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Front Cover Image

Giles down his local last Christmas. Their tree was much more impressive than the one at home.

If you have any images of your Irish Red and White Setter for use on the front page, please email them to roxanne@roanjora.co.uk.

Message from the Chairman

I hope you have all had a marvellous summer and have enjoyed your 4 legged friends as much as I have. The highlight of my summer was in taking the trip over the Irish sea to participate in the Munster Circuit, something I hadn't done since the 80's with my reds at the time.

In preparation I had to register Harley with the Irish Kennel Club, of which I am a life member of over 30 years. This was a relatively straightforward process and took only a couple of weeks to achieve. Next step was to get a rabies vaccination and a pet passport from my vet with all his details. This took a few weeks followed by a blood test to ensure all was in order which thankfully it was. We were all ready to enter shows so I went online and registered with the Show Entry website which was as easy as Higham or Fosse, and progressed the entries for the week.

Next was accommodation for which I found a marvellous B&B in a very small village called Shanballymore (you can't get more Irish than that) near Mallow which was fairly central to the shows: Clonmel, Sunday 18th; Killarney, Tuesday 20th; Limerick, Thursday 22nd; Tralee, Saturday 24th and from which I could travel each day. The B&B was like a small apartment with its own kitchen and bathroom as well as a bedroom big enough for Harley and I. And finally, the ferry arrangements. I booked the ferry to Rosslare from Fishguard for the afternoon of the day before the first show in Clonmel and which was a 2 1/2 hour journey to my accommodation. The ferry got in 1 1/2 hours late due to pretty bad weather conditions which wasn't enjoyed by a number of passengers, this and traffic issues meant that I didn't get to Shanballymore until 11.30 at night. I had telephoned ahead and they were kind enough to wait up for me and get me settled in, for which I was very grateful as it had been a long day. (PS, they don't have post codes so the sat nav doesn't work, or it might just have been me!) Harley had travelled very well and wanted his dinner and a run as soon as we docked so that held us up a little more.

Up early the next day which dawned wet and drizzly, should have I expected anything else. We found the Clonmel site fairly easily after getting "Irish" directions from a chap walking along the road. Got a catalogue from the Secretary and did a tour of the showground to understand where everything was and how it worked. There are only a relatively small number of judges and a notice at each ring to advertise the breeds scheduled for that ring, the judge that will do those breeds, and the order they will be judged in. About 5-12 breeds per ring. I think it is a maximum of 150 dogs per judge. I had plenty of time to kill so did a walkabout and met up with a number of people, Kay Donnelly, Cathy Loughlin, Val Jarvis, Mark McDermott, Ken Kennedy, amongst a few. There is no wet weather accommodation so everyone brings a tent and the site looks like a tented village but it works really well and the only time you will get wet is if it is raining when you actually go into the ring, I was



fortunate that each time the breed was due it remained dry, how lucky is that. No green star for Harley but he was awarded an Excellent and had a good time before setting off for our B&B and then just relaxed for the evening after a long day.

Monday was a free day so had a very relaxing plan for the day, don't do much. A latish breakfast and then a little exploring of the area. We walked up to the village and took in the three shops, pub, and the church, and then into the car for the countryside. We came across a very large estate/park called Donneraille Park which apparently is one of the most visited attractions in Ireland. The park is home to some large deer herds as well as a few other animals which are all securely fenced but dogs are not allowed off lead. Well, after 30 mins walking where I didn't see a dog ON a lead I let Harley off to have a run, he loved it, great recall practice as well as when we did come in sight of a herd he went back on the lead. Two hours later we returned to the car and drove across the road to the Donneraille golf club for a very pleasant late lunch where everyone was very chatty and equally interested in the breed and where everyone had had one, knew someone who had one, or had one years ago.



