

IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF CANADA – BC BRANCH
IWCC NATIONAL
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It was a real honour and privilege to have been invited to judge the IWCC National Specialty. Circumstances dictated that it was a long wait to finally be able to fulfil the appointment, but it was certainly worth it. Such a lovely venue for a show and the organising team had worked so hard to pull it all together. There certainly was an impressive array of prizes on offer and magnificent rosettes to be treasured. Huge congratulations to you all for what you achieved, it was a great weekend!

A very big thank you to the exhibitors who showed their dogs, the quality was impressive throughout. Canadians are amongst the kindest people in the world, accepting decisions with great sportsmanship across the board. It's always a pleasure to judge a show where exhibitors are rooting for each other and everyone's wins are cheered by the ringside, this is what shows are about. It was also a joy to see the youngsters being nurtured along as future handlers and they were doing a great job so congratulations to them.

MALES

JR. PUPPY (6-9 MONTHS) (3 entered, 1 absent)

1st Berry, Stobart & Albrecht's BERRYBRIAR CARAGLEN HALLELUJAH CNOCCARNE
At 7 months, a nice rangy brindle puppy with an appealing, well furnished head and good length of muzzle. His ears are a tad large, but well held. A touch steep in shoulder but with a good length of upper arm. Well proportioned throughout, topline needing time to settle. He has very sweeping hind quarters and a lovely long tail, altogether a very nice puppy who was very collected on the move for his age.

2nd Naylor & Green's TYROCONNELL'S TRUEHEART
Just 6 months and at his first show. A real sweetheart with a nicely furnished head. Ears could do with a little tidying to enhance their shape. Well off for bone, he's standing a little at 10 to 2 at present in front and a little cow-hocked behind. He has good body length and width through the stifles. Careful rearing and not over-exercising will hopefully bring him nicely together as he grows.

SR. PUPPY (9-12 MONTHS) (2)

1st McCluskey's SALISH THE KINGPIN
9 months and showing promise. Standing presents nice lines. Pleasing head, needs to hold his ears a little better. He has good bone and a deep chest. Would prefer a slightly better lay of shoulder. He is balanced through and not overdone in any way and presented in excellent condition with a nice harsh coat.

2nd Harreschou's RYSHERON ST PATRICK PRAIRIE CREEK
Also 9 months and very raw at present. Lovely head and expression with super furnishings and a nice coat on him. He just needs to develop width throughout. Not over-angulated at all at either end but a nice easy mover who's obviously working on his co-ordination as tending to pace at times at present.

JUVENILE (12-15 MONTHS) (1)

1st Cook & Swick's STORMBORN'S GIGGLE AT A FUNERAL AT TYRCONNELL

13 months red brindle. Much to like about this boy. His head is masculine with a good long muzzle. Standing he presents lovely clean lines and is of good size. Has a nicely set shoulder and long upper arm. He needs to develop in forechest but has an excellent body length into sweeping hindquarters. Coat of good texture. Super on the move, really easy, active and true. He should grow on well.

CANADIAN BRED (2)

1st Albrecht, Holmes & Ross' CNOCCARNE BENCORRAGH

Possesses a nice head and expression with a clean neck set into a fair front. He could do with a touch more forechest. I would prefer just a tad more body length on him but he is an upstanding, strong and masculine hound. Good bone, strongly bodied into a well angulated and powerful rear. Excellent harsh coat. On the move he excelled in profile, just needs to get his tail down a bit. Nicely presented.

2nd Irving, Ross & Patterson's CNOCCARNE TAWNAGHMOREAGH

Has an excellent head, strong jaw, long muzzle and well furnished. Not overdone in any way, with a nicely set front and plenty of width through the rearquarters. A touch steep over the croup, but moved steadily. Presented in good condition.

OPEN (5, 1)

1st Albrecht, Holmes, Ross & Berry's CNOCCARNE BERRYBRIAR DAIRAGH

Upstanding male, presented in great condition. Strong in head, excellent ear set and carriage. Strongly boned throughout, straight limbed and standing on good feet. Showing strength in top and underlines, with a well set front and powerful rearquarters. A touch steep over the croup. In excellent muscular condition and harsh coat. He moved out with great purpose and was true in all ways, just needing to get his tail under control. **Winners Dog and BOS**

2nd Berry & Ross' CNOCCARNE BENAGH OF BERRYBRIAR

Powerfully built dog who's substantial in body but nicely proportioned throughout. Pleasing, nicely furnished head. Possesses well set front and width through the stifle. In good coat. He moved out well, just not quite so enthusiastic on the day. **Reserve Winners Dog**

3rd Moloneys' CH GCHB SHANCARRICK'S MOLONEY'S LYCAN BEAL

A very eye-catching dog, beautifully presented. Is well proportioned and balanced throughout. Has the loveliest of heads, well furnished and nice dark eye. Moved out with drive and without deviation, well handled. For me, he just needed a touch more masculinity.

4th McCluskey's SALISH WEAPON

At his first show and learning the ropes. A very substantial hound, appealing head and well held ears. Very well boned throughout. Sympathetically handled and he moved steadily.

VETERANS (2)

1st Ross & Berry's BERRYBRIAR TRIBUTE TO THE PAST OF CNOCCARNE

7 yrs. Is of lovely breed type, substantial with a good depth of chest, plenty of bone and nice width through the stifles in a well angulated rear. Stands on nice tight, round feet. Has a very pleasing

head with strong jaw and well held ears. A strong neck into a good front assembly. Well ribbed back. Croup a little steep but he moved out well in profile and was true coming and going. **Best Veteran**

2nd Briscoe's CNOCCARNE DRUID'S TEMPLE AGH

Also 7 yrs and such a happy boy. Well-planed head, strong jaw. Has a nicely set shoulder into a well laid upper arm. Good body length into moderate rear angles. Little sparse in coat at present. Enjoying himself today, which is always a joy to see.

