

IWAGS 29/10/2017

Judge Ian Sexton

I would like to thank the committee of the Irish Wolfhound Association Of The Garden State, for inviting me to judge at their show in 2017 at The Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing, Matamoras, PA. It was an experience for me from start to finish as it was my first time in the USA and I enjoyed myself very much.

I would especially like to thank Eileen Flanagan, Maureen English, Sam Collier and of course Marc and Linda my excellent Stewards that kept me on the right track and of course all of the exhibitors for entering their dogs. In general there was lots of quality hounds and I was happy with all my major winners, I have now judged the breed in four different countries, including the UK and I think the problems that the breed suffers from are not confined to any one country and are the same throughout.

It is the responsibility of breeders to try and breed the best quality hounds that they can and for judges to recognise the best quality hounds and award them the top honours and between us maybe over time we will make the improvements that the breed needs.

6-9 months males

1st. Lauren Swick & Brett-Ashley Swick's-Barrassy Stormborn Twister.

A 7 month old grey brindle, well grown and substantial throughout, strong head, dark eyes, strong muzzle, strong neck, well laid shoulders and a deep chest, well sprung rib cage carried well back and the correct length of loin. Correct top line with a gentle rise over his loins and he moved true coming and going away, he needs to tighten in front but this should come with strength and maturity, a very promising young dog.

9-12 month males

1st. Thomas & Nancy Smith & Eileen M Flanagan's-Carrickaneena Rooney.

Substantial and well grown throughout, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes, strong neck, well laid shoulders, deep chest, well sprung rib cage, ribs carried well back with a strong loin. Strong rear quarters and low set hocks. He moved soundly coming and going but was a little shy on the day but should improve with age and confidence.

12-15 males

1st. Anne Linden & Raven-Wolf Axelrad's-Mythic's Mac Tire Axe.

12 months old, masculine throughout strong head and muzzle, dark eyes, well boned legs, good coat texture, deep chest, well ribbed back with the correct length of loin. I would have preferred more return of upper arm and better ear carriage but moved soundly with drive but he lacked reach in front when moving around the ring.

2nd. Catherine Kowalski & Eileen M & Eileen B Flanagan's Carrickaneena Ogilvy Mochroi.

Not the substance of the first placed dog, looking very raw and tall at the moment, good head and muzzle, dark eyes, correct ear set, strong neck and a deep chest. Well sprung rib cage, ribs carried well back and a strong loin. Again I would have preferred more return of upper arm and more bend to his stifles, his movement was true but he lacked the reach and drive that comes with the correct angulation in both front and rear quarters, hopefully he will improve with age and maturity.

3rd. Eileen M & Eileen B Flanagan's Carrickaneena Dearthair.

13 months old and he was a little shy today and I would have preferred more substance throughout. Although only young he lacks depth of chest, his rib cage is well-ribbed back and he has the correct length of loin. Forequarters lack angulation and this affected his reach in front when moving around the ring.

Novice Dog

1st. Theresa Duff's- Can. CH Baileysong Turkish De Lite.

A 3 year old male, showing good type being balanced and in proportion throughout, he was well presented and had the correct harsh coat texture. Head of the correct proportions, dark eyes and ears well set and carried correctly, he has a deep chest and the correct spring of rib, ribcage carried well back and the correct length of loin. His movement was sound and true and showed reach and drive in profile.

2nd. Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis-Starkeeper Haydn Highest Honor.

A 2 ½ year old grey brindle, well grown and substantial throughout, masculine head, dark eyes and correct ears. Strong muzzle of the correct length, deep brisket and well sprung rib cage, topline correct and a strong loin. Well angulated front and rear quarters, although sound and true, his movement was a little unsettled on the day.

3rd. Leanne Patterson & Emma Ross's-Cnoccarne Olog Carrowmoragh.

I would prefer more substance throughout, front and rear quarters nicely angulated, head of the correct proportions, dark eye and the correct ear carriage. Deep chest and a well-sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back and a strong loin. He moved soundly with reach and drive.

Bred by Exhibitor

1st. Lynn M. Simon MD-Rockhart Raphael.

A 20 month old of good size and substance, carrying a little too much weight today and looking square in outline. Head of the correct proportions dark eyes and a strong muzzle. Long strong neck and well-laid shoulders, deep chest and well sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back with a strong loin, I would have preferred tighter feet. He moved steadily being true coming and going and strode out in profile.

