

**Event: Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada
British Columbia Regional Specialty Show**

Date: May 29, 1998

Judge: Elizabeth Murphy, Ireland

My thanks to the Committee for their kind invitation to judge the 8th Annual B.C. Regional Specialty. My visit to B.C. was delightful. The hospitality and kindness was second to none and nothing had prepared me for the beauty of countryside. A special thanks to Karen Brumpton who looked after me so well before the show and to Emma Ross-Awde for her kindness and hospitality for the second half of my visit.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to judge your hounds. I would like to express my appreciation to all the owners who paid me the compliment of showing under me and thank them for their gracious acceptance of my placings. My thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the show such a success. And I would like to thank Karen Brumpton for her efficient stewarding, an essential contribution to the running of any show.

The big plus in your hounds is the number of very promising young bitches coming up. People can always use the top dogs, but the real strength in a breed lies in a good spread of quality bitches. As seems to be the case everywhere, the biggest problems are straight fronts and lack of soundness in movement. Lack of true movement coming and going was missing in many of the young hounds and may improve with age. There is less likelihood that it will improve in an older hound. One problem seemed a little more prevalent here than elsewhere, very straight pasterns. - a serious problem in a galloping breed. Also there seems to be a fashion to strip out the skull giving an unnaturally narrow (Borzoi) look to the head. Graham wrote that the "skull, though not coarse, should give the impression of strength". Bailey wrote that the skull should be "as powerful as is compatible with the greyhound conformation".

Junior Puppy Male

1st 201 Procyon Rocky of Moloney's Nice typical youngster. Forequarters, including pasterns, a little too straight. Length of stride should improve with maturity.
2nd 200 Procyon Rambo of Moloney's A promising, immature youngster. Strides out quite well for his age but movement coming and going needs to tighten up. Would like more angulation in the forequarters. Lacks spring of pastern.

Senior Puppy Male

1st 204 Reull Renegade RT Nice typical puppy with plenty of quality. Needs more ring experience. Rear movement should tighten up with maturity.
2nd 205 Reull Outlaw RT Typical well made hound. Good coat. Rear movement still needs to strengthen up.
3rd 206 King Carlos of Nutstown Well made hound, good coat. Ear carriage disappointing. Movement coming and going still needs to tighten up
4th 208 Pines Absalom A promising but still very immature youngster. Movement has a lot of tightening up to do

12 to 18 Months Male

1st 210 Reull Zard Zavijava Typical well made hound. Moved well. Would like a darker eye.

Canadian Bred Male

2nd 211 Ar Morga Faroucagh Na Cnoccarne Nice typical hound. Very unsound in the rear.

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Bred by Exhibitor Male

- 1st 212 Lilliput to Lochinvar Typical, handsome hound. Good Coat. Would like a little more angulation at shoulder and more reach of stride.
- 2nd 215 Cnoccarne Escaragh Nice typical hound. Would like a darker eye. Movement coming and going needs to tighten up.
- 3rd 214 Moloney's Taylor Made Typical handsome hound. Looked well standing. Needs more angulation of forequarters and spring of pastern. Movement disappointing.
- 4th 213 August High Island Zoomer Large handsome dog, good coat. Pasterns a little too straight and back feet need to tighten. Movement coming and going needs to tighten up.

Open Male

- 1st 216 Knocknarea Michael Typical, handsome and well made hound. Length of stride should lengthen with maturity.
- 2nd 220 Jesseans Rhudy Another excellent hound. Tendency to crab as he moves forward.
- 3rd 223 Moloney's Just Dandy A typical, handsome hound marred by straight pasterns and lack of depth of brisket
- 4th 225 Athenas Saturn Magic O'Pool A attractive hound. Good coat. A little too wide in front and straight in pastern.

