

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C 15TH AUGUST 2022

Entries for SWKA close by post on 26th August and online on the 5th September. Martin Russell is our first time judge.

Linda Fauvrelle has drawn an entry of 79 making 83 at Drifffield.

Following last week's notes, I received the following email from Phyllis Pollard:

"Dear Chris, have just read your piece on Irish Setter full Champions following on from your tribute to Neita in last week's Breed notes, both gave me huge pleasure and I have to say took me down memory lane - buckets of tears! You provided such detail and for the record, yes Ann and I made our girls up at the Northern Ireland Pointer Autumn Trials, I remember Mike Oakley commenting in Our Dogs the following week that we'd made Breed history by making up two litter sisters on the same day. We were ecstatic on the ferry going home and it's worth saying that we handled them ourselves! It's also worth saying that training an Irish Setter for the field when you are a complete novice as I then was is one of the hardest things I've ever done but such rewards - you see your dog in a wholly different light and it makes the Breed Standard come alive in a way that nothing else does, So thank you Chris and I'm going off to find another box of hankies, warmest wishes, Phyllis Pollard."

I'm so glad you liked it Phyllis.

The weather at Paignton last week was beyond hot but in the benching tents it remained cool and bearable due to the blue and red striped roofs. It may have been a bit darker than we're used to but that was a minor thing compared to the heat that the dogs could have been exposed to.

The 'in and out' rings were large and spacious and the ground good. There was a terrific atmosphere with lots of good humour and banter.

The Paignton committee had taken the decision not to allow members of the public into the benching tents; this was very well received and the general opinion was that all societies (including Crufts) should do the same.

The judging was staggered with Peter Armstrong (Atron) starting at 9:00 a.m. in the dog ring.

He awarded a first CC to Teresa and Gemma Gisby's Suteressett King Of Hearts JW who had won limit. KIng also has 3 RCCS and is 5 ½ years old. He is by Anlory Aidan J.W. x Suteressett Once Upon A Dream.

Reserve to him was the winner of yearling, Charlotte Godart's Bel Lux Eur Jun Ch Riverwood Unbelievable Mr Moonlight, and this is his first major U.K. award. He is 17 months old out of C.I.E. Int/Lux/Swiss/Vdh/Bel Sh Ch Riverwood Over The Moon Bel Jun Ch by Molenrakkers Field Friend. Diane McDonald (Chugerra) judged bitches in the adjacent ring starting at 9:30. and I had the pleasure of stewarding for her. Chris Sheldon was her official photographer and we had plenty of laughs with the exhibitors.

The heat must have got to Sue Randle who was totally confused about which class we were on and Helen Cohen was my official proof reader for the results! It was good fun girls.

Diane awarded the CC, her 6th, to Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra owned and bred by Roger and Jane Mugford. She has 7 RCCs to go with these. Home bred in May 2017 she is by Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under x Ch Lynwood Happy As A Lark J.W.

The RCC went to Judi Frampton and Holly Piggins Riverbrue Cloudburst over Strathmead who had won limit. She has 2 CCs and this was her 4th RCC. Olympia is out of Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) and was bred by Blake Crocker in December 2019.

The judges agreed that Magic should be BOB and so KIng was declared BOS.

The referee wasn't needed at all so the Chorley girls' Kerryfair Just Be picked up another BPIB award, Phil and Paula Lucas' Rowan (Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight JW) was BVIB and BSB was Deborah Murray's Bluebye you Love Affair At Derrydore.

Rowan is seven years old and out of Bardonhill Days Are Diamond J.W. by Sh Ch Kerryfair Snow Fox J.W. and B. Love Affair is by Covarney Flapjack ex Covarney Everlasting Love At Bluebye you.

The society puts on quite a number of stakes classes but the only Irish Setter I could find in the results was Roisin Howlett & Mike Prowting's Thendara Albatross who was 2nd in the Eukanuba Puppy Stakes judged by Margaret Wildman.

Congratulations to you all.

The SEISC held their 2021 Championship show in conjunction with Paignton and with judging taking place in the adjacent rings things got a little hectic at times and there was some waiting around whilst handlers and dogs were being shown in other rings.

