

Event: IWCC Quebec Regional Specialty Show

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Conformation Judge: Nancy King Aiken

Dog Shows survive because people interested in dogs work very hard to make it possible. Dog Show Chairwoman Nancy McDonough and her Committee Members spent their time and expertise to make possible a good day for all those who supported the event. / wish to thank ALL of you. The site was fine, the weather was good to the hounds, the activities were successful, the trophies beautiful and I hope all had as good time as I did.

My thanks to the Ring Stewards, their help made my day very pleasant. My thanks to all of the entries. The atmosphere reflected good sportsmanship, love of the breed and a real interest in the judging. My comments will follow the order in the catalog:

Senior Puppy Dog

First Place Number 5 *Starkeeper McEnroe of Limerick*

A tall well put together 11 month old. Attractive masculine head. Pleasant outgoing youngster, sound, good pigment and balanced. Moderate in all parts. As he matures all will get even better

Male 12-18 months Dog

First Place Number 7 *Glenamadda Starkeeper Victory*

Did well in this class. Well proportioned body length to neck length and size of head. Good pigment. A solid two count on the trot.

Second Place Number 6 *Aotearoa Tihi Aru*

Placing second out of four young dogs. A nice head, and acceptable ears, length to height was good. He carried himself well, had an outgoing and pleasant temperament. He had a free moving gait.

Canadian Bred Male

First Place Number 46 *Cnoccarne Carrowmoragh*

Single entry in this class, (Number 10 being absent). A mature dog who moved well. Good coat and a very nice head. I believe he would have shown better with competition. Good outline of the top line which held when he moved.

Bred By Exhibitor Male

First Place Number 12 *Redtops Celtic Spirit*

AOM & WINNERS DOG & BEST BRED BY EXHIBITOR

A very well put together dog. Balance and symmetry on the topline and bottom line. A nice flowing descending curve line all the way to the tip of his tail. A good head, beautiful eyes, a moderate neck sloping into his well placed shoulders.

Standing with air under him solid. Showing strength fore and aft. A sound, easy gait. A pleasure to put my hands on him and to watch him move.

Second Place Number 11 *Taliesin's Wateron*

A younger dog with many of the qualities of the first place dog, but not the maturity. He had very nice hips and thighs, good muscle tone, a good coat and very good pigmentation.

Open Male

First Place Number 14 *Blair's Alloy O'Massapeag*

RESERVE WINNERS DOG

A mature dog, upstanding balanced male Irish Wolfhound (good type). Moderate in angulation fore and aft, standing over his ground with dignity. Forelegs set under the withers in line with his elbows, hi good condition and moving with a sound gait A good masculine head and a kind eye.

Second Place Number 16 *Taliesin's Suailce JC*

Second out of five dogs, (number 13 being absent). Having many of the same qualities as number 14, this dog needed what four years of maturity can give to the mature Irish Wolfhound; a bit "more dog in the physical meaning". However number 16 has more spring to his step and an Irish look to his eye. A good moderate hound.

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NUMBER 12 REDTOPS CELTIC SPIRIT: Winners Dog, Best Bred By Exhibitor
NUMBER 14 BLAIR'S ALLOY O'MASSAPEAG: Reserve Winners Dog, First Place Open Male

VETERAN DOG

First Place Number 19 *Taliesin's LORCAN*

A credit to his sire and dam, Thank you for presenting this dog .We, all of us live to see veterans, because that is what we want. In good condition, a typical male wolfhound. Good outline and gait .Very nice head and pigment.

Junior Puppy Female

First Place Number 21 *Tirnanog Hooligan Halley*

The three young puppy females were close in quality. First Place was a bit longer in body. Was good on the go, had a nice head and better topline. Coat and general conditioning slightly better.

Second Place Number 20 *Curiann's Indigo*

Gait was good, sound and she was a bit more balanced than number 22.

Senior Female Puppy

BEST PUPPY, First in GAIT Class

First Place Number 23 *Hemmingford Lucy In The Sky*

Outgoing, sound female with good conditioning. She had good length of leg which matched her depth of chest. Good coat, Balance in head, neck and body. Wonderful expression. Best type of all the puppies .She kept up with the seven hounds in the gait class and outlasted them.

Second Place Number 24 *Lonnkyke Portia*

A sound, well put together female. As well balanced as the first place but not in top condition. Very feminine head with a pleasing expression. Topline and underline were correct and added to her overall outline.

