

Jottings

We always welcome articles, letters, photographs or other items that could be of interest to other members. Overseas reports on shows and other Irish Wolfhound activities are especially welcome and of great interest to our members.

The committee would like to hear your views on the events that take place during the year. Your comments will help the committee determine the interests of the members and improve future events.

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From the Chairman:

I am very pleased to welcome you to the 2010 edition of The Irish Hound. After a five year pause, the club was determined to resume a regular publication of its magazine. This is the first step in that effort. This edition endeavors to catch the reader up on the past four years of club show results and Green Star lists, thus providing a continuous published history of the results when linked in with past editions.

Charles Webb, Gerry Clarke and Tony Dunne have been the committee members most involved in this production and I sincerely thank them for their efforts. I am also grateful to the other contributors and advertisers for their support of the publication. As always, we are interested in hearing from the membership on ideas and material for future publications, please contact any committee member with these.

Thank you for your continued and future support of the club. I wish you a prosperous and happy 2010.

Tim Murphy

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The Irish Hound 2010



Club Championship Show 2009

Editorial:

The last Irish Hound was published early in 2006 and recorded items relating to 2005, including the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM). This issue covers the events from 2006 to 2009 inclusive but does not include the draft 2009 AGM minutes. The publication of these has to await acceptance at the 2010 AGM in accordance with a motion passed at the 2006 AGM.

Each year the club hosts an Irish Wolfhound Championship Show during the summer and participates in an open show in the winter. There are reports for the championship shows of 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. Club open show reports should be available but there seem to only be records of the 2008 show. The 2009 open show has been put forward to February 2010, after the closing date for this Irish Hound.

Green Star lists are shown for 2006 through 2009 together with new champions over these years where owners have responded. The qualification criteria for champions changed after 2006 from a points based system to one based on the number of wins.

Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed their time in helping to make this issue possible. Gerry Clarke for finding the information on green stars and champions from the IKC; Tony Dunne and Bernie McKinney for bouncing ideas against; Betty Murphy for being unrivalled in keeping and sharing things that all others seemed to have discarded; the committee for support during the long period of gestation; Most of all those who have written articles and show reports. We are also grateful for all the photographs from many sources.

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Tirowen Irish Wolfhounds

Francis and Anne McEvoy



Sitting at this computer at the start of 2010, I can remember so clearly back to our first wolfhound, brought from England, Erindale Fortuna. There's a story to her – but stories are how I remember so many of the dogs of the last (almost) forty years!

I grew up with Irish dogs – Terriers, then setters, then the feisty Kerry Blue – quite an Irish odyssey but so fitting for a family with its cultural heart firmly in Ireland. My first dog show was, in fact, in 1959, when we placed second at the Royal Show with my grandfather's Kerry – but second, I have to add, to the dog that eventually won Best in Show! My aunt left me the ribbon in her will – so I still have that memento on the wall at home. But all that was before the wolfhounds, before Fortuna and well before 'Tirowen' began.

The wolfhound featured in many of the stories I learned at my grandfather's knee, but they were very much creatures of myth to me at the time, and in fact it was many years before I saw one in the flesh. The breed had been present in Australia, probably as late as the 1920s, but had effectively died out in any pure form. There were many residual crosses around, loosely called 'stag hounds' or 'roo dogs', but even they were probably generations removed from any pure stock. It was not until the early 1970s that fresh blood came to the country, through three separate importations, from Dr. Phil Cunningham, Lt. Col. Norval Scott and Mrs. Herta Buxey; and it was through my (newly-wed) wife that our first real connection to the breed began.

In late 1972 I was away with the army when Anne made the first enquiries about the breed. She came up with these three names, and it was the military connection which drew us to the Scotts, in country Victoria. We visited, and met a young, but massive, Erindale Cathy in their lounge room! We were hooked!

Later, we met their other dogs – Dellkerry Brien O'Leary, Aelius Niobe and Erindale Fortuna, the smallest of the group and so very shy. She was beautiful, and bonded immediately with us - but we had a strong feeling that she was not happy in the kennel environment. We already had two Irish

Setters at that time, but Fortuna came home with us that Christmas, and so began our practical association with the breed.

Poor Fortuna was indeed unhappy, and it took much time and patience to restore her to confidence and happiness, but on the way we learned so much about the soul of the breed and the qualities which make them so special.

Later, we were to pick up two very young puppies from Col. Scott. One of those was Rory, who became my inseparable companion. He travelled everywhere with me, in the front passenger seat of the car, much to Anne's chagrin at times. He also slept on our bed – the first, and last, wolfhound to do so. Many a morning poor Anne woke up, all but pushed out of bed and numb from the knees down: Rory had definite ideas about his place in the world and on the bed!

He was also a big hit in the army, though his 'field' days were curtailed after one exercise when he accompanied me as an observer of the action. Unfortunately, he felt compelled to join in and dashed down the valley to stand over the 'enemy' (waiting in ambush position) waving his tail and asking them to come out and play. He was officially the Regimental Mascot, and a much sought after companion in the barracks whenever I was away – better than a blanket in the cold nights. He was never really keen about going on parade (as you might notice, from the picture) but did love the bagpipes, and throughout his life, whenever he heard a pipe band, thought it was especially for him.



About this time, having (we believed) learned much about the breed, we began to look to import for ourselves and to add to the breed in this country. We were, of course, a long way from the main bodies of the breed in the world, and in fact our view was even more limited because of the need to focus almost exclusively on the UK as our source. At that time Australia's quarantine laws all but excluded other countries as possibilities, though now, through changes in legislation and advances in technologies, opportunities are far wider!

At the time in the UK (in the early to mid 1970s), several kennels were prominent, and of these, it seemed to us (so far away, and relying almost entirely on the IW Magazine) Eaglescrag and Sulhamstead were really where we needed to be looking. We wanted to bring out the very best stock that we could manage, and after further study, we chose to follow the line that presented tall, upstanding dogs of beautiful flowing lines, dogs whose quality spoke to us of the hunter, the galloping hound, but which yet were full of quality. We contacted Ruth and Leslie at Eaglescrag and that was where the 'modern' Tirowens really began.

It wasn't as easy as that though! It took us five years to convince Ruth to let us have our first Eaglescrag hound, and that was only after my mother had visited her (and her sister in Ireland, Miss Twyman)! The two of them 'hit it off' – they could have been sisters – and so Eaglescrag Tara Tirowen was sent out to us, a beautiful little princess, out of Eaglescrag Tansie and by Fintan of Eaglescrag. She was a revelation to us and challenged all of our understandings of the breed to that point. I remember after the Royal Show in 1979, one of the other exhibitors came to us and said that she 'didn't know a wolfhound could move like that'! She (Tara) was the first IW to win a Best in Show in Australia, all credit to the Jenkins.



Tara of course represented an enormous investment for a young couple, just buying our own home and starting a family. The cost of bringing her to Australia (just the airfare) was more than two return airfares for ourselves!! Add to that, quarantine (three months then) and other costs - ! Imagine our horror when we went outside one summer day to see this long legged beauty prancing around the yard with a deadly brown snake in her jaws! Mad panic, but no harm done (other than to the snake, well and truly killed). Soon after that we invested further, in two very expensive vials of snake anti-venom.

Eaglescrag Kester Tirowen (we were so honoured that Ruth included our kennel name in their original registered names) came later, another revelation. A puppy hand reared from birth, massive and majestic, a truly wonderful representative of the breed. In fact, one English breeder, on seeing him, wanted to know 'who let that dog out of the country?' He was litter brother to Viking, who went to Sweden, and Katrin, whom Ruth kept.

Kester truly had a hunter's heart and one story illustrates this so well. We had shown at our Royal Show, and he won dog CC. The practice then was that breeds were only judged to CC level, and the winners were required to return later in the week for BOB and group judging. So, home we went, and the next morning he and I took our regular walk in the forest. This day was to be different however, as something caught his attention – some scent, some sound, some movement in the corner of his eye – and off he went! No amount of calling brought any result, and it was not until three hours later that he re-appeared, limping slowly out of the trees, bloodied from head to foot. He had been hunting (something we never ourselves do with the dogs) and had obviously made a kill. He was unharmed – none of the blood was his – but how to get this dog sound and in condition again for the BOB competition in two days time?? Answer – water therapy. Non weight bearing activity that would get the blood moving and promote healing in bruised tissues. Now, imagine this: mid-winter, down to the dam (a man-made lake for water storage) and me, walking him up and down, near chest deep, for a good twenty minutes at a time! I remember coming out, blue with cold, and looking up to see Anne standing there, like a good wife, with a warm towel in her hands, waiting. Oh, the bliss! And then she rushed up and wrapped the dog in it!!! Priorities!

Another wonderful dog, whose character endeared him to everyone, was Solstrand Beau Brummel, bred by Dagmar Kenis, from Eaglescrag Justin and Solstrand Kelly's Image. He was a gift from



Dagmar to Anne, but he was always my companion, always at my side. I remember one observer at a show said to me that she had never seen a dog who so wanted just to please: he would watch all the time and seemed to know, without asking, what you wanted.

