

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB LIMITED SHOW 2016

My sincere thanks to the members and committee for inviting me to judge this very well organised show which so much hard work had gone into and held in conjunction with the IWC rally and fun day. My thanks to all who exhibited, I consider it an absolute privilege, also thanks to my two excellent stewards who organised so well.

I was looking for soundness and movement, this is after all a running hound, and found it without exception in my winners. The majority were fit and well muscled, well presented and clean. Temperaments were excellent across the board. I thoroughly enjoyed my day.

Minor Puppy Dog (3)

1st Stirling's CLANLILY BUSCVAILL OF CUINN Just 6 months old, this lovely quality brindle puppy has a fabulous head, good reach of neck, scored high in front construction, with a prominent forechest and length in upper arm. Good length in rib cage, well off for bone, feet were correct, nice bend of stifle, most positive on the move today. A promising baby, sensitively handled.

2nd Wild's CULVERCROFT HUNTLEY AT FINCORRIE A promising 8 month old pup who has a lot of potential. I liked his size and length, not quite the rear angles of 1st, his head is masculine with good pigment, he has good shoulder placement and length in leg. Moved OK. Well presented.

3rd McClure's CLANLILY PRINCE AMONG MEN

Puppy Dog (1)

1st Sibley's MILISH THE MIGHTY At 10 months old, this young male has a good and masculine head, pigment is correct, ears well set on. Good length in ribbing and loin, a little upright in front at present Just a baby who will need a lot of time to mature, which is exactly what you would expect in a giant breed at this stage. Nevertheless, a nice quality baby.

Junior Dog (3)

1st Das Purkayastha's RAVENSBEECH ROMANUS AMONG NECKREBAGH This young male is truly impressive, he has a commanding presence which says 'look at me!'. He possesses the size and might you expect in this breed. Fabulous head which is masculine with correct pigmentation, strong neck with good reach into correct shoulder placement. Excellent forechest and depth in brisket, well sprung ribs, just the right rise over the loin, sweeping rear angles. Moves absolutely true both fore and aft with a long, ground-covering stride, holding is topline on the move. For soundness and quality, look no further, so promising, surely a champion in the making? Shown in hard condition, very well presented and handled. Pushed hard for top honours. BD. BOS.

2nd Treadwell's GLENGAIL GGILMOUR AT FLOYDIAN Close up to 1st, another high quality male out of the top drawer. Well balanced and liked his length in leg. Good length to height ratio, excellent forechest, brisket will drop with maturity, ribs well set back, breadth through hips, tail well set on, well bent stifle and sound on the move. Well off for bone. A very promising youngster, I liked him a lot and had a good look at him for RBD which was close decision, just lost to the open winner on maturity. His day will come, one to watch.

Yearling Dog (1/1)

Novice Dog (3/1)

1st Colbert's NANU NANA VON DEN ERZMINEN Two nice hounds in this class, both with their merits. Preferred the front of this 2 year old wheaten, pleasing head and displaying correct pigmentation, strong neck, depth in brisket and length in ribbing and good jacket. Won out on his movement where he covers a lot of ground on excellent feet, free flowing and true. Well handled.

2nd Walters' BRACHAN BREUDDWYD Y DDRAIG Loved this dog's head, masculine with a soft expression and kind eye. He has good size and bone and a well laid shoulder, a little straight in front at present. Like his length, interested to note he is litter brother to my RBIS. A young hound showing quality and potential. Well presented.

Post Graduate Dog (4/1)

1st Walters' KILLOUGHERY THE BOUNDER Three different types in this nice class. This 3½ year old stood out with his ring presence. He is a dog with plenty of bone and substance, well bodied with excellent front and prominent forechest. Strong neck into well placed shoulder, balanced all through with a super topline which he held on the move. A quality hound who excels on the move with his long, effortless stride covering a lot of ground. Nice type, well handled.

2nd Jones's CONMERYL MONTGOMERY A nicely balanced 3 year old who has good ribbing and well turned stifles into a low hock. He has neat ears well set on, would prefer a darker eye. He moves out well and has an excellent coat. Well presented.

3rd Sibley's HARROPINE CLYDE

Limit Dog (0)

Open Dog (3)

1st Gregory's KILLOUGHERY THE BARON ShCM I see this is the litter brother to my PGD winner and a lot of his attributes apply. A good quality hound who is so well balanced. Pleasing head, strength and reach in neck. Ears well set on. Good lay of shoulder, excels in topline which he maintains on the move. Just the right amount of fall away. Good angles behind, excellent bone and feet. Stands over a lot of ground, moves soundly from all directions with plenty of drive from behind. An impressive hound with good ring presence shown in fit condition. Well presented and handled. Pleased to award him RBD.

2nd Gilbert's MADIAMOY KING AROLD RETURNS TO ANSTYARNA An impressive hound with a commanding presence, mature and well bodied. Excellent bone. Excels in his super head which he carries well, with good pigment. Excellent shoulder and ribbing, length in loin and holds his topline on the move. Moves soundly from all directions with good reach in front and driving on powerful rear action. Fabulous tail! A hound of high quality, so much to like about him. Well presented in hard condition.

Veteran Dog (0)

Veteran Bitch (1)

1st Holder & Howe's MASCOTTS LAOISEACH CARIAD CAIT This beautiful 7 year old bitch is in fabulous condition. I loved her head and soft expression. Excellent reach in her strong neck, excellent shoulder placement, great depth in brisket, well sprung ribs set well back, excellent angulation behind and low set hocks. Moved effortlessly with soundness from all angles on good feet. Very well muscled, free moving, lovely type. A credit to her breeders. So much to like.

