

Irish Setter Association, England Championship Show, 7th October 2023

Judge: Jackie Willis (Jacwilns)

Main Results:

Best in Show	Gwendariff Absolutely Marwe'llus (IKC)
RBIS & BOS	Gwendariff Lily The Pink
Best Puppy in Show	Kerryfair Misty Rose
Best Veteran In Show	Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW
Dog CC	Gwendariff Absolutely Marwe'llus (IKC)
Dog RCC	Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tmissme Bonhomie
Best Puppy Dog	Gwendariff Bachelor Boy
Best Veteran Dog	Strathmead Huckleberry of Settesoli JW
Bitch CC	Gwendariff Lily The Pink
Bitch RCC	Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW
Best Puppy Bitch	Kerryfair Misty Rose
Best Veteran Bitch	Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW

RESULTS/CRITIQUES

I would like to thank the ISAE Committee for the invitation to judge at this prestigious show. It was a true honour. We were so lucky with the fabulous weather that allowed us to be in the large outside rings which gives our beautiful breed the opportunity to really get into their stride and there is no doubt they enjoy themselves in this kind of setting.

Thank you to my three stewards Richard, Blake and Paul who were friendly, warm, and run a tight ship to keep things moving.

Finally, to the exhibitors who entered and brought their treasured Irish for my opinion. Thank you.

It's been 6 years since I judged as Covid put a stop to me judging NGA in 2020, and due to my own commitments, I have only been at about 6 shows in the last two years. Of course, we have social media to entertain us with pictures and results, but nothing is like standing in the middle of that ring and looking at each dog as a singular exhibit.

For me the quality in bitches, was better than dogs today, but I was delighted with all my placings. We can all be a ringside judges, but nothing replaces your hands on and full focus on every exhibit.

Some general points. Condition was disappointing on some exhibits. This comes in two parts. The glorious red coat of our breed is its crowning glory and there is nothing better to see it gleam in the sunlight. I appreciate dogs go in and out of coat, but regular attention is needed. Some exhibitors let the dog down in this area. Secondly, Irish need to run. I'm not looking for a body builder physique but need to feel they are in tip top condition. In addition, some exhibits are held back by their owners on the move. We had a fantastic large ring yesterday and it was a shame that some dogs didn't have the chance to show themselves off to full advantage. Far too many exhibits had nails so long toes were being pushed out.

Class Results:

DOGS

MPD (4,1)

1. Richardson's Bardonhill McIntosh Red At Monrgeenan - Just 8 months and looked well in this class. Loved his raciness. Handled to advantage without losing his enthusiasm. Handsome chap, balanced, raised brow, low ear set and lovely

expression. Deep chest, well lay back of shoulder. Could see more of what I liked on the move with a free-flowing stride. Loved his 'trousers' which I'm sure will develop into a good coat.
2. Miller's Alolfrana I Gotta Feeling - 7- month baby who was giving his handler a hard time but a lot to like. Both have a lot to learn which I'm sure they will

together and have great fun along the way. Loved this boy's expression, dark rich coat, well bodied and ribs carried well back. Free standing you could see his quality.

3. Venables Alofrana Put A Spell on You.

PD (4,0)

1. Lucas's Gwendariff Bachelor Boy - Almost 11 months and stood out in this class. Rich dark coat, well presented and handled on the stack to advantage. Raised brows above rich dark eye giving an exquisite expression. Deep chest and well bodied. Good spring of rib for one so young and good bend of stifle. Moved well. **BPD**

2. Miller's Alofrana I Gotta Feeling

3. Flinders and Bobinson Slater - Kerryfair Misty Morning

JD (6,0)

1. Parsons - Quensha Thinking Out Loud At Bransett JW - 15 months. Loved this boy. Full of breed type, racy, balanced, and moderate. Flowed from tip of his nose to tip of his tail. Head of correct proportions, beautiful eye, dark and draws you in. Great front. Well let down in chest. Good shoulder placement, spring of rib, strong loin, and excellent finish to croup. Good bend of stifle. All this meant that he flowed around the ring effortlessly. I'm sure he has a bright future

2. Green's - Loganrish Out On The Town - 15 months. Another lovely boy but raw against 1. He is racy, head of good quality with correct balance and lovely raised brows. Straight front, deep chest, strong topline that he held on the move which won him his place. His handler tended to overstretch him which makes him exaggerated, but I'm glad he saw my replacing of his hind quarters as a sign of enhancing his look. I would like to see his coat enhanced with some trimming of 'wispy' feathering.

