

Irish Setter Club Of Wales Open Show

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I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Committee for inviting me to judge at their Southern Open Show. The hospitality was wonderful with everyone being very friendly, warm and welcoming. I had super day and felt very honoured and privileged to have some truly beautiful dogs to go over. I had a fantastic entry of 66 dogs giving 75 entries and would like to thank all the exhibitors for entering under me, bringing your beautiful dogs and for your good sportsmanship. The decisions in some classes were hair-splitting and gave my brain a workout! Grateful thanks to my two Stewards Mel and Lindsey who worked efficiently to keep the ring running smoothly. Mel also did a superb job as a cheerleader! As I am writing this report, I am finding myself smiling at the images of your beautiful dogs in my head. Thank you! **BITCHES Vet 2 (0) 1** Mugford's Sh Ch Lynwood Abracadabra JW. BVIS Thank you for bringing this beautiful lady under me. When viewing her in profile, she is racy, very balanced, full of quality and is a succession of graceful curves from her head of equal proportions to her well-set tail. Classic, refined, light head with that air of superiority. Very feminine with low set ears, strong neck, pronounced sternum, good spring of rib, strong loin and powerful hindquarters. Correct gently sloping topline. Coat lovely rich chestnut colour with plenty of feathering. Moved well holding her topline and using her tail belying her age of 8.5. **2** Hughes's Alolfrana U'Are Diamond. Slightly more compact, closer-coupled bitch. Feminine with low-set ears. Preferred the topline and shoulders of the winner. Strong hindquarters. **MP (1) 1** Child's Gwendariff Grace Kelly. Eight months old and in typical Irish setter puppy style, was keen on having things her own way! Well balanced puppy with the frame and substance to develop into a very nice bitch. Very feminine, lean head with low-set ears. Lovely spring of rib and coat coming through nicely. Typical puppy movement "here, there and everywhere!" **P (2) 1** Hopewell and Greenan's Riverwood X Written In The Stars. BPB Smaller puppy of 11 months with good finish to muzzle and oval skull with low-set ears. Strong muscular neck. I particularly liked her correct front angulation with lovely layback of shoulder with correct angle and length to upper arm. Well ribbed up. Straight coat which was a slightly darker shade. Feathering coming through nicely. Moved well. **2** Child's Gwendariff Grace Kelly. **J 4 (0) 1** Berry & Morris Mystique Avec Brinara. Elegant, balanced bitch with correct gently sloping topline. 11 months old with balanced head, good finish to muzzle and low set ears. Soft expression with good eye colour. Deep through chest with pronounced sternum. Correct gently sloping topline. Nice sweep of stifle. Correct set on of tail. Rich chestnut colour to coat. **2** Kassube & French Cararua Spring Pearl. Different type to above and slightly smaller with a darker coat. Not quite as good in topline as the winner. **3** Peter's Bluesprings Love of My Life for Shirlilah **Y (5) 1** Vincent & Spencer Corranroo Winter Moon Over Caervista Substantial, balanced bitch with flowing lines. Balanced head with good eye shape and low-set ears. Strong neck fitting

