

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2022

Entries For GBAS close on Wednesday 31st August by post and online at noon on Wednesday the 14th September.

Our first time judges are Linzi Richardson, dogs and Gemma Gisby, bitches. Don't forget that the date of the show has changed to Friday 30th September.

It's great to see that we have youngsters judging. Enjoy your day girls.

I was given duff information about the BOB at NGA. I did see all of the judging and the tickets being awarded but then I had to go off to judge the Italian Spinone Club open show so I missed the BOB challenge. Whilst Blake's Gloria (Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana) was Best of Breed it was on the referee's decision. The referee was Sharon Pinkerton who later gave her BIS 3.

I was delighted to receive the following email from Colette Tuite.

"Dear Chris, Following on from your recent article in the breed notes of 8th August 22, I thought you might be interested to know that Ch Astleys Portia of Rua became a full champion in August of 1980 at the Scottish Gundog Field trial association by gaining her show/working certificate handled and trained by me. She had been run at field trials since making her debut at the Irish Setter Association Summer trial in the puppy stake at Shap in July 1976. Although many times making the 2nd round at various trials she did not manage to get an award at the trials. I was still a teenager and totally novice so had a lot to learn. I put all that learning into my next Irish with more field trial lines to later become Field Trial Champion Rua Connemara of Porschet. As far as I remember there was only one other full Champion in the breed at that time which was Ch Joanma's Adriano.

I don't know if any of the above fits into the criteria of the modern day champions! As you mentioned Ch Reddins Fintan got his qualifier in 1987, Portia was just 7 years earlier! Best wishes Colette Tuite"

I am glad to be able to record this.

Having sent Colette the KC list of champions she sent the following:

"Thanks for sending me the KC list of champions in the breed it has triggered my memory! I forgot to mention John Brown made up his Ch Laurie of Allsquare to a full champion in the mid 70's so she joined the ranks of Ch Joanma's Adriano. I seem to recall he ran her qualifier at Shap which was organised by the ISAE. Interestingly she was the granddam of Ch Carnbargus Cashmere. Apart from his litter with Sh Ch Allsquare Mickey Finn, he had a field trial litter using one of John Nash's Moanruads. I recall him telling me that when Hup was shouted at the loose running puppies in the house they all hit the floor instantly without any training!

Another full Champion of the mid 80's was Rodney and Mae Trenwith's Ch and Ir Ch Timadon Exclusive Edition. Her daughter Ir Ch Loughantarve Kerry Lynn became an Irish Champion in Ireland. (In Ireland a dog had to have a field trial award to be an Irish champion as there was not a show champion title, conversely a field trial dog had to have had a 3rd place at a show in order to become a field trial champion.)

It has taken me on a trip down memory lane! I am pretty sure that covers all the Champions in the UK from 1970 onwards. Best Wishes, Colette xx"

This is wonderful stuff; thanks a million Colette.

I was sorry to hear of the passing of June Aspinall (Emmfield) who was 90 years old. I wrote about her and her kennel in my notes of 8th March 2021. God bless June.

I wasn't at Bournemouth but am told it was another very hot one and whilst there has been a great atmosphere round the Irish rings of late, I understand that this was not the case here.

Suzy Roffey's Sh Ch Gwendariff Lucy's Legacy won his 4th CC and BOB. He is 6 years old and by Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W. ex Gwendariff The Real Thing.

Ann and Bill Needs must have been over the moon to win their final Junior Warrant point with Covarney It Takes Time with Stourford. They did it in style by winning Junior and Yearling with only two days to spare. And then they won the RCC!

Kelton was bred by Kate and Gerry Condrón in February 2021 out of Covarney Estee Avec Marzanne J.W. by Thendara The Watchmaker. Kate and Gerry have owned and bred champions in the breed and he is the 11th RCC winner for their affix.

In bitches Diane Stewart-Ritchie handled her husband's Sky (Sh Ch & Sp Ch Gwendariff Come Fly With Me) to her 9th CC. She is by Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Northamber Just Cause For Glenavna J.W. out of Copper's Comin Up Roses For Gwendariff (Imp Swe) and is 6 years old.

Having said above that the Condrons have owned or bred 11 RCC winners I now have to amend that to 12 as they won limit and the RCC with Covarney Lil ' Minx.

She is 6 ½ years old and by Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W. x Covarney Lill' Madam. This is her first green card. What a day they had as they also showed their Braque D'auvergne, Coco Dianell Morava At Covarney (Imp Cze), and were declared Reserve Best Bitch.

Emma Flinders handled Jimmy (Kerryfair Just Be) to another BPIB. He is owned by Emma, her mother Kerry and grandmother Sandra.

Joy Russell's Strathmead Huckleberry Of Settesoli was BVIB. Judi Frampton bred him in July 2015 out of her Strathmead Penny Whistle J.W. by Lynwood Lark In The Dark J.W.

Grousehill Dream Boy (Sh Ch Gwendariff I'm Comin Out (JW) ex Astleyview Elegant I Am Over Grousehill) owned by Victoria Purves was Best Special Beginners.

