

Irish Wolfhound Association of the Garden State

This was the show that almost didn't happen, and congratulations must go to the Committee who in true pioneering spirit made the brave decision to go ahead despite deep snow, power outages & absence of some exhibitors who just couldn't get through. But for those who had made it, including the judges, abandonment would have been horrible. So, the show went ahead, albeit compressed into a single day, the Monday. With some reduction in the numbers, this was possible, though it did mean Sweeps judge, Mrs Glynis Littlewood, and myself judging without stops from morning til twilight – but when you get into the rhythm of the process this is often preferable anyway. A big thanks must go to my stewards who kept providing the entry seamlessly on cue throughout the day.

We finished the judging just before dark, but winners photos had to be by flash only. My sympathies to Steve Surfman, our trusty and patient photographer.

The original grass ring being under 19” of snow judging took place close by in a parking lot, which obliging park rangers had cleared by bulldozer. It was plenty big enough and the surface was good of its kind, not too smooth tarmac, and without the gravelly grit which Wolfhounds hate.

I was happy to find a number of quality hounds throughout the entry, almost every class providing something to please, sometimes several. I found greater depth of quality in the bitches, which in Britain used to be always the case, but not so much in recent years. There was a lot of good movement in the bitches, which left me options to seek the finer points of type. There were many nice heads, although too many of these had very light eyes. Small size was not an issue and I was glad that there were no lumbering giants, purporting to be Sighthounds. Coats were generally of better harsher texture that I remember on the West Coast. On the debit side, there seemed to be too many poor thin, flat feet, which is a major item in a giant galloper. Also, there were a few lovely hounds, which I could do little for, as they had a serious mouth fault, the lower jaw being so narrow as to have the lower canines entering the upper gum, and even the palate. Although the AKC Standard does not mention teeth, such faults are a matter of basic soundness, and even health. This particular fault is widespread internationally. The Swedes have even issued an instruction for judges to check for it and penalise accordingly. Please do attend to it.

Thank you, exhibitors and all, for such an enjoyable time spent with you in the face of adversity - a truly memorable weekend!

Timothy N Finney

Puppy Dogs – 6-9 Months (7, 4 absent)

1 Roland & McDonald's **R NOBLE GHASPER OF EAGLE**. Grey brindle of lovely type. Super head on balanced reach of neck into good shoulder. Well angulated forehand. Good topline with correctly sloped croup. Balanced hq with low hocks. Good feet. Altogether a well balanced promising puppy. Nice collected movement.

2 Milne & Smith's **TALIESIN' REALTEOLAI OF WIDEVIEW**. Tall, pale wheaten. Well proportioned length to height. Soundly made. Nice head but rather narrow in lower jaw. Nice topline and sweep to hq. Moved soundly. Great long tail. Would like a little more substance in a male.

3 Poindexter & Prawel 's **SHERWOOD'S KING LEAR**. Nicely proportioned grey brindle

with good bone. Nice head and expression with dark eye. Ears well placed. Good length of back. Unfortunately, today totally uncoordinated on the move, but then only a pup!

Puppy Dogs – 9-12 Months (3,2)

1 McLean's **YGDASIL LAIRD O THE DANCE PRYDAIN**. Nice substantial dark brindle. Good head & strong neck into good shoulder. At this stage, standing upright in upper arm. Good depth and width of body. A little short in croup & straight in hq. Moving cleanly in front. Feet a little flat.

12-15 Months Dogs (3,1)

1 Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA ANTAINE DUBH**. Black of houndy type. Stands well with long neck giving commanding appearance. Very good head. Teeth large and white with good bite. Good lay of shoulder & return of elbow. Nice flow over loin into long croup. Good legs. Nice length hip to hock. Of medium substance. Movement very easy and sound.

2 McLean's **RYSSHERON'S HIDDEN ASSETS AT YGRASIL**. Substantial dog with many good points. Strong head with good long muzzle. Muscular neck going into very good shoulder. Nice breadth throughout. Good bone. Rather upright in pastern. Feet very thin & flat. Nice balanced mover covering a lot of ground.

15-18 Months Dogs (5,0)

1 Anderson's **SUMMERLAND'S CH CHULAINN OF TIR ALAIN**. Exceptionally well balanced grey brindle. Lovely head with good muzzle, nice eye. Well angulated forehand with some forechest. Nice length of back with good shape to loin. Good depth of body for age, carried well back. Matching angulation behind. Moved well.