Back home and a showering off of his feathering followed by blow drying and ready for the next day. Up early, a good breakfast and off to Killarney. The site is in the town next to the cathedral so a very busy location for parking and getting around. We were pleasantly surprised when we arrived to learn that there would be a parade of the "Irish Breeds" and who were to be honoured by being given "Heritage Status" in Ireland .We paraded around some of the streets of the town getting cheers and well wishes as we did so, around the cathedral, and back to the showground, a really splendid honour and occasion. (in wet and drizzly conditions). We eventually got into the ring later in the day achieving an Excellent but no green stars today for us. The same group of people travel from show to show so you meet up with everyone each day and enjoy the experience and the company.

Wednesday was for relaxing again and some touristy stuff by driving to Cork to see the sights. The cathedral is magnificent and was splendidly renovated some years ago, it sits looking over the town and is quite impressive .Off to Blarney next to see the castle, having kissed the Blarney Stone when I was about 12 when I was on holiday I decided to skip the honour of doing it again. Its a lovely village and I found a small but genuine Italian restaurant that did the most marvellous pastas which I enjoyed for an hour or so. The journey back took us past Donneraille so Harley had his 2 hours of enjoyment around the park again. He didn't enjoy the bath when he got home but was happy after having his dinner.

Its Thursday so we need to be in Limerick. Another pleasant 1 hour drive and we were there, met up with everyone, grabbed tea and worked out ring and number so

we were all set. Time flies when you are talking around a ring especially with the best talkers in the world. This time the judge was kind to us and awarded a green star which made our day, we were happy. We also entered the Champion Stakes and you know when you get that feeling that the Judge likes your dog, seems to pay a lot of attention and interest and watches you closely moving back into line when you have finished going around, well, it doesn't mean a thing-nothing!!

Later a call from home meant that we were going to have to cut short the week and set off for home, turned out it was nothing too desperate but unavoidable. A few calls made and we had rebooked for early the following morning. Unfortunately when we got back to our B&B no one was in and not expected back until Friday, we had to leave messages but not able to give our au-revoirs to our good hosts, and off we went to Rosslare. I telephoned when we did get home and they were marvellous, promising to keep the difference in fees for when we returned next year.

It was a terrific experience during which I learned even more about the show scene over there, fantastic company and a thoroughly good time, definitely coming again. "Cead Mile Failte".

Have a great Christmas, a prosperous New Year, and I hope to see you at the shows.

Jim Cuddy
Chairman



Message from the editor

Time goes quickly between newsletters and one moment your trying to keep the dogs cool and the next you are all covered in mud and soaked through just walking out the front door! As winter creeps in, it's never an easy task keeping our predominantly white dogs clean, especially when your hobby involves running through muddy fields for a couple of hours. I often question myself after a race that I have paid good money to bring myself and Jasper home covered in mud.

Ann Millington has written a fascinating article around DNA samples. She explains how important it is that we all share our dogs DNA with the Animal Health Trust for the health of our breed, for generations to come. I strongly encourage you to read it. While I have written on my experience on my latest adventure with the dogs, open water swimming.

This newsletter is produced for the members and Irish Red and White Setter enthusiast, it's a great way for the club to share updates and successes of events held, but don't forget it is also a great source to share any stories, activities, or anything different that you and your Irish Red and White Setter have been up to.

Previous articles include introducing you to canicross, hoopers, obedience or simply describing a breed walk and what happened, who enjoyed it etc. We have many K9 sports where we have club members and their dogs excelling. Don't

forget to share back any results to me for inclusion and celebration.

You could send in a funny tale of an adventure you have been on, something that would make others laugh, despair, or maybe make a fellow owner of our mischievous breed feel like they are not the only one.

Have a great Christmas and New Year! Let me know if your 2020 adventures.

Roxanne McDonald
Newsletter Editor



Just a thought

In today's busy dog world with numbers on the decrease at shows and costs rising all the time it seems a shame that we are unable to communicate with each other.

As a former Chairman of this club, I was saddened to find so few of us at the AGM back in April, and to learn in Alison's secretary's report that she had spent £288 on postage for the ballot papers for only 88 members to bother to respond or were they too busy to communicate with her or even let her know of their intentions either about the AGM etc:

This is great dog club, your officers and committee tries very hard to please everybody which is nigh impossible, even without Brexit. I understand not everybody wishes to go to shows but we all have one thing in common in that we all have Irish Red & White Setters.

