

Red and White Standard

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I am delighted and honoured to become the new Chairman for the IRWS Club Of GB, I wish Jim well and thank him for the dedication and commitment he has shown to the club over the last few years.

This is a breed I have owned for 20 plus years, the IRWS gets under your skin and into your heart, I can't imagine not owning one now. I look forward in helping the club and breed grow and prosper in the years ahead.

We have our 2023 Championship Show to look forward to, combined with our Southern Open Show in July at Stoneleigh Park. You are very welcome to come and join us, meet the dogs and their owners.



We will also be publishing our biennial yearbook this year. Maybe start thinking about photos now, when the weather is good. We have several talented photographers in the club who would be happy to help.

Enjoy the summer and I wish everyone health and happiness.

Tania Gardner

Points Competition



Each year points are awarded to Club members' dogs who get placed in Championship and Open shows. The points are totalled at the end of the year and the winning dogs are awarded rosettes at the AGM. It's a brilliant way to congratulate the dogs and their owners for their support of the Club.

2022 Points Competition Results – Championship Show

1 st	Sh Ch Charnborough Charisma of Danwish Tania Gardner	394
2 nd	Sh Ch Zendarric It's A Kind Of Magic Within Wroxham Eileen Walker	354
3 rd	Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve With Danwish Tania Gardner	333
4 th	Sh Ch Cornadore Argyle With Copperwhite JW Lynda Ward	332
5 th	Sh Ch Talintyre Winter Shadow Julie Tait	315
6 th	Sh Ch Zendarric Heart Shaped Box With Vizaset Nicola Green	207
7 th	Sh Ch Taxus Golden Prince In Balbriggan JW Jim and Sue Cuddy	184
8 th	Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern At Charnborough Tony Sherratt and Mary Blackwell Sherratt	178
9 th	Sh Ch Romaunt Bloomin Grand At Forespoint Paul and Lynn Collins	170
10 th	Talintyre Winter Spice Julie Tait	168

2022 Points Competition Results - Open Shows

- 1st Int Sh Ch/Bel/Dutch/Lux Ch
Terne Des Coris Qalimero At Coolfin, Trish Jakins
- 2nd Coolfin Murchard, Trish Jakins
- 3rd. Coolfin Ailbhe, Trish Jakins
- 4th. Spyefire Reyt Bobby Dazzler, John and Liz Titterton

2023 Points Competition

The current placings in this year's Points Competition:

- 1st Sh Ch Charnborough Charisma Of Danwish JW (Miss T Gardner) 279
- 2nd Sh Ch Alanea Holly Fern At Charnborough (Mr T Sherratt & Mrs M Blackwell Sherratt) 204
- 3rd Sh Ch Cornadore Argyle With Copperwhite (Imp Pol) (Mrs L Ward) 173
- 4th Sh Ch Talintyre Winter Shadow (Mrs J Tait) 142
- 5th Sh Ch Alanea Game Reserve With Danwish (Miss T Gardner) 128
- 6th Laoirebay Steel Blue Ocean At Shannonstyle (Mr S & Mrs M Martin) 118
- 7th Alanea Mirror Image (Mrs A Tattersall) 110
- 8th Berryessa Ballderg With Gilliegrae (Mr G Hart & Mrs G Hart) 108
- 9th Sh Ch Lovenjoel Sleeping Beauty (Mrs J Tait) 99
- 10th Daithi Shadow Dog With Ferngate (Imp Pol) (Mr S Cook & Mrs A Catton) 98

2024 Points Competition

The points competitions have been reviewed and a new scoring system is being introduced for both the Championship and Open Shows. This scoring system will come into effect from Janaury 1st 2024, more information will be in the next newsletter and there will be a claim form to download on the website or available from the Secretary, Alison

2024



2024 is a big year for the Irish Red and White Setter Club of Great Britain – it is our 40th anniversary and we are planning on having some big celebrations.

The Championship Show on 21st July 2024 at Stoneleigh will have many extra attractions – activities for you and your dog to have try. We are still getting these organised and the Winter newsletter will have more information. But put the date in your diary as not to be missed.

