

## Midlands Irish Setter Society 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Bitches

I would like to begin by thanking the MISS for inviting me to judge the bitches at this show. It is always an honour and a privilege to be invited to judge any show, but breed shows are something rather special! My stewards did a great job keeping things running smoothly, which was also much appreciated.

I would also like to thank all the exhibitors who brought their beautiful girls for me to assess. I know just how much time and effort goes into preparing our Irish for shows not to mention the travelling and expense, especially in the current cost of living crisis. I really appreciate every single entry. There were some very close decisions at times and in some classes I really wished I could have sent every exhibit home with a card.

However you did at this show, you all took the best dogs home with you. This is just one judge's opinion, on one group of dogs, at one show out of the whole of your dog's show career, so don't be disheartened if you didn't do as well as you would have liked. There is always another show and as well all know, the venue, floor, atmosphere and hormones can all have an effect on the performance of our girls!

Overall I thought the quality of the entry was excellent. However, that said I was disappointed to find some very narrow heads, lacking in stop and expression. In the lower classes particularly movement was not as good as I would expect to find in our breed with many moving very close behind and lacking reach and drive. There were also quite a few carrying a little too much weight in spite of having good muscle tone.



### MPB

1<sup>st</sup> Bridgewater's BRIDGELLA'S JUBILEE QUEEN- Pretty young girl with feminine head and soft expression. Good reach of neck. Nice lay of shoulder and good depth to chest. Straight front and hocks.

2<sup>nd</sup> McDonald's QUENSHA GALWAY GIRL – Another lovely girl with a lovely feminine head. Dark eye, and gentle expression. Well bodied and she has good angulation both fore and aft. In lovely coat and condition, just needs to tighten up slightly on her elbows. I'm sure these two will change places on many occasions.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bielecka – YOKOHAMA LOFTY NAF

Res Gurney – DANAWAY LAFAYETTE

VHC Bentley – PENCLIPPIN CELTIC ASTHORE



## PB

1<sup>st</sup> Hall – RIVERBRUE OPHELIA LOVE GLENNARA -Loved the balance and proportions of this girl. Pretty head with plenty of stop, dark eye, low set ears. Nice length of neck into clean, nicely laid back shoulders. Gently sloping topline which she held well on the move. Lovely tight feet and correct rear angulation. Moved well, very steady. I'm sure she has a bright future ahead of her.

2<sup>nd</sup> Rorke – ZAKHAN'S DIAMOND QUEEN – Very mature girl in good coat. She is feminine in head with lovely dark eyes. Well sprung ribs and depth to chest. Moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Schellings – MARLLAND KENTUCKY WOMAN

Res Peters – CORRANROO VIENNESE WALTZ

VHC Leach – RIVERBRUE OPHELIA JUBBLY



## VB A lovely class of mature ladies

1<sup>st</sup> Rorke's CATALUNA MAY QUEEN – Loved her free flowing, true movement, using her tail to full advantage. A proper show off! Quite short coupled but everything in proportion. Lovely clean neck with good forechest and depth. Good shoulders and rear angulation which gave her the strength to drive off and reach out as she flowed around the ring.

2<sup>nd</sup> Waterton SANDSTREAM WELCOME BREEZE JW – Lovely feminine bitch in good coat. Love her 'sugar face' with lovely dark eyes and sweet expression. She has a good reach of neck and gently sloping topline. She moved with enthusiasm but was a little weak on her stifles today. Would like to see her carrying a little more weight.

3<sup>rd</sup> Carter BARDONHILL UPTOWN GIRL

## Res Tapper & Leyland LYNWOOD AIRS N'GRACES AT KEDALITA



### JB

1<sup>st</sup> Mugford LYNWOOD RATHER SCRUMPTIOUS JW – Have admired this girl from the ringside previously so was pleased to have the opportunity to go over her. This young lady has a striking, balanced outline with nice head and expression. Just the right amount of neck length into well angulated shoulders and showing plenty of forechest. She has a gently sloping topline which is complimented by her correct tailset, giving a lovely flow from her head to the tip of her tail. She is well bodied with a good spring of rib and depth of chest. Correct length of loin and good rear angulation with well muscled hind quarters. She has good bone and firm feet and moved with drive. I look forward to watching her career as she grows up.