2 Gagné's **BLACKWIND'S STARKEEPER TEGANN**. Wheaten of balanced construction. Would like a little more length of back. Good bone & feet. Fair head a little fine in foreface. Moved very soundly.

3 Shriver's **EIRIAN COOL JAZZ RUNNING**. Well proportioned length to height. Good head. Well laid shoulder. Rather less bone than 1 & 2. A little slack in topline. Medium angulated hq.

4 Sula's **O'LUGH BLACKWATER HARPER**. Substantial hound holding himself well in stance. Nice head. Fair forehand. Good width of body. Very good shape to loin, broad and muscular. Went well in front, but cowhocked & stiff behind.

Novice Dogs (6,2)

Not a strong class, but with a clear winner.

1 Prokopenko, Gagné & Boldok's **GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER BANNER CGC**. Nice red wheaten. Pleasing overall lines. Good head well carried on strong neck. Smooth curves to topline with correct arch to loin going into nicely sloping croup. Nice width & depth of body, and good tuckup. Nice length hip to hock. Moved soundly covering a lot of ground. Reserve Winners Dog

2 Haskins & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA TULLAMORE DEW**. Light grey brindle. Rather light in eye, & soft in coat. Fair forehand. Rather flat over loin & croup. Good bone & feet. Lacking in rear angulation. Moved OK.

3 Kinsella & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA INISHOWEN**. Nicely leggy hound. Well up on legs. Decent head. Nice shoulder & good shape over loin. Rather fine boned & very

flat feet.

4 Johnston's **GLADSTONE'S VALENTINO**. Tall rangy hound with rather nice houndy outline. Foreface long but weak. Nice length of neck. Overall rather lightly built & lacking in muscle.

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs (7,3)

Strongest class so far

1 Carswell & Newgard's **CARNASSERIE COAL**. Well made grey brindle. Good head though light in eye. Nice substance. Well angulated forehand with forechest & elbows well under. Good topline. Long well sloped croup into nice long hq. Good width throughout. Moved very soundly, at first lacking extension but then getting into a good stride. Winners Dog

2 Marx & Benjamin's **QUINT OF AERIE**. Nice houndy type with pleasing length. Generally well put together, perhaps a little lightly built. Good long head but lower jaw too narrow. Nice length of back with lovely breadth to loin. Nice sweep to hq. Moved powerfully with good extension.

3 Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA TYRCONNELL**. Quite similar to 1 but not quite the balanced make. Very good head with long strong foreface containing big strong teeth. Nicely arched neck into fair shoulder. Balanced length of back. Good group and length hip to hock. Covered ground well coming and going, a little stiff in hind action.

4 Martino's **O'LUGH CLASH OF THE TITANS**. Large, substantial hound of plainer type. Good eye shape, a little too much stop. Very strong shortish neck. Good depth of body. Balanced angulations fore and aft. Moved soundly.

American Bred Dogs

1 Fitzgerald's **KELLAMORE BRAEMAR OF FITZWICK**. Well made medium sized hound. Well proportioned with nice length of back. A little wide between the eyes. Good neck & front. Well boned. Angulated quarters. Movement easy and sound. Put down in lovely condition.

Open Dogs (7,5)

1 Marx & Benjamin's **RIVERLAWN EXIT OF AERIE**. Handsome hound with a nice degree of substance. Fair head, a fraction downfaced, lower jaw too narrow. Good front with elbows set well under. Nice depth of body carried back. Smooth line over loin. Nice length of leg. Clean mover holding shape in profile.

2 Butler & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA MURCHADH**. More lightly built than 1 & rather straight at both ends. Quite good head. Would like more muscle throughout.

Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months (4,0)

A nice class. A lot of good shapes and good hindquarters.

1 McLean & Edward's **YGRASIL PRAIRIE CREEK ROLLING OVER PRYDAIN**. Red brindle with nice substance. Good head with nice strong foreface. Good mouth with broad lower jaw. Nice forehand with good shoulder & well filled in front. Good depth & shape of body. Long hq well muscled with nice depth through the hock. Moved with great scope.

