

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2022

The K.C. Breed Record Supplement for April to June 2022 has been published. It records 20 litters and 187 new registrations of Irish Setters.

There were 7 importations, 2 from Poland, 4 from Ireland and 1 from Hungary.

At the NEEISC Mona Hunter has an entry of 47 dogs and Dave Hopewell has 57 bitches. At the open show held in conjunction with the championship show Lynn Williamson has 69 dogs and bitches to judge.

It was good to hear that Enid Hinslea is home and feeling much better. We all wish her the best of health.

I mentioned last week that I'd been at Wendy Morley's 80th birthday party. It was held at Treetops, Matlock, Derbyshire which used to be the home of Sybil and Steve Lennox of the Brackenfield Irish Setters.

It is now the home of Gill and Andrew Dale (Aubanjon) who have been there for eight years and what a transformation they have made!

Gone are the old kennels that surrounded the lawned area to the side of the house and instead there is a manicured lawn around which run gravel paths to a large flower bed, a pond and an outbuilding with a new roof, doors and electricity.

I never knew that there was a gate to the garden further down the road and although the original gates still stand, they now lead to a large car parking area beyond which is the dog walking field at the side of a field for the sheep.

The monkey puzzle tree still stands tall but it is so much more of a feature now.

Inside, the house is still as welcoming as ever but much warmer! Gone is the old garage in which took place many a mating. I remember going with Wendy for a mating and screaming my head off as I went into the garage and walked into the pheasants that were hanging in there.

There were many of Wendy's Irish Setter friends from the past there. Margaret Cordwell (Ronetta), Rosemary Godson (Lansilk) who now shows Lowchens, Paul and Sandy Glithero (Coppershell) who now show Whippets, Phyllis Pollard (Grayrigge) who was looking very well indeed and Brian Ross (Autumnglow) as well as some of us 'young ones' and those with whom Wendy had served on the committees of the ISBC East Midlands region and Matlock & DCS.

The Glitheros had driven all the way from Herefordshire and Brian Ross had driven 3 ½ hours from Monmouthshire in Wales. Brian was looking well and he was telling us that after 5 years of looking after his wife Greta at home she is now living in a nursing home.

At the ISAE championship show on Sunday, October 2nd, Gerry Condon (Covarney) awarded a second CC to a delighted Sue Edwards and Gwendariff PS I Love You Bonhomie JW. He was also BVIS. Gerry last judged him at ISCS in 2019 when he awarded him the RCC.

Steve Richardson gave Rio his first CC in 2019 at Bath when Gwendariff D'Ya Think I'm Fab For Kespas won his one and only RCC.

He was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie in September 2014 so is 8 years old and is by Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W. ex Sh Ch/Ir Ch Gwendariff Fizzy Pop J.W. Along the way he has picked up 5 RCCs in total.

Blake Crocker's recently crowned Larry aka Sh Ch Riverbrue Morning Glory (Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana) won limit and his 4th RCC.

Brenda Berry (Brinara) judged the bitches and awarded CC #26 to Larry's mother Gloria, who was also BIS, and a third RCC to Alec Stewart's Sh Ch/Sp Ch Gwendariff Come Fly With Me WW20. These two girls have a common grandfather, Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under.

Sandra, Kerry and Emma's Jimmy aka Kerryfair Just Be took another BPIS. He is half brother to Gloria having the same sire (Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe)).

Last Friday saw Martin Russell (Melmara) judging Irish Setters for the first time. For the dog CC and BOB he chose Pat and Ken Stockton's Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW (Sh Ch Copper's

War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa) who was bred by Blake in April 2016. This was Ronnie's 23rd CC and he has 8 RCCs.

The RCC went to the Bott Allen and Morgan partnership's Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow who is 2 ½ years old and by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) ex Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. Hector now has 4 RCCs and 8 CCs.

In bitches Ronnie's litter sister, Blake's Gloria, won her 27th CC. The RCC was awarded to Hannah Boutell and James Burbridge's Ixia Rainbow Brite who had won limit. Rainbow was whelped in October 2016 and is by Lynwood Lark In The Dark J.W. x Sh Ch Ixia Ever Hopeful. This is her 3rd RCC to go with her 2 CCs.

Jane and Roger Mugford's Lynwood Rather Scrumptious was BPIB. She is almost 11 months old and by the reserve ticket winner, Hector, out of Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra J.W.

Both CC winners and the BPIB are grandchildren of Muscot (Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under) and Hector is a great-grandson of his.

I couldn't see any Irish featuring in the stakes classes.

The Irish Setter Club of Wales held their championship show in conjunction with SWKA.

Viv Blackshaw (Lanstara) judged the dogs and made it a wonderful day for Pat and Ken when Ronnie was awarded CC #24.

Dave & Karen Hemmings' Orlanet A New Flame won limit and his first RCC although he already has 2 CCs. He is 4 ½ years old and out of their Orlanet Rosalie by Sh Ch Gwendariff D'ya Know My Name By Bardonhill J.W.

Gill Bye (Bluebyeyou) was the judge for bitches and awarded an 8th CC to Jane and Roger's 5 ½ year old Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra (Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under ex Ch Lynwood Happy As A Lark J.W.).

Alofrana Miss Daisy At Henaleas (AI) JW was the winner of Post Grad and the RCC. She was bred by Beccy Danks-Kemish in November 2018 out of Alofrana Hot Inspiration by Int Ch Copper's Gypsy Rose and is owned by Paul and Julie Humphreys. This is her first green card.

BPIB was Sandra, Kerry and Emma's Jimmy.

Rounding off Pat and Ken's great weekend was Caffrey (Gwendariff D'Ya think I'm fab for Kespas JW) who was BVIS show. He was bred by Diane in June 2015 and is by Covarney Flapjack ex Gwendariff Whipsa Daisy.

Magic was BIS and Ronnie was RBIS.

Sue Edwards has been having a lovely time recently with her Irish and last Wednesday she was BIS at Windsor gundog with Kiera (Gwendariff It's Numero Uno at Bonhomie JW). Beccy Danks-Kemish (Alofrana) was the breed judge and Steve Richardson judged BIS.

Going to Sybil's old house brought so many memories flooding back but my lasting memory is of one summer's evening when Joan Kniveton and I went to visit her at Treetops; the purpose of the visit totally escapes me now as it was back in the 1970's. But we must have gone straight from school as we can't possibly be that old!

Anyway, as we were driving up the road there ahead of us was Sybil leading a young heifer by the nose towards a field at the end of the lane. This young cow was having none of it and really dug her heels in as Sybil pulled and tugged on the rope.

We abandoned the car and started off down the lane to help but when we were almost there the heifer gave Sybil an almighty push in the chest and knocked her backwards over a stone wall! All we could see were Sybil's legs thrashing about in the air as we ran faster towards the scene. I went to Sybil but the heifer took one look at Joan and decided that she really didn't like her and started to charge at her.

Joan set off back down the lane with the cow in hot pursuit but as I pulled Sybil up she saw what was happening and shouted in best Captain Mainwaring fashion 'You stupid girl! You're running the wrong way. Run into the field; that's where I want her.'

None of us were ever brave enough to disobey Sybil so Joan did a quick about turn and legged it into the field with the cow, who now appeared to be breathing fire, very hot on her heels.

Sybil climbed back over the wall, brushed herself down, closed the gate and said 'Tea, then?'
I can't ever remember how Joan escaped but it brings a whole new meaning to the phrase 'mad cow'.

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