# THE IRISH HOUND



The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland

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#### THE IRISH WOLFHOUND

The standard of excellence and list of points in order of merit.

- General appearance: The Irish Wolfhound should not be quite so heavy or massive as the Great Dane, but more so than the
  Deerhound, which in general type he should otherwise resemble. Of great size and commanding appearance, very muscular,
  strongly though gracefully built, movements easy and active; head and neck carried high; the tail carried with an upward
  sweep with a slight curve towards the extremity.
  - The minimum height and weight of dogs should be 31 inches and 120 pounds; of bitches, 28 inches and 90 pounds. Anything below this should be debarred from competition. Great size, including height at shoulder and proportionate length of body, is the desideratum to be aimed at, and it is desired to firmly establish a race that shall average from 32 inches to 34 inches in dogs, showing the requisite power, activity, courage and symmetry.
- Head: Long, the frontal bones of the forehead very slightly raised and very little indentation between the eyes. Skull, not too
  broad. Muzzle, long and moderately pointed, ears small and Greyhound-like in carriage. Bite, scissors ideal, level acceptable.
- 3. Neck: Rather long, very strong and muscular, well arched, without dewlap or loose skin about the throat.
- 4. Chest Very deep, Breast wide,
- 5. Back: Rather long than short, Loins arched.
- 6. Tail: Long and slightly curved, of moderate thickness, and well covered with hair.
- 7. Belly: Well drawn up.
- Forequarters: Shoulders muscular, giving breadth of chest, set sloping. Elbows well under, neither turned inwards nor outwards. Leg: Forearm muscular, and the whole leg strong and guite straight.
- Hindquarters: Muscular thighs and second thigh long and strong as in the Greyhound, and hocks well let down and turning neither in nor out.
- Feet: Moderately large and round, neither turned inwards nor outwards. Toes, well arched and closed. Nails, very strong and curved.
- 11. Hair: Rough and hard on body, legs and head; especially wiry and long over eyes and under jaw.
- Colour and markings: The recognized colours are grey, brindle, red, black, pure white, fawn, or any colour that appears in the Deerhound.
- 13. Faults: Too light or too heavy a head, too highly arched frontal bone; large ears and hanging flat to the face; short neck; full dewlap; too narrow or too broad chest; sunken or hollow or quite straight back; bent forelegs; overbent fetlocks; twisted feet; spreading toes; too curly a tail; weak hindquarters and a general want of muscle; too short in body; pink or liver-coloured eyelids; lips and nose any colour rather than black; very light eyes.

#### List of Points in order of Merit

- Typical: The Irish Wolfhound should not be quite so heavy or massive as the Great Dane, but more so than the Deerhound, which in general type he should otherwise resemble.
- Great Size and commanding appearance.
- Movements easy and active.
- 4. Head, long and level, carried high.
- Forelegs, heavily boned, guite straight; elbows well set under.
- 6. Thighs long and muscular; second thighs, well muscled, stifles nicely bent.
- 7. Coat, rough and hard, especially wiry and long over the eyes and under jaw.
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- Body, long, well ribbed up, with ribs well sprung, and great breadth across hips.
- 9. Loins arched, belly well drawn up.
- 10. Ears, small, with greyhound-like carriage.
- 11. Feet, moderately large and round; toes close, well arched.
- 12. Neck, long, well arched and very strong.
- 13. Chest, very deep, moderately broad.
- 14. Shoulders, muscular, set sloping.
- 15. Tail, long and slightly curved.
- 16. Eves, dark,

Note: The above in no way alters the 'Standard of Excellence' which must in all cases be rigidly adhered to; they simply give the various points in order of merit. If in any case they appear at variance with Standard of Excellence it is the latter which is correct.

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#### **ERRATA** - Irish Wolfhound 1988

Longevity: Owenmore Aitheda 28/1/1980. Still Alive. Breeding: Sire: Inter. Ch. Erindale Triston x Dam: Pendomer's Will O' the Wisp.

Dunleary Lady Jane should read "Tolkavalley Lady Jane".

Tolkavalley Roisin should read "Tullygirvan Roisin".

Club Show: The Movement Cup was won by "Tolkavalley Barna" not "Beleek"

#### **Editorial**

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There are exciting times ahead for our Club. In 1990 a number of important events will take place which will be of great benefit to the Club.

Our Club Championship show in June will be sponsored by Tullamore Dew, the "Finest Old Irish Whiskey" made down in Tullamore, County Offaly. Most Wolfhound people are familiar with the Tullamore Dew stone jar which has the two Wolfhounds on the outside. We sincerely thank Tullamore Dew for their generosity and we are confident that this will be the beginning of a happy relationship.

Capt. Graham's book "Irish Wolfhound Pedigrees 1859 – 1906" which has been out of print for some time is being reprinted. Miss Isobel Walton, (Tolkavalley I.W.), a Vice-President of our Club, has set up a trust fund as a memorial to her late father Mr. Martin A. Walton, to help the Club finance its publications. The reprinting of this publication will be of great interest to members and a valuable asset to our Club – and a fine tribute to the memory of Mr. Walton. On behalf of our Club and Irish Wolfhound people everywhere may I say a big THANK YOU to 'Belle' for this valuable and valued gift.

Another exciting event in 1990 will be the introduction of our Club Newsletter. This was suggested to keep us in closer communication throughout the year and to augment the annual publication of our magazine. This will be the responsibility of Mrs. Linda Gover (Owenmore). Linda was elected on to the committee this year. Please give her your full support.

Jim Behan

# The President's Page

#### **Cead Mile Failte**

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our Irish Wolfhound colleagues from England who have come to live in Ireland in recent years.

Susanne Hudson (Brabyns Irish Wolfhounds) returned recently to live in Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow where her son Anton and his family are now living. Born in England (one is tempted to say "English bred") Susanne first came to live in Woodenbridge in 1961 with her Irish Wolfhounds and Salukis. Susanne says that she introduced Salukis to Ireland, her Salukis were the first to be registered with the Irish Kennel Club. Susanne's younger son, Michael, now married and living in England, was with her at the time. Her much loved Bull Terrier completed the family group. The family, humans and hounds, enjoyed life in Ireland but family commitments brought them back to live in England in 1965.

Susanne, whose married name was Bower, reverted to her maiden name when her two boys were reared. The Brabyns prefix dates back to the 1920s when Susanne's father Capt. T. Hudson started breeding Irish Wolfhounds. At present Susanne has just one Irish Wolfhound, Brabyns Finnin, who lives with, and is jointly owned by, her son Michael in England. Finnin, pet name Murphy, is from last litter bred by Susanne in 1985, parents; Ch. Marumac Canrith x Ch. Brabyns Fiona. Her three Border Collies which have been obedience trained are with her in Co. Wicklow.

When speaking to Susanne recently, she told me that she returned because she prefers living in Ireland. Though no longer actively breeding, Susanne is a Vice President of The Irish Wolfhound Club, (UK) and is pleased that her line has had a good influence on the breed. The winner of the 1989 U.S. National Specialty had a Brabyns grandfather on both sides of his pedigree.

Denise and David Bushby (Chapelleigh Irish Wolfhounds) are settling in well on their farm in Co. Wexford. When I spoke to Denise she said that the lambing had gone well and they had now finished planting 10 acres of raspberries and strawberries. I began to understand why we had not seen them at many shows as yet!

The Bushby's first holiday in Ireland in 1982 was a happy and memorable one. Their bitch Nuala of Chapelleigh took Best in Show at our Breed Specialty under the late Mrs. Helen Fottrell and their other bitch. Coledally Niki, took Reserve Green Star bitch.

Denise and David, who got their first Irish Wolfhound Ciaran of Chappelleigh, in 1976, now have four hounds: Nutstown Grainne

and her daughter, Chapelleigh Deedra. (Deedra is litter sister to Kelly's Chappelleigh Duke of Nutstown, their sire is Clonara Nizam). Their third bitch is Chapelleigh Cruishkeen who accredited herself well in the show scene in England. The youngest hound is Greenswell Arranz. (Westmount Xile of Mochras x Chappelleigh Dineen).

It was the friendliness and the lack of pollution that first attracted the Bushby's to the idea of living in Ireland. Then when they found they would have the added attraction of a larger farm, they decided to come and settle here. Their daughter Lydia enjoys living in Ireland, especially now that she has her own pony. Their son is at University in England and enjoys his holidays in Ireland.

Carol and Stephen Green (Enestar Irish Wolfhounds) came to live in Ireland in November 1988. Born and educated in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, Carol went to live in England as a child. Her father and sister lived in Ireland until her father's death a few years ago, after which her sister went to America.

When I asked Carol what prompted them to come and live in Ireland, she laughed and told me that they made the decision one day while in an eight mile traffic jam outside Leeds in England. They had recently returned from a trip to Ireland. Stephen turned to Carol and said, "Oh! What I would give for the road-works on the Wexford road"! The said road-works had consisted of two men with shovels. The Greens now have a thriving shop in Enniscorthy. Their six children are still in boarding school in England.

Most of us have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Carol & Stephen but hope to do so shortly at the Club's Match at Hilda Hughes' home in Waterford.

Sadly the Greens lost two of their hounds recently, leaving them with just three Irish Wolfhounds. Marumac Emrys, 5 years, who sired the Top Irish Wolfhound puppy of the year, England, 1988 and Meadowsweet Felicity of Marumac, Best of Breed at the Irish Wolfhound Club Ch. Show 1989. Their bitch Enester Amelia is by Marumac Emrys out of Finloren Madeline. Their third hound is Enestar Benjamin, same breeding as Amelia.

Linda and Eddie Gover. (Owenmore Irish Wolfhounds) and their six Irish Wolfhounds now live in Kilworth, Co. Cork. Linda first came to Ireland in 1964 to manage a stud farm in Co. Mayo. Sadly she was taken back to England, paralysed, three years later following a riding accident. Happily she made a complete, though slow, recovery.

