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# Communiqué



# Jinx

***2019 ASFA #1 HOUND ALL BREEDS***

***BIF DC Imarika's Fashionably Late, LCM2, CKC FCh, CKC NC, SC***

***Owned by Gayle & Paul Kytta II***

*Photo by Steve Surfman*





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*Deann Britton judging certifications for CLCA (Colorado Lure Coursing Association) in Falcon, CO with Greyhound puppy “Cashew” and owner looking on.*

*Photo by KC Thompson*

## *Lure Coursing and the Age of Coronavirus*

### **ASFA Statement Regarding Coronavirus Pandemic**

The ASFA's primary concern is not only for the safety of the hounds competing in ASFA Field Trials but the safety and well-being of the owners and handlers.

We are in the midst of unprecedented and uncertain times with the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Taking all this into consideration, the Board has decided to not require clubs to hold an ASFA field trial in 2020 in order to maintain their status with the ASFA. . . . See ASFA Constitution Article II Section 4. Termination of Membership.

Each club can individually decide whether they wish to hold their field trials. Although for everyone's health and safety and until the United States has been able to get a handle on the spread of the virus, we strongly suggest clubs consider cancelling scheduled ASFA field trials.

Be safe, play with your dogs ... Tally Ho!

### **2020 ASFA International Invitational Update**

Everyone is braving a new set of circumstances every day. Things are changing, sometimes every hour. Currently our world is totally unpredictable.

With this in mind the ASFA has decided for the safety of the fancy, the 2020 II will not be held. It would not be fair to clubs to spend the time and effort planning such a big event with the uncertainty surrounding us.

—ASFA Board of Directors

#### **AKC Notice**

### **State Exemptions Protecting Pet Care, Supplies and Services During Shutdown**

The following link provides information on COVID-19 shelter in place/closure orders with respect to rules impacting access to pet care, supplies, and services. This document will be updated to reflect changing circumstances as new information becomes available.

<https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/status-animal-services-state-closures/>



# Editor's Note

With everyone staying home, we wondered if we'd have enough content for this issue. We do!! And it's a rather long issue. So, I hope you'll grab a cup of coffee and work your way through it.

This issue covers the 2020 ACoD, which was nearly derailed by the coronavirus, but went forward as the first of its kind videoconference ACoD. The ACoD provided some interesting notices, new rules, and lots of awards. There are 8 new Hall of Fame inductees. This issue also features the 2019 #1 Breed, Singles and LCI dogs, including photos. Thanks to the people that helped in gathering the photos. Special thanks go to Audrey Silverstein, who did an amazing job.

Michael Hussey provided the Communique' with many photos and a tremendous amount of information on the Irish Wolfhound, which is this issue's featured breed. In addition, don't miss the interview with Mike Hussey from FAN and the article by Mike Hussy from one of the Historical Books.

The Lifetime Top 10 for each breed, singles and LCI are also included.

Gratefully, the Communique' Committee has expanded to include the following: Torie Cassano, Ian Davies, Phil Fullam, Holly Hamilton, Gayle Kytta, Lois Obelcz, and Audrey Silverstein. Special thanks to President Dean Wright who always goes the extra mile in contributing his time and energy for these pages.

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*Vicki Fagre-Stroetz*

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**Correction:** In the January 2020 issue of the Communique', we inadvertently published the incorrect registered name and statistics for "Wings", the Ibizan Hound pictured on the lower right side of the back cover. The correct registered name of "Wings" is Bramblewood's Alas Emplumadas, LCM6, VLCA4. "Wings" is the #4 Lifetime Ibizan Hound with 990 dogs defeated and 3 BIFs. She ran in 427 field trials. "Wings" is the dam of 4 and aunt of 2 Lifetime Top 20 Ibizan Hounds.

The registered name, DeVillez Let Me Be Your Wings LCM9, VFCh, which we used in error for "Wings", actually belongs to "Rocco", a son of "Wings" and the #5 Lifetime Ibizan Hound.



#### #1 Lifetime Top Twenty Ibizan Hound

"Butch" finished his line coursing career as an LCM12, with an amazing 1219 dogs defeated. Butch was bred and owned by Roxanne DeVillez. Butch hasn't been Roxanne's only remarkable line courser. Butch's Dan "Wings", who defeated 932 dogs in her 1388 career, is the #5 Lifetime Top Twenty Ibizan Hound. And four other Ibizan Hounds on the Lifetime Top Twenty Ibizan Hound list are from Roxanne's DeVillez kennel.







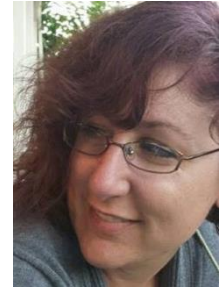
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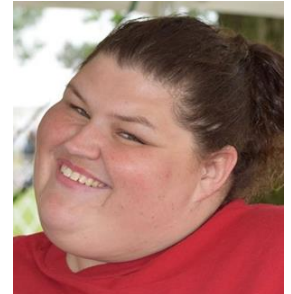
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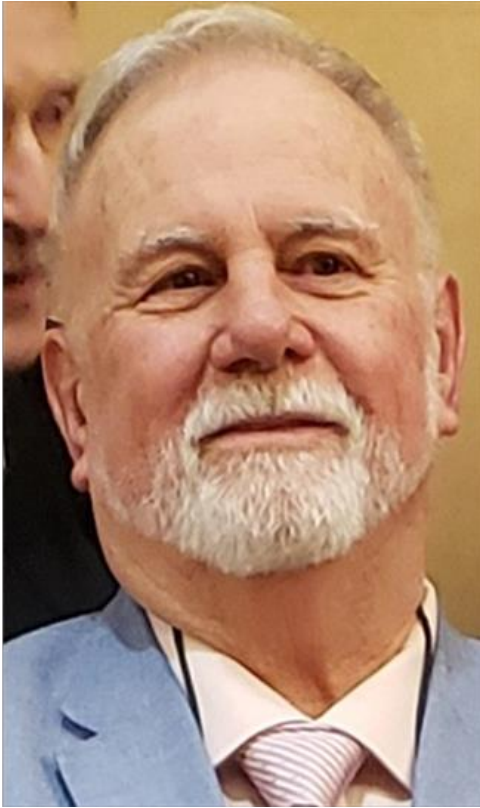
## 2021 ACoD

Hyatt House Hotel Sterling Dulles Airport  
Sterling, Virginia 20166

Board meeting - Thursday & Friday March 18-19, 2021,  
Convention - Saturday & Sunday March 20-21, 2021,  
Hospitality Night - Friday evening.



- 1. Buffet breakfast included in nightly rate.*
- 2. We will have lots of rule changes and constitution changes to vote on.*
- 3. There will be a great deal to discuss and will be open for brain storming.*



## ASFA President's Report and Goals for 2020

*"TOGETHER WE ARE IMPROVING OUR ASFA"*

We are in unknown times with the virus going around and folks staying at home. Please everyone, stay safe. We have canceled the 2020 II. Kathy Nelson is planning on holding the 2021 II in Region 5, please contact Kathy Nelson (rundogs2017@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer to help with the planning and working at the trial. I will be there to help with anything Kathy may need. We are taking one day at a time as we go forward.

Thanks to each of you for electing me to serve as your President for the next two years. It is amazing what I have learned about being the president of our ASFA. Every day offers an opportunity for me to learn something new. I think it will always be a work in progress. The one big thing that I have learned is that no matter how much you try; you cannot do everything yourself. I will take this time to thank everyone for pitching in and helping ASFA accomplish what we have in the last two years and in the past 40 years.

I would like to mention all of the ASFA volunteers that we have all known and worked with over the years. Sadly, many have recently passed away. Please remember the loved ones of these folks with your thoughts and prayers: Pete Mendicino, Jane Schreiber, Wes Shainline, Annie Chamberlain, Jill Bryson, Judy Lange, Bob "Bobinator" McGowan, Leslie Carrol and Tom Carrol, as well as many others. We would like to begin doing something to remember those who have passed on each year on our website or in our Communiqué or both. Please send me the names, a photo, their published obituary and a short write up of the people that you know and remember.

I feel our three biggest accomplishments over the last two years, as we have worked together, for our ASFA have been:

- The Communiqué, which has been fantastic with the dedicated work of its editor, Vicki Fagre-Stroetz. Thank You Vicki! Vicki has been the editor for 8 fantastic Communiqués including this one. They can be found on our website under the information tab and then click on Communiqué. Once I have opened, printed and read each Communiqué I then save it to refer to again.
- The LCI program has been a great plus for our clubs by increasing entries and workers. These newcomers have really fit into our coursing family by joining clubs and coming to dinner with us. I have enjoyed watching their dogs having the time of their lives, chasing the lure while their owners enjoy watching their dogs have fun. Greg, many thanks to you and your committee for a job well done.
- The video conferencing of the recent Board Meeting with 34 in attendance on our computers for the 2020 ACOD. This was a huge step for ASFA, and we will be much more comfortable holding these videoconferences in the future. Thank you, Cathy Sanderson for doing this for us.
- Facebook: Under the guidance of Trisha Borland and Kathy Sanders ASFA's Facebook page is much more active this year than in the past. We need everyone helping to post photos of hounds and wins. Audrey Silverstein has just been added as a moderator to help Trish Borland and Kathy Sanders get posts up faster.

FLASH !!!!! In 2019, 126 individual LCI dogs entered for a total of 336 LCI entries. Not bad for the first year.

Once Paragon has completed the records program, Cathy Sanderson will be able to move the efforts of the IT committee forward to redesign the website. I have talked to her and committee members about the website and they have a lot of great ideas on how to move forward.



I would like to take time to thank one of our unsung heroes, Sean McMichael. Thank you so much for all of your years as the ASFA Treasurer. We all appreciate what you do for us year after year with very little recognition. We do appreciate the stability that you bring to ASFA. For all of your hard work. We Thank You!

I have many goals for 2020:

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: We have a Task Force in place to plan our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022 with Kathy Nelson as the chair of the committee.
- Some of the things that need to be decided this year are where to have our 50<sup>th</sup> year ACOD and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary II.
  - I would vote to hold the II in Muncie, Indiana. It has the best fields I have ever seen. The two IIs we have held there have been great successes.
  - A design for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin.
  - A fifty-year Anniversary Book. A budget and editor need to be worked out.
  - Have ASFA become more involved with the parent clubs.
  - With the new videoconferencing we will be able to keep all club delegates informed of the business of the board and ASFA.
  - Getting the fancy more involved in everything ASFA does and our decisions and ideas.
  - Receive ideas from the bottom up. The survey on ideas was a great success. We are working on some now and some were approved at this year's ACOD.

Long term goals: These we need input on .

- Fast tracking good ideas
- Revenue ideas beyond the field trials
- A means and an invitation to bring back clubs that have dropped out of ASFA in the past that have remained hosting trials for other programs.
- Sponsors for the II and Regional Invitationals
- Committee Reports be on a regular basis and published in the Communiqué.
- Everyone having an opportunity to receive the Communiqué.
- Follow up on the last survey that Thomas Christ sent out for us. A list of what has been completed and what we still need to do.
- Judges Seminar by video conference, Greg Breitbach will moderate the first one on a Sunday in June.
- Board meeting in June, September by way of videoconferencing
- RD Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> on videoconference
- 2021 ACOD face-to-face in Virginia.
- 2022 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary face-to-face meeting and election year.
- I would vote for New Orleans. We have been there before and it has always been great, with lots of memories. Dinner on a River Boat.

If you have skills that could help with any of these and a desire to help ASFA with any of these endeavors, please let me know. ([Hlb2@comcast.net](mailto:Hlb2@comcast.net)). 2020 will be an exciting year for our ASFA. I would like everyone to join in and become part of this excitement.

*Dean Wright*

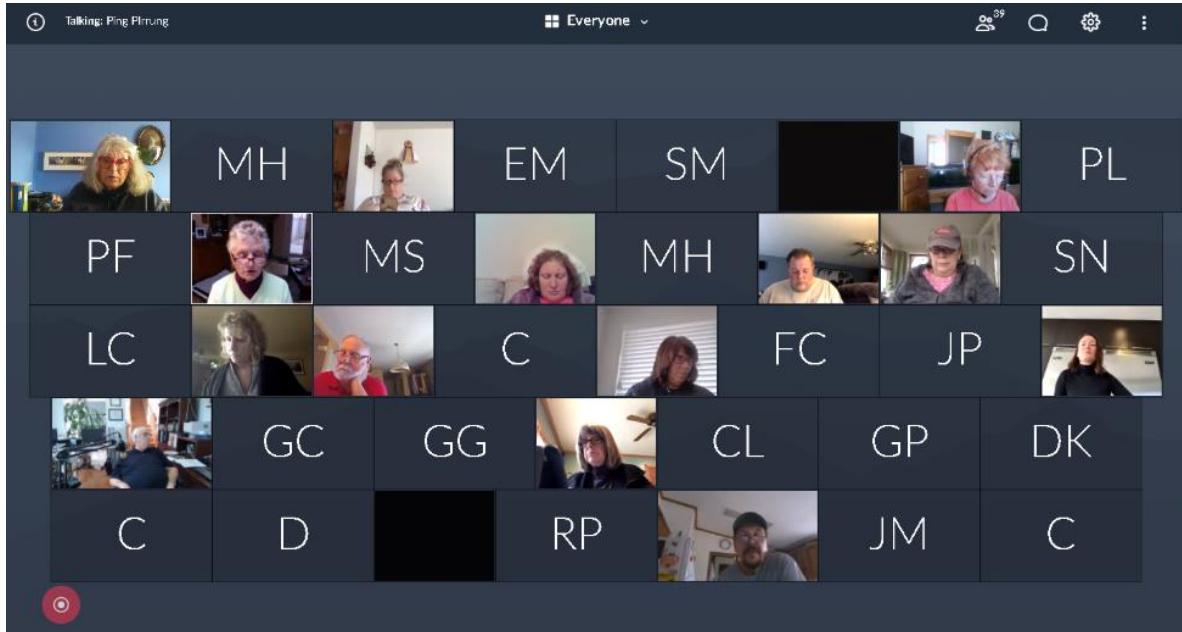
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# Highlights from the *Annual Convention of Delegates - March 21, 2020*

by Dean Wright & Vicki Fagre-Stroetz

These are unofficial highlights. Upon approval, the official ACoD Minutes will be posted on the ASFA website.



We have always felt that new problems often present new opportunities to learn and improve. That was the case with our ACoD in 2020. We had to cancel the face-to-face ACoD planned for Tulsa OK due to the coronavirus pandemic. We scrambled. With the expertise of Cathy Sanderson, we obtained access to a videoconferencing program for the ACoD. Some people attended the videoconference via their computer screens. Others attended by phone. With just a few easily resolved technical glitches, the videoconference ACoD turned out to be a good, fast-paced, and efficient meeting with lots of information exchanged and business conducted. Many of the attendees came away with new respect for videoconferencing as a powerful new tool for our communication. Here are some of the highlights.

## Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on ASFA Events

The ASFA Board of Directors released a statement regarding the pandemic. Here is the relevant part:

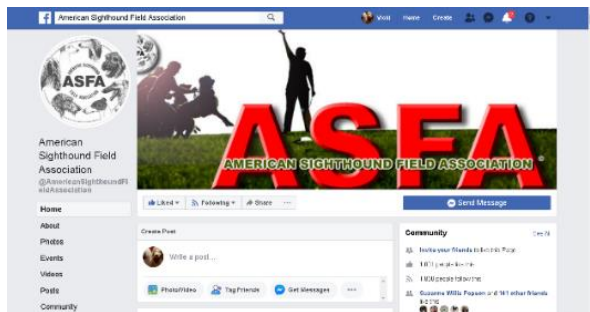
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## SOCIAL NETWORKING *ASFA on Facebook*

ASFA's Facebook page currently has over 1,850 followers. If you have not yet visited, please go to "American Sighthound Field Association" on Facebook anytime to get the latest news and comments. Like. And Follow. Thanks to Patricia Borland and Kathy Sanders for keeping us current.

## LCI STAKE – A RECAP of the FIRST YEAR

FLASH !!!!! 126 individual LCI dogs entered for a total of 336 LCI entries. Not bad for the first year. This represents 7.34% of the total dogs that ran in ASFA in 2019, just below Singles, Whippets, and RRs. The LCI program rules have been updated for 2020 and the program will be brought to the 2021 ACoD for approval as a permanent stake. The 2020 rules are posted on the ASFA website.

**TEAM COURSING** "Team Coursing" is being explored and developed by the Experimental Programs Committee. Please don't hesitate to contact committee chair Greg Breitbach at [vp1@asfa.org](mailto:vp1@asfa.org) with your thoughts and ideas on this new experimental program.

## IT COMMITTEE REPORT *Status update on the new records program.*

*Cathy Sanderson, Co-Chair*

Thanks, to co-chair Sean McMichael and committee members Tom Cigolle, Lori Coulson & Ping Pirrung for serving on this committee. The database program is on ASFA's account. Lori is able to enter trials and all the associated data such as judges and scores. I have also been able to do this by following the manual provided by Paragon. In this department the program is operating better than it ever has. However, Lori is not satisfied with the reports generated by the program. To correct this, Lori's computer is being used as the example and "our" regular programmer from Paragon has been going to Lori's house often to observe the way the original program works. This has resulted in one or two items being corrected every week.

Respectfully submitted, Sean McMichael and Cathy Sanderson, Co-Chairs, *IT Committee*

## The 2019 ASFA AWARDS

Each year at the ACoD, ASFA announces its annual awards and honors. The 2019 awards and honors are listed below and with additional description throughout these pages as noted. *Congratulations to all!!*



**ASFA 2019 Highest Scoring Hound of All Breeds** is Rhodesian Ridgeback "Jinx".

BIF DC Imarika's Fashionably Late,  
LCM2, CKC FCh, CKC NC, SC.

Bred and owned by Gayle A and Paul Kytta II.