2 McLean's **YGRASIL PRAIRIE CREEK ROLL-A-DEX**. Sister to 1 & similar in proportions. Another very good head with v dark eye. Well balanced forehand. Nice width throughout. Very good line over loin into long croup. Hq nicely angulated but not flexing as

well as 1.

3 McLean's **AOTEAROA WIKILEAKS AT YGRDRASIL**. Pale grey wheaten. Beautiful head & lively nature. Good front. Stands a little high behind. Could let down more in hock. Very sound coming & going. Extrovert, which can only be good.

4 Prawel III's **SHERWOOD'S MAGIC NUMBER**. Red. Nice overall proportions. Good head with dark eye. Very good bone. Shapely long hq. Moved nicely in profile but flying elbows.

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months (3,2)

1 Marx, Benjamin & Myer's **KELLYKERRY KEYNOTE OF AERIE**. Nice rangey bitch with pleasing proportions. Lovely head with good mouth. Arched neck into fair lay of shoulder. Nice long legs. Firm topline with nice width of loin. Long tail well set. Good depth through hock. Nice substance for her age. Moved cleanly. Best Puppy

12-15 Months Bitches (4,1)

1 Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA ANLON DUBH**. Outstanding medium sized bitch. Dark grey . Very balanced overall & in the detail. Good head. A little light in eye. Very good mouth/teeth. Well placed front assembly with elbows well back. Good width between elbows. Firm topline of nice length. Long broad croup with well set tail. Good hq. Moved well holding shape. A little flat in feet. Reserve Winners Bitch

2 Ryan & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA LON DUBH AT CURIANN**. Another nice quality bitch. Not quite the balance or degree of angulation of 1. Nice head carriage. Good mouth. Fairly light in body. Good length of leg. Moved very soundly.

3 Prawel III's **SHERWOOD'S IOMPROIDH DEARG**. Red leggy bitch. Very light in eye. Good mouth. Rather lacking in angulation at both ends. Moved poorly. Out at elbow.

15-18 Months Bitches (8,3)

Unfortunately, I have no notes for this class as my recorder failed to record. My apologies.

1 Dormady's **O'LUGH'S CORONA EXTRA GOLD**.

2 Sula & Sula's **O'LUGH JUNO OF BLACKWATER**

3 Carswell & Newgard's **MILIY ZVER SUOK**

4 Poleselli, Shriver & Coen's **EIRIAN'S PARTY GIRL, RN, SC**

Novice Bitches (5,0)

1 Gagné & Prokopenko's **GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER CLODAGH**. Pale wheaten. Ultra sound, well balanced throughout. Lovely head, neck & shoulder. Very good mouth with large teeth. Well up on legs. Good topline with firm loin. Matching angulation at rear. Exceptionally true up & down. Feet could be rounder & tighter.

2 Prokopenko & Gagné's **GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER BELLAMIE**. Same sort of proportions as 1, if not quite the balance. Nice head on arched neck. Ears set on high. Well laid shoulder, a tad upright in upper arm. Well bodied. Good arch to loin & slope of croup. A little straight in quarters. Moved well.

3 Fitzgerald & Gagné's **STARKEEPER FITZWICK C'S LEGACY**. Red brindle. Good head. Nice front. Good width of body. Rather concave in topline & lacks rear angulation.

4 Pline & Yorke's **TOMAHAWKES HARVEST MOON OVER CU GEIN**. Upstanding bitch with nice head & neck. Has good shoulder & strong loin. Stands high behind & straight in hq. Rather cowhocked in movement.

Bred by Exhibitors Bitches (11, 2)

- 1 St Clair & Benjamin's **WARWICK TEACHT OF AERIE**. Dark grey brindle. Nice set of houndy curves. Good length of leg. Good head. Nice reach of neck fitting smoothly into good shoulder. Firm topline with good arch over loin. Good depth of body. Muscular hq with hocks well let down. Moved out well covering a lot of ground & holding shape.
- 2 Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA GREENORE**. Nice active bitch put down in hard condition. Lovely head. Good dentition. A little flat in topline & long in loin. Good hq. Moved well.
- 3 Marx & Benjamin's **JUNE OF AERIE**. Strong wheaten. Nice length to height. Nice head piece. Good width between elbows. Well ribbed back. Long well set tail. Very good feet.
- 4 Roland & McDonald's **GLENREAGH R NOBLE OF EAGLE**. Active, shapely bitch. Carries herself well with natural head carriage. Good depth & width of body. Muscular, broad hq. Good angulation used well on the move.