A considerable amount of discussion went on in committee and the end result was that we have decided to hold the two open shows on the same day at the same venue – one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The date and venue haven't been determined yet but as soon as they are we'll put them on the website and facebook page.

AGM

At the Club's AGM in April, two new officers were elected - a new Chairman and Treasurer: Tania has been involved with IRWS for some time and is bringing an immense amount expertise and knowledge to the Club and Ray, many of you know already, he is taking on the Treasurer's role and has already got well and truly stuck in.

Subsequently – after a call for nominations – James Hodgetts has joined the committee. James is one of the Club's newer (and younger) members and we are sure will bring another perspective to the committee's views.

Are you having a litter of puppies?



For a while now, the Club has offered free membership to 'new puppy owners'.

All members of the Club are given the opportunity of including free membership to anyone they sell a puppy to.

So, if you're planning a litter, let Alison know and she can send you the relevant paperwork to include in your puppy pack.

2023 Crufts



Emily Windler with Roanjora Fleurie in Good Citizen Class at Crufts this year. Since then she's gone on to more shows and has qualified Fleur for Crufts 2024.

Canicross – Sarah Brook and Morag



There is nothing more rewarding than exercising your Irish Red and White Setter in the great outdoors. If you are keen to keep your dog looking and feeling athletic then why not try canicross?

The sport lends itself to a cohesive partnership between the runner and the dog where the former is being pulled by the latter, this is particularly helpful in uphill situations.

This canine sport is great for dogs which have yet to master recall as they are harnessed during the event which ranges from 5 to 10km distances and half marathons.

Training is relatively easy and the dogs are quick to learn basic verbal cues e.g. go, left, right, overtake. The races and events are easy to sign up to and most counties have canicross groups which is conducive to making new human and furry friends.

Dogs aged 12 months and over are ready to compete and depending on how many dogs you wish to run it is a great way to socialise and spend time with friends and family.

When it comes to equipment, you will need a running harness which is specifically designed for unrestricted, free motion of the dog, a bungee line and a canicross hands free waist belt for the human which lies comfortably around the hips. I tend to wear the same belt for hikes too. All three items can be purchased as pre-loved items or new from specialist online shops. Dogs are not permitted to wear collars during the race.

What I have found during our canicross adventures is that dogs are naturally very competitive and want to perform well, any slacking on the runner's part will be met by a scornful look of the dog which has just lost its position to other canine competitors. Jokes aside, IRWS are made for this sport, with proven endurance for long distances and drive they are physically capable of winning the podium honours. Perhaps this is a space where we could see more IRWS delight the sporting community.

I highly recommend Roxanne McDonald's Facebook page "Setters in Cani-Sports" which fosters an inclusive culture for setter owners who canicross. It is full of useful information, event meets and boasts 180 members.

The exciting news is that the IRWS Club GB plans to run a canicross demonstration and clinic in 2024 so stay tuned for more information.

Useful resources to get you started:

- Facebook groups: setters in cani- sports, canicross trailrunners
- Canicross UK events: canicross.org.uk, canix.co.uk
- Shopping: dogfit.co.uk, woofshack.com

Peanut Butter Dog Treats



Biscuit

370g wholewheat flour

1 large egg

270g peanut butter

1 cup water (227g)

2 tablespoons honey

Frosting

2 tablespoons peanut butter

1 tablespoon honey

37g cornflour

3-4 tablespoons hot water

1. Preheat oven to 360°C
2. Line baking sheet with parchment
3. In large bowl combine flour and egg then add peanut butter, water and honey
4. Stir until you have a stiff dough, you may need to use your hands.
5. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to 1cm thickness and use a cutter to make fun shapes
6. Bake for 18-20 minutes until golden. Set aside to cool.
7. To make the frosting – combine the peanut butter and honey – you'll need to warm them
8. Add the melted peanut butter to the cornflour and stir until just combined
9. Slowly add the water 1 tablespoon at a time until you have the consistency required.
10. Drizzle your biscuits with the frosting.

2023 Yearbook

The club will once again be producing its biennial yearbook. The next one will be available early 2024.