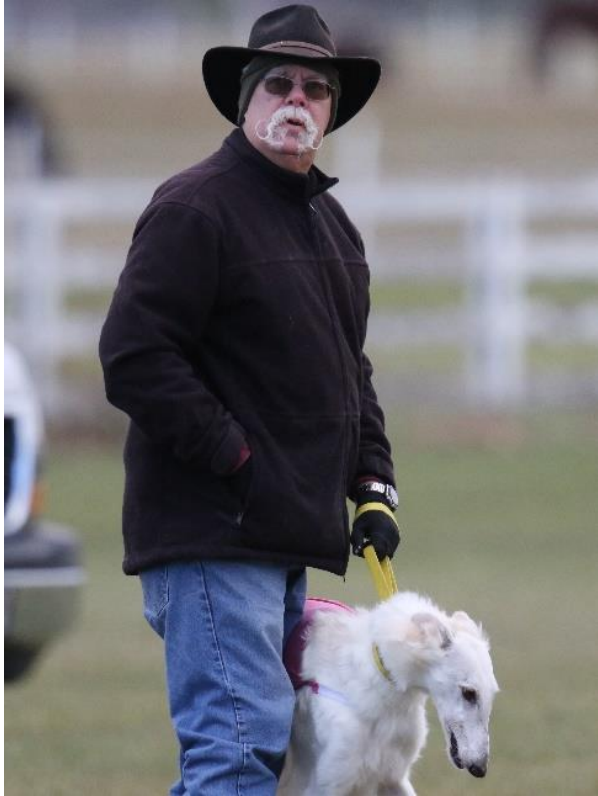
Photo by Steve Surfman

### ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI

*Note: For photos see pages 59-69.*

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|----------------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| <i>Afghan</i>              | <i>Narcissa</i> | <i>Ch Kominek's Narcissa FCh,SC</i>             | <i>E. &amp; S.Kominek</i>                          |
| <i>Azawakh</i>             | <i>Axel</i>     | <i>Allalwansahel Axiocrses Borealis FCh</i>     | <i>J.Martin</i>                                    |
| <i>Basenji</i>             | <i>Chilly</i>   | <i>GSW,GCh,DC,Can Ch Borassus</i>               | <i>K.Sanders</i>                                   |
|                            |                 | <i>Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM8,SC,CA,RATN</i>          |  |
| <i>Borzoi</i>              | <i>Sir</i>      | <i>GCh,DC C'Lestial Red Lantern @ Ryhka</i>     | <i>D.Darling/L.Green</i>                           |
|                            | <i>Lancelot</i> | <i>LCM2,VLCM2,SORC2,LCX</i>                     |  |
| <i>Cirnecco dell Etna</i>  | <i>Dexter</i>   | <i>Riali I Debonair Dexter FCh</i>              | <i>D. &amp; L. Myers</i>                           |
| <i>Greyhound</i>           | <i>Tull</i>     | <i>Lakilanni Thick As A Brick LCM</i>           | <i>L.Soutar</i>                                    |
| <i>Ibizan</i>              | <i>Dawn</i>     | <i>DC,CKC Ch Iycold 3rd Red Dawn At Henmar</i>  | <i>S.Wright/K.Catt</i>                             |
|                            |                 | <i>LCM,SC,GRC</i>                               |  |
| <i>Irish Wolfhound</i>     | <i>Aine</i>     | <i>Ch Culcara's Aine The Alluring</i>           | <i>D.Cassini/D.Knowlton/D.Drake</i>                |
|                            |                 | <i>FCh,BN,RN,RI,CGC</i>                         |  |
| <i>Italian Greyhound</i>   | <i>Coco</i>     | <i>FC IGRF's Sogno di Cioccolata</i>            | <i>J. &amp; G.Behrens</i>                          |
|                            |                 | <i>LCM,SGRC11,SORC3,AX,AXJ</i>                  |  |
| <i>Pharaoh</i>             | <i>Cayper</i>   | <i>GCh,DC Bazinga Caspian The Crown Prince</i>  | <i>D.Kunard</i>                                    |
|                            |                 | <i>FCh,CGC,SC</i>                               |  |
| <i>Rhodesian Ridgeback</i> | <i>Jinx</i>     | <i>DC Imarika's Fashionably Late</i>            | <i>G. &amp; P.Kytta II</i>                         |
|                            |                 | <i>LCM2,SC,CKC FCh,CKC NC</i>                   |  |
| <i>Saluki</i>              | <i>Caldera</i>  | <i>BII,FC Eden's Corahk Burnin' Love FCh,SC</i> | <i>N.Lipinski/C.Johnson</i>                        |
| <i>Scottish Deerhound</i>  | <i>Norah</i>    | <i>Ch Norah Of Muma FCh</i>                     | <i>Deborah Habian</i>                              |
| <i>Silken Windhound</i>    | <i>Salsa</i>    | <i>Windspirit Dancin The Salsa LCM</i>          | <i>K. &amp; P.Sanders</i>                          |
| <i>Sloughi</i>             | <i>Einas</i>    | <i>Ch Ocerico Einas CGC</i>                     | <i>D. &amp; A.Bruhweiler/<br/>E.Moreau-Sipiere</i> |
| <i>Whippet</i>             | <i>Aslaug</i>   | <i>NFC FC Shannon Down Girl In The Harp</i>     | <i>S. &amp; K.Lyons</i>                            |
|                            |                 | <i>FCh,SC,DM,CR,OTR</i>                         |  |
| <i>Chart Polski</i>        | <i>Taku</i>     | <i>Fernmark Chart Blunderbuss</i>               | <i>Liz Duncan</i>                                  |
| <i>Galgo Espanol</i>       | <i>Gunner</i>   | <i>UCH Sahejeevs Lindisfarne Sonofagun</i>      | <i>Diane Murray</i>                                |
| <i>Portuguese</i>          | <i>Arthur</i>   | <i>Venture Field's Arthur</i>                   | <i>Luka Madden</i>                                 |
| <i>Podengo</i>             |                 |   |  |
| <i>LCI Small</i>           | <i>Zoey</i>     | <i>Zoey Furiously Happy LCC,LCA</i>             | <i>P.Buswell</i>                                   |
| <i>LCI large</i>           | <i>Bruce</i>    | <i>Bearded Bruce The Moose LCC,LCI</i>          | <i>Krista Shreet/T.Koch</i>                        |
| <i>Singles</i>             | <i>SA Bey</i>   | <i>Kahtahdin's Baeriz Bey-Nefer TCP,CPX</i>     | <i>J.Copenhaver/P.Ruggles</i>                      |





## The 2019 Leigh Littleton Award

### BOB MARCISZEWSKI

The Leigh Littleton Award is given to the judge that judges the most dogs in a given year. In 2019, the award goes to "Borzoι Bob" Marciszewski, who judged 419 dogs in 2019.

ASFA recognizes the 2019 Top Ten Judges. They are:

### Top Ten Judges

| #  | Name of Judge           | # of Dogs Judged |
|----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1  | Borzoι Bob Marciszewski | 419              |
| 2  | John Arvin              | 324              |
| 3  | Darci Kunard            | 314              |
| 4  | Dean Wright             | 294              |
| 5  | Kathy Sanders           | 272              |
| 6  | Karen Frederick         | 271              |
| 7  | Francis Byrne           | 261              |
| 8  | Justin Dannenbring      | 250              |
| 9  | Lee Warden              | 246              |
| 10 | Paul Kytta II           | 243              |



## 2019 Lure Operator of the Year

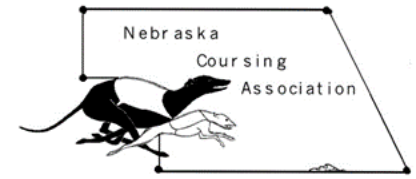
### JOSIE HAUMONT

Lure Coursing Judging Association (LCJA) (pronounced "lock jaw") is an informal organization That honors lure coursing's top lure operators. LCJA's 2019 Lure Operator of the Year is Josie Haumont.

Josie's home club is NCA (Nebraska Coursing Association), which is Located in Region 5.

## 2019 EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE AWARD

The ASFA Excellence in Performance Award recognizes clubs that go the extra mile in providing enjoyment for those who attend the coursing events. The 2019 Excellence in Performance Award goes to 2 clubs: NCA (Nebraska Coursing Association) and SWEPT (Silken Windhounds for Endurance, Performance & Training). *Continued on page 25.*



# SWEPT

## 2019 INCENTIVE AWARDS

The ASFA Incentive Awards recognize those clubs that had the highest number of entries, and those that held the most trials in the previous year.

| <i>Award</i>                    | <i>Club</i>  | <i>Number</i> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| <b><i>Award for Entries</i></b> |  |               |
| <b><i>Platinum</i></b>          | Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club                     | 552           |
|                                 |  |               |
| <b><i>Gold</i></b>              | Colorado Lure Coursing Association                   | 368           |
|                                 | Gazehounds of New England                            | 354           |
| <b><i>Silver</i></b>            | Northern Azawakh Association                         | 269           |
|                                 | Michigan Gazehound Association                       | 247           |
|                                 | Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club                     | 217           |
|                                 | Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Club         | 212           |
| <b><i>Award for Trials</i></b>  |  |               |
| <b><i>Platinum</i></b>          | Colorado Lure Coursing Association                   | 15            |
|                                 |  |               |
| <b><i>Gold</i></b>              | California Coursing Association (mostly specialties) |               |
|                                 | Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club                     | 11            |
|                                 | Greater Ocala Gainesville Lure Coursing Club         | 8             |
|                                 | Gazehounds of New England                            | 7             |
| <b><i>Silver</i></b>            | Lobo Lure Coursing Club                              | 6             |
|                                 | Northern Azawakh Association                         | 6             |
|                                 | Greater Twin Cities Whippet Club                     | 6             |
|                                 | Minnesota Coursing Association                       | 6             |

## LURE COURSING HALL OF FAME

The purpose of the ASFA Hall of Fame is to honor in perpetuity those hounds that have achieved outstanding performances or records in the sport of lure coursing. This fosters the continued remembrance of remarkable individual coursing careers and sets a high standard to help new hounds and owners achieve their goals.

The Hall of Fame shall also honor those individuals who have donated a great part of their life to improve and promote the sport of lure coursing for sighthounds. Since its inception, the sport of lure coursing has continually evolved. That evolution has taken place through the vision and energy of people who should be honored for their efforts on behalf of the sport. We shall endeavor to remember always those individuals who have given their time and energy to make lure coursing what it is today. Their commitment serves as an inspiration to those who would, in turn, take the sport to greater heights.

The 2019 Hall of Fame inductees include two remarkable individuals and six remarkable hounds.



### JILL BRYSON

Jill Bryson was an ASFA Region 4 Director. She was a member of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA), and since 1979 held various positions in lure coursing or dog clubs, including Colorado Lure Coursing Association (CLCA), Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA), Irish Wolfhound (continued on page 27).



### JUDITH K LANGE

Judith Lange, kennel name "Amun Basenjjs" was a decades-long advocate for the sport of lure coursing, and for ASFA in particular. She respected ASFA's structure and would remind people that ASFA is "a grass roots, by-the-people type organization". For 30 years Judy provided guidance (continued on page 29) .





Scottish Deerhound

# LEAH

BIF DC Vale Vue Silver Lea  
Chartwell MC, SOR, LCM4, VC  
Owner Peter Day & Norma Sellers, breeder  
Ellen Bonacarti & Norma Sellers.

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Stoneybrook Brynmair Kinealy LCM2,  
SGRC, SOR

Irish Wolfhound

# LUCY

Born on 20 May 2000.  
Bred by Judith & Lynn Simon, MD. Owned by Karen  
Frederick & Michael Ferris.

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Afghan Hound

# GUILTY

BII DC Tamrick Xanadu High Treason LCM4,  
SC,GRC,ORC,LCX

Rick Brown & T Brown and C & Heather Alderson

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## ASFA's FIRST THREE HALL OF FAME SILKEN WINDHOUNDS

The following Silken Windhounds, "Mini", "Gilbert" & "Czar", have entered the Hall of Fame as the first in their breed to attain ASFA titles.



First Silken Windhound  
FCh

### MINI

Fantasy Farms Musetta's Waltz, LCM

*Owned by Barb Franklin*

*Gilbert, AZ*

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First Silken Windhound  
LCM

### GILBERT

Aeracuras Fantasy Gilbert, LCM

*Owned by Michelle Smith and Barb Franklin*

*Chandler, AZ*

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First Silken Windhound  
VFCh & VLCM

### CZAR

ISWS Ch, UKC Ch, NAKC & IABCA Ch

Kristull Jaromir OTRC, SRCX, GRC, ISWS LCM,  
VLCM2

*Owned by Mike & Kathy Leach.*

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## GARY FORRESTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### VICKI FAGRE-STROETZ

The Gary Forrester Achievement Award memorializes Gary's exemplary contribution and dedication to the sport of lure coursing. This year ASFA honors Vicki Fagre-Stroetz (Region 5) with the Gary Forrester Achievement Award.

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**ASFA RULE CHANGES** were presented by the Rules Evaluation Committee (REC). Some substantive and some housekeeping rule changes passed. Here are the substantive ones:

- **Drugs that alter perception or judgment**, even where legal, have been placed in the same category as liquor and illegal drugs, which are unacceptable for officials to use during their assignments.
- **ASFA provisional judges** can get credit toward their ASFA licenses while judging at AKC trials with ASFA judges. This will make it easier for ASFA provisional judges who are already AKC judges to pick up breeds for their ASFA judging licenses.
- **Paperwork reduction.** Fewer papers need be submitted by the Field Trial Secretaries to the Records Coordinator.
- **Results Final on the Day of Trial, with 1 Exception.** Points and placements will not change after the trial (except in the case of an ineligible hound entered in FCh Stake rather than Open Stake). Those dogs will have 6 months to become eligible before losing the points. In such cases, all other hounds' points and placements will stand.



- **Discussion with a handler on the field** is no longer prohibited if the discussion is initiated by the judge.

**Not a new rule, but under consideration . . .**

- A new rule that would allow for mixed breed stakes with all dogs competing with each other (for points and placements) is under consideration and was sent back to committee for re-wording.

## **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION** were presented by the Constitution Review Committee (CRC). Here are the substantive changes:

- An alternate process was adopted for new sighthound breeds to enter ASFA when they don't have a parent club.
- Limited breed status will be eliminated. All new sighthound breeds will be Provisional for 1-2 years. Thereafter they will move to regular status.

## **NEW BUSINESS** A motion passed that provides for the development of guidelines for holding electronic ACoDs in the future.



# ASFA COMMITTEE REPORTS



## *2021 International Invitational Committee* by Kathy Nelson

### The Spirit of ASFA

Our beautiful hounds will not be running at an International Invitational in 2020 due to uncertainty and safety concerns in these days of the coronavirus pandemic.

But we are optimistically starting to plan for the 2021 II. The location will be in Region 5. We have made a preliminary reservation at the Memorial Balloon Field in Indianola IA for Sept 16-20, 2021. [Note: Thursday through Monday, weekend is Sept 18-19]. These are the only dates that work.

We will need folks from Region 5 and from around the country to join our planning team and help get the 2021 II off the ground. We welcome your good ideas and your help.

Is there something new that you would like to see at the 2021 II? Is there something from past IIs that might be improved? Are you willing to share your ideas and experience, time and energy? Are you willing to teach others? Or are you willing to learn some new skills? If you are willing, we'd like you to be part of the 2021 II team.

WE WELCOME ALL HANDS! WE WELCOME ALL IDEAS! Email me at [Rundogs2017@gmail.com](mailto:Rundogs2017@gmail.com)

Kathy Nelson

2021 ASFA II Event Planning Chair

## *2022 ASFA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary II Committee*

*by Kathy Nelson*

### The Spirit of ASFA

Planning is under way for the celebration of ASFA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022. As we approach 50 years of lure coursing our dogs, several of us have been lucky enough to be around long enough to see our sport develop from its beginnings in open field hunting, then the drag lures and a small rule book, to the much more sophisticated sport that we have today.

Organizing is in the early stages for ASFA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year International Invitational. We know that we want to hold it in the fall of 2022 at the Academy of Model Aeronautics in Muncie IN. We cannot actually reserve the field before Nov 1, 2021. The earliest fall dates for that field would be the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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Kathy Nelson

# ASFA COMMITTEE REPORTS *(continued)*

## Long Range Planning Committee

*Phil Fullam, Chair*



The committee got off to a very slow start this year, due to my being preoccupied on other tasks. We did get together in December and identified several areas that impact the ability of The ASFA to respond, react and anticipate changes in the world around us.

As many people have commented over the years, the ASFA is very slow to change. This is in large part due to the built-in inertia of our system. While it probably appropriate to have a very deliberate procedure for changes to the constitution, the current system for adding, revising, or deleting rules stifles innovation and forward progress.

The shortening of the delay from ACoD to a rule change taking effect is a start, but the committee feels that additional adjustments need to be considered that would make the process more productive and responsive. We will be recommending several policy changes and rule adjustments over the coming months.

We have submitted a proposed policy to the Policy committee regarding the timing and implementation of new or revised policies. The intent is to clarify the process of how policies are presented to the Board, and to define a reasonable time frame for review and implementation. Right now, a policy can pass the Board, but remain in limbo while the Policy Committee reviews. This has resulted in sometimes long delays before a policy is submitted to the Website for publication and becomes effective.

A second area of discussion has related to reviewing the procedures that are required for Rule Changes and Constitutional changes. Again, this is an area where the time to develop and implement a change can take years and have adverse impacts on the organization as a whole.



## Website Publication

*Cathy Sanderson, Chair*

From the monthly analytics reports provided by ASFA's webmaster, Jean Hampton (Dreamers Web), the ASFA website receives approximately 2,500 visits every month. This number was more than one thousand higher in January (Probably everyone checking the year end statistics). Page views range from 3,000 to 6,000 and visitors to the website are staying an average of two and a half minutes. These are healthy numbers, showing that people are making use of the ASFA website.

**Future:** Resources are still tied up with ensuring the safety and stability of ASFA's records, which gives us time to plan.



Thanks to people that attended the informal tech session on Sunday of the ACoD last year, and conversations with many different people, ideas are starting to come together for the future. Here are some ideas for features to be included in the new website:

- Newbie friendly,
- A separate easy-to-use section for the new LCI owners (remember many are coming from other dog sports),
- Online entry system for individual clubs to use (see more below),
- Updated ASFA store,
- System to allow owners to look up their dog's results and breed standings in a timely manner,
- A system to allow committee chairs to login and update information (for example, Judges Licensing can publish judges lists),
- Searchable rules and policies, and
- The whole website needs to be mobile friendly.

**Online Entries:** If any of you have tried Barn Hunt, they have an outstanding system that I would like to use as a model.

I conducted an experiment last year where I set up a system to accept online entries for LCLC using a third party service. The entry form information is saved as a spreadsheet and money was deposited directly into the club's bank account. It was extensively used at our AKC events and we handled almost 800 entries for our 4-day event. Ping used the system for TSSC's trial in early December, and she was pleased with the results.

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# ASFA COMMITTEE REPORTS *(continued)*

This year, I am going to try a different form collection system hosted on LCLC's website. I will let you know how that goes.

**Model:** I tend to be a visual person, so creating a planning document (RFP) that would eventually be given to a company contracted to develop the new website is difficult for me. So, I am tackling this a bit differently in a non-traditional way. I have started creating a demo website. This model will make it easier to make decisions on what we want before the construction phase.

## Judges Committee Report

by Greg Breitbach, Chair

### *Survey Results*



Back in March, the committee developed and sent a questionnaire to club delegates regarding judges. A total of 37 individuals responded. Not all answered every question and not every question asked for comments, but there is enough data to view trends. In addition to the yes/no, we offered an opportunity to add comments. I have selected a representative sample of comments.

Q1 Are you satisfied with the pool of judges in your area? **Yes: 14 (37.84%) No: 23 (62.16%)**

*"Not enough judges in the area, thus causing the same judges to be used over and over again."*

*"We don't have enough in our region and it isn't feasible for our club to pay travel expenses"*

*"The judges are great, We need more to rotate through."*

*"We have a small pool of judges, and outside of 2, most refuse to travel outside of that state." "We need more available judges"*

*"We bring judges in from all over so it's not a problem in our area."*

*"Definitely not enough! (And even worse for lure operators)"*

*"Seems same judges are used over and over in a 400 mile radius to my home"*

*"We do not have enough reliable, qualified judges."*

Based on the comments to this question, we analyzed data from the judges list. There are 150 individuals listed on the judges monthly list. 11 Provisional who are also licensed for some breeds (3 with 7 breeds), 8 Provisional with no breeds and 5 Apprentice.

| REGION | ALL BREED JUDGES | PROVISIONAL | APPRENTICE |
|--------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1      | 10               | 1           | 1          |
| 2      | 4                | 1           | -          |
| 3      | 15               | 2           | -          |
| 4      | 8                | 2           | 1          |
| 5      | 14               | 2           | 1          |
| 6      | 23               | 1           | -          |
| 7      | 18               | 4           | 1          |
| 8      | 20               | 1           | 1          |
| 9      | 6                | 1           | -          |
| 10     | 8                | -           | -          |

The regions hurting for judges are 2, 4, 9, and 10,

Q2 Does your club feel that licensed judges should take the licensing test occasionally?

**Yes: 21 (58.33%) No: 16 (41.67%)**

Q3 If your answer in Q2 was yes, how many years between tests should be required?

| YEARS BETWEEN TESTS | RESPONSES | PERCENTAGE |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| 3                   | 8         | 33.3 %     |
| 4                   | 4         | 16.67 %    |
| 5                   | 12        | 50 %       |

*"There is a lot of "how I was taught" of the rules, and not the rules actually having been read or understood by the judges. They also do not know about new rules, policies and changes to the ASFA since they were licensed. Because some of them have seen other judges do it that way, they feel they are correct--whether or not it follows the rules or not."*

This is a troublesome comment about our judges. The committee understands that there will be resistance from some judges to taking the test every few years. Yet, the exhibitors want to feel that the judges have continued to keep themselves up to date on all of the rules and policies. Currently other organizations require judges retest every few years and we do not. The committee is looking into a system of testing which will not be burdensome to the administrator of the tests and examine each judge every few years.

Q4 Do you provide expense reimbursement for provisional judges?

**Yes: 27 (72.97%) No: 10 (27.03%)**

Q5 If your answer for Q4 was yes, is it on the same scale as a licensed judge?

