

Event: IWCC British Columbia Regional Specialty Show

Date: May 12, 2007

Conformation Judge: Dagmar Kenis-Pordham

I had a wonderful day my day judging this most friendly and enjoyable show, held in a beautiful park immediately next to the Canada-US border. We had a wonderful big ring; a lovely sunny day and my special thanks go to my ring steward who kept everything going smoothly.

Dagmar Kenis Pordham (judge)

JUNIOR PUPPY MALE

1. BOS in show - Humphreys' *Hawkhaven Cian Cadarn*. Light wheaten dog puppy of just eight months, still in his fairly soft puppy coat, which looks ready to be taken out very shortly. Fortunately it does not distract from his lovely body and outline and some good harsh coat along the back indicates a good coat coming in. Handsome masculine head, well placed eye, folded ears. Good strong neck, smoothly set into a good front for his very young age. Excellent bone and feet. Good deep chest, very good firm topline for his age with some rise over the loin and excellent broad croup and rear quarters. Lovely low hocks. Beautiful set and carried tail, thick and carried in a smooth curve, such a well nigh perfect tail is so unusual to see. And to top all this, a lovely free ground covering action.

For his age, certainly one of the loveliest Wolfhound puppies I have ever seen; I trust he will live up to this early promise!

SENIOR PUPPY MALE

1. RESERVE WINNERS MALE - Briscoe's *Cnoccarne Cunacarraigagh*. Very tall and handsome rich wheaten dog of very nearly 12 months. Very nice outline, rather shorter in body proportions, with very good length of leg. Beautiful head and expression, quite classic in proportions, well-folded and carried ears. Lovely dark eyes. Good strong neck, forequarters at present rather upright and forward set, I feel this is as a result of having recently finished his growth stage. Could be wider in front. Good depth of chest, excellent topline, croup at present a bit steep, excellent tail set and carriage. Nice wide hindquarters. Strong and free side action. Most promising young dog, just right for his age. Loved his free, sound, ground covering action.

2. Berrigan's *Cnoccarne Cunamharagh*. Brindle litter brother to above. I just loved this dog for his outline and for his wonderful long hindquarters. But it is difficult for a judge a hound so absolutely new to the show ring, he really didn't even walk in a straight line. Lovely head and expression calm in character. Forward set front, and could be wider here. wonderful bone and substance. Tends to slope in topline, wonderful long hindquarters with really low hocks. Showed enough of his side action to earn him this placing. Please take him to some show training classes; I feel he deserves to look his best.

3. Lewington's *Cnoccarne Cunamoinearagh*. A third brother, a rich brindle. A tall dog, who like his brothers has lost a lot of angulation simply in growing upwards. Lovely calm character. Handsome masculine head, well folded ears. Very upright over the front quarters, and at present very narrow in front. Has good bone, but having lost his leg hair does not enhance the overall impression of bone. Very good over the topline. Steep croup and hindquarters of medium angulation. Nice typical hound.

4. Berrigan's *Cnoccarne Cunaceadoragh*. Yet another brother, wheaten, of excellent size and good substance. Nice masculine head, good ears, kind expression. At present very upright over the forequarters but has excellent length of leg, with good substance. Good topline and tailset, rather steep in croup. Nice hindquarters. Nice typical hound.

CANADIAN BRED MALE

1. Albrecht, Holmes and Ross' *Cnoccarne Cillcurragh*. Handsome young dog, just under two years of age and still rather immature looking. Light brindle, nice masculine head, well folded ears, a darker eye would improve expression. Good neck and shoulder but very upright over the upper arm, very good bone. Nice deep body, very good topline with rise over the loin. Nice hindquarters, although the croup tends to be steep. Free and light mover but must learn to keep his tail down.

