

# **IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF THE GARDEN STATE**

## **THE VETERAN SPECIALTY 2024**

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### **Puppy, 6-9 Months Dogs (1, 0 absent)**

1. Schneidman & Carswell's CARNASSERIE GUNSMOKE OF LINDENHALL. Reserve Winners Dog.

My day started on a very encouraging note seeing this lovely puppy entering the ring. Just 9 months nicely balanced dark puppy with good size & substance for his age & a good harsh coat. Pleasing head/expression if slightly deep in stop, eyes slightly too round, good strong muzzle & perfect mouth & lovely rose ears. Nicely made front if a bit short in upper arm, not helped by carrying a nice big bursa, good bone feet & pasterns. Possibly he needs slightly more arch to the loin & can look a little soft in topline on the move but he does have a lot of growing to do. Nicely angulated let down HQs but would prefer a better angle to the hock, very nice croup finished off by a lovely long tail. Moves out very well with easy strides. Well handled & presented.

### **Puppy, 9-12 Months Dogs (2,1)**

1. Coffel's VARDON FAOLADH DU GRAND CHIEN DE CULANN

Rangey wheaten/brindle dog just over 9 months old. Very nice coat quality. Balanced head with a nice dark eye. He has good bone & feet & nice ratio of leg length to body length, but short in neck & upper arm. Standing he is rather bum high & his rear needs to let down. He is rather steep in croup & needs a better angle at the hock. He is a boy who will take time to mature. Handled well.

### **12-15 Months Dogs (5,0)**

1. Eberl & Dormady's O'LUGH'S GIN AND TONIC AT MASSAPEAG

Big rangey dog who still has a lot of maturing to do. Viewed overall he has pleasing balanced outline, moves out very well holding his shape viewed from all angles. Strong bone, good feet. Nice head with good ears but a rather light hazel coloured eye. He is rather narrow in front & is short in upper arm & would like a better bend of pastern, his neck fits well into his body with good depth. His ribbing is carried well back. He has a broad croup & nice angle at the hock. Would prefer a firmer topline. Finished off with a lovely long tail.

2. Schaeffer's HOPS-N-HOUNDS HELLO SWEETIE! BELL

This medium sized dog has a gorgeous red wheaten coat. Really lovely overall body shape. Pleasing head if a fraction deep in stop & low set ears. Nicely laid shoulders, slightly straight in pastern & needs to tighten in front movement. Nice depth of body with good depth & ribbing carried well back. Broad croup & nicely let down rear but overall shape spoiled by a very tightly curled tail.

3. Walker's PADRAIGS CU MEAGHER.

Rather plain big rangy light-wheaten dog, who requires more angulation throughout. Typical head with nice eyes & ears. Rather short neck, good body, ribbing carried nicely back. Rather flat & long feet. Movement hard to assess as he was enjoying himself a little too much.

4. Flynn & Shriver's SHANCARRICK'S KAVANAGH OF EIRIAN. Very nice type but not happy in the ring today. Pleasing head with good eye & ears. Rather narrow front & his front feet are too flat. Apart from this he is nicely made with good balance throughout. A very nice dark grey with harsh coat. Moved out nicely but not relaxed.

#### **15-18 Months Dogs (2.0)**

1. King & Brown's O'LUGH GIMLET OF ARD RHI. Winners Dog.

Big rangy impressive wheaten dog with a lot to like about him. He has very good bone & ring presence. Pleasing head, pincer bite, nice ears & eye. Very well filled & fitting front & good shoulder placement. Very balanced outline with good height to length ratio. Good body with a nice rise over the loin & ribbing carried well back. Strong, broad, angulated, functional HQs. Slightly narrow between hip bones, long croup. Moves out very well covering the ground with easy long strides.

2. Brent Chambers & LeVan's LISMORE RICHARD PARKER.

16 months old grey brindle dog. Still has a lot of maturing & building up to do. Head plain with a round eye. Front assembly rather straight & narrow. Standing he looks quite nice but on the move loses his balance showing an over long angulated rear. Not an easy boy to handle.

