

## Event: Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada National Specialty Show

Date: September 20 & 21 1997

Judge: Dagmar Kenis-Pordham

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### Junior Puppy Male (Puppy 6-9 months)

1. Kinsella's Ballincu's Ruggles of Kellair Wellgrown and substantial light brindle dog, winning this class on his overall shape. Strong masculine head, reasonable ears, rather upright in front, as you would expect from one so tall, excellent bone and feet. Very good topline and rear quarters for his age.
2. Quinn, Benjamin and Ewing's **Jeb Macstuart Aerie of Eagle**. Very pretty baby, with a lovely long head, good expression and ears. Scores on his lovely wide wellangulated rear quarters, which he will grow in to with maturity. As yet very upright in forequarters. Rather uncoordinated in movement.
3. Daley's **Aotearoa Mangu Mumu** Another very pretty, and very young, dog puppy, presented in shining, harsh black coat. Very nice head and expression, at present very upright in forequarters, rather flat in topline and croup, Nice hindquarters. Happy mover.

### Senior Puppy Male ( Dog puppy 9-12 months)

1. Best puppy in Breed: Simmons' Lonkyle Kawholyn Most promising light red brindle dog puppy, happy and confident. Very nice head, good ears rather low set on, nice strong muzzle. Very true front for his age, excellent bone and feet. Nice firm topline, lovely wide rearquarters. Very enthusiastic mover, really covering the ground in an extended, driving movement.
2. Twomey's Taliesin's Runchara of Eagle Very handsome wheaten dog of very nice type, substantial and masculine for his age. Lovely head and expression, lovely ears. Nice neck, good front for his age. Good topline and rearquarters, with low hocks. Very easy mover. A very promising dog puppy.
3. Twomey's Taliesin's Real of Eagle Smaller version of above, and I see a litterbrother. Nice head, same good bone and substance as his brother, Not as finished and let down in rear quarters. Very nice mover.
4. Vaughn's Taliesin's Rory Mack of Eagle Handsome brindle dog, rather strong in head and neck. More upright in both fore and rear quarters than his brothers. Still a nice dog, who when he grows into himself should mature into a fine hound. Although he moved allright as seen from the side, he crabbed badly as seen from front/rear.

### 12-18 Months Males

1. Ewing's Pitlochyr's Grey Eagle Tall and elegant brindle dog, with sufficient substance. Large head, good ears, long neck, reasonable front, with good shoulder but rather upright in upper arm. Lovely bone and feet. Rather flat in topline, croup rather steep at present, lovely wide hindquarters. Nice mover. Overall this hound is rather angular, but should grow into a very impressive hound with maturity
2. Wilson's Glendorling's Malabar Lovely dark brindle dog who did his best not to look good, but who eamed his placing on his overall quality. Beautiful head with furnishings, good ears. Very good front, bone and feet. Excellent topline for his age. Lovely wide croup, Wide wellangulated hindquarters. Moved easily, when he wanted to. Please work with him, make him feel comfortable in the showing, and he will reward you.
3. Ivanowskis and Carter's Starkeeper's Wager on Eagle Very mature and sensible cream wheaten dog, very finished for his age. Overall proportions make him look low on the leg. Nice head, good ears, rather short neck, wellangulated upper arm, good topline nice hindquarters. Very well handled and presented.
4. Osborne and Dent's **Ahrtofs Branson** Very nice young dog, at rather an inbetween stage. Nice head, good ears, Nice front for his age, topline not his fortune today, as he stood very high over his rear quarters. Moved freely with a lovely long stride. A most promising baby.