smoothly into shoulders. Deep shoulders and deep through the chest. Good width to loin and hindquarters. Well developed 2nd thigh. Nice short rear pasterns. Preferred her head to the 2nd. 2 Danks-Kemish Alolfrana Electra. Smaller, different type of bitch to above, whom I thought very promising. Racy and very well balanced with flowing lines. Strong neck leading into shoulders with correct angulation. Elbows well under chest. Small tight feet. Gently sloping topline with correct finish to croup. Just needs more feathering to finish the picture. Moved well using her tail.3 Berry & Morris Riverbrue Mystique Avec Brinara. **N** 2 (0) 1 Hopewell and Greenan's Riverwood X Written In The Stars. 2 Taylor's Dendroch Anne Frank. Well-balanced head showing good stop and raised brow. Good finish to muzzle. Neat small feet with arched toes. Well developed hindquarters but a little steep over the croup. Moved well. **UG** 5 (1)1 Rutherford's Clonageera Summer Moments JW Elegant, racy, very well put-together bitch with clean lines. Correct eye shape with soft expression. Low-set ears. Good reach of neck into deep shoulders. Deep chest and good spring of rib. Strong loin leading into powerful hindquarters with good sweep of stifle. Strong short rear pasterns. Moved well using her tail. 2 Webb's Alolfrana Whole Lotta Love with Redeshka. Elegant girl. It was a close decision between these two. Quite a fine bitch. Feminine with raised brows and lot-set ears. Lovely flowing topline with no lumps or bumps. Deep through the shoulder and good length of upper arm. Deep chest. Good angulation fore and aft. Correct tail set. Rich coat colour with ample feathering finishing the picture. Neat feet with arched toes.3 Vincent & Spencer Corranroo Winter Moon Over Caervista. **G** 4 (0)1 Mugford's Kedalita Abfab For Lynwood. JW Very feminine girl with lovely head, eyes of correct unshelled almond shape and soft expression. Low-set ears and correct shape to skull. Pronounced occiput. Arched neck leading into well-laid shoulders. Well-developed hindquarters which she used well on the move. Used her tail well.2 Robinson's Cherrorvale Dream Come True JW. Slightly smaller more compact bitch with strong neck leading into good shoulders. Powerful, well-muscled hindquarters which she used well on the move. Preferred the better finish to croup of above. 3 Bridgewater & Goddard's Bridgella Jubilee Queen JW. **PG** 3 (0)1 Hughes's Alolfrana Queen of Hearts at Bryntwrw Nice bitch. Racy and elegant. Head of equal portions with good width to skull and low set ears. Lovely shape to eye with warm brown expressive eyes. Correct front assembly with correct length to upper arm. Neat small feet. Deep chest, good spring of rib and strong loin. Powerful hindquarters which she used well.2 Peter's Corranroo Viennese Waltz to Shirlilah. Well balanced bitch with flowing lines. Head of correct proportions with good eye shape and colour. Strong neck fitting smoothly into well angulated shoulders. Pronounced forechest. Elbows well let down. Straight front. Correct angulation to wide, well-developed hindquarters. Correct short rear pasterns. 3 Dale's Trefaine Aurora of Aubanjon. **L** 8 (1) This class gave me a headache! What a super class of lovely bitches; it was such a difficult choice between them . They could all quite easily change places on another occasion. 1 Mugford's Lynwood Rather Scrumptious JW. RBB Scrumptious indeed! In profile, she

presents a very elegant, racy picture with correct gently sloping topline. Full of quality. Very feminine bitch with head of correct proportions. Raised brow, showing stop. Soft, melting expression and good finish to foreface. Good work in foreface. Oval skull with low-set ears. Muscular arched neck leading into deep shoulders. Pronounced sternum. Lovely deep, well angled shoulders. Good length to upper arm. Deep chest with decent spring of rib. Strong loin leading into power hindquarters with a lovely sweep of stifle. Coat a lovely rich chestnut with ample feathering.2 Corless's Swiftlark Illustrious JW. Different type of bitch, slightly larger and more substantial. Stronger head than 1 with raised brow showing stop. Correct unshelled almond shape to eye with soft expression. Strong neck leading into deep shoulders. Straight front. Correct gently sloping topline with good finish to croup. Strong, rugged hindquarters with correct tail set. Very sound, honest bitch.3 Humphries Riverbrue Ophelia Bongos At Henaleas. **OB 2 (0)**1 Peter's Corranroo Hot Sensation At Shirlilah. Well balanced bitch, full of quality. Head of correct proportions with lovely raised brow showing stop. Low-set ears. Good reach of neck fitting smoothly well laid back, deep shoulders. Good depth to chest and decent spring of rib. Gently sloping topline and good finish to croup. Small feet. Moved well. 2 Bridgwater and Goddard's Bridella's Don't Push It. Substantial bitch. Good eye shape and colour. Low set ears. Good spring of rib. **Champion B (1)** 1 Edwards Sh Ch Gwendariff It's Numero Uno At Bonhomie. What an honour to be able to go over this beautiful bitch. She fills your eye with her quality. She is so beautifully balanced with forehand and hindquarters of correct angulation. There are no exaggerations here! Gently sloping topline with correct finish to croup and tail set. She just oozes quality from the tip of her nose to the end of her tail. Soft, brown, expressive eyes. Oval skull with pronounced occiput. Arched neck leading into well-laid shoulders. Pronounced forechest and deep chest. Small, neat feet with arched toes. Well ribbed-up and strong loin. Lovely, correct short rear pasterns. At 8 years old she still knows how to move, holding her topline and using her tail well. Coat a slightly lighter shade of chestnut, but still a rich colour with lovely shine. Lighter shade of feathering on belly and tail. Thank you for bringing her. BB and RBIS. In the line up for Best Bitch, I loved the way every single one of the bitches were so happy with their wins and very pleased with themselves. **DOGS Vet 3 (0)**1 Russell's Sh. Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus At Settesoli. JW. Well balanced, racy, 8.5 year old dog who flows from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail. Head of correct proportions. Oval skull with low-set ears. Lovely soft expression with hazel eye colour. Muscular neck leading into well-laid shoulders. Pronounced sternum and good angulation to upper arm. Deep chest with ribs well sprung and strong loin. Correct gently sloping, firm topline with correct tail set and finish to croup. Moved well. In good coat and condition. Lovely boy. Thank you for the opportunity to go over him. 2 Pike's Redclyst Boris. Different type to 1. Masculine head with defined stop. Oval skull with low-set ears. Gently sloping topline. In good coat and condition. 3 MacDonald's Redclyst Maximus. **MP 3 (1)**1 Clarke's Riverbrue Gives You Hell. Elegant, upstanding young dog. Has the correct frame and just needs