3. Berry and Morris's - Coppers Midsummer Night's Dream (IMP SWE)

YD (6,0)

1. Milligan-Bott and Bott - Thendara Big Love - 20 months - Already a well-known youngster and very typical of this kennel. Striking in outline, very mature and put down in excellent order. Low set ears on a long and lean head, dark eye and raised brows. Correct front, deep chest, good rib, strong loin, and good finish to croup. Though mature in looks he is still a youngster and gave his handler a hard time and took time to settle on the move which resulted in him being a little proud of his tail at times. He has a lovely gait and reach.

2. Sheldon - Bardonhill A Million Ways to Delsanto - 23 months - More moderate all though, racy and lots to like. Handsome with well laid shoulders and well bodied. Flowing topline that held on the move and won him his place. Would like to see his belly feathering just tidied up a bit.

3. Kolbach - Kerryfair Zoom in on Pawsword - Needs a mention as lot to like about this youngster but handler needs to gain in confidence.

SB (5,0)

1. Green's - Loganrish Out On The Town

2. Bentley - Penclippin Jubilee Flame JW - Handsome boy with a rich dark coat. Shorter coupled than one. Another one that looked far better on the move.

3. Shepherd's - Casachared Connors Delaney ND (3,0)

1. Green's - Loganrish Out On The Town

2. Shepherd's - Casachared Connors Delaney - This boy gave his handler a hard time throughout. Shorter coupled and preferred head of one. Good front and far better on move than stacked.

UGD (3,1)

1. Gratton's - Glenlaine Never Say Never - Liked this boy for type. Racy, handsome, with correct head proportions and raised brow. He went well on the move though his handler was very nervous and didn't get the best out of him today.

2. Rorke - Zakhan's Diamond Jack JW - Another one that gave handler a hard time on the stack. Different handler moved him, and he looked better. Rich dark coat, good eye colour and good sweep of stifle. Carrying a bit too much weight for me today.

GD (5,2)

1. Berry, Morris and Fitzmaurice - Brinara Country Boy - Moderate in type and a gentle sloping topline. Straight front and good forechest. A little strong in head for me but nice eye and raised brow. In good coat. Handler struggled to get best out of him on the move but I saw enough for him to take this class.

2. Pallister - Corranroo Nordic Kiss At Penwyn - Mature boy with rich dark coat. Again, a little strong in head for me but handsome. Well bodied on still lots of time on his side. Moved ok

3. Pike - Redclyst The Celt

PGD (12,1)

This class gave me a headache as handlers were struggling to stack well and a lot was left to the dogs impressing by hand and movement.

1. Gilbert and Willis - Thendara Firecracker At Clanoventa - Absolutely loved this boy on the move. His head carriage was one of the best today, held his top line, was racy and full of breed type without a hint of exaggeration. Low set ears on a lovely head with dark eye and raised brows. Stright front with nice forechest. Well laid-back shoulders, good spring of rib, strong loin, well conditioned and correct croup. Unfortunately, handler needs more time with him to get best of him when being assessed in line ups. I will watch his progress with interest.

2. Lucas - Gwendariff Aru Ready F'This Amberlight - Smaller in stature but lots to like. Rich, gleaming coat, exquisite head, excellent front assembly, deep chest, well laid-back shoulders, ribs and a strong loin. Moved well but couldn't match one today.

3. Beresford - Jetsetter Wind of Dreams (IMP RUS)

MLD (2,1)

1. Hemmings and Holehan-Green - Orlanset Mandolin - Stood alone but well deserving first. Loved his shape.

Moderate with correct front, forechest, and super topline with good finish to croup. His head has lovely proportions with a kind eye. Moved well covering the ground with ease. Just needs furnishings to complete a very nice picture.

LD (6,2)

Another headache. Small class and all very different types.

- 1.Milligan-Bott and Bott - Thendara Tiger Dance** - Both of this exhibitor exhibits gave her a hard time today. However, they were full of exuberance and not something you want to lose, just try, and harness a little. Took this class on his movement. Great drive and excellent side gait. Liked him for type and style though different to what I normally see from this kennel. Good front, head long and lean and gentle sloping topline. Not in his best coat today.
- 2.Davison - Bardonhill You Don't Fool Me** - Smaller make all through and this isn't a criticism, just highlighting the differences in this class. Typical head from this kennel, soft expression with dark eye and raised brow. Well bodied, excellent coat and well turned out. Unfortunately, he let himself down on the move by not just being handled to advantage.
- 3.Hemmings - Orlanset A New Flame**

OD (5,0)

A real tussle with these first two. They have very similar breeding, and this was evident in many areas. Once examined on close inspection this was only going to be about nit-picking.

