

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2022

Last Saturday I had a lovely day out at the North East of England Irish Setter Club. It was great to catch up with lots of my Irish Setter friends and so good to see Camilla Ostman and Norma Marshall there.

The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly and it was made more so by secretary Terry Dodds and the effervescent Colin Wheeldon who, with his warmth and good humour, made sure he spoke to everyone. The whole committee worked very hard all day and provided free tea and coffee for everyone.

The rings were spacious and there was plenty of room for exhibitors to put up their crates.

Jim Sharman, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday, has succumbed to his age I'm afraid. He and wife Chris had an overnight stay the night before the show but on arrival discovered that he'd left his dog bag behind. With no grooming equipment with them Chris' hair brush had to double up as a dog brush and Colin lent them a show lead.

Never mind I'm sure that when Chris puts him in a home, he will entertain the residents with his karaoke.

Mona Hunter (Braidmount) was the judge for dogs and from veteran she chose Paula & Phil Lucas' Sh Ch Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight JW. This was Rowan's 5th CC to go with his 5 RCCs. He was bred by Marita Bott in March 2015 out of Bardonhill Days Are Diamond J.W. by Sh Ch Kerryfair Snow Fox J.W. He was also RBIS and BVIS.

Sue Edwards Luca (Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie) won open and his 9th RCC. He has 9 CCs and is 4 ½ years old. He is by Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W. x Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W. and was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie.

Everyone likes to see a new champion made up and Dave Hopewell (Davset) did not disappoint us. He judged the bitches and from open he awarded a crowning CC to Hannah Bouttell and James Burbidge's Ixia Rainbow Brite.

Rainbow is home bred and recently celebrated her 6th birthday. Her sire is Lynwood Lark In The Dark J.W. and her dam is Sh Ch Ixia Ever Hopeful.

She won her first CC at LKA in 2021 from Ro Cox. Rappatty Starlight Over Alolfrana was reserve to her that day. Her second CC came earlier this year from Jane Mugford at ISBC when Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana took the reserve.

Rainbow also has 3 RCCs won under Gill Bye, Viv Blackshaw and Martin Russell.

A huge cheer went up when Dave handed her the ticket and there was an even bigger one when she was declared BIS.

Chloe Clarke has been having a lovely time recently with her and her dad David's Misty (Covarney Dream Time From Bronrians) and it went up a notch when she won yearling and her first RCC.

Misty is 20 months old and was bred by Kate and Gerry Condon out of Covarney Estee Avec Marzanne J.W. by Thendara The Watchmaker.

BPIS was Dee and Jeremy's Thendara Big Love. Mac is home bred out of Susie Snapshot by Thendara by Sh Ch Thendara Commitment and is 9 months old.

The club held an open show in conjunction with the championship show and it was judged by Lynn Williamson (Keljaru).

Lynn made it a fantastic day for Paula and Phil by awarding Rowan BD, BIS and BVIS.

RBD and RBIS was Joy Russell's Lynwood Hocus Pocus at Settesoli JW. BB was Monica and John Heather's Monica's Sixoaks My Fair Lady JW and RBB was Sue's Gwendariff It's Numero Uno at Bonhomie JW.

Beccy Danks-Kemish's Alolfrana Secret Love Agent was BPIS.

Massive congratulations everyone.

The wonderful Mr Morgan and I celebrated our wedding anniversary recently and I am reminded of MLM's part in our wedding.

She was my witness and apart from signing the register she had one job to do on the day.
So there I am at home getting ready for our big day and the phone rings.

MLM: Hi it's me

Me: Yes?

MLM: I'm worried

Me: Why?

MLM: I'm outside the post office waiting for the photographer to turn up so that I can bring her to yours?

Me: And?

MLM: She's not here

Me: OMG! What are we going to do?

MLM: Don't worry, I'll think of something

Me: I can't understand it she said she would be outside Jenkin Road post office in plenty of time to meet you.

MLM: Oh that explains it

Me: Explains what?

MLM: I'm outside Newman Road post office.....

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