**Yes: 16 (57.14%) No: 12 (42.86%)**



*"The breeds for which the provisional judge is assigned, may not show up and we won't pay for someone who is not contributing to the success of the trial. We pay half the limit of expenses that a regular judge gets, unless the provisional judge can judge more than 5 breeds that show up."*

This is one reason why I have included the column "Lure Operator" in the judges list. If a provisional has no breeds show up, they may be used as a lure operator. Most will also work other positions at a trial.

Q6 Do you feel that a provisional judge should be allowed to switch assignments on day of trial to obtain experience with breeds that have qualifying numbers available after the premium list is published?

**Yes: 18 (50.00%) No: 18 (50.00%)**

*"Trials are losing entries steadfast and in order to have the needed number of dogs to finish a breed becomes even more difficult. We need to make it easier but with the same quality of education."*

*"Trials are few and far between in our area and it only makes sense for them to have the flexibility to take advantage of the required breed numbers after premiums are published."*

*"Breed numbers are hard to get in should be able to be switched around to help judge is out"*

*"They have a hard-enough time getting their numbers, if we have a trial that has the numbers they need and they aren't assigned that breed, we feel they should be able to switch to that breed and pick up the numbers needed."*

*"I prefer it not be a yes/no answer. In the case of an emergency, YES. But typically, participants do NOT like last minute judge changes unless there is an emergency or judge can't make it due to travel/weather issues."*

*"It is difficult to predict how many of a breed will be attending the trial provisional judges. need every opportunity to meet requirements"*

The committee is developing a policy/rule which will address the concerns of exhibitors and yet allow for provisional judges an opportunity to obtain hard to achieve numbers.

Q7 Do you feel that once a person is licensed for some breeds that they can use additional large entries of that breed towards a breed they are provisional for?

**Yes: 9 (25.00%) No: 27 (75.00%)**

*Again, entries are down every year and we do not have the entries we used to have.*

*Not necessarily since different breeds have different running styles. To use whippets to be allowed to judge Borzoi's for example wouldn't be a good idea. not the same breed.*

*different running styles, vocalization on some breeds, ways in which they hunt as a breed*

*Large entries allow cross course comparisons*

*As long as they have at least two qualifying entries of that breed, it is cross course judging which is most important.*

*Because of the different running styles, would not want that blanket statement. Would prefer that after a judge has completed provisional for 50% of breeds, to be give the rest (or something similar).*

*They need to pick up the breeds. ASFA could lower the requirements.*

*Only if there is a low or no population of the provisional breed, and only if approved by the Regional Director (of the Region in which the judge lives).*

*Running styles are too different and a judge could get licensed never having judged several breeds. I like my suggestion on the previous question better.*

*I don't agree with this policy that judges need to be licensed for specific breeds. If you know how to judge one breed you can judge them all.*

Q8 Would your club be willing to host a judging seminar the day prior to one of your ASFA trials?

**Yes: 25 (69.44%) No: 11 (30.56%)**

*"no one would be willing to do it."*

*"Would prefer to host the day of a trial after the trial is finished, if there is enough interest"*

*"There are no individuals in our club that do not have full-time jobs. Also, we do not have enough dogs to be able to do that. We may consider hosting a seminar on the day of a trial, as long as it does not slow down the trial."*

*"Yes, however we have such a small membership and most members work this would probably be hard to do..."*

*"We typically use the day preceding a trial to set up the field and run certifications. So long as the seminar did not interfere with those activities, we would have no problem. (In fact, certification runs could be used to illustrate seminar material.)"*

*"Would like to do that. We currently run the Thanksgiving weekend, so not a good time for the seminar. But, if we could find a spring date to run, would like to host a judging seminar." "Having enough attendees may be problematic in this region of the country."*

*"Mixed feelings here. An extra day would require renting the field an additional day. There have been some local lure operator seminars and I don't think they have been well-attended. A judging seminar after a trial would be a better option here but with our recent low entries, not sure how well-attended it would be." "We all understand the need for judges to have experience with multiple breeds, cross course judging, and apprenticing under multiple supervising judges. However, at some point, the total number of stakes, total hounds, other venue experience, and best in field judging numbers (breed style, cross course) need to be taken into consideration."*

Dean, Phil and I have agreed to do seminars around the country. Dean in the East, Phil in the West and I in the central. We can reduce the time from one day to a half day or less if required. Also, we are considering how attending the seminar can count for attendees.

## Judges Licensing Report - March 2020

Greg Breitbach, Chair of Judges Licensing

The following individual(s) have applied for Provisional License. An \* indicates the second publication.

\*Gordon Cheung 26 Taylorwood Drive, Etobicoke, ON M9A 4R7 416 889 2075 flashgordoc@hotmail.com

The following individual(s) have applied for a Regular License. An \* indicates the second publication.

Vicki Fagre-Stroetz – All-Breed

The following are additions/updates/corrections to the current judges list.

The following is an address and/or phone number change. An \* indicates the second notification.

The following individuals are Apprentice Judges. Consider sending invitations to help them complete requirements to move to Provisional Status.

Kominek, Selma      Sayre, Terry      Shurin, Darcy      Erdman, Frank

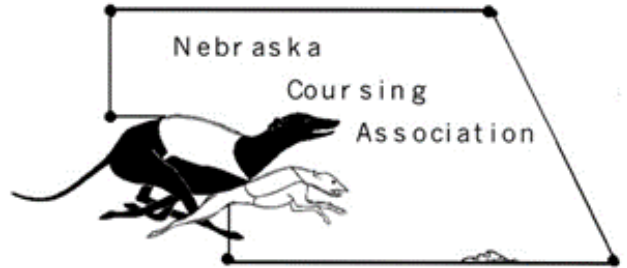
The following individuals are Provisional Judges. Consider sending invitations to help them complete requirements for breed licenses.

|                   |                  |                      |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Abordo, Leonore   | Buhrdorf, Russel | Elkes, Dan           |
| Klein, Steven L   | Kominek, Eddie   | McDermott, Shannon   |
| Miner, Donna      | Taylor, Jane     | Fagre-Stroetz, Vicki |
| Weaselhead, Linda |                  |                      |

## EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE AWARDS *(Continued from page 13)*

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**NCA** Nebraska Coursing Association is a very small club, has hosted great II's and Regional Inviationals. It has been the home club for many Regional Directors and executive, board, and committee members. NCA members have traveled across the region to help run trials and lure operate. NCA kept ICA running when they were basically down to 2 members a few years ago. NCA only has 3 trials a year, but they always include homemade meals, trophies, and great lure operators. NCA is known for quick trials, even when the entries are big. NCA is very welcoming to new individuals and worked hard in 2019 to invite LCI dogs to the fall trial.



## **SWEPT**

**SWEPT** is a relatively new active club that hosts ASFA trials as well as LGRA & NOTRA OB race meets. SWEPT hosted 4 ASFA trials in 2019. Two others had to be canceled due to weather. SWEPT members support the Region 1 Invitational in great numbers, with 82 Silken Windhounds entered in 2019.

SWEPT has access to fields at 3 separate locations, including Ethel WA, Roy WA and at the home of Karen & Paul Sanders (Allagante) in Damascus, Oregon. The Sanders have made substantial changes to their property which have improved the experience at the trials. These include removal of a ditch and some trees and fencing in an off-leash area for participants.

SWEPT events at all 3 sites include potluck lunches, often with a special "Best in Potluck" prize. SWEPT usually offers morning donuts & coffee.

SWEPT's Silken Windhound Regional specialty (NW Fest) is combined with an all-breed event. For this, SWEPT goes all out for all of the breeds. There are personalized prizes by breed, including for example insulated mugs, water bucket, or tiles with the breed silhouette images. SWEPT judges receive customized breed specific gifts. While most judges for SWEPT lure trials are from the Pacific Northwest, other judges are also invited from Colorado and New Mexico, for example, such as Tom Golcher and Leonore Abordo.

SWEPT welcomes & encourages newcomers. SWEPT has loaner equipment and offers instruction if needed. SWEPT members who are breeders encourage their puppy buyers to attend events & give it a try. Although SWEPT is a Silken Windhound club, non-Silken people are welcome to join and do become members.

SWEPT keeps everyone informed on events with its Facebook page and by email. SWEPT has yet to host a Regional Invitational.



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## *Hall of Fame*

# Jill Bryson

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Jill Bryson moved to Hailey Idaho with her husband, Kevin Bryson, and their first Irish wolfhound puppy in 1972. With time, more and more Irish Wolfhounds joined the family and as Jill often said, "Although we didn't plan it, we went to the dogs!"

Jill and Kevin had a well-respected action photography business. They spent long weekends capturing dog events on camera. Jill was a veterinary technician. She went back to school for another degree and became a licensed canine rehabilitation technician. With a life dedicated to dogs, Jill would often say over her 40 year career she had the best job in the world. Jill shared this knowledge with the lure coursing community.

Jill first became involved in the American Sighthound Field Association lure coursing since the late 1970s. One day, she and Kevin became lost while driving in California. They came upon a sign that said "coursing" and decided to check it out. That was it! Years later, Jill and Kevin were two of six individuals who were the driving force behind the establishment of the Southern Idaho Sighthound Field Association (SISFA). They bought property for the club to hold trials in Emmett, Idaho. Jill promoted lure coursing tirelessly in the West, and became a founding member of the Utah Sighthounds Racing and Coursing Club (USRCC), which is located north of Salt Lake.

Jill regularly drove 14 hours to Colorado to help out with CLCA's Grand Nationals. The Grand National was of particular importance to Jill mostly because of the emphasis on fun. She believed that this community of dog enthusiasts would be best served with some good laughter

and camaraderie. She helped introduce lure coursing to at least two generations of new coursers and was always ready to share her experience and knowledge and to mentor huntmasters and other field committee positions. There have been few that brought as much tolerance and acceptance to all who participated in Lure Coursing events as Jill.

She made as many International Invitationals and specialties as she could work into her schedule. Driving to the West Coast, Midwest, and wherever she had friends, Jill would enter her dogs. In seeking input for this nomination, we have heard many memorable, funny stories from the greater ASFA community. Jill brought the fun. Jill was the ultimate volunteer and went to work from the moment she arrived at these events until the field was cleaned up. She sewed everything from racing blankets to rehabilitation aids and shared her insights with the community. Jill would do anything needed but most of all she put the hounds first.

Every single race, she wished for safety for the hounds.

Jill was the huntmaster of choice. She mentored many of the best around today. She also did the work to become an ASFA judge mostly so she could relieve judges who needed a break and so she could make sure her home club always had a 2nd judge when needed.

Jill was given the Gary Forrester Award by the American Sighthound Field Association in 2014. The purpose of the Gary Forrester Achievement Award is to recognize individuals who emulate Gary's commitment to lure coursing. Jill Bryson's contributions made her eminently worthy of this recognition.

Jill was actively involved with her breed, Irish Wolfhounds. She was a member of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America (IWCA), the Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association (RMIWA), the Irish Wolfhound Association West Coast (IWAWC), and the Northern California Irish Wolfhound Association (NCIWA). Her passion was to see the hounds run. After years of helping others to run their dogs and attempting to finish a FCh on her wolfhounds, Jill's dreams were realized with her wonderful last wolfhound "Woopie", who was not only a champion and group placing wolfhound, but a phenomenal runner, even obtaining an LCM and many important wins all over the country - just dues for someone who spent their whole life with wolfhounds that ran for a while but never finished field titles.

Jill's outgoing personality, infectious good nature, and willingness to help out in any situation made her a welcome addition to a trial and an outstanding ambassador for the sport of lure coursing. We lost Jill this past December. She was truly a unique individual and will be missed.





### *Hall of Fame*

## Judith K Lange

Judith Lange, kennel name “Amun Basenjjs” was a decades-long advocate for the sport of lure coursing, and for ASFA in particular. She respected ASFA’s structure and would remind people that ASFA is “a grass roots, by-the-people type organization”. For 30 years Judy provided guidance and leadership in Region 1. Judy was the one to greet new people, make them feel welcome, and encourage them to be active with their hounds.

For many Pacific Northwest coursing enthusiasts and Basenji owners under the age of 60, Judy was the first person in our sport that they remember meeting. She admired puppies, invited newcomers to club events, encouraged people to help on committees, and worked to keep people involved in the sport. Judy became a mentor and supportive friend to many over the years.

Judy was a member of the Evergreen Basenji Club (EBC). From the 1980s through 2019. She was almost always on the board and was usually an officer. Judy was EBC’s Field Trial Secretary for many years, and coordinated the trials for many years as well. She hardly ever missed an EBC lure trial. She would also field clerk, organize inspection, train huntmasters, or otherwise do whatever needed to be done.

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Judy was a founding member of the Twin Peaks Ibizan Club (TPIC) in the 1990s. She was instrumental in establishing and sustaining their lure coursing program.

Judy was also a member of the Basenji Club of America (BCOA). She served on the BCOA Lure Coursing Committee in the 2000s, where her collaboration and problem solving skills were greatly appreciated.

She was the ASFA Region 1 Director in the early 2000s. Judy was instrumental in developing the Region 1 website (<https://asfaregion1.com>), which is an electronic gem that opened up communication among the Region 1 clubs, and provided a region-wide calendar and a centralized clearinghouse for information, including premium lists. Judy was also instrumental in putting Region 1 on Facebook.

Judy Lange, Amun Basenjis, of Kent Washington, passed away on June 4th, 2019, just days after Evergreen Basenji Club's May ASFA trial, where she had been helping new exhibitors as they fumbled with their slip leads. Judy's sudden passing was a shock to us all.

The Evergreen Basenji Club is honored to nominate Judy to the ASFA Hall of Fame for her contributions to growth, strength, and collaboration within the lure coursing community in the Pacific Northwest over the last 30 years



Judy and Ki-Ju,  
FC Zuri's Ki-Ju At Amun CD BN RAE MC AX OAJ MXP CA  
TKN on May 12, 2019

## Scottish Deerhound



### **LEAH** BIF DC Vale Vue Silver Lea Chartwell MC, SOR, LCM4, VC

Owned by Peter Day & Norma Sellers. Bred by Ellen Bonacarti & Norma Sellers.

Nominated by Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club

**Leah was not a quiet puppy! She was go, go, go from the time she was tiny. She was first out of the litter box. I always knew she'd be a runner and time proved me right. She and Peter clicked from the moment they laid eyes on each other. When she was four months old, she jumped up and knocked his hat off (just as her father "Yeah" had done so many times).**

**Leah won her very first coursing competition - the puppy run at Coastal Courser's Easter trial - and never looked back. She quickly finished her AKC Dual Championship and finished 1994 as the #1 ASFA Deerhound. Among her career highlights: the only Deerhound ever to go BIF at the Grande Prix Challenge Cup, in 1994; BOB at the Scottish Deerhound Club of American Specialty ASFA field trial in 1997; multiple BOB wins at the I.I. and Region 8 Invitational; twice winner of the prestigious 'Pyns' trophy for high-scoring Champion-LCM at the Deerhound Specialty; over 50 lifetime BOB wins.**

**Leah ended her career as the top Deerhound bitch in ASFA history and the first and only bitch LCM 4. She is currently the lifetime #2 ASFA Deerhound. Her enthusiasm coupled with her soundness, speed and consistency kept her at or near the top of the ASFA rankings for seven straight years.**

**Leah and Peter made a great team - and she never stopped knocking off his hat!**





Stoneybrook Brynmair  
Kinealy LCM2, SGRC, SOR

## Irish Wolfhound

# LUCY

Born 20 May 2000.

Bred by *Judith & Lynn Simon, MD.*

Owned by *Karen Frederick &  
Michael Ferris.*



A young Irish Wolfhound, there were plans for Lucy to be sent to a relatively famous Italian breeder of Irish Wolfhounds. But a problem arose - something about a bite - and Lucy's Italian adventure was cancelled. Instead, there was a late-night phone call from Minnesota asking if we were interested in her. She was a pretty Wolfhound with a *minor* underbite and she did well under breeder judges at Specialties. What Lucy excelled at though was lure coursing. She was a year old when she was picked up at a fun match in Maple Plain- Lucy was in the ring and she spotted a napkin blowing across the grass. There was hope! Soon this young hound would be one of those barking fools at trials and always trouble to get to the line.

Lucy entered her first trial on 7 October 2001 and within two months, she earned her ASFA Field Championship. She had taken Best of Breed over 25 IWs (yes. 25!) at the October 2001 Locust Grove Irish Wolfhound event in Edwardsville, IL. She also won Best of Breed at the Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound event in 2002 over 21 IWs. She managed her first LCM in November 2002 and her LCM2 in October 2003. Lucy's last trial was on 21 March 2004 at her home field - SLASH.

Sadly, Lucy was put to sleep on 25 May 2004, five days after her fourth birthday, due to painful chondrosarcoma in her right hip. Nominated by *Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association*



### Lucy's Accomplishments

AKC Registration HM 910448/02  
Canadian ERN 21001940

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>American Sighthound Field Association</b>                                      |                   |
| • Field Championship  | 16 December 2001  |
| • Lure Coursor of Merit   | 9 November 2002   |
| • Lure Coursor of Merit 2   | 19 October 2003   |
| <b>ASFA - Field Advisory News Rankings</b>  |                   |
| • 2001  | #4 (51 Bowens)    |
| • 2002  | #2 (102 Bowens)   |
| • 2003  | #1 (122 Bowens)   |
| <b>CKC Coursing Rankings</b>  |                   |
| • 2002  | #5                |
| • 2003  | #5                |
| <b>ASFA Regional Invitational Best of Breed</b>                                   |                   |
| • Region 4  | 24 November 2001  |
| • Region 5  | 1 November 2003   |
| • Region 7  | 14 December 2003  |
| <b>Special Events &amp; Awards</b>  |                   |
| • 2001 Locust Grove Best of Breed Coursing  | 21 October 2001   |
| • 2002 Winner of the GLIWA Specialty ASFA Trial                                   | 21 April 2002     |
| • 2002 1 <sup>st</sup> Place IWCA National LGRA Race Meet                         | 24 May 2002       |
| • 2002 Best of Breed Canadian Specialty Coursing                                  | 20 September 2002 |
| • 2002 LGRA Nationals Best of Breed   | 31 March 2002     |
| • 2002 NOTRA Nationals Best of Breed  | 13 October 2002   |
| • 2003 LGRA Nationals Best of Breed   | 14 June 2003      |
| • 2003 NOTRA Nationals Best of Breed  | 15 June 2003      |
| <b>National Oval Track Racing Association</b>                                     |                   |
| • Junior Oval Racer Title   | 12 October 2002   |
| • Senior Oval Racer title   | 15 June 2003      |
| <b>National Oval Track Racing Association Annual Rankings in Irish Wolfhounds</b> |                   |
| • 2002  | #1                |
| • 2003  | #2                |
| <b>Large Gazehound Racing Association</b>   |                   |
| • Gazehound Racing Championship   | 24 May 2002       |
| • Supreme Gazehound Racing Championship   | 17 October 2003   |
| <b>Large Gazehound Racing Association Annual Rankings</b>                         |                   |
| • 2002  | #1                |
| • 2003  | #1                |
| <b>National American Coursing Association</b>                                     |                   |
| • 2002 Clea Cup Competition - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                               | 27 November 2002  |
| • 2003 Clea Cup Competition - 4 <sup>th</sup> Place                               | 29 November 2003  |



# GUILTY

## Afghan Hound

BII DC Tamrick Xanadu  
High Treason LCM4,  
SC,GRC,ORC,LCX

Born on Groundhog Day 1998, Guilty was from Rick Brown's well-known "Crimes" litter, that

became a dominant force in Afghan Hound lure coursing during the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Guilty comes from a line of Afghan Hounds that includes the ASFA Lifetime #3 Tamrick's (FC Narcissa Chance of Reign LCM5 "Flash") and #5 (FC Tamrick Shadow Blu Sin'ghen LCM5). Breath-taking to watch, Guilty was fast and agile. He had power and could turn on a dime.

Guilty began to compete in lure coursing soon after his first birthday. On his third weekend out, Guilty surprised everyone by taking BOB at the II, defeating a large entry of Afghan Hounds.

His most spectacular win came in 2001, when Guilty became the first Afghan Hound ever to win Best in II. That same year, Guilty took BOB at the Afghan Hound Club of America (AHCA) National Specialty AKC lure coursing trial. In 2002 Guilty won ASFA Best of Breed at the AHCA National Specialty. In 2003 he was again a Best of Breed Winner at the II.