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### **Canadian Bred male**

1. Nesbitt's Wolfbane's Dilon Commander Heavily built brindle dog, with a stylish look about him. Very strong in head, where I would like to see more quality, rather small eye, which never gives the kind look I like to see in Wolfhounds, Strong neck, rather wide over the front. Nice deep body, reasonable topline, lovely wide powerful rear quarters. Won this class on his easy and powerful action. More coat would improve the overall look.
2. Gerry's Demage Pierrot La Lune Wheaten dog of lovely type, but not very used to the showing. Lovely head and expression. Rather upright in forequarters, excellent topline, croup and hindquarters.
3. Kratzer, Kratzer and Ivanovskis's Antrim's Starkeeper Tucker A very non exaggerated wheaten dog of nice type, very well presented in harsh coat, Nice masculine head, good neck and front, but would like to see more angulation both here and in rear. Nice firm topline. Could have moved with more extension and freedom of action.
4. Cyr's Antrim's Starkeeper Tristan Grey dog of nice type, similar to above in overall proportions. Nice head, could be longer in neck, rather wide in forequarters, and would like to see more length of leg. Medium angulation in rear. Reasonable mover.

### **Bred by Exhibitor Male**

Very nice class.with some beautiful young hounds, of rather different familial types.

1. Reserve Winners dog Morris and Hedman's Brimstone Briagh Most exciting young brindle dog, only 19 months old, and just right for his age. Very houndy, athletic dog, with a lovely outline and shape. Lovely long head, with good strength of muzzle, lovely neck, well set into very good shoulders. Nice forechest, well laid back upper arm. Excellent topline, with sweep over the loin and croup to wide well angulated rear quarters. Lovely low hocks. Very free mover, showing plenty of drive and extension. Most exciting young dog, who only lost to a fully mature hound, full of dignity.
2. Simmons's Lonnykyle Hal Another wonderful hound, this a 2 1/2 year old red wheaten, presented in immaculate, harsh coat. Lovely head and expression, lovely ears, masculine without being too strong. Nice neck, good front with excellent shoulder placement and good forechest. Deep body without losing length of leg. Excellent firm topline, nice wide croup, rather more moderate angulation in rear quarters. Excellent action, with good drive and reach.
3. Simon's Am.Ch. Stoneybrook Konjur A bit of a heartbreak, as I first thought him an easy winner of the class. Majestic dog of classic proportions, and of wonderful type. Lovely head, very good front, with excellent shoulder and upper arm, excellent bone and feet, Deep body, very good topline and good hindquarters. At just over three years of age he unfortunately looks much older than his age, rather listless, and although a correct mover, he moved without any power. This dog was truly a judge's nightmare, you really appreciate him, but cannot place him any higher.
4. Vanarsdale's Am. Ch. Nelligan Damascus Young brindle dog with a look of quality about him, but looking rather more immature. Lovely head and expression, Very nice front, good bone and feet. Very deep body for his age. Excellent topline. Croup rather steep, but showing width. Nice hindquarters with low hocks. A dog which will mature into a fine hound, I feel.

### **Open male**

1. Winners Dog and Best Opposite Sex Deemer's Lilliput Fitzarran Khronos Silver brindle dog of wonderful type, at four years of age at full maturity. Not an enthusiastic showing fool, but a quiet dignified and truly Gentle Giant. A tall dog, who has retained his angulation of quarters, with just the right amount of substance and bone. Lovely head and expression, lovely dark eye, well placed. Good neck, smoothly set into very good topline. Excellent wide croup, well angulated rear quarters. Moves smoothly and easily, but not with a lot of enthusiasm. Altogether a very beautiful hound.
2. Leffew's Killians Seamus O'Niall. Young brindle dog, who challenged with his powerful, free extended action. Nice head, rather a light eye. Nice front, nice deep body, while retaining his length of leg, nice wide hindquarters.

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3. Bregy and Ortlieb's Am.Ch.'Wild Isle Emeraldisle Shaman Very well presented mature dog, with a lovely head and expression which later won him the challenge for Best Head and Expression. Nice front, excellent body and outline, with firm topline, nice wide croup and nice wide hindquarters. Presented in wonderful muscular condition. Very free and enthusiastic mover.
4. Simon's Stoneybrook Wyatt Lovely dark brindle dog, young looking against the above, but scoring on his excellent outline. Lovely head and eye, good neck, excellent shoulder, and well set upper arm. Excellent topline, croup with lovely smooth tailset, well angulated wide hindquarters, standing over a lot of ground. Moved very well. A dog who will only improve with maturity.

