IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES W/C MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2022

The Kennel Club Breed Record Supplement for October to December 2021 has been published. It records 30 litters and 237 new registrations. There were 12 importations; 9 from the Republic of Ireland, 1 from Sweden, 1 from Slovakia and 1 from Poland.

Entries for Bournemouth close on Saturday, 9th July (postmark) and online at 12 noon on Monday, 19th July. Becky Johnson is our first time judge.

The society is also holding an Open Show on Friday 12th August where the judge is now Rachel Barney.

Irene Glen is judging the breed at WKC for which entries close by post on Saturday, 9th July and online at 12 noon on Friday, 22nd July. This will be Irene's second appointment in the breed, the first being in 2016 at Belfast. She gave a first CC to Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna and the Reserve to Forfarian I'm Sexy An I Know It. In bitches the ticket winner was Sh Ch Fairhaven Louise Mountbatten At Braidmount and the RCC went to Thendara Jocasta.

The ISBC is holding its summer Open Show on 31^{st} July where the judge will be Olivia Danks-Kemish. Entries close by post on 10^{th} July and online on the 22^{nd} .

It was a sunny yet breezy and sometimes showery day (heavy downpour/thunder & lightning!) at Blackpool where Jim Sharman awarded his first, long overdue, set of tickets. For his dog CC he chose the Bott, Allen and Morgan partnership's Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow. This is Hector's fifth CC and he also has 2 RCCs. He is 2 years and 2 months old and out of Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus).

The Reserve CC, his second, was awarded to Jacquie Lorrimer's Kerrimere Classique JW who had won Limit. He was bred by Lynne Sketchley in October 2016 and is by Sh Ch Thendara Pot Noodle J.W. ex Oakchase Gulietta (A.I.).

In bitches it was an emotional day as Gwendariff Lily The Pink owned by Lisa Bougen won Limit and her first CC to go with her two RCCs. Lily was owned and campaigned by Gill Tully until she passed away in March 2020. She was bred by Diane Stewart-Ritchie in April 2016 by Gwendariff Whippersnapper JW ex Gwendariff Pink Pyjamas and is six years old.

I remember visiting Gill just before she passed and discussing Lily and what her wishes were for her future. I hope you're happy Gill, the silence without you is deafening.

The RCC went to Lynn Muir's Sh Ch Gwendariffs Up to Somethin (Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Gwendariff Weekend Warrior ex Copper's Comin Up Roses For Gwendariff (Imp Swe)). She now has three to go with her four CCs.

Best Puppy in Breed was Sue Begg's Sumaric Sweet Lit'l Mystery (Violet) who is nine months old and out of Sh Ch Thendara Chasing Boys To Sumaric by Gwendariff I'm Comin Out JW and Best Veteran was George and Cheryl's Bailey aka Lochlorien True Detective Is Andley.

Best Junior in Breed was Julie Greenan and Dave Hopewell's Lochlorien No Offence Juleset (Lucas) who is Bailey's son by Anlory Aidan JW.

The Irish featured in the groups again as Lucas was placed fourth in the Junior Group under Dan Ericsson [Sweden] and Bailey was Veteran Group two.

I understand that Gordon and Debbie Rowbottom's Sh Ch Lanstara Spring Moon was second on the Veteran Stakes.

Huge congrats everyone.

At Three Counties the other week I had a nice chat with Mary Sherratt (Charnborough Irish Red & Whites). I'm sure Mary won't mind me mentioning that she had recently had her hair coloured to get her back to her natural red.

This reminded me of a Little Mate Story from several years ago.

MLM is a natural red head but with the march of time it has faded. I can't even remember what my natural colour is having been blonde for many years and then red.

Both of us went for a red with blonde highlights look.

Neither of us is into exercise but deciding that we should get fit in order to do the dogs justice in the ring, we joined a gym.

Off we went wearing our new white t-shirts and shorts to be confronted with what can only be described as a masochist!

This guy put us through our paces having us lifting things, bending, stretching and running. After 45 minutes we were both soaked with sweat and absolutely exhausted as we staggered back to the changing rooms.

We must have looked a real site and wondered why people were staring at us.

I held the door open for MLM to go in first and cried out in horror as she went in before me.

Me: OMG! You're injured

MLM: What do you mean? I haven't hurt myself Me (as I drag her before a mirror): You have. Look! MLM: Well if I have you have too. Look at your back.

It was only then that we realised that because we had sweated so much the red dye in our hair had run down our backs making it look like we had both been stabbed!

Please note that next week's notes will be late as I shall be travelling from Windsor to East of England Showground.

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