#### **Novice Dogs (1)**

1. Atkinson & Smith's TALIESIN'S BEUL-AITHRIS OF SCEOLAN FITB.

Nothing exaggerated about this nicely constructed 2.5-year-old dog of excellent type & compact build. Pleasing head & eye. Nicely set shoulders, but a fraction short in upper arm, going into a nicely balance body. Good feet & bone. Nice firm topline but short croup & his tail flied up on the move. Apart from this, his movement is nice & easy covering the ground well.

#### **Bred by Exhibior Dogs (2,0)**

- 1 LeVan's LISMORE NIGHTWINGS 228 CAMARO

Big, substantial, approaching 2-year-old dog. Nice overall balanced proportions throughout. But his head is not correct – it is rather narrow in back skull & foreface with eyes too far apart & a reverse scissor bite. He has a well angulated front. Maybe a touch more upper arm is needed, good dept of body with ribbing carried well back, nice easy rise over the loin. He has nice HQs, needs slightly more width over the croup & a better let down 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh. His feet could be tidier. Excellent side view movement using his balanced angulation & keeping a good shape. Coming & going pleasing too.

- 2 Kowalski's PENCHATTAN KE KIAI PO NUI O KA LANI

Lightly built, grey dog, 2 years 7 mths old, level bite, glorious head with soft expression, good eye & pigmentation, ears a bit flat. His shoulders are well laid, but he is too narrow throughout. Nice depth of chest, a bit short in upper arm & ribbing. His HQs are just too

long & high in hock & they don't function with the correct drive & propulsion on the move. He really needs to muscle up & build up strength in rear.

### **American Bred Dogs (2,0)**

1. Carswell & Mayo's SHANACHIE'S HUNTER BAD MOON RISING OVER VERMONT.

Really nice 6-year-old dog, with lots of character. Beautiful well-proportioned head, melting expression, correct dark eye & ears. His teeth are a bit worn. He can look short on the leg but it's partly due to carry too much weight making his chest look very deep. Ribbing carried well back. He has good bone front feet slightly flat. Nice topline which he holds very well standing & moving. He has a good broad croup & adequate rear angulation. Excellent coat texture & presentation & sound as a bell moving around the big ring.

2 Smith & Flanagan's CARRICKANEENA FERGUS MAC ROICH.

Here we have a boy who was out to enjoy himself rather than show off his attributes today. Very outgoing temperament & most certainly needing some grooming. He is built on rather straight lines overall. Movement hard to access as he was playing up on his handler. I hope he enjoyed his day out at IWAGS.

### **Open Dogs (7,2)**

This was by far the hardest & most disappointing class of my day to judge. Five dogs present, all with their own attributes & faults judging to our breed standard - which I do try to adhere to.. And I am sure any one of them could change places at other shows under other judges anytime.

1. Prokopenko & Shorey's KALDAUN'S SAMHAIN OF GLENADDA.

A well-constructed dog, nicely angulated front & rear. Everything flows into place with symmetry. He has nice type with a pleasing balanced head with dark eyes & good expression, his teeth are slightly worn. He has a lovely harsh dark brindle jacket. He holds his shape moving & has nice easy & active side view movement. But he is inclined to toe in both standing & in forward moving & he is rather short on leg for a sighthound.

2. Benjamin & Monberg's DREAMCATCHER'S WOLFHOUSE BLUE NOTE AT AERIE.

Nearly 5 years old, has a nicely fitting front, light eye, rather narrow throughout, tight lower jaw & his lower canine teeth do press into his upper gum. Head clipped, nice croup, good width across HQs. Standing he can look shapely but his movement is quite uncoordinated, so losing shape on the move.

3. McCabe's CARRICKANEENA BRENNAN ON THE MOOR.

Young boy, very nice temperament with very relaxed attitude to the show ring, he has very nice eyes & a well-fitting front into body. But otherwise, he is rather plain throughout & needs more rear angulation & a little more length in body. Certainly, enjoying his day.

4. Gagne & Ivanovskis' RED KING DEI MANGIALUPI.

Coming 4 years old, rangey, big, dark boy of pleasing type, very nice coat & presentation. He has a very straight upper arm, short in ribbing & rather flat feet. Unfortunately, moving he just loses his shape.

