

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES

W/C MONDAY 8TH JUNE 2020

The ISAE is running a Virtual Irish Setter Fun Dog Show the results of which will be posted on the ISAE Face Book page from 2pm on 21st June. The judge, who remains anonymous for now, awards CCs in Irish and will submit a report on the main winners. Entries are open to all registered Irish Setters in classes 1-14 and Pet class 15 is open to all Irish Setters.

The classes are as follows:

Class 1. Irish Setter Veteran Dog (7 years and over)

Class 2. Irish Setter Puppy Dog

Class 3. Irish Setter Yearling Dog

Class 4. Irish Setter Post Graduate Dog

Class 5. Irish Setter Limit Dog

Class 6. Irish Setter Open Dog

Class 7. Irish Setter Veteran Bitch (7 years and over)

Class 8. Irish Setter Puppy Bitch

Class 9. Irish Setter Yearling Bitch

Class 10. Irish Setter Post Graduate Bitch

Class 11. Irish Setter Limit Bitch

Class 12. Irish Setter Open Bitch

Special Classes

Class 13. Irish Setter Young Puppy Dog / Bitch 3-6 months

Class 14. Irish Setter Rainbow Bridge Dog / Bitch (Dogs / Bitches no longer with us)

Class 15. Irish Setter "Pet Class" open to all

Class 16. Irish Setter Special Field Trial Dog/Bitch (Any age and to have run at a Field Trial)

Placings 1st to VHC in all classes.

Best Dog, Best Bitch, Best in Show, Best Puppy In Show, Best Veteran In Show, only to be awarded. A Winners Diploma will be sent by email.

Entries close at midnight on Wednesday 18th June and all entry fees will be put towards the ISAE Health Fund.

Entry fee plus catalogue - £1.00 (Catalogue will be E Mailed on morning of show). No multiple class entries will be accepted (one class per dog).

Email your Photo (one photo per entry) and entry details to:

solomanmax@yahoo.co.uk or private message to ISAE on Facebook.

Photos should not include handlers face, the ISAE reserve the right to crop photos.

Entry fee payable via PayPal : solomanmax@icloud.com; use the friends/family facility to avoid being charged and note your name please.

As this is purely a fun show ISAE committee members will be allowed to enter.

Entry Details Required are your name and your email address; Dog's KC Name / DOB/ Breeder / Sire / Dam; Class entered.

For class 15 only a pet name is needed.

THIS IS A FUN SHOW TO HELP RELIEVE THE TENSION IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, WE ASK YOU TO TREAT IT AS SUCH.

In my notes of 25th May I wrote about Tony Lee having a Burrenmist dog; I am sad to report the passing of Dave Kenny who, along with his wife Pauline, was the breeder.

Sharon Hopewell writes: "Dave and Pauline have owned Irish Setters since 1979 and bought their first Irish for their daughter who wanted a puppy and remained hooked. They obtained the Burrenmist affix in 1991 and the rest, as they say, is history. Among their clan was B. River Dance, B. Tara Road and B. Hot Toddy. Although they have not shown in recent years you could always guarantee that they would be ringside at Crufts and Dave was always the first to offer to buy a drink at the bar. RIP, Dave will be sadly missed."

Their foundation bitch was Erinade Lady Bird at Burrenmist who was a Norlan Sebastian from Erinade daughter out of Erinade Lydia and bred by Vivecca Vamplew. She was a Night Fever granddaughter and a double granddaughter of Sh Ch Erinade Neula of Norlan.

They had three litters from her; the first by Erinade Luke at Burrenmist and two by Intrepid.

Dave passed away in hospital and when asked by the doctors if there was anything he wanted he said 'My wife and my dog' and so they allowed her to take his beloved dog along to say goodbye.

I send my heartfelt condolences to Pauline, his family and friends.

At Three Counties Christine Butler (Rubymoon) was to have been our judge. Christine last judged Irish at MISS in 2018 when she did the bitches only and awarded the CC to Ch Lynwood Happy As A Lark and the Reserve to Bardonhill Guilty Pleasure.

It was at Three Counties in 1991 that an Irish was Best in Show there. He was Ray & Brenda Gutsell's Sh Ch Barnaby of Wesbere at Cressway.

Barney was handled by their son Pete and bred by his (then) wife Sheila together with Priscilla Smith (Reddins), in July 1987 as they owned his dam, Reddins Oonagh, in partnership; she was a daughter of Sh Ch

Reddins Ferdinand and so a granddaughter of Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever. His sire was Sh Ch Wendover Tonic. It is interesting to note that Barney is a great-great grandson of Sh Ch Brandy Royale of Wendover of whom I wrote last week.

On the day he went BIS he had won his crowning CC from Richard Hirons (Loskeran) and went on to win 15 in total. He was retired after having won his 15th CC from Mary Gurney at Southern Counties.

Barney wasn't shown until he was 19 months old. He was the last of the litter to go because in those days it was very difficult finding homes for Irish puppies and he was considered to be very plain. At 14 weeks old he went to live with a couple in Essex.

When this couple went on holiday they asked if Pete and Sheila would have him whilst they were away; they agreed to this but the owners never returned. Pete and Sheila found out why!

They went on holiday themselves, having to take Barney with them, and found out that he was very badly behaved.

But they realised that this very plain Irish had turned out to be something rather special and so Pete's parents took him in. Pete and Sheila's affix was Wesbere and his parents affix was Cressway.

Although he wasn't a very keen stud dog he sired several litters. His first to Reddins Harriet, a Night Fever daughter, produced a former Bitch CC Record Holder, Sh Ch Reddins Myrna owned and campaigned by John and Sheila Hall. Penny Pallister used him on another Night Fever daughter, Penwynfair Lady Love.

Mick and Aidine Howes had three pups by him out of their Medogold Scottish Melody, M. Maclaren, M. Maserati and M. Mercedes who won a Reserve CC.

Another Night Fever daughter, Jonola Posie Rosie was mated to him to produce a litter of 6 under the Matangi affix. He was also mated to Moyrath Irish Dance and to Saorsa Serendipity.

In March 1995, Ann Cook and Phyllis Pollard used him on Grayrigge Doireann. This turned out to be a very successful mating as it produced two Champions Grayrigge Fedilma and G. Fionuala. They both gained their show titles and then, on the same day in September 2000, they became full champions.

And I'm ending these notes with some excellent news; I have an appointment at the hairdresser's for Saturday 4th July at 10:00 a.m. I wonder if they'll be able to fit MLM in as well because when I went to see her last Tuesday I discovered she had been colouring her hair at home. As we sat in the sunshine, socially distanced of course, I was glad

to see that there was no green glow. She did however remind me of something and it was only when I got home and saw a box of matches on the counter that I realised what. Not that she's lost weight, you understand, but the hair was the colour of one of Captain Webb's best.

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