

**Event: Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada  
Mid Canada Regional Specialty Show**

**Date: July 24, 2004**

**Conformation Judge: Chris Macleod**

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I have to say, when we first received the invitation to judge at your speciality we were both really excited but also apprehensive as this was to be our first visit to Canada & also Chippy's first judging assignment abroad. The prospect of judging abroad can be daunting, meeting new people, & not always knowing quite how things are going to pan out. Also, Heather our 14 year old daughter was going to be accompanying us.

The welcome at the airport, dispersed any worries. We were greeted with smiles & a beautiful bunch of flowers by members of the show committee. Now to the show. The show ground is literally situated right by the hotel where the exhibitors were staying. An absolutely stunning setting!! An enormous grass ring, overlooking the lake, which was a perfect backdrop for the photo-shoots. And I must say, I have never before seen exhibitors all "advising" and "instructing" to get the best possible shot of the hound being photographed. The result being very professional photographs showing the hound to their best advantage. Taking the photographs after each class does slow the judging down, but I feel it's a procedure definitely worth continuing. If only we had a venue such as this in the U.K.! It puts the Sky Blue Convention to shame. Both Breed club's Championship & Open shows are judged inside a sports center.

The atmosphere around the ring felt very pleasant. It was warm & sportsmanlike and the cheer for the Open Bitch Class Winner, totally bemused me, maybe I did one thing right!! And I couldn't believe the Scottish Piper playing his bagpipes at the end of the show. Pure coincidence I know, he was there for a wedding, but as I was born & bred in Scotland it was really fitting. Also the 2 young Scottish dancers at the dinner were superb. And the young lad was dancing with a broken arm!

We were sorry that the procedure had changed, and we were unable to attend the Friday night buffet prior to the show, it would have been nice to have briefly met & said hello to everybody. But it did give us the opportunity to meet Terry Young (the show secretary) & his wife Marion, and to discuss any show procedural queries that we had. The Saturday Dinner following the show, was excellent & a great atmosphere prevailed.

The auction was amazing, there were so many lovely items to bid for and a very "gullible" gentleman who would laugh, or cough, or raise his hand at the most inopportune moment, went home with several unbids for items courtesy of the auctioneer who was determined to get money out of him!!! Jim (*Black*) the stand in auctioneer did a sterling job with his two right hand men Jim 2 (*Martin*) and Jim 3 (*Curtis*). And I must say the comedy floor show between auctioneer Jim & his wife (*Glenda*) was very entertaining, especially when she began bidding against herself to annoy him!

The Raffle prize, crafted & donated by Gayle (*Curtis*) was a work of art. She told us it only took two weeks to make it, but then admitted to working for 8 hours a day to complete it.

Chippy & I were caught on the hop a little, having thought that the judges comments that we were to make, were just that!! We weren't expecting to give a formal speech at a podium. Also we had just dashed from the show grounds, into the shower, & straight to the dinner, so had not had the time or opportunity to collect our thoughts & prepare. So, our comments were literally thoughts straight off the top of our heads. We would like to extend our apologies but hope that our comments were received as given, with the good of the breed in mind. Thank you so much for our gifts. I can't wait to try the collar on our puppy when we get home..she is a very dark grey, so the purple should look stunning. Our Sweat shirts were "christened" immediately by two whippets on route to coursing on Sunday afternoon, who did the wail of death inside the van muddy paws marked them straight away.

We thoroughly enjoyed the coursing at Vallemar on Sunday & Monday. There were some fantastic courses run by the Whippets & Greyhounds & we felt privileged to participate in coursing with some of the top hounds in the country competing. Yes, Silvia had us working! Chippy was clerking for the judges, and as Sue (*Fall*) was huntmaster I slipped her hounds for her. I have to admit not as ably as the experts around me. Very

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interesting people, although I must say, rather eccentric! Gayle (*Curtis*) and Sue (*Fall*) two lws made a good start at their first attempt. Sue's young Jinx, with encouragement, has the potential to become a good courser. On her second attempt she opened up into a double suspension gallop with eyes transfixed following the lure... a fantastic sight. It was a pity that more lws didn't participate as it is such a thrill to see the power and the stamina of an IW in full flight. And the "highlight" of the day, bringing a halt to the start of one course just as two whippets were about to be slipped, was a black bear lumbering right across the top of the coursing field. An incredible experience!!