He was a very special hound, and there is much that I remember about him: but perhaps most uncanny of all was his death. Dagmar had come out to Australia to judge, and was finally making her way to our place, out in the hills from Adelaide, South Australia. He

was just days short of his tenth birthday and the night before Dagmar arrived, we let him out for a run in the late evening and he just collapsed and died. Timing!! He was always one for the drama of the moment, but it was with the heaviest of hearts that we buried him in the early dawn and then went and picked his breeder up from the airport, all the way from the UK. Together, we planted a yellow rose for him, a rose which is blooming now in fact.

Breeding, for us, has been about preserving and sustaining the wonderful type we were gifted with by people like Ruth and Dagmar, and later the Deemers and Glynis Littlewood in the States, a type that has sometimes been called 'the Eaglescrag' type. Type is difficult to pin down – we all know the essence, the 'massive rough coated greyhound' type, 'fast enough to catch a wolf, strong enough to kill it'. But there is something very distinctive about some families of hounds. I remember Ruth

quoting Mrs. Nagle once, using perhaps a slightly backhanded compliment: ‘whatever else the Eaglescraggs have, they’ve got quality!’ And I guess that’s what we have tried to maintain. We have been privileged to import semen from some outstanding dogs, particularly Lilliput Fitzarran Khronos from the Deemers, Shadow of Kilmara from Dagmar, Rosslare’s Sandor from Glynis and Caredig Jupiter from the Tebbutts, all in the search for genotype and phenotype that would further this goal. I have to say that one of my proudest moments came, in the week before her terrible accident, from Mrs. Jenkins: we were looking over photos, ours and hers, and she took up a photo of her Eaglescrag Tansie and our Tirowen Dark Rosaleen, held them up together and said ‘you haven’t lost it’! As we talked, I asked her where all the Eaglescraggs had gone, meaning that ‘type’, that beautiful flowing style of hound; and she said, ‘you’ve got it’! How humbling that moment was.

Over the years there have been many favourites, and perhaps in recent times for us in the males this has been Tirowen Sirius. In temperament, type and quality we felt he was as close as we had come at that point to our ideal Irish Wolfhound. He was – still is, at 8+ years of age – an imposing dog with great presence, flowing movement and more than a touch of mischief in him! He was an inveterate thief, and had a habit of sneakily going through the bags of unsuspecting visitors and helping himself to any edibles.

One of my favourite moments with him was at the Specialty in Sydney in 2006. We arrived early and I took Sirius for a walk to ease his joints after the fifteen hour drive; and when I walked him back through the showgrounds one of the other exhibitors came across to us and said



“well, the rest of us can all go home: there’s nothing here that will touch him!” A lovely compliment which proved right on the mark – Sirius went Best in Show and the critique said of him “an excellent representative of the breed and in my opinion could compete anywhere in the world” (Per Lundstrom). Sirius also won the property classes for best head and best hindquarters.

It is harder to pick one favourite from a line of beautiful bitches, each special in its own way, all building blocks in the Tirowen story. Tirowen Katriona, so distinctive with her one white foot, who was ‘mother’ to our children, fiercely protective, maternally caring and ever patient with little hands and feet. Tirowen Jessica, who travelled to a Specialty on Anne’s lap in the front of a friend’s car, after our own car had broken down. I was left with the car, two children and three other dogs by the side of the road while she went on with Anne to win Best in Show! Tirowen Carillon, who came back to us after a family break up, a multi Specialty BIS winner with the sweetest nature, but who ruled the pack here with an iron paw. Tirowen Cassandra, who hated the world of shows, and only once went into the ring happily – on which occasion she won BIS under Ron Baird. Or perhaps Tirowen

Miss Matilda, such a beauty – and I used to sing (the Harry Belafonte version of ‘Matilda’) quietly to her in the ring, as we waited, or performed for the judge!



Almost by accident, but certainly as part of my evolution in the breed, some time ago I began judging, and this opened a new window on the world for me. Not only did it force me to analyse exactly what I was looking for in a dog, but it also gave me the opportunity to ‘officially’ go over wolfhounds in places all over the world. Up until this point, we had been restricted to the odd kennel visit and the hospitality of a few special people; but now, as a judge, the opportunity is there to lay hands on large numbers of beautiful hounds. These are the dogs that breeders and lovers of the breed hold up to others as their best, the ones they want to ‘show off’! What an extraordinary privilege, and what an opportunity for a breeder, to go over these animals and to learn with ‘hands on’!

Way back in 1987 I judged the Irish Club show and I still remember the nervousness – but also the exhilaration – of the experience! And strongest in my memories of that day (it was cold, grey and wet) was the lunchbreak: Sheelagh Seale, then quite elderly, but such a doyen of the breed, came forward to me with a hot whiskey, saying ‘I didn’t hold with foreigners doing our breed, but when I saw your dog line up I knew you were alright!’



Mind you, it was a bit of a shock to be called a 'foreigner', but I have always treasured the compliment.

Anne and I both judge now, and I am the coordinator of Judges' training for the Hound Group here in South Australia and an assessor of trainee judges. Between us we have adjudicated at wolfhound specialties in many countries. We feel part of a world-wide celebration of this breed and its people. We are less active in the show ring than we used to be, but have accounted for some 22 Specialty Best in Show awards and many other satisfying achievements to this point. Our puppies have travelled to many countries, and won well for their new owners – but most of all, they have gone to good homes where their families have treasured them and enjoyed their special presence in their lives.

These dogs have been a huge part of our lives now for nearly forty years. They have played their part in raising our children, helping them in their first steps, guarding them on walks in the forest, comforting them in times of emotion and keeping us all active and healthy. Now our son is grown and has a child of his own – and though he may never go to shows he swears he will always have a wolfhound in his family. And the wolfhounds help us with the baby-sitting, besotted with the little



bundle which is our grandson. Our daughter, living away from home now for some six or seven years, still escapes from the pressure of an academic's life at Oxford University by taking 'wolfhound breaks' with friends – to keep herself sane and connected! The Wolfhounds have been an enduring passion and through them we have made many special friends, all around the world. This is something that Anne and I share, and long may it continue.

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Ch. Tirowen Ambrosius (21 months)

Captain Graham Remembered

Dr Nicholas Wilkes

On Friday 15th December 2000 Aer Lingus flight 308 left Dublin destined for Newcastle upon Tyne, England. On board was “one live dog.” This was our first Irish Wolfhound a 10 week old male puppy, whose coloration reminded one of a tiger. Registered then as *Finn the Crusader of Nutstown* (Ir Ch The Black Knight of Nutstown x Sciolan) to us he was simply *Finn*.

Armed with our copy of Betty Murphy’s book *Raising, Showing and Breeding the Irish Wolfhound* it was with some trepidation that my wife Judith and I collected this long-anticipated cargo from the airport’s freight terminal and made our way home to rural Northumberland.

Although I did not appreciate it at the time, an obsession with the breed would quickly develop which, 9 years later, would lead to a special day in Dursley, Gloucestershire.

As *Finn* grew so did our Irish Wolfhound library, fuelled by an insatiable desire to find out more about these magnificent creatures.

FAUST to FINN GRAHAM’S LEGACY

1. Faust
2. Ethel
3. Colin
4. Bevis
5. Oscar
6. Swaran II
7. Sheelagh
8. Lindsay’s Tara
9. Angelo’s Vandal
10. Kennedy’s Sheelagh
11. Palmer’s Hibernia
12. Brian
13. Sulhamstead Pedlar
14. Felixstowe Kilbarry
15. Sulhamstead Connara
16. Sweet Briar of Rippingdon
17. Rippingdon Rathgalleon
18. Rippingdon Dan of Southwick
19. Chulainn Casey of Kihone
20. Ambleside Meac Casey O’Kihone
21. Laith of Kihone
22. Taddeus of Kihone
23. Sanctuary Rory of Kihone
24. Carol of Eaglescrag
25. Colin of Nendrum
26. Ballykelly Cavin
27. Ballykelly Inchicore
28. Deirdre of Knockanaffrin
29. Ballykelly Siofra
30. Coolbreagh Gweevagh
31. Capitan of Shantamon
32. Saringa’s Mr Magwitch of Nutstown
33. The Black Knight of Nutstown
34. Finn the Crusader of Nutstown for Strickenoak

As I read, the name of Captain George August Graham (1833 – 1909) and his prominent role in the 19th century revival of the breed kept cropping up. I came to recognise that without the efforts of this rather forbidding-looking Victorian gentleman I might not have had the experience of sharing my life with this noble breed.

As readers will know all too well, the obsession does not stop with one Irish Wolfhound. In 2003 a 10 week old black bitch puppy *Grace of Nutstown* (Ir Ch Nustown Adare x Meadhbh of



*Finn the Crusader of
Nutstown for Strickenoak*

Figure 1.

Nutstown) crossed the Irish Sea, this time by ferry, to join *Finn*.

Over many months I succeeded in tracing both dogs' pedigrees back to the beginning of the modern Irish Wolfhound establishing a direct link between them and Graham's dogs approximately 150 years earlier.

