



RMIWA 18th Annual Specialty Show, Obedience, Rally,
Lure Trial & LGRA Race
Cheyenne, WY
Show Chairman – Tracey Luty
Show Secretary - Jan Curtis

Thursday, September 1st
Large Gazehound Racing assoc. (LGRA)
Race (12 entries)

Friday, September 2nd
Regular Classes – Dot Arn - Arntara
Puppy Sweepstakes – Karon Volk - Karontara
Obedience – Janice Dearth
Rally –Janice Dearth
Obedience: 2 entries
Rally: 7 entries
Sweepstakes: 29 entries
Specialty Show regular Classes: 101 entries

Saturday, September 3rd
ASFA LURE COURSING
Field Trial Chairmen – Mike Hussey/Renate Roder
Field Trial Secretary - Kathy Dykstra
JUDGES - Deann Britton, Claudia Miller
3 Open, 5 Field Champions, 1 Veteran

We returned to Cheyenne for our specialty show again this year. The day was beautiful for the LGRA race on Thursday and the show on Friday. Saturday, the Rocky Mountain weather took its typical stance of “You aren’t going to guess what I’m going to do today!” and turned bitter in the morning. Those of us who were sleeveless on Friday were wearing hats and gloves on Saturday morning. Personally, I love that you can never guess what is going to happen at our show. We are NEVER bored!

I’m going to repeat the story I told at the dinner after the show. For those of you who heard it, you can skip ahead.

Each year the women’s restroom in the Community Center where we hold the show and dinner, runs out of soap (I really don’t think they ever put any soap in there). Last year, I brought a bar of soap for the women’s restroom. This year, I thought I’d bring a second bar for the men’s room because they surely are also out of soap. At about 7 AM, I was putting the soap in the women’s restroom and was about to “sneak” over to the men’s room to put the other bar in there. Just then, I heard someone come in the vestibule by the men’s room. I thought it might be a man that could take the soap in “his” room. So I rushed out of the women’s restroom only to come face to face with another woman. Without thinking I said, “Oh, I thought it might be a man.” The woman replied “What goes ON at these dog shows?!”

As I said, that night, I hope what went on at this dog show was a good time for exhibitors, judges and spectators. We usually get a variety of citizens who stop by to watch the show and ask about our breed. I want to thank everyone who always takes their time to answer the questions and let the little ones pet the “big dogs”.

Of course I and the club are deeply indebted to the volunteers who make the show not only possible but a success. I’m glad we are able to maintain our “laid back” approach to the show and I hope you all enjoyed it. I also hope those of you who couldn’t come this year can come next year or another year soon.

Tracey Luty
2011 Specialty Show Chairman

Puppy Sweepstakes Critique by Karon Volk - Karontara

I would like to thank the RMIWA for inviting me to judge sweepstakes this year. I had a wonderful time going over the puppies; much more fun and relaxing than chairing the show! Special thanks to the show chairman, Tracey Luty, and all of her assistants, committee members and ring stewards, who made sure everything went smoothly.

I am delighted to say that temperament in all the puppies was wonderful. I did not see any shy puppies; none were concerned with being gone over which is always fabulous. There were many typey, shapely puppies

and some in that gangly in-between stage that is always so difficult.

As always, the comments below reflect only my personal opinion of the puppies on the day. Thank you to all the exhibitors who brought their puppies. I hope, particularly for the younger hounds, that I was successful in attempting to make it a good and relaxing ring experience for them.

Junior Dogs, 9-12 months

1. Ygdrasil Laird of the Dance Prydain (McLean)
Nice shape standing and in side gait, with free and easy movement
2. Nightwings Solo (Mattson)
Another nice puppy with pleasing shape and strength not moving as well in front as first place today
3. Nightwing's Ianina's Baloo (Gottsch & Curtis)
Tall, less mature looking than first two puppies in today's class, and not as together in movement. Lack's the spring of rib of others in the class at this point in time
4. Nightwing's Bagheera of Cobol (Tregellis & Gottsch)
Litter brother to 3rd place, also appearing less mature and weaker in front at this time

Senior Dogs, 12-15 months

1. Pinehurst Erinwolf Palmer (Catov-Goodell)
Strong boy with good substance, breadth and easy side gait
2. Rysheron's Hidden Assets at Ygdrasil (McLean)
Typey, shapely dog showing less reach in front than class winner today
3. Erinwolf Morgan (Long)
Less mature than the other class entry today and not as clean in movement front or rear
4. Erinwolf's Mr Brian Boru of Lansdowne (Gordon)
Nice shape but not moving well today possibly due to an injury