#### **Veteran dog**

1. Simmons' Ch. Marumac Exarch at Lonnkyle Two very handsome litterbrothers, the first scoring on his powerful build and his overall outline, all curves. A red wheaten dog, looking very well at seven years of age. Lovely head and expression, powerful neck, wellset into excellent, well laid back shoulders. Excellent forechest and well laid back upper arm, quite a lesson in front construction! Excellent croup and well angulated rear quarters, but he tends to exaggerate the angulation by in sinking into them. Powerful action.
2. Wortman's Am./Can Ch. Marumac Enchanter. This brother is a more clear wheaten, and is younger looking than his brother. He is of lovely type as well, with a long, lovely head and has a lovely expression. More upright in forequarters, excellent topline, strong hindquarters. Very active, smooth mover. Two wonderful dogs, both in terms of type and in terms of soundness, considering the fact that they are veterans, albeit young ones.

#### **Junior puppy female ( 6-9 months)**

Beautiful class of most promising babies, some of which were unplaced.

1. Simon's Stoneybrook Whycked Very well finished brindle bitch, with a lovely outline. Lovely head, good ears, lovely eyeplacement. Nice neck, good front for her age, excellent topline, croup and well angulated, strong hindquarters. Moved very freely as seen from the side.
2. Cummings and Cox's Ninesgates Morrighan Tall brindle bitch puppy, also very promising, with a lovely outline and scoring on her lovely free movement. Nice head, which could be more feminine, and with rather a small eye. Beautiful rise over the loin, excellent croup and hindquarters.
3. Walker's Winchsr Pdraig's Cu Derdriu Very feminine and pretty light brindle with a lovely head and expression. Nice outline, of all curves and with a very long tail, which she will grow into with age. Very puppy'ish in action still.
4. Deemer's Fitzarran Mithril Wonderful baby puppy, but at present all angles and needing to body up. Very good body proportions and if I am not very much mistaken could grow into an exceptional Wolfhound..Excellent length of leg. Lovely head and expression.

#### **Senior puppy female (9-12 months)**

1. Ewing's and Smith's Taliesin's Racanach of Eagle Lovely big, substantial bitch puppy, large without losing her femininity. Nice head, lovely eyeshape and placement, Nice neck, good front for her age, good firm topline, with sweep over croup and hindquarters. Lovely slightly curved tail. Very free, easy sideaction.
2. Smith and Ewing's Taliesin's Lasair of Eagle Sister to above, and similar in many respects. Very pretty head and expression, rather wide front, very good topline croup and hindquarters. Also a very free active mover.
3. Osborne and Andrews' Wolfhavens Meadows of Madness Tall and substantial red wheaten bitch, very well finished for her age and very well presented. Strong head, which fits her body, Deep body, lovely wide croup and hindquarters. Lovely low hocks.
4. Pline and Osbome's Wolfhaven's Mad Impulse Lovely sister to previous bitch, but taller and more elegant in outline. Lovely head with lots of furnishings to add to the expression. Lovely wide hindquarters. Not as together in action.

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### **12-18 months female**

1. Bernardi's Arntara Berwyck Gabrielino Feminine, yet substantial wheaten bitch of lovely type. Rather youthfully plump at present. Beautiful head and eye, lovely wellfolded small ears, making for a lovely expression. Wellbalanced in angulation of fore and rear quarters. Very good firm topline, excellent wide croup and rear. Free and powerful mover.
2. Renaud and McNeil's O'Lugh Charade Des Demage Another feminine yet substantial bitch, grey with a very nice outline. Would prefer to see a more feminine head, well folded ears, good shoulder, topline, very deep body for age, excellent croup and hindquarters. Would stand rather wide in front.
3. Paterson and Ivanovskis' Gooseberrys Starkeeper Blossom Lovely dark brindle bitch, looking much younger than those placed above her. Still unfinished in body and outline, but with wellconstructed front and rear quarters. Wonderful free movement.
4. Koller's Glenamadda Kellyscot Hazocrazo Very nice outline in this young light brindle bitch, with a nice length of body, while retaining her length of leg. Excellent wide hindquarters. Promising young bitch.