2. Scott's *Lockley of Irishpride*. A substantial young dog, light brindle with a rather more sparse coat. Very masculine head with very well folded ears, dark eyes. Neck very short for overall body, stands very wide over his front and elbows, very upright upper arm and pasterns. Rather a pronounced dip in the back and stands high over his rear quarters. Moved with purpose.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR MALE

1. Little's *Am. Ch. Lilliput Prometheus*. Six year old dark brindle dog who I wish I could have judged a year or two ago, as he has now thickened all over with age and he lacks the freedom of action that his excellent body construction dictates. He is a hound that you have to handle to appreciate, he has a lovely head and expression, a good neck smoothly set into an excellent shoulder, good forechest, well set back upper arm. Deep capacious chest, but could show more daylight under him; he gives a rather low-on-the-leg appearance. Good topline for age, very nicely angulated hindquarters. Should have a more ground covering action, but I feel he has stiffened up with age.
2. Blanchard's *Am. Ch. Legacy's Winchester*. Tall and substantial four-year-old dog. Very nice masculine head, strong in neck, which could be longer. Forward set shoulder and forehand, tied in elbow, excellent bone and feet, but his very long toenails must bother him. Good capacious chest. Good topline, rather steep in croup. Nice wide hindquarters. Strong sideways swing to his tail. Moved with a long ground covering stride.

OPEN MALE

1. Vetter & Brown's *August Smithwicks* Light grey brindle dog of medium size, a very well balanced dog who scored here on his easy free side action. Pleasant masculine head, well folded but rather more deep set ears. Lovely kind expression. Good strong neck nicely set into nicely angulated fore quarters , good bone and feet, very good length of leg. Nice capacious chest, topline firm, somewhat steep in croup and could have more angulation of hindquarters, especially at hock joint. Free, easy and true mover.
2. Little's *Lilliput Bravissimo Quixote*. Very nice four-year-old wheaten dog. Very good head and expression, well folded and carried ears. Good neck and nicely angulated forequarters, nice bone, feet could have more arch. Very good topline, rather steep in croup; nice wide hindquarters. Moved well but without the freedom of the winner.
3. McCluskey & Blanchard's *Legacy Cluricaune Charmer*. Very tall and impressive brindle dog of lovely type and outline. Very nice head, good neck, good shoulder layback, very good topline and nice wide hindquarters. Unfortunately he has little forechest and is very upright in upper arm and as a consequence his elbows stand well away from his chest wall. On the move he really is very loose here, really flying his elbows, upper arm and forearm, a very faulty action. I feel that careful exercise could correct this front action somewhat. He should then have the kind of success in the show ring that he deserves.
4. McCluskey's *Am.Ch. Miuireadach Loki Scallawag*. Medium sized steel grey dog of very nice type. Very pleasant masculine head, lovely expression. Nice neck, Somewhat forward set forehand, excellent bone and feet; Nice capacious body, good topline and wide strong hindquarters. Croup somewhat steep. Moved freely.

VETERANS MALE

1. Ross' *Ch. Cnoccarne Cashelagh* . Seven year old dog of lovely type. Beautiful long head and expression, well folded ears, good strong neck. Well laid back shoulder, somewhat upright over the upper arm, excellent bone and feet. Excellent topline for his age, strong broad hindquarters. Moved very well, but could perhaps have a longer stride.
2. Gaulin's *Cnoccarne Conncaragh*. Wheaten litter brother to the winner of the class, now castrated. A dog of more medium size but again a dog of very nice type. A very pleasant head with lovely expression, flat folded ears, rather more forward set forequarters, good bone for size. Excellent topline, but underline could have more definition. Hindquarters of more medium angulation. Overall a dog of very nice type.

JUNIOR PUPPY FEMALE

1. Rutherford's *Lonnkyle Phaedra at Heathview*. Nine month old clear wheaten bitch of lovely type and just right for her age in development. Of medium size, she is already very much in balance with herself. Very nice head, with dark mask, ears flat folded. Very good strong neck, well laid back shoulder and nicely set back upper arm; very good bone for size and excellent length of leg. Very good topline with rise over the loin. Croup somewhat steep. Nicely angulated hindquarters. Moved very freely, in a really ground covering action, and also absolutely true coming and going. Rare to see such good action in one so young!
2. Rutherford's *Heathview Imogen of Hawkhaven*. Eight month old half sister to winner of this class, this shaded cream bitch is very eye catching in her outline, and is taller than the winner. Lovely long head, well folded ears, good neck and shoulder, but upper arm tends to more upright. Excellent strong bone. Excellent topline with rise over the loin. Lovely strong hindquarters. There has to be a minus in such an eye catching puppy, and it is that she is presented in a very soft undercoat, totally lacking in topcoat. Let's hope that what grows in has proper texture.
3. Humphrys' *Hawkhaven Cian Blodewen-Bran*. Wheaten litter sister to above, and today the most awkward and upright of the three, but she may well mature and soften into her quarters, to gain more angulation of fore and hand quarters. Very nice head with lovely expression from dark eyes. Moved very well, really using her quarters.

