

Event: IWCC Mid-Canada Regional Specialty Show

Date: July 28, 2007

Conformation Judge: Eileen Flanagan

I would first like to thank you for the honor of judging your Specialty. It is a wonderful show in a beautiful venue. I thoroughly enjoyed all the dogs and all your friendly members, who made me, feel so welcome. A special thanks to Kim, my tour guide who escorted me around and showed me many of the sights of your beautiful country. She was great company and a knowledgeable guide giving me all the history of Thunder Bay. I wish I could have stayed longer. Special thanks also to Silvia who made sure all my needs were attended to. I especially enjoyed the lovely basket and flowers you put in my room to welcome me.

I think the quality of the entry was quite high which makes a judge's job more difficult, but I loved every minute of it. You should all be congratulated on presenting so many good dogs who were fine examples of the breed.

Junior Puppy Male

Nightwing's Instigator – A dark brindle puppy of excellent type. He is still developing in some areas but showing quality and promise.

Senior Puppy Male

Lonnyllye Pall Mall – Best Puppy - This Red Brindle boy exudes breed type. He is well angulated with plenty of forechest, pretty head and good balance throughout. He also has a nice shape and good proportion.

Lonnkyle Plexico – This red brindle boy looks like a littermate to first place and when I checked my catalog, I found I was right. He has a better neck into shoulder than his brother, is very balanced and was just slightly outmoved by the winner.

Mr. McCue of Cork County – This is a big strong red brindle puppy going through a growth stage at this time but showing promise and commanding appearance.

12 to 15 Month Male

Skye's Stoneybrook Patriot – Also Best Head. This Reddish Wheaten has wonderful expression. He displays excellent movement and type. A very well made dog with balanced angulation and beautiful hocks.

Canadian Bred Male

Blackwitch Pierce at Valleyamar – This dark black brindle is a big strong upstanding dog, with balanced angulation, good topline and strong quarters.

Bred by Exhibitor Male

Stoneybrook Dakota – Winners Male - Lovely red brindle dog standing, with good bone, muscle and size. He is of very good type with excellent proportion, free easy movement and sweet temperament.

Nightwing's Legend – Exudes type and is covered with hard muscle. He is a little straight in upper arm at this point but looks young and should improve as he settles into himself.

Iannina's Six Pack Shootout, JC – He is a large grey brindle dog of nice breed type but croup falls away a bit sharply. He lost two placements on movement.

Open Male

Nightwing's Legion – Reserve Winners Male - A very strong grey brindle dog with hard muscle all through. He has good bone, good feet, balanced angulation, strong topline and sound movement. He is a little plain in head.

Stoneybrook McGrath Brennan – He is another red brindle dog of very nice type. He has a good front, strong topline and is nicely angulated. He lost out to first place on movement.

Junior Puppy Female

Nightwing's Intrigue – A nice dark brindle puppy with good proportion, nice long upper arm, good layback and beautiful angulation.

Curiann's Indigo Rose – This is another nice red brindle puppy with good lines, muscle, proportion and excellent front. It was a very hard decision choosing between these two.

Senior Puppy Female

Lonnkyle Phallen – A very typey wheaten brindle puppy with good proportion, nice angulation, great muscle, nice wide rear and strong movement. A little plain in head at this time.

Stoneybrook Summerhill Peridot – A pretty red brindle or red wheaten puppy. She displays good strong movement, good ears, tail set and croup. She is of nice type with a lovely expression.

12 to 15 Month Female

Mermaid Azure De Kerryarc – Lovely grey brindle with good shape and topline. She needs to muscle up and diet. She is carrying a little too much weight which affects her movement. Still she is a lovely girl.

Canadian Bred Female

Lonnkyle Phoenix Risin at Curiann – Reserve Winners Female – She is a lovely type with good topline and proportion, correct croup and strong movement with good reach and drive. She has size and bone and could catch the wolf and kill it.

Blackwitch Brinley Gold – This is a huge dark brindle bitch of good proportion and substance. She has plenty of muscle that needs to be developed. At first when I saw them standing, I thought this would be my winner but movement was affected by excess weight. She is a lovely bitch.

Bred by Exhibitor Female

Nightwing's Seductive – Winners Female and Best of Winners – This is a beautiful Black Brindle Bitch of excellent type. Totally balanced, with strong topline and hard muscle all through. She moves easily with reach and drive. She is just my cup of tea.