Linda Seabrooke, as she was then, got her first Irish Wolfhound, Pendomers Will O' The Wisp, in 1976. She bred Will O' The Wisp to Eng. Ch. Erindale Triston in 1979 – this litter produced Eng. Ch. Owenmore Blanchefleur.

When Linda came to live in Ireland in 1985 she brought six Irish Wolfhounds with her: Will O' The Wisp who lived until she was over 12 years of age; Owenmore Aitheda, litter sister to Blanchefleur; Owenmore Cuchlainn; Owenmore Flnn Mac Cool, Aitheda's son by Fitzarran Yankee of Eaglescrag; Owenmore Mion Callan and her daughter, Owenmore Cinniuint (sire, Eng. Ch. Marumac Cedric of Telgar). Cinniuint is now an Irish Champion.

Linda and Eddie were married in 1987 and both are now part of the Irish Wolfhound scene in Ireland. Linda is now a member of the committee of The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland and has undertaken to produce a newsletter twice yearly to augment our annual magazine. See her introduction piece in this magazine.

Mrs. Ester Jenkins and her family came to live in Ireland in January, 1989. Ester tells me that her husband, Mervyn, who is Welsh, and their daughter Tarah make up her human family. They were accompanied by their three Irish Wolfhounds: Niamh, Tuath and Ronan, all Melanter Lhadrhuinne breeding). Tarah's three Dachshunds and two family pets, an elderly Yorkie toy and a Doberman cross completed the wider family when they arrived.

Sadly, they lost their big hound, Niamh, about a month after their arrival. Recently two more Irish Wolfhound bitches have joined the family group, plus two more Daxies bred by Tarah. All have now settled into their new home in Fermoy, Co. Cork.

Though born and reared in Ireland, Ester has lived in the U.K. for the past 25 years. She says that while away from Ireland she was happy but in her heart she always longed to be home. In January, 1989, they sold their home in Aberdeen, Scotland, with the intention of moving to Perth, also in Scotland. Then they changed their minds and moved to Ireland instead

Ester says that they find living in Ireland expensive and they have to travel a lot to shows but they love being here in Ireland. Things have changed a lot in some ways but in others they have stayed the same. The warmth and friendliness are still present and many doors are still left 'on the latch'. Ester summed up her feelings on a lyrical note. "In Ireland the rain falls more softly and the sunshine is more enveloping and I am content to agree with the poet who wrote: This is my own, my native land".

Cathy & Mike Thorpe (Keereen Irish Wolfhounds) who came over to live in Ireland eight years ago are already an established part of the Irish scene. When speaking to Cathy recently, I was surprised to learn that she was born in Dungaryan, Co.

Waterford. She lived in both Ireland and England while at school and was about 18 years old before she went to live permanently in England. Cathy and Mike's eldest son now lives and works in England.

Before coming to live in Ireland, Cathy and Mike spent three years in South Africa, their daughter, Loraine, was born there. Soon after their return they came to Ireland on holiday. This was Mike's first trip to Ireland. When I asked Cathy what decided them to come and live here, she answered. "We just fancied it, especially for the children's sake – and Mike liked it, so we came."

When the Thorpes came to Ireland in 1982 they had just one Irish Wolfhound, Galtymore Pride of Keereen: (Eng. Ch. Royden Finnigan x Aus. Ch. Grainne An Ban Ri). In 1983 Pride was bred to Int. Ch. Carrokeel Sir Connel of Nutstown, from this litter they kept their second Wolfhound, Keereen Lady. Her litter sister Keereen Queen of Russfinlow became the foundation bitch of Jim Louth's Russfinlow's line. Galtymore Pride did well in the show ring. She has 1 C.C. with Best of Breed and 2 Res. C.C.'s to her credit plus 8 Green Stars and 7 Res. Green Stars, and was winner of the Points Trophy in either 1984 or 1985. Cathy is especially proud that Pride won the Open Bitch Class at The Irish Wolfhound Club of N. Ireland Breed Championship Show three years in succession. Pride well deserved to finish her title but sadly she injured her tail rather badly which put an untimely finish to her showing career.

Mike and Cathy now have four Irish Wolfhounds: Galtymore Pride who is now 10 years old; Keereen Madam Roweena (Galtymore Pride by Int. Ch. Kellybourne Pilot at Ballalyn); and Keereen Barry McGuigan (Shalfleet The Kingmaker at Ballalyn x Keereen Madam Roweena); and a puppy bitch from Keereen Princess Morag x Carrokeel O'Ryan. Keereen Princess Morag is now with Seamus Buggle (Ballyblarney I.W.).

Mike's work now takes him abroad most of the time, and as Cathy does not drive, they don't get to many shows these days. However, they do hope in future to arrange to get to the major show events so that the Keereens can take their rightful place in the show scene.

Mrs. Hilda Hughes, our Club Secretary, is now 25 years living in Ireland. A great secretary and a good friend, Hilda has long since become a part of Ireland and the Irish. We send her our Best Wishes and hope that she will be with us for another 25 years at least.

'Elizabeth C. Murphy

### **Annual General Meeting** 19th November, 1989

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He called for a minutes silence in remembrance of Mrs. Fottrell and gave a short appreciation of her work.

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President said she wished to say a few words about Sheelagh Seale, who had been quite ill. She said Sheelagh sent her love to everyone and on behalf of the meeting, we sent her greetings. She also expressed thanks to the Kelly's who had looked after Sheelagh's young bitch. She expressed our appreciation of Sheelagh's sportsmanship. She welcomed the English Breeders who had come to live over here. She said that feed-back help was needed from members to keep the Club alive, but on the whole the club was healthy and breeders were doing their bit for the breed.

#### **SCRUTINEERS**

Miss Gwen Fottrell proposed by Mr. Finney, seconded by Mrs. Hughes.

Mr. Barry Foley proposed by Mr. Behan, seconded by Miss Murphy.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, acceptance was proposed by Miss Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Kelly.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

GENETICS: The lecture had been almost arranged and it was hoped to have it this year.

PUPPY LEAFLET: It is hoped to have it reprinted this year. Mr. Pritchard suggested that as a Club, we should try to bring on new people to judge at our Open Show.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer submitted the accounts, he said that the future looked better as the subscription had been increased. Miss Butler suggested that a better rate of interest could be obtained from a Savings A/c. The treasurer stated that the money was only in for a short period before payment for the magazine. Miss Murphy suggested that the price for the Hogan & Graham book should be increased because of its

rarity value. Miss Murphy congratulated the treasurer on the accounts, Mr. Clarke seconded and the accounts were accepted.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

She said she would like to thank all the Officers & Committee for their help during the year and all who had helped at our Shows. The Championship Show was a success and those present remarked on the happy, friendly atmosphere. Once again our thanks should be given to Mr. Pritchard, our Show Manager, who organised the venue etc. and to Mrs. Rathbone-Scott, our Show Secretary, who had to cope with a postal strike that made the entry situation difficult. Our judge, Mr. Papenfüss did an excellent job and he and his partner appeared to enjoy themselves. He was very pleased with the pewter plate we gave him and the committee decided to ask Mr. Buggle to organise another plate for our Judge for the 1990 show.

Our thanks are due to Miss Murphy & Mrs. Rathbone-Scott, who so ably stood in as auctioneers in lieu of Mr. Rathbone-Scott who was unable to be present. The entries were approximately the same as last year. The videos of the Show taken by Miss Murphy will be available later.

I would like to congratulate the Magazine Committee on their excellent work. The magazine was actually available at the Show! Again I would ask on their behalf for material for the next magazine as early as possible.

The Open Show was held in conjunction with the Hound Open Show & was also a success, over 30 dogs were entered & we must thank Mr. Behan who organised it & our judge Mr. Doak for the excellent job he did.

Mr. & Mrs. Finney won both the 'Twyman Memorial Bowl & the Moonvoy Cup'. Mr. Rickaby won the Ballyvalla Tray.

Regarding the Club Cups etc., the Committee decided that all should be engraved by Mr. English of Drogheda. Some very bad engraving in the past had damaged some of the Cups and as some were old and very valuable it is our duty to do all we can to preserve them for the future. During the year, we have admitted 23 new associate members and 5 full members. Once again she reminded associate members that if they wish

to have voting rights they must apply for full membership after two years.

There have been several enquiries for puppies during the year and she had done her best to pass these on to Breeders with puppies. She again asked to be advised when puppies were available. Several would-be owners have asked for details about out breed before committing themselves to ownership and she had sent out several leaflets. Miss Walton has kindly agreed to reprint the Pedigree Book as a memorial to her father and we hope this will be done in the coming year. Our grateful thanks are due for her generous gesture.

We must also thank Miss Murphy for entertaining our Judge and his partner and also for allowing us to use her home for two Committee Meetings.

She reported that we had high hopes of getting sponsorship for our Club Show next year. Our Championship Show next year will be on 9th June, the venue has yet to be decided. Our judge will be Mrs. E. Thornton, perhaps better know as Elizabeth Till. The Open Show will again be held in conjunction with the Hound Show and the venue has to be decided.

We have been advised by the I.K.C. that there have been 137 registrations this year and I would again ask breeders to give Mr. Behan details of their litters, so that he can complete the lists for the Magazine.

She also said she would like to congratulate the two new champions made up this year, Jim Behan's Genevieve of Bearna Bui and Louise Nowell's G.B. Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson.

#### **RESCUE FUND**

Mr. Redmond said finances were fairly healthy. 4-5 dogs had been re-housed. He would like a list of possible homes. He stated that a 5-year old male in Northern Ireland was looking for a home, but the owner said he must be shown. He said he thought there was a lack of interest by members. He also reported that he hoped to get the papers for Mr. Malone's pup very soon.

It was suggested we should have a Social Committee and it was decided this was a good idea as a means of fund raising

and fun. We were asked to give a thought to it in the areas and the Committee would help in discussions.

