

SOUTH OF ENGLAND IRISH SETTER CLUB

Sunday 31st May 2026

Brian Limpus Critique

I would like to thank the officer`s and committee for the kind invitation to judge at their 50th anniversary show, it was a privilege and a honour. I had a very enjoyable day. Presentation of exhibits was good.

MPB(3)

1st, Bott & Allen & Morgan, 7mth promising, correct head with good eye, arched neck into well laid shoulders, straight front good feet, would like a darker coat, moved with good footfall, hope she does not grow on as she is a fairly substantial for her age.

2nd, Pike`s Redclyst Glenury Aoife 6mth, rich dark coat, pretty head with dark eye, correct size for age, good angulation, moved OK fore & aft.

3rd, Bryant`s Dazycutter Crownedbyfire

PB (4)

1st Stevenson`s Gwendariff Cracklin Rosie For Lochlorien, beautiful head, correct eye shape, ear set in line with eye, lovely type, arched neck, good shoulders, straight limbs with tight feet, lovely depth and ribcage, tail well set on which she used on the move, her footfall near perfect, quarters developing nicely, moved well fore & aft **BPIB and BPIS** with full agreement with my co judge.

2nd Menhennett`s Marzanne Lightnin Strikes Over Whistlebush, sweet expression with good eye and ear set, good neck, straight front , good depth and angulation nicely put together, moved well.

3rd Condron`s Covarney Oh Me Oh My.

JB (3)

1st Sketchley`s Sametsuz So To Speak another good example from this kennel, feminine head with the sweetest of expressions, loved her overall shape, in good condition, best of fronts good feet, deep chest and well ribbed, good croup and tail well set, strong quarters moved well, should have a bright future.

2nd Childs` Gwendariff Grace Kelly, pleasing head as you do from this kennel, liked her overall shape and balance, well made quarters good body length with good angulation, moved steady.

3rd Holehan-Green`s Loganrish Winter Pearl Moon JW.

YB (3)

1st Priters` Bluesprings Love Of My Life For Shirlilah JW a well balanced young B, feminine with good eye, straight limbs with neat feet, plenty if heart & lung room, good spring of rib, correct top line and tail set, well muscled moved well fore & aft.

2nd Taylor`s Denroch Anne Frank, loved her head & expression, best of fronts, good body length & loin, good feet , nicely put together, moved ok.

3rd Clifford`s Denroch Bowthorpe Oak Over Coppersheen.

NB (3)

1st Repeat From PB

2nd Repeat From JB

3rd Davie`s Zimbra Della Magna Sila At Lochfrae (Imp Ita)

GB (7)

1st Neill & Ellrich & Jones` Gwendariff Flirt In A Skirt (IKC) JW another well presented B from this kennel, sweetest of heads with plenty of workings, equal planes, well balanced through out, good depth & ribs, nice length with strong loin, tail well set, good quarters & angulation, moved well.

2nd Hadfield`s Marzannes Happy Returns, nicely balanced B , lovely head good reach of neck into well laid shoulders, lovely outline, strong rear quarters allowing her to move freely,

3rd Thomas` Meldor-Sett Fairly Lily At Dawnmaen.

PGB (5-1)

1st Peters` Corranroo Viennese Waltz To Shirililah this young B appealed to me, sweetest of heads, lovely expression, good dark eye & correct shape, correct ear set & length, correct lay of shoulders plenty of depth with well sprung ribs, good feet arched toes, pleasing overall angulation to look at, short in hock, moved well fore & aft.

2nd Edwards & Ostman`s Emma Coppers Mahogany Dream Catcher this girl owns the softest of expressions as this kennel is renowned for producing, deep in brisket with good rib, straight limbs with good feet, good fore chest, arched neck with correct lay of shoulders, wide quarters allowing her to move with ease around the ring, a well constructed B.

3rd Poplawska`s Shelindair Sing To A Rainbow.

LB (9-1)

1st Danks & Kniveton`s Alolfrana Electra appealing head with raised brows & chiselling, good front, arched neck best of fronts and shoulders and top line which she held on the move, good in conformation and angulation, one of the best movers of the day, pushed hard for top awards today, presented and shown in top condition, pleased to award the **RCC**.