So let's enjoy them together.

Please just email or pick up the phone let's talk and communicate about your Club.

Bob Knapton
Honorary life member



DNA sampling and why we should bother

- **YOU should know if your IRWS has inherited life-threatening diseases**
- **It is VITAL that the incidence of problems is known so that passing them on can be prevented**
- **We have already DEFEATED two problems**
- **Here's how**

When buying a puppy or planning to breed a litter it is good to know whether bad inherited conditions are likely to develop or passed be on to the next generation. In the old days the only way to know was by trial and error and this involved time, many sickly, suffering puppies, loss of litters, breeder heartache and the passing on of the problem. DNA testing enables us to know whether our dogs have the genes that cause specific diseases or not, well before we decide to breed from them.

The Animal Health Trust holds and stores 300+ DNA samples from Irish Red and White Setters and was able to identify the genes that cause Canine Leucocyte Adhesion Deficiency (CLAD) - a malfunction of the immune system to combat infection. CLAD affected puppies succumb to infections from small wounds that will not heal properly, are sickly and in some cases develop growth problems, they rarely live to adulthood. The whole litter may not be affected but some siblings are likely to be carriers. Obviously affected puppies will not be bred from, but their carrier siblings, who do not have CLAD and are bursting with health and beauty are bred from. If their mate is also a beautiful, healthy CLAD carrier their litter will contain some CLAD affected puppies, the cycle continues as the breeder tries desperately to cure them in vain. In order to control and eventually eradicate CLAD, the KC agreed to refuse registration of Irish Red and White Setters that are not DNA tested CLAD clear or have two already CLAD clear parents. The same KC registration control is enforced for Irish Red and White Setters for von Willibrands Disease (vWD) a malfunction of the blood clotting system after injury – dogs bleed out after the smallest wound.



CLAD and vWD are no longer an issue in our breed, we have virtually forgotten about them.

However our store of DNA samples at the AHT is there to be used should other diseases crop up, as they most inevitably will. At the moment our attention is on the eye conditions; Posterior Polar Cataract (PPC), Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRArcd1) which is detectable at a relatively young age and Late Onset PRA (LOPRArcd4) which appears in older ages – after some dogs have been bred from and passed the genes on.

The problem with these conditions is that they are caused by a combination of genes and are not the same in different breeds or even within a breed. To disentangle this dilemma and develop a DNA test is extremely difficult and needs a great deal of work. Although there is a DNA test for PRA in Irish (red) Setters, years of work and multitudes of DNA have been available. Solving this puzzle in IRWS is handicapped by the small number of Irish Red and White Setters at any one time. For example: With PPC, although breeders are advised to have their dogs' eyes examined annually before breeding, we only get one case a year, sometimes no cases. PRA? Over the 30+ years of IRWS in the UK only 2? PRArcd1 cases have been recorded and although our 4 cases of LOPRA have been tested with the Irish Setter DNA test, it does not appear to work for the Irish Red and White Setter – we'll have to have one of our own.

Having Irish Red and White Setters DNA samples ready at the AHT is a bonus and is strongly encouraged by the Breed Club. At the moment there is a call for the DNA of 'old' dogs ie over the age of 8 to advance the LOPRA research. Dogs that do not appear to have LOPRA and do not have it at the end of their lives are just as important as those that do – they are needed for comparison.

We NEED more IRWS DNA.

So to help owners, the Club holds a supply of DNA swab kits available at shows for all Irish Red and White Setters. The instructions are easy to follow and can be done at home (just like on tv for catching criminals) and posted to the AHT in the envelope provided.

It is not mandatory but highly desirable for your dog's DNA to be in the Irish Red and White Setter collection at the AHT and not only dogs with 'a problem' but your perfect dog too.



We really NEED more IRWS DNA.

The DNA of dogs that died 20 odd years ago are still contributing to current research and will do so for many, many more years. I am told 'DNA is viable for ten thousand years' ! How can anyone possibly know that long? !