12-18 Months Female

First Place Number 32 *Glennamada Starkeeper Wallis*

A tall girl, with a long neck and a long top tine with great legs. If she grows into her tail she also will taller. A nice long head full size nose and folded ears. Moves with ease and covers ground.

Second Place Number 31 *Aoteaeoa Aroha Noa*

2nd place in a class (of 6 number 27 absent). Close to the first place female number31. Has balance and type in her body, neck and head. Great neck and shoulders, good ears and coat. She moved with a sound stride.

Canadian Bred Female

First Place Number 33 *Billbernie Molly*

WINNERS FEMALE, BEST OF WINNERS

Side movement was good. The Top line and underline were smooth and held when in motion. Good length of neck which blended into her shoulders. Very nice head and good pigmentation. Coat was correct for her color and in good condition. A mature female in good condition, standing with her forefeet directly beneath the withers elbow line, not overdone but moderate in every way.

Second Place Number 38 *Laislinn Starkeeper Rayne FCH*

RESERVE WINNERS FEMALE, Part of Winning TEAM

2nd place in a class of four in hard competition (numbers 34, 36 were absent) Balanced body and strong legs, with a nice neck and head. Top line very nice from the poll to the tip of her tail .Looking at her, you know she can run. Nice shoulders, good bend of stifle. Long head, good pigmentation and a kind eye.

Bred By Exhibitor Female

First Place Number 42 *Calorien Detente*

A three year old female in her prime. Correct in her stance, nice top line, good conditioning, good coat and nice head. She moved well, sound and with ease.

Second Place Number 41 *Blackwing's Hazel*

A bit more height, and more leg, but not the same balance of number 42. Good on her feet, a tight quick mover, pleasing to the eye.

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Open Class Female

First Place Number 43 *Starkeeper Cearah of Fitzwick*

A mature female with a great temperament, long head with a proper nose. Good length of neck fitting into her shoulders and chest. Good thigh muscles, nice coat, easy on the move.

Second Place Number 50 *Greymist Redtop Touch O'Grace*

Second in a class of seven (number 49 absent) A mature female well presenting her breed. All over out line was good. She moved well. She is in good condition, good coat, and a nice head Long, lean and busy, fun to watch move.

Veterans Class Female

First Place Number 52 *CH Starkeeper Cuhaven Karontara*

BEST OF BREED, BEST OF BREED ALTERED, WINNERS FEMALE ALTERED, Part of the WINNING BRACE, Part of the Winning TEAM

All over balance of this bitch is very good. Moderation, nothing in extreme. Her head is the correct shape and size, ears folded to her head, pigmentation very good (eyes and mouth), neck in harmony with shoulders, well set to her body and legs, legs have good bone and are clean, fore hand deep chest, lions up followed by correct croup and tail set, this outline supported by rear angulation and muscle for a good hindquarters. She moved with ease and strength. I was pleased to find that she is Canadian, American Altered CHAMPION, 8 years old and a fine example of breed type, Congratulations on her placements. She never stopped on this day.

Second Place Number 54 *CH Kellcastle Starkeeper Vanilla FCH*

With Multi BIS,BISS,BIF and holding JC FCHX titles and a CGC Certificate. Had on this day to give way for number 52... Number 54...born 19/05/1998 was a close competitor and her Breeder and Owner should be very pleased with her.

NUMBER 52 CH STARKEEPER CUHAVEN KAROTARA: Best Female

NUMBER 33 BILBERNE MOLLY: Winners Female

NUMBER 38 LAISLINN STARKEEPER RAYNE, FCH: Reserve Winners Female

NUMBER 52 CH STARKEEPER CUHAVEN KAROTARA: Best of Breed, Best Veteran, Best Canadian Bred

NUMBER 59 AOTEAROA EMRY'S MERIADOC: Best of Opposite Sex

NUMBER 33 BILBERNE MOLLY: Best of Winners

NUMBER 23 HEMMINGFORD LUCY IN THE SKY: Best Puppy, Best Gait

NUMBER 12 REDTOPS CELTIC SPIRIT: Best Bred By Exhibitor

Thank you to: the Exhibition Only - entry number 73 - *Demage Lady Cassandra*

Breeder Danielle Renaud and Germain McNeil Owner Michelle Perreault and Yves Blouin

For supporting this event

Male Altered

First Place Number 67 *Karontara Starkeeper Grendel*

BOS ALTERED

Pleased to be in the ring, this male Irish Wolfhound was sound, moved with ease, had good conditioning nice coat, fair top line.