12-15 MONTH FEMALE

1. Owen-Fugere's *Aragorn Bainwen of Caithness*. 12 month old golden wheaten bitch of very nice type and outline. Lovely head and expression, flat folded ears, Good neck, nice front, excellent bone for size. Capacious chest, good topline and nice wide hindquarters. Nice free mover. Could lose some of her puppy fat now, but we IW owners like to keep our youngsters well covered I think. A very nice type overall, and well balanced.
2. McCluskey & Blanchard's *Legacy's Jotun As you Wish*. Fifteen month old light grey bitch of very nice type, and strongly boned, Very nice head, good neck, rather more forward set shoulder, well set back upper arm. Good bone, rather soft in pastern today. Topline also rather soft. Nice strong hindquarters. Very free and easy movement.

15-18 MONTH FEMALE

1. Brumpton & Prokopenko's *Glenamadda Rainvale UR Kismet*. Fifteen month old golden bitch with some brindling. A very attractive bitch, and very well balanced. Nice long head, well folded ears, good strong and long neck, well set into very good shoulders. Good forechest, upper arm somewhat upright. Good bone for size. Excellent topline, croup and hindquarters. Free active mover. I find her very promising and would love to see how she matures!

CANADIAN BRED FEMALE

1. Ross' *Cnoccarne Treasagh*. Two-year-old rich red wheaten bitch of lovely type and outline. Very nice head and expression, good neck, somewhat forward set forequarters, very good bone for size. Excellent topline, where she scored over second. Strong wide well muscled hindquarters. Very well balanced overall.
2. Ross' *Cnoccarne Keshagn* Nearly two-year-old rich red brindle bitch, same dam as winner and with many of the same attributes. Very nice head, somewhat forward set shoulder, but well set back upper arm. Excellent bone for size. Good topline standing, but tending to flatten out on the move. Lovely long hindquarters. Very free easy mover but winner was a bit more positive and true on the move. Two young bitches of lovely promise.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR FEMALE

1. Ross' *Cnoccarne Moriagh FCH*. Nearly four-year-old bitch. Light grey bitch, very nice type and very well balanced overall. Very nice head, a darker eye would improve expression, well-folded ears. Good well-muscled neck, nice shoulder and front, good bone for size. Excellent capacious chest, strong well muscled hindquarters. Moved with great ease and freedom. Very nice bitch.
2. Berry's *Berrybriar Juniper*. Two year old light golden brindle bitch of very nice type and outline, still somewhat immature looking. (This is a compliment actually!) Very nice head, high set but flat folded ears. Very good neck, smoothly set into very well laid-back shoulders. Excellent bone for size. Nice croup and nicely angulated hindquarters. Could show more topline. Very nice mover. This bitch will mature into a lovely bitch, I feel.
3. Blanchard's *Legacy's In Your Dreams*. Strongly built dark bitch of two and a half ; very well presented. Strong head, good strong neck, nicely angulated fore quarters, with well set back upper arm. Proper bone for size. Good topline, strong wide hindquarters standing. Her side action was very free and powerful, but she was not true coming or going hence her placing.