Unfortunately our 'sightseeing trip" with Randi (*Monteith*) to the rubbish tip (local dump) where there often are 14 bears, was a nono, not a single bear in sight. Its too incredulous for us to comprehend bears roaming around the rubbish tip where everyone goes on a regular basis. Thank-you Silvia and Jim for all your planning and hard work, use of your huge field and excellent food. The first time we have ever had Smokies. The hospitality we receive was phenomenal and everyone was so kind. Special thanks to Sue, our hostess, who must have been exhausted after we left and is even now probably still shopping for a new camera after hers fell in the water when we were tubing down the river.

To Silvia and Jim for the invitation to judge and to take part in the coursing. And special thanks from Heather to whom Silvia presented a beautiful Gaelic cross, for which I had, unknowingly, bid against at the auction and therefore pushed the price up. To Glenda and Jim (*Black*) for dinner, another new experience (beer-butt chicken) and beers from around the world. For the sight-seeing trips and the bravery of those who hate heights!! So lots of new experiences and sights, humming birds, chipmunks, black bears, white-tailed deer, perogies, smokies, river tubing, and the Northern Lights. But I still never saw my moose, so I guess we will have to come back and visit again.

Thank-you all so much,  
Chris, Chippy and Heather

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I was looking for typy, sound, well conditioned muscled hounds, who present as if they are able to do a days hunting. Moving easily & actively with presence & commanding appearance with a calm steady temperament. General comments about your hounds: there were some very typy IW's present at the show but soundness & movement wasn't always as it should be. Several hounds were weak & flat in pasterns, which severely affected their front movement. I saw quite a few hounds presenting with level bites & small teeth. My main concern was that several hounds presented with edgy, spooky temperaments. The Irish wolfhound is the largest of the giant breeds & should have an equable temperament in keeping with its size & presence. At the end of the day, however, many puppies in the show ring will be bred, & often the majority of the litter will be going to pet homes, therefore, bomb proof temperaments & sound dispositions are of paramount importance to the breed as a whole, whatever environment they are in. Overall the quality & standard of the hounds shown under me was high & I was delighted with my winners.

#### **Veteran Male**

1103 Conners Ch. Dragonwind Leviathan.

8 year old grey male tall & upstanding. Good head, with nice expression. Excellent ear set, level bite. Length of neck into reasonably angulated shoulder, long straight bone Little narrow through out, ribs could be better sprung, although long curving lines. Fair bend of stifle. Moved erratically coming & going, but steadily in profile with a flowing stride. Coat a little soft. Excellent temperament. A credit to his owners.

#### **Veteran Female**

1137 1st. Fall's B.I.S. Dragonwind Liberty Belle

Litter sister to Veteran dog, Beautiful furnished feminine head with soft expression. Well held ears, bite level. Overall houndy make & shape & very balanced. good straight bone. Flat in pasterns, good underline, although petticoat distracts. Strong quarters with good bend in stifle. Movement loose in front, but moved well in profile. Coat a little soft. In good condition. Lovely temperament.

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1123 2<sup>nd</sup> Black;s Ch. Stoneybrook Mora.

Quality dark grey, very typy bitch. Of 8 years with absolutely beautiful head. Long, level planes & the softest far away expression. Good lay of shoulder, into front with width & depth. Straight bone .curvacious, sweeping lines, but very heavy & weighty in loin which totally flattens her underline. Width & strength across croup, well angulated hind quarters. Although sound on the move was rather unenthusiastic. Soft temperament .

1102 3<sup>d</sup>. Martin's Dragonwind Alix at Vallemar

Balanced grey 7 year old bitch. Sweet feminine head with soft expression. Good bone. flat in pasterns. Nicely bodied through. Reasonable quarters. Well carried tail. Reluctant to move for her handler. Good temperament. Good coat texture.

### **Senior Puppy Male**

1116: 1<sup>st</sup>. J.Simon Stoneybrook Wizard.

Thirteen month red brindle. Scopy, rangy young male with excellent potential. At present very raw, but has all he needs to fulfill great promise. Just too immature to compete against the other males today. I would love to see him in a couple of years when he has matured. Long level head, carried high with far seeing expression. Excellent scissor bite. Superb length of neck into laid back shoulder, with length & slope to upper arm. Width & breath of sternum but lacking depth of chest at present. Long sweeping lines. Strong quarters, with width over the croup. At times standing a little "bum high". Angulated stifle with good length of second thigh. Extended well in profile with long ground covering stride, but loose in pasterns & hocks at present so erratic coming & going. Good harsh coat, & in excellent condition . Outgoing boy.