Ann Millington



2019 Championship Show report

Our 2019 Championship Show was back at The Kennel Club Building at Stoneleigh following last years trial of holding it in conjunction with Three Counties Championship show. This really helped to bring back the atmosphere of making the show that little bit special.

Alongside the champ show was a companion show to raise some much needed funds and also the Kennel Clubs Good Citizen Dog Scheme bronze award testing.

Our judge was Mrs Gloria Horrocks who found her **Dog CC winner and Best in Show** in Barry's Sh Ch Rustasha Golden Rapper JW .

Bitch CC

Bayne's Corranroo Consort

Reserve Bitch CC

Sherratt & Blackwell-Sherratt's Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern at Charnborough

Reserve Dog CC

Birch & West's Sh Ch Corranroo Camero at Hitides

Best Puppy in Show

Ward's Cornadore Bia Becomes Copperwhite (Imp Pol)

Reserve Best Puppy in Show

Sherlock's Alanea Special One

Best Veteran in Show

Walker's Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch Vanders Va Voom avec Wroxham

Reserve Best Veteran in Show

Barney's Sh Ch Casafelice Rhoen at Romaunt



Good Citizen Dog Scheme bronze award testing

The Bronze Award tests both the dog and the handler. The handlers have to demonstrate that they can handle, control and care for their dog, especially in unfamiliar surroundings and dogs have to demonstrate that they are a “good citizen”

The award is split into 10 separate tests, from having the correct identification on your dog’s collar and you having the means to clean up after your dog, to the dog staying in the place and position that you set them. There are also questions for the handlers to demonstrate that they are aware of their dog’s needs and their responsibilities of ownership.



We offered the Bronze Award at our Championship Show last July and seven dogs took up the challenge. Sue Kirkham from Leamington Spa Dog Club very kindly agreed to conduct the tests for us. The test was held in the hall with the usual noises and distractions of a dog show going on around us which can be a challenge for any dog..

Congratulations to:

Harley with his handler Jim Cuddy, and Connie and Ruby with their handler Tony Sherratt for passing all elements of the award. They all have a certificate to frame and display and a disc for their collar to wear with pride.

You can find details of the award on the Kennel Clubs website where you will also find a copy of the elements that make up the test. Start practising now and be ready for the next testing the club runs or you may find testing at your local dog training club.



Promoting the breed

We have been continuing to promote the breed at Discover Dogs and the National Pet Show and we will continue to do so in 2020. Anyone can help out at these events, details of how to get involved in Discover Dogs at Crufts 2020 are below.



Discover Dogs – Excel London, October 2019

Huge thank you to those who volunteered to man the Discover Dogs stand. Looks like you had a busy weekend too.

So a big shout out to Madeleine Lyus, Susie Belle, Graham Farrow, Robert Mapletoft, Bev Stevens and Bradley, Bren Bailey and Mark Fricker. Without your help we would not be able to have the breed so well represented. Thank You.

National Pet Show – NEC, November 2019

Thank you Simon Wilkinson, Lynda Ward and Alan Bamford, Diane Jones and Bev Stevens & Bradley for volunteering to man the stand at the NEC across the weekend. It is very much appreciated by the club and we hope you and the dogs enjoyed your time there.



Discover Dogs – CRUFTS, March 2020

Preparations are underway for Discover Dogs at Crufts next year. I like to have 3 slots per day for the 4 days so the dogs and handlers don't get tired or bored.

So dogs, if you would like to spend just over 2 hours on the stand, showing yourself off, getting lots of fuss and treats while your owners talk to people about how wonderful and how clever you are then get your owners to email me at ray@roanjora.co.uk or IM me on facebook @rayanddebbiemcdonald.

Did you know?

In 2018 the Irish Red & White Setter had the 6th lowest number of registrations out of the 29 British & Irish native vulnerable breeds. While back in 2010 we had the 11th lowest number.



IRWS Calendar

Following the success and positive feedback of the 2019 calendar, the club has produced one for 2020. These are now available and cost just £8 + £3 postage in UK.

If you would like one of our calendars then please contact Alison via email at secretary@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com.



