



The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland *News!etter*

July 2018

IWCI Club Show 2018- A special day for Jim Behan!



This year we had some special visitors to the our Club Show at Castletown House. Representatives of the **Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs (FIWC)** came to our show to honour Jim Behan, one of our two esteemed patrons. Here is Jim with his family as he is presented with a painting specially commissioned by the FIWC to acknowledge his lifelong committment to our beloved breed. The painting shows Jim with his two hounds Mary of Nutstown & Carrokeel Elvin of Bearnabui.

Jim and his family are joined in this photo by Marcello Poli, Monette Daubenfeld & Gosewien van Klaarbergen from the FIWC and Betty Murphy, esteemed patron of our Club.



The committee of the Club with Jim, Betty and Genivieve Gaeng, our Ambassador to Europe

The IWCI Club Show itself!



Gerry & Pauline Clarke's
Ch. Lady Rose of Shantamon
Green Star Bitch & Best in Show

Ivan Gargan's
Ch. Ferseithean of Skerryhill
Green Star Dog & Reserve Best in Show





The junior handling competition

Special Award for biggest smile at the show?

If there was such an award Meta Shields would have won it hands down!

This wonderful lady, Velda Clark's mum, has played a big role in Tarlog Irish Wolfhounds for many years. She has been a lover and supporter of Irish Wolfhound all her life.

At the show this year, Velda Clark's puppy Stonestorm Rogaire at Tarlog (Bronagh) won:

Best Puppy Bitch
Best Puppy overall
Best Head

Velda was presented with the John Kelly Memorial Trophy for the Best Puppy. She passed the trophy to her mum whose smile lit up the show!

A great day for Meta and the Tarlog kennels.



A full roundup of the day & critiques can be found on the Club website:

www.iwcoireland.com

The after-show dinner was held in Casteltown House

Our visitors from the FIWC were presented with gifts of bottles of gin from **"The Family of Hounds"**-an Italian company, distillers of award-winning gin, and great lovers of sight-hounds-there's a winning combination.



Our judge, the wonderful Tuula Savolainen, receives the gift of an Irish Wolfhound statue.

Kevin Byrne postponed his birthday celebrations to take part in the show.
That sort of dedication needs to be acknowledged!
We were all delighted to share in his special day.

Just as the cake says
"It's all about the hound"



Who are the Federation of Irish Wolfhound Clubs ?

The FIWC was formed in 1994 as the European Irish Wolfhound Congress (EIWC).
In June 2018 it changed its name to the FIWC



General Purposes

Article II of the FIWC's Articles of Association states:

The purpose of the FIWC shall be to bring together, within a single framework, the Irish Wolfhound clubs or associations from as many countries as possible, to make joint efforts to protect, promote and improve the breed, and to foster friendship among Irish Wolfhound enthusiasts throughout the world.

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland and the FIWC

The special role and position of the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland was acknowledged when the original EIWC was created. One of the founders of the EIWC was our own Betty Murphy.

As part of that special position, **our President is automatically the President of the FIWC.**

In addition to our President, the club also has a delegate to the Federation who is also a member of the ruling council.

Members of the FIWC

Irish Wolfhound Clubs from around the world may be eligible to join the FIWC.

These are the current members of the FIWC:

AUSTRIA	Österreichischer Klub für Windhunde, Zucht und Rennsport
BELGUIM	Irish Wolfhound Club Belgium
BELGIUM	Koninklijke Belgische Windhondenclub
CZECH	Wolfhound Klub
DENMARK	Danish Sighthound Club
ESTONIA	Estonian Irish Wolfhound & Scottish Deerhound Club
FINLAND	The Irish Wolfhound Club in Finland
FRANCE	Rassemblement des Amateurs de Lévrier d'Irlande et D'Ecosse
GERMANY	Deutscher WindhundZucht- und RennVerband
GERMANY	Irish Wolfhound Club
LUXEMBOURG	Wandhond Frenn Letzebuerg
HUNGARY	Hungarian Irish Wolfhound & Sighthound Club
IRELAND	Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland
IRELAND	Irish Wolfhound Society of Ireland
ITALY	Club de Levriero
LATVIA	Latvijas kurtu un kursinga klubs
LITHUANIA	Lietuvos Kurtu Savininku Klubas
NETHERLANDS	IERDIE
NORWAY	Irsk Ulvehundklubb Norge
RUSSIA	Russian National Club of Breed Irish Wolfhound
SLOVAKIA	Slovenský Klub chovatel'ov chrtov
SLOVENIA	Slovenski Klub za Hrte
SWEDEN	Svenska Irländsk Varghund Klubben

FIWC Show & Congress 2018

Le Touquet, France



Gerry Clarke, FIWC President, making the opening address to the Congress

In June this year the FIWC held its two-day show and congress in Le Touquet.