*Best Puppy In Specialty*

### **Bred by Exhibitor Male**

1109. 1<sup>st</sup> C. Hartenstein & L. Simon Am.Ch. Rockhart Kamouflage

21/2 year old wonderful, substantial, strong, typy hound with presence & quality. Old fashioned head with good expression. Shortish, but creasted neck into superb lay of shoulder with long sloping upper arm. Excellent predominant sternum, the best forechest I have seen for a long time. long strong lines through out. Excellent width & strength through croup & well angulated hindquarters. Over on pasterns, so movement coming very poor, loose & unsteady, but extended & covered the ground well in profile. Harsh coat  
*Winner Male & Best of Winners.*

1142 2<sup>nd</sup> Morris's Brimstone Solomon

20 month dark grey youngster, long & rangy, but narrow through & not dropped in body as yet. Masculine head, with nice expression but flat in ear. Long arched neck but rather up right in shoulder. Little flat in feet. Rather flat in topline, & over long in loin. Good length & width of stifle, looks unbalanced standing, but collects on the move & strides out freely & activley. Harsh coat. Well muscled & in good condition

### **Open Male** .....one excused due to temperment problems

1106 1<sup>st</sup> C.Hartenstein & L.Simon Rockhart Anthem

Houndy, curvacious male with lots of bone & substance. Masculine head with strong expression, but possibly a little short in muzzle. Excellent lay of shoulder with slope & length to upper arm. Depth & breath of chest . Well ribbed up. Good width across quarters. Topline slopes off a little over croup. Very angulated in stifle. Good tail set, but rings it on the move. Flowing, steady long striding movement.

*Reserve Winners Male.*

1112 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sharpe, Pline, Osborne, & Andrews Am Ch Tomahawke Wolfhaven Windtalker

Substantial, balanced hound, but no the curves of number one. Plain in type. Furnished head with good expression. Good strong straight bone, nice lines through out. Well bodied with width & depth, adequate bend & length to stifle Tail well set with good carriage. Moved soundly, easily & steadily. Lovely temperament.

1143 3<sup>rd</sup>. Morris's Brimstone Meshach

Tall rangy dark grey hound with lots of scope. Looks very collected & together standing, but erratic on the move, especially coming & going. Strong masculine head with kind expression, spoiled by flat ears. Long straight bone. Sweeping, curving lines through out. Good bend of stifle with length of second thigh, but slightly high on hock.

1101 4<sup>th</sup> Gottsch & Morris Brimstone Ianina's Mr. Magoo JC

Tall balanced substantial hound, strong masculine head, but a little light in eye. Long neck into fair shoulder but shortish in upper arm. Good depth & breath of chest. Good strong bone. Flat in pasterns & therefore loose in front movement. Well bodied with well sprung rib. Has length of stifle but needs more width through. Good tail set & carriage, tail well covered. Well muscled & in good condition. lovely temperament.

### **Senior Puppy Bitch**

1138 1<sup>st</sup> Fall & Simon Stoneybrook Draga Jinx.

Red brindle of super houndy type, very shapely & curves throughout. Very balanced. A little plain in head, lacking in furnishings, but soft expression. Good of crested neck into well laid shoulder. Adequate bone. Needs to drop in body. Sweeping lines. Good bend of stifle, could have a little more width through. Excellent free striding movement for a youngster, reaches out & covers the ground. Looks as though she could do a days hunting. In excellent muscular condition. Mischievous temperament.

1118 2<sup>nd</sup> J& A. Simon & M. Genovese. Stoneybrook Skye Solay

Cream houndy bitch with the darkest of eye & excellent pigmentation. Excellent scissor bite. Good bone, body, length & substance. Long neck into angulated shoulder .very strong quarters & croup. Long sweeping stifle. Strong powerful free movement . In muscular condition. Harsh coat.

1133 3<sup>rd</sup> Tamm's Limerick Hannah Sylverwolf

Tall brindle bitch with long curving lines. Well bodied & shapely. Head nice but a little heavy in skull and a little light in eye. Good length of neck into fair shoulder. Long strong bone. Length & sweep to stifle with length of 2<sup>nd</sup> thigh but requires more width through. Nicely set on long tail. Moved reasonably well, but unsettled.