Second Place Number 68 *Wolfkin Loki at Massapeag*

A moderate balanced dog, nice coat and fair gait. A pleasant temperament and willing attitude.

NUMBER 67 KARONTARA STARKEEPER GRENDEL: Best Male Altered

NUMBER 68 WOLFKIN LOKI AT MASSAPEAG: Reserve Winner Male Altered

Altered Female

First Place Number 52 *CH Starkeeper Cuhaven Karontara*

SEE number 52, BEST OF BREED, BEST OF BREED ALTERED, WINNERS FEMALE ALTERED, Part of the WINNING BRACE, Part of the Winning TEAM

Second Place Number 72 *CH Calorien Glenamadda Arabella*

Part of the Winning TEAM

A good type, balanced and of quality. Pleasing mature female. Good physical shape and with a easy true gait To alter and keep our breeding hounds should show everyone the breeders kept and care for their hounds. Congratulations.

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NUMBER 52 CH STARKEEPER CUHAVEN KAROTARA: Best of Breed Altered, Winners Female Altered

NUMBER 72 CH CALORIEN GLENAMADDA ARABELLA: Reserve Winners Female Altered

NUMBER 67 KARONTARA STARKEEPER GRENDDEL: Best of Opposite Sex Altered

Stud Dog

First Place Number 60 *CH Aotearoa Kia Ora*

A three year old male coming into his prime, his get speaks for itself. If sire's gets have his coat, color and size and expression, he has done very well.

Brood Bitch

Part of winning TEAM

First Place Number 65 *CH Starkeepeer Glenamadda Realtan*

Five year old bitch with her get Number 7 First Place 12-18 mo. puppy dog, and number 64 part of the winning brace would speak to ability to reproduce a standard type Irish Wolfhound. Head, eyes, temperament from the dam? Not sure. I believe some of this but your get looked like their dam.

Brace

First Place Number 56 *CH Curiann's Celtic Rune*
Number 62 *CH Curiann's Realta Rigel*

The handler did a nice job of keeping the sister, brother pair together, they moved together, resembled each other and started, and finished at the same time.

Second Place Number 64 *CH Glenamadda Starkeeper U R Zada*
Number 65 *CH Starkeeper Glenamadda*

This pair tried but it didn't work as well. Good luck next time.

Team

First Place Number 72 *CH Calorien Glenamadda Arabella*, See Second Place in Altered Female
Number 38 *Laislinnn Starkeeper Rayne FCH*, See Canadian Bred Female and RWB
Number 52 *CH Starkeeper Cuhaven Karontara*, See BOB
Number 65 *CH Starkeeper Glenamadda Realtan*, See Brood Bitch

It is tradition with me to ALWAYS ask to do a ""T "Try it, go down to the rope turn left, go to the corner, do a 180 turn go to the far corner, do 180, turn to the middle, take right turn and approach the judge. You can have a good time and so will the hounds. It's a little like rally.

NON OFFICIAL CLASSES

Gait

First Place Number 23 *Hemmingford Lucy In The Sky*
BEST PUPPY, See First Place Senior Puppy

Head

First Place Number 9 *O'Lugh L'Invincible*

In an entry of 16 other hounds entered in the 12-18 month dog class Number 9 won. Even at his age he meets the requirements for best head Long, level carried high, little stop, good length of muzzle, Nose BLACK (Canadian standard lists the bite) Eye large intelligent dark in color. Ears small folded back. Coat especially wiry and long over the eyes and under jaw.

Hindquarters

First Place Number 59 *CH Aotearoa Emry's Meriadoc*

See BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

In a class of six adult females and two males he is the only hound with the correct structure. In the sight hound breeds they should have hip structure of a trapezoid. This allows the hindquarters to bend under the body and forward with the back legs passing the rib cage. This shape also makes the muscles of upper and lower back legs free for the movement they require. Because # 59 has trapezoid hip structure, he has good hindquarters.

It was my pleasure to go over and watch your hounds. It is a great privilege and I hold that honor in a special place. The event can never be repeated; the place, the time, the entry and those supporting the event can never be repeated. I judge the hound, that day, in that company against the Standard of Perfection stated by the Canadian Kennel Club, and it was my pleasure to be at the event.

Nancy King Aiken