

Event: IWCC Mid-Canada Regional Specialty Show

Date: July 26, 2008

Conformation Judge: Per Lundstrom (Greirish)

I came to Canada with high expectations and they were exceeded. Since I got the invitation I had been looking forward to my first trip to Canada, to experience at least a small part of your country and to meet some old friends and learn to know some new friends in the big world of Irish Wolfhounds. I have seen the beautiful surroundings of Kabeka Falls, Ouimet Canyon and got a glimpse of your history and background at Fort William. I have met some fantastic people which made this visit a memory which I will carry with me for life.

I also got the opportunity to test your health care...and at least the emergency care was fabulous! ***(We didn't know that Per was highly allergic to nuts, including sunflower seeds - gladly we have a paramedic amongst our group)***

A special thanks to Kim Treichler, Terry Young & Marian Day, Susan Falls, Glenda & Jim Black and Silvia & James Martin which took so good care of us. Also thanks to Karin Burt-Hughes and her travelling companion Jackie Morris for great company and many good laughs.

Last of all I also would like to express gratitude to all of you who had travelled so far to show your dogs under me and presented the dogs in an excellent condition and acted with great sportsmanship. I had a fantastic day in the ring!

It was not a great entry of dogs if you look to numbers, but the overall quality of the dogs where GREAT.

Senior Puppy Male

113 Nightwing's Redeemer

Strong well made masculine head with very good expression, although a bit light eyes. Excellent rose ears. Strong under and over jaw. Correct bite. Balanced but a bit straight in angulations, both in front and rear for the day. Strong neck and topline but a bit long in loin. Strong croup, with a long and strong tail. Very good bone and feet. Moves well from all sides for his age.

Canadian Bred – Male

133 Blackwitch Pierce at Vallemar

Strong big dark brindle male with masculine head and expression, a bit floppy ears. Strong neck and topline, a bit overbuilt over the croup which is a bit step. Upright in pasterns and upperarm. Long strong brisket with a underline which could be more drawn up. Moves a bit loose in front and bit tight in rear and good from side. Excellent coat, Nice temperament.

Bred By Exhibitor – Male

109 Nightwing's Inferno

A dark brindle male of excellent size and proportions. Long well shaped head with very good pigmentation. Excellent expression. Long and strong neck and topline, with arch on the right places. Very good front, forechest and body. Strong well angulated hindquarters. Nice width of second thigh. Moves very well from all sides carrying himself proudly. He was also my **Reserve Winners Male**

102 Foinhaven Stoneybrook Sonoma

Excellent type and proportions. Long well made head with excellent expression and well carried rose ears. Excellent pigmentation. Long beautiful neck which flows into shoulder. Strong topline, but a bit step in croup. Very good body and forechest. Nicely shaped underline. Moves nice coming and going but would like more drive in rear.

123 Stoneybrook Dakota

Excellent type and proportions, strong masculine head with very good expression, a bit flat ears. Strong neck and body with a very good forechest. Balanced and well angulated. He is weak and french standing on his right pasterns, which also affects his movement.

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Open – Male

110 Nightwing's Instigator

A dark brindle male of excellent size and proportions. Long well shaped head with very good pigmentation. Strong jaws. Excellent expression. Long and strong neck and topline, with arch on the right places. Excellent front, forechest and body. Strong broad croup and well angulated hindquarters with a lovely width in first and second thigh. Moves easy and active with the same profile as standing. He was also my **Winners Male**

131 Lonnkyle Petition

Excellent type and proportions. Very good head and expression, Correct bite. Long well shaped neck. A bit weak in topline both standing and on the move. Strong well built front and body. Excellent hindquarters with nice width over first and second thigh. A bit wide in front movement but very good side gait. Carried himself well. Very good coat structure.

127 Westmount Mo-By

Nicely built male but a bit low on legs. Strong masculine head with excellent details and expression. Well balanced in his angulations. Very well bodied. Strong and broad croup, nice width over first and second thigh. Very good under- and topline. He is a bit straight in pasterns, strong bone and feet. Moves very good coming and going, nice length of step from side but a bit high in his rear action. Nice temperament.