time to fill it. Head of correct proportions with good finish to muzzle. Oval skull, soft brown eyes with a quizzical, naughty expression. Good reach of neck fitting smoothly into shoulders. Pronounced forechest with correct angulation to shoulders and hindquarter. Correct topline and tailset. Good spring of rib. Short rear pasterns. Firm, gently sloping topline which he held on the move. Feathering coming through nicely. Handler gets the best out of him. **BPD AND BPIS2** Shepherd's Casachared Mr Delaney's Son. Substantial dog. Head breaking. Good eye shape and colour. Another one needing time. **P 2 (0)**1 Fosters Ixia Boys Don't Cry At Shanoah. There is a lot to like about this puppy. Head of correct proportions with good shape and colour to eye. Oval skull and low-set ears. Good reach of neck. Well put together with correct shoulder placement. Straight front and neat, small feet. Good depth to chest. Coat of rich chestnut colour with feathering coming through nicely. Moved accurately fore and aft. **2** Shepherd's Casachared Mr Delaney's Son. **J 2 (0)** 1 Capper & Capper & Kassube & French's Cararua Pearl of the North. Quite a dark-coated dog with nice feathering coming through. Good reach of neck and good length and angle to upper arm. Good spring of rib. Moved OK. **2** Harris's Fairhaven Young Soul For Konakakela JW Different type to 1 and longer cast. Strong, masculine head. Shown in good coat and condition. Ample feathering. Just preferred the front assembly of 1. **Y 6 (1)** 1. Full's Henaleas Go West At Teignestuary Lovely racy dog. Well balanced with gently sloping topline. Correct finish to croup. Would prefer a better spring of rib but I feel this may come when he matures a bit. Neat small feet. Head of correct proportions with defined stop and good finish to muzzle. **2** Walker's Gwendariff Hanky Panky JW Good young dog with lots to like. Lovely balanced head with low set ears. Eyes a soft warm brown with soft expression. Just preferred the front of 1. Good spring of rib and strong loin. Quite a mature dog with ample feathering and lovely rich chestnut coat. **3** Broad's Thendara Traitor Among Ermebrook. **N 1 (0)**1 Broad's Thendara Traitor Among Ermebrook. Well balanced dog. Classic, masculine head with plenty of work. Oval skull and low set ears. Pronounced occiput. Strong neck leading smoothly into deep shoulders. Elbows well let down. Deep chest. Small, neat feet. Rich colour to coat which is a slightly darker shade. Ample feathering. Wide powerful hindquarters with a good sweep of stifle. Short rear pasterns. Small feet. Moved reasonably well. **UG 2 (1)**1 Murray's Henaleas Maximillion With Derrydore. Medium-sized, well balanced dog with good topline Correct finish to muzzle with the right amount of flew. Correct unshelled almond shape to eye. Muscular neck leading smoothly into shoulders. Deep chest and good spring of rib. Strong loin. Moved OK. **G 3 (1)**1 Pike's Redclyst Sibelius. Masculine head with pronounced occiput. Good reach of neck fitting smoothly into shoulders. Well-muscled quarters. **2** MacDonald's Sheldonite It Takes Two Baby. Slightly larger, longer-cast dog. Masculine head but would prefer it to be just a touch lighter. No lumps or bumps over the shoulders. Deep through the shoulders. Good finish to croup. Plenty of feathering. **PG 5 (0)** Very strong class. **1** Corless's Swiftlark Invisible JW. Beautifully balanced, honest dog with no exaggerations whatsoever!