Guilty finished the year in the Afghan Hound Top Ten 6 times. He was the #1 Afghan Hound in 2002, with 133 hounds competing. He was #1 again in 2003, with 126 Afghan Hounds competing. In 2004, Guilty was #2, and in 2000 he was #3.



Guilty continued to lure course for two more years. He completed his career as an LCM4 and #16 on the ASFA Afghan Hound Lifetime Top Twenty. In addition to his ASFA LCM4, Guilty earned his AKC conformation championship, his AKC lure coursing championship and LCX, his straight line racing championship (GRC) and his oval track racing championship (ORC).

A very sweet dog, Guilty spent his retirement years with Louise Southworth. Nomination by Minnesota Coursing Association





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## *First Silken Windhound FCh*

# MINI

### **Fantasy Farms Musetta's Waltz LCM**

*Born on 25 August 2010.*

*Owned and bred Barb Franklin*

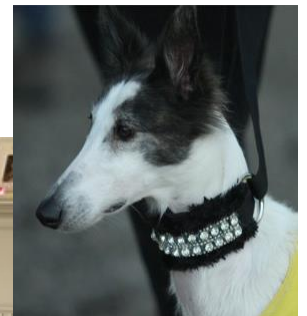
"Mini" Fantasy Farms Musetta's Waltz, was born on August 25, 2010 in Maricopa, AZ. Her dam was my very tenacious lure coursing bitch "Yasu", a half-sister to Mike Leach's "Czar". Little did I know when she was born that Mini would go on to become the first ASFA Silken Windhound Field Champion, or that her littermate "Gilbert" would become the first Silken Windhound Lure Courser of Merit.

From the beginning, Mini loved adventure. She was ferocious at the flirt pole game. And she was a good car rider. With all of that going for her, I thought that she would be a natural for lure coursing. And off we went every month to lure coursing trials in Chino Hills, CA, which is a 6-hour drive from our home.

Mini was a very good runner. She had super focus and follow. She got to compete with her brother Gilbert. That was great competition. Fun to watch. And she won, she was amazing, focused, fast and never wavered off course. She just kept winning, never coming up less than second. And pretty soon she was a FCh. I just knew I was proud of her.

In May of 2012 we traveled to Falcon CO for Mini's first International Invitational, with hopes of taking BOB. On that weekend, Mini came up lame. The vet on site couldn't figure out why she was limping. I had previously lost 2 greyhounds to osteosarcoma, so I was insane with worry that she too had this awful disease. It turned out to be Valley Fever, which is caused by a fungus that lives in the desert soil in the southwestern United States. This was a crushing blow. Eventually she recovered and was even able to lure course again for a couple of years. Her old drive and focus were still there, but she did not the physical strength. She did earn her LCM during that time. Later the disease returned, and she retired from lure coursing forever.

She still loves to chase. She goes to short straight-line racing every month. And she plays with her new best friend – our kitten. Mini was in my wedding.





## *First Silken Windhound LCM*

# GILBERT

ISWS champion, UKC Grand  
Champion Aeracuras Fantasy  
Gilbert, LCM



*Born 25 August 2010. Bred by Barbara Franklin  
Owned by Michelle Smith and Barb Franklin.*



Gilbert's parents were both very active, vocal and athletic Silkens from performance lines. The bitch was Kristull Yasu owned by Barbara Franklin. The sire was my own Scirocco Dakar, an exceptional straight-line racer. There were many

other fine athletes in both racing and lure coursing in both of those lines.

Gilbert has done everything I've asked of him and more. When he was just 8-months old, he went Reserve Winners Dog at our national specialty, competing in a huge entry. He went on to earn multiple conformation championships.

One year at our National Specialty, Gilbert was clearly and vocally very upset in the breed ring because I had someone else hold his lead while I was showing his father. He screamed across the ring at me. Still, when it came to business, he showed his heart out and earned himself an Award of Merit.

Gilbert was wild about lure coursing from the start. And early on I knew that he would be a vocal lure courser. He would scream at the lure all across the field. Gilbert earned his FCh before his second birthday. He earned his LCM before his 4<sup>th</sup>.

Gilbert took Best in Breed in lure coursing at our 2012 National Specialty over a very large entry, and after a rather dramatic breed run-off with his uncle "Czar". Gilbert finished 2012 as the ASFA #1 Silken Windhound by a considerable margin

Gilbert, now a full time couch potato, is still sweet, funny and opinionated. He sired a promising litter and loves rolling in the grass and playing with the 2 of s puppies that live with us.







Photo by Dan Gauss

# First Silken Windhound VFCh & VLCh CZAR

ISWS Ch, UKC Ch, NAKC & IABCA Ch Kristull Jaromir OTRC, SRCX, GRC, ISWS LCM, VLChM2

Born on 4 January 2004. Owned by Mike & Kathy Leach. Bred by Francie Stull.

Jackie Robinson was the first African American to play major league baseball and the first to enter the baseball Hall of Fame. He only hit 137 home runs and stole 197 bases. By comparison Hank Aaron hit 755 home runs and Rickey Henderson stole 1406 bases. But Hank and Rickey would not have had the opportunity to play major league baseball had it not been for Jackie Robinson opening that door.

Czar's place in the history of Silken Windhounds is similar to Jackie Robinson. In the early part of Czar's career there were no opportunities for Silken Windhounds to participate in the traditional sighthound sports. All he could do was to run as a test dog or make practice runs after race meets or field trials.

Czar was just over two years old when we attended a "pre-season" lure coursing practice in NE Ohio. The weather turned cold and by the time it was Czar's turn it was just starting freezing rain. He ran an exceptional course and barked at the lure every time it turned. One of the club members exclaimed that he hoped Silken Windhounds are never accepted into ASFA. Then he explained, "Because if they are accepted my dogs will never win another BIF."

Silken Windhounds became an ASFA Provisional breed in 2012. Czar was 8 years old when he earned his first official ASFA point. He never competed in the ASFA open stake. All of his ASFA points were as a veteran.

Czar's determination, focus, and speed got him and ultimately Silken Windhounds noticed. His performances were instrumental in creating opportunities for the Silken Windhounds that have followed him. As a puppy he was given a name that could have been impossible to live up to. But indeed, he grew into it and became CZAR.



### Accomplishments

- 2018 Best Veteran in Sweepstakes (Regional Spec.)  
Best of Opposite Sex Veteran in Sweepstakes (Nat. Spec.)
- 2015 ASFA Veteran Lure Courser of Merit 2  
Award of Merit (Regional Spec.)  
Bados Memorial Trophy (Conf. & L.C.)  
UKC Champion
- 2014 LGRA Gazehound Racing Champion  
ASFA Veteran Lure Courser of Merit  
Best of Opposite Sex (Regional Spec.)
- 2013 ASFA Veteran Field Champion
- 2012 ISWS Oval Track Racing Championship

- 2012 (cont.) Best of Breed – Lure Coursing (Regional Spec.)  
Best in Specialty Show (Regional Spec.)
- 2011 Best in Specialty Show (Regional Spec.)
- 2010 Best of Breed – Lure Coursing (National Spec.)  
Best of Opposite Sex (Regional Spec.)
- 2007 ISWS Straight Racing Champion Excellent
- 2006 Winner of National Race Meet (National Spec.)  
Best of Winners (National Spec.)  
NAKC/Rarities Championship  
ISWS Straight Racing Championship  
First ISWS Dual Champion  
Top ranked Silken in Rarities Conformation  
Best Jr. Puppy in Breed (Silken Specialty – NJ)

## *Gary Forrester Award*

# Vicki Fagre-Stroetz



We are delighted to honor Vicki Fagre-Stroetz with The 2020 Gary Forrester Achievement Award.

Vicki created the online version of the ASFA Communique in 2018. The purpose was to improve communication throughout the ASFA community. The Communique is interesting, professional looking and informative. It quickly transitioned from a newsletter to a magazine, and is now providing extensive information in the nature of FAN.

When Vicki saw the need for more judges in her region, she decided to get her judges license. As a judge, Vicki is honest and considerate for the safety of all hounds.

Vicki is a member of the Experimental Programs Committee, which has put together the LCI stake for non-sighthounds. The committee is currently working to improve the LCI stake, and is working to develop other experimental ideas for the future of ASFA.

Vicki is Co-President of her home club MCA (Minnesota Coursing Association). She is dedicated to strengthening the club, improving trials, expanding club membership and making MCA's events more interesting and welcoming. She has held positions as the MCA club secretary, Field Trial Secretary, Field Trial Chair, and Co-Chair for the Region V Invitational. She helps wherever she is needed. When Vicki attends the ACoD each year, she shares the experience and information gained with MCA and the local lure coursing community with an eye toward improving the local ASFA scene.

Vicki is known for her dedication to her beautiful Afghan Hounds. She's had 11 Afghan Hounds in the ASFA Top 20 over the past 16 years, some of whom she has bred or co-bred. Her Afghan "Rory" was the #1 ASFA Afghan in 2014. She has also had multiple BIF winners, II BOB winners, AHCA National Specialty lure coursing BOB winners, and an AHCA National Specialty lure coursing BIE winner, as well as a Region V BIE winner. In addition, Vicki's Afghans have also earned championships and other honors in the show ring, AKC lure coursing, NOTRA oval track racing, and LGRA straight line racing.

Vicki is an active member of the Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club and is a driving force to keep Lure Coursing alive in that club.

We are so proud to recognize all the efforts and talents of Vicki.

# Irish Wolfhounds ASFA II Best of Breed

## Saturday

1978

SEAWOLF'S MAKO MC QUEEN C.D.

J. GRILLO

1979 "SHEEVRA"

SEILTCO SHEEVRA OF ROREEN

DR. &amp; MRS. T. M. SEMPLE

1980

LOWELL'S SIR DONNYBROOK

H &amp; S. LOWELL

1981

NONE

1982

LONGMORE KILREE OF BINSRATH F.CH.

I. &amp; D. GARRISS

1983

GRAND TRAVERSE'S RYAN EXPRESS

K. &amp; E. RAJTAR

1984

BARLAND'S SHANNON OF O'NEILL

1985

GAELIC MACFEARSOME O'REILY

D. RILEY

1986

BORLAND'S KATIE OF O'NEILL

M. BORLAND &amp; D. NEILSEN

1987

IMPERIAL SHAMROCK'S IVY

G. &amp; L. SHURTZ

1988

CH. ANGUS MCFINN OF WEYLIN LCM, CD

1989

ST LEGER BEN LOMOND

W.E. GREGORY

1990

NONE

1991

MAEVE'S KELLY OF O'NEILL

1992

MAEVE'S KELLY OF O'NEILL LCM

M. &amp; T. BORLAND

## Sunday

1978

SEAWOLF'S MAKO MC QUEEN C.D.

J. GRILLO

1979 "Sheevra"

Seiltco Sheevra of Roreen

Dr. &amp; Mrs. T. M. Semple

1980

Lowell's Sir Donnybrook

H &amp; S. Lowell

1981

None

1982

Longmore Kilree of Binsrath F.Ch.

I. &amp; D. Garriss

1983

None

1984

Alfred the Great of O'Neill

D. &amp; J. Neilsen

1985

Irish Imperial Dream

L. &amp; L. Morris

1986

Borland's Katie of O'Neill

M. Borland &amp; D. Neilsen

1987

Bluffs Medora Juniper O'Neill

D. Neilsen &amp; M. Borland

1988

None

1989

St Leger Ben Lomond

W.E. Gregory

1990

None

1991

St Leger Zenobia

K. Catov-Goodell/B.Smith

1992

No best of breed was awarded



# Irish Wolfhounds ASFA II Best of Breed

(continued)

**Saturday****Sunday**

1993

SIR MICHAEL PRINCE OF MANOR F.CH.  
J.R. DAVIES

1994

LADY SALLIE WILLOW DEFURST F.CH.  
D & R. PEARSON

1995

SINGING SWORDS DELILAH'S SONG  
M. WILLIAMS

1996

CARRICKANEENA'S GALWAY NELL  
A.R. FLANIGAN

1997

STONEBROOK REILLY'S BAILLIE  
K & S. DYKSTRA

1998 "BAILLIE"

STONEBROOK REILLY'S BAILLIE F.CH  
K. & S. DYKSTRA

1999 "HANNAH"

SUPERSTAR HENNA HANNAH  
D & M. HAMILTON

2000 "BAILLIE"

CH STONEYBROOK REILLY'S BAILLIE LCM3  
K & S. DYKSTRA

2001 "KAMERYN"

STONEBROOK BRYNMAIR KAMERYN GRC  
FERRIS/FREDERICK

2002 "PIPER"

PRAIRIE CREEK MEGKELKEN  
SCHOENENBERGER/J & C. SMALLEY

\*\* 2003 "GEORGIA" BEST IN II \*\*  
BILBERNIE KARONTARA GEORGIA F.CH.  
K. VOLK

2004 "SYMPHONY"

PRAIRIE CREEK SYMPHONY FCH  
C & J. SMALLEY

2005 "THEA"

TPEKS TIODHLAC OF TEMUJIN  
S & K. CHRISTIE

2006 "SYMPHONY"

PRAIRIE CREEK SYMPHONY LCM  
C & J. SMALLEY

2007 "MAYA"

LONNKYLE PEREGRINE BRYNMAIR FCH  
K. FREDERICK

1993

SIR MICHAEL PRINCE OF MANOR F.CH.  
J.R. DAVIES

1994

St. Leger Moonspinner  
Olson/Smith

1995

Singing Swords Delilah's Song  
M. Williams

1996

Carrickaneena's Galway Nell  
A.R. Flanigan

1997

Stoneybrook Reilly's Baillie  
K & S. Dykstra

1998 "Baillie"

Stoneybrook Reilly's Baillie F. CH  
K & S Dykstra

1999 "Clare"

Stoneybrook Brynmair Claire LCM 2, JOR  
Ferris/Federick

2000 "Baillie"

Ch Stoneybrook Reilly's Baillie LCM3  
K & S. Dykstra

2001 "Rosie"

Fitzgerald's Fark Rosalyne  
R. Kelley

2002 "Piper"

Prairie Creek Megkelken  
Schoenberger/J & C. Smalley

\*\*\* 2003 "Georgia" BEST IN II \*\*  
Bilbernie Karontara Georgia F.Ch.  
K.Volk

2004 "Symphony"

Prairie Creek Symphony FCh  
C & J. Smalley

2005 "Griselde"

FC Griselde Aerie of Eagle, SC  
C. Oesch

2006 "Symphony"

Prairie Creek Symphony LCM  
C & J. Smalley

2007 "Maya"

Lonnkyle Peregrine Brynmair FCh  
K. Frederick

# Irish Wolfhounds ASFA II Best of Breed

## Saturday

## Sunday *(continued)*

| 2008 "DOTTIE"<br>STONEBROOK PERIDOT<br>M. FERRIS/J. SIMON                           | 2008 "DOTTIE"<br>STONEBROOK PERIDOT<br>M. FERRIS/ J. SIMON                          |
|---|---|
| 2009<br>NONE  | 2009 "Kid"<br>Winterdream Maxim FCh<br>M. Martens                                   |
| 2010<br>NONE  | 2010<br>None?- Check  |
| 2011<br>NONE  | 2011<br>None  |
| 2012 "MARIGOLD"<br>DC TRALEN'S MERRY GOLD PURL FCH,GRC,SC<br>T.& L.LUTY             | 2012 "Marigold"<br>DC Tralen's Merry Gold Purl FCh,GRC,SC<br>T.& L.Luty             |
| 2013<br>NO BEST OF BREED  | 2013<br>None  |
| 2014<br>NONE  | 2014<br>None  |
| 2015<br>NONE  | 2015<br>None  |
| 2016 "MEARA"<br>FRANJO MEARA MEAR OF RIVER BEND FCH<br>M.& W.PERRY/M.& L.WALKER     | 2016 "Meara"<br>Franjo Meara Mear Of River Bend FCh<br>M.& W.Perry/M.& L.Walker     |
| 2017<br>NONE  | 2017<br>None  |
| 2018 "PUNKIN"<br>PRAIRIE CREEK PRETTY PRICILLA FCH<br>C.SMALLEY/M.WOLFE/J.MATTSON   | 2018 "Punkin"<br>Prairie Creek Pretty Pricilla FCh<br>C.Smallley/M.Wolfe/J.Mattson  |
| 2019 "KEVIN"<br>FC TAILSTORM KEVIN BARRY, SC, RN<br>F.ABRAMS, M.E.SHRIVER, R.FENTON | 2019 "Kevin"<br>FC Tailstorm Kevin Barry, SC, RN<br>F.Abrams, M.E.Shriver, R.Fenton |

## GEORGIA

In 2003, "Georgia" became the first, and today she remains the only, IW to win Best in International Invitational (BII)

Bilbernie Karontara Georgia F.Ch.  
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# Lifetime Top 20

## Irish Wolfhounds

|    | Irish Wolfhound<br>Total Competing: 1053   | Dogs<br>Defeated | BOB<br>Wins | BIF<br>Earned |
|----|--|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1  | "Clare" Stoneybrook Brynmair Clare VFCh, LCM 6, CD, ORC, GRC, NA, Ferris/Frederick | 636              | 112         | 0             |
| 2  | "Baillie" DC Stoneybrook Reilly's Baillie LCM 4, K. & S. Dykstra                   | 464              | 82          | 1             |
| 3  | "Eleanor" Padraic Brie Eleanor LCM 3, M. Dentino                                   | 421              | 45          | 2             |
| 4  | "Kerrie" Fere-Gael Kerrie McMichael LCM 3, CD, K. Sanchez                          | 290              | 40          | 1             |
| 5  | "Lucy" Stoneybrook Brynmair Kinealy LCM 2, SGRC, JOR, SOR, Ferris/Frederick        | 284              | 41          | 0             |
| 6  | "Bayreen" Ch Kellcastle Sumpin' Sweet LCM 2, Burchett/Spalding-Prill               | 263              | 43          | 3             |
| 7  | "Asilinn" Ch Stoneybrook Asilinn O'Reilly LCM 2, NACC, Dykstra/Simon               | 260              | 16          | 0             |
| 8  | "Kelly" Maeve's Kelly Of O'Neill LCM 2, M. & T. Borland                            | 258              | 29          | 3             |
| 8  | "Marrah" St Leger By Candlelight LCM 2, K. Catov-Goodell                           | 258              | 14          | 0             |
| 10 | "Merrygold" DC Tralen's Merry Gold Purl LCM2, GRC, SC, T. & L. Luty                | 251              | 81          | 0             |
| 11 | Prairie Creek Kara Hope LCM 2, Schoenenberger/Smalley                              | 232              | 16          | 0             |
| 12 | "Finnegan" Stoneybrook Finn's Mischief LCM 2, CD, JOR, Ferris/Frederick            | 219              | 46          | 0             |
| 12 | Major Acres Jaunteegh LCM, J. Christie/D. Rasmusson                                | 219              | 38          | 1             |
| 14 | "Kameryn" Stoneybrook Brynmair Kameryn LCM 2, SGRC, JOR, CGC, Ferris/Frederick     | 200              | 17          | 0             |
| 14 | "Juniper" Ch Bluff's Medora Juniper O'Neill LCM, CD, M. Borland/D. Neilsen         | 200              | 10          | 2             |
| 16 | "Katie" Borland's Katie of O'Neill LCM, M. Borland/D. Neilsen                      | 197              | 9           | 0             |
| 17 | DC Lochbay Mantrim LCM, M. L. Martens  | 196              | 17          | 0             |
| 18 | "Brenna" Ch Borland's Brenna of O'Neill LCM, M. Borland/D. Neilsen                 | 194              | 10          | 1             |
| 19 | "Noor" Rockhart Noor LCM, VFCh, SGRC, SC, S. & T. Hood                             | 192              | 30          | 1             |
| 20 | Ch Longmore Kilree of Binsrath LCM, I. & D. Garriss                                | 187              | 48          | 0             |
| 20 | "Solo" St Leger Solo Flight LCM, Olson/Smith                                       | 187              | 14          | 0             |





# The Top 10 Lifetime Irish Wolfhounds



Upper Row: #1 "Clare"

Middle Row: #2 Baillie"

Lower Row: #3 "Eleanor"





# The Top 10 Lifetime Irish Wolfhounds



Upper Left: #4 "Kerrie"  
Upper Right: #5 "Lucy"  
Center Left Row: #6 Bayreen"  
Lower Row: #7 "Asilinn"





# The Top 10 Lifetime Irish Wolfhounds



Upper Row: #8 (tie) Kelly  
Center Left: #8 (tie) Marrah  
Lower Row: #10 Merrygold





# Hall of Fame

## Irish Wolfhounds

| Year Inducted |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1998          | "Joshua" First Field Champion and First Dual Champion- Ch. Just Plain Joshua Murphy FCh<br>D Keplinger |
| 1998          | "Dana" First Lure Courser of Merit- Lowell's Sir Donnybrook LCM<br>H & S Lowell                        |
| 2003          | "Kerrie" Fere-Gael Kerrie McMichael LCM 3,CD<br>K.Sanchez  |
| 2009          | "Baillie" DC Stoneybrook Reilly's Baillie LCM 4<br>K.& S.Dykstra                                       |
| 2010          | "Clare" Stoneybrook Brynmair Clare VFCh,LCM 6,CD,ORC,GRC,NA<br>Ferris/Frederick                        |
| 2016          | "Eleanor" Padraic Brie Eleanor LCM 3<br>M.Dentino  |
| 2018          | "Bayreen" CH Kellcastle's Sumpin' Sweet, CGC, LCM 2<br>Terry & Robin Burchett                          |
| 2019          | "Lucy" Stoneybrook Brynmair Kinealy LCM 2,SGRC,JOR,SOR<br>Ferris/Frederick                             |



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# MICHAEL HUSSEY



*Michael with Justice*

*Debra Ruud: First tell us a little about yourself: where were you born; what is your occupation; besides dogs, what are your other interests and hobbies?*

**Michael Hussey:** I was born in Houston, Texas, but more or less grew up in Iowa, where I went to school from 2nd grade through college. I've spent most of my adult life in Colorado and still consider myself a Coloradan, although I have now "temporarily" lived in California for about 5 years. (laughter)

*Debra Ruud: And what is your occupation?*

**Michael Hussey:** My occupation has split personalities: I'm a registered landscape architect, which was my major in college, but I've also done a lot of land development

planning, and the firm I'm with now does environmental studies.