### **Canadian Bred female**

1. Simpson's Mullach's Kinbryre of Cladach Substantial brindle bitch of medium size, with a powerful look about her. Nice head, rather large ears, strong neck, very good shoulder and stands true in front, but a bit wide over the upper arm. nice forechest. Nice topline and croup, lovely wide hindquarters. More coat would add to the overall impression. Lovely powerful mover.
2. Tamm's Demage Summer Dream Sylve rwolf Silver grey bitch of very nice type, presented in lovely coat. Nice head, and ears, a darker eye would improve expression. Lovely topline, croup and rear quarters. Moved very freely.
3. Prokopenko's Glenamadda Kellyscot Glory Be A very outgoing, happy young bitch with a very nice head and well folded ears. Very immature looking against the others in this class. Very nice outline, good front. A little soft in topline. Free active mover.
4. Totton and Ivanovskis' Antrim Starkeeper Taise Light grey bitch presented in very good condition, and presenting a nice outline. Rather short in neck and front rather forward set. Very nice croup and hindquarters.

### **Bred by Exhibitor female**

A lovely class of many high quality bitches, of which only four could be placed.

1. Reserve Winners bitch and later Best Canadian Bred in Show, Simmons' Lonnkyle Helen Red wheaten bitch of lovely type and outline, needing only maturity to turn her into a very classic type of bitch. Nice head, a darker eye would improve expression, beautifully folded and placed ears. Nice neck, set smoothly into very good shoulders and forequarters. Nice depth of body, without losing length of leg. Excellent topline, croup and hindquarters. Powerful driving movement. A most pleasing bitch of oldfashioned type, and I mean this as a big compliment.
2. Simon's Stoneybrook Wynona Powerfully built dark brindle bitch of lovely type, presented as was the above bitch in wonderful condition and muscle. Nice head and expression, with kind eye, but would prefer an overall more feminine head. Very good forequarters, deep body, very good firm topline, lovely wide powerful hindquarters. Moved very purposefully with a strong driving action.
3. Morris' Brimstone Seara Big substantial dark brindle bitch, again of lovely type. Nice head and expression, Good neck, well set into excellent front. Good topline, rather flat in croup, but nice wide hindquarters. Lovely powerful mover.
4. Myer's Kellykerry Marsha of Eagle Tall, dark and substantial steel grey bitch of very nice type, and a look of quality about her. Nice head, rather flat ears, nice strong neck set into good shoulder. Upright in upper arm and pastern. Excellent topline, croup and hindquarters. Moves with great power and drive as seen from the side.

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### **Open bitch**

1. Winners bitch and Best of Breed Simon's Am. Ch. Stoneybrook Severn of Seplecur At five years of age this dark brindle bitch is at her full maturity, with the finish of body and the dignity that age brings. She is also in nice firm muscular condition, something not always seen in Wolfhounds of this age. She has a beautiful head of lovely proportions and planes, eyes well placed, well folded ears, and with her silvery face furnishings the result is a wonderful, gentle expression. Neck of just the right length and strength, smoothly set into cleanly muscled, well laid back shoulders, nice forechest, well set back upper arm. It is a textbook front ! Deep capacious body, but with correct leg length, avoiding the low-on the leg look so many older dogs have. Firm topline, wonderful wide powerful croup, nicely angulated hindquarters with low hocks. Moved powerfully in an extended driving action. This bitch is truly a lesson in the correct anatomy of our breed.
2. Simmons' Ninegates Witney at Lonnkyle Tall and substantial, yet elegant grey brindle bitch presented in firm condition and lovely coat. Nice head, rather flat ears, nice neck and shoulder, excellent forechest and set back of upper arm. Deep body, very good topline, croup and hindquarters. Moved freely and well.
3. Carpenter and Kirtley's Knocknarea Kelsey Very substantial and powerfully built light grey bitch, who excelled in her free driving sideaction. Lovely head and expression, well folded ears, nice neck and shoulder, Lovely wide powerful hindquarters. At times stood rather wide in front. Excellent mover.
4. Myers Riverlawn Marga of Eagle Lovely light grey bitch, with a look of quality about her, and of lovely type. Nice head, a darker eye would improve expression, nice ears. Rather forward set front, excellent topline, croup and shapely hindquarters with low hocks. Very free mover.