Figure 1 demonstrates *Finn's* lineal descent from those pioneering days. Each dog listed is the offspring of the one named directly above it (titles have been omitted). The dogs shown underlined were owned and/or bred by Graham himself.

The idea of mobilizing the international Irish Wolfhound community to effect a restoration of Captain Graham's grave came to me when, in late 2006, I read an article in *The Irish Hound* 2004 - 2005, the club's magazine, by Andrew Barton a resident of Dursley and keen local historian, highlighting its dilapidated state.

I contacted Andy to discuss the matter further. We both realised that before we could take any action Graham's descendants would have to be traced so it could be established that they had no objection to our proposed interference with the final resting place of Graham and his wife Lydia Caroline.

In early 2007 my initial enquiries within the Irish Wolfhound world about possible family members were fruitless, so I contacted a firm of international probate genealogists based in London and explained what I was trying to do. I provided them with all the information that I had about Graham's family and they seemed confident they could assist. A budget was agreed and within three weeks I received a letter, a family tree and copies of official documents identifying five great grandchildren of the captain together with their contact details.

Thus in mid 2007 I made contact with Graham's descendants and in September that year I travelled down to Dursley to meet Andy



The dilapidated grave of Captain Graham and his wife in January 2008

(courtesy of Andrew Barton)

and Rory Webster, a great grandson of Captain Graham. We inspected the grave before journeying to Somerset to meet other family members and view a number of Graham artefacts.

Having secured the family's support Andy and I set ourselves a timetable. We needed to raise funds and effect the restoration within 2 years so that the work would be completed for the centenary of Graham's death in 2009.

I then drafted the appeal documents which I circulated to a number of breed clubs both at home and abroad as well as to national and international Irish Wolfhound publications. The appeal was first published in November 2007 and continued to appear in print and on

Web sites thereafter. An update was provided at the beginning of 2009.

I also made direct approaches, all unsuccessful, to several high profile individuals in the worlds of business and entertainment whom I knew had kept Irish Wolfhounds at some time. I contacted C&C International Ltd, who own *Tullamore Dew* Irish Whiskey which features Irish Wolfhounds in its logo and is a generous supporter of the club. True to form, the company forwarded a substantial donation.

The response to my appeal was mixed. Some breed organisations ignored it all together; others embraced it and not only gave it publicity, bringing it to the attention of their members, but undertook fund raising activities. For example:-

- the Irish Wolfhound Club of America took a collection at their National Specialty Show 2008 in Texas;
- the Irish Wolfhound Club of Norway held raffles at their National Specialty



The small (first) plaque now sited in the hall of the new Rednock School, unveiled by Graham's great grandson Rory Webster on 23/10/09 and paid for out of the appeal funds

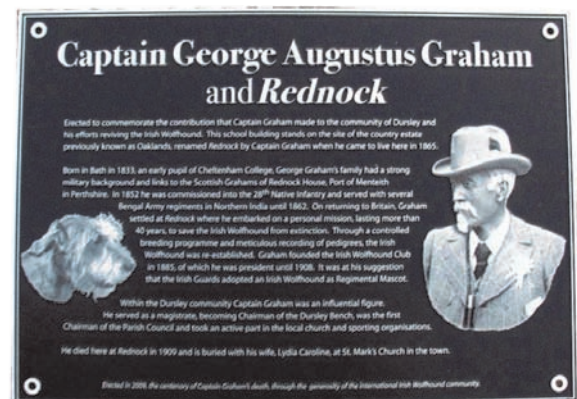
(courtesy of Kim Horsley)

Shows in 2008 and 2009. On the second occasion the judge donated his fee;

- Carolyn Dean, editor of *Irish Wolfhound World* organised a raffle at the European Irish Wolfhound Congress 2008 in Slovenia;
- the Irish Wolfhound Club of Scotland donated a percentage of the proceeds of sale from their 2009 club calendar and held a raffle at the 2009 AGM/ seminar;
- Other breed clubs and associations, including the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland, donated from existing funds.

Thanks to the generosity of these organizations and individuals around the world, sufficient funds were raised to allow for a complete and professional restoration of the grave within the required time frame.

Recognising that we had surplus funds Andy and I decided to use the remaining money to erect two commemorative plaques in Dursley's Rednock School whose brand new £30 million state-of-the-art buildings were to open in 2009. The school is named after, and built on the site of, Graham's home where he spent over 40



The large (second) plaque, to be fixed on the outside of the new sixth form block at Rednock School once completed, where it will overlook the site of Graham's house. Unveiled by the Mayor of Dursley on 23/10/09 and paid for out of the appeal funds

(courtesy of Andrew Barton)

years pursuing his breeding programme by which he saved this giant breed from extinction. We designed the plaques ourselves to be both permanent “on site” memorials to Graham’s work and a means of informing future generations of pupils about the significance to the Irish Wolfhound community of their school’s location and name.

On Friday 23rd October 2009 a group of approximately 100 people gathered in Dursley for a day of events to celebrate and remember the life and pioneering work of Captain Graham.

Those who came together included several generations of the captain’s descendants, devotees of the breed from Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales and Norway accompanied by 10 Irish Wolfhounds and a Saluki, as well as members of the local historical society, representatives of the local community including the member of parliament and mayor together with governors, staff and pupils from Rednock School.

At the beginning of the last century Graham was instrumental in establishing the tradition that the then newly embodied Irish Guards had an Irish Wolfhound as their regimental mascot. Many months in advance of this day of celebration and remembrance Rory had, using his family and military connections, secured a commitment from the Regimental Adjutant that the 1st Battalion Irish Guards would, operational demands permitting, provide a detachment of bandmen to participate in the day’s events. They would, of course, be accompanied by their mascot and his handler. Unfortunately, with very few days’ notice, we were informed that neither mascot nor guardsmen would be



Archibald McIntyre, Gentleman Piper to the High Council of Clan Donald

playing the Scottish pipes at the grave side
23/10/09

(courtesy of Kim Horsley)



Interior St Mark's Church

(courtesy of Tony Dunne)

able to attend. The following week there was to be a state visit to England by Pratibha Patil, President of India and 1st Battalion Irish Guards were to form the guard of honour at Windsor Castle on Tuesday 27th October 2009. Consequently all personnel and mascot were required to participate in a rehearsal on Friday 23rd and therefore could not join the gathering in Dursley.

Nevertheless even at this late stage Rory was able to secure the services of Archibald McIntyre, Gentleman Piper to the High Council of Clan Donald. His skills piping on several occasions during the day reminded one of the close historical links between the Scottish and Irish nations and their respective iconic dogs, the Scottish Deerhound and Irish Wolfhound. The pipes were a fitting tribute to Captain Graham, a man closely associated with both countries and both breeds of dogs.

The day began with a service in St Mark's Church, where Graham's funeral had taken place, conducted by Janet Bromley the Rector of Dursley. Contemporaneous newspaper accounts record that the hymn "Peace, perfect peace" was sung at the funeral and so after the vicar's welcome and introduction the congregation sang the same hymn. The newspaper report also noted that "(t)he 90th Psalm was chanted" on that occasion a century



before; so it was great honour for me, 100 years later, to read the same Psalm 90.

Rory gave a fascinating address providing an insight in to the Graham family and proudly displayed a "coffee pot" styled trophy made of Irish silver and treasured by the family. The trophy bears the following inscription:

IRISH KENNEL CLUB

CLASS V

IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

3rd prize April 1879 Dublin

1st prize May 1880 Ditto

Awarded to George A. Graham's

SCOT

When Graham was buried the hymn "Abide with me" was sung at the graveside. Echoing that day in 1909 those present joined in this well known hymn before making their way into the adjoining graveyard where the vicar rededicated the grave of the captain and his wife which had been beautifully and professionally restored by local stonemasons, Bob Hallam and his team from L.W.Clutterbuck Ltd.

Exactly 100 years to the day after George Augustus Graham had been laid to rest and to the mournful lament of the pipes, a number of wreaths and flowers on behalf of his descendants, breed clubs and other interested parties were placed upon the grave. Regrettably unable to attend in person Jacqueline Carswell, President of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America, had sent a message acknowledging the common debt all



The restored grave bedecked with wreaths and flowers
23/10/09
(courtesy of Ben Wilkes)

those around the world who are associated with the breed owe to Graham for his efforts in preserving the Irish Wolfhound.

On leaving the graveyard the party lead by the crucifer and vicar and accompanied by a police escort, processed a short distance into the centre of town. The *Dursley Gazette* of 30th October 1909 carried a report of Graham's funeral in which it was noted that "(a)s the procession passed through the



The procession from St Mark's Church on its way to St James Church, Dursley 23/10/09
(courtesy of Ben Wilkes)

town.....businesses en route were closed, and windows shuttered, whilst blinds were drawn at the private residences;" a century later the mood was less sombre and the town certainly did not come to a standstill. Nevertheless there were some very quizzical looks cast in our direction particularly from the driver of a huge Polish articulated lorry stopped by the police to allow us to pass. Our destination was the parish church of Dursley, St. James,

The youngest Irish Wolfhound present sits at the foot of the grave 23/10/09

(courtesy of Chris Cook)





All the dogs present on the day pose on the grass in front of St James Church
23/10/09
(courtesy of Chris Cook)

where there are a number of memorials to members of the Graham family which those present were able to inspect. Afterwards the attending dogs, who had been allowed in both churches and the graveyard, posed for photographs on the grass outside St. James's before everyone made their way to Rednock School.

