

## **IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW.      JUDGE CHRIS AMOO**

What a lovely way to spend the day, judging a lovely selection of our lovely breed. Definitely the pinnacle of my judging career. I know this has been said so often but I found many decisions very difficult, such was the quality. Bitches are stronger than dogs at present. I was able to find what I was looking for in most of the classes. Dogs with commanding appearance, having a look of power. Substantial, yet retaining greyhound-like shape, nicely proportioned with good muscle. Some food for thought. Wolfhounds are very strong willed and it's only fair to give some form of training to set them up for the rigours of the show-ring & every day life. It's not fun for a dog to be thrown into an environment it hasn't been prepared for, it causes stress for both dog & owner & what should be enjoyable can become a nightmare.

### **Minor Puppy Dog.**

1st DAS PURKAYJASTHA . NELLWYNS Mr TOBIAS AMONG  
NECKREBAGH

Lovely proportions. Curves from head to tail. Excellent size. Scopey. Good head and excellent neck. Curvy topline. Excellent front, good shoulder and upper arm. excellent depth, lovely tail set. Very scopey mover, quality.

2nd DAWSON .                      GARTLOVE GHLEANNGAIRDOCH

More mature, not the head of 1. Good proportions of height to length. Super front, excellent depth. Tail spoils balance, good bone. Very sound, good depth and width all through.

### **Puppy Dog**

1st BRAINE . HOLLYHENGE SWEENEY TODD

Good size, excellent head and expression. Very nice curvy body, excellent proportions. Good width throughout. good tail and carriage. Good depth.

2nd STIRLING . CLANLILY BARON OF THE GLEN

Light grey. Pushed hard. Very sound with good carriage preferred proportions of 1. who was more scopey. Very nicely balanced, extremely sound. Lovely ears, good top line. 1. had longer lines & slightly more width.

3rd      BOX & BRAINE .                      HOLLYHENGE DIAMOND GEEZER

### **Junior**

1st SURRELL & COLEMAN .                      BOKRA TUDOR

Quality hound, not the tallest but very substantial, excellent head. Well held ears. Super neck. Good shoulder. Excellent forechest. Slightly long at the moment and needs to develop in topline. Super hindquarters, excellent depth. Great width throughout. very sound. Shows great promise & was close up at the end.

2nd HOLDER & HOWE .

MASCOTS ANOTHER STRIPE

Tall substantial light grey. Masculine head, good expression. Adequate neck and shoulder, lovely width throughout. Good depth to chest, excellent hindquarters. balanced proportions, good tail. Moved very well and well handled.

3rd MCDONALD- ULLIOTT .

HIBECK DIZZY RASCAL

### **Yearling Dog**

1st SUMNER . BALLYPHELAN OTHELLO

Fabulous black, quality. Curves all through from head to tail. Masculine head , would like softer expression. Lovely ears, great arched neck. Super shoulder and front. Nicely proportioned body, excellent depth. Super hindquarters. In good gleaming coat, moved well. Considered for top honours.

2nd DAWSON .

SHANIMARLE CHEROKEE

Sound dog, not the quality of 1. Good head and expression. Good ears, needs a longer neck. Good front, shoulder could be more laid back. Good depth and excellent proportions. Moves soundly with good carriage, good hindquarters.

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CHARLIER  
FOLKLORE  
DREW

### **Novice**

1st BRIGHTMORE . CLHANNWORTHY DUKE

Stood alone. Balanced head, soft expression, nicely proportioned. Adequate neck. Shoulder could be better, good width throughout. Moved soundly and with enthusiasm.

### **Post Graduate**

1st PORDHAM . SOLSTRAND ARTHUR ARDFHUL

Quality hound, top drawer. Best head and expression of the day. Super neck, good shoulder and front, plenty of width throughout, he also has the required depth. Excellent hindquarters, lovely wolfhound who badly needs a shake up, as he was very lethargic on the move. Considered for higher honours

2nd BROWN. GRIFEMY SILVANNI SORCEROR

Beautifully presented wheaten. Good head and lovely pigmentation. Lovely ears. Good neck and shoulder, adequate width throughout. Good depth. lovely hindquarters. Tail spoils picture & not so firm in topline Well handled.

3rd CANAVAN. LAOISEACH CARIAD RUAIRI

### **Mid Limit**

1st SUMNER . DUKESARUM TADDEUS

Lovely substantial dog. masculine head, flatish ears. Long and strong neck. good shoulder and front. Lovely depth and width throughout. Very strong well angulated hindquarters. A touch long and could do with tidying up around the head and neck. Moved with great carriage and soundly. Well handled.

