

OPEN SHOW & FUN DAY SHOW REPORT 2019

Well it is said that there is a first time for everything, and I can safely say this was one of them, when arriving at the venue and found we were locked out. Tantalizingly the keys could be seen through the slightly open kitchen window on a distant work top well out of reach. To the rescue was the arrival of the Gummow family ready to do the catering and it was Marjory who took the initiative, volunteering to climb through the window and soon had her hands on the keys! Ironically there was a note with the keys that said, "Please ensure that all the windows are shut before you leave"!

Following a week of lovely weather, it was all change on the day. A rainy start saw the Open Show take place in the hall, where it was all hands-on deck to set up the ring etc., here we were indebted to the SITS Chairman Ian Bamsey and helpers for their assistance.

During the morning sunshine reappeared, raising hopes that the Fun Day could be held on the playing field, sadly that was not to be as by lunch time the rain returned! However, despite this it did not dampen the fun & games taking place inside.

The day commenced with Ian giving a tribute for our Chairman Clive Gummow. He then introduced our Judge Frances Chapman-King and the judging commenced with our Steward Carol Bamsey ensuring the smooth running of the ring.

It was good to see some newcomers with their puppies, who were delighted to win rosettes.

A popular class held at end of the Breed Judging is the Stakes for Best Movement with the class entry fee going to Irish Terrier Rescue. Joan Simcock was a great supporter for this and a good many years ago presented a trophy to be competed for annually for the winner. Unfortunately, it became damaged, so it was not presented. As a memorial to Joan a special medal was commissioned, suitably engraved to be won outright. On this occasion the winner was Joy Simons with Sareden Red Berry, whom we congratulate.



JOAN SIMCOCK MEMORIAL MEDAL

Engraved on reverse with
"ITA
MEMORIAL STAKES
WINNER 2019"

Once again, our catering ladies – Marjorie, Violet and Gay did sterling work in the kitchen, ensuring everyone was well feed throughout the day.

Following lunch, the Fun Day commenced, and we were pleased to welcome Shirley McIver who was to Judge the fun classes.



FANCY DRESS WINNER

As always, the Fun Day began with the Fancy Dress, however only one entrant. So come on, lets see some more imaginative outfits for 2020! It was lovely to see so many puppies in the Parade, which is an encouraging sign for the future.



PUPPY PARADE

OBEDIENCE

Where are all the obedient Irish Terriers!! Only 3 dared to show us all how obedient they were, so well done for giving it a go.

The winner was Sara's Willow, who gave an accomplished round of heelwork and was most attentive to her handler.

Our second-place winner started well with a nice sit, but became very untidy as the exercise proceeded, but did finish with an acceptable sit.

Our third placed winner, who I am sure was quite capable, but found the distractions around the ring too irresistible, especially the smell of sausages, left over from the sausage race!



GOLDEN OLDIES



PINLYGREEN TEAM

It was lovely to meet some of the Pinleygreen Irish Terriers with their families. Here we show some of them enjoying the day.