2nd Clarke`s Covarney Dream Time From Bronrians lovely B from this kennel, lovely head and expression, plenty of neck into good shoulders, good front and feet, well boned, good overall angulation, strong in rear quarters with 2nd thigh, short in hock, moved at one with her handler I`m sure her day will come.

3rd Coreless` Swiftlark Illustrious.

OB (3)

1st Roffey`s Sh Ch Gwendariff Skys The Limit (IKC) could not deny her, true Irish I dare you expression, presented in excellent condition, outstanding in conformation and angulation, her feminine head has the best of eye and chiselling which is missing in a lot of our heads at the moment, good in front and rear movement, lovely upper arm angulation allowing her to reach forward, good depth of chest with rib, correct top line and croup with tail well set, her quarters are wide with hard muscle allowing her to drive from the rear, moved as one with her handler pleased to award her the **CC. B O B & BIS** in full agreement with my co judge.

2nd Jobse`s Ch Caemgen`s Keep An Eye On Me, worthy Ch her head has the sweetest of expressions, good front, she is full of quality, well boned, moved well fore & aft, would just like to see a bit more length in leg.

3rd Heather`s Sh Ch Sixoaks My Fair Lady JW.

VB (4-1)

1st Bougen`s Gwendariff Hot Ticket JW 9yrs feminine head and expression, good neck and top line, strong rear quarters allowing her to move with ease around the ring. BVB

2nd Heather`s Sixoaks Leading Lady 8yrs typical Irish head just starting to show her grey, clean neck with good shoulders, clean in out line, moved steady fore & aft.

3rd Hadfield`s Covarney Estee Avec Marzanne JW.

SBB (2)

1st Thomas` Meldor-Sett Fairy Lily At Dawnmaen 3rd in Grad pleasing head and eye, compact girl with everything in the right place, has a good reach of neck correct should placement, strong top line and tail set good, moved with correct footfall.

2nd Poplawska`s Shelindair Sing To A Rainbow 3rd in PG another pleasing girl, shows all the quality of the Irish, feminine head soft expression, well put together with substance, moved with good action.

Brian Limpus (judge)

South of England Irish Setter Club 50th Championship Show

Sunday 31st May 2026

Irish Setter – Dogs Judge: Julie Greenan

It was an honour and a privilege to be asked to judge at my very first breed club show, I think it is something that all judges aspire towards. Being trusted by the committee and exhibitors to assess their dogs is a responsibility I don't take lightly, and I felt genuinely privileged to be part of such a well-run and welcoming event. I also enjoyed working alongside my co-judge for the day Mr Brain Limpus. On the day and in agreement with my co-judge, we chose the Bitch CC winner for BIS, Dog CC RBIS, Puppy Bitch BPIS and Veteran Dog BVIS

MPD (1)

1. Turner – Dazycutter Blazing Fire

8-month-old, head just in the process of breaking, nice dark eye, good bone throughout, he was balanced for his age, good shoulder placement, deep in chest, moved ok, turned out in good coat.

PD (3)

1. Needs – Covarney Mighty Quinn with Stourford

9-month-old substantial puppy, well off for bone, well balanced throughout, beautiful head and eye, good length of neck leading to good front properties, good strong topline, good spring of rib with deep chest, good over the croup with excellent tailset, moved steady and turned out in good condition **BPD**

2. Pullen & Aitken – Covarney Can't Hear You at Jacingail

9-month-old and litter brother to the class winner, lovely head and eye with kind expression, well balanced throughout, good depth of chest, lovely quarters, just needs to settle on the move.

3. Poole – Gwendariff Ring Aring Aroses

YD (4)

1. Richardson – Bluesprings Linda's Legacy at Forsetfire

Lovely boy with beautiful head and eye, good length of neck leading into good front assembly, good in sternum, good rib, excellent in topline which he held on the move, good over the croup with excellent tailset, moved true and steady.