2nd. Andrea & Micheal Dormady's-O'Lugh's Single Malt Scotch.

A 3-year-old grey brindle, well balanced throughout and in proportion, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes and correct ears set. Strong muzzle and a strong neck, well laid shoulders and a deep chest, ribcage well sprung and carried well back. Nicely angulated front and rear quarters, he moved soundly but looked a little weak in his front pasterns today.

American Bred Dogs

1st. John E Fitzgerald's-Tartan Terror of Fitzwick.

A 3-year-old dog showing balance throughout and in proportion, good substance and a masculine head, dark eyes and a strong muzzle. Deep chest, correct spring of rib and ribs carried well back. Loin of the correct length topline good with a gentle rise over the loin, nicely angulated front and rear quarters, correct coat texture. He moved soundly with reach and drive in profile.

2nd. Jeanne Patterson & Tina Berry & Mark Berry's-Berrybriar Caraglen Ieise AR Carrowmoragh.

A 4 year old dog, looked longer cast than the first placed dog and I would have preferred more spring of rib. Masculine head, strong muzzle, dark eyes and well set ears. Deep chest and ribs carried well back and the correct length of loin. Correct coat texture, he moved true with reach and drive.

Open Dogs

1st. Jerilyn L. Glynn & Patty Newgard's-Carnasserie Noah.

A 2 ½ year old male showing size and substance throughout, outline balanced and in proportion, masculine head, strong muzzle, dark eyes and correct ear set. Strong neck leading into well laid shoulders and a deep chest, with the correct spring of rib and ribs carried well back, correct underline and length of loin. Topline correct with a gentle rise over his loin and strong well muscled rear quarters, correct coat texture and he moved very soundly being true

coming and going and showing reach and drive when moving around the ring.

I was very pleased to award him this class, winner's dog and Best of Breed.

2nd. Beth & Fred Petrecca & Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan's-Carrickaneena Lough Ree.

A 4 year old dog also well grown and substantial, masculine head and a strong muzzle, dark eyes, ears carried a little flat. Looked shorter in neck than the first placed dog, nicely angulated front and rear quarters, deep chest and ribs carried well back, strong loin. Correct coat texture and his movement was sound and true showing reach in profile.

3rd. Judith Callender & Jocelyne Gagne's-Starkeeper Calorien Ambr Declan.

A 2-year-old male, carrying a little too much weight today, and I would have preferred a better ear carriage. Head of the correct proportions and a strong muzzle, dark eyes, deep chest and a well sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back and a strong loin. Nicely angulated front and rear quarters, he moved steadily around the ring being true coming and going.

4th. Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin & Glenn Myer's-Kellykerry Barbancourt Of Aerie.

A 2-year-old dog lacking size and substance throughout, not showing the required rise over the loin but a balanced outline, masculine head and a dark eye. Well laid shoulders and a deep chest, good spring of rib and ribs carried well back, he moved soundly and steadily around the ring.

Puppy. 6-9 months Bitches

1st. Lauren Swick & Brett-Ashley Swick's-Olivia Newton John Roan Inish.

A very feminine but well boned and substantial bitch, balanced and in proportion, head of the correct proportions and a strong muzzle, dark eyes and ears carried correctly. Long strong neck well laid back shoulders, deep chest and a well-sprung ribcage that is carried well back and a strong loin of the correct length. Topline correct with a gentle rise over her loin, strong well

angulated rear quarters, correct tail set and her movement was sound and true coming and going and she showed reach and drive in profile, a very promising young bitch and I was pleased to award her **Best Puppy**.

Puppy. 9-12 months Bitches

1st. John L. & Laura M. Egan's-Carrickaneena Roisin Of CU Adohagain.

A 9-month-old bitch, substantial but still feminine throughout, strong head proportions, dark eyes, correct ear set, strong muzzle. Long strong neck and well laid shoulders, deep chest and ribs carried well back, correct length of loin. Nicely angulated rear quarters, low set hocks and good coat texture. Her movement was sound and true and she showed reach and drive in profile.

2nd. Robert Ireland & Eileen M. Flanagan's- Carrickaneena Patience.

The litter sister to the first placed bitch and quite similar but I preferred the movement of her sister today. Strong head proportions, dark eyes and a gentle expression, well laid shoulders and a deep chest with a well-sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back. Topline correct and the correct length of loin, nicely angulated rear quarters, low set hocks and she moved steadily around the ring but would benefit from being moved at a faster pace.