There were plenty of stakes classes but the only Irish I could find in the results was Deborah Murray's Bluebyeyou Love Affair At Derrydore who was VHC in the Frank Bloom Memorial Stakes judged Robin Newhouse.

Last Thursday was the Welsh Kennel Club and the Joint Irish Setter Clubs championship shows. WKC had a new lay out which was very well received. In previous years the show has been split between breeds shown at the top of the showground in the permanent buildings and those at the bottom in tents.

This year all breeds were judged at the top of the showground with an all weather tent spanning the circular grassed area. Irish Setters were judged under cover in the grass paddock next to the Best in Show building. There were two rings; one for WKC where dogs were judged first and the adjacent one for the Joint Clubs where bitches were first up.

The weather was warm and sunny and there was a lovely atmosphere around the rings.

Irene Glen (Bessalone) judged at WKC and for the dog CC she chose Geoff Allen, Paul Bott and Angela Morgan's Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow. This is his 7th CC and he also has 2 RCCs. I wrote about his breeding in my notes from NGA last week.

Pat & Ken's Ronnie (Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW) stood second to him in open and took the RCC, his 8th, to go with his 22 CCs. He is 6 years old and by Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa.

Paddy Catling's Indy (Sh Ch Teleri Indian Summer (ai) JW) won her 5th CC. She is out of Sh Ch Shandwick Love In A Mist For Teleri J.W. by Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under and has 6 RCCs as well.

She was declared BOB and later took Group 3 under our very own Brian Limpus.

A delighted Olivia Danks-Kemish handled her Rappatty Star Light Over Alolfrana JW Sh.CM to second in open and the RCC, her 2nd. She also has one CC. Dixie was bred by Pat Luto in December 2015 out of Gilliegrae Pops Back To Rappatty by Sametsuz On Cue Alolfran ShCM.

Dee and Jeremy's Thendara Big Love won MPD and BPIB. They bred Mac in January this year out of Susie Snapshot By Thendara JW by Sh Ch Thendara Commitment JW and he was shortlisted in the group under Ken Andrew.

Sue Edwards' Gwendariff PS I Love you Bonhomie JW (Sh Ch Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper J.W. ex Sh Ch/Ir Ch Gwendariff Fizzy Pop J.W.) was declared BVIB and was 3rd in the Veteran group judged by Rachel Barney.

In the next door ring Magi Henderson (Sametsuz) judged the bitches and for the CC she chose from limit, Jill Holley's Gwendariff Look This Way To Wynjill JW. Bubbles is 4 years old out of Gwendariff Lily The Pink by Sh Ch Gwendariff I'm Comin Out JW and this is her first CC.

Looking back on Magi's judging career she obviously likes the type as this is the 8th time that she has awarded a CC to a Gwendariff bred Irish Setter.

The RCC went to the winner of open, Jane & Roger Mugford's Magic aka Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra. This is her 8th such award to go with her 8 CCs. I wrote about her breeding in last week's notes.

Completing a terrific day for her, John Vant (Barleydale) judged the dogs and found his CC winner in Sue Edwards' Rio aka Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucantmissme Bonhomie JW. This is his 6th CC and he also has 7 RCCs.

The referee was Margaret Gittins and, on her decision, Bubbles was BIS with Rio RBIS.

An absolutely thrilled Sarah Pym handled her and Dee & Jeremy's Thendara Marshmello to win limit and the RCC. He is 4 years old and by Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle J.W. ex Thendara Violet Elizabeth At Zenana.

Paula and Phil Lucas had a terrific day winning BPIS with Gwendariff Aru Ready F'this Amberlight (Sh Ch Gwendariff Weekend Warrior ex Gwendariff Look This Way To Wynjill JW) and BVS with Sh. Ch. Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight JW (Sh Ch Kerryfair Snow Fox J.W. ex Bardonhill Days Are Diamond J.W.)

In the Bannerdown Special Beginners stakes judged by Ken Andrew, Deborah Murrays' Bluebyeyou Love Affair At Derrydore was 3rd.

Congratulations everyone.

A Sandy Waterton story.

Sandy had an exciting journey to the show. As she was coming up on the road from Abergavenny oncoming motorists were flashing her. Thinking that there were police ahead she slowed right down. But no, as she came around a bend there was a little Border Collie in the middle of the road. She stopped her car, got out and managed to coax it to her. Swiftly picking her up she bundled her into the back of the car and set off to find a vet.

What a good boy Sandy's puppy Bradley was as he calmly accepted her into his space.

Going out of her way Sandy found a vet in Brecon who read the chip and said she would locate the owners. Sandy left saying that if no one claimed her she would take her and arrived at the show an hour later than planned.

She was absolutely delighted later on when the vet rang her to say the dog had been claimed. She had been missing from home since she was frightened by thunder.

I rang Sandy later who answered by saying 'Blimey, you nearly gave me a heart attack!'

Me: Why what's the matter?

Sandy: I felt this vibration in my chest when the phone rang and thought it was my heart until I realised that I have no pockets in the clothes I'm wearing and had shoved it down my bra!

And finally; please join me in sending Diamond Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Helen and Harvey Cohen who tied the knot 60 years ago in Manchester on the 19th August 1962.

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