Fionhaven Stoneybrook Shabaq – A grey brindle bitch of good type and beautiful proportion. She self stacks has lovely correct ears, strong tail and good side gait.

Stoneybrook Lismore Arwen – this is a nice typey grey brindle bitch of good quality. She is very sound on the move with a good topline, balanced angulation, good bone and strong muscle.

Iannina's Six ways from Sunday, JC – This is a nice typey bitch with good ears, and strong shapely neck into shoulder. She has balance in angulation but was not moving as well as those placed above.

Open Female

Nightwing's Leena – This is a beautiful bitch, exhibiting strength all through. She has a lovely hard coat and good bite with strong teeth and jaw and covers ground easily with reach and drive.

Hanta Yo's Cree of Tomahawke – This is a big strong beautiful bitch with a lot to recommend her. She has good proportion and type, and a lovely shape. She pushed the first place winner but in the end lost out on movement.

Veteran Female

Ch Houndhouse Stoneybrook Wicca – Best of Breed, Best Front, Best Hindquarters, Best Type. Dark Black Brindle bitch – looking half her age. She is a very old type and very beautiful. She took my breath away. She has balanced angulation front and rear, good strength and plenty of muscle. She moves with reach and drive holding her topline and beautiful shape as she goes. She has nice low hocks and lastly she possesses that intangible quality we all strive for that is found mostly in Veterans and that is "Presence"

Best of Opposite Sex and Best Canadian Bred

Ch Curiann's Celtic Rune – This big strong male is a true stallion. He has good proportion and true sound movement, nice shape, good croup and hard muscle throughout.

Gait

Blackwitch Palm Breeze – A big strong bitch with lots of bone, good deep chest, substance, plenty of leg and proportion.

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Sweepstakes Judge: Donita Osborne

First, of course, let me say thank-you to the Mid-Canada team. It is not only a pleasure to come here to spend a morning going over puppies but to have the magnificent view as well is perfect. The hospitality of this group is endless and made for a grand weekend.

Overall comments on the entry are; a small group of hounds presented in great condition. These are little athlete's we are raising and to do other than allow them to develop good muscle and tone while growing is a disservice. One thing I noted that may need attention paid is underlines, remember soft curves throughout applies to both top line and underline.

6-9 Puppy Male

1st ~ *Nightwing's Instigator Islay*- long all over with soft curves, well laid shoulder going into nice top line, lacking a bit on underline and depth at this age. Moved cleanly coming and going with nice side gait. Beautiful headpiece, soft deep expression.

9-12 Puppy Male

1st ~ BLSweeps, *Lonnkyle Pall Mall* - good standing and even better moving, with long sound stride and effortless. Nicely set shoulders, well sprung ribs into broad hips and good depth, lovely underline adding to overall picture. Very balanced and powerful young male.

2nd ~ *Lonnkyle Plexico* - very similar to number 1, with strength throughout and good depth. Shoulder not as well laid back as number 1 and movement not as easy.

3rd ~ *Mr. McQue Of Cork County* - Tall boy lacking balance and type right now, lovely expression, needs to grow into all his height.

12 – 15 Male

1st ~ *Skyes Stoneybrook Patriot* - Lovely easy side gait. Could use more bone and front needs to fill in, shoulder a bit upright, with age this may improve. Lovely coat and condition.

6 – 9 Puppy Female

1st ~ BOSweeps, *Nightwing's Intrigue* - easy effortless movement, very feminine, yet presence and power. Shoulder nicely set on, good strong topline, underline a bit flat right now. Head and expression are lovely, soulful eyes even a tender age. Very pretty.

9 – 12 Puppy Female

1st ~ *Lonnkyle Phallen* - Powerful bitch with lovely presence, gorgeous head and ears. Shoulders fitting beautifully into neck, good strong topline and hind quarters. Not as smooth a mover as I had hoped, sound coming and going, but did not find her to be smooth on the go round.

2nd ~ *Stoneybrook Summerhill Peridot* - Balanced bitch, with moderate curves. A bit stuffy neck into shoulder, good strong topline into nicely powerful hind quarters. Lovely side gait.

12 – 15 Female

1st ~ *Mermaid Azure De Kerryarc* - Hard age for this bitch, unbalanced front and rear, pieces not fitting together quite right. Nice bone, good depth throughout and with time I think will find her balance.