

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB MEMBERS' LIMITED SHOW
(Held in conjunction with the HOUNDSHOW 2021) 17th JULY

I was delighted to judge the IWH Club's limit show and was very impressed with the quality of my main winners. Lovely hounds. It was unbearably hot so I tried to keep the dogs in the shade as much as possible, but I have no doubt that the heat affected movement and enthusiasm in many of the dogs. In general I was pleased to see that toplines with correct arch over the loin have improved in the last decade and also length of leg. I don't recall any woolly coats, flat or hare feet, or wrong bites either. There were a few knuckling over and rather upright in front assembly, quite a few bursas, and most had rather weak 'pleating' hind movement going away, though they looked ok in profile. Overall I felt that the standard for a limit show was very high, and I was surprised that my adult top winners were not over qualified, but then realised that of course they will have missed out on around 18 months of shows due to Covid restrictions. With that in mind I was also impressed by the steady temperaments of the great majority of the younger dogs who must have lacked socialisation at crucial points of their development. Owners should feel proud of that achievement, as I can assure you that is not the case in many other breeds at the moment. On the whole, the bitches were a little ahead of the dogs, which is not unusual in youngsters. Principal winners were; BD + BOS Das Purkayastha's Ballyphelan Asanal Among Neckrebagh, RBD Grimwood's Bonafortes Meldrew, BB + BIS Gregory & Warwick's Cairnstorm Keepsake, RBB + RBIS Fox's Newdigate Doris Day, BPIS Heather's Whiteorchard Aurora.

MPD. (2 ent, 1 abs) 1. BDP Hanlon's Balnuith End Of The Storm At Achnagonlan. Tall pup, 7mth, light wheaten brindle. Majority of puppy coat had been recently stripped out and adult coat coming in was good harsh texture. Long head with rather low set ears which at times hung flat to face, but could fold correctly much improving expression. I would prefer a darker eye. Good furnishings, broad chest and nice depth for age, strong bone, good arch over loin and very long tail. A little upright in pasterns and rear at moment and lacking drive. Most likely just a stage he's going through in development. **PD.** (0) **JD.** (2) 1. Dawson's Red Rock Canyon of King Howard Legends of Shalico (Imp Fra). 16 mth. I loved this youngster. Big cream dog, excellent bone and angulation, good depth, long back with arch over loin, nice sloped shoulder, short hocks and cat paws, long tail, beautiful furnishings, dark eye and expression, and great reach of neck. Possibly a little too steep fall away at croup if I was really nit-picking. He is going to take a little time to really come together and movement was a little untidy as is typical with big youngsters, but I have no doubt he will finish very well given time and I would expect him to collect many more prizes when mature. Lovely boy. 2. Barnes' Hazianne's Law Enforcer. 16 mth, so same age as first but actually appeared more mature. Nice dark eye and neatly curled ear, good depth and spring of rib, correct coat. Unfortunately, a little upright and knuckling over at near front pastern and not moving soundly on it, possibly aggravated by a not yet recovered bursa on that elbow. **YD.** (1) 1. Severn-Kumar's Gaelmarque Russet Roman. 19 mth but looks younger as yet. Good neck and shoulder, broad chest but lacking in depth still and arch over loin. The depth of chest

should come with maturity. Adequate bone and good paws and tail. Rather plain head and flat ear. Moved soundly. Just needs time. **ND.** (4, 1) All dogs in this class were 2yrs old. 1. Fox's Newdigate Marlon Brando (AI). Very tall red dog. Excellent depth of chest, good coat and furnishings, ears hanging flat instead of correct rosebud, nice reach of neck and long tail. Rather upright in front through pasterns and upper arm, but adequate angulation behind. Moved steadily. 2. Bradley's Glengail Hhedwig. Nice workmanlike dog with good lay back of shoulder, reach of neck and forechest, but knuckling over at the pastern and bursa on elbow affecting movement. Would prefer darker eye and more arch over loin, but had good bite, coat, furnishings and tail. 3. Grimwood's Bonafortes Valhalla. **PGD.** (2, 1) 1. Bradley's Glengail Hhedwig, See 2nd in Nov. **LD.** (3) 1. RBD Grimwood's Bonafortes Meldrew. I was surprised he was not overqualified for a limit show at 5yrs. Possibly a late maturer. Lovely light red dog, nicely balanced all through, beautiful head, furnishings and kind eye. Good top and underline, nice short hocks, correct angulation front and back, tight cat paws and long tail. Close decision later in BD challenge. I expect him to win many more prizes. 2. Barnes' Hazianne Partial Eclipse. 3yrs. Good coat texture, bite and rose ear, correct top and underline, adequate bone and angulation. Unfortunately overweight. 3. Hanlon's Rainfurley Prince Over Achnagonlan (IKC). **OD.** (2) 1. BD + BOS Das Purkayastha's Ballyphelan Asansol Among Neckrebagh (Imp Usa). 4yrs. I was surprised again to see an adult dog of this quality was not overqualified for a limit show. Beautiful dog with all the right proportions, flowing lines all through, exactly the type I like. There really was not anything I faulted him on in stance, but possibly due to his dark coat soaking up the sunlight, he really was not happy in the intense heat and though he moved soundly, he was very reluctant and lethargic. I worried at first he may be suffering heatstroke. He was more enthusiastic in the challenge for BD. 2. Pateman's Gaeltarra Eireann Galen (Imp Nld) 3yrs. Nice type balanced all through, great furnishings. Holding ears flat and looked like he had a gum infection when checked teeth, but correct in all other points. Slightly untidy movement, particularly going away. **VD.** (0)