Minor Puppy Bitch (2)

1st Stirling's CLANLILY WISHING ON A STAR Two super pups, just 6 months old who I see are litter sisters and a lot of my comments apply to both. This girl has the slightly better front with her prominent forechest, excellent angles both fore and aft, very well balanced with length in ribbing and loin. Correct topline. Very sound mover for one so young, she really excels and looks the part on the move. Must have a bright future, one to watch, very promising, I liked her a lot. BPB and pleased to award her BPIS.

2nd Avevor's CLANLILY AVEVORS DREAM Super breed type, pleasing head and coat, not quite the forechest of 1st or topline at present. Nevertheless, generally much the same attributes as her sister,

just a little less forward at this stage. She really enjoyed giving her handler a hard time. A promising youngster.

Puppy Bitch (0)

Junior Bitch (8/1)

1st Tebbutt's BRACHAN DOLIG WEN CAREDIG A super class with a lot of different types where this young bitch was outstanding. She stood out as she entered the ring. I loved her type, well off for bone, very feminine with a fabulous head and soft, far-away expression. Good pigment. Excels in shoulder and forechest, she has depth in brisket and good ribbing. Excellent topline held on the move, well bent stifles, breadth through hips and low hocks. Absolutely sound from all directions, she is young and has a lot more maturing to do, but there is so much to like about her. Challenged hard for the top honours, a little less mature than my Best Bitch and she came up against the super Best Dog to challenge for Reserve BIS, which I was delighted to award her. So promising. RBB, RBIS

2nd Bradley's GLENGAIL GGWENDOLYN Another quality bitch who is very promising. Well balanced and a stylish mover. Not quite the front movement of 1st, nevertheless she excels in rear movement where she used her well muscled and well angulated stifles to power her around the ring with a long, easy stride. Well bodied, good bone, another good prospect for the future. Well shown.

3rd Gilbert's ANSTYARNA BETTY BOO

Yearling Bitch (3)

1st Pask's AMARACH CAITIN AT BARONGLEN I just fell in love with this beautiful young bitch who I have admired from the ringside and today she did not disappoint. For quality, soundness and substance, look no further. So correct to go over, flowing lines yet not exaggerated. She oozes quality from the off and has such presence for one so young. She has size and might yet remains feminine. Pleasing head with excellent ears, she has length and reach in neck into a correct shoulder with prominent forechest and length in upper arm. Good depth of chest and well set back ribbing and loin nicely tucked up. Breadth through hips with sweeping angles behind which she used to full advantage on the move. She is well bodied and balanced all through, excelling on the move. She is sound and true all round with a long, easy side gait, covering a lot of ground on excellent feet and maintaining her topline She is a very exciting prospect for the future, a hound straight out of the top drawer, just what I was looking for. Delighted to award her BBIS and BIS.

2nd Holder & Howe's MASCOTTS CERYS A 2 year old bitch of high quality. I see she is daughter to my veteran winner. I love her type, she is so well angulated all through, is super feminine and moves absolutely true which seems to follow this kennel's breeding. She has a long stride and is very well muscled. Super coat and good feet, very well presented and handled. A promising prospect.

3rd Dunwell's GLENGAIL GGWYNETH

Novice Bitch (5)

1st Bradley's GLENGAIL GGWENDOLYN

2nd Bradley & Mullins's GLENGAIL GGLENYS Litter sister to 1st and a really promising youngster who was determined not to cooperate with her handler today. Pleasing head with neat ears, well set on. Well off for bone. I liked her depth of chest and strength in her neck. Good height to length ratio and excellent feet. Adequate angles behind, moved out soundly, needs more ring training to show her off to her best, but nevertheless a nice youngster who I feel is worth persevering with.

3rd Sheppard's AGAINST ALL HOPE OF GOLDSWIFT

Post Graduate Bitch (3/3)

Limit Bitch (3)

1st Tebbutt's BRACHAN DOLIG WEN CAREDIG

2nd Sheppard's CONMERYL MISS SCARLET FOR GOLDSWIFT Close up to 1st, a lovely feminine bitch who is so well balanced. Love her head and soft expression, her pigment is good and she shows good strength and reach in neck. Excellent topline which she maintains on the move, well sprung ribs and good tuck-up. Excels in front construction with length in upper arm and sweeping quarters. Very sound on the move, very fit and well presented, so much to like about her, she makes me smile.

3rd Gregory's KILLOUGHERY BLISS

Open Bitch (3/1)

1st McDonald-Ulliott & Holder's HIBECK MISS DIOR This 5 year old bitch really comes into her own on the move, she is so sound and true, covering a lot of ground on the best of feet she displays both reach in front and drive from behind. Her neck is strong and she has excellent angulation both front and rear, with breadth through hips. Flattens topline on the move, hocks are low. Very well presented and handled.

2nd Gregory's KILLOUGHERY EINEEN A 6 year old with an exquisite head and kind eye, she excels in front construction, with length in her upper arm. Well ribbed, lacking a little in tuck-up, length in loin is good and she holds her topline on the move. So well constructed all through you imagine she will use this to her advantage, alas no, even with her handler's best efforts she refused to show us what she could do! This girl is happier running free in a field – not the show ring, shame as she is a nice quality bitch with a lot to recommend her. Very sensitively handled.

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