

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2022

Entries for the SEISC close by post on Friday, 23rd December and on line at midnight on Friday, 30th December. Helen Stevens is the judge.

The Kennel Club Journal for December has been published online, it lists the following judges: Leeds, 28th July 2023, Flo Barker; Belfast, 23rd September 2023, Sjoerb Jobse; SKC September 23, Gavin Robertson. The only judges not announced for next year are those for Richmond and Belfast & DISC. The Kennel Club has recently issued the following statement:

BENCHING AT GENERAL AND GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOWS

The Kennel Club would like to announce that following its recent Board meeting it has been agreed that the requirement for benching for General and Group Championship dog shows will be relaxed for a two-year trial period commencing the 1 January 2023.

This decision has been taken having listened to feedback from exhibitors and due to concerns expressed by show societies about the strain on shows' finances at this present time.

Applications for exemption from benching will now be considered by The Kennel Club for next year's shows. Those show societies which wish to apply for exemption from benching will be required to submit revised show plans and risk assessments. The Kennel Club will be contacting show secretaries direct with further details.

The Show Executive Committee will be regularly monitoring the impact on shows and Field Officers will be assigned to report on those shows for which exemption from benching has been approved.

The Kennel Club can confirm that it will continue to provide benching at Crufts.

For further enquiries, please contact breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk.

I was sad to hear that Maureen Justice (Lyric) passed away on Friday 9th December. She was famous for her Gordon Setters but she also gave tickets in Irish Red & Whites and Irish.

Her first appointment in Irish was at SCCA in 2003 when she awarded a crowning third CC to Sh Ch Amberwave Dazzle and second RCC to Bonhomie Theme For A Dream. This appointment was for bitches only.

In 2006 she judged both sexes at Midland Counties and found her CC winners in Sh Ch Gwendariff Dom Perignon and Kirkavagh Jumilla. RCCs were Sh Ch Thendara Don Corleone and Rua Primavara. 4 years later in 2010 she judged again at SCCA but this time she judged the dogs. The CC went to Sh Ch Ember Gene Simmons Sings Quensha and the Reserve to Copper's Undercover at Lynwood.

The following year Maureen judged the bitches at ISCW and gave a second CC to Lynwood Started With a Kiss and a fourth RCC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Rock Diva.

Maureen was clearly a favourite at SCCA as her last appointment was there in 2013. Her dog CC winner was Sh Ch Meadway Morrisey and she gave a first CC to Neathamill Nerissa. She awarded a first and only RCC to Ixia Joseph At Merrybourne and a first RCC to Henaleas Carry On Flirting.

Sincere condolences to her family and many, many friends.

If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever.

- A. A. Milne

The last general championship show of the year, LKA, was held at the NEC yesterday. Our judge was David Pike (Redclyst/Glenury).

As always for LKA it was a cold and snowy day but there was a good atmosphere inside the NEC. The floor in the venue is not ideal and many young and not so young Irish Setters were unsure of their footing in the ring however David did make some allowances for this.

What a wonderful day it turned out to be for Sue Edwards and Rio, who from veteran, won his crowning CC and the Gundog group under Sandra Marshall.

Now to be known as Sh Ch Gwendariff PS I Love You Bonhomie JW he won his first CC in 2019 under Steve Richardson at Bath and his second this year under Gerry Condon at ISAE.

He was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie in September 2014 out of Sh Ch/Ir Ch Gwendariff Fizzy Pop J.W by Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W.

It has been a long journey for Sue and Rio who won 2 RCCs in 2018 under Don McCulloch and Ronnie Blomme and 3 in 2019 under Maureen Savage, Gerry Condrón and Jeff Horswell.

Reserve to him was the winner of graduate, Marie Beresford's Jetsetter Wind Of Dreams (Imp Rus), who is two years old and by Int Ch Copper's Gypsy Rose ex Rus Ch Jetsetter Pin Up Girl. This is his first such award.

In bitches David awarded a first CC to Maureen Elkins' Twoacres Promise Of Spring With Avacet who had won limit. She is 6 years old and by Sh Ch Avacet Snowdrift ex Twoacres Luck Be A Lady and also has 5 RCCs to her name.

The RCC went to Jane and Roger Mugford's Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra JW (Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under ex Ch Lynwood Happy As A Lark J.W.).

BPIB was Bridgwater's Bridgella's Jubilee Queen (Bardonhill Pearly Spencer ex Blazing Bronze Eye Candy (Imp Nld)).

Congratulations everyone.

It was lovely to hear from Ann Needs who told me that her and Bill's Covarney It Takes Time with Stourford JW was Reserve Top Dog at the Dorset Top Dog competition.

There will be no more notes now until 2nd January so I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful new year.

A Little Mate Christmas Story

So MLM goes Christmas shopping. No shoving and pushing in Meadowhall for her, she'd rather shop online.

Her granddaughter, Esme, is animal mad so she buys her a DVD called 'I Love Animals.'

And it's a bargain too; £4 rather than the recommended £14.00.

It arrived today.

It's in Spanish.

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