After lunch in the adjacent community centre the visitors joined a unique school assembly during the course of which, with an Irish Wolfhound literally centre stage, Rory, Andrew and I explained to the staff and pupils who the captain was, the significance of the site on which their school stood and the importance of Graham's role in the regeneration of the breed.

In anticipation of this special gathering, teaching staff had organised a poetry competition about Graham and his dogs and the pupils adjudged to have produced the best works read them out before being presented with their prizes. To the skirl of the pipes Rory then unveiled the smaller of the plaques commemorating Captain Graham, a man proud of his Scottish ancestry, prominently located in the school hall.



The Poetry Reading
(courtesy of Tony Dunne)

The second and larger plaque which summarises the life and work of Captain Graham, across the text of which he and an Irish Wolfhound gaze at each other in perpetuity, was then unveiled by Dursley's mayor, Councillor Jane Ball. On the day this plaque was located in a temporary position outside the main entrance to the school but will be secured to the outside of the new sixth form block



The second plaque unveiled at Rednock School, Dursley 23/10/09. From left to right; Dr Nicholas Wilkes with Irish Wolfhound Strickenoak Louise Marie,

Rory Webster Captain Graham's great grandson, Andrew Barton, Councillor

Jane Ball Mayor of Dursley and David Alexander headmaster.

(courtesy of Carol Barton)



when it is completed and it will then be permanently sited close to the spot where Graham's house stood.

As school ended the Irish Wolfhounds present were mobbed by children, many of them no taller than the dogs, anxious to stroke and talk about such wonderful creatures. After many more photographs and the presentation of a commemorative rosette to each of the dogs present by the club's President Mrs. Kathleen Kelly (Nutstown) the gathering broke up. Some of the dogs, all of whom had behaved impeccably during the day, were taken for a well deserved stretch of the legs on neighbouring Cam Peak with its spectacular views over the surrounding countryside.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals and organisations around the world who contributed so generously to the appeal and for the many expressions of support received during the project.

Whilst I was responsible for fund raising, recognition must be given to Andy Barton; with his local knowledge and contacts he was invaluable. He was largely responsible for the preparation of the day's events. He co-ordinated the work of the stonemasons, arranged the service with the vicar, persuaded the governors and headmaster of Rednock School to allow us to put plaques in the new buildings, ensured the local press covered the story, brought the local historical society along, invited the mayor to unveil one of the plaques and made sure the member of parliament attended the service and rededication.

Rory and the other descendents of Graham have been tremendously supportive of this undertaking from the outset and have allowed Andy and I access to privately held family material which was a great privilege.

A special thank you to Reverend Janet Bromley for preparing and conducting the

service and rededication and for having the courage to allow 10 Irish Wolfhounds into her two churches!

With quiet efficiency Gloucestershire Constabulary ensured that we were able to process through the streets of Dursley at lunch time on a Friday without any untoward incident.

Mr. David Alexander, headmaster of Rednock School, had the foresight to see that the historical and geographical links between Graham, Irish Wolfhounds and his school could be used to present a unique educational experience for his pupils and the wider community.

The day was both memorable and enjoyable, the weather favourable and the cause a worthy one. All those I spoke to agreed this had been a fitting tribute to Captain Graham whose legacy, the noble Irish Wolfhound the embodiment of his vision and persistence is, 100 years after his death, truly international.

It was *Finn* who gave me my passion for the Irish Wolfhound, without which this project would never have begun. Sadly he fell four days after his ninth birthday; less than two weeks before the day described herein. In death, as in life, he remains my greatest inspiration.

Dr. Nicholas Wilkes

(Strickenoak)

31/1/2010



Captain George Augustus Graham photographed outside Rednock House (now demolished) Dursley

(courtesy of Rory Webster)

This entry was adjudged first in the Rednock
School Poetry Competition

Rednock Heritage and Wolfhounds

*A British army officer,
A wolfhound and rednock School!
What a Strange Combination!
A story begins to unfold....*

*200 years ago in bath a wealthy boy was born.
His family had a fighting past,
And bought his rank with cash.
Captain Graham became his name.*

*Off to India he went to fight
(the hunting part he liked the most!)
After many year away from home,
He turned to Dursley to start a fresh.*

*He bought a posh, expensive home,
Known to all around as Oakland.
But Graham believed he was under threat.
So Graham made a plan.*

*He paid some money, lots of money,
To save the dwindling breed.
The Wolfhound Trust did what they could
And rebuilt the noble dynasty.*

*The Captain died in 1909.
But we will all remember him,
With brand new grave and wolfhound parade.
And our school bearing the Rednock name.*



By Georgia Butterfield

CAPTAIN GRAHAM !

*If you were ever to see
A noble Irish wolfhound
You'd wonder if there could even be
A beast so tall and proud*

*This beautiful creature
A national treasure
This natural feature
A viewing pleasure*

*How horrible then
For them to die out
Never to be seen again
Everyone would go without*

*This almost happened
We came so close
The end of the legend
Almost*

*One man's vision
Changed it all
No hero of fiction
Just a man on call*

He brought them back from the brink.....

By Genevieve Norton



Captain Graham



On the 6th August 1833, Captain Graham was brought to life,
By Colonel Charles Graham, and Mary Ann his wife!

In the army he started his career
Because his dad thought it was the direction to steer

He fought in Calcutta, Barrakpore, and the Punjab too,
He won lots of medals for fighting and saving you!

He was married in 1863 in the middle of June
Graham was aged 30 which wasn't a moment too soon

Lydia Caroline was Graham's new wife,
Who he hoped would share his happy life.

Around this time the Irish wolfhound took his imagination
To think they were dying, when they could live with him and recreation,

Edith flora came in 1864
Followed by four more!

In Dursley to "Oakland's estate" he did move
He changed its name to Rednock, a Scottish tribe (it added more groove)

In 1885 the Irish wolfhound became a book too
This helped save the dogs for me and you,

By this time, in Dursley he was an active part
You could say he was the town's heart,

His wife died in April 1908
He had lost his perfect mate,

He died in February 1909
Now in heaven he does dine.

By Hannah Searle



These are the second third and fourth entries

How would Captain Graham feel?

How would Captain Graham feel,
About his house falling down,
And a school called Rednock,
Being put into his grounds.

The grounds that he walked and that he ran,
Training all those dogs.
He had a soft-spot for the biggest ones,
The Irish Wolfhounds.

He would have thought, "Oh well, what a shame!"
"It's for the good of the children".
And if he could, I expect he would,
Have joined and taught them.

And then that school being destroyed,
And a new school being built beside,
With nothing at all the same.
All in the honour of this man,
And his houses' name.

He was a great, powerful, kind, caring,
Strong, loving and generous man.
He was one of a kind
He was a great man,
What a great man was he.

By Sam Heaney





Captain
Graham



.....Inventor of
Rednock

First Dursley was just a place,
Rednock wasn't here,
Nobody knew the face,
That could make it appear.

He was born in 1833,
And started collecting pedigree's,
Then moved to Rednock House,
He moved with his children and his spouse.

So when Captain Graham came,
From his Irish wolfhound background,
He became very popular,
So the community made a sound.

Sadly he passed away at Rednock House,
His grave is at the church St Mary's,
But led there he doesn't know,
The school that he could rule.

By Madeline Crosbee

These entries were highly
commended

Captain Graham

1883 George Graham was born 1884,
We named the school after his house,
He came to Dursley,
He saved a rare breed called Irish wolfhound,
He became a commander of the army,
Went to India to fight in a war,

Died in 1909 may he rest in peace for all of
eternity.



Captain Graham



Irish Wolfhound

By Gemma Forbes

Captain Graham, dog, wolfhound, Rednock, died 1903, Born 1833, Bathwick

Captain Graham and Rednock

Rednock House was founded, by a man called
Captain Graham, he built it up from toes to the
treetops.

He then got himself a dog, a Irish wolfhound to be
precise.

He saved this breed from extinction, with all his
might and now the dogs are well established.

He gave one of his dogs to the Irish troops as a
mascot, from that day the Irish wolfhound has
always been the mascot for the troops.

His house in Ireland has the name Rednock so he
called his new house Rednock.

That is how our school became brilliant, because of
its fantastic name.

Captain Graham and his dog



Irish Wolfhound

By
Chloe Philip, Emma Allen
and Jacob Ide

Baronglen Irish Wolfhounds

Peter and Pat Pask

Having spent our young lives surrounded by animals, (Peter's family had dachshunds and terriers, Pat's family had horses) it was inevitable when we married this love of animals would continue. Peter had fallen in love with Irish Wolfhounds as a child but the family did not have a property suitable to house such a large dog. Pat had always wanted a Yorkshire terrier but was told she could have one when the cat "passed away" but when she left home to get married the black cat "Sooty" was still going strong and lived to 23 years of age!!