**Winners Dog:** King & Brown's O'LUGH GIMLET OF ARD RHI

**Reserve Winners Dog:** Schneidman & Carswell's CARNASSERIE GUNSMOKE OF LINDENHALL

**Puppy 6-9 Months Bitches (3,1 absent)**

I was so happy to meet these 2 very nice puppies. Both I like a lot.

1. Wiseman & McCarthy's MACCAURA'S RHIA AT TEMAIR.  
Really gorgeous 6 months old dark brindle girl. She has a lovely head, cheeky eyes & rose ears. Her coat is completely stripped out just showing to advantage her lovely balanced shape correct top & bottom lines. Her front assembly is one of the best I felt all day she has good bone & feet. Moving she is sound with ground covering action if at times with a quick hop step & jump to show she was having fun.
2. Glynn & Newgard's CARNASSERIE RAGS TO RICHES AT ABALLAROSA.  
Another lovely girl just 10 months old. A little over-awed with the show at first but soon settled down. A bit straight in return of upper arm, nice shapely body & height to length ratio. Shapely rear but needs to drop a bit. Shows herself nicely on the move.

**Puppy 9-12 Months Bitches (6,1)** Quality young bitches in this class. Wilful temperaments but they have all good show futures ahead of them.

1. Marx & Benjamin's J.P. WENDLE BOOOTLEG OF AERIE. BEST PUPPY,  
Golden girl, beautiful type & construction, exceptionally well made throughout. Pleasing head & expression. Good forehand going into a very good body, broad wide croup with pin bones. Good feet & bone. So much to admire in her & she didn't let herself down moving. A little stubborn but very sound & covers the ground with easy & active strides. No hesitation later making her Best Puppy in show,
2. O'Malley's WOLFHOLM CONNEMARA ZARA AT HEARTHOUND.  
Dark grey brindle girl, 7 months old, sweet head & expression & very liberal with kisses. Fabulous temperament. Well-constructed & balanced throughout, good forehand strong neck fitting into nicely made body, ribbing carried well back. Strong broad croup, well let down HQs, good feet & bone. Easy & active movement viewed from all angles.
3. Marx & Benjamin's ELITE OF AERIE.  
Classy, tall, elegant dark brindle nearly a year old girl. Nice head, eye & ears. Her front is narrow & needs more angulation in upper arm & has a lot of settling down to do. Really admire her height to body length ratio. Very nice sloping broad croup going into a long tail. Unfortunately, she was a bit anxious both standing & moving as her kennel mate was also in the class.

4. Garrison & Schaeffer's HOPS-N-HOUNDS FAILINIS' STILL NO APOLOGYS SCATHACH.  
Sweet 9 months old girl obviously excited to be at IWAGS. So needs to settle into getting out & about in the big show world. She has a cute naughty expression good head & balanced body throughout. She has a nice quality coat, but it requires some grooming - but overall, she has lots of promise.

**12-15 Months Bitches** (8,2) Lovely class. Later I found out in my placings that I had 2 sets of sisters. A credit to their breeders.

1. Sula's O'LUGH'S BLACKWATER JUNIPER.

Absolutely stunning 13 months old red-wheaten bitch. Slightly better front extension & angulation than her sister. Pleasing head with good bite & dark eyes correct ears. Ribbing carried nicely back going into a strong loin with a correct rise & wide pelvis, muscular broad HQs & well angulated let down hocks. Really moves out well with drive coming going & good side extension. Long thick well-set tail.

2. Newkirk & Dormady's O'LUGH'S BLACKWATER SAPPIRE.

Slightly lighter colour than her sister super folding dark ears nice head with correct eye good feet & bone lovely dept of body correct height to length ratio good bone & feet slightly soft in topline quality throughout & completed with easy & active striding out movement.

3. Gagne & Ivanovski's STARKEEPER HUNTERSRUN JEWELLED JOLENE.

Nice type 14 months old excellent harsh coat lovely head with pleasing eyes & ears nice shoulder placement but need a touch more upper arm. Neck goes nicely into a strong body topline needs to firm up a bit. Broad strong HQs. She move out well but just needs to settle down.

