

Irish Wolfhound Club GB Open Show 28/8/17

I would like to thank the IWC members who voted in the ballot and gave me the opportunity to have this appointment. I would also like to thank all of the committee, my two most capable stewards and of course the ladies in the kitchen who provided an excellent lunch.

Last but not least thanks go to all the exhibitors. I felt my decisions were accepted in the most sportsmanlike manner and I have to say I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

MPD(2,1)

Dawsons, Austonleys Dick Dastardly Of Shalico, At only 6mths and 1wk and I believe his first outing. This young man did his owner proud taking the experience in his stride. Grey brindle full of substance, Good dentition. Dark eye and good pigmentation, lovely rose shaped ears. Adequate length of neck leading to good shoulders and good front construction. Well ribbed back, good top line with rise over the loin. Nice coat texture. Reached out well in front but a little close behind on the day.

PD (3,1) 1 Dunwell's Goldswift's Spartans Secret, Well grown 11mths C/B, with lots of substance. Lovely head and expression, drk eye. Good dentition. Neck could be longer and a tad upright in shoulder. Long upper arm also a little up right. Plenty of width through fore chest and good long straight fore legs with good round feet. Well ribbed back, top line a little flat at this stage. Nice width across hips leading to powerful hind quarters. Moved wide coming but used his hind quarters well. Quietly confident young dog. I'm sure his owner will have lots of fun with. BPD 2. Warrington's Goldswift Count Blessings, Litter brother to 1. Not as mature on the day but another well grown young dog. Lovely sweet expression, good coat, shorter in upper arm than 1. A little bit fidgety on the day. Movement ok in profile wide in front and close behind.

JD(3,2) 1 Plachcinski's zAustanley's Cantona Ooh Ahh, R/B, lovely head and expression, dark eye, good dentition. Good harsh coat. Top line needs to settle. Movement very erratic on the day.

YD(5,3) 1 Pask's Napoleone Della Bassa Pavese (IMP ITA), Well grown 19mths drk brindle. Beautiful head and expression, drk eye and well carried ears. Good dentition. Long neck leading to well placed shoulders, long but rather straight upper arm. Strong straight front legs into good round feet. Correct top line. Long strong 2nd thigh. Good harsh coat. Moved well. 2 McClure's Clanlily Prince Among Men, Tall 18mths G/B immature compared to 1. Narrow throughout. Nice head and expression Drk eye good ear carriage. Well ribbed back. Good harsh coat. Movement lacked reach and drive. Very long tail which unfortunately had been injured.

ND (4,3) 1 Holder & Howe's Mascotts Story Time, 2wks out of puppy. Tall well grown with a lot of maturing to do. Good dentition, drk eye and ear carriage. Well ribbed back. A little uncoordinated on the move. Made his handler work hard.

PGD (4,1) 1 Locketts Amarach Ainle, Tall, drk /brindle. Lovely head and expression. Good dentition. Drk eye & pigmentation. Long neck leading into fair shoulder. Long nicely angulated upper arm. Well ribbed back and correct top line. Harsh coat. Long 2nd thigh. Nice round feet. Moved soundly. 2. Cramphorn's Yelba Albert. Very different mould to 1. Very nicely balanced boy, correct dentition. Nice head and expression. Ear carriage could be better. Nicely angulated throughout and moved well. Close decision between 1&2. 3, Stirling's Clanlily Buscualil Of Cuinn.

LD (6,1) 1 Fox's Kazachok Roan Inish At Newdigate (IKC) Mature G/B with a super head and expression including the desired facial furnishings. Good drk eye and pigmentation. Ears could be a bit smaller. Lovely long ,strong neck leading into good shoulders and generally good front construction. Super forechest and depth of chest including a well sprung rib. Good strong back with correct rise over the loin . super strong broad hindquarters . Moved soundly but could have been a bit more enthusiastic. 2 Das Purkayastha's Ravensbeech Romanus Among Neckrebagh. Another very nice dog who shared many of the attributes of 1. I Just felt he needed a little more length of leg to balance his body. 3, Heather's Ravensbeech Revenio Whiteorchard.

OD (5,3)1 Treadwell's Glengail GGilmour At Floydian . A lot to like about this attractive R/B. Nothing exaggerated, very balanced young male. His head is not his fortune but it is acceptable. Long neck leading to good shoulders and very good overall front construction. Matched with equally good strong hindquarters. Best topline on the day .Moved soundly with good reach and drive. BD. BIS 2 Gilbert's Anstyarna Albert Einstein, Mature G/B . A dog I have admired ringside and I was not disappointed.Well balanced and constructed with a beautiful head and expression. Moved soundly but was just out done on showmanship on the day. RBD.

VD (2,2)

VB (7,2) 1 Stayte's Doolalley's Magic Lace At Carwenwy,8 ½ yr Wheaten. Well constructed and balanced lady with a beautiful head and expression and good pigmentation. Good coat texture. Moved well and presented in excellent condition. 2 Donaldson's Rainster Rosa At Kirkcarswell 9yrs. Wonderful distinguished lady. G/B in excellent condition for her age. Beautiful expression. Moved soundly and was clearly enjoying her day.3,Lewin's Ice Cream Van Der Oelmuhle with Heliodor. This was a wonderful class and it was an honour and pleasure to judge. Everyone was deserved of the applause given.