108 Stoneybrook McGrath Brennan

A male with that soft expression which is so typical for the breed, he is built on excellent proportions. A bit strong in head and flat ears. Balanced in his angulations. Well developed ribs but he could be deeper in his brisket, it makes his elbow coming in too close to the body making him standing and moving french. Showed in excellent muscle condition. Would like him to have more drive in rear. Very nice temperament.

Senior Puppy –Female

114 Nightwing's Relentless

A beautiful young bitch built on long soft s-lines. Excellent neck and topline with lovely arch on the right places. Long feminine head with excellent expression and pigmentation. Excellent angulated in front and rear, with lovely width in all her bone parts. Moves excellent from all sides. Excellent coat and muscle condition. My **Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners and Best Puppy in Breed.**

115 Nightwing's Revelation

A nicely built bitch with well made head, but her eye spoils the expression. Thin but a bit floppy ears. Balanced in her angulations. Well developed brisket and forechest. Long strong broad croup and nice width in first and second thigh. Today a bit low on her frontlegs, Moves a bit loose but with long nice strides. Excellent coat.

12 – 15 Month Female

118 Mermaid Half Moon Bay At Curiann

A bitch built on long lines. Feminine head and expression. Correct bite. Shown in a bit soft condition. Very well angulated both in front and rear. Well bodied for age with well ribbed back ribcage. Nice bone and feet. Excellent underline. A bit soft in topline both standing and on the move. Moves well from all sides. A bit soft in coat.

124 Stoneybrook Déjà Vu

A beautiful bitch built on nice lines. Excellent head and expression with correct rose ears. Correct bite. Strong neck and topline with a nice arch over the loin. Strong broad croup and low hooks. Today a bit cow hocked. Need some ring training and her side movements are not easy to judge, but seems to be long and easy. Narrow coming and going.

15 – 18 Month –Female

134 Lonnkyle Proxy

Long well made head of excellent proportions with nice details. Correct bite. Well laid back shoulder, but a bit upright in upper arm. Very good under- and topline. Well angulated in hindquarters with nice width. Excellent forechest and very good body and ribs. Moves easy and active and true coming and going. Coat structure is very good. She has a nice frame to grow into.

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Canadian Bred – Female

105 Blackwitch Brinley Gold

A big but still feminine bitch with excellent pigmentation. A bit light eye, but a very soft expression although. Strong bone of correct oval shape. Her feet are a bit flat. Also a bit flat in topline and underline. Could be a bit deeper and broader in lower part of brisket. Moves with elbows very tight to brisket and loose forehand, which makes her uncoordinated in side gait. Long strong croup of nice width.

Bred By Exhibitor – Female

101 Foinaven Stoneybrook Shabaqua

Bitch built on excellent proportions and lines. Long well made head, beautiful eye and expression. Very good underline and topline. Very good angulations both in front and hindquarters. Good bone and feet. Moves narrow behind and loose in front, but nice side gait.

126 Stoneybrook Lismore Arwen

A long bitch which could be higher on her legs. Well made head with excellent pigmentation and nice rose ears. Balanced angulations with very good width of first and second thigh. Long strong croup but a bit high tailset. Excellent ribcage. Moves tight coming and going. She loses her silhouette in side ate and becomes a bit low on front and uses her tail quite high.

Open – Female

111 Nightwing´s Intrigue

Nicely built black brindle bitch, excellent head and expression with well placed and well carried rose ears. Excellent front and forechest, very good hindquarters and strong broad croup which is a bit steep. Very good top- and underline. Moves well from all sides. My **Reserve Winners Female**

103 Rockhart Calamity

Excellent type of bitch with an excellent head and expression. Strong neck which is well placed in a laid back shoulder. Strong forechest and elbows well under. Loose in topline both standing and on the move. Very good underline. Excellent hindquarters with nice width. Moves with a long step but bit heavy and without drive today.

