

Midlands Irish Setter Society – 4th February 2024

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Officers and Committee for my invitation to judge the dogs at your Championship Show. Especially when you are from abroad it is such an honour. I want to say a huge thank you to all exhibitors for showings their lovely dogs under me, it was such a pleasure and honour to go over them. There is something I just want to mention, some males were a bit unbalanced due to being too long in the back and too short on the legs, which was particularly noticeable on the movement. I also found that some moved their dogs too fast, a good moving dog doesn't have to necessarily move fast.

Altogether the quality of dogs is far better than on the continent, which gave me some headaches, honestly, I was spoilt for choice. On another day, it could be different.

Minor Puppy Dogs (5/4)

1. Gardner **Danwish Troubador**

Outstanding puppy with a handsome head and expression, lovely dark eyes and well-set ears. Strong bones and nice tight feet. Well-developed forechest and depth, well sprung of ribs. Strong loins and finish of croup, correct tailset. Moves well for his age with a lashing tail.

2. Tapper and Leyland **Kedalita Steptoe And Son**

Elegant youngster with a pleasing head and expression, dark eyes, well set ears. Long clean neck, good topline and finish of croup, good tailset. Moves well for his age, not as mature as the first one.

3. Russell **Tireon Touch of Magic of Settersoli**

Puppy Class Dogs (10/10)

1. Danks-Kemish and Swannell **Alolofrana All I Ask of Eveandabec**

What a lovely youngster, so well balanced for his age! Lovely head with a soft and melting expression, dark eyes, correct earset. Lovely long, slightly arched neck slopping into well laid shoulders and gentle sloping topline. Excellent angulations front and rear, correct finishing of croup and correct tailset. Excellent substance. Strong bone and nice tight feet. Gleaming, dark coat. Moves with style and a lashing tail. Well presented.

2. Edward **Coppers Get Off My Cloud by Bonhomie**

Very promising youngster with the typical head and expression, dark eyes, well set ears, good length of neck, well laid shoulders, good return of upper arm. Well spring of ribs, strong loin. Moved with reach and drive. Handled to his advance.

3. Tapper and Leyland **Kedalita Steptoe And Son**

Veteran Class Dogs (6/6)

1. Rowbottom **Sh. Ch. Lanstara Spring Moon**

What a lovely dog to go over. Full of quality with a lovely head and expression, dark, almond shaped eyes, well set ears, long, clean neck, well laid shoulders with a correct return of upper arm. Excellent forechest and depth, well spring of ribs, strong loin and finishing of croup, correct tailset. Strong bones. Moves with great reach and drive. He truly is a credit to his breeder and owner.

2. Lucas **Sh. Ch. Bardonhill Eternal Flame Among Amberlight**

Judged this boy about 4 ½ years ago and done him good. Lovely example of our beloved breed, slightly stronger than No. 1. Masculine head and expression, dark eyes, well set ears, well-muscled neck, good lay of shoulders and good return of upper arm. Good depth, strong topline, nice finishing of croup. Sound movement. Just unlucky to meet No 1 today.

3. Russell **Strathmead Huckleberry of Settersoli**

Junior Dogs (4/4)

1. Lucas **Gwendariff Bachelor Boy**

Excellent overall picture, typical head and expression for this kennel. Long, clean neck, well laid shoulders with a well return of upper arm. Strong topline for his age, strong loins, good finish of croup, good tailset. Dark, gleaming coat. Moves very well for his age. Well handled.

2. Robinson Slater **Kerryfair Misty Morning TAF**

Full of type, handsome head and expression, dark eyes, well set ears. Clean over neck and shoulders, strong topline, a little round in the croup. Dark, gleaming coat. Moves free with a lashing tail.

3. Pike **Redclyst Sibelius**

Yearling Class Dogs

1. Levene and Lewis **Quensha Remember the Name Valasarch**

Stunning youngster with a most beautiful head and expression, dark, almond shaped eyes, right amount of stop, well set ears. Long, well-muscled and clean neck, well laid shoulders with correct return of upper arm, nice tight feet, strong bones. Gently sloping topline, strong loins and correct finish of croup, correct tailset. Moves with style, excellent reach and drive. Excellent handled.

2. Parsons **Quensha Thinking Loud at Bransett JW**

Litter brother to No. 1, slightly stronger build and stronger head. Lovely dark eyes, good stop, well set ears, strong neck, well laid shoulders, sloping topline and good finishing of croup. Well angulated, nice, tight feet. Strong bones. Moves free, but giving his owner a hard time.