2nd MAISON. EOGHAN 111 DU GRAND CHIEN DE CULANN

Different type not quite the substance of 1. Balanced head and excellent expression, lovely ears. Good neck would prefer more forechest . Good shoulder and nice depth all through. Curvy topline, excellent hindquarters. Moves very soundly with excellent carriage. Preferred head and forechest of winner

### **Limit Dog**

1st TEBBUTT. CAREDIG DENZIL

Substantial dog. Love his head and expression but could do with tidying up around the head and neck. Super powerful neck, good shoulder and upper arm. Fabulous chest very good depth. Excellent hindquarters, rock hard and in lovely coat. Moved soundly but have seen move better. My type of dog. RCC

2nd PASK. BARONGLEN THE KNIGHT WALKER

Another substantial dog. Quality look about him, nice and curvy. Lovely head and expression. Good neck, adequate shoulder not quite the forechest of 1. Fabulous hind quarters plenty of width throughout. In lovely coat, not striding out as well as 1. Top drawer. Well handled.

3rd SUMNER. DUKESARUM TITUS

### **Open** Lovely class.

1st REDFERN. Ch RAINSTER RORY

The dog of the day, has all it takes to reach the top. Substance, soundness and quality. Lovely head and expression, strong neck. Good shoulder and super front. Plenty of width, good topline, great hind quarters. Lovely depth in good bloom. His movement was spot on in every department and quite frankly, left all the competition behind. Superbly handled. B.I.S

## 2nd SALAMON. IT CH WINSTON DELLA BASSA PAVESE

Another lovely hound, fabulous head and expression. Great neck, lovely shoulder. Very nicely proportioned. Good depth of chest, lovely underline. Strong hindquarters, curvy topline. Good width throughout, very reluctant on the move, pity.

## 3rd MCCONNELL. CH HYDEBECK MENELAUS

### **Veteran**

#### 1st PEEK. MILKWOODS MY GUY

What a fabulous veteran. He could still very easily compete in the younger class. Very good head and expression, good neck, well laid shoulder. Nicely proportioned, good depth. Good width throughout, adequate hindquarters. Moved extremely well.

2nd) Mill's Milkwood Me and My Shadow. Litter brother to winner and preferred his head to winner's. Lovely outline, but not the movement of 1. Age has caught up & not the muscle. Still a credit to his owner & breeder, enjoying his day out.

### **Bitches**

#### **Minor puppy**

#### 1st MACAULAY. GARTLOVE GHLEANN GORDANIA

Quality baby such a lovely size for age. Nicely proportioned, excellent bone. Good head and expression, strong neck and good front. Excellent depth, good coat. Moves very sound and good carriage.

#### 2nd GREGORY. KILLOUGHERY EINEEN

Taller longer type. feminine head, nicely furnished. Tight ears. Good length to neck. Adequate shoulder, not the depth of chest of 1 at present & needs more body. Excellent hindquarters which she uses well, but not with the same precision as 1. scopey mover. Preferred proportions of 1.

#### 3rd CRAMPHORN. YELXBA MERA

#### **Puppy**

More training needed in many cases.

#### 1st ASHBY. ASHGROVE TUMBULGUM

Lovely red. Excellent head, tight ears, long neck. Good shoulder and forechest, good depth, excellent width throughout. Maybe needs a touch more length to her legs. Good bone, excellent hindquarters. Very sound mover when into her stride.

2nd MCCALL. MASCOTS BLACK VELVET AT MCLIGHTS  
Black. Preferred head of winner. Good ears. Very nicely proportioned, good neck, shoulder and front. Excellent top line, good depth, very good hindquarters. Moves with good width and carriage.

3rd STIRLING. CLANLILY SKY OF DIAMONDS

### **Junior Great class**

1st PINKNEY. RIVENHOUND IMPERIAL CREAM TO HYDEBECK  
Substantial wheaten, good head and eye, well proportioned neck. Good lay of shoulder, excellent depth and width throughout. Super hindquarters. Her movement was very sound & easy with good carriage. Beautifully presented.

2nd MORRIS. AMARACH AIDAH  
More my type for proportions and head, lovely expression excellent ears, good head and shoulder. Very good depth for age, super hindquarters presenting a great picture, but was not as smooth on the move as I have seen her. Has grown more on one side than the other, which will certainly even out. Quality.

3rd PAIN. RAVENSBEECH VERITAS

### **Yearling**

1st SUMNER. BALLYPHELAN DAMSON  
Curvaceous black, very strong looking with excellent bone. Good head and lovely long neck, excellent shoulder and forechest. Good top line, excellent depth of chest which also has good width. More length of leg would for me give better balance. Super hindquarters Lovely moving in profile but could be better coming towards.