*Debra Ruud: Do you have any hobbies other than dogs, or is that pretty much time consuming enough?*

**Michael Hussey:** That's pretty time consuming. I do enjoy sports; I play softball and basketball, but the dogs take up a lot of time and that's really my main interest.

*Debra Ruud: How did you come up with your kennel name?*

**Michael Hussey:** I went through a lot of books on Irish mythology and history and came up with a list of names that I thought other people haven't already used. I

originally came up with Dunraven, but was informed that another breeder was using it. Fortunately, I found out before I'd used that prefix. I went back to the drawing board and came up with Dinnree. Dinnree was the main residence for some of the Irish Kings.

*Debra Ruud: It would be good to note now that you have an Irish kennel name because you have Irish Wolfhounds.*

**Michael Hussey:** Yes, since 1971. I presently have four, one 10-1/2 years old, one 7-1/2 years, one 4-1/2 years, and one just over one year.

*Debra Ruud: How long have you participated in lure coursing? How did you first become interested in it?*

**Michael Hussey:** It's all a little foggy now. It was so long ago, it's hard to remember (laughter). I've participated since 1973. Bob and Marty Turner (Marty Van Loan now), moved to Colorado from California and brought the sport with them. They got together with some friends, mainly some other Irish Wolfhound people, and created an interest in the sport in Colorado. This group was responsible for founding the Colorado Lure Coursing Association, of which I'm one of the Charter Members. It's been sort of downhill from there.

*Debra Ruud: So, you were in on the ground floor?*

**Michael Hussey:** As far as the sport outside California, yes.

*Debra Ruud: How many hounds have you titled over the years?*

**Michael Hussey:** I've had three that I bred and owned: Ballyshannon St. Padraig (Patrick), Dinnree Guinness, and Dinnree Harp. I have bred others, and co-owned some others, mainly with Jude York. Those are the only three, home-bred field champions, but they were very good lure coursing IWs. Patrick was the #1 IW in 1977, who also won BOB at the 1977 Grand National. Harp and Guinness were numbers 2 and 3 respectively in 1988. Guinness took a BIF at the 1988 Region 3 Invitational, and Harp took BOB at the 1988 Grand National.

*Debra Ruud: We've already mentioned that you have Irish Wolfhounds. What other sighthound breeds do you own? Do you have any others that you run?*

**Michael Hussey:** My wife, BJ, had a Borzoi, Alecia, that I bought her about 13 years ago as a birthday present. We lost her this past year. She was the only other sighthound.

*Debra Ruud: Do you have any non-sighthound breeds?*

**Michael Hussey:** Yes, we recently "rescued" a Golden Retriever/German Shepherd puppy. She adopted my juvenile IW, Raven, as her mentor. Bad choice!

*Debra Ruud: In which different areas of the country or the world have you participated in lure coursing? Have you done a lot of travelling to compete with your hounds?*

**Michael Hussey:** I haven't done a lot of travelling to compete. When I lived in Colorado, I competed mostly in Colorado and went down to New Mexico occasionally. Since the move to California, we've competed in California and made a few trips to Arizona. As far as travelling with the dogs for competition, that's it.



*Michael releasing Guinness (yellow) & Harp at a fun run.*

*Debra Ruud: Out here in the west we have big territories to cover to get to lure courses. It's kind of hard to do a lot of travelling, isn't it?*

**Michael Hussey:** Yes. Travelling 350 miles one way for a trial is not unusual.

*Debra Ruud: In what ways, past or present, have you been actively involved in the sport of lure coursing? If you are a judge, please describe your system and methods of evaluation. If you are a lure operator, please give other lure operators some hints. If you excel in paperwork describe your system, etc. What are your club affiliations and how*



*actively are you involved in them? What do you do to promote the sport of lure coursing?*

**Michael Hussey:** The only positions I can't remember ever having held, but I may have in earlier years, is field clerk and field trial secretary. I have been field chairman, huntmaster, lure operator and judge. I think huntmaster is one position on the field committee that really doesn't get the appreciation or attention that it should. I don't think that a lot of people really understand how important that position can, or should, be. As a result, clubs usually assign huntmaster to somebody who is just getting involved in the sport and they really don't give them the information they need to know. I would like to see clubs put a little more emphasis on it.

*Debra Ruud: It's important for a huntmaster to know that they can stop the lure if they see something go wrong or if they feel that there is a dog in danger- that they do have the authority to stop the course.*

**Michael Hussey:** Not only the authority, but the responsibility. There are three positions that have that authority/responsibility: the judge, the huntmaster, and the lure operator. Judges and lure operators certainly do it, but very rarely have I seen a huntmaster stop the course. Another thing the huntmaster can do, but doesn't very often, is serve as a personal contact between the club and the handlers. The huntmaster has the opportunity to have some discussion with the handlers at the line. It's an opportunity to express appreciation, on the club's behalf, for them being there, wishing them luck and just making them feel welcome. Sometimes this is done at the more major trials, such as the Regional Invitationals, the I.I., or the Grand National held in Colorado. But, even at these events, it is not done enough.

On lure operation: I think I probably enjoy lure operation more than anything else, but don't get to do it as often as I'd like because I'm usually judging, chairing, etc. As lure operator, you have the opportunity to control the course and get the best out of the hounds. I get a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction from that. You can also ruin the course and cause injuries to the hounds. The position involves a lot of responsibility. There has been a lot written on lure operation and a lot of people have expressed their opinions. There are 3 basic "rules" I try to follow: Don't get the lure so far in front of the dogs that they get discouraged or lose the lure; don't favor cutting dogs; and don't lead the dogs into sharp corners, lead them through

sharp corners. I don't know that I really have any particular secrets to add to that.

*Debra Ruud: I notice that the AKC's judging requirements require that a person do some of the field jobs, as well as lure operating, before they are qualified to become a judge. To me, that seems like putting the cart before the horse. I would think that a person should have the experience of watching a lot of dogs of different breeds run to see their different running styles before they operate the lure. It seems backwards. What do you think?*

**Michael Hussey:** I think you have a valid point. An individual needs to have some experience regarding the different styles of each breed. I think a judge also has to have that experience. And maybe that's one advantage the position of huntmaster has over other field positions. The huntmasters are on the field, have the opportunity to watch the dogs, and are more closely involved with the actual running. I don't think either judges or lure operators ought to start until they have some idea and a basic understanding of how to do it.

*Debra Ruud: After the second time I apprentice judged, I didn't even count the first time, because I felt that I learned so much more, starting from the second time, that it was only then that I felt I knew enough of what I was doing for it to count toward my license.*

**Michael Hussey:** There is one thing I feel quite strongly about and wish more judges would do. I think more are doing it today than did just a few years ago. If a dog does not complete a course, if it just runs part of the course and quits on its own, not because of poor lure operation or some distraction, that dog should not get a qualifying score. I believe a dog that quits simply doesn't deserve to receive points toward a field title. If more judges would do that it would give more value and meaning to the title.

*Debra Ruud: Do you show your hounds in conformation? What other areas of dog activities and training are you involved or interested in? How many titles have your hounds earned in these other areas?*

**Michael Hussey:** I've shown in conformation, off and on, since 1973. I got involved in conformation shortly before I got involved in lure coursing. I enjoy it. It is always interesting to get out and meet other people, listen to their opinions, and see their dogs. I think that's one of the best ways to learn about the breed. I haven't really

competed in obedience. I did have one dog who I took through a beginning obedience course. It was fun. I enjoyed it, but I just really don't have the time, and probably don't have the patience- especially with lws. (laughter)

*Debra Ruud: Describe the living conditions of your hounds. Are they indoor/outdoor? Do you have a fenced acreage?*

**Michael Hussey:** I have a little over two acres fenced with 6' chain link so the dogs have free run of the land. It's sort of a lazy man's way out. They can exercise themselves. I don't have to worry about jogging or bicycling with them. I used to do that for a period of time when I lived in Denver and didn't have acreage. I was close enough that I could take the dogs out on weekends or when I had a little bit of time in the summer, I could take them out after work. It was fun. I sort of miss that. I enjoy being with the dogs and the interaction. The dogs are probably in the house more than they are out of doors. They do stay in at night. That is done for two reasons: one is because I don't have to worry about anyone molesting them, should they be so foolhardy (laughter), and the other comes back to spending time with them. It's easier for me when they are in the house.

*Debra Ruud: Yes. I like having mine in with me. Not ALL of them at once though. (laughter)*

*Debra Ruud: What do you think makes a good running dog? Do you think conformation plays a large part? Are you a "form follows function" believer?*

**Michael Hussey:** To some people this may be heresy, but form has very little to do with success of a lure coursing dog. Again, my particular interest is in Irish Wolfhounds, and perhaps it's a little more evident there because they are so large and it's a little easier to see faults, but it's true of all breeds. I have seen some dogs that have terrible conformation but had the heart or the desire to run who have been much better lure coursing dogs than those much closer to the ideal conformation. I do think that conformation is very important, and I think that lure coursing is a good test for conformation and proper function. You can see a lot that you can't see in the show ring. If you have a dog that has good conformation and a dog that does not have good conformation, and they have an equal amount of desire, the dog with good conformation will be the better courser. If their movement is much more effortless, they don't have to expend as much energy, and therefore they can run greater distances with greater speed.

*Debra Ruud: Have you ever bred a litter, or do you consider yourself a breeder? Have you bred dogs specifically to perform certain functions, such as coursing, showing or obedience?*

**Michael Hussey:** I've done very limited breeding. In the 20 some odd years that I have had Irish Wolfhounds, I've only bred 6 litters. The last one was a little over a year ago. I do consider myself a breeder and I have some very firm ideas of for what one should breed. I think that anyone who does breed had better have a firm idea of what they are after. I don't particularly breed for lure coursing, although I do breed for an IW that would be capable of performing the functions for which it was originally intended- coursing, that is, running down and dispatching large game. I breed to the standard, so I guess you could say I breed for conformation. I do hope that I produce some good lure coursing dogs, but again that comes down to more of the dog's desire. It's sort of an added bonus if you get it. I am a bit concerned, especially with Irish Wolfhounds, about that desire being bred out of the breed. They are a sighthound and it should be part of their character and personality.

*Debra Ruud: I agree. I want to breed for dogs with type who can move and, hopefully, do what they were bred to do. Like you said, that desire would be good for them to have. A lot of them don't run a lure, but I have never met an Irish Wolfhound that wouldn't chase something alive. Whether they chase a plastic bunny or not, every one that I have ever had would chase something living.*

**Michael Hussey:** I am thinking back to the dogs that I have had. I think you are right; I haven't had any that wouldn't chase something live. But even there, some do it with much more intensity. I've had some that would chase live game with great intensity that would not lure course at all, or would go out 50 yards and quit. That can be real frustrating. I had one dog in particular that, of the dogs that I have bred, probably came as close to my ideal of the standard as any other. I would take him out for runs and every once in a while, he would pick up a rabbit, or coyote, or deer and he was pure joy to watch. He was one of those that would run about 50 yards at a lure course and stop and say "Well, that was real fun" and not run again for the rest of the day.

*Debra Ruud: I met a man at a lure trial who was out looking for a stud dog for his brood bitch so he could breed "coursing Wolfhounds." Do you think there is a possibility*

*of a danger of people breeding specifically for coursing and forgetting that there is a conformational side of Iws?*

**Michael Hussey:** Yes, I do. I have also had a personal experience along that line. This particular incident goes back some, to Patrick. I remember getting a call from a lady who knew that he was the #1 ASFA IW in 1977 and that was the only thing she knew about him. She wanted to breed her bitch to him. She had no idea what his background was, no idea what he looked like, had never seen the dog, but wanted to breed to him because he was the #1 lure coursing IW. That type of breeding priority does concern me. Particularly, it concerns me with Irish Wolfhounds. The nature of the sport of lure coursing does not favor the larger dogs, it favors the smaller, lighter, sub-standard Irish Wolfhound. To get on a soap box here for a little bit, a lot of people know my feelings on this subject and know that I feel very strongly about it. I was very upset when ASFA did away with Irish Wolfhound breed disqualifications. I hope someday they will be reinstated...before I die.

*Debra Ruud: Going out on a limb myself, do you think that if the national parent club had taken more interest in lure coursing at the time, they might have been able to stop ASFA from changing that?*

**Michael Hussey:** It certainly wouldn't have hurt. I don't know if they would have been able to stop it or not. There's no way really to determine that. When the disqualification was voted down, I had some conversations with various people at that convention and some said "Well, yes, if the IWCA was an ASFA affiliate, or more involved in the sport, their wishes and desires would have held more weight." IWCA did support maintaining the breed disqualification- always has and still does. I also spoke with some people who stated that if the parent club felt the breed disqualifications should be enforced, they ought to change the standard and/or get the AKC to enforce the breed disqualification in the ring. As an individual, I would like to see that, but I do understand why the parent club would be hesitant to do anything with the standard. It could be like opening Pandora's box. There are people in the IW fancy who want to see a number of changes in the IW standard. I don't. I think the standard is just fine the way it is, I just wish that the breed disqualification could be enforced. It may not be practical to do in the show ring; it is practical to do in lure coursing, and was successfully done.

*Debra Ruud: What methods of training do you use for lure coursing? Do you start your hounds when they are puppies?*

**Michael Hussey:** I start playing with them once the puppies are bouncing around and playing with one another. I get out the old fishing rod and line and tie a white plastic bag on the end and just make a game of it. It sort of perks up their interest and develops an interaction between me and the dogs. It gets the dogs thinking it's a game. It's a lot of fun to do. I think you can also begin to tell which ones are actually going to be lure coursers. There are some that will very obviously be going after the lure and exhibit a great deal of enthusiasm, and there will be others that will be bouncing around with their littermates and chasing it because the others are and it's fun to run around. I continue using the fishing rod and line right up to the time that they are old enough to start coursing.

*Debra Ruud: What age do you think an IW should start competing or doing any serious practice?*

**Michael Hussey:** This is just personal opinion, but it's something I feel quite strongly about. I do not think that an IW ought to start competition until they are at least 18 months old. The IW is a breed that goes through a lot of growth, and is still doing so between the ages of 1 year and 18 months. I'm even beginning to think that maybe 18 months is too soon for some individuals- the really large ones.

*Debra Ruud: I think that for a large male 18 months is too soon. Maybe a smallish or average size bitch might be able to handle it, certainly better than a large male.*

**Michael Hussey:** It's sort of a case by case, individual situation. But at any rate, I do feel very strongly about not starting before 18 months. I know a lot of people do it and don't have any problems with their dogs, but I also know of some that have had problems. To me, it just isn't worth the risk. I know it's hard to wait, but if somebody can't wait another 6 months and take the safety and welfare of their hound into consideration, maybe they should not be involved in the sport, or the breed, in the first place.

*Debra Ruud: Do you keep your hounds in the same physical condition all year round, or do you have a special conditioning program for times when you are more actively*



*coursing? And how do you, with a dog with the endurance and strength of an IW, keep them in running shape?*

**Michael Hussey:** This is another issue that I feel pretty strongly about. I believe that you can keep an IW in good health with a moderate degree of exercise. I don't think you can keep an IW in condition to lure course well without giving it a lot of exercise. The best situation I've ever had was when I lived in Colorado and had 5 acres, about half of which was fenced in with field fence. I had two littermates who ran together all the time and I also took them out once or twice a week to free run. That's when I had Patrick. Quite frankly, I don't think I've ever felt an IW that was as hard as he was. The dog never walked anywhere; he always went at a gait. I don't have any running right now, unfortunately. Even though I have the 2 acres fenced in, I only have one young IW, and that's not enough to generate the sort of play that would keep it in really top running condition. I would have to get the dog out and do a lot more exercise than it gets on its own. I think that lack of adequate exercise is a problem, with a lot of Iws in particular, and some of the other large breeds like Borzoi, Scottish Deerhounds and even some Afghans. They are all larger dogs and they need a little more exercise, and it takes a little more room and effort to get them that exercise. To get back to Irish Wolfhounds, I have seen a lot of Iws who have exhibited a willingness, if not a desire, to run who will quit after half the course. Basically, I think it's because they don't have the stamina to continue. It would be interesting to put that theory to the test sometime—take a dog who has shown that attitude and really work with it. Play with the fishing rod and line. Take it out hiking or jogging. It's fun for the dog to be with you; it's fun to be involved in that exercise. Would the increased concept of play and stamina improve its desire to lure course? I believe it would.

*Debra Ruud: What type of foods and supplements do you use on a daily basis? Do you change this when you are competing? Do you use energy source supplements before/during/after competitions?*

**Michael Hussey:** I feed the dogs twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening. In the morning I feed Hi Pro, moistened, and some wheat germ oil. That is usually the only supplement I give the dogs. In the evening I again give some Hi Pro and a split can of meat between all the dogs. Sometimes they'll get yogurt or cottage cheese— as a little extra treat. Several years ago, I did supplement a litter of puppies with calcium. I'll never do that again. We

had some problems. I just simply do not supplement anymore, and the dogs do fine. My oldest at home is over ten years old.

*Debra Ruud: On days that you take them coursing, do you give them carbo-boosters or Nutrical or anything like that for energy?*

**Michael Hussey:** The only thing I've ever done along that line, and I've never noticed that it made any difference, starting a day or two before a trial, especially on a long weekend, I give them pasta for some additional carbohydrates. I suspect it didn't work. (laughter) I am concerned that "energy boosters" etc., if they work, could result in a dog pushing itself beyond its physical capabilities, resulting in injury or harmful physical stress—which may not be readily detectable until it's too late.