12-15 months Bitches

1st. Anne Linden & Raven-Wolf Axelrad's-Mythics Apple.

A 13 month old black bitch, typical breed outline being balanced and in proportion, substantial throughout but very feminine. Correct head proportions, dark eyes and correct ear carriage. Long strong neck, well laid shoulders and a deep chest, ribs well sprung and carried well back and the correct length of loin. Strong rear quarters and low set hocks, correct coat texture, she moved very soundly with reach and drive in profile.

2nd. P. Scelso & J. M. Meyer's-Howling Hall Witness For the Prosecution.

A 13 month old showing a typical outline, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes, ears well carried, strong neck, well laid shoulders, topline correct

with a gentle rise over her loin. Deep brisket and well sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back and a strong loin. Nicely angulated rear quarters, she was sound and true in her movement showing reach in profile.

3rd. William M. & Catherine C. Haskins & Eileen B. Flanagan's-Carrickaneena Nollaig.

A 13 month old bitch, feminine head of the correct proportions, dark eyes and a strong muzzle, long neck, well laid shoulders and the correct topline, I would have preferred more depth of chest, ribcage carried well back and a strong loin. Nicely angulated rear quarters, her movement was sound and true.

4th. Julie L. Engstrom & Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan's-Carrickaneena Bronntanas.

A 13 month old black, with a broad skull but I would have preferred a longer and stronger muzzle, dark eyes. Substantial throughout with a deep chest and ribs carried well back, strong loin and the correct topline. She moved soundly coming and going and showed reach in profile when moving around the ring.

Novice Bitches

1st. Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis-Starkeeper Granuaile's Galleon.

At almost 2 years old a well grown bitch, substantial throughout but still feminine, head of the correct proportions, ears well set and a dark eye, strong muzzle. Long strong neck well laid shoulders, deep chest, well sprung ribs and a strong loin. Strong rear quarters that she used well on the move showing reach and drive.

2nd. Roger & Betty Johnson & Christine Johnson's-Gladstone's Call Me Kelt.

An 18 month old bitch, she is at that tall and rangy stage at the moment, she has a well developed head, dark eyes and well set ears. Long strong neck, well laid shoulders, deep chest and the correct topline, ribs well sprung and ribcage carried well back and a strong loin. Her movement was sound coming and going with reach in profile.

3rd. Stephen & Faith Marsman & Karen Le Van's-Lismore June Cleaver.

A 2 year old substantial bitch with a strong head, dark eyes and well set ears, she is well boned and substantial throughout, good fore chest and a deep chest, well sprung ribcage and ribs carried well back. Correct topline with a gentle rise over the loin and strong rear quarters, she soundly with reach when going around.

4th. Theresa Duff. Agent: Sarah Duff's-Can. Ch. Baileysong Black Majic.

A 2 year old bitch, being on the smaller side but well put together, lovely head, dark eye and well set ears, I would prefer a stronger muzzle. Strong neck, well laid shoulders and a deep chest, well sprung rib cage and ribs carried well back, strong loin and the correct topline, she moved soundly with reach in profile.

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

1st. Jocelyne Gagne & Serena Ivanovskis-Starkeeper Nuala O' Ard RHI.

A 3 year old substantial bitch of good size, Strong head and a powerful muzzle, well carried ears and dark eyes. Strong neck, well laid shoulders and good return of upper arms. Deep chest and well-sprung ribs carried well back and a strong loin. Well angulated rear quarters and she moved soundly with reach and drive when moving around the ring.

2nd. Jacqueline K. Carswell & Patty Newgard's-Carnasserie Nikita.

A 2 ½ year old bitch, well grown and substantial throughout, Strong head, dark eyes but I would have preferred a better ear carriage. Well angulated front and rear quarters, great depth f chest and ribs well sprung. Correct topline, good coat texture, she moved with reach and drive when going around the ring.

3rd. Roger & Betty Johnson & Christine Johnson's-Gladstone's Kiss Me Kate.

An 18-month-old bitch of good size and substance, with a balanced outline, strong head planes, dark eyes and correct ear carriage. Long strong neck, correct topline with a gentle rise over her loins, very deep chest, ribs carried

well back and a strong loin, she moved well but I just preferred the movement of the second placed bitch on the day.

4th. Joe & Kathy Roland's-Dun Myrica R Noble Nuala Of Eagle.