4. Roland's STARKEEPER HUNTERSRUN JUNIPER AT R NOBLE.

Taller rangy girl with a white foot. Narrow under jaw, plain head, good bone & strong, long legs. Lacks some angulation throughout & she needs to settle moving.

#### **15-18 Months Bitches** (1)

1. Sula's O'LUGH BLACKWATER APERITIF. Winners Bitch.

Lovely big, bony, well-proportioned 19 months old wheaten bitch. Pleasing head with a dark eye & a broad lower jaw. Very good front angulation & from the top of her strong neck to croup everything flows in harmony. Supple & muscular throughout. Excellent proportions height to length. Broad croup with pin bones, nice tail set, low hocks with a good angle at the hock & good second thigh. Only reservation she can look slightly loose in pastern. Moves out covering the ground with ease & always holds her topline & shape.

**Novice Bitches** (3,1) Here we had 2 girls who just were not helping their handlers to perform as show dogs.

1. McLain, Dunn & Flanagan's CARRICKANEENA CAITE O'CALLAGHAN.

Compact sound bitch, sweet head, nice eye but slightly overshot bite. Forehand set too forward, nice body top & under lines. Needs a touch more overall angulation. She has some nice qualities but really needs to perk herself up in the ring & needs some grooming too. Unfortunately, on the move inclined to crab.

2. Marsman & LeVan's LISMORE MIMI.

Big dark bitch not enjoying herself here today either. And making moving difficult for her handler. Overall she lack some quality & type. OK head but overshoot bite. Her feet are flat. Lovely long tail. Needs some tidying up.

**Bred by Exhibitor Bitches (6,1)**

1. Marx & Benjamin's MUSE LISMORE OF AERIE.

Lovely, classy, supple, light-grey 3 year old bitch. From the tip off her nose to the end of her tail everything flows in harmony. Head plain & rather round in eye & flat ears. Nicely angulated & set front, good body & top & underline. Ribbing carried well back going into a broad croup with wide pin bones. Strong rear, well angulated & let down HQs & hocks. She is presented in hard muscular condition which showed so well in her powerful strong action around the ring. Would prefer if she was slightly more up on her feet.

2. LeVan's MYRNA LOY LISMORE OF AERIE.

Litter sister to 1, another impressive bitch very nice head & nice foreface. Loved her nose. Good dark eyes but ears held a little flat. She has a very well-fitting front & nice width throughout. I think a few pounds lighter she would look even better. Feet a bit flat. Moved out well covering the ground with easy, powerful action.

3. Roland's NEW GIRL IN TOWN AT R NOBEL

Dark, nice nearly 4-year-old bitch. Head slightly pinched. Good ears. Balanced angulation throughout. Slightly soft in topline & can look bum high. One of the few dogs today moving out on a loose lead covering the large ring in harmonious action, sympathetically handled & she did look very impressive.

4. Ballinger & Carswell's ENACEILTE STRANGE MAGIC.

Naughty girl whose mind really wasn't on showing today. Has some nice breed points. Topline a little soft & not really behaving on the move.

**American Bred Bitches (7.2)**

1. Pitt & LeVan's LISMORE NIGHTWING'S CALYDDON BARRACUDA

Impressive typey, just 2 year old bitch, shown in super harsh jacket. Very well made & balanced throughout. Ex shoulders & upper arm fitting into strong good body with dept & correct width broad croup & well angulated muscled HQs used so well on the move. Her front & side action are very free flowing with good reach & drive. But her head is far from her fortune, her mouth is slightly tight & her head is not balanced with rather round eyes too far apart...flat ears.

2. Nienstedt & Smith's TAILIESIN'S BEOAODH OF FINDAWAY.

Lovely, typical, curvy 7 year bitch. Lovely head with dark eye, well set folding ears & a good mouth. Well-made, angulated filled front going into a strong body. Ribbing carried well back lovely long sloping croup & tail. Moving she just was lacking a little power in her HQs. But nevertheless she got around the big ring in great style with very pleasing side view movement.

3. Devoe & Schaeffer's HOPS-N-HOUNDS AOIFE OF THE FORBIDDEN FOREST.

Lovely overall, typical 2year old bitch. Nicely made front, broad croup with well-spaced pin bones, nicely angulated HQs & well let down hocks. Losing a little weight would help to reveal her nice proportions even more. Moves out very well when she settled down, holding her shape with good extension.

