

IWADV 2017 Critique - SWEEPSTAKES

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What a pleasure to get my hands on all your beautiful youngsters. I know how hard it is to grow out a hound and how much they can change on any given day, any given hour.

What I saw and felt that day is the breed is in very good hands. Having more bitches than dogs did not take away from the quality in both the sexes.,

Some difficulties I noticed are age related as well as breeding and I had to judge the dogs on the day.

I found quite a few hounds lacking fill of chest and spring of rib allowing a lot of air between the body and the elbows. Short upper arms on many allowed for limited front movement.

I am grateful to the rain goddess for holding off her wrath until I had completed my assignment.

Thank you to the show committee for your hospitality, It was a much needed vacation after my summer with puppies.

Thank you to the exhibitors for bringing your young hounds, judging is always a learning opportunity.

6-9 dog

Looking forward to both these boys growing up.

1st #7 Femke's footsteps glen elgin

Good straight front legs, clean coming and going. Beautiful layback, nice tight feet, ribbing is of good length, fill and depth of chest.

2nd #5 Barrasy Stormborn Twister

Lovely substantial boy, Easty westy both front and rear today. Has a lot to grow into. Longer in loin than 1st place winner but he has an equally nice depth and fill of chest. Promising young lad.

12-15 dog

The most difficult age to judge.

1st 17 Shellane Bacchus

Houndy outline with lovely bone. Balance upper and layback, plenty of front and good ribbing that had depth and fill.. Nice angles in the rear, plenty of drive from his hocks. (BO in sweeps)

2nd 15 Carrikaneens Dearthair

smaller male, lovely side gait driving from his hocks. Little east westy in his rear today, sound coming.

3rd 13 Shellane Dionysis

Great bone, straighter in front today. Nice head, good side gait, beautiful width of stifle. Would like more rise over his loin. A large hound needing time to reach his potential.

4th 11 Lindenhalls's Clonliam

straighter in front with a shorter upper arm which limited his front movement setting him off balance with his rear. Crisp coat, short hocks, good fill of chest and length of ribbing.

6-9 bitches

1st 6 Olivia Newton John Roan inish

easy active movement, high in rear, clean moving away, pretty head, balanced hound.

2nd 8 R noble nebula of eagle

Very houndy young female, movement not her fortune today. Well length croup that is steep today. Lovely course coat beautifully feminine head w tiny ears.

3rd 10 Dreamcatchers Rio Lobo

Pretty baby with loads of promise. Balanced. (cannot find the rest of my notes on 10)

9 to 12 bitches

Very difficult choice between these two girls.

1st 14 Walela's Titania of the whistling wind

Houndy girl, pretty head and ears, really uses her front. Plenty of fill and depth of chest. Good rise over the loin.

2nd 14 Howling halls Witness for the prosecution

Large girl, beautiful neck, nice side gait. Straight upper arm with little fill or spring of chest. Nice driving rear. A girl to watch for in the future.

12- 15 bitches

Interesting, First three placement were littermates.

1st 32 Wildisle Brie Heavens to Betsy

(also BIS)

Houndy girl with plenty of "S" curves. Plenty of forechest and fill, good length and depth of ribs. Balanced front and rear. Loved her width of loin.

2nd 64 Wildisle Brie good golly Ms molly

Beautiful head, good muscling, nice side movement. Substantial bitch. Lovely spring of ribs all the way back to her false rib. Loved her length to height ratio.

3rd 30 Wildisle Brie Goodness gracious

Balanced houndy, smaller than her litter sisters. Beautifully muscled loin.

4th 24 Lindenhall's song of Cecilia

beautiful head, lovely long neck. Short upper arm causing straight pasterns today.

Although not related, quite similar to the other placements.

15-28 bitches

1st 46 Gemini's King of Pop

Good stright columnar front legs, movement clean coming and going. Little high in hocks, powerful mover. Loved her long legs good spring of ribs

2nd 34 Gemini's Irish Queen of Hearthound

Beautiful dark eye, very similar to her sister who placed first. Could have gone either way on another day.

3rd 42 Kellykerry Eabha of Warwick

Pretty blonde girl, with wonderful dark pigmented ears. Balanced, good coming and going. Good bone. Softer coat, long in loin, nice short hocks. Short in upper arm.

4th 22 Bribibas's bumblebee

light easy side gait. Balanced. Nice rangy hound.