MPB (1) Fox's Nebraska Ionmhain Norman At Newdigate, 6mths and 2wks. Beautiful Drk R/B. Nicely balanced at this stage. Super feminine head and expression. Lovely long neck leading into good shoulder flowing into a nice length and angle to upper arm.Well ribbed back, spring of rib is there and should better as she matures. Good top line for her age. Very nice rear quarters. Lovely profile movement. I will watch this girls progress with interest.

PB (3,1) 1Crosse's Goldswift Sweet Discovery, 11mths whea, litter sister to PD. Correct head with a sweet expression and nicely furnished. Nice length of neck into decent shoulder and upper arm. Plenty of substance and strong straight legs. Well ribbed back. Movement was a bit erratic and she tended to pace. However there were moments of a correct gait. Handled sympathetically. Owner and dog will improve with experience and have lots of fun. 2, Bruce's Goldswift Leap Of Faith. Litter sister to 1. W/B. Much of the same comments apply to this young girl. She is less mature than her sister but just as pretty. In time they could easily change place.

JB (7,1) 1 Porter's Lindall Passion, 12mths R/B. This girl caught my attention on entering the ring. Well grown with super substance. Super head with a beautiful expression nicely furnished. Drk eye and pigmentation. Correct dentition. Lovely long neck flowing into well placed shoulder . Adequate length of upper arm and well angled. Well ribbed back with good spring of rib for her age. Strong level topline with adequate but importantly correctly placed rise over the loin. Super strong rear quarters with the width I love to see. Strong low hocks. She moved round the ring with real power but retains her feminine gracefulness. Another one whose progress I will watch with interest. BB, RBIS. 2 Heather's

Whiteorchard Nebula, Another very nice young girl. G/B. Correct head with a sweet expression. Good dentition. Nicely balanced. Adequate length of neck into fair shoulder and upper arm is of good length. Not yet developed in forechest as 1. Nice topline. Adequately ribbed back. Good rear and hind quarters. Moved well. 3, Gregory's Madalinca Spring Joy Of Killoughery. Res Crosse's Goldswift Sweet Discovery. VHC Bruce's Goldswift Leap of Faith.

YB (2,2)
SBB(0)

NB (6,3) 1 Crosse's Goldswift Sweet Discovery. (see class 13). 2 Malone's Barachiiioise Mellow Yellow. Nice houndy shaped girl with a nice expression. Would prefer more bone and strength throughout. Movement ok.

PGB (6,5) 1 Stirling's Clanlily Wishing On A Star, 20mths R/B. Well grown shapely girl. A touch heavier in head than I would like, none the less she has a sweet expression. Nice long neck into good shoulder and decent upper arm. Good length of rib cage which still has time to develop spring of rib. A tad long in the loin. Top line also needs to strengthen and rise over the loin is still developing. Very nice shapely hindquarters. Moved soundly. I would prefer a little more substance throughout this girl but there is a lot to like and still a lot of maturing to do. It will be interesting to watch her develop.

LB (10,5) 1 Stirling's Clanlily Million Dollar Gem, Another well grown R/B. Correct head planes which could be flattered with a little furnishings. Good neck into reasonable shoulder, long but upright upper arm. Adequate forechest, Well ribbed back with adequate spring of rib. Another that I felt was a tad long in loin. Very nice strong developed hindquarters. This girl came into her own on the move. Very nice profile movement. 2 Pask's Amarach Caitin At Baronglen. Very tall and balanced Drk Grey. Beautiful head and expression. Lovely long neck into decent shoulder. Long but slightly upright upper arm. Well ribbed back and good topline. Nicely developed hindquarters with a super length to second thigh. I really liked this girl a lot. She was just pipped on the day on showmanship and I felt 1 used her hind quarters to better advantage. 3 Gilbert's Anstyarna Lili Marlene. Res Gregory's Killoughery Bliss. VHC Brides' Katy Perry Roan Inish Of Barrassy.

OB (5,0) 1 Heather's Ch Whiteorchard Venusta. Mature, quality G/B. Tall well balanced and strong and retaining her elegance. Lovely head and expression. Correct dentition. Ears a little large but she does hold them back nicely. Long neck into ok shoulder. Good length and angle to upper arm. Good forechest. Well ribbed back with good spring of rib and excellent depth of chest. Decent top line. Really nice developed hindquarters. Moved well. 2 McDonald – Ulliott & Holder's Hibeck Miss Dior. 6yr G/B. Love her type. Judged her as a youngster and still appreciated what I found today. Super distinguished head with beautiful expression. Correct dentition. Not the tallest but nicely balanced. Well constructed front assembly with corresponding rear and hindquarters. Correct topline. Moved soundly, could have been a little more enthusiastic. 3 Wilkinson's Conmeryl Merriment Over Hunacres ShCM. Res Sheppard's Conmeryl Miss Scarlet For Goldswift. VHC Campbell – Woodford's Rivenhounds Bonfire At Kilmacduaggh.

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