Senior Dogs, 15-18 Months

1. Windseeker Broker (Brockett)
Lovely type, shape, strength and breadth with curves and nice rear angulation; all of which held up on the move. Head is not perfect but his strong attributes overcame this. **Best of Opposite in Sweeps**
2. Cu-Leones A Stor Mo Chroi Song of Falcor (James & Comstock)
Masculine boy not as strong as 1st place and not as mature looking today

3. Lockbay Jac of Sedgemoor (Meiring & Van den Berg)
Not behaving as well or as together on the move as class winner and at this point in time lacked the breadth of body and curves of class winner

Junior Bitches 6-9 months

1. Pinehurst Cordelia (Catov-Goodell)
Lovely girl with curves in the all right places and good substance
2. Bellemere Denali Memsahb (Bell & Jasperse)
Pretty feminine bitch with sweet expression
3. Brimstone Connemara Maibach (Morris & Sharpe)
Lovely shape not as well behaved on the move today
4. Coleraines Solitary Moon (High).
Another pretty, feminine bitch not quite as balanced on the move today

Junior Bitches, 9-12 months

1. Prydain Luighseach Ygdrasil (Edwards & Smith)
Nice shape and breadth, length of leg and solid on the move

Senior Bitches, 12-15 months

1. Erinwolf Messina (Long)
Feminine bitch with nice shape; more solid on the move than 2nd place
2. Aragorn Dynamite of Aeroglen (Bryson & Howard)
Pretty girl with pleasing shape and clean side action but not using herself well on the move today. Stronger in front than rear at this time

Senior Bitches, 15-18 months

1. Rockhart Okelani, JC (Simon)
Strength and power in front and rear, lovely type and shape, not perfect in front action but side gait when she settled in more than made up for that. Excellent coat and condition. Her stubbornness and power were in evidence on the move, almost taking her handler down. **Best in Sweeps**
2. Rockhart Paloma, JC (Simon)
Another quality typey bitch. Not quite the size and strength of 1st place but also lovely strength and muscle
3. Prairie Creek Ygdrasil Miss Marvel (Smalley & McLean)
Typey, feminine girl with nice shape but without the breadth of class winner
4. Prairie Creek Ygdrasil Zorina at Tantara (Patterson & Smalley)
Littermate to 3rd place, another pretty, feminine bitch though less curves however, used herself well on the move

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes



ROCKHART OKELANI, JC

4/5/10

Breeder: Lynn M Simon & C C Hartenstein

By: Furlongs Bogart – Rockhart Eclipse

Owner: Lynn M Simon

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes



WINDSEEKER BROKER

5/10/10

Breeder: Owner

By: Foinaven Stoneybrook Sonoma – Lonnykyle Paige

Owner: Ann Brockett

Obedience & Rally Competition

Judge Janice Dearth was both our Novice Obedience and Rally judge. She was a delight when she gave a little instruction after the trials were over. The exhibitors and stewards all commented on how she made the trials fun.

We unfortunately did not have any qualifying scores in obedience.

There were 7 entries in the Rally Trial with 4 competing. Two received qualifying scores

Rally Novice A

1st Score 81 CARROY KEEGAN

Breeder: Lynne Rosebrock & Dick Rosebrock

By: Ch Carroy Guinness The Stout – Carroy Dara O’Keifer

Owner: Mary & Walk Perry

Rally Novice B

1st Score 78 ARAGORN DYNAMITE OF AEROGLEN

Breeder: Julie Karl & David Karl & Leanne Howard

By: GCh Aragorn Cu Caspian O Tailstorm – Ch Aragorns

Bella Mae of Waltzing Dog

Owner: Jill Bryson & Cathy Leanne Howard

It takes effort to prepare your Irish Wolfhound for obedience or rally competition. We salute the exhibitors who give these performance competitions a good try even if they do not get qualifying scores each time.

Specialty Show Regular Classes Judge’s Comments - Specialty 2011 By Dot Arn – Arntara

Thank you once more for your gracious invitation to judge the Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association Specialty in Cheyenne, Wyoming this year. We were blessed with a beautiful day and venue, an excellent entry and the overall quality of the hounds was quite good, which is always so gratifying.

Although I did not understand I was to give a written critique in addition to the verbal in-ring critique, I remember the dogs pretty well and will give you a brief overview. I’m sure I just misunderstood and apologize for any lack of specificity as I prepare this information for you.

My Best of Breed winner and Best Veteran, Ch.

Rockhart Heresy 8/5/05 (Ch. Rockhart Anthem x Rockhart Wanja), bred by Lynn M. Simon and Christiana Hartenstein and owned by Lynn M. Simon, was not new to me, and I was once more struck by her enormous quality and depth of type. She is sound, shapely, strong, well balanced and beautiful to look at. A wolfhound of her stature only comes along occasionally and I hope those who compete with her from time to time will appreciate and celebrate her excellence. Although she was a veteran, she was fit and in top form.