Winners Dog and BOS 216 - Knocknarea Michael

Reserve Winners dog 212 - Lilliput to Lochinvar

Veteran Male

228 Brandy Whine's Mick of Eagle A typical hound, full of personality. Moved well for his age. A credit to his owner.

Junior Puppy Female

- 1st 231 Barra Gwynn C'est Moi Wallis Typical well made hound. Nice head. Good hindquarters. Rear action should strengthen with maturity.
- 2nd 230 Celticwind the Oracle Another typical, well made hound. Full of promise. Needs more confidence. Front action should tighten with maturity.
- 3rd 229 Cubailiwick Caithlin Attractive but still very immature youngster. Nice head. Needs more confidence. Movement should tighten up with maturity.
- 4th 234 Cubailiwick's Molly-O Well built, typical youngster. Movement should tighten up with maturity. Needs more confidence

Senior Puppy Female

- 1st 235 Cnoccarne Raenagh Typical, well made youngster. Moved well for her age.
- 2nd 239 Miss Moose of Bumpkiss Lovely mature puppy. Needs more ring experience to show to better advantage. Tended to side-wheel when moving - this may correct itself as she matures.
- 3rd 238 Haro's Grace of Berwyck Another promising youngster. A tall slender hound who will probably not be at her best until she is over 3 years of age.
- 4th 240 Freckles of Bumpkiss Another nice tall slender youngster who will take time to mature. Moved well.

12 to 18 months Female

- 1st 242 Marumac Chant of Cnoccarne A quality typical hound, well made. Front movement needs to tighten up. Moved well for her age.
- 2nd 244 Stoneybrook Leia Skywalker Typical hound. Nice coat. Good rear. Still a little wide at elbow.
- 3rd 243 Caileag Rhea Saturn O'Pool Tall immature hound, good coat. Would like stronger head. Needs more confidence to show to advantage.

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Canadian Bred Female

1st 246 Superstar Ramblyn Rose Attractive hound, nicely made. Movement coming and going needs to tighten up.

2nd 245 Procyons Brianna of Moloney Typical nicely made hound. Feet and rear action need to tighten up. Still immature. Needs more confidence.

Bred by Exhibitor Female

1st 251 August Amber Typical, well made hound, strong hindquarters. Good coat. Nice ears. A little wide at elbow.

2nd 250 Moloney's Rosey Typical, mature dog, well made. Nice head. A little slack in topline. Front action needs to tighten up a little.

3rd 253 Haro's Marnie of Berwyck Typical, well made hound, moved well. Should develop further with maturity.

4th 254 Dreamacres Eloquent Esprit Typical well made hound. Good Coat, Movement coming and going needs to tighten up.

Open Female

1st 263 Eibhlinn of Nutstown Lovely typical hound, lovely head and ears. A little wide at elbow.

2nd 258 Reull Rathkeale Ranna Terror Very nice typical bitch. Head over-groomed giving appearance of narrow skull. Moved well, though front feet tended to toe in a little.

3rd 261 August Emerald Morgan Very typical hound, well made, good hindquarters. Tail carriage a little high.

4th 255 Brimstone Shenanigan Dixie Nice typical well made hound. Movement coming and going needs to tighten up a little.

Veteran Female

1st 267 Bearnabui Tessagh of Cnoccarne Typical, well made hound. Good conformation. Moved well for her age.

Winners Female 263 - Eibhlinn of Nutstown

Reserve Winners Female 242 Marumac Chant of Cnoccarne

Best of Breed 271 Ar Morga Amaragh Na Cnoccarne - Excellent example of the breed. A worthy Best of Breed Winner.

Best Opposite Sex 216 Knocknarea Michael An excellent hound. At 18 months still has a little more time to mature.

Best of Winners 263 Eibhlinn of Nutstown A lovely very typical bitch. Lovely head

Best Puppy 204 Reull Renegade RT Lovely well made typical youngster. Nice head.

Exhibition only 274 Rainvale Connor and 275 Lady Lorenza of Tyrconnell It was lovely to see these two grand veterans parade around the ring with their heads held high to the applause of the onlookers. Photo not available

Altered male 222 Superstar In Suspenders It was nice to see a place in the show ring for this youngster and her much loved hound.

Altered Female 276 Chulchoill Fiona A lovely typical hound, a credit to her owner. Photo not available.

Best Altered in Breed 222 Superstar In Suspenders

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