Following our marriage and after rescuing a sickly Afghan who only lived for 2 years the opportunity arose for us to consider having a wolfhound.

We visited Ruth and Leslie Jenkins (Eaglescrag) and after spending the day with such lovely hounds as Ch Eaglescrag Caio, Ch Eaglescrag Fintan and Ch Eaglescrag Toby and all the beautiful girls we decided a wolfhound was the dog for us. We went to see a lovely litter bred by Rhiannon Evans from Carrokeel Annwn and Ch Fintan of Eaglescrag and chose a puppy dog. He was Gwernyfed Llemenig (aka Wellington) and was the litter brother to Gwernyfed Lleigus who was owned by Elizabeth Murphy and became the mascot for the Irish Olympic team in 1980.

We quickly became besotted with the breed and over the next year spent a lot of time watching our boy "Wellington" grow and learning about the breed from Ruth and Leslie. They were very kind about our lad but we soon learnt he was not show quality though his character was so typical of the breed it is thanks to him that we continued.

In 1976 "Wellington" was joined by Buckhurst Keren from Alan and Molly Hyett. She was a Ch Eaglescrag Toby granddaughter and a good sound quality bitch to use to start breeding.

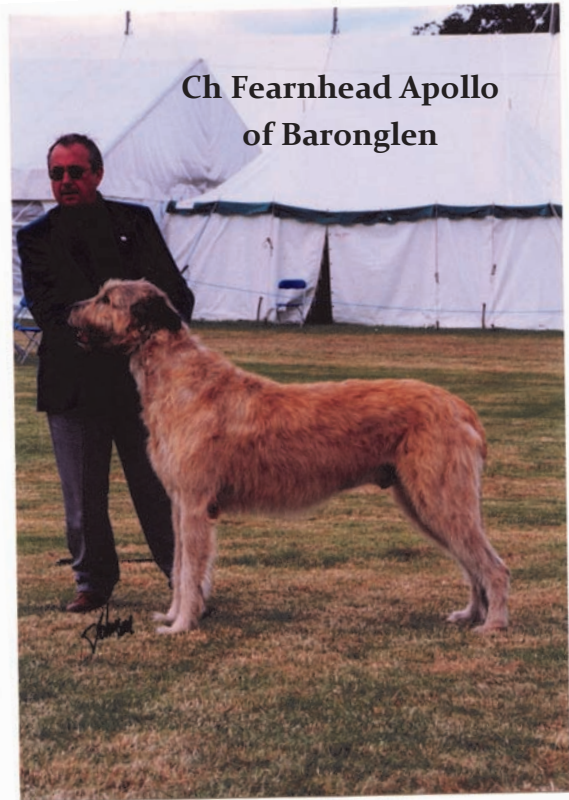
In 1979 our breeding programme started and Ch Eaglescrag Toby and Keren produced four lovely offspring.. Three pups stayed with us (two boys and a girl) and the fourth pup went to Portugal to Buster Lloyd Jones, a friend of Ruth and Leslie. She was campaigned on the continent and became a Spanish and Portuguese champion. She also produced "Tomas" who became a champion.

Over the next three years our pups were shown occasionally and while they were usually in the cards they did not receive any top honours. Their cards and rosettes however hold special pride of place in our household.

The prefix "Baronglen" was also granted in 1979 and we chose the name



Ch Baronglen Miss Fiona



Ch Fearnhead Apollo
of Baronglen



Ch Cefni Eurig of Baronglen.



Baronglen the Journeyman



Ch Baronglen the Jaywalker



Ch Baronglen Miss Jif

because we wanted something which sounded old , regal and reminiscent of past times but also reflected the hills and valleys of Wales.

In 1983 we mated Baronglen Abbey from our first litter to Eaglescrag Curamos and she produced 7 puppies. We kept two bitches Bridie and Beckie but they were also lightly shown due to work commitments and moving to a new home. Again though they were usually in the cards and Bridie's most memorable win was Best Junior at the Irish Wolfhound Society show, Judge Miranda Brace (Braehead)

1985 saw us mating Bridie with Ch Marumac Cedric of Telgar to produce eight puppies one of which Baronglen Craigie stayed at home. His litter sister Baronglen Charity went to the Tebbuts and became their first CC winner (Judge Helen Baird). She was a beautiful bitch but unfortunately died young with heart problems. Baronglen Carrie, one of the other puppies, became the foundation bitch for Sue Cahill (now Neal) and her Cahmega line. Another dog went to Switzerland and became an International Champion.

In 1986 we moved to the farm which although we knew was the place we wanted to live with our dogs for the rest of our days was extremely derelict and needed much attention. We therefore took a break from dog showing and concentrated our efforts on getting the farm in shape.

When the work was completed we decided to breed from either Bridie or Beckie

but sadly by now they were both nearly six and neither of them were successful and at this point the Baronglen line came to an end. To our rescue came Shirley Sharpe and we acquired Telgar Saffron a two year old bitch. She was a quality girl and we were very honoured to have her. She was mated to Ch Eaglescrag Justin in 1989. This litter produced Baronglen the Deacon and Baronglen Dilys.

Telgar Saffron was also mated to Hibeck William in 1991 and produced Baronglen Miss Ellie. She won a CC (Judge Jean Taylor) and two Res CC's during her show career.

At this time work commitments again interfered with our hobby and we were unable to show her enough for her to attain her title.

The Deacon was awarded a Reserve CC at two but he sadly died at a young age following a gastric torsion. Dilys went to live with Shirley but when Shirley experienced health problems she came back to us. She was mated to Blakeskerra Branagan in 1995 and produced five pups. Three of these pups were notable and quite exciting for us namely Baronglen the Forester, Baronglen Miss Fiona and Baronglen Miss Florence.

The Forester showed much promise winning BIS at the IW Club show in 1997 (Judge Don Weiden) and Baronglen Miss Fiona won 10 CC's and Best Bitch at the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland show (Judge Sorchá Wilde). Her sister Baronglen Miss Florence was never shown but following a mating to Marumac Feril produced the



Dunewalker Miss Behaving



Solstrand Yorick of
Baronglen



Solstrand Yelena of Baronglen.



Ainsea Madoc of Baronglen



Baronglen the Knightwalker

stunning Ch Fearnhead Apollo of Baronglen. He also had a very successful show career winning 5CC's and BIS at the IW Society Championship Show (Judge Rosemary Follett), the Irish Wolfhound Club of NI Championship Show (Judge Louise Nowell) and the Irish wolfhound Club of Ireland (Judge Espen Engh).

A great tragedy for us was losing the Forester at two with a twisted small intestine.

Also during these years we had acquired two Eaglescrag Bitches. In 1980 Eaglescrag Aimee out of Eaglescrag Catrin and Fitzarran Yankee and in 1989 Eaglescrag Kylin from Ch Eaglescrag Iceflo and Telgar Hadlee. We attempted to breed from both these bitches but without success which of course was a bitter disappointment to both us and Ruth and Leslie.

In 1995 after a visit to Jean and Dave Malley and falling in love with Ainsea Spellbinder she came to live with us and joined the Baronglens. She absolutely hated showing which was a shame as she was a beautiful bitch. Again we managed a CC (Judge Hilary Jupp) and a Reserve CC when she won RBIS at the IW Society Championship show (Judge Sandy Surrell) but the whole process was so stressful for her and us we gave up.

She was mated to Ch Bokra Scenario and produced Baronglen the Guardsman. He was only lightly shown as he always lived in the shadow of Apollo but with Ch Baronglen Miss Fiona he produced Baronglen Miss Isobel and Baronglen the Intrepid. Miss Isobel with

Apollo's son Ch Cefni Eurig of Baronglen in turn produced Ch Baronglen the Jaywalker, Baronglen the Jounyman and Ch Baronglen Miss Jif.

They are now six years of age and enjoying life to the full. The Jounyman is a lovely example of the breed but because the Jaywalker, who follows Ainsea Spellbinder in that he does not like showing, spent one year on two CC's and 13 Res CC's and therefore took a long time to get that elusive third, meant the Jounyman has only been lightly shown. If he continues to keep fit and healthy he may well return to the ring as a veteran!!

Ch Baronglen the Jaywalker, who won RBIS at the IW Club Championship show (Judge Jean Malley), has been mated to some beautiful bitches which has allowed us to have some lovely puppies join the other Baronglens namely Solstrand Yorick and Solstrand Yelena (from the Jaywalker and Solstrand Unity), Ainsea Madoc (the Jaywalker and Clhannworthy Briege via Ainsea) and Dunewalker Miss Behaving (the Jaywalker and Braehead Orianna). All these have been lightly shown and Yorick has won a CC (Judge Ann Harpwood and Madoc has won a RCC (Judge Graham Hill).

Our last litter 18 months ago from Ch Baronglen Esther and Solstrand Yorick of Baronglen produced Baronglen the Knightwalker and Baronglen Miss Kavanaugh. The Knightwalker has already started his show career and won Best Puppy in show at the IW Club Limited show in 2009 (Judge Hazel

Barnes) as well as Best Puppy in Breed at Welsh Kennel Club show 2009 (Judge Espen Engh). At that show he also qualified for the final of the Pup of the Year. (Judge Michael Quinney).