It was also suggested that we should have a dinner after the A.G.M. and this is to be arranged next year. Several ideas for fund raising were put forward. Matches and coursing to be arranged. Raffle or membership draw. Books for loan. Sponsorship for Wolfhound Football Mascot for World Cup.

#### A BREED STAND AT PATRICK'S DAY SHOW

Volunteers were wanted to man this. The following came forward: Mrs. Kelly, Miss Walton, Anne and Liesl Butler, Barry Foley, Brian Rickaby, Billy Clarke. Members were asked to try to enter as many shows as possible for the sake of the breed.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

No change in officers.

New Committee is as follows:

Mr. Buggle Mr. Killykeen-Doyle

Mr. Clarke Mr. Redmond Mrs. L. Gover Mrs. K. Kelly

Our thanks were expressed to Mr. Pritchard for the good service he had given in the past.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Miss Liesl Butler asked why the venue was not to be Poulaphouca, which had not yet been booked. She was told that Slane was not available and Mr. Pritchard was asked to book Poulaphouca. It was suggested that the Show should be held on Sunday instead of Saturday. This could not be done this year as the date had been allocated by the I.K.C.

It was suggested that if there was more than one venue available next year, the venue should be voted for at the A.G.M. members were asked to bring something for the auction. Re-measuring Dogs at the Show, an official measuring stick should be used and if possible the dogs should stand on a board. As a fund-raiser, we should have means to weigh and measure dogs.

# **PROFILE**

### Mrs. Helen Fottrell

# Prefix Tailteann Irish Wolfhounds, Kerry Blues, Boston Terriers

Mrs. Helen Fottrell, the first lady of Irish Dogdom, and an Irish patriot, died recently at the great age of 93 years. A legend in her own time, Mrs. Fottrell personified Ireland and the Irish at their best. Her passing marks the end of an era. Survival in the modern world has decreed that our generation beome Europeans, yet we cannot but mourn the end of our long history as an individual and Celtic people and the glory of Irish tradition which, for me, was reflected in Helen Fottrell. In all aspects of her life she was truly a 'Duinne-usal' — a noble person.



Mrs. Fottrell chatting at the Clubs 50th Anniversary Show with Kathleen Kelly and friend from France.

Helen was born in Co. Kilkenny in 1896. Her maiden name was Murphy. Her mother died shortly after she was born and

her father, a doctor, died when she was only four years old. Helen was given a happy home with relatives, Kate & Edward Murphy in Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny.

Dogs were very much part of life in the Murphy family. Not only did they love, own and breed dogs but showed them as well – unusual in the late 1800s. The catalogue of the Royal Zoological Society Fourth Annual Dog Show in 1886 shows that they had three dogs entered: a Setter, a St. Bernard and an Irish Wolfhound! The Irish Wolfhound was named Oscar, date of birth 21st Auguest, 1885, parents: Brain x Maida. Breeder, W. Leigh-Clare. It was interesting to learn that this 1886 Show, which was held in the Phoenix Park in Dublin, was a four day show and that all dogs had to stay for the four days. There were 564 exhibits and 326 exhibitors, 46 of whom were from England, Scotland and Wales.

The Murphy Family owned at least two Irish Wolfhounds. It is interesting that Oscar is not mentioned in Capt. Grahams Publication "Irish Wolfhound Pedigrees 1859–1906". Mr. Murphy's "Brian" born in 1885 is entered as number 53.

It is easy to see how Helen's love of dogs was fostered in this dog-loving, country home. Even as a child she always insisted that her own dogs accompanied her wherever she went. On one occasion, she was about 12 at the time, the hotel where she was staying on holiday had a litter of Pointer puppies. Helen fell in love with one of them and refused to leave without him. This Pointer lived for many years and appears frequently with her in photographs.

In her early 20s, Helen became actively involved in the republican movement which led to Ireland's independence. Her family home, then Gothe House in Co. Kilkenny, gave shelter to Irishmen on the run from the notorious "Black-and-Tans". The Republican movement of that time attacked institutions,

not the people in them. They should NOT be confused with the present day perpetrators of atrocities.

Gwen, Helen's daughter, told me that she remembers as a child when she and her father were driving through Paulstown, in Kilkenny, he commented on the new barracks. Idly, Gwen asked what had happened to the old one, and was very surprised at the reply — "your Mother blew it up". A minor explosion was placed outside to bring all the occupants rushing out, then the barracks itself was blown up! In later years, when I came to know and admire Mrs. Fottrell, it was a great surprise to me to hear that this charming and gently lady had ever been active in combat. It was interesting to hear it had been just as much of a surprise to her own daughter.

Helen had Kerry Blues since the early 1920s. Gwen thinks that she probably got them from Henry Fottrell whom she married later, in 1926. Meantime, being actively involved in the rebirth of a nation, they lived through times of great change and challenge. It was fascinating in later years to hear from Mr. & Mrs. Fottrell a first-hand account of these events. It was history in the making.

Henry Fottrell, who was a solicitor, was one of the main people involved in setting up the Irish Kennel Club. He formulated the rules, and indeed his prefix Tailteann was the first prefix to be registered. His Kerry Blue, Rog Tailteann was the very first Irish champion. Rog was bred by Con O'Herlihy, father of Bill O'Herlihy, Chairman of the Irish Kennel Club who died recently. Mr. Fottrell was Chairman of the Irish Kennel Club for over 40 years. He retired in 1978.

Helen and Henry Fottrell's home bred Irish Wolfhound, Desmond Tailteann, parents, (Felixstowe Kilcooly x Joanna of Clonard) was also among the first Irish champions. Desmond and his brother Thomand Tailteann were bred in 1927. A year later Joanna of Clonard was bred to Sulhamstead Demon, their offspring Knockmaroon Tailteann appears in an 1930 show catalogue.

In the early 1930s, Ch. Desmond, went to the USA to the Bishop of Buffalo, in New York. He does not appear in the US registrations of that time so apparently he was not used for breeding. Mr. & Mrs. Fottrell bred only a few Irish Wolfhound litters throughout the late 1920s and 1930s.

Although Kerry Blues and Irish Wolfhounds were their main breeds, Fottrells have always had room in their lovely home in Castleknock, Co. Dublin for a few representatives of other breeds as well. Helen had her first Boston Terrier in 1928 and before too long Bostons became her own special breed. She was still active as a breeder and exhibitor until her death — a span of 60 years. She bred and made up many Irish and International champions. Gwen also remembers Griffons and Pointers. Gwen herself bred and showed West Highland White Terriers, she had her first one when she was 12 years old.

In 1934, The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland held its "First Exclusive National Championship" Dog Show. The Judge was Mrs. Helen Fottrell. There were 46 Irish Wolfhounds, making up 51 entries. Both Mr. & Mrs. Fottrell became International All-breed Judges. When Chairman of The Irish Kennel Club, Mr. Fottrell did not accept judging appointments in Ireland but he did judge abroad. He judged Irish Wolfhounds at Crufts in 1950, his winners were Sheelagh Seale's Int. Ch. Artel Ballykelly Sandy and Ch. Boroughbury Casino of Spean. He judged Irish Wolfhounds at Crufts again in 1960 when his Best of Breed Ch. Sulhamstead Merman went on to win Best in Show.



Mrs. Fottrell cutting the cake at our 50th Anniversary Club Show in 1984. Also in the picture are Mr. Ben Simpson (Judge) and Miss Sheelagh Seale our Patron.



Ben Simpson and Helen Fottrell, Club Show 1984.

In 1982, The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland were privileged to have Helen Fottrell as judge for their National Breed Championship show. Even at 86 years of age Helen Fottrell was a fast and competent judge. Judging was finished at 5 p.m., the earliest finish in recent years. In 1984, the 50th anniversary of the first Irish Wolfhound Breed Championship show, Mrs. Fottrell was there as our honoured guest. Our Club felt very privileged to have the original judge present at the 50th anniversary – she was voted as an Honorary Life Member of our Club.

Strangely, one was never conscious of her marvellous age when chatting with Mrs. Fottrell, maybe it was because she was always so alive and interested. She maintained her interest in Irish Wolfhounds and Kerry Blues and indeed in all the Irish Breeds. She loved attending dog shows and enjoyed chatting with people as much as they enjoyed her company. It was noticeable how there were always one or two people on either side of her, they chatting earnestly, she nodding with interest and joining in occasionally. Her lovely character and warm personality seemed to transcend age.

On the morning she died, having read "THE TIMES", Helen slipped away as she slept. We were sad at her passing, yet thankful to have had the privilege of knowing this charming, exciting, yet unassuming, lady of Ireland. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Elizabeth C. Murphy