1125 4<sup>th</sup> Renshaw's Stoneybrook Rowen Nimbus

Smaller fine feminine bitch. Lovely lines throughout and very balanced but could do with a little more of her all through. Pretty head with kind expression. Nice make and shape, curves through out. Movement easy. Good harsh coat.

### **12-15 Month Bitch**

1115 1<sup>st</sup> Rubnick Oldines's Darkest Moment

Well made substantial wheaten bitch. A little plain head but soft expression & well held ear. Good bone & depth through out. Little wide in front. Far bend of stifle with low hock. Strong over croup. Covered the ground well, & moving away drove off her hocks & very true behind. Harsh coat.

### **Canadian Bred Female**

1120 1st Koller & McCrossan Houndhouse Genesis

A superb type bitch who exudes quality with curvilinear lines through out. Beautiful feminine expressive head, slightly large in ear. Long neck into well angulated shoulder & upper arm giving predominance of breast bone. Elbows well set under. Strong straight bone into tight feet. Good length of body with good rise over loin & good tuck up. Strong muscled stifle with bend & sweep, but can look straight behind when not positioned correctly. She can be stubborn to stand. Pin wire coat. In hard muscular condition. Moved easily & effortlessly with ground covering stride. Very sound.

*Winners Female & Best of Opposite Sex*

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1129 2<sup>nd</sup> Simmons Lonnkyle Order

Very very houndy red brindle workmanlike bitch. Full of curves & well constructed. Long level head, maybe a little plain for some. Superb rose ear. Well laid shoulder giving predominance of forechest. Good depth of chest . Excellent underline & topline. Bend & sweep to stifle. So balanced & moved absolutely soundly coming & going with reaching stride in profile. Out of coat at present. Temperment on the edgy side.

1135 3<sup>d</sup>. Hopf. Gagne, & Pounder Bilbernie Molly 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Red bitch with very dark eye & pigment to match. Small rose shaped well held ears. Long neck but rather upright in shoulder & short upper arm. Fair depth & length through sweep to underline. Adequate angulation to hind quarters. Coat on the blow. A little nervous in temperament. Moved & handled well.

1139 4<sup>th</sup> Curtis's Dragonwind Ciara Bay Belle

large substantial strong bitch of good shape. Pretty head, spoiled by eyes showing excessive haw. Adequate length of neck into reasonable shoulder & depth & breath of forechest. Strong long bone, but flat in feet. Carrying a little too much weight making her look heavy in loin. Fairly well angulated quarters. Width across croup . Long well covered tail. Moved steadily but not particularly enthusiastically. Nice temperament.

### **Bred by Exhibitor: Female**

1108 1<sup>st</sup> C. Hartvenstein & L.Simon Stoneybrook Kamille

A beautiful hound, red brindle very typy bitch. Head maybe a little short in muzzle, but the softest of expressions & a small rose ear. Compact & well made with strong bone. well angulated forequarters giving predominance of breast bone & fabulous forechest. Sweeping curves but carrying a little too much weight. Superb width across quarters. Breadth & width through stifle. Harsh pin wire coat. Well carried tail. Movement flowing, easy & active. Could work all day.

*Reserve Winners Bitch*

1117 2<sup>nd</sup> J & A. Simon Stoneybrook Ruby

Rather long cast red bitch, but with good lines & curves . Head a little plain but soft dark eye & darkest of pigmentation. Excellent scissor bite, large strong teeth. Long neck into well angulated forechest . Long straight bone. A little flat in underline. Excellent width & slope to croup. Strong Quarters with well built stifle. Well covered long tail carried with an upward sweep. Really extends & reaches out in front movement with long long ground covering stride. In profile flowed around the ring so effortlessly & kept improving the more she gaited. So powerfull. A hunting hound in hard muscular condition.

1140 3<sup>d</sup> Morris's Brimstone Moppet

Dark grey shapely bitch of long flowing lines. Feminine head with soft expression maybe a little short in muzzle. Flat ears. Good length of neck into angulated shoulder. Long straight bone. Rise to top line & sweep to underline. Strong well angulated hindquarters. Harsh coat. Well muscled. Well carried tail. Movement easy & active. Edgy temperament.

### **Open Female**

1122 1<sup>st</sup> Black's Stoneybrook Karma at Seawolf

Dark grey tall substantial bitch of old fashioned type. Lovely feminine head with soft expression, although could be a little longer in muzzle. Well held ears. Crested neck into well angulated shoulders giving a good forechest. Long straight bone. good length & depth through out but a little heavy at present. Strong quarters with length & sweep to stifle. Excellent tail carriage. Very sound coming & going & long ground covering stride. Well handled & presented to get the best out of her. In good condition. Lovely temperament.