American Bred Bitches (8, 5)

- 1 St Clair's **HANNIE OF WARWICK**. Imposing, substantial 2 year old of nice size & shape. Well distributed muscle throughout. Fair head, good neck. Nicely set & angulated forehead. Good depth of body. Firm, broad loin. Well angulated behind. Drove well on the move maintaining shape. Very good feet.
- 2 Carey & Johnston's **GLADSTONE'S RHIANNON**. Not the quality of 1. Poor head with weak forehead. Lacks substance. Tends to stand high behind. Moved quite well.
- 3 Kinsella & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA ABBEYLARA**. Nice quality. Overall well proportioned with nice length of leg. Good head well carried. Rather short in upper arm. Firm topline with good arch to loin. Rather straight in hq. Would have been placed 2, but showed lame in hind leg.

Open Bitches (13, 5)

Excellent class with a lot of choice for placements

- 1 Dormady, Fernhout & Benjamin's **SKIBBERDEEN'S VIXEN**. Very striking 3 year old, teeming with breed type. Beautiful feminine head. Lovely outline with balanced set of curves - nicely arched of neck running smoothly into shoulder, just right sweep over loin & long croup into long angulated hq. Excellent balanced forehead showing good width. Moved out with great scope, using all her angulations, & holding her lovely shape. For perfection, would like a tad more leg. Winners Bitch, BIS
- 2 Ryan's **RUNS WITH WOLVES AT CURIANN**. Very well made wheaten. Strong girl with well arched neck carried well. Liked her long legs. Excellent shape to topline. Medium angulated at both ends but very balanced, which showed in super true movement. Well padded feet.
- 3 Gagné & Prokopenko's **GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER CHEVONNE**. Super sound wheaten, just 19 months. Still looking fairly undeveloped in substance, no harm in that. Excellent head. Well laid shoulder. Medium hind angulation. Moved with absolute precision. Would like to see her in another year.
- 4 Purvis & Flanagan's **FCH CARRICKANEENA WINDS OF MORNING**. Grey brindle 3 year old. Nice length to height. Another good head. Plenty of substance. Well boned. Good angle at pastern & good feet. In hard jacket. Moved well.

Field Trial, Dogs (2,0)

1 Milne & Smith's **DC TALIESIN'S WIZARD OF WIDEVIEW**. Nicely proportioned 6 year old. Well balanced with medium angulation. Slightly undershot. Good head & ears. Good reach of neck into fair shoulder. Strong loin with moderate arch. Rather light in bone. Moved soundly.

2 English's **DC MISE EIRE AN FEAR SARSFIELD**. More substantial than 1. Rather short in muzzle & heavy in skull. Nice lay of shoulder. Deep bodied. Pronounced arch to loin. Good length hip to hock. Good feet. Moved soundly coming & going.

Veteran Bronze, 6 Years & Under 8 Years Dogs (5, 3)

1 McDonald & Roland's **CH DUN MYRICA SPEAKER OF EAGLE**. Shapely 6 year old, well up on his legs. Good head with long strong tapering muzzle. Good pigmentation. Nicely arched neck going into good shoulder. Elbows well under. Good bone. Firm topline with well placed arch & long croup. Long hq used well on the move. Little sign of ageing.

2 McLean, Weeks & McEvoy's **CH TIROWEN LORD OF THE DANCE**. Another quality 6 year old. Very well made. Nice head & front. Good shape to topline. Plenty of angulation at both ends. Good bone & feet. Hq a little long in second thigh. Moved OK just lacking some drive compared to 1.

Veteran Silver, 8 Years & Under 9 Years Dogs ((1)

1 Flanagan's **DC CARRICKANEENA GARRYOWEN O'BK, SC**. Well shaped 8 year old. Nice substance. Good head. Nice length of leg. Firm topline with long croup. Balanced angulations. Moved soundly. In good nick for his age.

Veteran Gold, 9 Years & Over Dogs (1)

1 Walker & Flanagan's **CH CARRICKANEENA PADDY CLANCY**. Wheaten set down in good condition, nice weight. Overall good shape with deep outline, on nice length of leg. Nice neck fit and loin. Moving soundly.