4 Reese's DEORA'S LITTLE GODDESS RHIANN.

Really pretty, compact girl. Pleasing head, dark eye with good foreface. Moved out well on a loose lead. Needs a little grooming all over.

**Open Bitches (11,4)**

1. Gagne & Ozols' LONNKYLE CALORIEN PROPHECY AT STARKEEPER

My heart skipped a beat seeing this stunning active very shapely dark 4-year-old bitch, move around the ring. Overall, she is very well made. She has a lovely, angulated front & upper arm. Unfortunately, her feet are too flat. Strong nicely ribbed body with correct depth, broad loin & croup, powerful well angulated HQs which she uses to advantage on the move. She really covers the ground with easy strides, side view & coming. She also has a beautiful head with a good eye & ears. Presented & handled excellently.

2. Muffley's LONNKYLE PURPLE SAGE.

Litter sister to number 1 & shares her very nice type, shape & make. Lovely head with a good eye, ears & correct mouth. Nice well filled & angulated front. Good body, powerful broad croup & HQs, well let down hocks. Not quite as fluent moving as her sister. Slightly back on her feet too. But another quality girl.

3. Richard's FLEUR MAGNUS COR.

Big houndy 2 year old bitch & quite impressive standing, lovely coat. Pleasing head & expression. Her front is set a bit forward & she needs a better return of upper arm. She is also a bit long in loin. She has a good croup & tail set & let down hocks, but her rear looks a bit tagged on due to her loin. She does move out very nicely.

4. Ballinger & Carswell's ENACEILTE ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.

A 3 year old girl who makes it evident to all she is not keen on showing & kind of collapses when asked to stand. She is strongly made. Good type & overall very nice & moves out well. Her coat felt soft; I understand due to bathing.

**Winners Bitch:** Sula's O'LUGH BLACKWATER APERITIF.

**Reserve Winners Bitch:** Gagne & Ozols' LONNKYLE CALORIEN PROPHECY AT STARKEEPER

**Veteran Bronze. 6 years & Under 8 years Dogs (6,1)** Very nice quality entry of these elder Gentlemen.

1. Roland's GCH R NOBLE NASCH.

This upstanding hound really "came saw & conquered" today and won my heart. He really can be called an upstanding male, 6 years old. He is so very well balanced in body & strong long legs. He has a well angulated front with a good return of upper arm, lovely nape at the

top of his strong neck. Certainly he would have no difficulty holding down a wolf. He has a strong body, nice depth of chest, enough spring of rib, which are carried well back. Solid functional HQs, nice angle at the hock & good second thigh. He moves around the ring with powerful action, every inch an impressive sighthound. Presented in immaculate harsh coat.

2. Milne & Smith's CH. TALIESIN BLAZE'S BUACHAILL OF WIDEVIEW.

A nice 7-year-old dog, shown in excellent coat. He is not a huge dog but very well balanced throughout. Nice head, expression & ear placement. Eyes a little light. Good bite. He does have upright pasterns. Nice body, ribbing carried well back. Moved out very well covering the big ring in easy strides.

3. Littlewood & Shriver's CH. TAILIESIN BLAZE'S BUACHAILL OF WIDEVIEW.

This 6.5-year-old dog is very much a sighthound with nice long legs. Rather narrow in front, good top & bottom lines. Would like a wider, stronger rear & better let down hocks. Good topline. Lovely head with good expression, super ears & good bone. Moved out well with good presentation.

4. Gagne & McClure's CH. LEGACY'S STARKEEPER SILVERADO SPIRIT.

Very substantial shapely 7.5 year old dog. Unfortunately, in rather soft condition which was most evident on the move. His rear has little propulsion. He does have nice type with charming head. Flat front feet. Coat needs some tidying up.

**Veteran Silver. 8 Years & Under 9 Years Dogs (1)**

1. Muffley's COLERAINE'S CATHBHADB INCUBATOR JONES.

Lovely supple boy. Certainly, doesn't look his age of 9 years. Pleasing head & expression, well-made front, lovely harmonious curves throughout, long tail. He moved out extremely soundly & well, covering the ring with ease. An honour to judge such a nice hound.