OPEN BITCH

1. WINNERS FEMALE - Simon & Blanchard's *Stoneybrook Reata*. Six-year-old bitch of wonderful type and outline. Yes, you could say that she is somewhat low on the leg, on handling her I found that she has rather too much coat under her chest. Lovely feminine head, flat folded ears, good neck, smoothly set into very well laid-back shoulder. Nice width and depth of chest, proper bone for size. Lovely flow over her topline to well set wide croup and nicely angulated hindquarters. Rather thick through the underline. Moved well enough. I felt that she could have been in more muscular condition. I judged her litter sister, Sandslash, to win Best of Breed in France nearly four years ago, the World of Wolfhounds is smaller than one realizes!
2. Ross' *Cnoccarne Clooneenagh*. Three-year-old rich wheaten bitch of lovely type, still young looking. Beautiful head and expression, nice neck and forequarters. A tall bitch, could perhaps have more bone for size. Excellent firm topline, wide well muscled hindquarters. Light and free action.
3. Berry's *Am.Ch.Berrybriar Queen O' the Nile*. Five-year-old grey bitch, very well balanced and sound. Very nice head, flat folded ears, nice neck, very well laid-back shoulder, but somewhat upright in upper arm. Good bone for her size, very well padded feet. Could be stronger in topline and have more generous hindquarters. Very easy free mover.
4. Romine & Blanchard's *Legacy's Honeymoon Dreamoenu*. Nice black brindle bitch presented in gleaming coat and hard muscular condition. Very nice head, strong muscular neck, nicely angulated front quarters, very good bone for size. Good firm topline, but would like to see more generous hindquarters. Very free powerful mover, once she settled. Not very happy in the ring, I felt she was looking around for her owners. Not strong or true in hind action today, hence her placing.

VETERANS BITCH

1. BEST IN SHOW - Ross' *Cnoccarne Andoragh*. For me this dark grey eight year old bitch simply stole the show ! She is a wonderful bitch, of classic type and with that quietly dominating self assurance in the showing that draws your eye to her. A feminine version of "Commanding appearance", and this is a big part what I see as true Wolfhound type. The queen for the day, and she knew it! She is also beautifully balanced, all parts of her fitting together. Lovely long head, wonderful eye and expression, good neck smoothly set into very nicely constructed forehead, proper bone for her size and good feet. Capacious chest, proper tuck up, lovely topline with rise over the loin. Good strong hindquarters still, lovely long tail, correctly set. Moved with surprising freedom in a long ground covering stride. And to add to the whole all over picture, a wonderfully crisp weatherproof coat. For me it was so wonderful to see an eight-year-old hound of such beautiful type, and in such wonderful condition. Thank you for bringing her!
2. Roskamp's *Ygdrasil Baccarat*. Very nearly nine-year-old wheaten bitch, a lovely elegant lady. Not a tall bitch, of lovely type, possibly needing a bit more weight. Sweet head and she moved so freely that her owner/handler hardly could keep up with her! Lovely type of bitch.
3. Fredrickson, Cobb & Little's *Lilliput Dunmada DH Olivia*. Eight year old clear grey bitch, with the most lovely head and expression from dark, far seeing eyes. In very good condition for her age, but rear quarters now starting to stiffen up on the move.

ALTERED CLASSES

ALTERED MALE

1. Cobb & Harris's *Skywalker Smilin O'Tom of Islay*. Sorry but my Dictaphone gave up at this point, but as I remember he was a tall grey dog of very nice type, quite a stylish dog.
2. Weinstein's *Sunstag Magnus*
3. Roskamp's *Mcire's Paragon of Rysheron*
4. Stokes' *Cnoccarne Curragh*.

ALTERED FEMALE

1. BEST ALTERED - Berry's *Berrybriar Willow*. Again, these are just recollections as my Dictaphone had by now given up. This is a really top class bitch, and I loved her for type! Red wheaten two year old of lovely outline; wonderful head and expression. Very good forequarters, with excellent lay back of shoulder; lovely topline, croup and nicely angulated hindquarters. Lovely free mover. So glad to have had the chance to judge her, and I think she would have figured very high in the final placings if she could have been shown in the regular classes!

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Sweepstakes Judge: Jacqueline Carswell

I would like to thank the BC branch of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada for inviting me to participate in their 17th Regional Specialty show as their sweepstakes judge. Brenda Clark and Fran Briscoe were most hospitable, as were the rest of the show committee and club members, to both my daughter and me. Our accommodations were great and we enjoyed having a little time to visit with Dagmar and Anne. The view from our hotel was breathtaking, the English Bay was to our left and snow capped mountains to our right. Goodie bags were provided for both my daughter and me that contained thoughtful items and essentials, which certainly helped make our stay comfortable.