- 1.Ellrich - Gwendariff Absolutely Marwe'llus (IKC)** - Moderate dog all through but my star of the day. As expected, put down to perfection and in gleaming coat and superb condition. His head is dreamy, ticking all the boxes. The best of fronts, lay of shoulder, best of ribs and strong loin. Finished off with excellent croup and powerful quarters. However, where this dog is at his best is on the move. He covers so much ground effortlessly and all you can see is a clean pair of heels as he drives off those powerful hocks. His gait and carriage are top quality. **DCC and BIS**
- 2.Edwards - Sh Ch Gwendariff Ucan'tMissMe Bonhomie** - Hard to add to what has been said about this dog before. He was put down in excellent order as you expect from this exhibitor but in my opinion his coat was looking the best I have seen. Beautiful head from all angles, front strong with excellent upper arm, lay of shoulder and gentle sloping topline to powerful, wide quarters. He moved happily and at one with his handler, but today had to give way to the winner in this area. **RDCC**
- 3.Dewer - Sh Ch/Ir Sh Ch/Int/Sp Ch Gwendariff Willy Won't He CW'22 WW'20** - Finished off a lovely trio.

VD (2,0)

- 1.Russell - Strathmead Huckleberry of Settesoli JW** - At 8 years young this boy is still looking the part. He is the most handsome of boys with a hint of grey and very typical of his breeding. Nothing overdone, moderate, full of balance and holds his top line on the move where he still shows plenty of drive. Looking in

lovely coat and condition. **BVD**

- 2.Murchison - Pawsword Paperback Writer For Corphin JW** - 7 years young and full of breed type. Loved his head and expression and showed well. He has a very good coat but needs attention.

SFT (0,0)

BITCHES

MPB (7,1)

- 1.Williamson - Caskeys united with Bluesprings** - Caught my eye as soon as she came into the ring. 6 months sweetie who did so well. Pretty as a picture, low set ears, velvety soft eyes. Balanced, moderate and full of breed type, So correct on the move and enjoying every minute of it. I'm sure she has a bright future.
- 2.Danks-Kemish and Littlechild - Alolfrana Brings The Drama** - 7 months baby. Bigger all through than one but similar comments apply. Lovely type, very pretty, good front assembly and balanced throughout in beautiful coat and condition. Another one to watch.
- 3.Webb - Alolfrana Whole Lotta Love With Redeshka**

PB (1,0)

- 1.Chorley-Newton, Chorley and Flinders - Kerryfair Misty Rose** - 10 months. Stood alone, but absolutely loved her. She stood like a seasoned show girl with that 'look at me' attitude that is like gold dust to find. Full of breed type, beautiful head, everything in the right place and strode out around the ring with confidence and grace. One for the future - **BPIS**

JB (10,3)

Nice Class

- 1.Neill & Ellrich - Ferasheen Perfekt In Pink Gwendariff** - 12 months - Very mature girl who at 12 months has all the essentials. Presented to perfection, sweetest of heads, straight front, good upper arm, lay of shoulder flowing to a correct croup. Deep through the chest and ribs well carried back. There is nothing overdone. Moved extremely well and with great confidence. Another for the future
- 2.McDonald - Quensha Galway Girl** - 16 months - One I have admired and was not disappointed. Love her for make and shape. Extremely pretty with correct front. Moved well and steady and handled to advantage. Not in her best coat today, but that's girls for you.
- 3.Nevitt - Joaodaws Stargazer**

YB (6,2)

- 1.Mugford - Lynwood Rather Scrumptious JW** - and scrumptious she is. Typical of this kennel with everything flowing from tip to tail. Presented beautifully. Prettiest of heads and flowed all the way though to best of croups. Deep chest, strong loin, and really good quarters which she used well on the move.
- 2.McDonald - Quensha Galway Girl**

SB (4,1)

- 1.Cooper - Redclyst Sail Seven Seas to Hugared** - Nice girl with sweet expression. Good front and glossy dark coat. Moved ok. Needs more schooling to get best

out of her.

2. Bentley - Penclippin Celtic Asthore - Unplaced in JB. Needs time. Has a nice topline and moved well for her handler but needs more practice, time to body up and improve coat.

NB (3,0)

1. Dufrat - Glimmer Noblesse Easy Peasy (ATC AZ71065POL) - 4th in JB and a lot to like. Rich, dark coat, longer cast so needs time. Head needs to break but good body properties. Handled to advantage and made the most of the big ring. Unfortunately, just proud of her tail at the moment.