Classic, refined Irish head which when viewed from profile has that essential two-brick appearance. Eyes of correct unshelled almond shape with soft expression. Muscular neck. Good front assembly. Lovely flowing topline. Neat small feet. Moved well. 2 Aldridge's Clonageera Winner Takes All. JW Different type to 1 and a lighter shade of coat. Plenty of feathering. Good bone and substance. Good finish to muzzle. Closer-coupled than 1. Straight front. Good low hock placement. 3. Berry & Morris's Brinara Country Boy. **L** 5 (0)1 Corless's Swiftlark Spellbinder. Another good dog from this exhibitor, they are like peas in a pod! Very similar attributes to the previous class winner. Well balanced, masculine head with correct unshelled almond shape to eye. Good finish to muzzle with just the right amount of flew. Nice chiselling in head. Pronounced occiput. Medium-sized dog with coat a darker shade of chestnut. Just preferred his head to the 2nd. Moved reasonably well. 2 Webb & Danks-Kemish's Alolfrana Azzaro Beside Redeshka. Similar type of dog to 1. Good finish to muzzle. Eye colour matching the coat colour. Strong muscular, arched neck leading smoothly into shoulders. Well ribbed up. Another honest dog with no exaggerations. 3 Walker's Gwendariff UCant Touch This JW. **O** 5 (0)1 Walker's Gwendariff Flags Are Flyin. In profile he is unmistakably an Irish Setter with that raciness, balance and quality which just oozes out of him. Refined, light head of correct proportions with that air of superiority. Correct gently sloping topline with tail set just below the level of the back as it should be. Deep shoulders with good lay back of shoulder, good angle and length to upper arm. Pronounced sternum, deep chest. Good spring of rib. Good sweep of stifle and good short, strong rear pasterns. Neat, small feet with arched toes. Rich chestnut coat with plenty of feathering to finish the picture. Movement free flowing with correct daisy-cutting front action. Accurate fore and aft. He looked a picture congratulations! BD & BIS2 Richardson's Gwendariff Tully's Red Arrows Another very nice dog. Slightly closer coupled than winner. Well defined stop with raised brow. Low set ears. Good finish to muzzle. I just preferred the slightly better flow to the topline of the winner. Correct angulations to shoulders and quarters. Pronounced sternum. Well-muscled hindquarters. Small feet. 3 Murray's Bluebyeyou Love Affair At Derrydore JW. **Champion** 1 (0)1 Edward's Sh Ch Coppers Get Off My Cloud by Bonhomie. What an honour and pleasure to be able to go over this very worthy champion. Thank you for bringing him under me. Beautiful racy dog with very clean outline. Flows from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail. Very close decision for best dog, and at 2.5 years old he is still young, and I feel he has more to come. He is so balanced all through. Deep through the shoulders with correct layback of shoulder and elbows well tucked in. Neat small feet with raised toes. Strong loin. Just the right amount of bend in stifle and correct hock placement. Darker shade of chestnut coat with ample amount of feathering to finish the picture. Moved well and held his topline on the move.

RBD **Brace** 2 (0) I think anyone who enters brace is a braver person than me! It's not easy controlling two dogs and making it look easy. Well done to these two exhibitors. 1 Robinson's brace. Two bitches who were very similar in type and size. Moved well in

unison. Were more together on the move than 2. 2 Corless's brace. Two dogs who were again very similar in size, shape and type and colour.

Judge: Julie Gilbert