

IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY
October 9 & 10, 2022

I was excited to be invited to judge your show when your original judge was unable to come. I want to thank the many people who made the ring run smoothly: Chet Chase, Ring Steward; Connie Yeager and Francis Butler, Ready Ring Stewards; Joanna Hollick, Pam Murphy, and Kathy Welling, Stewards/Arm Bands; and Mary O'Mally, Photographer assisted by Margie Milne. Your trophies are beautiful, and I was pleased to award them to my winners. Please note: my awards were made on the fence line close to my Steward's table. Ribbons were presented from the front of the line to the back (i.e., right to left when viewing the placements from across the ring). The official photographs were made as they stood. Therefore, the red ribbon went to the entry on the right in the official photos.

In the past, I have been critical of win photos because I often think/hope the dogs are actually better in person than in their photos. I was very pleased with the overall quality of the Wolfhounds in my entry. I hope their photos capture the quality I saw.

Best of Breed: #57, GCH Gladstone's Can't Wait to be King. 04/13/19. Owner(s): Roger Johnson, Betty and Christine Johnson. *This dog easily met my criteria for the BOB award. He has length throughout from his lovely head, down the length of his neck into a well-formed front, continuing down the length of his back with beautiful curves over the topline and a powerful croup. His length of leg is in excellent proportion to his body. His front is set back properly with a well laid pack scapula and good return of upper arm. This allowed him to move easily with long ground covering strides, and was my deciding factor in his win.*

BOW (WD): #17, O'Lugh Blackwater Barkeep. 07/30/21. Owner(s) Jennifer Sula and Andrea Dormady. This young dog caught my eye and kept getting better in his 12-18 Month Class and into the Winner's Dog Class. *He has the make and shape that foreshadow his potential. This potential is best seen when he is moving with ease and powerful ground covering efficiency. He has a beautiful head with rosed ears, a lovely topline, is balanced fore and aft, and has a well made front with good lay back of the scapula and return of a long forearm. I hope to see him when he is mature.*

BOS: #156, CH O'Lugh Blackwater Bombay. 07/16/17. Owner(s): Jennifer Sula and Andrea Dormady. *This beautiful bitch is surely a prize to her breeders/owners and a treasure for future Wolfhounds. She is lovely in all aspects with no exaggerations. Her front is properly placed with good lay back of scapula and return of a long upper arm. Her rear is well angled and balanced with her front. Her length throughout and her beautiful curves are best seen on the move. She pushed hard for BOB.*

Select Dog: #65, GCH R Nobel Nasch. 07/11/18. Owner's: Joe and Kathy Roland. *This dog also fit my vision of length, balance, and curves. He moves quite well as his structure would predict. I loved his harsh coat and rosed ears*

Select Bitch: #162, CH Caraglen Berwyck Libaan at Dry Creek. 06/19/19. Owner: Angela Hunter Knight. This bitch is very similar in make and shape to my BOS. I loved her length, curves, and good angulation balanced fore and aft. Movement was excellent.

WD: #17 See BOW above

RWD: #5, Antrim Starkeeper Vimy Ridge. 11/11/21. Owner(s): A. and M. Duncan. L. Totton, and J Gagne. *This youngster sparkled with style and grace. His potential is seen in his make and shape which shows beautiful curves, and a well made front balanced with his rear, and good length of leg. His movement is excellent when he pays attention.*

Winner's Bitch: #94, Taliesin's Beoadh of Findaway. 10/07/17. Owner(s): Veronica Niensted and Donna Smith. This is a very lovely, mature bitch who immediately caught my eye. She has length throughout, sweeping from her beautiful head with rosed ears, down her arched neck and over a curved topline. Her bottom line compliments her topline. She is well balance fore and aft with proper angulation. Her shoulder assembly is properly set back with good layback of her scapula and a long upper arm with excellent return. She has excellent movement with easy, yet powerful, ground covering strides.

Reserve Winner's Bitch: #104, Gemini's Big Girls Need Big Diamonds. 02/13/20. Owner: Marian Levin. This young bitch is well made with lovely curves over and under, balanced angulation fore and aft, and moves with ease and efficiency.