IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES W/C MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Entries for ISCW close by post on the 18th September and online on the 25th.

The judge for dogs is Viv Blackshaw whose last appointment was ISBC in 2021 when she gave the CC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Smart Move Back To Aoibheanne and reserve to Ixia Rainbow Brite. She last judged dogs at ISCS in 2018 when her CC winner was Sh Ch Gwendariff Nuts Aboutu Glenavna and reserve was Caskeys Mischief Of Stylersetts.

Gill Bye is judging the bitches. Her last appointment was in 2019 at Three Counties and her CC winners were Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas and Sh Ch Sangarah Skyline Over Lynwood. The RCCs went to Caskeys Mischief Of Stylersetts and Ixia Rainbow Brite.

The KC Journal for September is available online and it lists the following judges for 2023: ISCW, David Alcorn, dogs, Patricia Butler-Holley, bitches, Referee, Margaret Gittins; SKC, Phyllis Pollard; WELKS, Claire Prangle; Border Union, Geraldine Cove-Print; Southern Counties, Anne Orzel; East of England, Shelagh Tolladay; City of Birmingham, Mrs C Cederman (New Zealand); WKC, Jim Richardson; LKA, Rosie Dudley.

The new layout at Driffield was terrific and gave it something of a large open show atmosphere. All the gundog breeds were quite close together and it was easy to see what was going on in other rings. The atmosphere round the Irish ring was terrific with lots of applause for the winners.

The weather was lovely which added to the garden party atmosphere.

It was good to see Bruneau Fauvrelle there supporting his wife Lynda who was giving tickets for the third time.

She made it a double day for Blake Crocker and his Riverbrue Irish Setters.

Dog CC, his first, was his and Claire Lewis' Larry aka Riverbrue Morning Glory who had won limit. He is by Jetsetter Calvin Klein (Imp Rus) out of Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana and is 2 ½ years old. He also has 2 RCCs.

RCC went to the Allen, Bott & Morgan partnership's Hector aka Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow from open. He is half brother to Larry having the same sire but out of Sh Ch Quensha Tumble And Twirl J.W. and so both boys are great-grandsons of Int Ch/Sh Ch Copper's Magiska Under. This is his 3rd RCC to go with his 7 CCs and he is still only 2 years old.

Larry's mother, Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana (Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) ex Sh Ch Neathamill Nerissa), won her 24th CC, BOB and Gundog Group 1 under Jean Byrne (Enryb) who was judging her first group.

Reserve to Gloria was Marita Bott's Bardonhill Love Of My Life (Sh Ch Gwendariff D'ya Know My Name By Bardonhill J.W. x Bardonhill True Love Ways). She now has 3 RCCs and is 4 years old and had won limit.

BPIB was Susan Davison's Bardonhill Million Reasons who is half brother to Love of My Life being by the same sire but out of Bardonhill Words Of Love. He was bred by Marita in November 2021 and had won puppy dog.

It's always great to see the Irish being placed in the groups so we had a second chance to celebrate when Sarah Pym won BVIB with Thendara The Watchmaker (Cordarragh Rembrandt ex Thendara Capriati) and then going on to Veteran group 4 under Anne MacDonald. He is seven years old and this was his first veteran class. What a way to start! And by the way Sarah, we couldn't see your grey hair from the ringside.

Andrea Sansom ended a terrific day for Marita by winning BSB with Bardonhill Carry On Teacher (Bardonhill Bertie Bott By Bridgella x Gwendariff Such A Carry On At Bardonhill J.W.) I couldn't see any Irish featuring in the stakes classes.

The Driffield committee always make it something of a posh event when it comes to the groups. The gentlemen wear dinner jackets and bow ties and the ladies wear evening dress.

I have known Jean Byrne since the 1970s but I never knew she had legs. She really looked the part in her block print dress and black jacket.

Ray Strudwick (Burpham) judged the breed for the first time at City of Birmingham and for his dog CC and BOB he chose Sue Edwards' Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie (Sh Ch Gwendariff Thyme Bomb At Jacwilins J.W. ex Gwendariff We'll Rememberu J.W.). Luca is 4 years old and this is his 7th CC to go with his 7 RCCs. I understand that this was a popular win and that he was shortlisted in the group under Ronnie Blomme.

The RCC and BVIB was Dee & Jeremy's Sh Ch Thendara Commitment JW who is by Am Ch Avon Farm Thoughts Of Calcutta With Balintyne out of Thendara Vanilla Ice J.W. Mike has 8 CCs and this is his 4th RCC. In the veteran group he was second under Tom Isherwood.

Dee & Jeremy had a cracking Birmingham as their Afghan Hound, Medawlark Attitude is Key the Wones Thendara (Imp.RUS), won her 2nd CC there on Friday.

Alec Stewart's Sky aka Sh Ch & Sp Ch Gwendariff Come Fly With Me (Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Northamber Just Cause For Glenavna J.W. x Copper's Comin Up Roses For Gwendariff (Imp Swe) won her 10th CC at 6 years old; she also has 2 RCCs.

Winning her 10th RCC to go with her 24 CCs was Blake's Gloria aka Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana. These girls are of course cousins as Sky's mother and Gloria's father (Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) are litter brother and sister.

BPIB and Puppy Group 2 under Steve Hall was Alec Stewart and Lyndsay Dewar's Gwendariff Willy Winnit who is 11 mths old out of Gwendariff Chilli Powder by Sh Ch Gwendariff Willy Wont He. Beccy Danks-Kemish's Copper's Welcome To The Party At Alolfrana was Best Junior (Dubliner Waterproof ex Copper's Winter Rose). His grand mother is a litter sister of Sh Ch Copper's War Of Roses (Imp Swe) and Copper's Comin Up Roses For Gwendariff (Imp Swe).

In the Betty Baker Memorial Puppy Stakes (dogs) judged by Irene McManus Sandra, Kerry and Emma's Kerryfair Just Be was VHC out of an entry of 24.

The Good Citizen Dog Scheme Stakes Class was judged by Tim Ball and he gave Pat Ken's Sh Ch Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW reserve out of 24.

Well done everyone.

Another MLM story from Driffield.

Having recovered from being locked in the lavatory in the morning, MLM gave it another go later on in the afternoon.

By now she had learned how to deal with the lock on the door and was confident that she would get out.

But no.

There she was again trapped inside and even though the lock wasn't on she could not open the door.

She tried and tried.

And pushed and pushed to no avail.

Eventually she gave an almighty push and the door flew open.

As she stumbled out into the sunlight and regained her composure, she saw David Todd walking away laughing his head off.

It turns out that he had seen her go in and had been pushing the door closed so that she couldn't get out!

People can be so cruel.....teeheehee.

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