A 2 year old bitch, well grown with a lovely head, dark eyes and well set and carried ears. Long powerful neck and a deep chest, I felt that she lacked angulation in her front and rear quarters and this affected her movement.

American Bred Bitches

1st. Doug Marx & Amy Benjamin's-Gilda Of Aerie.

A large powerful bitch that I liked a lot but she tended to drop her rear when standing making her look over angulated behind but this did not show when she was on the move where she excelled with power reach and drive in profile. Strong head and muzzle, dark eyes and well set ears, long powerful neck, well laid shoulders, deep chest, well ribbed back and a strong loin.

2nd. Dawn Wiseman & Eileen M. & Eileen B Flanagan & Jeri & Jimmy Glynn's-Karontara Binne Cara Duinn Of Carrickaneena.

A 2 year old bitch, well grown and substantial throughout, lovely head, dark eyes and the correct ear set, long powerful neck, well laid shoulders and a deep chest, ribs well sprung and carried well back with the correct length of loin. Nicely angulated front and rear quarters and she moved soundly with reach and drive.

3rd. Robert Ireland's Shancarrick's Iolanthe.

An 8 year old bitch and not the size of the other placed bitches but a lot to like about her, strong feminine head, dark eyes and well carried ears, strong neck, well laid shoulders and good return of upper arm. Deep chest and well sprung rib cage, topline a little weak today and well angulated rear quarters, her movement was a little restricted today.

Open Bitches

1st. Sam Houston McDonald & Joe & Kathy Roland's-Dun Myrica Nova Of Eagle.

Almost 5 years old a bitch that has size and substance throughout, head of the correct proportions, strong muzzle, dark eyes and a correct ear carriage. Long strong neck, leading into well laid shoulder blades, a deep chest and a well sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back, strong loin of the correct length. Topline could be firmer, well angulated rear quarters, good feet and coat texture, she moved purposefully with reach and drive in profile. **Pleased to award her, Winners Bitch and best opposite Sex in Show. Interesting that she has the same sire as my winners dog and Best in Show!**

2nd. Andrea & Michael Dormady & Amy Benjamin's-O'Lugh Giddy Up Of Aerie.

Lighter than the first placed bitch but well put together, balanced and in proportion with a head of the correct proportions, dark eyes and ears well set. Long powerful neck, well laid shoulders, deep chest and ribs carried well back, correct topline with a gentle rise over her loin. Well angulated rear quarters and low set hocks, she moved steadily around the ring showing reach and drive in profile. **Pleased to award her, Reserve Winners Bitch.**

3rd. John L. & Laura M.Egan's-CU Aodhagain Sheelagh Aoife.

A 5 year old bitch and she is longer cast than the others in the class but has obvious qualities, strong head and muzzle, dark eyes, ears could be carried better, long strong neck, well laid shoulders and a deep brisket, well sprung ribcage, she is too long in loin and lacks rear angulation but she moved soundly with reach and drive.

4th. Judith Callender & Jocelyne Gagne's Starkeeper Calorien A Diamond.

A 2 year old bitch that stands a little square in outline with a short loin, good head and muzzle, dark eyes, ears could be better. Strong neck, well laid shoulder, very deep chest and a well sprung ribcage and ribs carried well back. Nicely angulated rear quarters, low set hocks, her movement were sound and true.

Veteran Bronze. 6 Years & Under 8 Years Dogs

1st. Tamara J. Ritzenthaler & Sean Ritzenthaler's GCH. Ierne's Saltimbanco.

A 6 year old grey brindle, great size and substance, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes, and a strong muzzle, long strong neck, well laid shoulders, deep chest and ribs carried well back, strong loin and nicely angulated rear quarters. He moved soundly with reach and drive.

2nd. Thomas & Nancy Smith & John & Maureen English's-Mise Eire Callan At Kenmore.

A 6 year old, not the size of the first placed dog but substantial throughout and well boned, showing a balanced outline and in proportion. Head correct with a strong muzzle, dark eyes, strong neck leading into well laid shoulders, deep chest and a well sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back and a strong loin, nicely angulated rear quarters that he used well on the move showing reach and drive in profile.

3rd. Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan's-GCH Carrickaneena Tyrconnell, CGC.

At almost 8 years old a well grown dog of size and substance throughout, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes and a strong muzzle, long strong neck, well laid shoulders. Correct topline with a gentle rise over the loin and strong rear quarters, good coat texture and he moved soundly with reach in profile.