Christmas Cards for 2020

In 2020 the club will be producing some Christmas cards following requests and invite its members to send in photos of a 'Christmas' theme. Some of these will then be chosen for use on the cards.

So get those photos taken this Christmas / Winter while the decorations are out, or you are out somewhere Christmassy. If you manage to get your Irish Red and White Setter into a Christmas jumper then firstly, well done and secondly, perfect Christmas card submission.

Please send any photos to Alison by the end of March 2020.
secretary@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

Christmas messages

Below are Christmas messages for you, from fellow club members.

Seasons Greetings to one & all. Here's hoping you have a peaceful & happy Christmas & a successful & healthy 2020 from Eamonn & Gaye + all the Caispern Crowd.



With all our very best wishes for Christmas and the new Year. Helen & Harvey Cohen



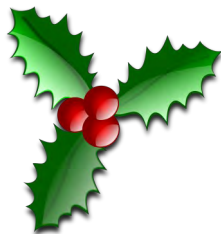
Health, happiness and a good year ahead to all our friends old and new, at home or abroad. Love and best wishes John Diane and the Berryessa Bunch x



Wishing Everyone a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year from Graham & Jacque and all at Corranroo. Xx



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our fellow IRWS lovers. Mary, Tony and the Charnborough Girls.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Bob & Jennifer Knapton. Also, the young demon Fern and the gentle Rowan (Vanders Viva La Diva in memory of J.H.)



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends from Brian, Sandra and the Anisbrigs



**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**



**From all the officers
and committee of the
Irish Red & White
Setter Club of GB**



Autumn Open Show report

The club's Autumn 2019 Open Show was held on Sunday 19th November at Hasland Village Hall in Chesterfield and this year was titled as our first memorial show which was held in memory of the late Jackie Howatson. Jackie's family were present on the day and kindly donated some special award rosettes for the principal winners.

Our judge, breed specialist Miss Maureen Whitaker (Viewland) found her **Best Dog and Best in Show** in Bayne's Corranroo Casper

Best Bitch, Best Opposite Sex in Show & Reserve Best in Show was Bayne's Sh Ch Corranroo Consort

Reserve Best Dog was Jakins & Knox's Terne Des Coris Qalimero at Coolfin

Reserve Best Bitch went to McDonald's Roanjora Montepulciano

Best Puppy in Show was Hodgetts' Alanea Obsession of Hodgehall

Reserve Best Puppy in Show went to Cook & Catton's Daithi Shadow Dog with Ferngate

Best Veteran in Show was Tong's Rustasha Raison D'Etre for Kellizlot

Reserve Best Veteran in Show was Walker's Sh Ch & Ir Sh Ch Vanders Va Voom Avec Wroxham

Principal winners—the dogs



Best Dog



Reserve Best Dog



Best Puppy Dog



Best Veteran Dog

Principal winners—the bitches



Best Bitch



Reserve Best Bitch



Best Puppy Bitch



Best Veteran Bitch

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Canicross update

It's been a bit quiet on the canicross front with the season only starting in September.

Before this newsletter is at print, I have attended three races with Jasper, two of which I was delighted to find that he wasn't the only Irish Red & White Setter. It was great to meet Simon and his dog Kevin who were in attendance at our first two races of the season and joined their local canicross club after reading about it in the newsletter. I knew if I mentioned it enough, others would give it a try!

Ashridge Canicross 10km—this race was first for us this season, held in September on a warm day that the route involved a detour to a water troth where we could put the dogs in to soak them and cool them off. Plenty of water was also available for the dogs on the course and at the end. Luckily the route has plenty of shade and Jasper was a superstar. We finished 5th in the female 1 dog category. Simon & Kevin got off to a strong start look at the start line photo's, but an injury for Simon saw them pull out of the rest of the race.