When we look back at our breeding programme there has been some heartache for the hounds we have lost at a young age but others like Ellie and Dilys lived to 11 and 10 respectively while Toby, Jacob and Georgia lived to 9 and 10 respectively. Throughout it all the joy for us has not been the wins or the number of champions but the temperament and character of each of the dogs and pleasure we obtain from living with them.

Both of us are great believers in trying to give back to something you enjoy and we have both been involved in the administration of the Irish Wolfhound Club for a very long time.

Peter has served on the Irish Wolfhound committee from 1985 to 1987. He has stewarded at the club shows from 1977 along with for a time Barton Howson and David Nagle and later Keith Pursglove and he continued with this until he became Chairman of the club in 2002. He is also the club archivist, chairman of the Irish Wolfhound Health group and a driving force with the arranging and running of club judging seminars after attending the first one run by Ron Baird in 1980.

Pat became treasurer of the Irish Wolfhound club in 1994 a post she still holds today. She is also heavily involved in

organizing the seminars and can be seen at all Irish Wolfhound club events busily working to make each event a success.

Both of us judge our breed at Championship level and other hounds at Open show level. Peter has been passed to award CC's, Green Stars and CACIB's. So far the highlight of his judging career has been Crufts in 2002, The Irish wolfhound club of Ireland show in 2008 and the Irish Wolfhound Championship show in 2009.

Pat awards CC's and Green Stars and both of us are looking forward to our judging appointments in America in October.

Providing we are fit and healthy we would like to continue breeding, showing and judging in the future as the breed's general character coupled with its appearance are what holds our attention. Their individuality both as a breed and pack members never ceases to amaze us. Living with 9 Irish Wolfhounds in a rural environment convinces us that they are just as capable today in doing the job they were bred for in the past. We often have dead rabbits deposited on our doorstep with a look from one of the dogs as if to say "here is a present for you."

We are totally besotted with the breed and always will be. We can appreciate other hounds but would only ever want to live with Wolfhounds.

Pat is so glad her cat lived to 23!!!

Judging the Best

You've been showing for a while and now you want to be a judge. If you meet the criteria set down by the Irish Kennel Club for judges resident in Ireland it is relatively straightforward to get started.

The base requirement is to be older than 18 and to have been permanently resident in Ireland for at least the past five years. You need to have had two or more dogs registered in your name or partnership for at least the past four years. Next do some ring stewarding to develop an understanding of how a dog show ring works. At least three times. Then present your written evidence of involvement in exhibiting and general dog related activity, such as seminars, to the Irish Kennel Club. All being well, and with a suitable invitation, you will now be allowed to judge 'your breed' at a Limited, Match or Open show.

To progress towards judging a championship show you will need to judge at least three limited shows (no closer than six months apart). You will also have to have had at least two dogs registered in your name or partnership for the past seven years. Since it will probably take three years of exhibiting, breeding and general dog related activities to attain the required limited show experience this last condition should not be onerous.

The final obstacle will be securing an invitation to judge. Your good judgement at the limited show level will have propelled your name to the top of the desirable judges list!

To get the full conditions and requirements ask the Irish Kennel Club for their 'Criteria for Judges Resident in Ireland' leaflet.



We need you

Green Stars & Champions

After 2006 the method for gaining a championship title changed from a points based system to one based upon 'Green Stars.' The write up below is from the Irish Kennel Club and explains how the current system works, together with a conversion table for dogs that already have gained points prior to January 2007.

The number of Green Stars required for Championship title is 7, to be gained under 7 different judges. The dog must be graded excellent, or in the case of a Puppy Very Promising, to challenge for the Green Star. Grading Cards will be issued by the Irish Kennel Club. Champions are eligible to challenge for the Green Star. One Green Star must be won after the dog reaches the age of 15 months. There will be no enhancement for Group wins.

Points under the old system would be converted as follows;
Dogs having won;

1.5 points, count as 1 Green Star

6- 11 points, count as 2 Green Stars

12- 18 points, count as 3 Green Stars

19 – 24 points, count as 4 Green Stars

25 – 31 points, count as 5 Green Stars

32 – 38 points, count as 6 Green Stars

Dogs having won 38 points or more under the old Green Star System must win 1 Green Star under the new system to be awarded the title of Champion.

The title of Annual Champion in each breed is awarded to the dog with the highest number of Green Stars won in the calendar year. In the event of a tie the award is made to the dog with the greater number of Best Of Breed wins.

It is proposed to implement this system from January 2007 with a review in 2009.

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2006

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Newtownards	Mrs J Duke	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24/02/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Kennel Club	Mrs P Gellerman	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input type="checkbox"/>
01/03/2006		Int Ch Sally of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combined Canine Club	Dr T Jakkel	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22/03/2006		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cork & District	Mrs S Kealy	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input type="checkbox"/>
19/04/2006		Ir Ch Ebony of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fermoy	Mr U Fischer	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/05/2006		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Tipperary	Mrs M Anderson	Gulliagh Sequoia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04/05/2006		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	Miss M Martin	Gulliagh Sequoia	<input type="checkbox"/>
05/05/2006		Gulliagh Nedine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hibernian	Mrs C Walkden-Sturgeon	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17/05/2006		Gulliagh Nedine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Wolfhound Club Show	Mrs M Saunders	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08/06/2006		Ir Ch Annuana of Rathcreevagh at Calcara	<input type="checkbox"/>
Munster Canine	T Barry	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15/06/2006		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swords	L Jorgenessen	Ir Ch Aontroime Beinon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21/06/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kilkenny	Mr J Walsh	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28/06/2006		Ir Ch Ebony of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deise Canine	Mr M Drennan	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
29/06/2006		Ir Ch Ebony of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2006

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Bray & District	J Roppollo	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05/07/2006		Ir Ch Eboney of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Ladies Kennel Club	Mrs J Westren	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
06/07/2006		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sligo	Mr J Peak	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/07/2006		Gulliagh Nedine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dundalk	Mr G Hill	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
26/07/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bangor & North Down	Mr J Cole	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02/08/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dun Laoghaire	Mr M Gavin	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/08/2006		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	Mr H Tast	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16/08/2006		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clonmel & District	Mrs K Kahn	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17/08/2006		Rynchanon Cowboys N'Kisses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Killarney & District	Miss D Ritchie	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/08/2006		Rynchanon Cowboys N'Kisses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limerick	Mrs E Mach	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/08/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tralee & District	Mr J-L Grunheid	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23/08/2006		Gulliagh Molly Malone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drogheda & District	Brian Fogarty	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
06/09/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Breeds Society	Mr N White	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
13/09/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2006

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Carlow & District	R Wagner	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20/09/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portadown	E Patterson	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/09/2006		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bull Breeds Association	Mr K Sinclair	Ir Ch Lazy Bones of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
27/10/2006		Ir Ch Gulliagh Nedine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cloghran	Mr T Mulvaney	Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29/11/2006		Lady of Nutstown with Starchelle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dublin Dog Show	Ms M Hamill	Gulliagh Sequoia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/12/2006		Midnight Emma of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>

Annual Champion 2006

Finney's Ir/Int Ch Gulliagh Zest (An Ch 03, CW 06) 92 Points
 Clarke's Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon was runner up 60 points

Puppy of the Year (All Breeds)

O'Keeffe's 'Calcara Failte'

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2007

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Newtownards	Mrs A Whitmarsh	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25/02/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
St Patricks Celtic	Mr T Griffin	Gulliagh Sequoia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17/03/2007		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combined Canine Club	Mrs G Viega	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
07/04/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cork & District	Mrs P Reidy-Burke	Daniel Cu na Ri	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/04/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
South Tipperary	Mr V O'Brien	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05/05/2007		Gulliagh Molly Malone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fermoy	Mrs T Savolainen	Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
06/05/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	Mr B Doak	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
07/05/2007		Gulliagh Molly Malone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Kennel Club	Mr G Kostopoulos	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
03/06/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irish Wolfhound Club Show	Mr R Searle	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10/06/2007		Ir Ch Annuana of Rathcreevagh at Calcara	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swords	Mr T Skaar	Gulliagh Sequoia	<input type="checkbox"/>
16/06/2007		Knocknarea Neilliagh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Munster Canine	Mrs A Mathers	Uella Ardee	<input type="checkbox"/>
17/06/2007		Knocknarea Neilliagh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Deise Canine	Mrs L Cox	Witheld	<input type="checkbox"/>
23/06/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kilkenny	Mr Donal Neally	King Chieftian of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
30/06/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2007

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Bray & District	Mrs P MacMahon	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
07/07/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Ladies Kennel Club	Miss N Nekroseine	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08/07/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sligo	Mr M Mahonen	Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/07/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dundalk	Mr G Bodegard	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
28/07/2007		Gulliagh Jill Pole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irish Breeds Society	Mrs D O'Hara	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
01/08/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bangor & North Down	Mr K Thornton	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04/08/2007		Gulliagh Jill Pole	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dun Laoghaire	Mr J Dupas	Gulliagh Sequoia	<input type="checkbox"/>
05/08/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	Mr A Marshal	Uella Ardee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18/08/2007		Calcara Gra	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clonmel & District	Mr J Lewington	Gulliagh Sequoia	<input type="checkbox"/>
19/08/2007		Rynchanon Cowboys N'Kisses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Killarney & District	Mr J Hoffman	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/08/2007		Ir Ch Eboney of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Limerick	Mrs A Long-Doyle	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23/08/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tralee & District	Mr D.R Millar	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25/08/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Banbridge	Mr B R Frost	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01/09/2007		Gulliagh Jill Pole	<input type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2007

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Irish Breeds Challenge Certificate Show	Mrs D O'Hara	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
08/09/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carlow & District	Mrs O Thomas	Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
15/09/2007		Gulliagh Jill Pole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Portadown	Mr S Lloyd	Gulliagh Albus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20/10/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bull Breeds Association	Miss J Pattison	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29/10/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloghran	Mr G F Clarke	Ir Ch Kingfisher of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
17/11/2007		Midnight Emma of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dublin Dog Show	Mr E Murray	Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
27/12/2007		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Clarke's Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon was the Annual Champion 2007
Kelly's Ir Ch King Huzzar of Nutstown was runner up.

