

IRISH SETTER BREED NOTES
W/C MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2022

Irene Glen has an entry of 76 making 88 at WKC which is on Thursday, 18th August.

Entries for SKC close by post on 15th August and online at midnight on the 22nd. The judge is Enid Hinslea whose last appointment was in 2017 at ISCW where she gave the dog CC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper and the RCC to Lynwood Lark In The Dark. She last judged bitches in 2015 at MISS. Her CC winner was Sh Ch Lynwood Happy As A Lark and reserve Sh Ch Shenanagin She's The One For Karidell.

Belfast entries close by post on 18th August and online at midnight on the 25th. The judge is Richard Morris. He last judged at ISCW in 2018 and awarded the CC to Sh Ch Gwendariff Coco Nut Cream and the reserve to Romarne Galway Girl At Astleyview. His last time judging dogs was 2014 at SCCA. He gave the ticket to Sh Ch Gwendariff Whippersnapper and the reserve to Sh Ch Meadway Morrissey. I wrote last week about Ch. Copper's Wine'n Roses Hun/Rom Jun Ch (Imp Swe) and mentioned that she was one of only a handful of modern day Full Champions in the breed. She gained her Full Title in 2015.

In the early history of the show world, all gundog champions were required to pass a working qualification but by the 1950s, with the increased popularity of shows, the numbers of potential champions on the bench were growing and the opportunity and/or necessity to gain a working qualification at field trials was declining.

Therefore, the title of show champion came into being, but to achieve full champion status the dog still needed to qualify at a field trial either with an award, COM or by passing the Show Gundog Working Certificate (SWGK).

I am indebted to Laura Kolbach for the following.

Show Champion Reddins Fintan was a Sh Ch Kerryfair Night Fever son and bred by Jim and Priscilla Smith in September 1984 out of their Sh Ch Sorrel Of Andana Of Reddins. He was litter brother to Sh Ch Reddins Ferdinand and owned by Colin and Pam Waddell.

He won his first CC at Belfast ISC in 1987 under Peter Edwards, his second at Windsor 1987 from Brenda Levick and gained his show title at SKC 1987 when Sue Loynd was the judge.

It is interesting to note that he gained his Field Trial Qualifier in 1986 with the Irish Red & White Field & Show Society so he immediately became a Full Champion.

He won 5 more CCs in 1988 from Yvonne Horrocks, Audrey Ashton, Libby Groundwater, Margaret Gittins and JJ McKenna.

His 9th and final CC was won under John Nash at Driffild in 1989. Between 1987 and 1989 he also won six RCCs.

Eve Gardner owned and bred Carnbargus Cashmere in 1985. She was by Glentarkie Craven-A ex Carnbargus Racing Silk and the winner of 3 CCs. The first was in 1986 from Maurice Webb at Driffild; Sh Ch Fondador Charlane was Reserve.

Jack Houghton gave her her second at Three Counties in 1987 and Charlane took the RCC again. Olga Hampton made her up at Richmond later that year when Dunnygask Linnet won her only ever RCC. She got her Field Trial Qualifier in 1989 with the Southern Pointer Club.

Wendy and John Morley's Sh Ch Kyleneo Crystal Spirit was born in April 1992 out of Kyleneo Dancing Crystal by Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Autumnglow Masquerade. She won 3 CCs from Sybil Lennox, Joyce Webb and Stephen Lennox who made her up in 1996. She also won a RCC from Greta Ross.

After gaining her title Wendy decided that she would like to qualify her in the field and so began two years of hard work and dedication until she gained her Field Trial Qualifier in 1998 with the Gordon Setter Field Trial Society.

The two litter sisters bred and owned by Phyllis Pollard and Ann Cook, Grayrigge Fionnuala and Grayrigge Fidelma, won their qualifiers in 2000 in Ireland I believe.

They were whelped in May 1995 out of Grayrigge Doireann by Sh Ch Barnaby Of Wesbere At Cressway.

Colin Waddell gave Fionnuala her first ticket at NGA in 1997 with Clachnahar Cocoa taking the reserve. Her second was the following year at SCCA when Jenny Reed judged and gave the RCC to Serrula Nazita, her only such award.