2. Weckenberg - Glimmer Noblesse Emerald Journey (ATZ BA73141POL) VHC in JB and litter sister to 1. Bigger than her sister. Similar comments apply. Pretty girl but not the body or condition of her sister at this time.

3. Lim - Shelindair Gif Of A Rainbow

UB (1,1)

1. Nevitt - Joadaws Stargazer - 3rd in JB - Sweet girl. Very pretty, low set ears and good front. Needs time. Moved out well.

GB (6,1)

1. Parsons - Forfarian Flutter Yer Lashes At Bransett - Loved her moderation and very typical of this kennel. Prettiest of heads, Straight, correct front. Well laid-back shoulders, strong over the loin and quarters. Lovely on the move.

2. Heather - Sixoaks My Fair Lady JW - Very pretty girl. Longer cast than one but remained balanced, deep through the chest and good quarters. Needs more attention to get the best out of her. She moved well when she settled but handler needs to work more on this area

3. Peters - Corranroo Hot Sensation At Shirlilah

PGB (12,5)

1. Douthwaite & Wharfe - Quensha Beautiful Stranger Of Gracewood - Loved the raciness of this girl. Lovely front, good angles from all sides and super topline and finish to croup. Long and lean head with dark eye. In lovely condition but to be critical I would trim some of those wispy bits off. Moved well.

2. Box - Fernstart Hearts Delight JW - An extremely close decision on this one. Preferred head of this girl to winner and pretty as a picture. Super body and in great coat and condition. She has an extremely sympathetic handler who gets the very best out of her as needs confidence.

3. Pallister - Penwyn Keeping Faith

MLB (3,0)

1. Henderson - Sametsuz Believe In Me - In absolute full bloom with the prettiest of heads that you have come to expect from this kennel. She is well bodied, good angles fore and aft and in excellent condition which shows in her wide powerful quarters. She is not the easiest on the move as very exuberant but put her footfall was good.

2. Watt - Shenanagin Half A Sixpence - Racy and

of lovely type. Good body properties and balanced throughout. Sweetest of heads and lovely expression. Moved ok, but handler was feeling the heat. If she were mine, I would trim some of her wispy feathering.

3. Williamson - Bluesprings A Kind Of Magic At Keljaru

LB (6,1)

1. Edwards - Gwendariff It's Numero Uno At Bonhomie JW - This was a surprise for me today. She has not been a favourite of mine from the ringside, but she is so lovely to go over. Like no dog, she isn't perfect, but your hands flow across her seamlessly. The sweetest of heads and in perfect condition. She moved out with drive and grace and couldn't be denied her place today.

2. Holley - Gwendariff Look This Way To Wynjill JW - One of my favourites and have watched her career with interest. She has the prettiest of heads and is so feminine throughout. Smaller than one but stands over good ground and to advantage. In full coat that is rich in colour and condition. Unfortunately, couldn't match one on the move today.

3. Jones - Gwendariff Chilli Powder

OB (6,1)

1. Sturrock, Mrs and Misses N&J - Sh Ch Forfarian Soo Lush JW - My type of girl all over. I have admired much from this kennel and this girl is no exception. She is moderate, beautiful head, balanced with lovely angles for and aft. In excellent condition and moved with great carriage and panache. **RCC**

2. Bougen - Sh Ch Gwendariff Hot Ticket JW - Pushed one hard. Put down in excellent order with the darkest of coats. Pretty girl with quizzical expression. Deep through the chest and lovely lay of shoulder. Excellent spring of rib and strong loin. Moved well.

3. Backman - Winsford What A Story (ATC AWO1400SWE)

VB (4,2)

1. Bougen - Gwendariff Lily The Pink - 7 - My notes say under BCC - Who would have thought! I have seen this girl over the years and thought her to be of a nice type but always lacked the furnishings so often looked immature, even in her later years. However, in my opinion she has never looked so good as she did today and just took my eye all the time. The most beautiful girl to go over. She has the prettiest of heads with eyes that look into your soul. She is so well made that one part just flows into another and her handler has become at one with her knowing exactly how to get the best from her. When she set off on the move, she gave me goosebumps and I realised this girl was a real contender. In the challenge she continued to give her all and didn't put a foot wrong with her effortless movement. Delighted to award her the **CC, RBIS, BOS and BVIS.**

2. Jones - Alolfrana In A Hot Storm Over Wenflaen - 7 - This girly wasn't enjoying her day out and was a little worried. Pretty girl, shorter coupled than the winner but gave of her best when moving around the ring.