

## IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021

Entries for the ISAE championship show close by post on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> September and online at Fosse Data on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>. The judges are Debbie Fryer (Redchester), dogs, and Mel Hillocks (Jonola), bitches. Becky Box is referee.

Debbie's last appointment was at WKC in 2018 when she found her CC winners in Sh Ch Copper's War of Roses, aka Arthur, and Quensha Tumble and Twirl, Bree, her first. RCCs were Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas and Dubliner Canberra.

2018 was also the year of Mel's last appointment. At Windsor she awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> CC to Suteresset Rebel Rouser in Balbriggan and made up Sh Ch Ixia Ever Hopeful. RCCs went to Sh Ch Thendara Commitment and Dreamerlis Regal Jodie from Deneil.

The show is being held at the Kennel Club Building on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. There are 16 classes for each sex plus Field Trial, Brace and Special Progeny which will be judged by Becky in the lunch break. The Gundog Society of Wales championship show is being held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October at Three Counties Showground. The judge for Irish is Jacquie Ward and entries close by post on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September and online at Fosse Data on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 12 classes for each sex.

Jacquie last judged Irish at WKC in 2016. She gave a 13<sup>th</sup> CC to Arthur and a 19<sup>th</sup> CC to Sh Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten at Braidmount. Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle and Balintyne Say You Say Me took the Reserves.

Entries are open for the North East of England Championship and Open Shows to be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Temple Park Centre, South Shields, NE34 8QN.

At the champ show Steve Mitchell (Staxyll) will judge the dogs and Nigel Naylor bitches; Rob McMaster is the referee. There are 14 classes for each sex and Mrs S Mohan will judge 2 classes in the Brian McAvoy Memorial Special Awards Classes.

Steve hasn't judged Irish since 2017 when, at Richmond, he gave the Dog CC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna and the Bitch CC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream. RCCs were Gwendariff D'Ya Know My Name by Bardonhill and Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady.

Nigel's last appointment was in 2015 when he did the bitches at the Joint Irish Setter Clubs. On that occasion he awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> CC to Bardonhill Please Don't Tease Quensha and Reserve to Sangarah Skyline Over Lynwood.

Christine Borthwick is the open show judge where there are 12 classes for each sex.

Entries are by post only to Terry Dodds and close on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September. There is a link to the schedules on the North East of England Irish Setter Club FB page.

Two days later on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October is Gundog, Working & Utility day at Belfast Dog Show Society championship show. The show is at The Eikon Exhibition Centre, Lisburn and the judge is Moray Armstrong (Bitcon). There are 7 classes for each sex. Entries close by post on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September and online at Fosse Data on 16<sup>th</sup>.

Birmingham National in 2018 was when Moray last gave tickets in the breed. His Dog CC went to Gwendariff Thyme Bomb at Jacwillins, his second, and he made up Sh Ch Bardonhill Guilty Pleasure. Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle and Gwendariff Nutmeg were Reserves.

At Driffield it drizzled on and off for most of the day and was quite cold at times. The layout was good with open sided tents in each ring for dogs to be gone over and then nice big rings for them to move in. There was plenty of room for tents and gazebos.

Our judge was Tania Gardner (Danwish) and she made it another great day for the "Krays".

Ronnie (Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW) won his 15<sup>th</sup> CC and Reggie (Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli JW) won his 5<sup>th</sup> RCC from Limit.

Ronnie was BOB and the Group Judge, Ray Strudwick, awarded him Group 2.

Nancy aka Sh Ch Forfarian Hey Sexy Lady JW was BVIB again and won her 15<sup>th</sup> CC showing us what great lasters Irish are. Having recently won her first CC, Paddy Catling's "Indi" aka Teleri Indian Summer (ai) JW won Limit and her 2<sup>nd</sup> RCC.

BPIB was the Sturrock Girls' Forfarian Dusty Bottoms who is 6 months old and by Quensha Just Like Fire, and so is a nephew of Ronnie's, out of Forfarian Soo Lush JW.

The Eukanuba Champion Stakes were judged by Mrs S Virgo and from an entry of 14 with 5 absent she awarded fourth place to Dee & Jeremy's Sh Ch Thendara Commitment JW.

I was delighted to see the ladies from the North East; Joan Northend, Adrienne Callister and Sandra Nevitt.

Me: Crikey! I thought I'd died and gone to hell.

Joan & Sandra: Well, us two might be going there but Adrienne will definitely go to heaven.

Me: I hope not because that means I'll never see her again.

I attended the ISBC at Newark and my thoughts were with Joan Kniveton whose appointment for dogs this should have been and who is making steady progress from her recent illness.

Her friend of over 40 years, Pat Butler-Holley, was the replacement judge and Alister Watt judged the bitches.

The Krays continued their winning ways but their placings were reversed with Reggie, Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli JW, taking his first CC from Limit for a delighted Joy Russell. Ronnie won Open and RCC.

The Sturrock Girls had another amazing day, with Nancy winning another CC, BIS and BVIS and their puppy, Forfarian Dusty Bottoms, was BPIS. Reggie was RBIS.

My notes on this are brief as I am running late so I will give a full report on the show next week.

A Little Mate Story from 2015

MLM, her husband David, my hubbie and I are caravanning at SKC. We have with us the WSSs and Nina the Irish Setter.

In true Irish fashion Nina has been very naughty of late and totally ignoring David when he calls her back.

Determined to train her properly he goes out with her one morning saying 'I'll be back shortly.'

After half an hour MLM gets concerned and after an hour she is worried as to their whereabouts.

Just as we are getting ready to go out looking for them, they come back.

MLM: You said you wouldn't be long, we were worried; what happened?

David: Well I took her up to what I thought was an empty field and let her off but she disappeared behind a hedge. I called and called but there was no sign of her.

MLM: So then what happened.

David: I walked back the way we had come and saw a sign for the obedience show.

MLM: Ha! That was no good for you was it?

David: Well actually, yes, because there were all these Border Collies doing an out of sight sit stay and there was Nina running round them inviting them to play.

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