John Vant titled her at Blackpool with Sh Ch Delsanto Roxanne in the reserve spot. She won a further CC that year from Maragret Gittins at East of England and her 5th and final at SWKA in 2000 under Sue Oakley.

Ann's G. Fidelma won her first ticket at Driffield in 1997. Feffie Somerfield was the judge and she awarded the RCC to Caspians Faith At Riqitta, her only ever green card.

Her second CC was later in the year at Setter & Pointer under Rita Bryden who gave the RCC to Fearnley Firesheen At Ranaleen.

The following year Leslie Allen-Scott was the judge at City of Birmingham and made her up. Erinade Exotic won the RCC.

Her 4th and final CC was in 1999 at Manchester with Gillian Barker-Bell the judge who gave the RCC to Withersdale Dangerous Lady Of Glennara.

Brian Grace's Ch Fearnley Firesheen At Ranaleen was mentioned earlier as an RCC winner. She was an Intrepid daughter out of Fearnley Firesensation and was to become a Full Champion in 2002. She won 4 CCs and 4 RCCs between 1998 and 2001.

Her first and second were in 1998 from David Christian at Driffield and Rita Bryden at LKA. Reserves to her were Wendover Rose Of The Shires and Romarne Rheanne.

Jim Smith titled her at SEISC in 1999 and gave the RCC to Sh Ch Carnbargus Continuity. She won a 4th and final CC at LKA in 2001 when Carolyn Hogsflesh judged the breed. Carolyn gave the RCC to Sh Ch Clonageera Inspiration For Kespas.

Ch Lynwood Happy As A Lark, bred and owned by Jane and Roger Mugford in June 2011, is out of Sh Ch Lynwood Started With A Kiss J.W. by Ir Sh Ch Glenavna Journey South J.W.

She became a Show Champion in 2014 at City of Birmingham under Marita Bott. Sh Ch Kirkavagh Ebadiyla was reserve to her. Her previous two tickets had also been won in 2014 at SEISC, Lynn Dale, and WKC, Barry Shapter. Reserves to her on these two occasions were Witchbrooke Clonageera Corot and Neathamill Isabella At Clonageera.

She won a further 3 CCs from Gillian Townsend, Enid Hinslea and Christine Butler. She also has 3 RCCs.

Rhia Tapper trained and handled her in the field and she became a Full Champion in 2016 at the Pointer Club Field Trial at the Sandringham Estate.

Lark's mother is litter sister to Neita's mother and three of the owners mentioned above gave Neita a ticket; Phyllis Pollard, Brian Grace and Jane Mugford.

There were three Championship shows last weekend. Paignton and SEISC (postponed 2021 show) on Saturday and National Gundog on Sunday.

The ticket winners at Paignton were Suteressett King Of Hearts JW and Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra JW who was BOB and the RCC winners were Bel Lux Eur Jun Ch Riverwood Unbelievable Mr Moonlight and Riverbrue Cloudburst over Strathmead.

At the SEISC Orlanet A New Flame and Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra won the CCs with Sh Ch Alolfrana Hotter Than U'Know and Bardonhill Love Of My Life winning the RCCs.

At NGA the CCs went to Sh Ch Quensha Take A Bow and Sh Ch Riverbrue Gloriana. Gwendariff Red Light Show Farnfield and Gwendariff Its Numero Uno At Bonhomie took the Reserves.

My notes on them are brief and I will expand next week.

A little Mate Story from July 2018 at Leeds. How different is the weather now?

We went to Leeds yesterday and arrived in the pouring rain but fortunately we both had our waterproofs with us.

We leave the dogs in the van, load the trolley and off we go

When we get into the benching tent MLM's hair is dripping wet

Me: Why on earth didn't you put your hood up?

MLM: Oh yeah, I forgot

She takes out a towel and gives her hair a good rub

Me: Right, put your hood up before we go back for the dogs

MLM: OK

Imagine my absolute horror and dismay that I don't have my phone handy when she puts up the hood and gives herself an instant shower; the hood has filled up with rain.

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