2<sup>nd</sup> Holley GWENDARIFF THISTLE BE JILLS AT WYNJILL – Another pretty young lady with much to admire. Nice head with dark eyes and gentle expression. Well sprung ribs and good hindquarters. Just preferred the front and head of 1. Not quite as positive on the move, but still has plenty of time to fully develop. Another one to watch for the future.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vallance – LYNWOOD RATHER RAVISHING AT CORCENCONE

Res Maple – POLLNAC NEW MIRACLE

VHC Giles – KRASNY ALITA ANGEL (AZ1)



### YB

1<sup>st</sup> Hall GLENNARA CHERRY COLA JW – Very pretty young lady with a pretty head, dark eye, good earset and lovely gentle expression. Good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, enough upper arm length to enable her to reach out well on the move. Plenty of forechest, well sprung ribs and deep chest. Correct length of loin, strong stifles and short hocks. Moved well using her tail to full effect.

2<sup>nd</sup> Naylor NIGSETT SKYFALL – Another lovely girl, broader in skull than 1. Lovely outline with good forechest and good angulation front and rear. Beautiful, tight feet, plenty of bone. Moved well once she settled down.

3<sup>rd</sup> Hall HARREDS LILLIE

Res Kassube & French – TWOACRES CHOCOLATE DELIGHT BY CARARUA

VHC Peters CORRANROO HOT SENSATION



MB

1<sup>st</sup> ZAKHANS DIAMOND QUEEN

2<sup>nd</sup> Leach RIVERBRUE OPHELIA JUBBLY – VHC in puppy. Pretty young bitch with racy outline, nice dark eyes, lovely head planes and good reach of neck. Nice topline and good depth to chest. Settled to move much better in this class.

3<sup>rd</sup> Chapman SHELDONITE CINNAMON



NB

1<sup>st</sup> Holehan-Green LOGANRISH TASTE OF DIAMONDS – Racy outline, nice head with dark eye. Good depth to chest, well sprung ribs. Straight front and hocks. Moved very well.

2<sup>nd</sup> ZAKHANS DIAMOND QUEEN

3<sup>rd</sup> POLLNAC NEW MIRACLE

Res SHELDONITE CINNAMON



## UGB

1<sup>st</sup> Jones GWENDARIEFF DAZZLING DIVA JW – Striking bitch in excellent coat and condition. Feminine head with lovely dark eye and soft expression. Raised brows and nice head proportions. Lovely low set ears. Good reach of neck, plenty of forechest and depth of chest. Correct rear angulation. Moved very well.

2<sup>nd</sup> ZAKHANS DIAMOND QUEEN



## GB

1<sup>st</sup> Parsons FORFARIAN FLUTTER YER LASHES AT BRANSETT – Feminine bitch with racy outline. Pretty head, soft expression, with nice finish to foreface. Good neck and shoulders, gently sloping topline and correct tailset. Good lay of shoulder, good stifles and defined second thigh. Moved soundly with drive.

2<sup>nd</sup> Henderson SAMETSUZ PILLOW TALK – Another lovely girl, quite different to 1. Clean, racy outline with good reach of neck, good shoulders and hindquarters. Well sprung ribs, parallel front, correct length of loin. Moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Corless SWIFTLARK ILLUSTRIOUS

Res Armitage GWENDARIEFF PHANTASTIC PHANNE

VHC Heather SIXOAKS MY FAIR LADY JW



### PGB

1<sup>st</sup> Watt SHENANAGIN HALF A SIXPENCE – Have admired this young lady for some time from the ringside so was delighted to have the opportunity to examine her more closely. Really eye catching girl with racy, balanced outline. Sweetest of heads with dark eye and melting expression. No exaggeration in any department, clean neck and shoulders, with plenty of reach to her neck and gently sloping topline. Well sprung ribs, and good forechest. Well off for bone, with neat feet. Moved very soundly with reach and drive, lashing her tail as she went. Delighted to award her the reserve CC and with the agreement of my co judge, reserve best in show.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bridgewater BRIDGELLAS DON'T PUSH IT – Another lovely girl in good coat and condition. Well bodied with good spring of rib. Lovely head with gentle expression. Straight front, clean neck and good shoulders. Well muscled. Moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tapper & Leyland LYNWOOD MERRY MAYDEN AT KEDALITA