*Michael and Patrick*

*Debra Ruud: What past experiences have helped you form your ideas about lure coursing, etc.? Have any particular people or clubs been an inspiration to you?*

**Michael Hussey:** I don't know if I could really point to any one instance or individual that has profoundly influenced me. It has been an accumulation of a lot of experiences. There was one club that has influenced me, actually the cumulative effects of the members of that club. That would be the Colorado Lure Coursing Association...that

group of individuals, especially through the early years. Obviously, living in California now, I am not as close to the club and its activities as I used to be, or the members, but it was, I think, a really unique group of people. They set the foundation for what is still a unique situation for what is still a unique situation where all the clubs in the area work together. The club members work together, be it CLCA or the individual breed clubs. That's probably due to the fact that CLCA started lure coursing in Colorado and just pulled everyone together. All the lure equipment in Colorado used for trials is owned by the CLCA and is maintained by CLCA. The clubs rent it. As a result, the equipment is always well maintained, they have a lot of equipment, and back-up equipment, that a new club or one club probably could not afford. Also, several people in that club really pushed some innovations in the sport as much as anyone else in the country. They probably are responsible, through the Grand National, for getting lure coursing out of the school grounds and onto the field. The Grand National exposed a lot of people to the full potential of the sport. I'm sure somebody out there will argue with me on that. I do think that club and its membership have had an influence on the sport. I know they have on me.

*Debra Ruud: If there any breed-specific problems connected with lure coursing and your particular breed, do you have any suggestions or ideas to pass on for other participants in that breed? For instance: grooming, taping, temperament problems, etc.?*

**Michael Hussey:** That's one nice thing about Irish Wolfhounds, except for the occasional "wooly," you don't have to groom them, especially for lure coursing. Taping-again, no. I think temperament is one of the great things about the breed. It's very rare that we run into an individual animal who has a temperament problem. I think we touched on the problems of the breed in this sport earlier. But I would re-emphasize one point: if you are going to have an IW, and you are really serious about allowing the animal to do its best, it takes extra effort to get it into condition. One problem with the sport of lure coursing, as it relates to Irish Wolfhounds and the other large sighthound breeds, is the physical mechanics. Lure coursing doesn't really simulate the type of coursing for which the IW was originally bred. It simulates a rabbit, which is much smaller than a wolf or the Irish Elk or any of the larger game the IW was intended to hunt. I think that's one thing people need to bear in mind- owners, judges, and lure operators.

*Debra Ruud: What changes have taken place, since you have been involved, that are the most beneficial to the sport? What do you think is a detriment to the sport? What changes would you like to see take place in the future? Do you want to take these one at a time?*

**Michael Hussey:** Yes.

*Debra Ruud: O.K. What changes have been beneficial to the sport?*

**Michael Hussey:** I think one of the most beneficial was also one of the earliest. When ASFA first started, the breeds were run together in mixed stakes. I think changing that to breed stakes was probably one of the most significant, and one of the best, changes. I still enjoy watching the Best in Field runs, at least every once in a while, to see how different breeds do against each other. Sometimes it seems the dogs run better against other breeds than they do their own breed- more enthusiastically. I still think that was one of the more significant and one of the better changes.

One of the other changes, a little more recent, maybe not quite as significant, was increasing the minimum distance of the courses. I think it is certainly more difficult to judge a short course. The hounds don't have a chance to show very much, and if one should make a mistake, such as to overrun a corner or something like that, it doesn't have the chance to redeem itself, and the other hounds don't have the opportunity to make errors further on.

There have been, obviously, a lot of changes through the years. Most of them have been little bits and pieces here and there. They have improved the sport, but I don't believe they have significantly changed it. The addition of Regional Directors as members of the Board was an important change and a significant improvement. The way the system is set up right now is similar to the way the country is run, for better or for worse- the officers are elected by a total popular vote of the whole country, and the Regional Directors are representative of different districts of the country so that you get regional representation, as well as the whole populace. Regional Directors also act a liaison between ASFA, the organization, and the fancy within their region. I think the Regional Directors do a good job of that. Obviously, it sometimes doesn't quite work that well. I think that was a significant change from the way ASFA was originally set up, and has been an improvement for the sport by getting

more people involved and providing better representation.

*Debra Ruud: What do you think has been a detriment to the sport?*

**Michael Hussey:** Doing away with the IW breed disqualification. (laughter)

*Debra Ruud: Yes. Didn't there used to be a rule that you couldn't have corners less than 90 degrees for the safety of the hounds?*

**Michael Hussey:** Yes. There was also a rule that if you did have such a corner that you had to have at least 30 yards on either side of the corner. I don't have a problem with a sharp turn or a sharp corner, as long as you have enough distance on either side for the dogs to recover. They can handle acute turns. I don't think 30 yards is enough distance for the dogs to recover. Some clubs have consistently had at least one sharp turn in their courses, the dogs have been used to that and they make some pretty nice turns. It is tricky. You have to have a good lure operator.

*Debra Ruud: What changes would you like to see in the future?*

**Michael Hussey:** I'd like to see the IW breed disqualification reinstated. (laughter) I suppose some may think I'm beating a dead horse, but I feel really strongly about it. I know that to a lot of people it doesn't make much difference one way or the other, as far as the sport goes. But as far as the breed goes...? That is a far different question, with a far different answer. Again, the sport encourages the breeding of sub-standard Iws. Why perpetuate that?

What do I think should be done in the future to improve the sport? One thing, and I think there is a rules change proposal that will be in consideration this year at the ACOD (1994), is for ASFA to adopt some sort of qualification stake similar to what AKC has- require the dogs to prove they will, in fact, course before they can be entered in point competition. I think that would be a very good improvement, and probably one of the most significant ones, if it does happen. (Editor's note: This interview was taped before the '94 ACOD.)

Another lesser change I would like to see is the minimum distance for courses increased just a bit more. I think a

500-yard course is a very short course and certainly doesn't test endurance. Or at least it shouldn't. If you have a dog that can't run 500 yards, it shouldn't be out there. I think a 600 yard minimum would be a much better distance. It would allow dogs to show much more, and the judges do a better job. I still enjoy the long courses more, as a general rule. Some of the biggest thrills I've had in the sport of lure coursing have been at the Grand National in the Best in Field runs, where the total distances have approached a mile and the minimum distance is  $\frac{3}{4}$  or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a mile. To watch the dogs do that, especially after three full days of coursing, just sort of takes your breath away. Those are impressions that I still remember very clearly. They are inspiring. They are what has kept me active in lure coursing, for these many years.

*Debra Ruud: I like to see longer courses myself, especially having an endurance dog like a Wolfhound. Now that you have been Field Representative awhile, how do you feel that program is working out?*

**Michael Hussey:** I see some good potential for it. When I first became involved in it, I thought it was a worthwhile experiment, but I had some reservations, quite frankly, about whether or not it would be worthwhile. I think that it has been. I think it can do much more for the sport than it has up to this time. It's an effort that will simply take time to see some results. I don't know that there are ever going to be any great, dramatic results. It'll be more of an ongoing, little bit here, little bit there, type of thing. I certainly have enjoyed being a field rep. It's been educational for me and I hope that some of that gets passed on to the fancy- that they find the program worthwhile.

*Debra Ruud: As a lure coursing judge for many years, do you feel that the latest changes in judging requirements are sufficient to ensure that judges know what they are doing when they go out there?*

**Michael Hussey:** Well, there may be a difference between knowing what to do and being able to do it. I do believe there is some degree of talent, or art, or whatever, involved in being a good judge, and through no fault of the individual, some people just don't seem to get the hang of it. The way the program is set up now? No, I don't have any problem with it, and I don't have any idea on how it can be improved. I think it basically functions quite well. The ultimate solution to an individual that doesn't have the skill or knowledge to judge is for the clubs not to ask them



to judge. People can complain about it, but if they complain and continue to invite the person to judge, they have no one to blame but themselves.

*Debra Ruud: Is there any particular advice that you would like to give the readers? Or just anything you'd like to add in conclusion?*

**Michael Hussey:** A concluding comment? I do get concerned sometimes that some people tend to take the sport a little too seriously, to the point where I'm not really sure they enjoy it. They are so concerned with getting points, or beating this dog or that dog, and/or being #1 in the country. Sometimes they do it to the detriment of the dog. They push the dog beyond the point it should be pushed. I hope they bear in mind that this is a sport to be enjoyed by both their animal and themselves, for the pure pleasure of running and watching them run. Let it go at that. Have fun.

Going back to the question of travelling to trials. I said that I never have really travelled out of the area that I live in, and I haven't. However, there are exceptions I would make. For a breed specialty, the IWCA, now as affiliate of ASFA, if I had a dog running, that would be an event I might travel for. ASFA Regional and the II are other events that I

would travel for. It's fun and exciting when you have a large entry in which to run your dog.

*Debra Ruud: Irish Wolfhounds, fortunately, are being coursed more and more now.*

**Michael Hussey:** I think nationally that's probably true. When I lived in Colorado, we were blessed to have lot of IW owners who were pretty heavily involved in lure coursing and, as a result, through the years there have been pretty good entries there. I see that starting to spread a little bit more in other areas of the country and I encourage it.

*Debra Ruud: Thank you for your time and for sharing your knowledge and experience.*

*Debra Ruud: Interviewer's Note: It was a lot of fun conducting this interview. I learned a lot about a person I thought I already knew quite a bit about. I encourage you to take the time to sit and interview someone you have known for a while and see what pleasant surprises you did up. Thank you, Michael, and Debra. - FAN Editor*



*Michael and Harp*

# *The Irish Wolfhound in Lure Coursing*

by MICHAEL K. HUSSEY

## BREED HISTORY

As with many of the ASFA recognized sighthounds, the Irish Wolfhound is an ancient breed. Its origins are lost in the mists of Celtic history. There are illustrations found in Greece and Cyprus, which show the huge hounds of the Celts. These illustrations date back to 1400 and 1000 B.C. The Celts arrived in Ireland between 2500 B.C. and 1500 B.C., and it is generally accepted that they brought these great hounds with them. One thing is certain, that early in historic time, Ireland was known for rough-coated Greyhounds of considerable size and prowess. These dogs, more than usually large, were used to protect their owners' flocks and herds from wolves; to hunt large game; and as a war dog, in combat with their enemies.

The Irish Wolfhound, or cu, is often mentioned in Irish history and legend. One of the first accounts in Irish legend, in the first century A.D., is of the warrior Setanta. As a youth, while approaching the house of Culand, Setanta was attacked by Culand's huge hound, who Culand had let loose to guard his cattle and other stock. Setanta managed to kill the hound thus leaving Culand's property unprotected. To compensate, Setanta promised to act as guard, and watch over Culand's house, until another puppy of equal quality could be found and trained. From that time on Setanta became known as Cu-culand (Cuchullain), meaning the House of Culand. Cuchullain is one of the most important heroes of Ireland's Heroic Cycle.

In another story, also set in the first century, the three sons of Uisneach are reported to have taken 150 of the hounds with them in their flight with Deirdre, from Ulster and King Conor, to Scotland.

The Irish Wolfhound was highly valued; its ownership was restricted to kings, nobles, and poets. And at least on one occasion, a war was fought for ownership of a particularly prized Irish Wolfhound. Ailbe, owned by MacDatho, the King of Leinster, was famous throughout Ireland. The King of Connaught, Oilill, and his queen Medb, offered 6,000 cows and other things for Ailbe. The King of Ulster, Conor, made a similar offer. A war ensued between the two kings

for possession of the hound. During the fighting, Ailbe joined the Ulster men and after "playing great havoc amongst the enemy" was slain while attacking the chariot of the King of Connaught.

In more "recent" times, 1646, The Papal Legate, Rinuccini, was presented with an Irish Wolfhound which he described in his memories as a "most noble molossus, very well able to overcome wolves and stag in fleetness, fighting and power; an animal which by majesty, great size and the marvelous variation of his color and of his limbs, is so valuable as to be a gift to be presented to any emperor in the world."

In 1652, a declaration against the transportation of the Irish Wolfhound was published because they had become so scarce. This scarcity was caused by their exportation and the neglect of the species following the extinction of the wolf in Ireland.

By the mid-1800s the Irish Wolfhound was near extinction. It was at this time that Captain George A. Graham began his efforts to rescue and restore the breed. It is Captain Graham and his contemporaries to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude for today's Irish Wolfhound. Without their efforts, the Irish Wolfhound would probably be extinct.

Throughout Irish legend and history, continuing into modern times, there are many accounts of the Irish Wolfhound's use and ability as a greatly valued hunter, protector, and companion.

## ASFA INVOLVEMENT

When ASFA was formed in 1972, the Irish Wolfhound was one of the seven sighthound breeds originally recognized, along with Afghan, Borzoi, Greyhound, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound, and Whippet.

The first Irish Wolfhound Field Champion title was earned by Ch Just Plain Joshua Murphy, on August 18, 1974. "Josh" was owned by Deborah Keplinger Walters [*n/k/a Deborah*]

*Sanders – M.H.]* of Colorado. It is also noteworthy, that not only was Josh the first IW Field Champion, but he was the only IW to attain its title totally under the original ASFA format of Open Mixed Stakes. Under this format all hounds, regardless of breed, were run together according to a common draw. Individual breed stakes were not initiated until 1975. Josh was also the first IW Dual Titlist, having earned his conformation Championship on September 15, 1974. The second IW, and first IW bitch, to earn its Field Champion title was Viva's Meghan O'Shea of Pern. "Megan" finished her title on April 6, 1975, and was owned by Kelly and B. Cromer, and P. Rothwell of California.

The first Lure Courser of Merit title awarded to an Irish Wolfhound was earned by Sir Donnybrook, on June 22, 1980. "Dana" was owned by Howard and Susan Lowell of California.

The second IW, and the first IW bitch to earn its LCM title was Singing Swords Anisette High, on July 6, 1980. "Annie" was owned by Barb Fullam, who lived in Ohio when Annie finished her LCM title requirements.

One of the truly remarkable accomplishments by an Irish Wolfhound, or any breed for that matter, was achieved by Fere-Gael Kerrie McMichael, owned by Kay Sanchez of Washington state. "Kerrie" not only earned her LCM (the fourth IW to do so), but she placed in the Top Ten IW lure coursing standings for seven years, under both systems (*ASFA Field Advisory News* and *The IW Quarterly*). This achievement was completed during the period from 1978 to 1984. It will probably never be duplicated again.

### SPECIALTY TRIALS

At present, the Irish Wolfhound Club of America, Inc., the AKC parent club, is not an ASFA affiliate or member club, therefore it cannot hold ASFA sanctioned lure coursing trials. However, there have been several lure coursing trials held in conjunction with the IWCA National Specialties.

These trials have been sponsored by other ASFA member clubs. The first of these trials was in 1977 at the National Specialty held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It was sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association. There were twenty-three IWs entered: nineteen in the Open Stake, won by Ballyshannon St. Pdraig; and four in the Field Champion Stake, won by Harvest Hills Winter Wheat, who went on to win Best of Breed. [*Update: The IWCA applied for ASFA membership in 1992 and held its first ASFA trial at the 1993 Specialty. — M.H.]*

There are three regional IW Specialty clubs that presently are member clubs of ASFA. These clubs do hold lure coursing trials in conjunction with their annual Specialty shows and matches. These clubs are: The Irish Wolfhound Association of the West Coast, The Northern California Irish Wolfhound Club, and The Rocky Mountain Irish Wolfhound Association.

### RUNNING ABILITY AND STYLE

The introductory paragraph of the United States Irish Wolfhound Standard of Excellence states: "The Irish Wolfhound is remarkable in combining power and swiftness with keen sight. The largest and tallest of the galloping hounds, in general type he is a rough coated Greyhound-like breed. Very muscular, strong though gracefully built, movements easy and active. . . . " This, to my mind's eye, describes what the 'running style' of the IW should be; a strong, swift and large Greyhound-like galloping hound, with easy movement. This hound was originally bred to course and kill large game, especially the stag and wolf. To be able to do this, he needed endurance, size, power (strength), agility and speed. The IW is not a sprinting hound, and does not have the blazing speed of the Greyhound or Whippet. Also, although agility is necessary, they do not possess the quick cutting ability of the smaller sighthounds. The quarry that the IW was originally bred to hunt, had running abilities similar to that of the hound. This should be taken into account when considering the IW in lure coursing, a sport that simulates the rabbit – a faster, quicker cutting quarry than a wolf, stag, or other large animal.

### COURSE DESIGN

Because of its running style, a course that emphasizes sharp turns and short straightaways does not best suit the Irish Wolfhound. Neither does this type of course simulate the running style or ability of the game the IW was originally bred to hunt. Sharp turns to exhibit agility and test enthusiasm are fine and should be included; but longer straightaways will allow the IW to recover and regain its speed and powerful, long stride — which is sight to behold!

A good course should have a fair amount of variation in terrain for all breeds, but especially for the Irish Wolfhound. This additional physical element really tests the Irish Wolfhound's power and endurance. It also adds interest, excitement and a degree of realism to a course, for both the hounds and spectators — they were not bred to hunt on an athletic field. I also favor longer courses for the IW, 650 yards minimum; 700 yards plus, is preferable. This distance will allow those longer straightaways previously



discussed; it also obviously provides a better test of endurance.

Lure coursing, because it stimulates chasing a rabbit, while not ideally suited for the IW is the best artificial means available of testing coursing abilities. The sport can be enhanced for the IW with careful course designs that more closely resemble the type of challenges the IW faced while chasing its historic quarry.

### LURE OPERATION

I do not believe you need to run the lure much differently for the Irish Wolfhound than it should be run for any of the other sighthounds. The lure should be kept 10 —30 yards in front of the lead hound that is ON the lure. Running the lure further in front, or pulling it away from the hound that is on the lure, to favor one that is cutting, not only encourages cutting, but also discourages the hound that is on the lure – especially if this happens several times during a course.

Another “Don’t” lure operations should be aware of is: DO NOT “lead” a hound into a sharp corner. That is, allow a hound to get closer than 15—20 yards to the lure at a sharp corner. Doing so will cause the hound to overrun the corner, thereby favoring the trailing and/or cutting hounds. This can be avoided by speeding up the lure, pulling it further out in front of the lead hound just prior to the corner, then slowing the lure down once it has made the turn. This will allow the lead hound to see the corner, make the turn, stay on the lure, and not lose the lead it has developed up to that point. This is particularly critical for the IW because of its great size.

### LURE COURSING

#### *A Sport for the Irish Wolfhound?*

Lure coursing is an attractive sporting option for any of the sighthound breeds. This is especially true for the IW since it has little or no opportunity to hunt the type of quarry for which it was originally bred; those animals being extinct and/or endangered. Also, the live coursing of large game is illegal in most areas of the United States.

Lure coursing is also much safer than open field coursing because the conditions are much more controlled. The fact that lure coursing is a bloodless sport, which allows us to experience the beauty of a coursing hound and the thrill of the chase, without the gore of the kill, is also very important to many owners; especially in today’s “civilized” world.

One issue that has been of particular concern to the Irish Wolfhound fancy is the breed size disqualification for Irish Wolfhounds competing in ASFA trials. In 1977 the ASFA

Annual Convention of Delegates approved a rule that disqualified those Irish Wolfhounds that did not meet the height requirements called for in the Irish Wolfhound Standard of Excellence — 30 inches for bitches, and 32 inches for dogs. This was changed at the 1987 ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates to include the minimum weight requirements also called for in the IW Standard. Over the next two years there were several attempts to eliminate ASFA breed disqualifications for the Irish Wolfhound. And despite the support of the Irish Wolfhound Club of America, most regional IW Specialty clubs and the desire of the majority of the IW fancy to retain the ASFA IW breed disqualifications, the 1989 ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates deleted all breed disqualifications for the IW.

One of the major reasons for support of the IW breed disqualifications is based on the fact that lure coursing does favor smaller hounds. This has raised the concern that some breeders, whose major interest is lure coursing, may breed smaller Irish Wolfhounds solely for that purpose. Although there are not ASFA breed disqualifications for the IW at present, this is a point of contention that promises to continue to be an issue. *[Update: This issue has resolved itself over time. Those who were mainly breeding for lure coursing seem to have gone away. Today, most, if not all IW breeders’ main goal is to adhere to the breed standard, including the height minimums – M.H.]*

Lure coursing, in spite of its inherent failure to realistically replicate the type of hunting originally done by the IW thus not truly testing the IW’s natural skill and ability, is the closest simulation of “hunting” we have and are ever likely to have. With appropriate course design and skillful lure operation, it can provide a very good test of many of the Irish Wolfhound’s coursing capabilities.

The bottom line of whether lure coursing is for the I.W. or not, lies in the fact that these sighthounds truly enjoy running and the thrill of the chase.

### PHYSICAL TRAITS

The physical traits that make the Irish Wolfhound a good lure coursing breed include the double suspension gallop common to most of the ASFA recognized sighthounds, power and lung capacity. Together these give the Irish Wolfhound the ability to adequately complete a course. The IW also has another hereditary trait — the instinctive desire to chase a quarry...any quarry — commons to the sighthounds.