Saturday morning started out a bit chilly for me but the weather was great for the hounds. How beautiful to begin the show with the hounds marching into the ring to the sound of the bagpipes. Again, another exceptional touch that made the show feel special for the attendees. A heart-felt thank you to all of the exhibitors who brought their puppies to me for my opinion as I am always honored when you share your hounds with me. The entry was small but nonetheless, plenty of quality was found. I was particularly pleased to find, as a whole, the exhibits had substance, strength, good toplines and type. Straight fronts continue to be an issue with me and a problem in our breed. I didn't see any downhill sloping toplines, another fault in our breed that is becoming more and more prevalent. All of the puppies had great temperaments, which was pleasing.

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9-12 MONTH MALE

This entire class was obviously related which in my opinion speaks well for the breeder.

1- (25) *Cnoccarne Cunacarraigh*- Handsome Wheaten boy with vast amounts of quality. Exuded masculinity, head was strong and long, planes of skull correct, nicely shaped eye, good bite, long strong well arched neck, shoulder a bit upright, nice houndy shaped, good topline that actually looked even better on the move. Well muscled over the loin, hindquarters, second thigh and had a nice low hock.

Moved very cleanly and strongly on the down and back. Single tracked. His side movement was effortless and balanced. He was later chosen as my BEST JUNIOR PUPPY and RUNNER UP TO BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES.

2- (22) *Cnoccarne Cunamharagh*- I really appreciated this dogs quality and it was a pleasure to put my hands on him. I wish he would have been lead trained. He had everything going for him, substance, strength, long strong masculine head, proper proportions of body length, good spring of rib (though would have liked a little deeper chest), strong loin and well-muscled hindquarters. Strong second thigh with low set hock. He was curvy and masculine. When you were able to catch small segments of his side movement, it was good. I hope I'm given the opportunity to see this guy at maturity.

3- (21) *Cnoccarne Cunabruach*- Was a bit difficult to examine on the day as he was happy to be alive and on the earth. Quality hound with length and curves throughout, nice substance, good temperament, was side winding on the move, carried his tail a bit high (due to his exuberance). Moved a bit close in the rear. Could have used a little more layback of scapulae. Nicely muscled.

4- (24) *Cnoccarne Cunamoinearagh* Very similar to the third place boy. Would have liked more strength overall. Did have the cleanest movement coming towards you than the others in this class.

6-9 MONTH FEMALE

These two girls had similar outstanding quality and upon questioning the owners after the class, found out they had the same sire.

1- (44) *Lonnkyle Pheadra of Hawkhaven*- This girl was a little bit smaller but I felt she was more balanced than my second place girl. Her front was well put together with good layback of scapulae and proper length of forearm that set underneath. Overall she was feminine with curves and in good muscle condition. She moved very cleanly coming and going and had good reach and drive on the side movement. Her dark pigment was striking against her wheaten coat and lovely dark eye gave her a beautiful expression.

2- (42) *Heathview Imogen of Hawkhaven*- Another very feminine yet strong girl. On the day her front was upright and her rear was very curvy, causing her to be unbalanced. Good strong arched loin and long strong curved neck. Her movement was clean coming and going but on the side, her reach just wasn't matching her drive on the day.

12-15 MONTH FEMALE

1- *Legacy's Jotun As You Wish*- This puppy was a bit on the chubby side causing me to have to dig a little to find muscle, but it was there. She had plenty of bone. I would have liked to see a little more length in the loin. The planes of her skull were nice but a flat ear spoiled her head. Nicely shaped eye with good pigment. She was side winding on the move. Front was a bit forward set but that may change with maturity. Typical bitch.

15-18 MONTH FEMALE

1- (47) *Glenamadda Rainvale UR Kismet*- This bitch caught my eye the moment she came into the ring. This light red wheaten brindle girl was balanced and covered ground with strength. Her movement was effortless. She had a feminine head, nicely shaped eye, good bite, correct length of neck that flowed into a nice shoulder. Good length of upper arm that was set under, proper length of ribcage with proper spring of rib, strong arched loin, correct topline and tail set. Hindquarters were strong with nicely bent stifle and low set hocks. Her hocks flexed during movement, demonstrating good drive in the rear. She single tracked with good reach that balanced with her rear drive. I awarded this girl BIS and BEST SENIOR PUPPY on the day because of her overall balance, type and strength.