

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

18 APRIL 2014

CAPTAIN GRAHAM MEMORIAL TROPHY CLASS

Judge: John Sharpe

It was a great honour to be asked to judge this class, and I very much enjoyed the experience. It was particularly interesting to be faced, not only by both sexes, but a great span of ages in the entry.

1st :Timmins' Cornovi Keats- A fine upstanding dog of just 2 years, in good coat, well muscled and with good bone throughout. He has a correct head, with the kind expression I like to see in a big male , and has a strong neck. He is developing a good deep chest, and has a decent lay-back of shoulder, a quality not as common as I would like. With good muscling and strong legs, with a correctly shaped rib cage leading to a nice length of loin, and properly curved stifles, it was no surprise that he moved well and with purpose, keeping a good topline in the process. I don't think it will be long before he is winning the big prizes.

2nd: Holder & Howe's Mascotts Mica In contrast to the winner, we have an 8 year old bitch, nearing the end of a show career, and it was her age in the end that meant she had to give best to the young male on the day, as she just didn't quite keep her topline on the move. I really liked the look of her when she came into the ring, and having studied the catalogue, this is no surprise, as she is half-sister to my old girl at home, and thus seemed very familiar to me. A really well balanced bitch, with a sweet feminine head and expression, and a really elegant neck, she has just the right ratio of bone to muscle, a good coat and lovely curves front and back. Perhaps not quite the lay back of shoulder of my winner, but a bitch to be really proud of.

3rd: Treadwell's Hibeck Hugo Boss at Floydian A 3 year old dog, so more mature than the class winner, but definitely not in the veteran category, he is very much the hound, rangy with good bone and curves. He has a good strong head, with a good coat and a kind eye. I would have liked a little bit more lay back of shoulder, and perhaps his movement could have been a bit more positive, but certainly a very good example of the breed.

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