### PICKING A POTENTIAL LURE COURSING PUPPY

I have always been a firm believer that you cannot train a hound to lure course. You can encourage it, but the desire

to course, and the degree of that desire, is an instinctive trait that cannot be taught. Therefore, if it does not chase a lure as a puppy, I do not believe it will ever be a lure courser as an adult.

You can determine the degree of desire at an early age, once the puppies are able to run. I use an old fishing pole, tie a plastic bag on the line and play with the puppies. It's pretty easy to determine which ones are chasing the lure, which ones are really enthusiastic about chasing the lure, and which ones are merely chasing their littermates, or not interested in chasing anything. Once you have identified those puppies that are interested in chasing the lure, continue to play with them using the lure. Encourage them by giving lots of praise during "the game". Do not over do during these games. (You should still include the whole litter; just in case there might be a "late bloomer").

### CONDITIONING AND GROOMING FOR LURE COURSING

Conditioning the Irish Wolfhound for lure coursing is very important because of their great size and their sensitivity to heat. No hound, of any breed, should simply be taken out of the "backyard" and coursed. The Irish Wolfhound does require much more exercise to get it into good lure coursing condition, than it does to merely keep it in healthy condition. The degree of conditioning can have a very direct and dramatic effect on how enthusiastically a hound runs throughout the course, as well as how strongly it finishes the course. Both enthusiasm and endurance are categories used in ASFA judging. As an ASFA judge, it is very discouraging to see any hound that has had an excellent course, and shown great enthusiasm, not have the endurance to finish strongly, or not finish at all.

If you are lucky, you have enough acreage to let your hound really stretch out, 1—2 acres minimum for Irish Wolfhounds; and two or more hounds who will run and play with each other, thereby keeping themselves in good condition. If you do not have adequate running room, you may be close to an open space area where you can take your hounds and allow them to run free. You may also take up jogging or biking with your hound — then both of you get in condition. Or, you can do all the above! Do not run your hound with a car. It is dangerous and can physically stress your hound, doing much more harm than good.

Trimming toenails is the only grooming realty needed for the Irish Wolfhound in preparation for lure coursing. Long nails can get broken during a course, needlessly resulting in a lame hound and an excusal.

### SHOWING AND COURSING

While, on a percentage basis, relatively few Irish Wolfhounds that are shown in conformation are also lure coursed, many of the hounds that are lure coursed are also shown in conformation. Most of the IW owners that have been or are active in lure coursing have also been active in confirmation showing. Fifteen to twenty percent of Irish Wolfhound Field Champions have also obtained a conformation title.

I hope that this brief article on the Irish Wolfhound, its history, and ASFA participation, has given the reader a little insight into this, the largest of the sighthounds. --- M.H.



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*Afghan Hound* “Narcissa”  
*Ch Kominek’s Narcissa FCh,SC, Owned by E.& S.Kominek*



*Photo by Mark Baer*



*Azawakh* “Axel”  
*Allalwansahel Axiocrses Borealis FCh, Owned by J.Martin*





*ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)*

*Basenji*

*“Chilly”*

*GSW,GCh,DC,Can Ch Borassus  
Hot.Cool.Yours. LCM8,SC,CA,RATN*

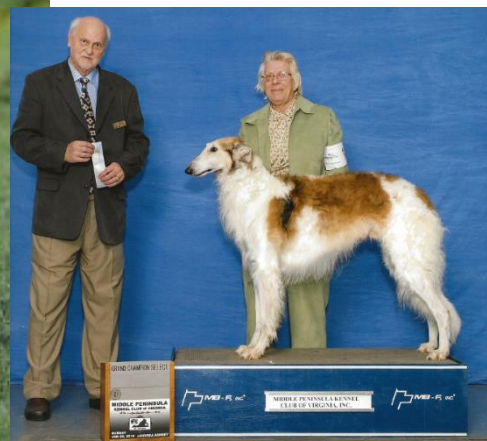
*Owned by  
K.Sanders*



*Borzoï*

*“Sir Lancelot”*

*GCh,DC C'Lestial Red Lantern @ Ryhka LCM2,VLCM2,SORC2,LCX  
D.Darling/L.Green*



***ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)***

***Cirnecco dell Etna***

***“Dexter”***

*Riali I Debonair Dexter FCh Owned by D.& L. Myers*



***Greyhound***

***“Tull”***

*Lakilanni Thick As A Brick LCM L.Soutar*





*ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)*

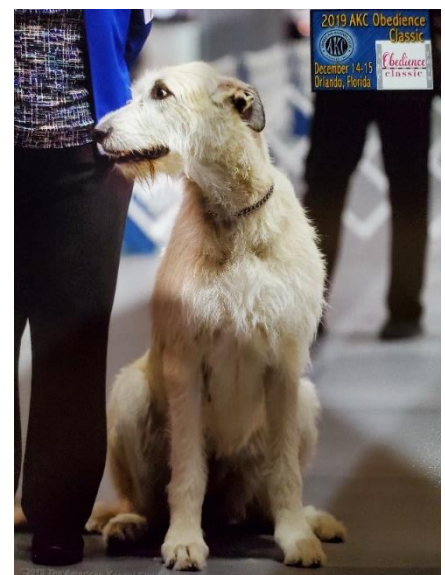
*Ibizan Hound “Dawn”*

*DC,CKC Ch Icycold 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Dawn At Henmar SC, TKN, LCM, SSR, GRC, VC-S  
Sabrina Wright/Karen Catt*



*Irish Wolfhound “Aine”*

*Ch Culcara’s Aine The Alluring FCh,BN,RN,RI,CGCD  
Cassini/D.Knowlton/D.Drake*





*ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)*

*Italian  
Greyhound*

*“Coco”*

*FC IGRF's Sogno di Cioccolata LCM,SGRC11,SORC3,AX,AXJ*

*J.& G.Behrens*



*Pharaoh Hound*

*“Cayper”*

*GCh,DC Bazinga Caspian The Crown Prince FCh,CGC,SC Darci Kunard*





*ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)*

*Rhodesian  
Ridgeback*

*“Jinx”*

*DC Imarika's Fashionably Late LCM2,SC,CKC FCh,CKC NC Gayle & Paul Kytta II*



Photos by Steve Surfman



*Saluki*

*“Caldera”*

*BII FC Eden's Corahk Burnin' Love FCh,SC N.Lipinski/C.Johnson*





*ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)*

*Scottish Deerhound "Norah"*

*GCH DC Norah Of Muma SC FCh Deborah Habian*



*Silken Windhound "Salsa"*

*Windspirit Dancin The Salsa LCM Karen & P.Sanders*



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***ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)***

*Whippet*

*“Aslaug “*

*NFC FC Shannon Down Girl In The Harp Ch,SC,DM,CR,OTR Shannon & K.Lyons*



*Chart Polski*

*“Taku”*

*Fernmark Chart Blunderbuss*

*Liz Duncan*





*ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)*

*Galgo Espanol*

*“Gunner”*

*Uch Sahejeevs Lindisfarne Sonofagun Diane Murray*



*Portuguese Podengo*

*“Arthur”*

*Venture Field's Arthur Luka Madden*



***ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)***

*LCI Small*

*“Zoey”*

*Zoey Furiously Happy LCC,LCA P.Buswell*



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*LCI Large*

*“Bruce” Bearded Bruce The Moose LCC,LCI*

*Krista Shreet/T.Koch Bruce photog Linda Davis*



*Photos by Linda Davis*





*ASFA 2019 High Scoring Hound of Individual Breeds, Singles & LCI (continued)*

*Singles*

*“Bey” (Saluki)*

*Kahtahdin’s Baeriz Bey-Nefer TCP,CPX*

*J.Copenhaver/P.Ruggles*



Not pictured:

*Sloughi*

*“Einas”*

*Ch Ocerico Einas CGC D.&A.Bruhweiler/E.Moreau-Sipiere*



## ASFA LIFETIME TOP TEN by breed, LCI & Singles

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Afghan Hound<br/>Competing: 1312</i>                                   | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1</b>    | Hamelin's Pied Piper LCM 12, Can FChX, TT, G. & M. Forrester              | 1340                     | 145             | 6                     |
| <b>2</b>    | Tamora's Image of Ali LCM7, CD, CanFChX, TT, G. & M. Forrester            | 1167                     | 32              | 4                     |
| <b>3</b>    | Komar's Tiger Lily LCM5, T. & D. Walters                                  | 677                      | 29              | 1                     |
| <b>3</b>    | FC Narcissa Chance For Reign LCM 5, Brown/Maines                          | 677                      | 14              | 1                     |
| <b>5</b>    | FC Tamrick Shadow Bleu Sin'ghen LCM 5, R. & T. Brown                      | 675                      | 23              | 1                     |
| <b>6</b>    | Roboshaun Abraham's Pharaoh LCM 4, K. & C. Hunter                         | 653                      | 39              | 2                     |
| <b>7</b>    | Comet's Cosmic Motion LCM 5, D. LaRusso                                   | 619                      | 38              | 9                     |
| <b>8</b>    | Lilit Bat Layla LCM 5, C. Satlof  | 570                      | 11              | 2                     |
| <b>9</b>    | Ahmir's Silence LCM 2, Am/Can CD, P. Roe/S. Wollerstorff                  | 540                      | 11              | 0                     |
| <b>10</b>   | Cameo Rah-Wynd Indian Summer LCM4, VLCM, JOR, GRC, C. Sullivan/D. Britton | 508                      | 74              | 2                     |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Azawakh<br/>Total Competing: 46</i>          | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1</b>    | Al Haras Wingo FCh, E. MacMillan                | 166                      | 91              | 0                     |
| <b>2</b>    | Ch Ettebel Ajouren CA, J. Martin                | 104                      | 106             | 0                     |
| <b>3</b>    | Kel Simoon Essari FCh, R. Mann                  | 87                       | 10              | 1                     |
| <b>4</b>    | Ayur-Ikmer Idiyat-Es-Sahel FCh, J. Butterworth  | 72                       | 47              | 12                    |
| <b>5</b>    | Tagalas FCh, K. Dammen                          | 66                       | 6               | 0                     |
| <b>6</b>    | Sambala Konan 'N Simoon FCh, K. Sicotte         | 55                       | 14              | 0                     |
| <b>7</b>    | Kel Simoon Cinnamon FCC, Kidwell/Mann           | 54                       | 0               | 0                     |
| <b>8</b>    | Alvin Ylilar Dab Arcca FCh, R. Campbell         | 45                       | 38              | 6                     |
| <b>8</b>    | Kel Simoon Hissa FCh, D. & K. Robbins           | 45                       | 5               | 0                     |
| <b>10</b>   | Allalwansahel Axiocrses Borealis FCh, J. Martin | 39                       | 24              | 0                     |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Basenji<br/>Total Competing: 1641</i>  | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1</b>    | DC Klassic Gebeep Hakuna Matata LCM12, S. J. Clark                                  | 1217                     | 153             | 8                     |
| <b>2</b>    | GCh, DC Jerlin's Our Zuri Pupin LCM, VLCM8, MC, SGRC3, LCX, T. Colbert              | 1032                     | 162             | 5                     |
| <b>3</b>    | GChB, DC N'Focus Santa Baby LCM5, VLCM, MC, GRC, JOR, LCX, K. Sanders               | 995                      | 150             | 12                    |
| <b>4</b>    | GSW, GCh, DC, Can Ch Borassus Hot. Cool. Yours. LCM8, SC, CA, RATN, K. Sanders      | 818                      | 102             | 4                     |
| <b>5</b>    | DC Zuri's Ti-Tanza Wazi Ajabu LCM 6, Fragassi/Leighton                              | 742                      | 25              | 3                     |
| <b>6</b>    | FC Thor's East Of Midnight LCM6, MC, LCX5, J. Brader                                | 684                      | 53              | 2                     |
| <b>7</b>    | FC Gana's Blushin' Coquette LCM 5, N. Roisum  | 633                      | 53              | 3                     |
| <b>8</b>    | FC Thor's Kikozi LCM6, SC, J. Brader  | 615                      | 37              | 0                     |
| <b>9</b>    | Royal Red Jubilee LCM 5, Hickey/McCartney/Tusten                                    | 606                      | 45              | 1                     |
| <b>10</b>   | FC Cynosure Go Getter LCM 5, Denslow/Jacobs   | 584                      | 35              | 2                     |
| <b>19</b>   | Kasai's Red Mystique LCM 3, G. & N. Roisum  | 402                      | 22              | 2                     |
| <b>20</b>   | Int/Can Ch, DC Lacada's Con Man K's Kaper LCM3, CD, MC, NA, NAJ, RE, TT, B. Kaufman | 396                      | 54              | 1                     |

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| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Borzoi</i><br><i>Total Competing: 2614</i>                                 | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Zaraya of the Wild Hunt LCM 17, L.Littleton/A.Duncan                          | 2144                           | 131             | 11                          |
| 2           | FC Mayberry's Gone With The Wind LCM11,VFCh,SGRC,<br>P.Mayberry               | 1581                           | 93              | 1                           |
| 3           | DC SilkenSwift Blaze's Darkfire LCM 7,VFCh, B.Dalzell                         | 1558                           | 72              | 7                           |
| 4           | Del Sol Spitzer LCM8,VLCM,GRC, A.Simpson/S.Van de Water                       | 1203                           | 51              | 0                           |
| 5           | FC Chromium's Lead Of Ryhka LCM 9,ORC,CD, L.E.Hughes                          | 1193                           | 59              | 6                           |
| 6           | Windhound's Zip LCM 8,Can FCh, P.Pirrung/K.& K.Kaltenborn                     | 1188                           | 47              | 3                           |
| 7           | FC Kolinar's Chromium of Ryhka LCM 8,Can FChX,SC,JOR,TT,<br>D.Darling/P.Anuta | 964                            | 51              | 2                           |
| 8           | Ch Birchwood Caspian P Zorya LCM 6,Can FChX, A.Duncan                         | 912                            | 27              | 2                           |
| 9           | FC Niteshades Phenanthrene Of Ryhka<br>LCM4,VLCM5,GRC,LCX,ORC, Darling/Anuta  | 846                            | 20              | 1                           |
| 10          | SilkenSwift Pye's Dark Design LCM 6,Can FCh, B.Dalzell/J.Saklad               | 828                            | 49              | 5                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Chart Polski</i><br><i>Total Competing: 7</i> | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Fernmark Chart Blunderbuss, L.Duncan             | 5                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 2           | Kosmos When Worlds Collide, K.Bentonzi           | 2                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 3           | Chesty, Osborn/Operskalski                       | 1                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 3           | Mars Celerrimus, K.Bentzoni                      | 1                              | 0               | 0                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Cirneco dell'Etna</i><br><i>Total Competing: 123</i> | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Cy'Era Dawn LCM2,VFCh, D.Poole/M.L.Prieto               | 393                            | 13              | 0                           |
| 2           | Hadranensis Chloe LCM,VFCh, M.L.Prieto                  | 290                            | 5               | 0                           |
| 3           | Hadranensis Calista LCM, T.White/M.L.Prieto             | 211                            | 67              | 3                           |
| 4           | Cy'Era Maribella di Hadranensis LCM, M.L.Prieto         | 190                            | 12              | 0                           |
| 5           | Cy'Era Henna FCh,VFCh, M.L.Prieto                       | 179                            | 5               | 0                           |
| 6           | Cy'Era Maserati di Hadranensis LCM, M.L.Prieto          | 176                            | 11              | 1                           |
| 7           | Cy'era Bianca FCh,VFCh, Unger/Prieto                    | 168                            | 4               | 0                           |
| 8           | FC Flying Ace D'Lea LCM,SC,SGRC, J.Hale/J.Gates         | 139                            | 18              | 1                           |
| 8           | Cy'Era Dublin FCh,VFCh, G.& A.Lovelace/L.Prieto         | 139                            | 10              | 0                           |
| 10          | Are But Not's Frequent Flyer FCh, N.L.Wight             | 134                            | 16              | 4                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Galgo Español</i><br><i>Total Competing: 10</i>   | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | UCh Sahejeevs Lindisfarne Sonofagun, D.Murray        | 39                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 2           | Sabrina Roberts, J.& B.Roberts                       | 4                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 2           | Awanta's Bena, S.Garth                               | 4                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 4           | Rosa Slightly Bearded Seniorita TCP, T.Koch/K.Shreet | 3                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 5           | Awanta's Bruja, S.Garth                              | 2                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 5           | UCh Sahejeev's Planet Queen WNS, M.Childs            | 2                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 5           | Hugo Toledo, S.McRae                                 | 2                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 8           | Garabato de Calathea, A.Sonntag                      | 1                              | 0               | 0                           |



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| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Greyhound</i><br><i>Total Competing: 2243</i>                        | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | FC Can Ch Lakilanni Forever In Blu Jeans LCM7,VLCM,JOR,FCHX, L.Soutar   | 1066                           | 63              | 25                          |
| 2           | DC GRCh Can Ch Lakilanni Love Her Madly LCM7,VLCM,FChX3,CD,RE, L.Soutar | 972                            | 46              | 7                           |
| 3           | DC Winds Ariel Red Hunter LCM 7,SOR, M.Lorenzo                          | 896                            | 31              | 2                           |
| 4           | Treybeau's Fantasy LCM 7, D.& S.Wright                                  | 847                            | 133             | 30                          |
| 5           | Tigger LCM4,VLCM3,GRC, L.Warden/A.Williams                              | 580                            | 61              | 1                           |
| 6           | DC/Can Ch Lakilanni Tears In Heaven LCM3,VLCM,FChX, Soutar              | 574                            | 12              | 1                           |
| 7           | DC Lakilanni Riders on the Storm LCM4,VFCh, K.Kaltenborn                | 559                            | 49              | 1                           |
| 8           | Titan LCM4,VLCM2,GRC, L.Warden/A.Williams                               | 545                            | 51              | 2                           |
| 9           | DC Zanzibar's Luminous LCM4, K.Kaltenborn                               | 517                            | 45              | 4                           |
| 10          | FC SecondWind Black Comet LCM 3, K.& M.Lorenzo                          | 516                            | 15              | 2                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Ibizan Hound</i><br><i>Total Competing: 675</i>                 | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Devillez Tryin To Get The Feeling Again LCM12, R.DeVillez          | 1213                           | 71              | 0                           |
| 2           | DeVillez Every Single Day LCM7,VLCM3, R.DeVillez                   | 1161                           | 57              | 1                           |
| 3           | Devillez A Lil Travlin Music LCM4,VLCM3, C.Gibbons                 | 1059                           | 23              | 0                           |
| 4           | Bramblewood's Alas Emplumadas LCM6,VLCM4, R.DeVillez               | 990                            | 72              | 2                           |
| 5           | Devillez Let Me Be Your Wings LCM9,VFCh, R.DeVillez                | 932                            | 73              | 3                           |
| 6           | Devillez Welcome Home Oenghus LCM2,VFCh, C.Gibbons                 | 884                            | 3               | 0                           |
| 7           | AKC/CKC DC, UCh IcyCold Firstmate LCM6,VFCh,FChX,SC,SRM, Dr.K.Catt | 865                            | 87              | 8                           |
| 8           | Ch Treybeau's K C LCM 8, T.& L.Coulson                             | 849                            | 50              | 6                           |
| 9           | Ch O'Bre-on's Eternal Fire Treybeau LCM 5, D.& S.Wright            | 735                            | 120             | 7                           |
| 10          | Treybeau's Spitfire LCM 7, J.McManus                               | 694                            | 81              | 10                          |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Irish Wolfhound</i><br><i>Total Competing: 1053</i>                | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Stoneybrook Brynmair Clare VFCh,LCM 6,CD,ORC,GRC,NA, Ferris/Frederick | 636                            | 112             | 0                           |
| 2           | DC Stoneybrook Reilly's Baillie LCM 4, K.& S.Dykstra                  | 464                            | 82              | 1                           |
| 3           | Padraic Brie Eleanor LCM 3, M.Dentino                                 | 421                            | 45              | 2                           |
| 4           | Fere-Gael Kerri McMichael LCM 3,CD, K.Sanchez                         | 290                            | 40              | 1                           |
| 5           | Stoneybrook Brynmair Kinealy LCM 2,SGRC,JOR,SOR, Ferris/Frederick     | 284                            | 41              | 0                           |
| 6           | Ch Kellcastle Sumpin' Sweet LCM 2, Burchett/Spalding-Prill            | 263                            | 43              | 3                           |
| 7           | Ch Stoneybrook Asilinn O'Reilly LCM 2,NACC, Dykstra/Simon             | 260                            | 16              | 0                           |
| 8           | Maeve's Kelly Of O'Neill LCM 2, M.& T.Borland                         | 258                            | 29              | 3                           |
| 8           | St Leger By Candlelight LCM 2, K.Catov-Goodell                        | 258                            | 14              | 0                           |
| 10          | DC Tralen's Merry Gold Purl LCM2,GRC,SC, T.& L.Luty                   | 251                            | 81              | 0                           |