BEST OF BREED



CH ROCKHART HERESY
(also Best Veteran)

8/5/05

Breeder: Lynn M Simon & C C Hartenstein
By: Ch Rockhart Anthem – Rockhart Wanja
Owner: Lynn M Simon

SELECT BITCH



CH PINEHURST SHYLAH OF ERINWOLF
10/27/06

Breeder: Karen Catov-Goodell
By: Ch Wolfhaven Cabriole Berwyck – Ch Pinehurst Lamay
Owner: Erin Kirsten Long

SELECT DOG



GCH PINEHURST GARRET
8/18/07

Breeder/Owner Karen Catov-Goodell
By: Ch Pinehurst Haxton – Pinehurst Mowry

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX



PENNYBRIGHT WIGEON
4/11/09

Breeder: Ylva Tallqvist
By: Pennybright Lancelot – Witches Broom Whimsy
Owner: Robert & Gretchen Bernardi & Sorcha Wilde

Best of Opposite Sex, Pennybright Wigeon, stole my heart as a very young dog, with his big scopy body and long, strong legs. A great big young adult now with plenty of frame and bone, he is a worthy contender in any setting, with attributes that are difficult to come by. His rangy body

should take on the heft of maturity in the next year or two without pushing him to coarseness or cobbiness. I understand he already has an all breed Best in Show to his credit!

Award of Merit went to **Ch. Lonnkyle Phallen**, 8/15/06, his breeder/owner: Lloyd Simmons from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
No photo available

It is the combination of strength coupled with *enough* speed that we strive for...one without the other places us short of our breeding objectives. The desired blend is sometimes misconstrued by those who would find virtue in their hounds along racing lines only, without giving sufficient consideration to a hound's ability to overpower his large and fierce prey (the single characteristic that makes the Wolfhound most unique among the traditional sighthounds). Wolves fight back fiercely. It is not enough to be a very tall, fast dog; a hound should also *look the part* of a wolf killer, leaving no doubt as to his uniqueness in the canine world.

Both the **Winners Dog, Wyvern Pinehurst Burgess**, 6/26/09, (Ch. Pinehurst Mason x Berwyck Wyvern Tiamat) by Melanie Mercer and owned by Karen Catov-Goodell, as well as the **Winners Bitch, Caraglen Berwyck Lucciola**, 4/13/09, (Ch. Caraglen Travis McGee x Ch. Caraglen Berwyck Dark Promise) bred and owned by the Bernardi's and Stobart's, certainly embodied that characteristic in full measure. The Winners Dog pressed the Winners bitch hard for Best of Winners, with the bitch bringing home the bacon.

WINNERS DOG



WYVERN PINEHURST BURGESS

6/26/09

Breeder: Melanie Mercer, DVM

By: Ch Pinehurst Mason – Berwyck Wyvern Tiamat

Owner: Karen Catov-Goodell

BEST OF WINNERS/WINNERS BITCH



CARAGLEN BERWYCK LUCCIOLA

4/13/09

Breeder: Owners & Robert Bernardi

By: Ch Caraglen Travis McGee – Ch Caraglen Berwyck Dark Promise

Owner: Bev & Sue Stobart & Gretchen Bernardi

Reserve **Winners Dog, Rysheron's Hidden Assets at Ygdrasil**, 8/21/10, (Rysheron's Pling O'Phelan x Ch. Rysheron's Citadel De Ja Vu), bred by C. Riggs, J.Lindley and L. Randall and owned by Carrie McLean, was an impressive youngster.

Reserve **Winners Bitch, Rockhart Katja**, 8/16/06, a half sister to the Best of Breed Winner was a big rangey girl of lovely type although a bit of a handful on the day.

RESERVE WINNERS DOG



RYSHERON'S HIDDEN ASSETS AT YGDRASIL

8/21/10

Breeder: C Riggs & J Lindley & L Randall

By: Rysheron's Pling O'Phelan - Ch Rysheron's Citadel De Ja Vu
Owner: Carrie McLean

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH



ROCKHART KATJA, JC

8/16/06

Breeder/Owner Lynn M Simon

Rockhart Anthem – Ch Stoneybrook Rockhart Rebecca

The promise of the puppies entered was encouraging the **Best Puppy, Brimstone Connemara Maibach**, 12/18/10, (Ch. Connemara's Pagan Justice x Connemara Scandal at Brimstone), bred and owned by Laurie Morris and Debbie Sharpe, being top notch.