Gerry Clarke, President of the FIWC, and Tony Dunne, IWCI delegate to the FIWC led the club members who travelled to Le Touquet. It was the largest number of IWCI members to have attended a congress.

We arrived in Le Touquet to warm sunshine and an even warmer welcome from Monette Daubenfeld on behalf of the ruling council.

Our trip got off to a relaxed start enjoying the company of our Wolfhound friends from Europe and the from further afield. Everyone looking forward to the congress presentations and the show.





The congress gala dinner held on the evening before the show



Gerry Clarke with our
Ambassador to Europe Genevieve Gaeng



A very dapper Club Member, Phil Poole



Our two Vice-Presidents
Velda Clark & Gina Bourke

Our thanks and appreciation to Frederic Maison
and all his team for organising the congress

Our congratulations to Marcello Poli



Velda Clark meeting friend Kaija Linturi from Finland



Accomplished exhibitor, Club member Jakub Crawford, preparing to enter the ring with puppy Stonestorm Tickety Boo



The final act of each FIWC Congress is the handing over of the FIWC banner to the country which will hold the next congress.

Here Gerry Clarke and Tony Dunne with the rest of the FIWC Ruling Council applaud the Czech Republic who will host the congress in 2020



Breed Seminars 2018



On the 8th of July the Club hosted a series of Breed Seminars along with the Borzoi Club Of Ireland at Cloghran.

The seminars included presentations on the breeds and Module 4 Hands on sessions.

The seminars were a tremendous success with over 40 attending. The presentations were packed with information and more than a little fun!



Jim & Gerry spoke about the Irish Wolfhounds with Jim making a detailed presentation on the key points that judges need to look out for in our breed.

The role which judges should exercise in not only picking sound and excellent hounds but also in identifying those which do not measure up was emphasised.

The clubs can protect and promote their breeds- **but they depend upon Judges as guardians of the breed in the show ring.**



BREED SEMINARS

hosted by
the Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland and Borzoi Club of Ireland.

on
Sunday 8th of July 2018
at
The National Show Centre, Cloghran, Co Dublin
starting at 10.00 am

Breeds Covered:

Irish Wolfhound (talk and Module 4 hands on)
Speakers - Mr Gerry Clarke (Shantamon) and Mr Jim Behan (Bearnabui)

Borzoi (talk and Module 4 hands on)
Speaker Mrs Ann Cuthbert (Aillesbury)

Dachshund (talk on the Breed standard)
Speaker Ms Lesley Patton (Lesandnic)

Kerry Beagle (talk on Breed Standard)
Speaker Mr M O'Dwyer (Ravensring)

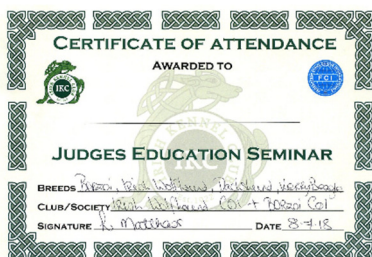




Jim & Gerry took questions from the floor. This gave the opportunity for both of them to draw on their experience with the Irish Wolfhound, as exhibitors, breeders, and judges of the breed.

The object of the day was to equip judges with the knowledge they need to make consistent and correct decisions about our breed.

Jim & Gerry used the newly published Illustrated Breed Standard to clarify points and to explain their thinking as the questions became more detailed.



After a very enjoyable day the successful attendees can now look forward to their IKC certification



What's coming next?

Coming soon- the club's next amazing day out!
Full information & invitations will be released soon!

Please keep **Sunday 26th August** – the last day of Heritage Week free!