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| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Italian Greyhound<br/>Total Competing: 347</i>                                | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | Primo De Shirkan LCM5,VLCM2, Warden/Williams/Turnbull                            | 692                      | 193             | 3                     |
| 2           | DC Whirlwind Ice Cold Beer LCM4,VFCh,LCX2,SGRC,SORC,<br>Dickinson/Downing        | 518                      | 51              | 0                     |
| 3           | FC Ragazzo Grande e Bello LCM3,SC,SORC,SOR,SGRC3,<br>S.Cersosimo                 | 397                      | 91              | 11                    |
| 4           | FC Elmar's Blue Bayou LCM2,VLCM,GRC,ORC,FCC, E.&<br>K.McNamee                    | 319                      | 16              | 0                     |
| 5           | BII,DC Whirlwind Red Dog LCM2,ORC, J.Downing/T.Dickinson                         | 292                      | 28              | 2                     |
| 6           | FC Luca Omodeo LCM,VLCM,SC,NA,NAJ,CGC, S.Ostrander                               | 279                      | 59              | 3                     |
| 6           | BII,GCh,DC Nautica Anji's St Cyrus LCM2,MC,LCX3,GRC,ORC,<br>J.Skoglund/A.Leonard | 279                      | 22              | 4                     |
| 8           | DC Heza Fast Man Dob Mann LCM2,VFCh,ORC,<br>T.Dickinson/J.Downing                | 268                      | 7               | 0                     |
| 9           | FC Celeste's Lock N' Load LCM2,MC,ORC,SGRC, C.Mulcrone                           | 261                      | 72              | 4                     |
| 10          | Andy's Second Chance LCM2,VFCh,SC,GRC,OAC,NA, M.Richard                          | 258                      | 39              | 2                     |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>LCI Large<br/>Total Competing: 84</i>                                 | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | Bearded Bruce The Moose LCI,LCC, K.Shreet/T.Koch                         | 54                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 2           | Wailin' PhelanThe Bearded Lass LCI,LCC, T.Koch/K.Shreet                  | 51                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 3           | Cedarbark Aura, G.Cheung/L.Siddons                                       | 42                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 3           | Black Pearl Java LCI,LCC, Dr A.Ruvio/J.& C.Erato                         | 30                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 5           | Black Pearl Espresso LCI, Dr A.Ruvio/J.& C.Erato                         | 27                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 5           | Wildrose Allure Diamonds And Pearls, R.& F.Lutz                          | 27                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 5           | Mercy, G.Cheung/L.Siddons  | 27                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 8           | Qelly V.D. Dalenberghutte, J.Hanley                                      | 22                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 8           | Pieper's Grace, M.Pieper   | 22                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 8           | Remington Jerla LCI, K.Jerla   | 22                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 11          | Camo, W.Zimmer   | 20                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 11          | 999 Happy Haunts There's Room For One More LCI,CAX4,RN,<br>D.R.& J.Light | 20                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 11          | Baypoint's Hurry Hard Herbie, D.Hinton/C.Clements                        | 20                       | 0               | 0                     |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>LCI Small<br/>Total Competing: 42</i>            | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | Zoey Furiously Happy LCI,LCC,LCA, P.Buswell         | 32                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 1           | Pinkribbon A Kiss For Courage FCh, V.Ellery         | 30                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 3           | Aristocrafts Blossom, R.A.Miller/R.Rockford         | 18                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 4           | Sigma Chi's Syrenia Sambuca, E.& R.Whitney/V.Ellery | 14                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 5           | Wiley Terril, D.& C.Terrill                         | 13                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 6           | Timeless Jyn Erso LCI, S.& A.Pack/K.Keller-Ross     | 10                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 7           | Sovereign's Rock Solid Begin Again, A.& D.Pluth     | 9                        | 0               | 0                     |
| 8           | Mr Scamp, L.A.Congdon                               | 8                        | 0               | 0                     |
| 8           | Ch Pyaty Element Eyrika, M.Oosterman                | 8                        | 0               | 0                     |
| 10          | Highview Space Oddity, J.& S.Chouinard              | 7                        | 0               | 0                     |

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| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Magyar Agar</i><br><i>Total Competing: 12</i> | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Betcha-Katcha Omlin, T.& L.Koler                 | 16                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 2           | Betcha-Katch Ojeda, K.& R.Yates                  | 10                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 3           | Bakvagta Fecni, S.Barron/T.Koler                 | 8                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 4           | Aranyagi Utonallo Fenseg, A.Hsia                 | 7                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 5           | Stouthearted Chocolate Soldier, A.Hsia           | 5                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 5           | Tuzvihar Andalusite, A.Hsia                      | 5                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 7           | Stouthearted The Princess Pat, T.Koler           | 4                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 8           | Acelvaros Yumi, A.Hsia                           | 3                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 9           | Stouthearted Babes In Toyland, J.Griep/A.Hsia    | 2                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 9           | Betch Katcha Nubia, L.Koler                      | 2                              | 0               | 0                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Peruvian Inca Orchid</i><br><i>Total Competing: 10</i> | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Ocllyo Chancay Of Desertwind FCC, W.& S.Martens           | 52                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 2           | Desertwind Chuquisaca FCC, W.& S.Martens                  | 48                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 3           | Willabe Zorra FCC, M.Reimer                               | 46                             | 8               | 0                           |
| 4           | Desertwind El Condor Pasa H FCC, W.& S.Martens            | 41                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 5           | Desertwind Where's The Kaboom, K.Carlson/D.Pearson        | 20                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 6           | Willabe Nicodemus, M.Reimer                               | 9                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 7           | Ch Win-Hil's Willabe Auqui H, D.& J.Schroeder             | 2                              | 0               | 0                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Pharaoh Hound</i><br><i>Total Competing: 718</i>    | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Ch Sue Q's Lucki Tmeina LCM8,CD,ORC,GRC, S.M.Sefscik   | 823                            | 73              | 4                           |
| 2           | Ch Kamaraj Ra-Harakhte LCM 6, F.Belinowiz              | 601                            | 63              | 8                           |
| 3           | Ch Sue Q's Tmeina Rififi LCM 6,ORC, S.M.Sefscik        | 539                            | 42              | 0                           |
| 4           | Ch Sue Q's Tmeina Bissahha LCM 5,CD, Qualls/Sefscik    | 478                            | 18              | 0                           |
| 5           | DC Shema's Mia River Dance LCM 3,SC, T.& M.Kennedy     | 477                            | 40              | 11                          |
| 6           | Ch Sue Q's Tmeina Millezmu LCM 4,ORC, Qualls/Sefscik   | 464                            | 20              | 0                           |
| 7           | DC Zafis Dinja LCM3,SC,LCX,MC, J.Butterworth           | 443                            | 21              | 6                           |
| 8           | Kamrarj Seker LCM 4, P.Mendicino/F.Belinowiz           | 354                            | 104             | 4                           |
| 9           | DC Jericho's Xplosv TnT Finnish LCM 2, Gates/Baker     | 340                            | 35              | 3                           |
| 10          | DC Shema Mia Dax Of The Netherlands LCM 2, Haig/Martin | 339                            | 13              | 1                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Podengo Pequeno</i><br><i>Total Competing: 3</i> | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Vaidosa De Viamonte, K.Burns                        | 6                              | 0               | 0                           |
| 2           | Bugatti Do Vento Do Mar, E.& J.Evans                | 1                              | 0               | 0                           |



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| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Portuguese Podengo<br/>Total Competing: 21</i>                | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | Basch's Super Smash, T.& J.Basch                                 | 68                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 2           | Basch's Good Grips, T.& J.Basch                                  | 59                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 3           | Basch's Starfox, T.& J.Basch                                     | 56                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 3           | Basch's Original Recipe, T.& J.Basch                             | 56                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 5           | Belle Chance RA,BN,MC,CA,CD,CGCA, J.Miller                       | 45                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 6           | Basch's Rush Hour, T.& J.Basch                                   | 37                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 7           | Venture Field's Arthur, L.Madden                                 | 10                       | 0               | 0                     |
| 8           | Good Golly Miss Dolly, C.Allen                                   | 9                        | 0               | 0                     |
| 9           | Welden Mill Amalia, J.Miller                                     | 5                        | 0               | 0                     |
| 10          | Maui de Retrouvaille WM, A.McLeod                                | 4                        | 0               | 0                     |
| 10          | Lochbay Lunar Eclipse AtTantara, B.Patterson/J.Tucker-Vanderberg | 4                        | 0               | 0                     |
| 15          | Ursa De Retrouvaille WM, T.Troll                                 | 1                        | 0               | 0                     |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Rhodesian Ridgeback<br/>Total Competing: 2283</i>                           | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | BII,FC Redwing's Private Idaho LCM16,VFCh,SC,CGC,<br>Harper/Nearhoof           | 2002                     | 156             | 7                     |
| 2           | DC Rare Earth Top Fuel Eliminator LCM7,VLCM4,MC,VC,CD,GRC,<br>G.& P.Kytta II   | 1063                     | 49              | 1                     |
| 3           | DC Highveld's Black Magic Of Imarika<br>LCM8,VLCM2,GRC,SOR,ORC, G.& P.Kytta II | 1039                     | 74              | 1                     |
| 4           | DC Aslan's Nor'Easter of Tophat LCM7,MC,LCX5, C.&<br>S.A.Leslie/C.Davies       | 1010                     | 68              | 9                     |
| 5           | FC Aslan's Dark Silhouette LCM 6,VLCM2,MC,LCX5,HIC, I.&<br>C.Davies            | 948                      | 64              | 8                     |
| 6           | DC Turoka Sebari The Lion King LCM 6,MC,LCX, S.& M.Sarubin                     | 761                      | 65              | 8                     |
| 7           | Ch Summit's Lake Effect Star LCM 3,VFCh, Missimer/Nelson/Redfern               | 705                      | 12              | 1                     |
| 8           | Ch Merlanda Sophisticated Sophie LCM 5,CD,NA,NJW, J.N.Missimer                 | 659                      | 18              | 1                     |
| 9           | DC Venus' Zoli Safari Express 12 LCM5,VFCh,MC,LCX, J.&<br>C.Slattey/D.Parks    | 650                      | 60              | 4                     |
| 10          | FC Aslan's Rhiannon LCM4,LCX4,MC, I.& C.Davies                                 | 619                      | 36              | 2                     |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Saluki<br/>Total Competing: 1668</i>                                 | <i>Dogs<br/>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF<br/>Earned</i> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1           | DC Windrush's Nebbiolo LCM8,VLCM2,MC,LCX2,NAJ, J.& K.Lipps              | 1373                     | 56              | 0                     |
| 2           | DC Windrush Tika's Far Niente LCM10,VLCM2,MC,LCX2,OAJ, K.&<br>J.Lipps   | 1271                     | 73              | 4                     |
| 3           | DC Aspen Allah's Exotika LCM 10,VFCh,MC,LCX, J.& K.Lipps                | 1262                     | 117             | 2                     |
| 4           | DC Windrush Duodecuple Vulcan LCM8,VFCh,MC,LCX,NA,NAJ, K.&<br>J.Lipps   | 1059                     | 59              | 5                     |
| 5           | FC Celeres Firebrand Of Aerie LCM 7, Adams/Jones                        | 991                      | 109             | 1                     |
| 6           | Sur-ra Haseeb Amon Kahtahdin LCM 8,CanFCh,<br>J.Copenhaver/D.Wright     | 976                      | 56              | 13                    |
| 7           | BII,GCh,DC Windrush Duodecuple Mercury LCM7,VFCh,MC,LCX,<br>K.& J.Lipps | 911                      | 45              | 6                     |
| 8           | DC Windrush's Sauvignon Blanc LCM5,VLCM,MC,LCX, J.& K.Lipps             | 899                      | 18              | 0                     |
| 9           | NFC,DC Windrush's Sangiovese LCM5,VLCM2,MC,SC,LCX II, J.&<br>K.Lipps    | 820                      | 23              | 0                     |
| 10          | Montebello Sherom's Fuhais LCM 6, Cigolle/Shuman                        | 792                      | 93              | 4                     |

## ASFA LIFETIME TOP TEN by breed, LCI & Singles *(continued)*

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Scottish Deerhound</i><br><i>Total Competing: 612</i>                     | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | BII,NFC,DC Chartwell Silver Run Valevue LCM 6,ORC,SGRC,<br>Bonacarti/Sellers | 627                            | 68              | 1                           |
| 2           | DC Vale Vue Silver Lea Chartwell LCM 4, Day/Sellers                          | 500                            | 55              | 0                           |
| 3           | Ch Silver Heels Of Vale Vue LCM 3, E.A.Bonacarti                             | 397                            | 43              | 1                           |
| 4           | FC Highland Glen Dragonheart LCM3,SC, R.Jones,DVM                            | 365                            | 58              | 2                           |
| 5           | DC Hiland Glen Chartwell Silver LCM 3, P.A.White                             | 342                            | 13              | 1                           |
| 6           | DC Vale Vue's Gelin Of Bellanagare LCM 2, N.A.Sellers                        | 328                            | 24              | 5                           |
| 7           | DC Fenwyx's Greer Of Vale Vue LCM 2, Snider/Sellers                          | 322                            | 13              | 1                           |
| 8           | Ch Fairyfort's Ensign LCM 2, J.W.Caudill                                     | 308                            | 19              | 1                           |
| 9           | Ch Vale Vue's Fast Edie O'Darkwynd LCM 2, P.Smithson                         | 281                            | 19              | 1                           |
| 10          | Fairyfort's Highland Fling LCM 2, H.& J.Mayo                                 | 274                            | 41              | 9                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Silken Windhound</i><br><i>Total Competing: 304</i>                             | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Ch Allagante Christian Dior LCM,ISWS LCM2,EC,SRC,CGC, K.&<br>J.Hicks/P.& K.Sanders | 400                            | 19              | 0                           |
| 2           | Windspirit Allagante Sienna LCM2, P.& K.Sanders                                    | 350                            | 19              | 7                           |
| 3           | Allagante Cartier Diamond LCM2, P.&<br>K.Sanders/Bancuk/Holmberg                   | 298                            | 16              | 8                           |
| 4           | Allagante Sangaris FCh,SRC,OTRCX,ISWS LCM, J.Koski                                 | 293                            | 18              | 0                           |
| 5           | Allagante Windspirit Barbados FCh, J.Vookles                                       | 290                            | 8               | 0                           |
| 6           | ISWS Ch,NAKC Ch Allagante Rvnwoods It'se Ye Ye<br>FCh,VFCh,OTRCH,ISWS LCM, J.Koski | 263                            | 8               | 0                           |
| 7           | Allagante Premier Rose LCM, T.Mills  | 259                            | 11              | 4                           |
| 8           | Kristull Jaromir VLCM2,ISWS LCM, M.& K.Leach                                       | 240                            | 21              | 0                           |
| 9           | Windspirit Dancin The Salsa LCM, K.& P.Sanders                                     | 221                            | 10              | 3                           |
| 10          | Renaissance Dune's Duncan FCh, P.Evridge Hill                                      | 218                            | 3               | 0                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Singles</i><br><i>Total Competing: 3125</i>                           | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Mia Comet Sun Maid CPX2, L.Pekarski/P.& T.Haig DVM                       | 335                            | 0               | 0                           |
| 2           | Ch Xass Farah Fariq, S.Meier/F.Farrar                                    | 297                            | 6               | 0                           |
| 3           | Can Ch Impala You Can't Resist It CPX, L.& S.Gahan/L.Snyder              | 217                            | 10              | 0                           |
| 4           | GCh,DC Jadaka's Independent Spirit<br>LCM3,CPX,SC,SGRC8,SORC8, T.Colbert | 216                            | 10              | 0                           |
| 5           | Affinity's Fearless TCP,FCh, M.& K. Weigel                               | 205                            | 0               | 0                           |
| 6           | Ch Gemini Jubilee Nephelae TCP,FCh,RN,SC,CGC,<br>D.Johnson/G.Hoffman     | 199                            | 18              | 0                           |
| 7           | EI Zagel Flying To Jersey CPX,FCh, C.Sullivan/D.Britton                  | 181                            | 2               | 0                           |
| 8           | Flutesong's Klassic Design, J.Doyle/N.Craigie                            | 178                            | 2               | 0                           |
| 9           | Flutesong's Long May You Run TCP, J.Doyle/N.Craigie                      | 170                            | 2               | 0                           |
| 10          | Ch Sherom Silverlea Olaf's Warm Hugs CPX,<br>S.Shuman/L.A.Broseus        | 156                            | 4               | 0                           |

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| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Sloughi</i><br><i>Total Competing: 53</i>                           | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Ch Balsam Shi'Rayan FCh,JOR,ORC, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona                | 151                            | 1               | 0                           |
| 2           | Ch Fahel Shi'Rayan FCC,SORC,SGRC6,FCh, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona          | 150                            | 5               | 0                           |
| 3           | Ch Bouthayna Shi'Rayan FCh,SORC,SGRC,FCM, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona       | 148                            | 3               | 0                           |
| 4           | Ch. Chamisa Schuru-Esch-Schams FCh,ORC,GRC,FCC, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona | 121                            | 0               | 0                           |
| 5           | Amir Shi'Rayan SORC,FCC,GRC, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona                    | 98                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 6           | Ch Ibsama Haifa Shi'Rayan FCh,JOR,GRC, Dr. D.Crapon de Caprona         | 74                             | 14              | 0                           |
| 7           | Ch Aswad Shi'Rayan ORC,SGRC,FCC, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona                | 67                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 8           | Badir Shi'Rayan ORC,GRC,FCC, Dr.D.C.deCaprona                          | 47                             | 0               | 0                           |
| 9           | Bahlawaan Sheik El Arab FCh,GRC, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona                | 44                             | 7               | 0                           |
| 10          | Munya Shi'Rayan FCh,SGRC, Dr.D.Crapon de Caprona                       | 42                             | 5               | 0                           |

| <i>Rank</i> | <i>Whippet</i><br><i>Total Competing: 7236</i>             | <i>Dogs</i><br><i>Defeated</i> | <i>BOB Wins</i> | <i>BIF</i><br><i>Earned</i> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Comet's Royal Gala LCM20,VLCM6, L.Pekarski                 | 3949                           | 43              | 9                           |
| 2           | Comet's Little Less Of O'Run LCM18,VLCM, L.Pekarski/T.Haig | 3306                           | 51              | 9                           |
| 3           | Comet's Prairie Spy LCM5,VLCM7, L.Pekarski                 | 2602                           | 9               | 3                           |
| 4           | BII FC Finghin's Wandering Joe LCM 16, Mattox/McMichael    | 2475                           | 47              | 19                          |
| 5           | FC WGASA Oreo Dublestuf LCM12,VLCM4,SC, N.& D.Ewing Jr     | 2428                           | 46              | 2                           |
| 6           | FC Carbeth Loud And Clear LCM 15, C.E.Kirchner             | 2365                           | 42              | 8                           |
| 7           | FC Tadita Written In The Stars LCM12,SC, M.& J.Libersher   | 2322                           | 86              | 2                           |
| 8           | Comet's Alabaster Dodger VLCM,LCM 10, D.& J.E.Alley        | 2099                           | 32              | 11                          |
| 9           | NFC FC TnT's The Joker LCM 11, D.S.& M.L.Richards          | 2026                           | 34              | 0                           |
| 10          | Ch Buncrana's Sligo CDX, LCM 10, P.McLaughlin              | 2004                           | 32              | 5                           |







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