### **Veteran female**

1. 1. Daley's Ch. Aotearoa Moana Dark brindle bitch of substance, with lovely white stockings to offset her dark coat. Nice head and expression, very true front, excellent topline, croup and hindquarters. Good tuckup for her age. Won the class on her free powerful enthusiastic movement. A seven year old in tip-top condition.
2. McCarthy's Am .Ch. Arranland Maccaura Dareth More elegant, but still with the required substance, this grey bitch is of lovely type. At seven years of age her coat has gone softer, which is so typical in our breed. Beautiful head and expression. Rather more upright in front, nice topline and lovely hindquarters. Light and easy mover.
3. Stratton and Ivanovskis' Can.Am. Ch. Starkeeper Linden in Silver This lovely grey lady was coming up to nine years of age, and in such good condition for her age. The sweetest of heads, with that gentle farseeing expression that only 'real' veterans have. Excellent shoulder and topline, that have not changed with age. No longer quite so light in action.
4. Kinsella's Arielle of Wolf Rock Another 'real' veteran, and almost nine and half years of age. Lovely head and gentle expression, very good body for her age. Her black and golden brindle coat literally gleamed with condition !

**Best of Breed** Simon's Am. Ch. Stoneybrook Severn of Seplecur

**Best of Opposite Sex** Deemer's Lilliput Fitzarran Khronos

**Best of Winners** Simon's Am. Ch. Stoneybrook Severn of Seplecur

**Best Puppy** Simmons' Lonnkyle Kawholyn

**Best Canadian bred** Simmons' Lonnkyle Helen

### **Awards of Merit**

I pulled out two very lovely bitches from the Specials class

Fletcher's Ch. Clarity of Hedgewick & Renaud and McNeils Can/Am Ch. Demage Hocus Pocus

### **Stud Dog**

1. Deemer's Lilliput Fitzarran Khronos
2. Kinsella's Mr. Clancy of Wolf Rock
3. Ivanovskis,Carty; Giordano's CH. Starkeeper Joncarra Brodie

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**Brood Bitch**

1. Osborne's Ch. Wolfhaven's Mad About You
2. Stratton/Ivanovskis Ch. Starkeeper's Linden in Silver
3. Vanarsdale's AM . Ch. Fitzarran Rhiain
4. Ivanovskis/Carter's CH. Starkeeper Elle est Chanceuse

**Best Brace**

1. Ivanovskis/Carter's Ch. Starkeeper Coolahbah Jezebel
2. Ch. Starkeeper Elle est Chanceuse

**Best Gait class**

1. Simon's Bokra Stoneybrook Jeopardy

**Best Head class**

1. Bregy and Ortleib's Am. Ch. Wildisle Emeraldisle Shaman

**Best Hindquarters class**

1. Simon's Am. Ch. Stoneybrook Severn of Seplecur

**Altered classes****Males**

1. Sharpe's Ch. Connemara's Pagan Warlord
2. Tamm's Ch. Wolfbane's Baron of Sylverwolf
3. Sebasckes Starkeeper Brannigan Merlin
4. Paterson's Bilbernie Riley