2nd MACAULAY. GARTLOVE GALENKELSAA  
Preferred proportions of this young lady, but was not at her most confident today. Lovely and curvy, good shoulder, strong neck. Lovely front with good width & depth. Super hindquarters. Curvy topline. Liked her head and expression. Very sound good mover.

3rd POOLE. CONMERYL CAROLAN

## **Novice**

1st PINKNEY.

2nd BRODIE. MCLIGHT MAGGIE MAY

Tall upright with good proportions, Balanced head, adequate neck. Not a bad shape, sound mover with good carriage. Plenty of width and depth throughout.

3rd POOLE. CONMERYL CAIT

## **Post Graduate**

1st MCCALL. BALLALYNS BACK FOR GOOD AT MCLIGHT

Well proportioned black, lovely curvaceous outline. Balanced head, good expression, lovely ears. Strong neck, excellent front with adequate forechest. Good depth of chest. Excellent hindquarters, lovely balance all through. Well presented, moved well, needs to watch top line especially when stood. Has more width at the moment than 2.

2nd COLE. CULKEERAN THORNBIRD

Excellent black, feminine head, good expression and long neck. Nice lay of shoulder, would like more fore chest, but good depth. Nice long legs, good tuck up. Good hindquarters, curvy top line and nice tight feet. Moved very soundly and with good carriage. Preferred proportions of winner, well handled and presented. Good movement especially profile.

3rd SUMNER. STONEYBROOK DUCHESS OF DUKESARUM

## **Mid Limit**

1st MACLEOD. SEPLECUR LITTLE CHIPPA OF BRACHAN

Lovely strong bitch, just my type. Super head and exquisite expression. Good ears. Adequate neck, good shoulder. Lovely front with good width, topline still to settle. Strong hindquarters. Presents a lovely balanced picture and moved accordingly. Well handled and presented. RCC very close.

2nd MORRIS. WINDSRAY FIRESTORM

Another excellent bitch, substantial and strong loved her proportions. Preferred head and expression of winner. Strong neck, ex shoulder good forechest. Not as settled in topline as I would like, excellent hindquarters. Moved with more enthusiasm than of late - but was not as even in gait as the winner. Well handled and presented.

3rd DONALDSON. RAVENSBEECH CAMARILLO

### **Limit**

Fabulous class.

1st **TEBBUTT.** **CAREDIG DELILAH**

Fabulous bitch, substantial strong with great bone. Balanced head, soft expression, good strong neck with super shoulder and upper arm. Excellent forechest which has good depth, good length to back topline still needs to settle. Great hindquarters which are well used. Very sound on the move but lost out to the dog on carriage. C.C

2nd **BRADLEY.** **CAREDIG FFIASCO**

Firm favorite of mine thought she would be the winner as she, more than the others, had the shape and proportions I was looking for. Great head and expression, strong neck and excellent shoulder. Good front with plenty of width. Lovely curvy topline good depth about her. Excellent hindquarters in good condition. She just would not give anything and was totally disinterested, pity.

3rd **PASK.** **DUNEWALKER MISS BEHAVING OF BARONGLEN**

### **Open**

1st **MCDONALD - ULLIOTT.** **HIBECK BATHSHEBA**

Not the tallest but what a lovely curvy bitch. Excellent head and expression, good neck and good lay of shoulder - could be better in upper arm. Excellent depth and width about her. Good topline. Excellent hindquarters she moves very soundly but lost out to CC & RCC on front extension. Still a nice girl. 2nd **PAIN.** **CH RAVENSBEECH SABELLA**

Charismatic bitch who presents a smashing outline. Lovely head arched neck, excellent lay of shoulder and good width to front. good depth about her, very shapely hindquarters in lovely coat and is so well handled. Preferred proportions of 1. Moved with enthusiasm.

3rd **SURRELL & COLEMAN.** **BOKRA VALENCIA**

### **Veteran**

1. **PINKNEY.** **HYDEBECK VICTORIA PLUM**

An old favorite who could still compete in the younger classes on that performance. Lovely head, soft expression, good neck and adequate shoulder. Good depth and width to chest. Shows age a touch in topline but still strong. Excellent hindquarters. In good coat. Beautifully presented as

always. Moved well. Well done.

2. SHEPPARD.        GOLDSWIFT SNOW LEOPARD

Another lovely lady who was beautifully handled and presented. Lovely feminine head & a melt you expression. Excellent pigmentation. Good neck. O.K. shoulder. Excellent depth. Very good hindquarters. Moved very well and soundly, a credit to her owner