In most classes there were plenty of good hounds to sort out, and so I was pleased with my winners. As usual, in any class of good hounds, the same group of dogs showing just a little differently on another day, could place in quite another way, and as a result there were some fine hounds that did not make the final cut. Important nuances get considered in the last few moments at a specialty and having hard choices to make speaks well of the quality of the entry.

The photographer and his wife went above and beyond all possible norms to get the picture of each dog exactly up to their standards, as they felt a specialty win deserved to be recorded for posterity with great time and precision.

The photos surely were stunning.

Congratulation on a well-run show to Show Chair - Tracey Luty, Assistant Show Chair - Connie Smalley, Show Secretary - Jan Curtis, and the committee members all of whom helped carry off the RMIWA specialty without a hitch, followed by an informal, really fun dinner. My stewards and the show committee were helpful at every turn and graciously accommodating. I especially want to thank Mike Hussey, a long-time member of RMIWA and friend of mine, who shuttled me about and entertained me in good fashion.

Thank you again for asking me to judge your show. It was an honor to be asked and a pleasure to examine all of your lovely hounds.

Thursday September 1, 2011 Large Gazehound Racing Association (LGRA) Race

Lion's Park was the location of the LGRA straight racing on Thursday. Several dogs gave it a go for the first time. Some did quite well and some thought it was quite stupid wearing a muzzle. Let's hope they all got the racing bug now and will compete in future races.

Highest Scoring Irish Wolfhound



Noor shows her stuff at lure coursing
Photo by Surfman

Best of Breed – High Score Rockhart Noor, FCH, GRC, SC

Breeder Christiana Hartenstein & Lynn Simon
owned by Shelley and Tom Hood

Best Opposite Sex – no qualifiers

Best First Time Entered – Zoey Patterson

Turtle Award and honorary veteran – Abby Patterson

Overall LGRA Race Results

- 1st - Rockhart Noor FCh, GRC, SC - Hood
- 2nd - Tralen's Merry Gold Purl, FCH - Luty
- 3rd - Prairie Creek Ygdrasil Zorina Attantara, RN - Patterson
- 4th - Rockhart Memoir FCh, SC - Hood
- 5th - Tralen's Rose Pearl Necklace - Luty
- 6th - Prairie Creek Abygael Ceilidh RN - Patterson
- 7th - Glendalough's Cask Strength to Dinnree- Hussey
- 8th - Fleetwind Carroy Nuala, SC- Rosebrock
- 9th - Zajacz's Baird McCamus - Zayac
- 10th - Brimstone Sojourn from Connemara - Morris
- 11th - Brimstone Jakob - Morris
- 12th - GCh Carroy Dermot McDuncan- Rosebrock

Saturday September 3, 2011 American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA) Lure Field Trial

Judges: Deann Britton, Claudia Miller
Entry: 3 Open, 5 Field Champions, 1 Veteran

Several of the competitors in the ASFA trial were owned by IWCA Board members who were holding their meeting in Cheyenne that day. The rest of us helped wrangle those folks' dogs so they could meet and still have their dogs compete. Since

those of us at the trial were chilled and shivering, we aren't sure who got the better deal there.

Open

1st Fleetwind Carroy Nuala - Lynne Rosebrock & Lois Thomasson

2nd Quiche -Braehead Quaich - Nina Gottsh & Gayle Curtis

Field Champions

1st Tralen's Merry Gold Purl, FCH, GRC – Leonard & Tracey Luty

2nd Noor - Rockhart Noor, FCH, GRC, SC - Tom & Shelley Hood

3rd Mara - Rockhart Mara of Tresmarn, FCH - Beth Renstrom

4th Memo - Rockhart Memoir, FCH, SC - Tom & Shelley Hood

NBQ Sunny - CH Ianina's Six Ways from Sunday, FCH, JC - Nina Gottsch & Gayle Curtis

Veteran

1st Kid - Winterdream Maxim, LCM - Maxine Martens

Best of Breed



Photo by Luty

Tralen's Merry Gold Purl, FCH, GRC

6/15/2009

Breeder/Owner: Leonard & Tracey Luty

By: CH Pinehurst Morrow – CH Tralen's Red with Passion

Kennel Stake/Bench Champion Stake - Nina Gottsch with Quiche & Sunny

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The site of Jan Curtis, show secretary

Upcoming RMIWA Specialty Shows*

*Pending AKC approval

2012

August 31

Regular Classes

Eileen M. Flanagan – *Carrickaneena*

Puppy Sweepstakes

Tracey Luty – *Tralen*

2013

Regular Classes

Gretchen Bernardi – *Berwyck*

Puppy Sweepstakes

Cheryl Riggs – *Rysheron*

2014

Regular Classes

Jacqueline Carswell - *Carnasserie*

Puppy Sweepstakes

Karen Catov-Goodell - *Pinehurst*

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