4th. David & Margie Milne & Donna R Smith's-CH. Taliesin's Realteolai Of Wideview, RN.

A 6 year old and he looks good standing but when moving his front is restricted, good overall type, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes and a strong muzzle. Strong neck, correct topline, nicely angulated rear quarters, good coat texture.

Veteran Bronze. 6 Years & Under 8 Years Bitches

1st. Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan's-CH Carrickaneena Greenore CGC.

A 7 year old quality bitch, showing excellent breed type, balanced and in proportion, feminine but strong head of the correct proportions, ears well carried, dark eyes and a strong muzzle. Long strong neck well set on and leading into well laid shoulders and the correct topline with a gentle rise over the loins. Deep chest, well sprung ribcage and ribs carried well back with a strong loin, good coat texture. Strong and powerful rear quarters and low set hocks, her movement was sound and true showing reach and drive in profile when moving around the ring. **I was pleased to award her select bitch and Best Veteran.**

2nd. Jocelyne Gagne's-Can. AM. CH. Glenamadda Starkeeper Clodagh.

A 7 year old bitch, not quite the size and substance of the first placed bitch a little leaner throughout, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes and a strong muzzle, strong neck, well laid shoulders and a deep brisket, well sprung ribcage and ribs carried well back and a strong loin. She has the correct coat texture and moved soundly coming and going with reach and drive in profile.

3rd. Jimmy & Jerilyn Glynn & John & Maureen English's-Bella Rosa Caoimhe Of Mise Eire.

At 6 years old another smaller bitch but showing good type being balanced and in proportion, a feminine but strong head, dark eyes and a strong muzzle, good ear set and a strong neck, nicely angulated front and rear quarters and she moved steadily around the ring.

4th. John & Maureen English's-Calcara Damhsoir.

A 6 year old bitch and I would have preferred more overall size and substance but showing good breed type, head of the correct proportions, dark eyes, correct ear set and a strong muzzle. Long strong neck, shoulders well laid back, deep chest and ribs carried well back making for the correct length of loin. She has the correct coat texture and she moved steadily around the ring.

Veteran Gold. 9 Years & Over Bitches.

1st. Carolyn J. Purvis & Eileen M. & Eileen B. Flanagan's-DC Carrickaneena Winds Of Morning, SC.

At 9 ½ years old she is in good condition, a well grown bitch showing good breed type, a lovely head and expression, deep chest, well sprung ribcage and a strong loin, good coat texture and her movement was a little erratic but good to see her still competing.

Awards Of Merit

122, GCH. Belle Amie Of Tir Na N'og.

A grey brindle bitch, showing excellent type, feminine but substantial throughout, very houndy. Her head is of the correct proportions with a strong muzzle, dark eyes, good pigment and a soft and typical expression. She has a long strong neck, well laid shoulders and a deep chest with the correct spring of rib, ribcage carried well back giving the correct length of loin. Back and topline correct with a gentle rise over her loin. Her rear quarters have the correct amount of angulation with low set hocks, her movement was sound and true showing reach and drive in profile when going around the ring.

63, CH. Sovngarde Dire Wolf.

A 2 year old well grown male, with masculine head proportions, strong muzzle, dark eyes and a long strong neck, well laid shoulders and the correct back and topline with a gentle rise over his loin. Deep chest and well sprung ribcage, ribs carried well back and a strong loin, nicely angulated front and rear quarters, good coat texture and he moved soundly with reach and drive.

69, CH. Gladstone's Thunder Road.

A 4 ½ year old male, masculine and well boned throughout, strong head and muzzle, dark eyes and a long powerful neck. Well angulated front and rear quarters, deep chest and a well sprung long ribcage, correct topline, good coat texture, he moved soundly coming and going and showed reach and drive in profile movement.

Non Regular Classes

Stud Dog

1st. GCH. Hound Hill Vanderbilt Of Aerie.

Brood Bitch

1st. GCH. Gladstones Irish Mist SC.

Best Gait

1st. Carrickaneena Dearthair.

Best Head

1st. GCH. CH. Carrickaneena Anna Liffey.

Best Brace

1st. GCH. CH. Carrickaneena Anna Liffey.
CH. Carrickaneena Greenore CGC.

Best Team

1st. Starkeeper Haydn Highest Honor.
Starkeeper Granuailes Galleon.
Starkeeper Nuala O' Ard RHI.
Can. AM. CH. Glenamadda Starkeeper Clodagh.

Judge-Ian Sexton