Res Box FERNSTART HEARTS DELIGHT JW

VHC Boutell & Burbridge IXIA SNOW VIXEN



### MLB

1<sup>st</sup> Naylor ANLORY CARIGNAN JW - Lovely girl, racy outline, looked a picture both standing and on the move. Feminine head with dark eyes and raised stopped giving gentle expression. Plenty of work in this head with no exaggeration. Plenty of forechest, tight elbows against a good spring of rib. Well boned with lovely tight, neat feet. Short, strong hocks and good hind angulation from which she drove off well with free flowing movement around the ring.

2<sup>nd</sup> Stewart GWEDARIFF PIN UP GIRL – Although different in type to 1 she possesses similar qualities. Very balanced, presented in excellent coat and condition. A little heavier through neck and shoulder than 1, but has a gently sloping topline and correct tailset. Good return of upper arm, deep chested with good rear angulation. Tight feet, good bone, moved well with drive.



3<sup>rd</sup> Bott, Allen & Morgan QUENSHA CRIMES OF PASSION

Res Catling QUENSHA FAMILY PORTRAIT FOR TELERI

VHC Davie LOCHFRAE NINA SIMONE



LB

This was a very strong class of lovely ladies.

1<sup>st</sup> Bott BARDONHILL LOVE OF MY LIFE – Well bodied, feminine bitch with no exaggeration. She has beautiful dark eyes and just enough stop and raised brow to give her a soft, melting expression. Lovely finish to foreface, low set ears. Good lay of shoulder and return of upper arm. Strong bone with tight feet. Gently sloping topline into correct tailset. Plenty of depth to her chest and spring of rib. Just the right amount of angulation to her stifles to give her the strength to drive around the ring.

2<sup>nd</sup> Naylor ANLORY CORBIERES JW – Very close decision between these two as both are quality bitches. Very similar comments apply. Balanced and in proportion, proper length and return to upper arm. Well muscled with clean neck and shoulders. Plenty of forechest. Well off for bone with lovely tight feet with well arched toes. Moved very well. Just didn't quite have the furnishings of 1 today to tip the balance in her favour.

3<sup>rd</sup> Richardson BRABROOK TRUE VIOLET FOR MONTGREENAN JW

Res Green BRAIDMOUNT DREAMED A DREAM FOR GLENCARRON

VHC Bougen GWENDARIFF HOT TICKET JW



## OB

A lovely class of beautiful ladies.

1<sup>st</sup> Sterritt IRISH SH CH CORRANROO JUST ONE KISS WITH RIVERSETT CJW18 JUN CH – Oh my goodness! As soon as I saw this girl in the line up I was immediately drawn to her. She is absolutely stunning, exactly what I was looking for today. She has the most beautiful feminine head with dark eyes and kind, intelligent expression. Her neck is of moderate length with just enough muscle. She is clean over her shoulders and has good angulation throughout her shoulder construction. She has plenty of forechest, depth to her chest and a good spring of rib. She has a gently sloping topline which flows into her correctly set on tail. She has the correct length of loin and is balanced and proportionate throughout. Her hindquarters are well muscled and have correct angulation. She has plenty of bone and her feet are tight with well arched toes. She was presented in beautiful coat and condition and she looked beautiful both standing and on the move where her movement was free flowing and effortless. Delighted to award her the CC and with the agreement of my co judge, Best In Show. Many congratulations.

2<sup>nd</sup> Stewart SH CH & SP CH GWENDARIFF COME FLY WITH ME WW'20 – Another lovely girl, taller and shorter coupled than 1. Beautifully presented in flowing coat and fantastic condition as one would expect from this exhibitor. Lovely low set ears and good finish to foreface. She has a gently sloping topline into a correct tailset, good shoulder construction and depth to ribs. Well off for bone with short, strong hocks and lovely tight feet. Moved well. Preferred the head, expression and forechest of 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Mugford SH CH LYNWOOD ABRACADABRA JW

Res Bougen GWENDARIFF LILY THE PINK

VHC Catling SH CH TELERI INDIAN SUMMER (AI)JW

Cheryl Stevenson