FEMALES

JUNIOR PUPPY (6-9 MONTHS) (1)

1st Cook's THE TZARINA'S TEMPTATION AT TYRCONNELL

Just 6 months and a really pretty girl. Has the most beautiful head, dark eye, strong jaw and lovely earset and carriage. Well set front and good width through the stifle and hock. Correct topline and underline. Was very steady on the move showing good extension. Should grow on well. **Best Puppy**

JUVENILE (12-15 MONTHS) (1)

1st Murray, Murray & Pederson's LOYALTY WILLFUL ONE

At 13 months is very raw and a little lacking in substance at present. She is nicely put together, with a good length of neck into well laid shoulder and upper arm. Needs to strengthen a little in neck yet. Well proportioned body into lovely sweep of hindquarters. Used all her attributes to excel on the move showing a very light, easy and true gait.

JUVENILE (15-18 MONTHS) (1 abs)

CANADIAN BRED FEMALE (6)

1st Benoit & Tomson's CASTLEKEEP'S PROMISE AT DREAMACRES

Lovely brindle bitch who, whilst not 'flashy' in any way, is one of those beautifully put together hounds who floats around the ring and takes your breath away. She is so well put together that everything works in harmony. She has a lovely head and melting expression, with a long, strong neck that settles into such a well-set front assembly. Well ribbed back into the best of rearquarters, with long thighs and second thighs and plenty of width throughout. Effortless on the move, so true in all directions. Beautifully presented and handled. She is still young and must have a really bright future ahead of her. **Winners Female, Best of Winners and Best of Breed**

2nd Harreschou's ARAHU SI MAC TIRE NA OAKS

Another lovely girl, nicely proportioned throughout. Pleasing head and expression, good length of neck. Deep in body, ribbing carried back into strong loin. Moderately angulated enabling her to move out steadily and true. She has the most wonderful harsh coat in excellent condition.

3rd Cook's WOLFHOLM'S MAGIC AT TYRCONNELL

Wheaten girl, heavily coated. She has an excellent head, well-planed with long muzzle and kind expression. Shoulder is well laid with corresponding upper arm, plenty of depth in body and nicely angulated rear. She was collected on the move with correct up and back movement.

4th Berry, Berry & Ross' CNOCCARNE DIOGHASISAGH BERRYBRIAR

Just 22 months and still looking very young. She presents a pleasing outline on the stand being well proportioned. Kind head, rose ears. She is strong in top and underlines and has width and angulation through the hindquarters. I would prefer a slightly better set front to compliment the rear. Used herself well on the move with a good length of stride.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR (4, 2)

1st Ross, Albrecht, Holmes' CNOCCARNE AMHRAGH

Quality girl, shows a lovely outline on the stand. Has a super head, lovely planes, strong jaw and excellent tightly rosed ears. Has plenty of bone and exudes strength throughout. Good long neck into a strong topline. She has nicely angulated forequarters with sufficient forechest. Her underline carries back into a firm loin. Powerful rearquarters with lots of width throughout and a lovely gently sloping croup. Moved out with purpose and was correct in all ways. **Reserve Winners Female**

2nd Kroll's AUGUST ICE CRYSTAL

Another really lovely girl who presents with nice clean lines. Has a pretty head, kind expression. Her front construction is pleasing and balanced by her rear construction and good length of body, which enabled her to move out on a good stride around the ring. Coat of good texture and very nicely presented and sympathetically handled.

OPEN (4, 3)

1st Bradbury & Ross' CNOCCARNE MUIRNAGH

Has a super head and expression, good length of muzzle, strong jaw and lovely tight rosed ears. Long, strong neck into excellent shoulder giving a nice clean topline. Good forechest and strongly boned limbs. Well ribbed back into a correct length of loin and unexaggerated rearquarters. Possesses a harsh coat and presented in firm condition. Moved tidily and with purpose.

VETERAN (5, 2)

1st Kroll's AUGUST GLOWING EMBER

At 7 years she is well proportioned throughout. Sweetest of heads with nicely rosed ears and a good length of neck into firm topline. Looking a touch slack in pastern. She has balanced angulation front and rear and presented in good condition, moving out easily and covering the ground well.

2nd Berry & Ross' BERRYBRIAR CNOCCARNE PROMISE OF THE PAST

7 years and a bitch of good size. Appealing head with a super dark eye and long muzzle. Nice length throughout neck and body with a pleasing forehead assembly and strong underline. Just tending to knuckle over a touch today. Sweeping hindquarters with plenty of width and drive and in excellent coat.

3rd Ross' CNOCCARNE TEILEANNAGH

10 years and a girl of great quality. She has an excellent front construction, super neck, lovely head and expression. Well off for bone and correct length of body. A little steep over the croup but she has a good length of thigh and second thigh. She moved with dignity, although her rear end just being a little unco-operative today.

SPECIALS ONLY – MALE

1st Rutherford's GCHB HEATHVIEW FALCONBRIDGE

Dog of great size and commanding appearance. Powerfully built throughout. Has a strong, masculine head and ears well held, if a tad large. Lovely strong crested neck into a well set front. Stands on long, strong bone and neat feet. Body well-ribbed back into firm loin and good tuck-up. Not overdone in the rear and on the move he was steady and true. Presented in excellent condition.

Select Dog

SPECIALS ONLY – FEMALE

1st Rutherford's CH HEATHVIEW I HAD A DREAM

A very pretty bitch, still very young. Has a well-planed head, kind expression. Her front construction is well set and she has straight limbs and tight feet. Not overly large but well bodied and good width across the croup and stifle. Moved with enthusiasm and drive. **Select Bitch**