### IRISH WOLFHOUND PEDIGREES



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### **NEW CHAMPION**

#### **CH. GENEVIEVE OF BEARNABUI**



Born: 24th April, 1986 Breeder: Mr. J. Behan. Owner: Mr. J. Behan

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# **GREEN STAR WINNERS 1989**

| Show                            | Judge                 | Green Star Winners                        | G.S. | Pts.   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------|--------|
| Irish Kennel Club               | Mrs. Wilson-Stringer  | Athcarne Óisin                            | BOB  | 5      |
|                                 |                       | GB Ch. Ballalyns Dancer                   |      | 4      |
| Combined Canine Club            | Mr. N. White          | Ch. Chieftain of Nutstown                 | BOB  | 3      |
|                                 |                       | Holly of Nutstown                         |      | 2      |
| Cork & District C.C.            | Mr. K. Sinclair       | Melanter Ronan                            | BOB  | 3      |
|                                 |                       | Knocknarea Caoimhe of Chulchoill          |      | 2      |
| South Tipperary C.c.            | Mrs. O. Simpson       | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | BOB  | 10     |
|                                 |                       | Gulliagh Isolde                           |      | 4      |
| Hibernian                       | Mr. C. Gardiner       | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | BOB  | 10     |
|                                 |                       | Gulliagh Hecla                            |      | 4      |
| Munster Canine                  | Mr. D. Harris         | Athcarne Óisin                            | BOB  | 3      |
|                                 |                       | Melanter Tuath                            |      | 1      |
| Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland | Herr Jürgen Papenfüss | Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson            | BOB  | 10     |
|                                 | - '                   | Genevieve of Bearna Buí                   |      | 10     |
| Swords & District               | Mr. V. Besson         | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh |      | 5      |
|                                 |                       | Genevieve of Bearna Buí                   | ВОВ  | 9      |
| Munster Agricultural Society    | Mr. S. O'Brien        | Menalter Ronan                            |      | 2      |
|                                 |                       | GB Ch. Ballalyns Dancer                   | BOB  | 2      |
| Kilkenny & District             | Mr. F. Bothwell       | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | ВОВ  | 8      |
|                                 |                       | Tullygirvan Chulchoill Brega              |      | 4      |
| Bray & District                 | Mr. A. Collins        | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh |      | 4      |
|                                 |                       | Duchess of Nutstown                       | ВОВ  | 8      |
| Sligo & District                | Mrs. O. Thomas        | Knocknarea Briciu                         | ВОВ  | 4      |
|                                 |                       | Knocknarea Cinn Oir                       |      | 4      |
| Dundalk & District              | Mrs. M. Finney        | Killykeen McGilligan                      |      | 2      |
|                                 | ,                     | Tolkavalley Beleek                        | BOB  | 3      |
| Dun Laoghaire                   | Mrs. E. Nugent        | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | BOB  | 6      |
|                                 | -                     | Genevieve of Bearna Buí                   |      | 6      |
| Hound Assoc. of Ireland         | Mrs. P. Innes         | Hydebeck Harmane                          | BOB  | 7      |
|                                 |                       | Tolkavalley Barna                         |      | ,<br>7 |

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| Show                         | Judge            | Green Star Winners                        | G.S. | Pts. |
|------------------------------|------------------|---|------|------|
| Clonmel & District           | Mrs. A. Cutbert  | Edeyrn Henri of Killykeen                 | ВОВ  | 7    |
|                              |                  | Genevieve of Bearna Buí                   |      | 6    |
| Killarney & District         | Mrs. G. McDowell | GB Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson         | BOB  | 7    |
|                              |                  | Genevieve of Bearna Bul                   |      | 4    |
| Limerick & District          | Mr. R. McCoy     | GB Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson         | BOB  | 6    |
|                              |                  | Ballalyns Dancer                          | BOB  | 6    |
| Tralee & District            | Mr. A. McKenzie  | Hydebeck Harmane                          |      | 6    |
|                              |                  | Ch. Genevieve of Bearna Buí               | BOB  | 6    |
| Drogheda & District          | Miss M. Martin   | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | BOB  | 10   |
|                              |                  | Gulliagh Hecla                            |      | 4    |
| Irish Breeds Society         | Miss U. Rigney   | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | BOB  | 9    |
|                              |                  | Nutstown Kenilworth Selmar                |      | 9    |
| Carlow & District            | Mr. W. Clarke    | Owenmore Finn McCool                      |      | 4    |
|                              |                  | Ch. Genevieve of Bearna Buí               | BOB  | 9    |
| Bull Breeds Mrs. H. O'Brien  | Mrs. H. O'Brien  | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | BOB  | 10   |
|                              |                  | Holly of Nutstown                         |      | 3    |
| Dublin Dog Show Society Mrs. | Mrs. B. Beare    | Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh | BOB  | 5    |
|                              |                  | Lady Patricia of Nutstown                 |      | 5    |

#### **BEST IN SHOW WINS**

#### Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland:

Int. Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson

#### Hibernian

Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh

#### Kilkenny

Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh

#### Drogheda

Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh

#### South Tipperary REs. B.I.S.

Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh

#### **HOUND GROUP WINS**

#### **Bull Breeds**

Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh

#### **Carlow & District**

Ch. Genevieve of Bearna Buí

#### **ANNUAL CHAMPION**

Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh

77 pts.

#### **RUNNER UP**

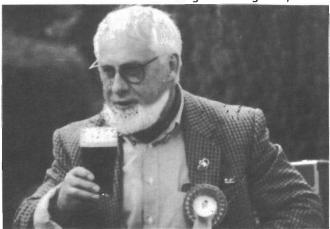
Ch. Genevieve of Bearna Buí

50 pts.

## Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland Championship Show 1989

Poulaphouca House Hotel, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

Judge: Herr Jürgen Papenfuss



Enjoying the National Beverage.

Judging Irish Wolfhounds at the Club's Championship Show gave me the opportunity of seeing your hounds after a break of some three years. I found the breed in a general good state with plenty of type and substance and lovely expression that goes with good heads and dark eyes. Well-set rose-ears graced most heads and the one or two flat hangers aren't worth mentioning. Tails are no problem here, most exhibits had correct bites, mainly scissors, four or five were doubtful and only a couple were definitely under-shot — altogether a very good result.

We all love the typical gait of our breed; the forceful thrust and drive from the rear and the far reaching action of the front. Wolfhounds rarely show their best in the showring because of lack of enthusiasm and showmanship. Wouldn't it be nice to combine sparkle and presence through training and breeding and education till this noble breed really shows a commanding appearance?

A well muscled condition would do a lot in this respect. Some of my winners were sparkling movers, but others could have done better with the right training and less weight.

The sporting atmosphere on the showground, the overwhelming friendly hospitality made my stay a memorable one.

Thank you all for the wonderful show.

Jürgen Papenfuss

**CLASS 1: Puppy Dog** 



**1st:** Kelly's Cillian Ruane. Tall light wheaten, lovely type, good head, nice length of neck, angulation correct, feet need to tighten up, good tailset, moved well for his age.

**2nd:** Finney's Gulliagh Kilti. Red-brindle puppy with a nice strong head, dark eyes, wellset ears, good neck, correct angulations, good length of body, needs to strengthen in rear, a lovely breed type.

**3rd:** Joblin's Athcarne Maloney. Strongly built redbrindle with good head, dark eyes, well angulated quarters, needs to strengthen in back.

#### CLASS 2: Junior Dog (3 entries .1 Abs.)



**1st:** Thorpe's Kereen McGuigan. Powerfully built youngster, nice head but a little wide in skull, wellset ears with good carriage, strong neck, flowing harmonious outline, correct angulations, tends to toe in front. Nice mover with good drive from rear.

**2nd:** Kelly's Oscar of Nutstown. Tall greybrindle, nice strong head, good ear, dark eyes, upper arm straight, needs to strengthen in pastern. Movement was gangly and difficult to assess.

CLASS 3: Novice Dog (4 entries. 2 Abs.)



**1st:** Pritchard's Tolkavalley Achill of Agathenor. Well-balanced redwheaten with good substance, beautiful head, with lovely expression, good furnishing, wellset ears, good depth of chest,

good rise and width over loin, good angulations, excellent mover.

**2nd:** Redmond's Athcarne Murphy. Handsome tall wheaten, good head expression, dark eye, nice ear, rather straight-set shoulder, medium angulated in rear, top and underlines correct, failed in movement (crabbing).

CLASS 4: Graduate Dog (2 entries. 1 Abs.)



**1st:** Russell's O'Connell John of Nutstown. Tall greybrindle, wished for a darker eye, strong head, very good outlines, good depth of chest, well angulated rear quarters, rather straight in shoulder, hocks well let down, moves with drive from rear, front action not convincing.

CLASS 5: Limit Dog (5 entries. 1 Abs.)



**1st:** Nowell's Hydebeck Harvard. Wonderfully balanced dog, beautiful head, dark eye, long neck, flowing lines, very good front, spring of ribs angulations, all attributes of a good hound can be found, including excellent movement.

**2nd:** Buggle's Carrokeel O Ryan. Tall wheaten, very good head, nice ears, strong neck, top and underline correct, straight placement of shoulder and upperarm, good angulations in rear.

**3rd:** Thorpe's Kereen Magic Warlock: Lovely head with wellset ears, good neckline, correct angulations, nice flowing outlines, moves a bit narrow in front, stiffly and wide in rear.

CLASS 6: Open Dog (6 entries. 2 Abs.)



**1st:** Nowell's G.B. Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson. A truly great hound of wonderful balance at his best.

**2nd:** Finney's Ch. & G.B. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh. Another great hound with beautiful outlines and powerfully built – a more workman-like dog with good expression. He could look more startling, if only he would hold his head up in action which is floating and sound.

**3rd:** Gover's Owenmore Finn-MacCool. Substantial type dog with lovely head, good length of neck, good depth of chest, well-angulated in front and rear, perhaps a bit shorter in back than the others, nice flowing action, tends to turn in left front foot.

Res. Peiler's Knocknarea Briciu: Tall greybrindle with a noble expressive head, long arched neck, would like to see more

curves in topline, bellyline well drawn up, rather straight in shoulder and upperarm and medium rear angulation which resulted in shortstrided action. Nevertheless an impressive bound

CLASS 7: Veteran Dog (3 entries. 1 Abs.)



**1st:** Ch. & G.B. Ch. Gulliagh Galleon. Grand Irish Wolfhound who has left his quality mark in the breed, in his top class children. Excellent head and expression, excellent shoulder, flowing outlines, correct mover for his age.

**2nd:** Seale's Ballykelly to Agori Mou. Very nice breed type of grand size, presented in excellent condition, good line, moved rather wide and gangly.

CLASS 8: Puppy Bitch (4 entries. 1 Abs.)



**1st:** Finney's Gulliagh Keevagh. Well constructed promising youngster, beautiful head, dark eyes, good ear, wellset, lovely lines, good angulation, need to be handled at the right speed to prevent pacing, correct mover.

**2nd:** Butler's Nutstown Niamh Seimh of Lisbrook. Wheatengreybrindle of slighter build, very nice head, wellset and folded small ear, nice flowing outlines, correct angulations, excellent movement, easy and active.

**3rd:** Kelly's Nutstown Balmoral Fire. Tall young bitch of very nice type and outlines, correct angulations, movement rather shortstrided.