VB. (2, 2) **MPB.** (1) 1. Heather's White Orchard Ad Astra. 8mnth, lovely baby girl. Beautiful dark eye, sweet temperament, looking small but at this age should grow on. Correct in almost all departments, just a little upright in upperarm and could have a little more arch over loin. She had large bursas on both elbows but surprisingly moved soundly in front despite them. Litter sister to BPIS and there really was nothing to choose between the two. Very hard decision and they could change places easily. **PB.** (1) 1. BPIS. Heather's Whiteorchard Aurora. Twin of MPB winner, so all comments apply to her too, just minus the bursas, a very pretty little pup. In the challenge for BPIS, she really drove from behind around the ring, and this was the deciding factor. Too much of a baby still to challenge the adult winners, but I expect her and her sister to win at the highest level in a few yrs. **JB.** (1) 1. Forret's Valkiria Della Bassa Pavese at Culvercroft (Imp Ita). 14Mnth. Very nice curvy young bitch, with good reach of neck, lovely furnishings, correct curled ear, coat and angulation. Movement was a little untidy, throwing her legs around a bit, but with great reach. Very promising. **YB.** (6, 2) 1. Forret's Valkiria Della Bassa Pavese at Culvercroft (Imp Ita). 2. Bruce's Killoughery Talia. 19Mnth. Workmanlike type, not flashy,

adequate angulation in front but standing a little straight behind and moving close in rear going away. 3. Severn-Kumar's Gaelmarque Etheldreda. 4. Gregory's Killoughery Khaos. **NB.** (5, 2) 1. RBB + RBIS. Fox's Newdigate Doris Day (AI). 2yrs. Beautiful litter sister to ND winner, but very different type. Very feminine, elegant bitch, all flowing lines, excellent head and expression, neat ear, long neck, good layback of shoulder and upperarm, great depth of chest and angulation behind. For perfection could maybe have a little more length of leg. Lovely hound. 2. Forret's Valkiria Della Bassa Pavese at Culvercroft (Imp Ita) 3. Severn-Kumar's Gaelmarque Caroline. **PGB.** (2, 1) 1. Bruce's Goldswift Leap of Faith. 4yr almost 5, and she was clearly very bored and hot! Nice bitch otherwise of good type, correct coat, angulation, furnishings, tail carriage, etc, but her handler had to work very hard to get her to trot and hence she was moving untidily a little wide in front and close behind. I really couldn't blame her in that heat. **LB.** (4, 1) 1. BB + BIS. Gregory & Warwick's Cairnstorm Keepsake. Just 2yr old but very mature and finished. She reminded me very much of a female version of my first champion. Good substance and bone, correct coat, ear, bite, furnishings, dark eye, balanced angulations, nothing exaggerated about her. A little more length maybe for absolute perfection, but the most impressive thing was her movement. She powered round the ring with the very best driving hind movement of the day to take BIS. Possibly the very light coloured dogs fared better in the heat than the dark coated ones. Whatever, she stood out as super fit going round. 2. Fox's Barrassy's Copyright JW. 2yr. Lovely bitch of good type. Nicely sloped shoulder and upperarm, great depth, angulation and furnishings. Flat ear detracted a little and just lost out on slightly untidy hind movement, but a real contender. 3. Say's Caredig Alis Over Lynelouper. **OB.** (1, 1).