Veteran Bronze, 6 Years & Under 8 Years Bitches (11, 3)

1 Marx & Benjamin's **CH GUFFAW OF AERIE**. Super bitch. Very well constructed. Good head. Complete dentition. Broad lower jaw. Angulated forehand with forechest. Ribs well sprung. Smooth line from neck fit over loin to good tail set. Nice length hip to hock. Sound mover covering a lot of ground.

2 Levin & Abram's' **TAILSTORM KARONTARA HELIX**. Nice rangey girl. Houndy outline with good arch to loin. Good head though light in eye. Very well shaped & muscled hq, used well on the move.

3 Atkinson, Yorke, Prokopenko & Gagne's **GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER QUADDRYL**. Close up to 2, but without the same drive. Good head. Good forehand. Nice depth of body. Well boned. Not the hind muscle of 2. Moved soundly.

4 Smalley's **CH PRAIRIE CREEK CANTATA**. Lovely bitch, but in rather soft coat. Nice head & eye. Excellent topline. Hocks well let down. Not cooperating with handler today.

Veteran Silver, 8 Years & Under 9 Years Bitches (1)

1 Flanagan's **DC CARRICKANEENA SLAN LEAT**. Very sound & well balanced. Nice

head. Good muscle for age. Going well in front & behind.

Veteran Gold, 9 Years & Over Bitches (4, 1)

1 Flanagan's **CH CARRICKANEENA EIRE**. 9 year old in remarkably good shape. Lovely head and eye. Strong neck into good shoulder. Angulated forehead. Nice topline still firm & movement sound.

2 Flanagan's **CH CARRICKANEENA AOIFE CLANCY**. Nice type, A little taller, but less angulated than 1. Good head & eye. Long bony forelegs. Fair topline a bit flat in croup. Favouring a back leg.

3 Carney & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA UISCE BEATHA**. Approaching 10th birthday, & going well. Lovely shape.

Best of Breed

(Winners Bitch/Best of Winners) Dormady, Fernhout & Benjamin's **SKIBBERDEEN'S VIXEN**

Winners Dog

Carswell & Newgard's **CARNASSERIE COAL**

Best of Opposite

Roland & McDonald's **GCH CH R NOBLE MCEWAN OF EAGLE**. Well made 4 year old built on pleasing long lines. Good head on muscular neck. Very nicely angulated front showing forechest. Nice sweep to topline. Long croup & correct tail set. Really strode out on the move with great extension, & holding his shape well.

Select Dog

Flanagan's **GCH CARRICKANEENA AN FIRIC ARIS**

Select Bitch

Marx & Benjamin's **CH GORDON OF AERIE**

Awards of Merit

Flanagan's **GCH CARRICKANEENA AN FIRIC ARIS**

Marx & Benjamin's **CH GORDON OF AERIE**

Smalley & McLean's **CH PRAIRIE CREEK RINCE FLEA**

Best Veteran in Veteran Classes#

McDonald & Roland's **CH DUN MYRICA SPEAKER OF EAGLE**

Best Puppy in Puppy Classes

Marx, Benjamin & Myer's **KELLYKERRY KEYNOTE OF AERIE**

Best Bred By Exhibitor

Carswell & Newgard's **CARNASSERIE COAL**

Stud Dog (2, 1)

1 Gagné's **GCH STARKEEPER MCENROE OF LIMERICK**. A free moving group. Well proportioned with nice length of leg & complimentary length of back. Plenty of bone.

Very sound.

Brood Bitch (7,4)

- 1 Prokopenko & Gagné's **CH GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER U R ZADA**
- 2 Smalley & McLean's **CH PRAIRIES CREEK RINCE FLEA**
- 3 Carney & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA UISCE BEATHA**

Brace (6, 2)

- 1 Gagné & Prokopenko's **GLENAMADDA STARKEEPER CLODAGH**

Team (1)

STARKEEPER & GLENAMADDA

Generations (1)

Carney & Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA UISCE BEATHA**

Best Head (6,1)

Flanagan's **GCH CARRICKANEENA AN FIRIC ARIS**

Best Hound With Irish Spotting (12, 9)

Flanagan's **CARRICKANEENA ANLON DUBH**