Brandenham bolt 10km—this is a race where dogs are allowed, we started at the back and soon had to fight our way past other runners while jumping a few carefully placed logs and mastering a few hills! The results are not separated out by canicross and normal runners, yet out of a field of 186, Simon and Kevin came in 13th (overall and male) whereas myself and Jasper were 133 overall and 32nd female



Thetford Night Run—a bit different this time, this was a run after dark where we had our own canicross category that started 10 minutes behind the rest of the field. This made for an extra interesting race in the fact that Jasper and I were mostly on our own in the forest for the first mile, then we caught up with the back of the pack and started our overtaking. Luckily the wide paths and the wonderful atmosphere meant we got to run past a lot of people who all shouted encouragement to Jasper, or commented how easy he made it look while us humans were huffing and puffing away. Please to say we were 7th canicross and 4th female canicross.

Parkrun—a weekly, free 5km timed event held all around the world at 9am every Saturday, most of which are dog friendly. Susie Warren has been attending her local Parkruns with Bailey recently and getting some very good times. Keep up the good work girls.



Open water swimming with dogs

One morning I was out with a friend who mentioned that she wanted to try open water swimming with the dogs and had found a club running sessions in a lake just over an hours drive away and somehow I agreed to join her. Giles had done a little swimming in a hydrotherapy pool, and wasn't the greatest swimmer while Jasper had never been in water deeper than his pasterns. However, it seemed like a good sport to try for the summer as it's too warm for canicross.



Upon getting home and booking my place in the next session I started looking up equipment I would need. It wasn't too bad, a wetsuit and swimming shoes for me and a float jacket for the dog. Everything else was shared with canicross, a harness, line and belt. My wetsuit was a bargain on eBay—£3 brand new, never worn! Shoes and float jacket were also purchased and we were ready. I also packed sausages in little bags so I could take them in the water and bribe the dogs in if needed.



The day came and off we went, my two dogs and my friend with her cockerpoo, Cooper. We were very excited yet nervous at how all this could go, but we knew no matter what, at least we would have a laugh.

Upon arrival and getting the dogs sorted, we got a briefing on the session. We had the lake to ourselves for an hour, dogs to swim

for no more than 15 mins at one time and we learnt the distress signals if we got into trouble. The options were either an 80m swim followed by play or just play in the water. We opted for the latter as it was our first go.

First up was Giles, I know he can swim and would enter the water with a little temptation of a sausage, but the question was, would he swim, or just splash...the answer is both! We had some great signs of swimming and a bit of splashing too.

Next up was Jasper, he needed a bit more coaxing to go into the water, but slowly and surely we managed it and had small swims before going back to setter depth water so he could stand up.

A couple more goes each with rest in-between and they both showed they were

getting the idea of what was being asked, go in the water and swim next to me.

We went home on a high and booked up the next two sessions. This also led to a evaluation of kit, the line was too heavy, was sinking and getting tangled in our legs, so I purchased a specific floating line to stay on the waters surface.

Our second session came and I decided to try Giles on the 80m swim. He managed about 60m then wanted to get out, so we stopped there and got out, but he soon wanted to be back in! I had remembered he liked to swim and hold a toy so had purchased a float toy, think dumbo and his feather to fly and you get the idea.



With Jasper I carried on with getting him used to and comfortable in the water, he too was really getting the idea and was swimming out and back with me. What a star.

Our third and final session of the year was our best yet! On arrival both boys were so excited, and after getting kitted up I decided I would attempted the 80m with Giles again. This time he completed it, got out the lake and trotted back past the start marker and onto the car in canicross style. He retired from canicross 4 years previous and at 10 years old I had found a new thing to do with my boy!

When it came to Jasper I still wanted do keep it fun and relaxed, but what a change. He pulled me into the lake and was keen to start swimming! What a transformation.

We are already looking forward to the warmer weather when we can get out swimming again.

Roxanne, Giles and Jasper



Irish Red & White Setter Club of GB – Judging list updates.

While the Judges Competency Framework (JCF) is still ‘on hold’ the club is continuing to maintain their C, B and A judging lists. These will next be updated with effect from the 1st January 2020.

We would like judges to send an updated CV detailing their Irish Red & White Setter number. If anyone has any updates that means they fulfil the criteria for the next list would they please send me the details including scans / photos of any relevant breed seminar certificates

We will be running a Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) with multiple choice exam on the Sunday 9th February 2020. Details can be found on the club website or from the BEC, Julien Barney at BEC@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com.