CLASS 9: Junior Bitch



**1st:** Finney's Gulliagh Isolde. Well constructed reddishgreybrindle excellent breed type, good head, dark eye, well carried ear, lively expression, good shoulder, already good depth of chest and spring of rip, correct angulation of rear quarter, nice overall balance, moved fine.

**2nd:** Clarke's Coolbreagh Shiofra. Good breed type, greybrindle with beautiful head, very good eye, well-set folded ear, right length of neck, bellyline well drawn up, good topline, lovely free mover.

**3rd:** Peiler's Knocknarea Eilis. Lightgrey-brindle, strongly built, good head and ear, excellent neckline, correct outlines, correct lay of shoulder, but upperarm rather straight, correctly angulated hindquarters, good croup, wellset long tail, sound mover.

CLASS 10: Novice Bitch (8 entries. 5 Abs.)



**1st:** Kelly's Duchess of Nutstown. Darkgrey-brindle with good substance, lovely head, well carried ear rather lowset, correct angulations, very good top and bellyline, good depth of chest, very good sweep of stifle. A very nice balanced hound, which moved well.

**2nd:** Russell's Orla of Nutstown. Sandcoloured, almost white bitch of good balance, but of narrow build, very elegant head, dark eye, good expression, excellent pigmentation, excellent earset and carriage, good reach of neck, good outlines, wished for more spring of ribs, correct and effortless mover.

CLASS 11: Graduate Bitch (8 entries. 3 Abs.)



**1st:** Kelly's Holly of Nutstown. Reddish-greybrindle nice bitch, good head, wellset ears, distinct forechest, very good angulations fore and after, nice group. A rather short and damaged tail spoiled the appearance of an otherwise very balanced bitch.

**2nd:** Pritchard's Agathanor Fifi of Callaighstown. A powerfully built red-greybrindle, a bit straight in shoulder, correctly angulated hindquarters, there was much to like about this bitch: head wellset ears, nice strong neck, good forechest, moved well.

**3rd:** Clarke's Coolbreagh lonagh. Elegant head, dark eye, well carried ear slightly lowset, good reach of neck, needs to tighten in back, belly line well drawn-up, wellset tail carried sideways, excellent angulations of fore and hindquarter, free mover.

#### CLASS 12: Limit Bitch (9 entries. 6 Abs.)



**1st:** Walton's Tolkavalley Barna. Beautiful all over, beautiful head, good ear, good reach of neck, well-angulated quarters, wellset long tail with good carriage. Lovely harsh coat. This bitch was presented in hard top condition, well muscled which enabled her to move with drive freely and actively.

**2nd:** Thorpe's Kereen Madame Rowena. Strong lightwheaten bitch, excellent pigmentation, dark eye, very wellset small ear,

good angulations of fore and hindquarters, moved in long strides seen sideways, but front movement rather close.

**3rd:** Hughes' Longstown Summer Glow. Dark greybrindle strong but rather overweight bitch, finely textured ears, eyes could be darker, good angulations of fore and hindquarters. Overweight impaired her action, especially in rear.

CLASS 13: Open Bitch (9 entries. 0 Abs.)



**1st:** Behan's Genevieve of Bearna Bui. A bitch of great class still young enough to achieve the little finishing touch to her topline. She is balanced and has all the qualities the Breed Standard asks for. Movement easy and active with extra sparkle and commanding appearance.

**2nd:** Finney's Gulliagh Hecla. Very good flowing outlines, lovely head, good angulations of fore and hindquarters, deep chest and spring of ribs, needs to strengthen in back, lovely floating movement.

**3rd:** Gover's Ch. Owenmore Cinniuint. Tall bitch just released from maternal duties, but presented in very good condition. Beautiful head with feminine expression, good pigmentation, well carried ear slightly low-set, nice flowing outlines, deep chest, nice rise over loin. Floating true movement with reach and drive. Standing she reveals close hocks.

#### CLASS 14: Veteran Bitch



**1st:** Finney's Gulliagh Ballykelly Cait. 10 years old hound still in good condition, a beautiful head, folded ears, wellset, excellent front with well aid shoulders and upperarm, very good topline and bellyline, excellent rear angulation, but she is loosing strength of her hindquarters, correct in movement.

**2nd:** Hughes' Ballykelly Kelly. Very good head, flowing outlines, ears are on the large side, beautiful expression, correct mover for her age, 9 years.

**3rd:** Thorpe's Galtymore Pride of Kereen. I had the pleasure to judge her in her prime, an easy and active mover, she has settled down since, very good head, wellset finely textured ear. Excellent angulation of shoulder, correct angulated hindquarters. Flowing outlines with curves at the right place. Plenty of chest.



Green Star Winners



Tallest and Most Sound Bitch, Linda Gover's Ch. Owenmore Cinniuinth.



1st Children's Handling, Emily Butler.



Best movement, Miss Isobel Walton's Tolkavalley Barna.



Brace. Finney's Gulliagh Kilti and Gulliagh Keevagh.



Tallest Dog: Ika and Uli Peiler's Knocknarae Briciu.



Our Patron Miss Sheelagh Seale with our Judge Herr Papenfuss.

# THE IRISH HOUND

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# Hound Association of Ireland Championship Show

I very much enjoyed my first Green Star judging of Hounds for the Hound Association of Ireland at Navan. Following so closely on my nice entry at Lompoc in California I felt I really had my 'eye' in for quality. I found it in my winners. Some of the young stock made assessment difficult by clowning about in the ring, but with perseverence this was eventually achieved. More use could have been made of the ring space. The Wolfhounds had a long wait to be judged which meant the young became fractious and the older hounds bored. My invitation to go over your hounds was much appreciated as was all the hospitality and kindness shown to myself and my fellow judge Mrs Flatt.

#### **Puppy Dog**

**1st:** Finney's Gulliagh Kilti. Well angulated, moving with drive, promising to develop into a really nice hound. Good head and neck set into nice shoulders. Good coat.

**2nd:** Kelly's Cillian Ruane. Pleasing type, not making the best of himself on the day.

3rd: Joblin's Athcarne Maloney.

#### NOVICE

**1st:** Thorpes Keereen McGuigan. Wheaten. Very much full of himself, nice type, good in outline and movement.

#### **GRADUATE**

Alone. Killykeen-Doyles Killykeen Max, nice head, well angulated and good in outline. Totally spoiled by lack of ring discipline.

#### LIMIT

**1st:** Nowell's Hydebeck Harmane, big, well balanced. Nice head, ears could be neater. Kind expression, level topline, strong in movement G.S.

**2nd:** Jenkins Melanter Ronan, rather heavily built, not the quality of 1.

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#### **OPEN**

**1st:** Finney's Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh much improved since I judged him last Aug. For me this hound has his off days and this was one of them. Having watched him winning elsewhere I find this frustrating. Res. G.S.

**2nd:** Nowell's G.B. Ch. Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson. What can one say about this popular winner. In good shape, shown and handled beautifully. On the day had to give way to youth.

3rd: Killykeen-Doyles Edeyrn Henri of Killykeen.



BOB Hydebeck Harmane. Res. BOB Tolkavalley Barna with Judge Mrs. Peta Innes.

### Bitches

#### **PUPPY**

**1st:** Kelly's Lady Patricia of Nutstown. Lovely red wheated, prospects of good things to come. No coat on the day and giving her handler a hard time.

**2nd:** Killykeen-Doyles Killykeen Wolfwitch. Neat head, nice expression, rather fine in bone not moving as well as I.

**NOVICE:** All absent.

#### **GRADUATE**

**1st:** Finney's Gulliagh Isolde, very shapely, nice hindquarters, well angulated, typical of this kennel. Not enjoying showing today Res. G.S.

**2nd:** McKenna's Riverbrook Moen Sole, nice head and expression, could be better angulated, and moving more freely.

#### LIMIT

**1st:** Walton's Tolkavalley Barna, strongly built, shapely super coat. Beautiful balance of head, neck, topline and hindquarters. Moved with great drive. G.S. and B.O.B.

**2nd:** Jenkin's Melanter Tuagh. Looked promising while standing, pleasing head nice expression, moved wide in front.

3rd: Meredith's Keereen Mo Jones.

#### **OPEN**

**1st:** Walton's Tolkavalley Belleek. What a smasher. Litter sister to limit winner. Strong wiry coat, beautiful shape and balance, and what a mover.

**2nd:** Finney's Gulliagh Hecla, another good one, well angulated, moving soundly. Head expression ear carriage all good. A lovely bitch.

3rd: Jenkin's Melanter Tuath.

JUDGE: Mr. Peta Innes

# Photographs and Pedigrees of Irish Wolfhounds

At present I am compiling for publication, photographs I have taken and pedigrees that I have collected over the past 25 years of Irish Bred, and Irish owned, Irish Wolfhounds.

I would be pleased to receive photographs and copy pedigrees of Irish bred hounds at home or overseas for possible inclusion. It is not possible to include all photographs but it would be nice to have as wide a representation as possible.

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# Dundalk Championship Show

**JUDGE: MRS MARION FINNEY** 



Best of Breed Tolkavalley Belleek and GS Dog Killykeen McGilligan

It is always a pleasure to judge one's own breed and to-day was no exception. I had a very nice entry and was pleased to see that movement had improved since I last judged. We still have some front problems, namely, short upper arms and lack of forechest. General construction and type was good. My four principal winners were from two distinct bloodlines, and, understandably therefore, they excelled in different departments. It is nice to think that we have such lovely animals and a variety of bloodlines for the future of the breed. All the hounds were presented in excellent condition.

Green Star Dog came from Novice Class. Killykeen-Doyle's Killykeen McGilligan. Just 18 months old, this not over-large but yet substantial grey brindle dog has a nicely proportioned head with a good bite and well-placed rosed ears. Strong neck set into a very well-laid shoulder. Really nice upper arm and forechest. Strong deep body with plenty of spring of rib. Nice rise over the loin. Correctly sloping, broad croup. Muscular,

angulated hindquarters, giving very true, strong hind movement. To be critical, he paddles slightly in front.