3. Danks-Kemish **Alolfrana Secret Love Agent**

Maiden Class Dog (5/4)

1. Levene and Lewis **Quensha Remember the Name Valasarch**
2. Russell Tireon **Touch of Magic of Settersoli**
3. Pike **Redclyst Sibelius**

Novice Class Dogs (6/6)

1. Levene and Lewis **Quensha Remember the Name Valasarch**
2. Russell Tireon **Touch of Magic of Settersoli**
3. Richardson **Bardonhill Mcintosh Red At Montgreenan**

Under Graduate Dogs (9/6)

1. Levene and Lewis **Quensha Remember the Name Valasarch**
2. Sheldon **Bardonhill A Million Ways to Delsanto**
Handsome boy with a lovely, typical head and expression for this kennel, correct earset. Muscular neck, correct laid shoulders and return of upper arm. Strong bones, nice tight feet. Good ribcage, good depth, strong loins. Correct angulations front and rear. Sound movement
3. Purves **Grousehill Dream Boy**

Graduate Class Dogs (8/8)

1. Gilks **Suteresett Mr. Mistoffelees At Gochmawr**
Excellent overall picture, handsome head and expression, dark eyes, right amount of stop, clean, slightly arched neck, well laid shoulders and return of upper arm, firm topline, strong loins and correct finishing of croup. Strong bones. Moves free with excellent reach and drive. Well handled.
2. Kolbach **Kerryfair Zoom in on Pawsword**
Handsome lad with a masculine head and expression, kind dark eyes, right amount of stop, strong muzzle. Well set ears. Clean and muscular neck, a bit loose in elbows. Excellent sternum, well spring of ribs. Firm topline, correct finish of croup. In good coat and condition. Sound movement. Handled to his advance.
3. Bentley **Astleyview Coming Home to Pienclippin**

Post Graduate Class Dogs (10/9)

A class full of quality!

1. Macaulay Harreds Lachlan At Stylersett

Lovely build dog with a handsome head and expression, almond shaped, dark eyes, well set ears, strong lower jaw. Strong, clean neck, well laid shoulders with a good return of upper arm, strong bones, nice tight feet, good sternum, well spring of ribs, strong loins and finish of croup, well set tail. Excellent angulations front and rear. Moves with style and lashing tail.

2. Beresford Jetsetter Wind of Dreams (IMP RUS)

Handsome overall picture, typical head and expression, dark eyes, good muzzle, well set ears. Strong, muscular neck, correct laid shoulders, prefer a bit more upper arm. Firm topline, good finish of croup. Moved well with a lashing tail. In good coat and condition.

3. Chorley-Newton, Chorley and Flinders Kerryfair Just Be

Mid Limit Dog (8/8)

1. Hemmings Orlanset Mandolin

Stunning overall picture, masculine head and expression, dark, almond shaped eyes, strong muzzle, strong lower jaw. Well set ears. Muscular slightly arched neck, well laid shoulders and good return of upper arm. Strong bones and nice, tight feet. Well-developed sternum, excellent sprung of ribs, strong topline, well angulated front and rear. Moves with reach and drive and a lashing tail. Well handled.

2. Richardson Gwendariff Tullys Red Arrows

Another handsome boy with a typical head and expression of this kennel. Strong. Muscular neck, well laid shoulders, prefer a bit more upper arm. Good sternum, topline is okay, well-muscled hindquarters. In full coat. Free movement.

3. Richardson Bluesprings Now I'm here At Forestfire

Limit Class Dogs (10/9)

1. Davison Bardonhill You Don't Fool Me

Such a handsome dog, so much quality, refined head, right amount of muzzle with a strong lower jaw. Dark, almond shaped eyes, well set ears. Strong, slightly arched neck, well laid shoulders with an excellent return of upper arm, strong bones, nice, tight feet. Strong topline and loins, excellent finish of croup. Rich and dark coat, in super condition. Considered him for higher honours.

2. Murchinson Pawsword Please Please Me Corphin

Lovely outlines, handsome head and expression, dark eyes, well set ears. Strong, clean neck, fine laid shoulders, excellent sternum and depth. Correct topline, strong loins, correct finishing of croup. In good coat and condition.

3. Milligan-Bott and Bott **Thendara Big Love**

Open Class Dogs (12/9)

What a class! Couldn't be any better, such a high quality!

1. Gisbys **Suteressett King of Hearts JW**

Today he was the King! What a wonderful specimen of our beloved breed. He simply fits the standard, nothing is overexerted. He is like a good red wine, maturing with age. What to say about a dog, that takes your breath away, I hope that I will find the right words for him:

Stunning overall picture, so balanced, super refined head with loads of work and chiseling, excellent expression, lovely, soft expression, almond shaped, dark eyes, strong muzzle, strong lower jaw, excellent skull. Clean, strong and slightly arched neck set into well laid shoulders with an excellent return of upper arm. Well-developed sternum, excellent depth. Super ribcage, strong loin, excellent finish of croup, correct tailset. Excellent front- and rear angulation, right amount of second thigh, strong, short hocks. He moves with great style, with loads of reach and drive and the right pace, so balanced. Shown in great coat and condition. Truly handled to his advance. It is such a great honour to award him this CC, which I learned later was his all-important third one. Well deserved! I wish he would be mine... .

My co-judge and I agreed to award him Best in Show and Best Veteran in Show.

2. Stocktons **ShCh Riverbrue Alchemist Amidst Kespas JW**

What to say about a dog who is so extremely successful what has not been said before. He deserves his honours with no doubt. It was a pleasure to go over this handsome boy with an excellent head and expression, strong, clean neck, well laid shoulders and a proper topline and finish of croup. Presented spotless in a super coat and condition. Unfortunately, the backend was stretched out to far and on the move, he was shown a bit too fast, so that he lost his backend a bit. I had no doubts to award him the Res.CC today.

3. Hemmings **ShCh Orlanset A New Flame**

Silke Lohkamp-Sommer