2. Foster – Ixia Boys Don't Cry at Shanoah

Another lovely boy, just a little proud of his tail today, lovely head and eye, excellent length of neck into good shoulder placement, nice depth throughout, moved ok

3. Hemmings – Orlanset Slave to Love JW

GD (5-1a)

1. Pym – Marzanne Trigger Happy by Thendara JW

Very forward for age, great substance throughout and turned out in excellent condition, nice head and eye, good length of neck leading into good shoulder and upper arm, great spring of rib and depth to chest, good over the croup, moved out well

2. Murray – Quensha I know Him So Well

Nice head and eye on this boy, good length of neck leading into correct shoulder placement, good rib, good over croup, moved ok

3. Dow – Forfarian Fancy Some Fun

PGD (9)

1. Russell – Tiroen Touch of Magic by Settesoli JW (Imp KCJ)

Nice boy, not over exaggerated, nice head and expression, good length of neck leading to good front properties, tight in elbows, deep chest and good spring of rib, good over the croup, moved well and turned out in good condition

2. Levene & Lewis – Quensha Remember the Name Valasarch

Very close between 1 & 2, another lovely boy, kind expression, good front properties with good lay and return of upper arm, deep in chest and good spring of rib, nice sweep of stifle, moved steady

3. Lorrimer – Gwendariff Disco Dazzle (IKC)

LD (9)

Best class of the day, close decision between 1 & 2

1. Parsons - Quensha Thinking Out Loud At Bransett JW

Have done this boy well before and he has now really come into his own. Lovely head and eye with raised brow and nice finish to foreface, good length of neck leading to correct lay of shoulder and good lay and return of upper arm, he is great in sternum, great depth and spring of rib, good over the croup with excellent tailset which gave him a lovely lashing tail on the move, wide strong quarters with good width to thigh and sweep of stifle, stood on lovely tight feet.

Pulled out the stops today and moved really well covering the ground with reach and drive.

Pleased to award him the CC and in agreement with my co-judge RBIS, congratulations

2. Hemmings – Orlanset Mandolin

A dog I have judged before and he is now starting to come into his own, a slow dog to mature but that is how our breed should be. He has the most beautiful head, lovely dark eye of correct shape with lovely raised brow and low set ears. He is built on flowing lines and is sound throughout. Strong neck leading into excellent shoulder placement and he excels in sternum, good depth of chest and well ribbed. Excellent in topline and croup with correct tailset. Great muscle tone and he moved true covering the ground with reach and drive off lovely tight feet.

3. Richardson – Gwendariff Tullys Red Arrows

OD (3)

1. Edwards - Sh Ch Coppers Get Off My Cloud by Bonhomie (Imp Swe)

Nice boy with kind eye, raised brow and gentle expression and turned out in excellent coat and condition. Good length of neck leading to good front properties which flows into a good topline good depth and spring of rib, good over the croup and strong in loin, lovely wide second thigh, moved steady and true RCC.

2. Danks - Sh Ch Alolfrana All I Ask Of Eveandabec JW

Beautiful head and eye with raised brow, lovely length of neck into good lay of shoulder, gentle sloping topline which he held on the move, good depth of chest and spring of rib, strong over the loin, good width in quarters which he used on the move where he went steady and true, presented well.

3. Mombaerts – Int/Ger/Dutch CH Riverwood Very Much Wanted SHCH

VD (4- 1w/d)

1. Russell – Sh Ch Lynwood Hocus Pocus at Settesoli JW

9-year-old boy who is looking well for his age. Nice overall balance, kind eye with raised brow, good length of neck leading to good layback of shoulder, good depth to the chest, gentle sloping topline, good over the croup, moved steady and true and turned out well BVIS

2. Gilks – Suterese Mr Mistoffelees at Gochmawr

Another lovely old boy and boy with a beautiful head, moderate neck leading into good lay of shoulder, good depth of chest and spring of rib, lovely sweep of stifle, good over croup, moved steady

3. Hadfield – Staratlanta Get A Wiggle On To Marzanne

SBD (1)

1. Spencer – Sheldonite More Romance

Turned out in lovely coat and good muscle tone, kind eye, good length of neck, good layback of shoulder, moved ok

Julie Greenan