I was absolutely delighted to see Norma Wilson nee Marshall at the show. She had accompanied her sister Mona Hunter who was judging bitches for the SEISC. Norma was looking really well and we managed to have a bit of a catch up about old friends and old times.

Adrienne Callister (Redleven) judged the dogs and she gave a 2nd CC to a delighted Dave Hemmings with Orlanet A New Flame. He was bred by Dave and his wife Karen in May 2018 out of Orlanet Rosalie by Sh Ch Gwendariff D'ya Know My Name By Bardonhill J.W.

The RCC went to Becci Danks-Kemish's Sh Ch Alolfrana Hotter Than U'Know (Hot Sensation's Orstone Cowboy (Imp Swe) J.W. x Alolfran Copacabana), his 6th to go with his 7 CCs.

Jane and Roger's Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra won her 7th CC and second of the day; she was also BIS.

The RCC was Marita Bott's Bardonhill Love Of My Life who is 4 years old and by Sh Ch Gwendariff D'ya Know My Name By Bardonhill J.W. x Bardonhill True Love Ways. This was her 2nd RCC.

Jimmy aka K. Just Be was BPIS and BVIS was Sh. Ch. Lanstara Spring Moon owned by Gordon and Debbie Rowbottom. He is 8 years old and bred by Viv Blackshaw out of Lanstara Lollipop by Millcroft Poachers Moon Of Victoriaview.

The following day was National Gundog at Three Counties Showground, Malvern. Whilst the benching was indoors the rings were out in the open under the blazing sun.

Out two first time judges couldn't have been better matched if they'd tried; both were wearing royal blue and black outfits.

Jackie Boyd-McNeil (Glennlokhen) judged the dogs and awarded a 6th CC to Geoff Allen, Tom Bott and Angela Morgan's Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow. Hector is 2 ½ years old and out of Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus). He also has 2 RCCs.

The RCC went to the second on open which was David Alcorn and Gavin Ingram's Gwendariffs Red Light Show Farnfield. This was his second such award and he also has one CC.

In bitches it was CC #23 for Blake's Gloria who also has 9 RCCs. She is 6 years old and by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) x Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa and Ruth then gave the RCC to Gwendariff Its Numero Uno at Bonhomie JW owned and handled by Sue Edwards. This is her 4th RCC and she also has one CC. She was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie in May 2017 out of Gwendariff Carrys It Off J.W. by Sh Ch/Ir Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna J.W. She was the winner of limit. Young Jimmy (Kerryfair Just Be) is on a real roll taking his third BPIB award of the weekend and Rowan won his second BVIB award of the weekend.

Mrs R Deighton's Oakdene Schiehallion (Imp Bel) was BSB. (Int Ch/Multi Ch Paris Match Thendara J.W. x Oakdene Nothing Compares To U).

Jackie and Ruth decided that Gloria should be BOB and she later took BIS 3 under Sharon Pinkerton.

Out of an entry of 22 a delighted Sarah Pym won the Veteran Stakes under Jane Eyeington with Thendara The Watchmaker who is 7 years old. His sire is Cordarragh Rembrandt and his dam is Thendara Capriati. It was a very special day for them as it was his first veteran class.

Bill and Ann Needs' Covarney It Takes Time with Stourford came fifth out of 26 in the Junior Stakes under judge Ray Strudwick.

I can't see any more Irish featuring in the stakes classes but please let me know if I have missed anyone. It's very hot and humid as I write and having been away now for two weeks with another one to go and with stewarding and judging over the weekend my brain is feeling quite fried!

Becky Johnson judged our breed for the first time at Bournemouth. Her main winners were Sh Ch Gwendariff Lucy's Legacy dog CC & BOB, Covarney it takes Time reserve dog CC, Sh Ch & Sp Ch

Gwendariff Come Fly With Me bitch CC, Covarney Lil ' Minx reserve bitch CC, Kerryfair Just Be BPIB, Strathmead Huckleberry Of Settesoli BVIB and Grousehill Dream Boy BSB.

More on these next week.

Long notes this week so here's a brief MLM story from 2017.

My Little Mate has had another disaster with a Tena Lady. Not an unscheduled Brazilian this time; she just lost it when she went out for lunch yesterday.

Fortunately, when she got home her daughter had found it stuck to the loo seat! Sometimes I just despair.....

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