Res. Green Star was McGilligan's sire **Edeyrn Henri of Killykeen**. Grey brindle. Rather plain head. Not the shoulder of his son, but shares his upper arm and forechest. Strong deep body, ribbed well back. Angulated hindquarters with good second thigh. Lost to his son as he does not move as true behind.

Open Bitch, Green Star and Best of Breed. Walton's **Tolkavalley Belleek**. Absolutely gorgeous, balanced grey brindle bitch. Beautiful head with dark eyes and good pigmentation. Nicely rosed ears. Strong neck set into excellent shoulders. Could do with a little more upper arm and forechest. Nicely sprung ribs. Adequate depth of chest. Standing and moving covers a lot of ground. Overall a true hound with lovely length of leg, she looks as though she could hunt all day without tiring.

Res. Green Star bitch. Walton's **Tolkavalley Barna**. Red Brindle litter sister of Belleek. Another lovely bitch with many of her sister's attributes. She was not co-operating with her handler on the move, thus her movement fore and aft was erratic.

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# Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland Open Show

I would like to thank all the exhibitors for their entries which made my day a very enjoyable occasion accompanied by their good humour and sportsmanship. The hounds I found to be of a high standard in quality and type which is lovely to see, and have undoubtedly improved over the last 20 years at a steady rate which has to be encouraging. I like hind angulation in the breed, without this conformation cannot be complete and many of my placings were dictated by this fact. The bitches were particularly nice with some nice ones coming on and this must augur well for the future.

#### **CLASS 38 Puppy Dog**

1st Finneys "Gulliagh Kilti". Excellent outline and balance for a youngster. Masculine head set on an elegant neck. Scored heavily for his type, confirmation and curves. Needs confidence which will come with maturity. A very nice prospect.



Gulliagh Kilti

#### **CLASS 39 Junior Dog**

**1st** O'Keeffe's "Cillian Earl of Nutstown". Big rangey dog with everthing going for him if he settles in temperament. Great scope and power in his hindquarters, and lots of strength throughout his frame. With some work should challenge at top level.

#### CLASS 42 Open Dog

**1st** Jenkin's "Melanter Ronan". Nice type and full of quality, beautifully presented and handled hound.

#### **CLASS 43 Puppy Bitch**

**1st** Kelly's "Lady Patricia of Nutstown". Very feminine, wheaten youngster, full of quality and a type which I like. Obviously needs to mature but should finish a lovely bitch.

#### **CLASS 44 Junior Bitch**

**1st** O'Keeffe's "Nutstown Kenilworth Selmar". Rangey, powerful hound covering plenty of ground freely. Good forehead and nicely made all through.

#### **CLASS 45 Graduate Bitch**

**1st** Fenney's "Gulliagh Isolde". Very typical and feminine. Moved and showed well. Again the correct balance and conformation completed with well angulated quarters and short powerful hocks. A top flight bitch. B.O.B.



Gulliagh Isolde

#### **CLASS 46 Limit Bitch**

1st Jenkin's "Melanter Tuath. Won what probably was the best "in depth" class of the day with overall quality. Scored in breed type, head and expression. Showed and moved assertively.

#### CLASS 47 Open Bitch

**1st** Kelly's "Duchess of Nutstown". Lovely typical bitch, strongly made and well presented.

#### Veteran Dog or Bitch

**1st** Murphy's "Carrokeel Kalypso". Big upstanding dog of true wolfhound type. Good conformation falling into nice quarters. Challenged hard for best dog.

Judge: Mr. Bryan

### Swords Championship Show 17 June 1989



Left: Genevieve of Bearna Bui. Right: Int. Ch. Culvercrof t of Benjamin of Gulliagh.

#### Open Dog

**1st:** Green Star Finney's Int. Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh. Excellent dog with power and muscle, perfectly typical, excellent head and expression, very beautiful neck, very good topline and angulations, excellent chest and stand, excellent coat; would prefer more angle in the hocks, moves well.

**2nd:** Reserve Green Star Moore's Paddy of Nutstown. Excellent, typical and well built dog, eyes a bit light, loin lacks strength, excellent chest, excellent stand, very good general appearance, correct movement.

#### Open Bitch

**1st:** Green Star – BOB Behan's Genevieve of Bearna Bui. Splendid bitch with beautiful type, harmonious and well built, excellent head and expression, very good neck, topline and chest, very good stand, tail, coat. Excellent mouth and

pigmentation, excellent movement, easy and covering much ground.

**2nd:** Reserve Green Star Finney's Gulliagh Hecla. Excellent, typical and well built bitch, beautiful head and neck, loin lacks strength, excellent hocks, angulations, chest, excellent stand and tail, very good coat, excellent pigmentation and mouth. Very good movement.

**3rd:** McMillan's G.B. Ch. Ballalyns Dancer. Excellent, typical bitch, elegant with a beautiful neck, excellent head and topline, very good chest, tail anc coat. Slightly in-toed and out of elbows in front, a fact that becomes more pronounced in the movement.

**4th:** Clarke's Coolbreagh Brega. This bitch is too light and a bit long in body, chest insufficiently deep, angulations fair, good pigmentation and coat. Movement correct.

JUDGE: Mr. V. Besson (France)

# **Carlow Championship Show**

#### **PUPPY DOG**

**1st:** Walshe's Killykeen Deli Lama. 6 months old. Good size. Croup a bit steep. Moved well.

**2nd:** Gover's Owenmore Cuan. 6 months old. Good size with nice head, neck and front. Croup a bit steep.



Owenmore Finn MacCool

#### **OPEN DOG**

**1st:** Gover's Owenmore Finn MacCool. A very nice hound. Well-shaped topline and good powerful hindquarters, though overall he is a bit short in length. Nice head and ears. Well muscled. Moved very well. Green Star Dog.

**2nd:** Finney's Ch./GB Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh. A shapely hound with a lovely head. Nicely sprung ribs. He was unwilling to show his paces.

**3rd:** Peiler's Knocknarea Briciu. A very tall hound with heavy bone and good muscle. A bit more angulation front and rear would help. Has nice small rose ears. Good topline and tail.

#### **PUPPY BITCH**

**1st:** Gover's Owenmore Ciara. Good size. Nice head and good dark eyes. Well-arched neck. A bit upright in upper arm. Good chest with well-sprung ribs. A promising young bitch.

#### GRADUATE BITCH

**1st:** Finney's Gulliagh Isolde. A quality young bitch with a nice head and neck. Very good hindquarters. Nicely angulated with good width across the hips. Failed somewhat in topline. Res. Green Star.

**2nd:** Walton's Tolkavalley Barna. Well proportioned with very long neck, good chest and tuck-up. With a little more angulation she would be a very good bitch. Has a good harsh, wiry coat.



Genevieve of Bearna Bui

#### **OPEN BITCH**

**1st:** Behan's Ch. Genevieve of Bearna Bui. A top quality bitch with a nice head and ears. Good neck but upper arm somewhat upright. Very good chest with nicely sprung ribs. Has good width across pelvis with well-muscled hindquarters. Green Star, best of breed and hound group.

**2nd:** Peiler's Knocknarea Cinn Oir. A lovely big bitch with good length of leg, body, neck and head with good ear carriage. Could not extend herself when moving in the small ring.

**3rd:** Walton's Tolkavalley Belleek. Best mover of the day, having a long easy stride. Has a good shapely body. Completed a very nice trio of bitches.

JUDGE: W.V. Clarke

# MUSCLES

by Elizabeth C. Murphy

Following a recent talk on The Standard & Conformation some people mentioned that the part they found most interesting was the section on muscles. Hence my topic for this issue.

When talking about conformation we usually use an outline illustration of the hound with his bones ideally placed. Muscles bring some action into the picture. There are two types of muscle action:

#### **VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY**

Involuntary muscles keep the organs of the body working without any intent or effort on the part of the hound, for example, the heart keeps beating even if he is under anaesthetic. Some muscles are both voluntary and involuntary, e.g. eyelids.

Voluntary action comes into use when the dog makes a decision to act, for example, walk, run, play etc. Muscles receive their instructions via the nervous system which emanates from the brain. Even reflex action which may seem involuntary, such as the way a new born puppy uses his paws as he feeds, is voluntary. The brain sends a message to the puppy to massage the breast as he feeds - this stimulates the flow of milk

It is the more obvious voluntary action used in activating the bones and joints which we find of interest. Muscles control movement by contraction and expansion.

Good muscles appear to be inherited. Have you ever noticed how two hounds reared, fed and exercised together can differ in muscle condition? One may exhibit good hard muscle, while the other tends to look soft and in need of exercise. Muscle is of course influenced by environmental factors. Even a hound with inherited potential for good muscle will be soft and unfit if unexercised or incorrectly reared in some other way.

The effective *Action* of a muscle is directly related to the ability of its fleshy part to contract. The *Power* is directly related to the width of its cross section. In general, excessively heavy-

boned animals have large, slow working muscles – they are built for power at the expense of speed. Fine-boned animals with slim muscles are built for speed at the expense of power. Wolfhounds fall between these two extremes

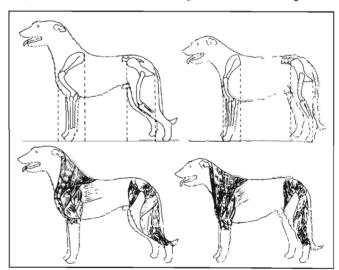
In addition to generating movement, muscles have secondary functions:

- (a) the transmission and dispersion of concussion or shock
- (b) the transmission of propulsion

These functions are of special significance when the hound is galloping. Consider the jolt and concussion received as the front feet hit the ground during a fast gallop – particularly with the weight of an Irish Wolfhound behind it.

Propulsion and concussion travel part of the way together. Propulsion travels as a continuous force backwards and forwards through the body – generated by the forequarters and hindquarters alternately as the hound gallops.

