

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021

Sadly Three Counties have cancelled their Championship Show which was scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> June. Anne Douthwaite was to have been the judge.

Meg Webb emailed to say "As you know SEISC Ch Sh was due to be held on 18th July this year until Crufts changed its dates. Although Crufts has now been cancelled, we are not rescheduling it on 18th July but are looking to hold it next year although I don't have any details yet."

The judges were to have been Adrienne Callister, Dogs, Mona Hunter, Bitches and Lynda Fauvrelle referee.

And you will all know by now that Crufts is cancelled. I was the judge for Dogs and Peter Armstrong was my co-judge.

It is a huge disappointment for all judges when they lose an appointment through no fault of their own but Crufts is the pinnacle of their careers; a once in a lifetime experience for almost all.

I have been very lucky in that I have already had the Crufts judging experience. In 2016 I judged Hungarian Wirehaired Vizslas there and had the most amazing time. Stepping out on to that green carpet to judge one's beloved breed is awesome.

I am disappointed but on the other hand I am very thankful that I can feel that way; 127,000 others from this country can no longer feel or do anything.

*"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.*

*"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide.*

*All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."*

*— J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring*

A dog I mentioned a few weeks ago was Marjorie Jarosz' Wendover Game. He was whelped by the Jameses in October 1960 and was by the dual CC winner Watendlath João O'Pandy out of Sh Ch Wendover Kelly. A litter brother was sent to abroad to become NZ Ch Wendover Gary Of Acres Like his sire, Game never gained his title but he was an influential sire.

He won his first CC at SKC in 1963 from Arthur Eggleston of 'Pennine' Pointer fame; he awarded the Reserve to Sh Ch Raycroft Hoobram Rich Corona. Earlier that year at Manchester M. Byrd had given him the RCC behind Rich Corona.

Having given him the RCC behind Brendower Bounty (his first) at Windsor in 1963, Rasbridge judged the breed again and awarded him the CC at Belfast in 1965. This time Brendower Bomber, an O'Pandy grandson, won his first RCC.

Between 1962 and 1967 Game won 6 RCCs in all.

Two were behind Rich Corona and two were behind Brendower Bounty. L.C. James gave him two of his RCCs, one behind B. Bounty and one behind Sh Ch Heathcliffe Jason. His last RCC was from Peg Stokes who gave the CC to Sh Ch Wendover Gentleman.

Game was the sire of six Show Champions.

Sh Ch Joanma's Lottie was bred in 1964 by Mrs Culpin of Baldock in Hertfordshire out of her Wendover Kara Of Longbailey. She won 7 CCs and 9 RCCs and was made up in 1967 by T Hubert Arthur, Frank Warner-Hill and Peg Stokes. Reserves to her were Raycroft Sicklebrook Nancy, Vandamist Vision and Sh Ch Marrona Marica. She won 5 of her 9 RCCs that year as well.

R. Sicklebrook Nancy was bred by Miss Woodward out of Wendover Favourite by Rae Furness' Sh Ch Raycroft Callboy. Following her RCC win she took the CC at Cheshire under John Harper.

Hartsbourne Starlight won her first ever Green Card, the RCC.

In her Crufts 1968 advert Rae mentions her as the well known R.S. Nancy but she must have moved her on because in the 1971 Crufts catalogue she is shown as being the dam of Rae's Raycroft Emmerline and bred by Mrs P Parry and in 1973 she is mentioned as the dam of Llanasa Scarlet Ribbons also bred by Mrs P Parry.

Back in 1974 Peter Rowlands exhibited Llanasa Derry at Crufts. He was by Sh Ch Hartsbourne Trident ex Wendover Favourite.

Vandamist Vision was owned and bred by Mrs E.G.Thompson of Ringwood, Hants., out of Sowerhill Red Mist by Marrona Midas Of Vandamist. Her litter sister was Vandamist Morning Glory of Andana. Vision won 3 CCs and 3 RCCs.

I shall write about the Marronas at a future date.

I wrote in my notes of 15<sup>th</sup> March about Peter Heard's Ch Joanma's Adriano.

In 1966 Janice Roberts had a litter from Cornevon Snowbunting by Game to produce the Show Champion litter mates Cornevon Prince Charming and Cinderella.

Prince Charming won his first of 7 CCs at Leeds in 1968 from L.C. James. Wendover Caskey took his first RCC. Nan Tomlinson was the judge at SCCA and gave him his second with a first Reserve CC going to Brackenfield Tertius. Jack Whittaker made him up in 1969 at Cheshire and Tertius took the Reserve once more. He also won 6 RCCs and sired 4 UK Show Champions and one South African. C. Cinderella won her first CC at East of England in 1968 as well; hers was from Mrs 'J' James who awarded the RCC to Ballywestow Cantelo. Eileen Walker was the judge at Bournemouth later that year and gave her her second with Brackenfield Mimosa taking the Reserve. She was made up the following year at Bath under Violet Yates. The newly crowned Sh Ch Harstbourne Starlight was Reserve. Cinderella's tally of Green Cards was 8 CCs and 6 RCCs and she became the dam of 3 UK and one Dutch Show Champions.

Bill and Rita Bryden had a Wendover bred bitch who they registered as Scotswood Hot Sensation and in 1966 they had a litter from her by Game. In this litter was Sh Ch Scotswood Barabbas who became the sire of five Show Champions.

His first of 5 CCs was won at Blackpool in 1968, the judge was Des McGarry and a first RCC went to his half brother, Cornevon Prince Charming. In the same year Kitty Edmondson judged at Leicester and gave him his second and Eileen Walker made him up at Bournemouth when she gave a second ticket to C. Cinderella. Reserves to him were Sh Ch Wendover Gentleman and Sh Ch Bidford Buffin. Barabbas picked up 6 RCCs along the way as well.

Joanma's Fora was owned by Mrs R Ward and from a litter she had to Game Mrs T Buffet of London took a bitch, Joanma's Kayla, who would go on to win 3 CCs and 2 RCCs. Bill Rasbridge judged at Blackpool in 1973 and awarded her her first with Marjorie's own Sh Ch Joanma's Rachel taking the Reserve. Marjorie had given Kayla the RCC when she judged at Three Counties in 1973 and so the following year at Manchester, she awarded her the CC. Timadon Ballina was Reserve to her. Peg Stokes made her up in 1974 at ISAE with Cornevon Love Story standing in the Reserve spot.

A Little Mate Story from March 2017

So, we go out for dinner and return to our hotel room but My Little Mate can't get the door to open.

Me: Have you got the card key in the right way round?

MLM: Yes (as she has another failed attempt)

Me: Let me have a go (as I snatch it out of her hand)

Me: Well we're never going to get in with this are we?

MLM: Why not?

Me: Because it's your bloody Royal Canine loyalty card!

Open sesame.....

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