The club are keen to encourage members to help create this next snapshot of breed history so have reduced the costs of taking out an advert together with introducing an early bird offer for members who book and pay for their pages before 30th September 2023. Half pages will also be available. All costs are detailed on the booking form.

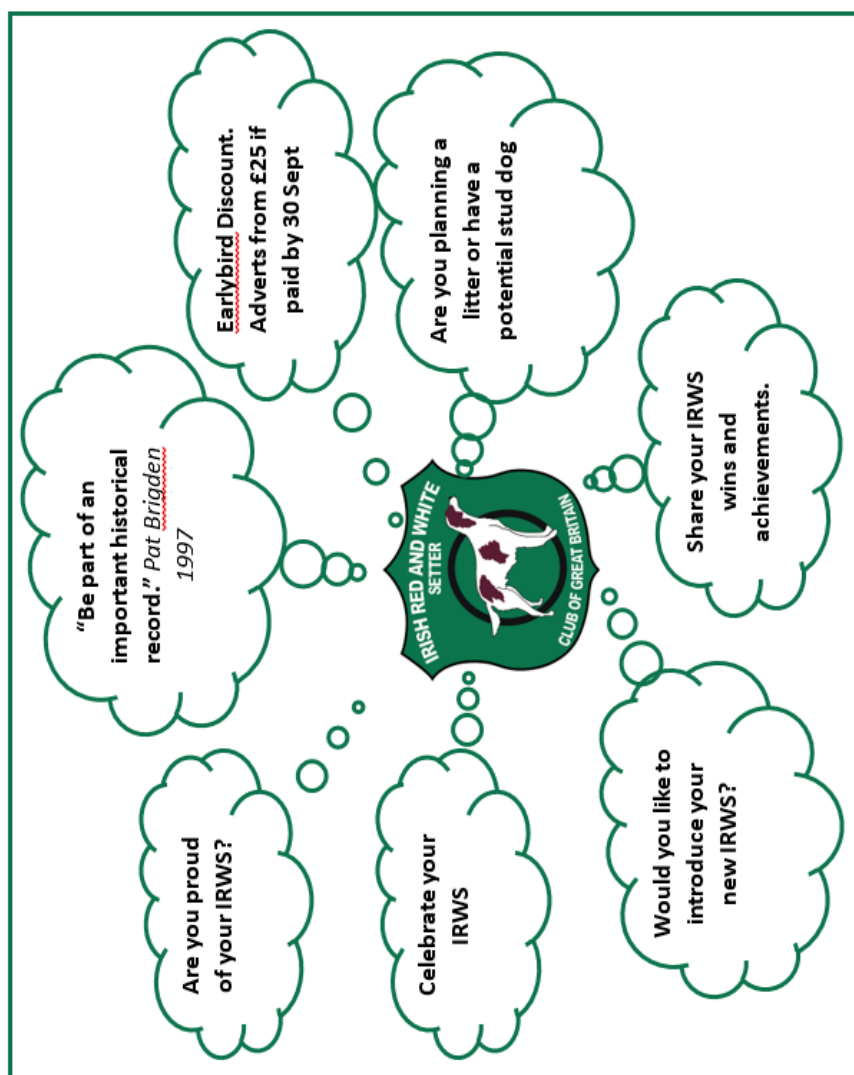
New for this yearbook will be an “In loving memory” section where we can celebrate the companions we have lost. A half page with a photo and a few words.

We would love to include all aspects of Irish Red and White Setter ownership, disciplines and awards. We know that there are Red & Whites out there that have interesting hobbies, ie; ‘Reading Dogs’, ‘Blood Donors’, ‘PAT Dogs’, ‘Man Trailing’ and ‘Canicross’ to name but a few. We would love to hear about them.

So, start thinking about all those things that your dog(s) do that you might want to share & sort out some photos.

If you have any questions or need help or ideas then feel free to contact the Editor, Debbie McDonald,

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Mantrailing - Stuart and Mandy Martin and Grace

Our story began while having a conversation with Stu, at breakfast, asking if me and Grace were ready to do our Level 2 Assessment for Mantrailing which I replied “Yes”.

That evening Stu was grinning at me like a Cheshire Cat, so I knew he'd been up to something again!!! He announced that he had booked me and Grace in for our Level 2 Assessment in 6 days time. I replied with “WHAT!” thinking am I going to be able to do this, what was he thinking of!!!!

