

**Irish Wolfhound Association
of the Garden State
The Veteran Speciality
Judges Critique
Sunday 28th October 2018
Judge Helen Sheppard**

Firstly may I thank the committee for inviting me to judge "The Veteran Speciality." It was an experience I will never forget. It was a joy from start to finish your generosity and hospitality will not be forgotten. Thank you to my Stewards Marc Campbell and Linda Deutsch for their help keeping everything running smoothly and me on track. It was a very cold day but that did not detract from the enjoyment at all. Lastly a huge thank you to all the exhibitors for their good sportsmanship and making my day so special. Keep up the good work you have some fabulous Irish Wolfhounds.

Veteran Bronze 6 Years and under 8 Years Dogs

1st Mise Eire Callan at Kenmore

Seven year old, tall well-proportioned male, handsome masculine head, with dark eyes, correct top line, and good tail set. Excellent depth of chest and good hind quarters. Moved well.

Veteran Silver 8 Years and under 9 Years Dogs

Absent

Veteran Bronze 6 Years and under 8 Years Bitches

1st Ch. Nutstown Aisling of Carrickaneena

A beautiful feminine six year old, she took my eye with her curvy outline and ring presence, correct head and gentle expression with neat rose ears. Looked fit for purpose powerfully built neck and shoulders, excellent depth of chest, good top line and tuck up. Well angulated hind quarters. Easy sound movement .

2nd GCHS. Wildside Brie Andromeda

Another beautiful lady, well boned with long neck set into well laid shoulders, good width and depth of chest, not quite the tuck up of first but well angulated hind quarters and well let down hocks a sound mover.

3rd Ch. Dun Myrica Nova of Eagle

Attractive grey bitch feminine head and gentle expression, good length of neck, well-proportioned not quite such a good topline but good depth of chest and well angulated rear quarters.

4th Ch. Aodhagain Sheelagh Aoife

Another attractive six year old, feminine head and well arched neck, good front assembly, held her topline but I would have preferred more depth of chest and spring of rib.

Veteran Silver 8 Years & under 9 Years Bitches

1st Ch. Carrickaneena Greenore, CGC.

Beautiful eight year old grey brindle well proportioned, lovely head and expression, neat ears, strong neck leading into well placed shoulders, good depth of chest and spring of rib, nicely angulated rear quarters. Moved with purpose and drive.

2nd CAN. AM. CH. Glenamadda Starkeeper Clodagh

Another lovely eight year old bitch heavier built than one, and not quite the topline, well placed shoulders with good forechest and depth of chest, well angulated rear quarters, not quite as keen on the move as one.

Veteran Gold 9 Years and Over Bitches

1st Ch. Beannaithe Evening Song NI LL IERNE

Nine years old and a beautiful lady lovely head and a gentle expression. Strong neck with well-placed shoulders sufficiently angulated front and rear and a good deep of chest. Moved well around the ring and looked as if she was enjoying her day.

Beautiful to see so many veterans, they are a credit to you all and I would have taken any one of them home with me!

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes (144) CH. Carrickaneena Greenore CGC

Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes (67) Mise Eire Callan at Kenmore

Sweepstakes

Puppy. 6 – 9 Months Dog

1st Lismore Max Bialystock

Beautiful seven month old male puppy well proportioned, with good bone, correct neat ears, long strong neck, well placed shoulders with good return of upper arm, deep chest and length of ribcage. Correct topline. Really liked this boy, one to watch.

2nd Lismore Broadway Smash at O'Lugh

Brother to first, well boned puppy, pleasing head and good length of neck but at the moment he is growing in height alone. He has a good framework to fill but will take time for him to settle into it. I believe the finished dog will be worth the wait and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for him.

Puppy. 9 – 12 Months Dog

1st Shanachie's Hunter Bad Moon Rising over Vermont

A quality eleven month old puppy who is at the stage where he is growing all height, lovely head and long strong neck, deep chested and good tuck up, his top line was a little straight and dropped away over the croup. He will take time to mature and settle into that large frame.

Puppy. 12 – 15 months Dog

1st C'Lute Eagle of Elkhorn

Beautiful well boned thirteen month old with good head and neat rose ears, long strong neck into well laid shoulders and good return of upper arm, nice depth and breadth throughout, good tuck up with well angulated hind quarters and well let down hocks. Promising young dog. Moved soundly.

2nd Lismore Cosmo Topper

Another quality thirteen month old puppy, well boned with lovely head and expression, well-proportioned with long neck, and correct top line leading to well angulated rear quarters. Moved well, just needs time to fill that frame, one to watch. Another steady mover.

