon by Sh Ch Dunnygask Vital Spark and had won a CC from Yvette Edwards at GBAS in 1996 and a RCC from Maureen Savage at GBAS 1995.

Back in 1971 Sh Ch Twoacres Troilus was Best in Show at Belfast; the BIS judge was Audrey Dallison. Bob Cleland was the breed judge and he gave Troy his 13th CC. Reserve CC was Timadon Kendal who was a Wendover Gentleman grandson. This was his first RCC and as he had only been born in March the previous year he must have been just out of Junior at best. He went on to win 5 CCs and 5 Reserves. Bob Cleland gave him his fourth CC at Blackpool in 1975.

Kendal was a useful dog for Geoff and Alicia Coupe and although only mated to 8 bitches he produced 4 Show Champions.

Back to Belfast '71; Bob awarded the Bitch CC, her fifth, to Sh Ch Timadon Ballywestow Festoon and the RCC to Sh Ch Twoacres Teresa.

The 'T' litter was whelped in January 1968 by June Coates out of her Musbury Melisande Of Twoacres by Sh Ch Wendover Gentleman. Troy picked up his first CC from Violet Yates at Bath in 1969 when he was still a Junior, with Sh Ch Wendover Royalist taking the Reserve. His second was at SKC the following year from Mrs A B Nicolson when Royalist was Reserve again. Kitty Edmondson made him up at Leeds; Wenfold Jason took the Reserve.

W. Jason was by Fearnley Brackenfield Sweep ex Wenfold Maranda Of The Lake and as well as this, his only RCC, he won a CC from Kitty Edmondson in 1971 at Cheshire Show. Another Jason, Maranver Jason Bronze of Cornevon was Reserve to him.

Troy went on to win a further four CCs in 1970, seven in 1971, two in 1972, four in 1973 and his 21st and last CC was from Mr N Morrish at National Gundog in 1975. He was also the winner of 15 Reserve CCs.

I wrote about Sh Ch T. Tamburlaine in my notes of 6th July.

Sh Ch T. Teresa was owned by Sheila Whittaker (Later Vant). She took her first CC in 1971 from Judy Russell at Birmingham National; Reserve was Cleo of Thurnbrook who was her half sister (by Gentleman). This was Cleo's one and only Green Card. On the day Troy was RCC behind Chestnut of Welbeck who won two more CCs from Violet Yates and J. Whittaker, all in 1971.

Teresa's second CC was won at Bournemouth 1971 when Mrs L C 'J' James was the judge and the Reserve went to another half sister by Gentleman, Sh Ch Sowerhill Red Colleen of Kitewood. Her third came shortly afterwards from Judy De Casembroot at Richmond. Reserve went to her litter sister Sh Ch T. Traviata. She won three more CCs in 1972 and her seventh and last in 1973. Her tally of RCCs was 11.

Jean Quinn owned and campaigned Sh Ch T. Traviata whose first CC was won at City of Birmingham in 1970 when Rae Furness was the judge. Sh Ch Timadon Ballywestow Festoon was Reserve. Her second was at WELKS in 1971 when L C 'Jimmy' James judged and awarded the RCC to her sister T. Teresa. Violet Yates gave her her title later that year at SWKA with Teresa taking the RCC again. She won another two in 1971 and then her sixth and last in 1973 at Crufts from Mrs L C 'J' James. Along the way she amassed eight RCCs.

The early 1970s were certainly dominated by the 'T' litter. In 1971 they won 17 CCs/RCCs between them, 27 CCs/RCCs in 1971, 14 CCs/RCCs in 1972 and 10 CCs/RCCs in 1973.

At Belfast in 1964 J J Fitzpatrick was the BIS judge and he awarded it to Wendover Vagabond. He had gained his title on the day from Breed Judge M McGarry. His first CC was won at SKC in 1964 from C Brown and his second from Mrs A Nicolson later that year at Blackpool. He was by Ch Wendover Beggar ex Wendover Lola and went on to win 7 CCs in total and 2 RCCs.

Reserve Dog CC that day was Prince of Bramleyhill who was of all Irish breeding being By Cuanhills Echo ex June Duchess Of Corcreeny. He was an Irish Champion who had previously won a CC from L C James in 1962 at Belfast.

The Bitch CC went to Sh Ch Wendover Romance, her fifth of five, and the RCC went to Wendover Fair Lady. Romance was whelped in April 1956 out of Sh Ch Wendover Roberta and sired by Sh Ch Watendlath João O'Pandý. W. Fair Lady was litter sister to Vagabond. Her only other notable win was the RCC at SKC in 1965 from L C James.

An MLM story from Darlington 2015.

Nina Noonah, the Irish Setter, needs taking out for a wee. Someone has opened up the side of the tent so MLM pushes Nina through the gap and follows her out. On the way back in she sends Nina back though the gap intending to follow her. Now, you will be surprised to hear that the punch line of this story is not that she fell back in; no, instead as she's coming through, she hears someone shout 'Oy!' Shoving her head through the gap she asks of the man sitting there with his chips and peas 'Is there a problem?'

Oh yes, there's a problem alright; Nina has just pinched his meat pie.....

A story from Darlington 2014

The funniest thing has just happened! MLM is standing talking to two judges and as she leans forward to kiss one of them a Labrador suddenly comes from nowhere and pushes its way between her legs, lifts her off the ground and she head butts the Group Judge!

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