The day came and I was violently woken to the sound of wind, it sounded like dogs howling outside, then the radio burst into life and the Met Office had issued a Severe Weather Warning for the whole of Wales. I rolled my eyes thinking this is like Déjà Vu when we did our Level 1, then without warning Stu's phone was ringing and I'm thinking who's calling him at this time of the morning? it was the Assessor asking if we still want to go ahead with today? Before I could say anything he replied “Yes” - I looked at Stu saying “Well done Einstein - I need a coffee” As my head hit the pillow again.

The journey down was quiet if you asked Stu lol, I am trying



to remember all the terms like ‘Double Blind - Misper’ or ‘What to do if Grace loses the scent’ etc while trying to fill in my Mantrailing logbook.

We arrived at the location somewhere in deepest Wales, I was driving now and Stu was navigating with an ordnance survey map. We were given just a 6-figure grid reference and Stu was matching landmarks and features of the ground with contour lines, I am sure it's all very fascinating.

We met the Assessor who looked rather wind swept - after introductions I was asked again do you want to proceed, before I could say anything Stu grabbed my arm, looked at the Assessor and said, "Team Grace are good to Go!" Even after all this time Stu had complete faith in both me and Grace and we were not going to let him down.

Our brief was a person had gone missing for 2 hrs, we did not know if it was Male/Female or child, and I was allowed a maximum of 30 minutes to find the person - I am thinking 'oh my God'!!!

I put Grace's hi-viz coat on and then her working harness, Grace was super excited; she knew what I was going to ask of her. She gave me loads of kisses and was ready for the scent article from the missing person which measured 5 cm by 5 cm. I gave her the command to 'Sniff' and it took all of 3 seconds for her to do this, she then threw her head around at me and almost to say "I know what to do - just hang on mum" I gave the command to "Trail" and we were off - if you know anything about Grace it's always 100 mph !!

Grace took me down a lane which opened onto a main road I shortened the line checking the road was clear for us cross, we entered a forestry and Grace took me off the main forestry track, passing trees, bushes and low branches, I lengthened the line to give Grace a wider scope to work in, as we progressed, I felt twigs pulling at my hair luckily, I had my cap on!!!

We carried on for another 20 metres and I noticed that Grace was losing the trail the wind was so strong it was stinging my face, I quickly lengthened the line to its maximum length allowing Grace to work in a 360 degree arc. The Assessor looked at her stopwatch. I put this to the back of my mind, and stayed focused on Grace she then found the scent again and we were back on trail, we doubled back passing the decoy person and then took a sharp right over a grass bank.



I could see ahead, there was a river and Grace was heading straight for it aahhh!!! The Assessor could hardly keep up with us now, she had a red face which made me grin!!

The water was coming up fast, I shortened the line assessing the river and the environment and in we went 2 feet and 4 paws, the water hit me like needles piercing my skin at the same time I'm thinking, did I put on my waterproof make up on this morning? We climbed the bank the other side one hand on the line and my other hand clawing at the mud my feet slipping all the time. Eventually we got to the top of the bank and I'm thinking how much further? 5 meters ahead I saw a tree and Grace was heading directly to it, I shorted the line to be more cautious and around the back of the tree we noticed a person sitting there Grace immediately froze and barked at me to indicate this was the missing person.

We then came to an open field, so I shortened the line, we saw people with their dogs, Grace was not interested in them nor the dogs she was focused on finding the missing person, we went another 50 metres and then came upon a person sitting on the bench not making any contact with us Grace immediately stopped and started to air scent the person, I was reading her body language the whole time. I realised this was the decoy - it didn't fool Grace and we're off again! Next thing I heard was squeal from the assessor saying "oh my God you found her in 22 minutes" as I was walking back with the assessor,

I felt an immense sense of relief and achievement she told me that she didn't think I would find her because of the strong winds making the scent nearly impossible to track, all other candidates had cancelled for today.

I felt I had achieved the impossible, this was the hardest trail we had done to date, I have clearly set my sights on getting my Level 3 now.



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