**Veteran Bronze. 6 Years & Under 8 Years Bitches (9,2)** A class of quality bitches. A privilege to judge

1. Atkinson & Smith's CAN CH TAILIESIN'S BOUDICCA AT SCEOLAN.

I would describe this girl as a well-made package. She is of medium size. From the tip of her nose to the end of her tail everything fits in harmonious curves. Lovely head, fabulous eyes & neck. Good feet & bone. Very good top- & underline. Just quality throughout. And she moves out soundly in a free-flowing action and really enjoying her day out.

2. Flynn's GCH CH SHANCARRICK'S DARLING DUBHEASA.

Feeling very spoilt with another classy girl of 7 years. Lovely bitch in black brindle jacket, fantastic head, melting expression, good eye & ears. Well fitted & filled front, good upper arm, good body & broad strong HQs which she used so well moving. Loved this girl's strong mind - she knows she is special.

3. King & Quinn's CH LISMORE ARD RHI'S LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC.

A very dark 6.5 years old bitch, nice head & expression, good bite. She has pretty balanced angulation throughout but could do with a touch more in rear. She is a sound, free moving girl.

4. Flanagan's CH CARRICKANEENA COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ.

A 7 year old bitch with lots to admire in her. Nicely laid shoulder but lacks good overall proportions. Lacks facial furnishings. Moved out well, soundly, with good drive.

**BEST OF BREED COMPETITION. Dogs (9,1) Bitches (19, 7)**

**Best of Breed:** Roland's GCH R NOBLE NASCH.

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed:** Sula's O'LUGH BLACKWATER APERITIF

**Best of Winners:** Sula's O'LUGH BLACKWATER APERITIF.

**Award of Merit:** Milne & Smith's CH. TALIESIN BLAZE'S BUACHAILL OF WIDEVIEW.

**Award of Merit:** Patterson's RIVERSONG ODE TO SOUL.

**NON-REGULAR CLASSES.**

**Stud Dog (2,1)**

1. Roland's GCH R NOBLE NASCH.

A sire who has really stamped his quality on his off springs.

**Brood Bitch (4,0)** 4 lovely bitch all should be very proud of their families they have produced.

1. Ballinger, Carswell & Flrrest-Burge's CH WALELA THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS.
2. Flanagan's CH CARRICKANEENA COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ
3. Levin's CH GEMINI'S BIG GIRLS NEED BIG DIAMONDS.
4. Kowalski's CH. FRANJO PENCHATTAN KA PO NUI LANI.

**Best Head (12,4)**

1. Flynn's GCH CH SHANCARRICK'S DUBHEASA.

This girl has just a wonderfully balanced, mature classic head. She is elegantly turning grey which enhances her dark expressive eyes. Wonderful pigmentation & rose ears... After I awarded this bitch Best Head her owner told me I gave her Best Head at IWANE 4 years ago...This is my critique from 4 years ago. I still hold the same opinion on the head requirement as per the Standard. " I was looking for a head that really portrays the repository of type for our wonderful breed. I was looking for a strong foreface, well filled in under the eyes. Broad lower jaw, correct, well-shaped dark eyes, a slight stop, a good back head, not too heavy or broad, with a nice nape topping the neck. I think I found all these qualities in the winner of this class Shancarrick's Darling Dubheasa."

**Best Gait (15, 5)**

1. Flanagan's CH CARRICKANEENA SIOBHAN.

Lovely free moving powerful bitch who covered the big ring with ease & drive.

**Best Hound with Irish Spotting**

1. Flanagan's DC CARRICKANEENA CMANN NA-MBAN.

**Brace (2,0)** a very close decision between both of these braces

1. Devoe & Schaeffer's HOPS-N-HOUNDS AOIFE OF THE FORBIDDEN FOREST & CH HOPS-N-HOUNDS THE TIMELESS CHILD KERRY.
2. Kowalski's PENCHATTAN KAIKAMAHINE OHAVA SOUL OF THE BANSHEE & CH FRANJO PENCHATTAN KA PO NUI LANI.