**Females**

1. Totton/Ivanovskis Ch. Pioneer Starkeeper Regal
2. Gerry's Gulliagh Penelope
3. Robertsonnn's Dunnescroft Yasashiikuma Pax
4. Scott's Eternias Shelley Essence Wynn

**Best Altered in Specialty** Totton/Ivanovskis Ch. Pioneer Starkeeper Regal

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**Event: Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada National Sweepstakes**

**Date: September 1997**

**Judge: Linda Souza**

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I would like to thank the Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada for inviting me to judge the sweepstakes at their 1997 National Specialty. The Show Chairman and her committee did an outstanding job of putting on a successful and enjoyable specialty with only Mother Nature putting a slight damper" on the Sweepstakes. My sincere thanks to the wonderful ring stewards who made my job pleasant and easy.

I felt the overall quality of the puppies I saw was excellent and temperaments were good. In general heads, eye color, ears and bites were fine. The faults that tended to be the most frequent were shoulder and upper arm structure, toplines and length of body. Following are brief comments on each placement.

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### **6-9 Month Males**

1. Aotearoa Mangu Mumu (Daley) - pretty black puppy with lovely head, ear and eye. Good coat. Nice side movement and decent rear angulation. Needs more return of upper arm and a bit more depth of brisket.
2. Ballincu's Ruggles of Kellair (Kinsella) - Nice, tall puppy with a dark eye and good topline. Could use a bit more depth of brisket. Not quite as together on the move as the first puppy.
3. Jeb Macstuart Aerie of Eagle (Quinn, Benjamin, Ewing) - This puppy has good rear angulation, dark eye and good ear. He tends to be a bit rump high and soft in the topline and could use a bit more length. Not moving to his best advantage today.

### **9-12 Month Males**

1. Taliesin's Real of Eagle (Twomey) - A nice long puppy with a good topline. Nice open side gait. Good head, ears and eyes. A touch wide coming at you but everything else is in the plus column.
2. Summerhill Archangel Stoker (Rabe) - A handsome dog with a lovely side gait. Nice head features. Lost to the first dog on topline and return of upper arm.
3. Taliesin's Runchara of Eagle (Twomey) - Another puppy of nice proportions with good head, ears and eyes. Very decent movement. Would like to see more breadth of body.
4. Taliesin's Rory Mack of Eagle (Vaughn) - A good puppy with nice head details. Beautiful neck and decent shoulder. He could use a touch more length of body. This was not his day for movement.

### **12-15 Month Males**

1. Starkeepers Wager on Eagle (Ivanovskis & Carter) - Handsome, young dog with excellent depth and lovely curves. Good ears and eyes. Good shoulder and rear angulation with excellent side gait. Clean coming and going. Good males like this are a premium.
2. Pitlochry's Grey Eagle (Ewing) - Nice, houndy male with excellent side gait. Good head, eyes, ears. Lovely neck and good body length. Would like to see a bit more breadth in his body. It should come with maturity.
3. Ahrtof's Branson (Osborne & Dent) - a handsome dog with a good head and ear. Could use a touch more length of body and a little better front coming at you.
4. Starkeeper's Wind Wizard (Sebasckes) - A nice male with decent side gait and nice head details. Could use a better return of upper arm and a touch more length of body. Tail carried a bit high.

### **15--18 Month Males**

1. Kellyscot Glenamadda Harper (Lavigne & Walker) - This dog has a nice shape with a good rise over the loin and nice tuck-up. He has adequate depth. and good head details. Could use a better return of upper arm.
2. Spicemate Ballyhara Jacaranda (Whitney) - This is an overall nice dog who uses himself well on the move, but his body length is lacking which detracts from the overall picture.

