

# Irish Setter Association, England

# SETTER SHOT



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## I.S.A.E. Update

Welcome to the 2021 issue of Setter Shot, our mid-year newsletter to keep Members informed on the Association's activities and events. We hope that you and your families have continued to stay safe and well during the difficult months since our last communication with you.

We are very pleased to report that, with the gradual easing of COVID19 restrictions, the dog world has, as with society as a whole, started to return to something more akin to normal than we have seen since March 2020. Shows and other dog events have recommenced, albeit with some adjustments to ensure they are delivered safely. Many of us have already embraced the opportunity to get involved in our hobby again. Dusting off (and clearing out!) the show bag which had been hidden away for 15 months was a great feeling. Remembering all the things to pack has been a bit of a challenge but being able to spend days out with our dogs and friends feels good and hopefully we will quickly get back into the routine of it all.

It has also been good to get back to the Association's traditional calendar of events. Luckily the decision was taken some time ago to move the 2021 AGM from the usual date in March to a date in May and this decision enabled us to hold the meeting, in person, at the usual venue in Burton Green, Coventry on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The agenda for the meeting was straightforward, there being little activity to report on from the previous 12 months, and time was taken to remember all those Members who had been affected by the pandemic in some way.

The meeting marked the end of the term of office for Becky Box, who had decided not to seek re-election to the position of Honorary Secretary after 16 years in the role. Becky is staying on the committee and will join the 'back benches' going forward. Our new Secretary, Tania Gardner, took up the reins from the AGM. Many of you will already know Tania and we all wish her well in her new position. She is already working hard on the final arrangements for the forthcoming championship show as well as the usual routine committee business that make up a Secretary's workload.

We were also delighted to welcome two new Committee members at the AGM. Sue Edwards and Paul Humphries are both very familiar faces to those regularly attending shows

and bring with them a range of experience and expertise which will complement those of the existing committee members. At the same time it was sad to say thank you to Linda Williamson who stood down from the Committee having served since 2015.

At the meeting two new Honorary Members were appointed, these being our President Mary Gurney and our retiring Secretary Becky Box. Both were delighted and honoured to accept this recognition of their service to the Association, which will continue unabated going forward.

As you will read below, we have already held two very successful open shows, which received great feedback from those who attended. These shows were the first breed club shows to be held for Irish Setters and there was a wonderful atmosphere as everyone enjoyed catching up after such a long time away. Field trials are now also being held where possible which is great news for those who prefer the field to the show ring and who have also missed their time away from events and the associated comradery at the trials.

For now Committee business will continue to be conducted mainly virtually, although it is hoped there will be a return to committee meetings later in the year. Finally, as mentioned earlier, plans are now well underway for this year's championship show on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and full details are outlined further through this newsletter. We hope that many of you will be able to join us at the show for what we hope will be another fabulous day and opportunity for everyone to share their passion for our wonderful breed.

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## Field Trial Update

The Irish Setter breed stake will now be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on Muggleswick/East Allenheads, by kind permission of Mr J Herrmann.

The meet will be 9am at the Baybridge car park/picnic site, near Blanchland. For further information please contact joint field trial sub-committee secretary Maggy Halliday [maggyhalliday6@gmail.com](mailto:maggyhalliday6@gmail.com)

## **Open Show x 2!**

We had originally arranged to hold two open shows on the same day, as a trial, in 2020 but had to delay our plans for a year and keep our fingers crossed that shows would be able to go ahead by June 2021. Gradually, as COVID restrictions began to ease, it seemed that the shows would recommence around our scheduled date and so, cautiously, plans started to develop.

With a lot of additional consideration as to arrangements for the day, including researching what other societies were going to do, reviewing Kennel Club guidance and consulting with the relevant local authority a plan gradually came together which the Committee felt would deliver a show in safe manner for exhibitors, judges, stewards and the committee. All this information was pulled together to enable the schedule and supporting information to be published. It was such a good feeling to see the schedule go live and to hear that entries were coming in!

Then, just two weeks before the show a bombshell dropped when we found out there were problems with the parking at our usual open show venue. Given the need to ensure there was sufficient safe parking for everyone attending the show decisive action was needed – and Peter Hall, as Chairman and Show Manager took up the challenge of finding a new venue which could accommodate our requirements and was available on our date. Peter struck gold in finding the village hall at Drayton, less than two miles from our usual venue. Plans were quickly adjusted and judges and exhibitors were contacted to advise them of the change.

We were, yet again, blessed with fantastic weather for what turned out to be a fabulous day. As usual, a full report on the shows will appear in the Annual Review and the full results from both shows are published online at [www.isae.co.uk](http://www.isae.co.uk), but for now here is a summary of the key winners:

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## **2021 Championship Show**

Accompanying this newsletter are full details of our championship show to be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021** at the Kennel Club Building at Stoneleigh. Our judges this year are Miss Debbie Fryer (Redchester) (dogs) *(please note this is a change to the previously announced judge who unfortunately has withdrawn on health grounds)* and Mrs Mel Hillocks (Jonola) (bitches).

### **Show 1 – Judge: Chuck Carter (Copperbrook)**

Best in Show – Kerrimere Indiscreet

Reserve Best in Show & Best Opposite Sex– Twoacres Promise of Spring with Avacet  
Best Puppy in Show – Fernstart Hearts Delight  
Best Veteran in Show – Sh Ch Amblin’s Sweet William



### **Show 2 – Judge: Kerry Chorley (Kerryfair)**

Best in Show – Jetsetter Cristelle to Polmennor JW  
Reserve Best in Show & Best Opposite Sex - Riverbrue Soldier On  
Best Puppy in Show – Bardonhill Summer Song  
Best Veteran in Show - Sh Ch Amblin’s Sweet William



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The closing date for entries for the championship show is 4<sup>th</sup> September (postmark) and 12<sup>th</sup> September (online). Online entries can be made at [www.fossedata.co.uk](http://www.fossedata.co.uk)

If anyone would like to volunteer as a trainee steward at the show please contact Peter Hall on 01227 752986 or at [harredsirish@gmail.com](mailto:harredsirish@gmail.com)

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