



# The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland

## News!etter

April 2017

### ***Newgrange Photo Selected for Hall of Fame!***

A photograph of club member, Rebecca Smyth along with the beautiful, Amazing Grace, has been selected as a finalist in the Press Photographer of the Year Awards 2017! The photograph was taken by Clodagh Kilcoyne on behalf of Reuters at the IWCI historic Newgrange Winter Solstice event in 2016. The motto of the PPAI, 'Capturing History' says it all!

Congratulations to Clodagh and Rebecca (and Grace!) on a great photo.



*Photo courtesy of Clodagh Kilcoyne ©*

All the photographs of 2016 selected by the Press Photographers Association of Ireland have been entered into the National Archive and will tour the island of Ireland throughout 2017. More information at [www.ppai.ie](http://www.ppai.ie)

### ***Jim Behan becomes Honorary Patron of the IWCI***

After many years as a respected member of our Irish Wolfhound community and having served the club loyally as our popular and engaging President, Jim Behan has decided that it is time to step down from the role. In grateful acknowledgement for all he has done for the club and the Irish Wolfhound, we have persuaded him to join Betty Murphy as an Honorary Patron of the club. We look forward to working closely with Jim as he continues to support and promote the club and our breed. Our long-time Vice President, Gerry Clarke has now become President of the Club with the unanimous support of the committee, and Gina Bourke has stepped into the role of Vice President.

### ***IWCI EGM - March 2017***

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland held an Extraordinary General Meeting on the 23rd of March 2017 at the Pillo Hotel in Ashbourne. There was an excellent turnout of members and the IKC were also represented at the meeting. The club accounts, which had been prepared by chartered accountants Dawson & Co., were presented by the Hon Treasurer John Potter, and were passed unanimously.

The club has since received notification from the IKC confirming our affiliation for the rest of 2017.

### ***Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs***

The next management meeting of the FIWC will take place in the Netherlands in May 2017. Our Chairman, Tony Dunne will be attending the meeting as our representative. As the mother club of Irish wolfhound clubs worldwide we automatically hold the presidency of the federation. Gerry Clarke will therefore also attend in the role of President of the Federation. We look forward to great results from our team!

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## ***Re-launch of the Club Magazine!***

We can confirm that **The Irish Hound**, cherished magazine of the club and missing for too many years, will be re-launched in 2017 with our Hon Secretary, Rebekah van Kan as editor.

Just the mention of the re-launch at the 2016 AGM led to a massive response from members with offers of articles, photographs and much more!

There is still time for more items to be included but only just, so contact Rebekah at  
*secretary@iwcofireland.com*

Breeders and others wishing to advertise in the magazine should also contact Rebekah for more information.

## ***IWCI Club Championship Show***

The IWCI Club Show will be held at Castletown House on **Sunday 11th June 2017**. Entries will be through Dog Show Entry as usual. Our judge this year is breed specialist Csilla Juhasz from Hungary.

We are looking forward to another brilliant show this year with a bigger entry than usual so *save the date* and see you there!

## ***Irish Wolfhound Rescue***

Eddie and Gina Bourke, helped by Tracey Carroll, continue their incredible work in rescue. They have rescued and rehomed ? hounds in this Club year and provided sound counsel to owners in difficulty.

Always at the end of the phone, Eddie and Gina are an invaluable part of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland committee team and we extend our gratitude to them on behalf of the Irish Wolfhound community for their stirring and dedicated work.

## ***Invitations Received From Members***

We have received kind invitations from three members to host *Fun Days* out with our Wolfhounds. The venues are located in various areas across the country and so will be accessible to all and are in some of the most interesting and beautiful parts of Ireland.

As soon as dates are confirmed we will be in touch with you all!

## ***Enquiry into the Club Finances***

As announced at the 2016 AGM, the new Hon Treasurer, John Potter has been conducting an enquiry into a number of cheques which had previously been written on the club account. The facts relating to those cheques have now been ascertained and will shortly be presented to the committee and to the members.

## ***A Note From the Committee***

*The committee of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and to thank all of you for your continued support for the Club and your dedication to our beloved breed. We look forward to seeing you all at our future social events!*

*Yours*

*The Committee of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland*

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