### **6-9 Month Females**

1. Rathkeale's Agatha (Call) - Beautiful, dark brindle bitch puppy. Lovely, easy side gait. Sound coming & going. Good rise over the loin. Gorgeous head, ear and eye with a melting expression. Good shoulder and rear angulation. My easy first place.
2. Fitzarran Nithril (Deemer) - A beautiful and feminine puppy with a gorgeous outline and excellent side gait. Just a little on the lean side today which kept her out of first place.
3. Stoneybrook Whycked (Simon) - A bitch of lovely type with a pretty head and ears and good structure. She is a bit wide coming at you and has a ring tail which kept her behind first and second place.
4. Aotearoa Mancu Kui (Daley) - A lovely puppy with a beautiful head, ear and eye. Good black coat. Decent movement. Could use a better return of upper arm and slightly deeper brisket.

### **9-12 Month Females**

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1. Laudkeep Innish O'Dundrum (Carpenter & Kirtley) - A bitch of lovely type, nice side gait and perfect coming and going. Beautiful topline. Good head, ears & eyes. No extremes here.
2. Taliesin's Racanach of Eagle (Ewing & Smith) - Another nice bitch with good depth and tuck-up, nice topline, good head details and decent side gait. Not as clean coming and going as the first place bitch.
3. Riverlawn Murrigan of Eagle (Ewing) - This bitch has a beautiful outline, good side gait, nice dark eyes and good ears but she is a little under weight at this point.
4. Wolfhaven's Meadows of Madness (Osborne & Andrews) - This is a very pretty bitch with excellent movement but her shoulders are set too upright which takes away from her overall shape.

#### **12-15 Month Females**

1. Starkeeper Ard Zelda the Red (Ivanovskis) - This is a nice bitch with good depth and excellent tuck-up. Side gait is excellent and she is clean coming and going. Well structured.
2. Pitlochry's Dark Eagle (Ewing)- Beautiful and houndy tall bitch with lovely side gait and nice head, eyes & ears. Would like to see more rise over the loin.
3. Jubilee Aerie of Eagle (Benjamin & Ewing) - A nice bitch with good side gait. Still needs body to come along more. Moves at you a bit wide in the front.
4. Starkeeper's Winner for Eagle (Ewing & Ivanovskis) - This bitch has a lovely head, eye and ear and is clean coming and going. Would like to see a touch more length of loin but still a good bitch.

#### **15-18 Month Females**

1. Starkeeper Vandalia Grianan (Kennedy) - This bitch has the perfect topline so often missing in our breed. She is feminine with a lovely neck and decent shoulder. She is clean coming and going and opens up on the go around. She will be even better at maturity.
2. O'Lugh Charade Des Demage (Renaud & McNeil) - This is a good bitch with nice head, eyes and ears. She does not have the topline of the first place bitch and her tail is carried a bit high on the move but she is a good side mover and an overall nice bitch.
3. Arntara Berwyck Gabrielino (Bernardi) - A quality bitch with good head details and excellent movement. I liked her very much and would have placed her higher but I felt she was short in body length.
4. Glenamadda Kellyscot Hazocrazo (Koller) - This is another nice girl with good shoulders, decent side movement, clean coming and going and good head details. She was a bit short in croup and her topline sloped off slightly.

#### **Best in Sweepstakes**

I chose my 6-9 month puppy female, Rathkeale's Agatha, as my Best in Sweepstakes. She is only a few days over six months old but was so together on the move with a great attitude that she could not be denied. Her shape was feminine, yet strong and her beautiful face was a heart grabber

#### **Best of Opposite Sex to Best In Sweepstakes**

This honor went to Starkeeper's Wager on Eagle. He is such a well structured, handsome young male with excellent movement in all directions. I am sure there will be a bright future for the Junior Showmanship

I was pleased to have the opportunity to judge your juniors. Irish Wolfhounds are not the easiest dog for a junior to handle for competition but the children came through with flying colors. My **Best Overall Junior**, Serena Ivanovskis, is already an accomplished handler of this breed. She displays a wonderful way with the dog as she is showing but manages to keep the judge's focus on the dog she is presenting rather than herself.

#### **Parade of Veterans**

Thank you to the beautiful veterans who each took their turn around the ring. You are the light of our lives and we are thankful for each and every day you are with us.

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