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2008

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Newtownards	Mr Sean Carrol	Gulliagh Albus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24/02/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
St Patricks Celtic	Tim Finney	Uella O'Hogan	<input type="checkbox"/>
17/03/2008		Gulliagh Jill Pole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combined Canine Club	J O'Connor	Uella O'Hogan	<input type="checkbox"/>
22/03/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cork & District	N White	Uella Ardee	<input type="checkbox"/>
19/04/2008		Ir Ch Eboney of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fermoy	C Aymoretti	Uella O'Hogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03/05/2008		Milkwood Light My Fire at Ballyadeen	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Tipperary	J Homen De Mello	Uella Ardee	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/05/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	M Crowley	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input type="checkbox"/>
05/05/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hibernian	T Pehar	Mascotts My Emperor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17/05/2008		Gulliagh Corrig	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Kennel Club	S Tripoli	Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
31/05/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irish Wolfhound Club Show	Peter Pask	Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
08/06/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Munster Canine	J Muldoon	Uella Ardee	<input type="checkbox"/>
15/06/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Swords	J Boujasson	Ir Ch Gulliagh Sequoia	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/06/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kilkenny	J Wauben	Gulliagh Albus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28/06/2008		Gulliagh Jill Pole	<input type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2008

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Deise Canine	E Jenkins	Donovan of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29/06/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bray & District	Joyce Crawford	Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
05/07/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irish Ladies Kennel Club	Miss D Ritchie	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
06/07/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sligo	L Zahle	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
19/07/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dundalk	Miss M Martin	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26/07/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangor & North Down	U Brathen	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02/08/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dun Laoghaire	S Seymour	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
03/08/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	G Eva	Fionn of Coote Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16/08/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clonmel & District		Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input type="checkbox"/>
17/08/2008		Bribiba Destiny of Scotland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Killarney & District	Mr G Kostopoulos	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/08/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tralee & District	H O'Donoghue	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input type="checkbox"/>
23/08/2008		Bribiba Destiny of Scotland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Drogheda & District	J Robertson	Gulliagh Ardtully	<input type="checkbox"/>
06/09/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2008

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Irish Native Breeds	M Daly	Uella O'Hogan	<input type="checkbox"/>
13/09/2008		Gulliagh Jill Pole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carlow & District	Mr W Blount	Calcara Horgan	<input type="checkbox"/>
20/09/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Portadown		Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18/10/2008		Maddie Rose of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bull Breeds Association	K Maye	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/10/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cloghran	T Rainey	Donovan of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
29/11/2008		Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Banbridge	R McDowell	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
06/12/2008		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Wolfhound Club Open Show	E Hanley	Donovan of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
07/12/2008		Nina-Leigh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dublin Dog Show	Mr A Beare	Donovan of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
27/12/2008		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Clarke's Ir Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon was Annual Champion 2007 and 2008
Finney's Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus was runner up

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2009

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
St Patricks Celtic	Mr R Dunne	Uella Ardee	<input type="checkbox"/>
17/03/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Newtownards	Mrs A Stuifbergen Hoetjes	Lagan Bank Lad	<input type="checkbox"/>
29/03/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Combined Canine Club	Mr Derout	Uella O'Brien	<input type="checkbox"/>
11/04/2009		Milkwood Light My Fire at Ballyadeen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cork & District	Mr P O'Brien	Uella O'Hogan	<input type="checkbox"/>
18/04/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fermoy	Mrs E Janzon	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
03/05/2009		Rynchanon Ain't Misbehaving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	Mr T Mulvaney	Ir Ch Gulliagh Albus	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/05/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hibernian	Mr M Baskaran	Uella O'Hogan	<input type="checkbox"/>
16/05/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
South Tipperary	Mr J Scanton	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25/05/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Wolfhound Club Show	Mr K Olav	Uella O'Hogan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29/05/2009		Glor na Gael Kendra	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Kennel Club European Show	Mr K Edh	Glor na Gael Ivanhoe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
30/05/2009		Nina-Leigh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Breeds Challenge Certificate Show	Mrs Zena Thorn- Andrews	Witchesbrook Wirion Caredig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01/06/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Munster Canine	Miss D Dineen	Ir Ch Uella Ardee	<input type="checkbox"/>
13/06/2009		Ir/Int Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2009

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Swords	Mr P Lundstrom	Gulliagh Ardtully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20/06/2009		Knocknarea Neilliagh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kilkenny	Mr Rex Lowe	Knocknarea Bacchus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
27/06/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deise Canine	Mr Donal Neally	Ir Ch Uella Ardee	<input type="checkbox"/>
28/06/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bray & District	Mr D Simpson	Prince Finn of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
04/07/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irish Ladies Kennel Club	Mrs I Peiler	Tibridarn Thane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05/07/2009		Calcara Keeva of Cuaontroime	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sligo	Ms Saija Jutilannen	Knocknarea Bacchus	<input type="checkbox"/>
18/07/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dundalk	Mrs Zola Rawson	Prince Finn of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
25/07/2009		Nina-Leigh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bangor & North Down	Mr R Searle	Gulliagh Ardtully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
01/08/2009		Gulliagh Corrig	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dun Laoghaire	Mrs R Wagner	Donovan of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02/08/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hound Association	Mrs Meggison	Prince Finn of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
15/08/2009		Gulliagh Corrig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clonmel & District	Mrs P Lawlor	Uella O'Brien	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16/08/2009		Rynchanon Ain't Misbehaving	<input type="checkbox"/>
Killarney & District	Mrs A Bollard-Edwards	Uella O'Brien	<input type="checkbox"/>
18/08/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Limerick	Mr A Brace	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input type="checkbox"/>
20/08/2009		Knocknarea Neilliagh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Green Star Wolfhounds For 2009

SHOW	JUDGE	GREEN STAR WINNERS	BOB
Tralee & District	Mr B Von Scheiden	Rynchanon One Wild Knight at Nightwing	<input type="checkbox"/>
22/08/2009		Rynchanon Ain't Misbehaving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Irish Breeds Society	Mrs A Long-Doyle	Donovan of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/09/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drogheda & District	John Miachin	Donovan of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
15/09/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carlow & District	Mr Tom Hehir	Ir Ch Donovan of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19/09/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portadown	Ms Editha Newton	Ir Ch Donovan of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
17/10/2009		Calcara Keeva of Cuaontroime	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bull Breeds Association	Mr Brian Fogarty	Gulliagh Ardtully	<input type="checkbox"/>
26/10/2009		Opherra of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cloghran	Mrs A Mathers	Ir Ch Donovan of Nutstown	<input type="checkbox"/>
14/11/2009		Knocknarea Neilliagh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Banbridge	Mrs C Bollard-O'Callaghan	Calcara Biggle of Cuaontroime	<input type="checkbox"/>
21/11/2009		Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dublin Dog Show	Mrs M Burke	Ir Ch Donovan of Nutstown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28/12/2009		Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

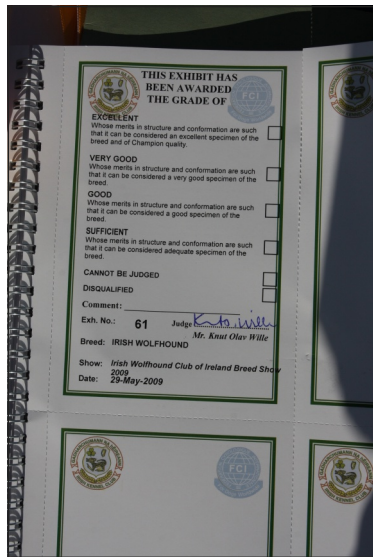
Mr G.F. & Mrs P. Clarke's Ir/Int/Eng Ch Lady Ionagh of Shantamon was Annual Champion 2009
Mr J. & Mrs K. Kelly's Ir Ch Donovan of Nutstown was runner up

The Irish Wolfhound Specialty Club show of 2009.