Thanks.

Ray McDonald

Judging List Coordinator

judginglist@irishredandwhitesetterclub.com

Puppies



If you would like to enquire about up-coming litters or announce your puppies on the club's website please get in touch with our puppy co-ordinator, Di Jones.

A reminder to anyone who has or is having a litter that we give free membership to new puppy owners. When you have your next litter, let Graham Hart know and he can send you the information and membership forms for you to include in your puppy packs.

Email: diane@berryessa.co.uk

Membership renewals

Don't forget your membership renewals are due on 1st January 2020.

- Joint Membership (UK & Ireland)—£15
- Single Membership (UK & Ireland)—£12
- Overseas Membership (single or joint)—£17.50
- Junior membership—50p

Cheques to go to Graham Hart, 199 Sandon Road, Stafford. ST16 3HQ. Standing order mandate available on the website.

Open Show points competition

Did you know the club runs a points competition for wins at open shows? It commences from 1st January to 31st December each year and points are given for first, second and third place in breed classes, with additional points for Best of Breed and Best Puppy in Breed.

Unlike the Championship Show points competition, you need to submit your own points soon after the year end to Alan Bamford. Don't forget to get a form off the club's website.

Rosettes are presented to the top points winners at the AGM in April.



100 hundred CC's !! How did that happen?

Those of you who keep an eye on Social Media might already know, but when Enid Birch & Caroline West's Sh Ch Corranroo Camero at Hitides (Edward) was awarded the CC at Richmond it was the 100th such award gained by our kennel. To clarify we have bred 16 IRWS that have gained between them 98 CC's and 2 Irish Setters gaining 2 CC's. Perhaps just as pleasing is the fact that we have also won 92 RCC's a reflection on our constant search for consistency spread across a good number of dogs. We don't include in the "Hot 100" of course the 4 CC's and 1 RCC in dogs we owned but didn't breed.



So how did it happen? Lots of late nights, lots of observing, lots of thought and lots of hard work. All of which are still ongoing. Our breakthrough came in September 1999 when the late Les Page awarded our Corranroo Calypso (Mandy) her first CC to say we were over the moon is an understatement of high order. Mandy went on to win many more perhaps one of the most memorable being her 4th from the late friend and fellow breeder Jackie Howatson at LKA in 1999, Mandy was a stayer winning her final CC in 2006. She also holds the unenviable record of having won the RCC at Crufts on 3 occasions. In total we have bred 9 UK Show Champions, with 3 dogs C.Casanova winning 2 and 4 RCC, C.Corsair 2 and 5 RCC and lastly C.Catalyst 2 and 4 RCC so believe us when we say we know how it feels to be sitting on 2. We should also give a mention to Gemma Hawkins Isla C. Carousel over Aislingwood who won 1 CC and 5 RCC a great effort.

It goes without saying that without the support and loyalty of the good people that have chosen to own and show dogs from us that the 100 figure would have taken even longer, if indeed at all, to achieve. We have along the way helped other breeders in the UK by providing them stock on which they have made good reputations for themselves, notably Sue and Shaun Blackmore Courtdown, Brian and Sandra Pilmer Anisbrig, Ray and Debbie McDonald Roanjora and Mary & Tom Davies Zymore our thanks and gratitude to you all.

If we were to begin to mention the total of overseas awards well..... that would be an even bigger story, one not for just now but I can't resist mentioning the truly outstanding FCI Group 7 win at the 2008 World Show in Stockholm by Int Ch Corranroo Celtic Vision a feat as far as we can ascertain unequalled by any other breeder of any breed of Setter in the UK. That's one for all IRWS fans to keep rubbing in to the others. Well we can't hang around as I'm trying to figure out where we might, if good enough win the 2 more to make it 100 IRWS. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the shows as we desperately need to keep entries up.