Concussion, maximum at point of impact, when the feet hit the ground, is *dispersed as it travels* up through the forequarters and hindquarters. The effect of concussion is minimal but additive – the more efficiently it is transmitted and dispersed as it travels, the less tiring it will be on the dog.



Note the spread of muscle which accompanies good angulation compared with the narrow base and spread of muscle in the less angulated hound.

As may be seen from the illustration above muscle is very dependent on conformation. The greater spread of muscle which accompanies good conformation will allow better transmission of propulsion and dispersion of concussion.

The Standard states the importance of muscle. First, under General appearance; "Of great size and commanding appearance, very muscular, strongly though gracefully built." Note that size and strength are qualified by the word 'gracefully', reminding us that our breed is a large, strongly built hound — not a miniature Clydesdale.

The construction or build set down in the Standard allows optimum transmission of propulsion, and transmission and dispersion of concussion – compatible with the size and strength of such a large, strong hound.

Feet are required to be moderately large and round, and well arched. Thus the pads will be thick and close together – good shock absorbers of concussion. Well built feet, together with the slight spring or bed of pastern, will allow optimum transmission of concussion and propulsion up through the legs.

The legs, strong, straight and muscular, allow for a slight spring or bend of pastern in keeping with the greyhound shape. A broken down pastern, showing too much bend, often accompanied by a weak pastern joint is an undesirable weakness in a hound. A straight pastern, often accompanied by a straight front is equally undesirable and may lead to knuckling over at the pastern joint.

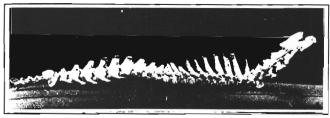
Elbows well set under, neither turned inwards nor outwards. The placement of the elbows is mainly dependent on the length and slope of the upper arm. If the upper arm is too straight or too short the elbow will be too far forward giving the hound a straight front.

If the eibows are pulled inwards, the muscles are probably too short or tight. If the hound is out at elbow it is often because the muscles are too loose, though the condition could be due to faulty shoulder construction. Elbows turned in or out are faults of sufficient importance to be specifically mentioned in the standard.

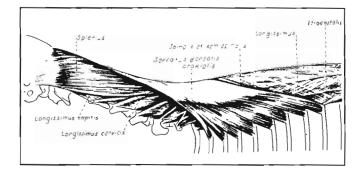
The Standard states that the shoulder should be muscular, giving breadth to chest, set sloping.

The attachment of the whole forequarters to the chest is entirely muscular. This allows great freedom of movement but it also underlines the importance of the muscular construction and condition in this area. The illustration above shows how muscle in a well constructed front is superior to that of a straight front.

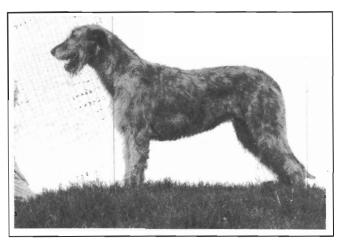
The shoulder blade, like the upper arm, is required to slope backwards and inwards and both are dependent on muscles to keep them in place. It is muscle action which allows the shoulder blade to pivot on its own axis, and the upper arm to slide backwards and forwards, as the hound moves.



The spine is made up of vertebrae interspaced with cartilaginous discs which help to reduce concussion. The spine houses and protects the spinal cord which runs from the brain to the lumbar region. The spinal cord supplies nerves to the rest of the body. Note the upright projections from each vertebrae, these are spines (of the vertebrae).

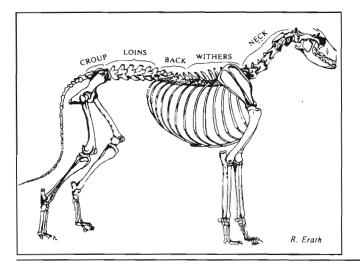


Note how well muscled the spine is. Many of the muscles which help support and drive the body are anchored to the spine.



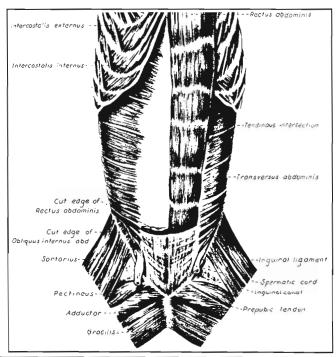
Graham wrote that the top-line should have "a nice set of curves beginning with the crest of the neck and finishing with the bend of the tail.".

Muscle is an important factor in forming a good top-line: "the neck rather long, very strong and muscular, well arched; the shoulders muscular, set sloping, the loin a little full though not so exaggerated as to give the hound the appearance of being dipped behind the shoulder; muscular hindquarters and long tail, of moderate thickness, slightly curved".



illus. No. 5The vertebrae of the loin, the section between the end of the ribs and the pelvis, are specially constructed to give strength in its unsupported part of the spine. Whereas in the withers section, each individual vertebrae has an upright projection or spine, the vertebrae of the loin each have three sets of projections — one upright plus one projecting outwards on each side. The main purpose of these projections is to provide good anchorage and support for muscles. The well muscled outward projections form a ridge giving breadth of loin and supplying the extra support needed in this area. A "well-bodied" hound has good width and strength of loin.

Slack or insufficient muscle is probably most noticeable on the top-line. Occasionally a hound who has been ill or out of condition for some reason may tend to lose the nice gently curving topline temporarily which returns when the hound is back in good condition and health. Perhaps this applies to tall hounds more than average sized ones. More usually a hound that is out of condition feels soft as you run your hand along the back, especially in the centre which has the must muscle.



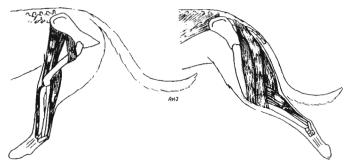
The Standard states that the belly should be well drawn up. The tuck-up is controlled by a powerful muscle extending from the base of the ribs to the pelvis. This muscle needs to be in good tone and condition as it keeps a backward pull on the ribs, protects and secures the intestines and is especially important in initiating the contracted phase of the double suspension gallop. A nice tuck-up is an indication that the muscle is in good shape. Following a litter of puppies a bitch usually sags in this area but the tuck-up reappears when she is back in good condition again.

A hound is said to be "herring gutted" when it curves too sharply and too much in this area. Such a condition reduces chest capacity and is not "well-ribbed up". "Well-ribbed up" means having good length of thorax or rib cage, without being too long coupled (having too much length between end of ribs and pelvis).

Graham wrote that the Wolfhound should have good strong hindquarters, and be well muscled up, as distinct from having a super abundance of fat. Hocks nicely low to the ground.

The hindquarters supply most of the propulsion and drive. A group of very powerful muscles known as the rearing muscles, which have their base in the pelvis, croup and spine, activate the stifle joint during propulsion. Strong muscles are necessary to give optimum opening and closing of the joints.

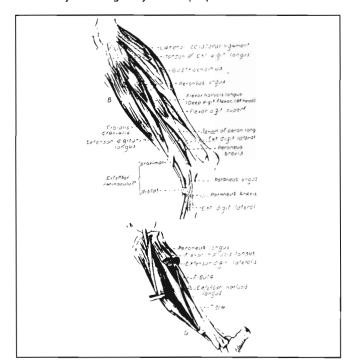
The propulsion generated by the leg is in direction ratio to the difference between its extend and contracted length. Hence the need for good length of upper and lower thighs giving adequate angulation. It is the longer lower thigh which allows the hocks to stand behind the base of the tail.



At full extension during the gallop, the hock is almost parallel with the pelvis

The Standard requires: "Thighs, long and muscular and specifies — second thighs, well muscled with stifles nicely bent".

The force applied to the foot as the hound drives off is greatly dependent upon the muscle which runs along the back of the lower thigh and joins the hock bone at the Achilles tendon. It is the opening of the hock joint which gives this muscle most of its leverage action. It is said the force of propulsion is as such dependent upon these muscles straightening the hock joint as on the rearing muscles. Lack of angulation at the stifle and hock joint will greatly reduce propulsion.



TAIL:

Graham said that a long, heavy, well carried tail was necessary as it helps the dog to guide himself and turn quickly when galloping. Most owners will have noticed the extent to which their hound uses his tail as he turns and twists during a chase at full gallop. It will be apparent that the tail must be well muscled to accomplish this.

# Longevity

#### The following dogs were still alive at the 31/12/1989 unless otherwise stated.

Galtymore Pride 17/11/1978.

Sire: Eng. Ch. Royden Finnegan x Dam: Grainne an Bon Ri.

Gulliagh Ballykelly Cait 3/10/1979.

Sire: Int. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin x

Dam: Gulliagh Falcarragh.

Owenmore Aitheda 28/1/1980.

Sire: Inter. Ch. Erindale Triston x Dam: Pendomer's

Will O' the Wisp.

Tolkavalley Tory 4/4/1980 - 25/5/1989.

Sire: Ch. Carrigeen of Tolkavalley x Dam: Tolkavalley Deirdre.

Tullygirvan Roisin 19/3/1979.

Sire: Inter. Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin x

Dam: Tullygirvan Penna.

Gulliagh Tolkavalley Dawn 9/11/1978.

Sire: Carrokeel Coillte Merlin x Dam: Tolkavalley

Roshin Dubh.

Gulliagh Tolkavalley Doreen 9/11/1978 – 15/11/1989.

As "Dawn".

Athcarne Grainne Dawson 20/12/1978.

Sire: Athcarne Fintan x Dam: Carrokeel Moonbeam

of Nendrum.

Athcarne Shannon 20/12/1979.

as "Grainne Dawson"

Athcarne Cahal 20/12/1979.

as "Grainne Dawson"

Athcarne Sheelagh 9/4/1978.

Sire: Eng. Ch. Outhwaite Am Cu x Dam: Ch. Athcarne

Shiofra.

Athcarne Caoimhe. 25/12/1979.

Sire: Eng. Ch. Outhwaite Am Cu x Dam: Ch. Athcarne

Shiofra.