1105 2<sup>nd</sup>. C. Hartvenstein & L.Simon Loving Memory V.d.Ruempof

Old fashioned typy shapely bitch. Sweet feminine head with soft expression & with rose ears. Arched neck into excellent lay of shoulder giving breath & depth of forechest. Strong bone. Substantial but maybe carrying too much weight. Strong well angulated quarters. Ground covering, easy active stride.

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1131 3<sup>d</sup> Webb & Simon Stoneybrook Lakota at Foinaven

Beautiful feminine type hound & although could be taller has quality & presence. Lovely head & expression could be longer in muzzle. Well held ears. Long arched neck into well angulated forequarters. Strong straight front. All curves & sweeping lines through. Super make & shape. Excels in hind quarters. In profile moved freely & easily but going away very cow hocked. Pin wire coat. In super condition. Lovely temperament.

1141 4<sup>th</sup> Morris's Brimstone Magdalene

Tall shapely longish cast bitch. Feminine head with soft expression. Long neck into well laid shoulder. Long straight bone but down in pasterns has depth through out but needs more width through. Good rise over loin. Length & bend to stifle. Moved easily & actively. Harsh coat. Presented in hard muscled condition.

### **Specials**

1128 B.I.S.S. Ch. Lonnkyle Normandie

Not the tallest or most impressive of hounds when you first look at him, but very honest & very well constructed & put together. Not overly exaggerated and difficult to fault. Also extremely sound & the more he moved around the ring the more he caught my eye & the better he got totally balanced. Strong masculine well furnished head with lovely expression, well held ears. Excellent scissor bite. Length of crested neck into good depth & width of forechest with well laid shoulder. Strong straight bone. Good tight feet. Curving lines through with depth & substance. Good sweep & angulation to quarters with low hock.

Nice rise over loin and width across croup. Very strong behind. Absolutely true coming & going. Flowed around the ring in profile easily & effortlessly extending more & more as he continued to gait. In hard well muscled condition. Super temperament.

*Best In Specialty & Best Canadian Bred in Specialty* ...pleased to hear afterwards that this was a repeat win for him at this show (under Ludovica Solomon in 2002)

### **Award of Merit**

1121 Koller & McCrossan B.I.S.S. Ch. Houndhouse Supernatural Bob

Impressive grey upstanding powerful stallion hound with huge depth & substance. Masculine head with kind expression, unfortunately level bite & small worn down teeth. Long strong bone. Great make & shape. Curves through out. Good top line with rise over loin. Strong quarters with good driving action & plenty of width. Movement sound & active. Harsh coat. In well muscled hard condition. Lovely temperament.

### **Altered Female**

1104 1<sup>st</sup> Gottsch's Ch. Ianina's Neapolitan

A tall substantial feminine cream bitch with excellent dark eye & matching pigmentation. Super rose ears. Strong straight bone, but flat in pasterns. Good depth & breadth to body little short in loin. Croup strong with good width. A little straight behind. Moved soundly & easily, well handled & presented. In lovely condition. Soft temperament.

### **Stud Dog**

Morris's Brimstone Meshach

Progeny presented like their sire. Tall dark rangy hounds with lots of scope & alike in type.

### **Brace**

Black's Stoneybrook Karma at Seawolf & Stoneybrook MoraCGC

A lovely feminine type brace of bitches. Together looked a picture standing but equally commanding on the move. Well handled & well matched pair, both striding out in step with one another.

### **Gait**

J. & A. Simon Stoneybrook Ruby

She is so well angulated fore & aft that it gives her the scope to extend in front & drive off her hocks. She has a long reaching, ground covering stride in profile & is absolutely true both coming & going. Exudes power & stamina when gaiting around the ring giving the impression of a hound that could hunt all day.

## Head

Blacks Stoneybrook Mora CGC

She has a beautiful head with the darkest of well shaped eye & the softest far away expression. Good width of & moderately pointed muzzle with long level plains. Not especially well furnished but that melting expression just has it all!