3rd Legacy's Starkeeper Silverado Spirit

A well boned attractive 15 month old puppy, good depth of chest, going through a growth phase at the moment which resulted in being a little high over the loin, good tail set and good width of stifle. Just needs time to settle into his frame.

4th Lismore Brigadoon

Tall 14 month old puppy, with excellent head and correct ear carriage, lovely dark pigmentation, good length of neck and depth of chest, slightly high over the loin at the moment, another one needing time to settle into his frame.

Puppy. 15 – 18 months Dog

1st Ard Rhi's Summer Solstice

Handsome sixteen month old male, tall well boned, light brindle with good pigmentation. Well-proportioned head and neat ears, excellent length of neck leading to well placed shoulders and a good width of forechest, elbows well tucked under, good depth of chest and tuck up, sound mover, shows great promise for the future. **Best in Sweepstakes**

2nd Shancarrick's Debonair Darragh

Very tall seventeen month old puppy, well-proportioned head, long strong neck a little straight in shoulder and upper arm, but nice depth of chest good top line and tail set. Needs time to settle into his large frame.

Puppy. 6 – 9 months Bitch

1st Lismore Dulcinea Del Toboso

Beautiful tall well boned seven month old puppy bitch, correct ear carriage, good length of neck with excellent top line and tail set, well sprung ribcage and a good tuck up, good arch over the loin and width of stifle. A promising bitch, who I am sure will fulfil that promise on maturity. A sound mover.

2nd Sionna From Starstone

Lovely eight month old cream bitch with good pigmentation, well boned with beautiful head and correct ear carriage, well balanced for age, good length and depth of ribcage, good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Still a baby who will take time to mature but a promising puppy.

3rd Lismore Ard Rhi's Little Night Music

Sister to one, easy to see they are from the same litter, just growing height at the moment and a little narrow throughout, lovely length of neck and a good depth of chest, just drops away a little over the croup. Needs plenty of time to fill her frame.

Puppy. 9 – 12 months Bitch

1st Starkeeper Aoibheann Ailis

A beautiful eleven month old puppy feminine head with neat ears and a lovely long neck, well balanced, with correct topline and good tail set, good depth of chest, tuck up and turn of stifle. Just needs to fill that frame. Moved with drive.

Puppy. 12 – 15 months Bitch

1st Elkhorn's Caoimhe of Eagle

Beautiful well boned thirteen month old, lovely head and neat ears, dark pigmentation. Long neck into well laid shoulders, good width of forechest and depth of rib cage, correct arch over the loin and nicely angulated rear quarters. Moved with ease and drive.

2nd Carrickaneena Cumann Na Mban

Another beautiful thirteen month old, well balanced with good bone, with a lovely feminine head, and good length of neck not quite the top line of first, but with excellent rear angulation and well let down hocks, and nice round feet. Moved well.

3rd Lismore Marion Kerby

Thirteen month old tall well boned puppy, not a lot to choose between just a little straight in upper arm at the moment, a very attractive feminine youngster good depth of chest and well tucked up. Just preferred, the overall balance of second.

4th C'Loan Eagle of Elkhorn

Although the same age as the previous three she looked very much the baby, lovely in profile, and a very feminine bitch well boned with a good framework to build on. I am sure she will be one to watch in the future.

Puppy. 15 – 18 months Bitches

1st Shancarrick's Lady Liffey

Beautiful sixteen month old super head, dark eye, well balanced throughout, good width across forechest and lovely depth, excellent spring of rib, correct top line and tuck up, well angulated hind quarters sound mover, a quality hound. Moved very well.

2nd Shancarrick's Darling Dubheasa

Another beautiful sixteen month old feminine head, long strong neck well boned with excellent depth of chest, well sprung ribcage, correct top line and good tuck up, well angulated hind quarters completed the profile. Moved soundly.

3rd Dash Shancarricks at Aerie

A sixteen month old from the same litter as the two above, a lot to like, well-proportioned with correct top line good depth of chest and width of stifle, showing promise but will take time to mature, and fill her frame. Sound mover.

4th Ard Rhi's Summer Skipper

A sixteen month old with lovely dark eyes and gentle expression, ears sitting a little flat at the moment, lovely depth of chest and spring of rib with powerful rear quarters, would just like a little more length to height to complete the picture.

Best in Sweepstakes 29 Ard Rhi's Summer Solstice

Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes 56 Shancarrick's Lady Liffey