Held at Cloghran Show Grounds May 29th 2009

Photographs by Cecil Corbett

The report of judge Knut Olav Wille, Kennel O'Marksbay, Norway



I was really honored to be invited to judge the Irish Specialty Show in Dublin on the 29th of May 2009.

It is always exciting to see (and judge) hounds that one does not know, in a foreign country. The fact that your country is the home of our grand breed made it even more exciting, and I felt thrilled on the morning of the exhibition.



The specialty show of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland was this year taking place on the same weekend as the Euro Dog Show. In the light of the numbers entered for the Euro Dog Show I was very happy to have 61 dogs coming in to my ring on Friday. The show committee was also pleased,



Sharon



and I understand the turnout was as good as in previous years.



I'd like to thank Gina and Eddie for looking after me during my stay in Dublin - "driving me from here to there," Sharon and Anne Mette for excellent help in the ring during the show, and Bernie and Jack for taking me out for lunch on Saturday. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone!

I have been meaning to go to a show in Ireland for many years, but this turned out to be my first time. The main impression of your dogs is a positive one, and I will try to describe what I saw in some detail:

the heads (and expressions) were generally very good. I didn't find any male with too heavy a skull, just a couple of the bitches would have benefited with a slightly more feminine head. The ears were also better throughout than what is seen in Norway these days. Not all ears were carried in the correct manner, but the majority were small, as per the standard. I find that correct heads and ears often come together; a heavy skull often carries ears that also are too big;

the underlines were correct, with the bottom ribs being of sufficient length. I only saw a few dogs which were "herring gutted", an increasing problem in Scandinavia;

the coats were correct, rough and hard on body. Only a few had coats that were a little too soft;

temperament was good, even if just a few of the young animals still needed more self confident or more ring training.

On the negative side I was surprised by two factors in particular: the lack of enough muscle tone, and bad state of teeth. Both of these shortcomings can, or will, lead to health problems. I think it's really sad to see dogs, as young as two years old, having tartar on every tooth from the canines and back. The lack of general muscle mass will increase the probability of overburden and damages, and might impede general mobility as the hound matures.

Some of the hounds that were well muscled and of the right construction proved disappointing when they showed much uncoordinated and ineffective movements of the back legs when they moved.

Unfortunately I had to give "Disqualified" to two of the bitches. They both had the right canine in the under jaw pointing right up in the gum. This is a serious problem that I hope all breeders will pay attention to.

Calcara Biggle was the only dog entered in the Puppy Dog Class. Only 11 months old he already showed a lot of qualities, with good length of legs and with beautiful, soft curves "all over." He had a good front assembly and very strong hindquarters, and adding very good movement to this, he won the Reserve Green Star later that day.



Also in Junior Dog there was only one entered, Prince Finn of Nutstown. 18 months old is sometimes a difficult age, and I would have liked to see more angulations both front and back, still he moved very well from all sides.



Again there was only one dog in the Intermediate Class. Calcara Horgan was a very powerfully built male, and I'm certain he will do well in the future. On the day I would have liked to see more furnishing in his face, and he also had a tendency to move too wide in the front.

Fourteen were entered, but four were absent in the Open Dog Class. I gave "Excellent" to five of them, and the four placed were all really nice, but still with different points I would have liked to see improved. But what a joy to see Uella O'Hogan! He was so impressive from the moment he entered the ring, very balanced, strong and sound, and he did not disappoint me on the move. No wonder he went Best in Show with the Green Star later on.



There were three dogs in the next class; Champion Dog. At first, I felt certain that Gulliagh Albus had to beat the two others. With a wonderful head, excellent length of legs and being well angulated both ends, he really caught my eye. Unfortunately he was limping the first time around the ring, but then he ran well the second time. It was sad to have to place him third when again he was limping in the final run. This made



Glor Na Gael Ivanhoe the winner, and not a bad one either. He was impressing moving so easy and active around the ring, but to be critical I would have liked to see just a little more of him. Gulliagh Albus became the worthy winner of Best head and expression in the end of the show.

Millenium of Nutstown was single in the Veteran Dog Class. He was still showing a lot of qualities, and at the age of nine and a half, he still moved very well. It always warms my heart seeing an old dog showing so much vitality and happiness!



The Puppy Bitch winner was a really houndy, still strong young lady. Calcara Siucra, which I later on realized was a litter sister to my Puppy Dog winner, showed very well and won over the two others in her class. She also won Best movement that day.

In the Junior Class there were six competitors. I had no difficulties placing Glor Na Gael Naomi first; she was a top quality bitch, very correct in nearly every detail and also a great mover! Just to be critical I would have wanted to see her with a stronger under jaw. She also received the Reserve Green Star.



Four bitches entered the ring in the Intermediate Class. The winner was stunning! Quite “old fashioned,” tall , with very good length of legs, and an superb mover too. In spite of this, I sadly had to withhold the “Excellent”, because she was out of coat.





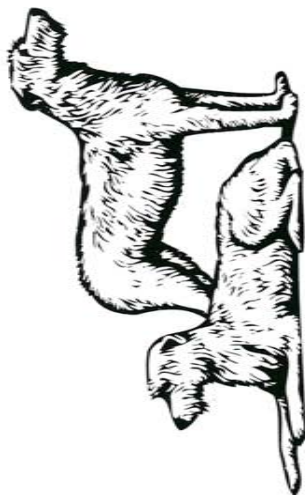
It was great fun to have nine bitches coming into the ring in the Open Class. This class gave me the hardest job during the day, but in the end I placed Glor Na Gael Kendra as the winner. She was not of the tallest, but she had so many qualities! Soft curves from head to tail, neat ears, strong neck going into an excellent front assembly, perfect top- and underline, with well muscled and well angulated hindquarters. She ended up winning the Green Star, and gave Uella O'Hogan a hard match for the Best in Show.

Lady Ionagh of Shantamon had no competitors in the Champion Class, with two being absent. She was a lovely, strong lady with the strongest under jaw I saw throughout the day! She really moved well even if the front assembly could have been better, and I would also have wanted an extra inch on her legs.



I had a wonderful day judging your dogs, and I'd like to thank every one of you for your great sportsmanship - accepting my judging with a smile even though it's impossible to make everyone a winner.





IRISH WOLFHOUND CLUB OF IRELAND

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Friday 29th May 2009 at 2pm

The IKC National Show Centre, Cloghran,
Co. Dublin

Judge: Mr. Knut Olav Wille (O'Marksbay)

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Summary of Entries

	No. of Dogs	
	Dogs	Bitches
Group 10		
Irish Wolfhound	24	37
Other Classes		
Other Classes	1	14

IRISH WOLFHOUND(**)

Judge: Mr. Knut Olav Wille

Class:	1	Minor Puppy Dog	1 Entry
A	1	Manion Pat, PAUDH OF NUTSTOWN D, Y41196, 23/11/2008 15:30:50, Chieftain Of Nutstown - Dark Bernie Of Nutstown	
Class:	2	Puppy Dog	1 Entry
1	VP 2	DONNELLY MR M, CALCARA BIGGLE D, Y44423, 26/06/2008, Br. A OKEEFFE, CUAONTROIME CRONAN - CALCARA FAILTE	
Class:	3	Junior Dog	1 Entry
1	E 3	Kelly Mr J & Mrs K, PRINCE FINN OF NUTSTOWN D, Y08652, 02/12/2007, CH. Lazy Bones Of Nutstown - Winlaoshan Binny Babe	
Class:	4	Intermediate Dog	2 Entries
1	VG 4	O'Keeffe Ms A, CALCARA HORGAN D, Y03435, 16/10/2007, Br. EXB, Culkeeran Chase - Ch & Int Ch Annuna Rathcreevagh at Calcara	
A	5	Redmond Mr. T, ATHCARNE CIARAN D, X90228, 16/06/2007, Br. T. Redmond, Athcarne Cianan - Monageer Brid of Aithcarne	
Class:	6	Open Dog	14 Entries
A	6	Bartolozzi Mrs. D. R, NUTSTOWN CLOCAN'S PRINCE VADELIYD D, X76091, 04/01/2007 12:46:12, Br. Mr J. & Mrs. K. Kelly, CH. King Huzzar Of Nutstown - CH. Angel Of Nutstown	
VG	7	Beck Mr & Mrs Beck, LAGAN BANK LAD D, X95130, 26/04/2007, Br. Marie Clarke, Knockabbey Finn - Sieva of Nutstown	
2	E 8	CAMPBELL MR. P., CUAONTROIME DONOVAN ROSSA OF LAGANVIEW D, X80619, 01/09/2006, Br. MR. M. DONNELLY, CHAMPION CH. KINGFISHER OF NUTSTOWN - DYMPTNER O MY DARLING	
4	E 9	Damboise Mr. R. & Mrs. C, CH. AME DE LOUP DES COUERS DE LUNE D, X4009, 13/04/2005 15:06:17, Br. Mr & Mrs G. Delouet, StanislasDes Coeurs De Lune - Saline Des couers De Lune	
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