Kracken Kaiser. 1/7/1980.

Sire: Inter. Ch. Nutstown King x Dam: Coolbreag Cailte.

Ballykelly Too-Agori-Mou 31/8/1981.

Sire: Inter. Ch. Nutstown King x Dam: Dunleary'

Eileen Oge.

Tolkavalley Cobh 20/2/1981.

Sire: Tolkavalley Dun Angus x Dam: Tolkavalley Lady Jane

Coolbreagh Rory 29/1/1979 - 9/1/1990

Sire: Moonvoy Rory Ch. Aodha x Dam: Coolbreagh Ciara

Killykeen Coolbreagh Daheen 29/1/1979.

As "Coolbreagh Rory"

Nutstown Grainne 1/10/1980.

Sire: Athcarne Fintan x Dam: Carrokeel Florri

of Nutstown.

Coledally Miki of Chapelleigh, 23/6/1978 - 7/1989

Sire: Eng. Ch. Drakesleat Runen x Cailin Cliste of Elpyk

Ch. Carrigeen of Tolkavalley. 14/2/1973 - 7/1982.

Ch. Boroughbury Justice x Tullyhunco Corrib.

### **Irish Wolfhound Club Newsletter**

In response to moans that one magazine a year is not enough to keep up to date with happenings in the wolfhound world, it has befallen Cath Thorpe and myself to produce a Newsletter, hopefully twice a year to augment the annual club magazine.

This page is by way of introduction and to ask that readers everywhere submit any titbits of gossip, information, questions, viewpoints, hints, suggestions or whatever they feel may be of interest. If a newsletter is to be a success everyone must contribute, so pens to paper please.

Overheard ringside at the IKC show on St. Patrick's Day – "Jees, he'd have won that class if he wasn't thrown out!" (We all appreciate that sentiment, I'm sure).

A vote of thanks from all club members is due to Tony Killykeen Doyle for securing sponsorship for our Championship show from Tullamore Dew Whisky we hope a happy and successful show this year will ensure their most generous sponsorship for years to come; now it is up to all members to do their duty and consume quantities of that most excellent beverage in order that increased sales may result in increased sponsorship!

We currently have a marvellous ambassador for the breed in Keereen Magic Warlock who now lives in splendid and elegant retirement at Mount Juliet luxury hotel near Kilkenny. His perfect temperament and

gentlemanly treatment of guests have made him a firm favourite with all the visitors, many of whom are meeting a wolfhound for the first time.

For your bookshelf I strongly recommend Bill Siggers' biography "We whacked the bloody lot". There is a section of photographs of the magnificent Ouborough hounds which should be studied; far too many hounds today compare most unfavourably with these; Bill's philosophy on showing and handling should also be a lesson to us all.

One or two 'new' wolfhound owners have been spotted out with their hounds this year, please everyone, make newcomers to the breed welcome with a few friendly words, showing for the first time can be a depressing and lonely experience.

From the few shows I've been to there seem to be some very nice bitches out, so extra attention will need to be paid to presentation and handling to gain the 'edge' and catch the judges' eye. Have a good and enjoyable season everyone and don't forget to send in any interesting anecdotes you may overhear for our first proper edition of the Newsletter which will be sent out with notice of the AGM in November.

#### Please send contributions to either:

Linda Gover, Mondadrishane, Kilworth, Co. Cork. Tel 025 27353 OR Cath Thorpe, Glendalligon, Lemybrian, Co. Waterford. Tel 051 91329.

#### CHAPELLEIGH WOLFHOUNDS

are now resident in Co. Wexford

Chapelleigh Cruishkeen – 1 CC by Ch. Sovryn of Drakesleat x Chapelleigh Ailinn

#### Chapelleigh Deedra

5 1st's in Puppy/Junior/ at Ch. Shows in England by Westmount Xile of Mochras (Sweden) x Chapelleigh Dineen of Greenswell (litter sister to Deedra)

Due to farming commitments and moving we have not shown for 2 years but we are looking forward to showing here again and meeting old friends.

Puppies expected April to Chapelleigh Deedra by Greenswell Arthyen (as Arranz)

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# **Tolkavalley Kennels**

Irish Wolfhounds & Kerry Blue Terriers





TOLKAVALLEY BARNA TOLKAVALLEY BELLEEK
Litter sisters by Int. Ch. Gulliagh Galleon x Tolkavalley Tory

Tolkavalleys have done well at the few shows they have attended:-

- Tolkavalley Barna has 2 Green Stars and 2 Res. Green Stars and has won the Movement Cup at our Club Show two years running.
- Tolkavalley Belleek has 2 Green Stars & 3 Res. Green Stars and 1 Best of Breed.

They are a credit to their mother **Tolkavalley Tory**, whom I tragically lost last May 1989.

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# Ballyblarney Irish Wolfhounds



Photo. E.C.M

# **Ballyblarney Carrokeel O'Ryan**

Seamus Buggle, Narraghmore, Ballitore, Co. Kildare. Telephone: 0507-26625

# Gulliagh Irish Wolfhounds



Photo: Finney April 90

Gulliagh Hecla, Ch./GB Ch. Culvercroft Benjamin of Gulliagh, Gulliagh Isolde and Gulliagh Kilti

This group our current show team, all own Green Stars in 1989, except young Kilti (27.10.88) who won a Res. Green Star and Best of Opposite Sex at the IWCl Open Show.

- Benjamin has had probably the most successful year of any Wolfhound ever in Ireland the Annual Championship again, 3 BIS, a Res BIS, and a Hound Group, making him runner-up to the Irish Top Show Dog (All Breeds) 1989. In the UK, he also won Northern Ireland Hound of the Year 1989, plus two CCs, which included a Res BIS at the Hound Association of Scotland Ch. Show.
- Isolde (4.3.88) is well on the road to her championship with two Oreen Stars including Best Bitch at the Irish Kennel Club Show. She also won a Res CC and Best of Breed at the IWCI Open Show.
- Hecla, despite being out on maternal duties, has won two Green Stars.
- Ch/QB Ch. Quillagh Qalleon is still the pack leader at 8 years (although his dam, Gulliagh Ballykelly Calt, 101/2, would dispute this). We are extremely proud of his outstanding progeny, representing so few litters sired by him. There are five champions to date, and more on the way. These include the two top-winning IWs 1989 in Ireland and the UK, respectively - Benjamin (also 1988), and Ch./QB Ch Hydebeck Reginald Snuffson (also 1986 and 1987); and the top-winning Irish bitch 1989 Ch. Genevieve of Bearna Bui. In fact his progeny and grandprogeny are currently dominating the ring in the UK and Ireland; at Crufts 1990, three of the four Green Cards went to his grandchildren and his two sons were first and second in Open Class. He has held the Beynon Stud Dog Bowl for four years in succession.

# Gulliagh Irish Wolfhounds



YVONNE VON DER ALTEN VESTE (16 March 1987) (Gentleman von der Oelmuhle x Isis von der Alten Veste)

29 May 1990 will be an exciting day when we welcome Yvonne out of her six months quarantine at Lissenhall Kennels, Swords, where the caring staff have kept her in excellent spirits and good health.

It does not often happen that 'The Dog the Judge would most like to take Home' becomes a reality. But this was the case shortly after Tim awarded Best of Breed to Yvonne at the Nuremburg Sighthound Show in September 1989. We feel most privileged that the well-known breeder/exhibitor, Herr Georg Scherzer (v.d. Alten Veste) has allowed this lovely typical bitch to come to us in Ireland. Yvonne has previously gone Best in Show at another German Sighthound Show – Breed Judge, Mrs. Dagmar Kenis, and BIS Judge, Mrs. Barbara Wilton-Clark.

She brings to the Gulliagh team her super construction and overall quality, and furthermore, the best of German bloodlines.

CEAD MILE FAILTE, YVONNE, WILLKOMEN TAUSENDMAL

TIM AND MARION FINNEY
Gulliagh Farm, Lecklinstown, Naul, Co. Dublin. Tel: Dublin 413188.

# Knocknarea Irish Wolfhounds



Knocknarea Cinn Oir (Killykeen Mars x Knocknarea Deirdre)

After a year of involuntary absence from the showrings in 1989 we hope to be able to campaign Cinn Oir in the forth-coming season. Shown only lightly so far she has two Green Stars and one Res. Green Star out of five shows.

Puppies expected later in the year from Cinn Oir's daughter "Eilis" and Linda and Eddy Gover's "Owenmore Finn Mac Cool".

ULLI AND IKA PEILER
The Burrow, Clooneen, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.
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# Edenborough Bearded Collies and Irish Wolfhounds



TULLYGIRVAN ROISIN (Res. CC) Born 19 March 1979

PHOTO: SEPT. 1989

(Ch./GB Ch. Carrokeel Coillte Merlin x

Tullygirvan Penna)

"Rosh" is now eleven years and three months, fit, well and as sound as ever.

The Beardies, Edenborough Go for Home and Edenborough Serenity (15 months) will be campaigned in Ireland in 1990. They are both in a direct line to Ch/QB Ch Edenborough Blue Bracken, who still remains the breed CC record holder.

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Thank you Maeve and Johnny for being such good friends and neighbours to Sheelagh Seale.

# ATTICARNE



Photo by: E.C. Murphy

Athcarne Coolbreagh Crana Puppies due – May 1990. Crana x Knocknarea Briciú

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### CHULCHOILL IRISH WOLFHOUNDS

Mel and Anita Wilcox Chulchoill Cottage, Moorehill, Tallow, Co. Waterford. Tel. 058-56127



Head Study of Chulchoill Diarmaid at 14 months old.

Chulchoill Irish Wolfhounds send best wishes to all our owners – home and abroad – with special thanks to Ms. Robin Kirtley, Ohio, U.S.A. For giving Chulchoill Deirdre a loving home. This year we plan puppies for July/Aug from Chulchoill Blaithnaid by Chulchoill Diarmaid.