Jacque & Graham Bayne





Junior Handling

Congratulations to Bradley Stevens and his Grandma's (Bev Stevens) Irish Red and White Setter 'LC' (Spiralwood Variety Girl) who together have qualified for the Young Kennel Club (YKC) Handling Finals at Crufts

To qualify for these handling finals, the handler must achieve 30 points from selected qualifying handling classes within their chosen group to be invited to take part in the final.

Congratulations to Bradley and LC and good luck at Crufts 2020.



The pair had also qualified for the Junior Handling Association (JHA) Semi Finals in 2019 but were unable to attend due to a family holiday. They have however already qualified for the semi finals in 2020, held at the National Gundog Association Championship Show.



Crufts 2020 ring order



When the Crufts schedule was released back in the Autumn it was noted by most exhibitors that we had been moved from our normal location and being first in, to being second in the ring after Irish Setter Bitches to make way for a YKC grooming competition.

This unsurprisingly caused outrage amongst our community together with sympathy from Irish Setter exhibitors.

Quick off the mark following a committee meeting, a letter was written and sent to the Kennel Club Chairman and the Crufts Committee Chairman outlining our concerns and that as a native vulnerable breed we asked for support to ensure that our breed could be featured sooner in the day where more public could find us.

We are pleased to report that we have been listened too and we will now be judged as the first bred in Hall 1, Ring 2.

Please note this change from the schedule and we look forward to seeing exhibitors, owners, breeders and enthusiasts (current and future) much earlier in the day.



Obedience update

For the second year running, Fran Griffin and DaisyMae attend the Crufts 2020 regionals obedience tryouts at A level. Fran had been practising for Novice but it was suggested they tried for the next level up. After a successful day it's now the waiting game to see if they will make it to the team.



Sale of dog books

Many thanks to everyone who purchased one of Jackie's lovely books, kindly donated by her husband.

The total amount raised was £340. The amount of £170 will go to Club Funds as requested and £170 to Pancreatic Cancer Research in memory of Jackie Howatson.



Club sponsored open shows

To promote judges and support open shows, we have selected six shows which the Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB are sponsoring in line with Kennel Club recommendations. For 2020 the Club is sponsoring classes at the following shows.

We would encourage our members to attend these shows as the judges all come from the clubs judging list.

Lichfield Canine Society—Stafford Showground, Stafford

Date: 25/01/2020

Judge – Stuart Cook (Breed Specialist)

Sutton Coldfield Canine Society—Sports Connexion, Coventry

Date: 22/02/2020

Judge – Denise Bettis (Breed Specialist)

Stafford District Canine Society —Stafford Showground, Stafford

Date: 26/09/2020

Judge – Paul Collins (Breed Specialist)

Mid Herts Gundog Club—Brook Farm Equestrian Centre, Essex

Date: 24/10/2020

Judge – Maureen Whitaker (Breed Specialist)

Setter & Pointer Club Open Show—Stafford Showground, Stafford

Date: 07/11/2020

Judge – Peter Armstrong (Non Specialist)

Hitchin and DCS—Addington Equestrian Centre, Buckingham

Date: 08/11/2020

Judge – TBA



Dates for your diary - club events

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Breed Education Day
Date: Sunday 9th February
Venue: Shuttington Village Hall, Main Road, Shuttington, Warwick, B79 0DP

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Spring
Date: Sunday 1st March 2020
Venue: Steventon Village Hall, Oxfordshire. OX13 6RR
Judge: Mr Alan Bamford

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB AGM
Date: Sunday 19th April
Venue: Shuttington Village Hall, Main Road, Shuttington, Warwick, B79 0DP

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Championship Show
Date: Sunday 12th July
Venue: The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, CV8 2LZ
Judge: Mrs Mary Knox

Event: Irish Red and White Setter Club of GB Open Show - Autumn
Date: Sunday 22nd November
Venue: Hasland Village Hall, Eastwood Park, Chesterfield, S41 0AY
Judge: Mr Peter Pavey

Working events

The Working sub committee has plans for a number of working events this year. As soon as dates and venues are confirmed, details will be available on the clubs website and Facebook page. If you would like to have information and booking forms sent directly to you, please email Fiona Chapman at fiona.chapman123@btinternet.com.



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