## Front & Hindquarters

Koller & McCrosson Houndhouse Genesis

She has a fabulous well angulated lay of shoulder with long sloping upper arm with elbows well set under. She has depth & width & predominance of forechest. Strong long, straight bone & tight well knuckled feet. She has excellent width & strength over croup & correct slope. She has super sweep & angulation of stifle, also with width through & length of second thigh. She has a nice low hock & from behind stands square & true. She has a correctly set on & correctly carried tail. Is also in hard muscular condition.

## Type

Black's Stoneybrook Karma At Seawolf

Old fashioned graceful typy bitch. Tall with long flowing lines & curves through out. She has presence & is of commanding appearance & is in hard muscular condition. She presents a powerful yet elegant picture of a true Irish Wolfhound.

Chris MacLeod- Specialty Judge  
Brachan Irish Wolfhounds

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**Date: July 24, 2004**

**Sweepstakes Judge: Chippy MacLeod**

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I would like to say what on honour it was to be asked to judge the Sweepstakes & Junior Handling. It really was an experience. I will always remember the friendly atmosphere at the show & the hospitality of the show committee members. I was very nervous at first, as it was my first judging assignment abroad, but I soon felt at ease, once I got started, then I wished I had more dogs to judge!! But the few that I had, showed good promise & quality, my winners all had good movement & great scope, with the frame & body to grow into. The temperament of most was good, but I did have one youngster that I struggled to go over. Bites were generally good & most had good coats.

I must apologize for my poor speech, as I just didn't have the time to prepare myself for it! I must thank the committee once again, for the great time that we had, before, during & after the show & also for making our daughter Heather feel so welcome.

**9-12 Month Male** - 1113 Absent!

**12-15 Month Male** - 1116; 1<sup>st</sup>: J. Simon's Stoneybrook Wizard

This young dog has a lot of scope. A lovely head & expression with a good strong long neck. Good lay of shoulder, not enough depth of chest at the moment. Great spring of rib. Good length & well muscled. Sometimes stands high behind. Moved freely but unsteady in front & rear. Movement will improve with age. Lovely coat. Will be very interested to see this dog when fully matured.

*Best in Sweeps*

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**9-12 Month Female - 1138. 1<sup>st</sup> S. Fall & J. Simon's Stoneybrook Draga Jinx**

This is a real typy bitch, who looked like she could run forever. Lovely overall shape & a wonderful temperament. A lovely feminine head & good lay of shoulder. Needs more depth of chest. Could be slightly longer in body, good stifle but lacks width. Well muscled, good condition & moved with drive.

*Best Opposite in Sweeps*

**1118 2<sup>nd</sup>. J.Simon & M. Genovese Stoneybrook Skye Solay**

Not much between first & second. Lovely cream bitch with nice head & expression, good temperament, well laid shoulder, but slightly wide in front. Well matured for her age, with good bend of stifle. Good coat. Moved around the ring with ease.

**1133 3<sup>rd</sup> S. Tamm Limerick Hannah Sylverwolf**

A very tall brindle bitch looked striking in profile. Lovely head with good furnishings. Good depth of chest but could do with more spring of rib and length of body. A little straight in stifle. Temperament was very nervous & I struggled at first to judge her. Moved quite well eventually after I gave her several chances.

**1125 4<sup>th</sup> B. Renstrom . Stoneybrook Rowen Nimbus.**

Rather a small bitch, but a nice shape & outline. Nice head, moving rather erratically but settled later. Good coat.

**12-15 Month female - 1115 1<sup>st</sup>. C. Rubenick. Oldines Darkest Moment**

Nice typy wheaten bitch, fine feminine head with kind expression. Good shoulder, with a good chest, slightly short in length. Good bend in stifle & well muscled. Movement was slightly erratic.

**Junior Handling.**

Unfortunately I only had 3 Junior handlers, each competing in different classes. Each at different levels of expertise. The first was obviously a novice junior handler with wolfhounds & tried very hard to show the wolfhound to its best. She was very kind & gentle with the hound at all times. She really appeared to enjoy herself, so keep practicing. The second junior handler was obviously very skilled at showing dogs including wolfhounds. But has to learn to stand a wolfhound in the correct stance. She was at ease handling her wolfhound, but I felt she spent too much time watching me & not paying enough attention to her wolfhound. The best junior handler, looking as though he had handled wolfhounds all of his life! He used the ring wisely & showed the hounds qualities very well. He performed every task that I asked of him with great confidence & had a very good relationship with his hound. Thank you once again for asking me to judge the Junior Handlers.

Chippy MacLeod.