112 Nightwing´s Irresistable

A nicely built bitch which could be a bit higher on front legs, Excellent soft expression. Very good angulations both in front and rear with a nice forechest. Long strong croup and nice width in bone parts and excellent bone. Excellent coat. Moves very nice from all sides but becomes a bit low in front.

132 Stoneybrook Lonnkyle PL

A beautiful bitch of excellent type standing but loses her silhouette on the move. Excellent expression and details in head. Excellent front, hindquarters and bone. Very good spring of ribs. Moves a bit energetic but with nice length of step. Very good coming and going.

Not placed: 107 Mermaid Azure De Kerryarc , 117 Curiann´s Indigo Rose, 135 Stoneybrook Draga Jinx

Specials Male

104 Ch. Rockhart Elysee

A strong and powerful male of excellent type and proportions. Strong well made head with excellent soft expression. A bit floppy ears. Excellent front, forechest and angels both in front and rear. Correct strong oval bone with lovely width. Moves easy and active, true coming and going. My **Best of Breed**

Not placed: 130 Ch. Lonnkyle Pathos

Specials – Female

Not placed: 106 Blackwitch Palm Breeze, 119 Quest For Granuaille At Curiann, 128 Ch. Hydebeck Golden Sponge

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Sweepstakes Judge: Karin Burt-Hughes (Windspray)

Firstly I would like to say how privileged I felt to be invited as your Sweepstakes judge and that my visit really was wonderful. Not only were the Committee and the Exhibitors truly welcoming and warm hearted, the quality of your hounds was exceptional. I was delighted with my **Best in Sweeps winner**...she took my eye straight away and stayed true to form all day and I was really pleased that Per Lundstrom made her his Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex and Best Puppy...what a wonderful start to surely an illustrious future!! Thank you for bringing your hounds under me...it has been a pleasure to meet them and their owners. I hope we meet again soon.

Sweepstakes-Senior Puppy Male

1st Nightwing's Redeemer

A really well grown, masculine, substantial 9 month old male. Typical head and expression, good ear carriage and a really nice neck into good shoulder. He has depth of brisket and is well ribbed back into a strong loin. Naturally he needs to settle into his rear end at this tender age but he has breadth through the hindquarters and moves well in profile, just needs to tighten up coming towards. He was **Best of Opposite in Sweeps**.

Sweepstakes 12-15 month Male.

Absent.

Sweepstakes-Senior Puppy Female

1st.Nightwing's Relentless

Litter sister to the Senior Puppy Male winner and such a lovely, typical type. A dark grey harsh coated girl with lots of bone and substance as her brother has but retaining her femininity. She has that true huntress look to her and she certainly performed all day. Typical sight hound head and far away expression she flowed nicely from her neck to her curvy stifles; so well collected for such a young girl too...I shall watch her progress with interest! **Best of Breed in Sweeps**.

2nd Nightwing's Revelation

Well all I can say to the Breeders is that to have one good puppy from a litter is excellent, but 3 of the same type is lucky!! This girl has not quite the curves yet as her litter sister perhaps being a little plainer in type throughout. None the less, I feel she is a little less mature at present than her littermates but a typical girl and it will be interesting to see her as she matures.

Sweepstakes 12-15 month Female

1st Stoneybrook Déjà Vu

A very houndy red brindle yearling looking raw at the moment. Nice eye and rose ears into a fair neck and shoulder. Topline ok when standing but needs to settle on the move. She has really sweeping hindquarters and her movement when she got her act together won her this class! To sum her up, racey but raw.

2nd Mermaid Half Moon Bay At Curiann

Different type to my 1st but a feminine girl with a well furnished head and gentle expression with rose ears. Fair neck into shoulder, good depth to brisket. Need to widen a little between the elbows but again she is young. Well presented and handled she moved well in profile.

Sweepstakes 15 -18 months Female

1st Lonnkyle Proxy

A very houndy, graceful girl with nice balanced proportions and good length of leg. Super head and expression, correctly set neck into fair shoulder. Good depth throughout, again, nice topline into curvy stifles and well let down hocks. Nothing exaggerated or over done in this girl but I liked her. Beautifully turned out and moved well. Also the **Best Gait in Speciality**.

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