**GLEN OF IMAAL TERRIER ASSOCIATION**

**OPEN SHOW – 9th JUNE 2024**

My thanks to the Officers and Committee of the Glen of Imaal Terrier Association for their kind invitation to officiate at this Open Show. I was thrilled with the entry both in quantity and quality and it was lovely to spend time with this fabulous breed. There was a super atmosphere in the hall and applause for all winners.

VD (1,0)

1. Hannington’s Ch/Int/Bel/NL/Esp Ch Boudivella Osca VW. Solid 9 yr old wheaten carrying good bone and substance and who also pleased for overall type. Muscular neck of correct length to balance, firm topline rising to the loin, deep brisket and excellent rib. Masculine headpiece with good width to skull, eyes placed well apart and strong jaw with very good dentition. He stands correctly with a good width of chest and went so well on the down and back but could just have opened up a tad more on the go around. Shown with excellent muscle-tone and a well presented jacket. Best Veteran in Show.

PD (1,0)

1. Hardy’s Amhard Tornado. Approaching 7 mths, this wheaten shows much promise. He pleased for type and presented a well balanced outline with moderate length of neck, characteristic topline, rib developing well for age and tail set well on and of good carriage. Head of good proportions with good width of skull, super eye and ear and scissor bite with nice big teeth. Shows himself off on the move where he went so well on the go around and he has a particularly good rear. Jacket needs more texture but that will come with time.

JD (1,0)

1. Major’s Orchard Burrow Oakley. 12 mth old blue who appealed for overall type and carries very nice bone. Strong, muscular neck of moderate length, pretty good topline, ribbed well back but still to fully develop, tail carriage ok. Masculine head and expression with nice width to skull, round eyes of correct placement, good ears and excellent dentition. When gaiting he is true behind but could open up a little more on the go around. Well presented jacket and well handled.

PGD (3,0)

1. Lark-Jones’ Boudivella Arlo. A varied class which saw this 3 yr old blue come out on top. He is all male and has lots to like and scored here for overall type, bone and outline. Muscular neck of correct length to give balance, excellent topline and tail good for both set and carriage. Quality head with nice broad skull, eyes set well apart and correct ears. He has a good width of chest and correct angles front and rear. Moves very well on the go around. Like them all, he has things you would want to change but the overall package secured him first place.

2. Fraser’s Amhard Runrig. 2 yr old wheaten with an excellent temperament who presented a nicely balanced outline but I would like a little more of him all through. Neck of moderate length and correct topline and tail set on well but carriage could be better. Nicely proportioned head but not quite width of skull of winner, expressive eyes, correct ears and scissor bite. Moved out pretty well when viewed in profile but winner had the edge in front. Jacket of good texture.

3. Lilly & Reynard’s Romainville Blue Indigo

LD (2,0)

1. George’s Romainville Rock On Ronnie. Two nice wheaten boys challenged in this class. My winner was this 2 yr old who greatly appealed. He has super bone and substance and was so good to go over. Strong, muscular neck of moderate length, excellent topline, well sprung ribs, well-muscled loin and tail good for set and carriage. Super headpiece with masculine expression; good width to skull, excellent eye and ear and strong jaw. He stands correctly in front with a nice breadth of chest and certainly didn’t let himself down on the move, gaiting freely with good carriage. Best Dog. Just decided not to use his tail in the final challenges but a lovely boy nonetheless.

2. Bailey’s Zippor Brendan. This 4 yr old was another who pleased for type and presented a very nice outline with muscular neck of correct length to balance, correct topline, good length to ribcage and tail well set on. He is well off for bone and has good angles both front and rear but forechest not quite that of 1. Nicely proportioned head with super eyes, correct ears and good dentition but winner was just that bit better for breadth of skull. Moving well all through with excellent front action but 1 just had the edge on the go around. Jacket of pleasing texture.

OD (2,0)

1. Hardy’s Ch Amhard Quick Fire. Two very different dogs competed in this class. This 5 yr old wheaten was my winner. Not quite in full coat on the day but a quality lad who makes the most of himself at all times. Muscular neck, correct topline, nice spring of rib and tail good for both set and carriage. Quality head and expression with excellent eye and ear, powerful muzzle and correct dentition. Standing well in front on compact feet with good breadth to chest. Well laid shoulders, firm muscular rear and good turn of stifle. Moving freely all through with good ground coverage. Reserve Best Dog.

2. Saletti’s Esp Ch Heremon Bear. 4 yr old wheaten with super bone and plenty of substance. He pleased for outline with muscular neck of moderate length, characteristic topline, well sprung ribs and tail set well on. Masculine head with nice breadth to skull, expressive eyes of correct placement, good ears and plenty of strength to muzzle. Moving nicely on the go around, although winner did have the edge, and not quite as good when going away. Well handled.

VB (2,0)

1. Saletti’s Bendikes Fidelma. 9 yr old blue who was good to go over and carries good bone. Pleasing outline with moderate length of neck, firm topline rising to the loin, deep brisket, good ribbing and tail correct for set and carriage. Most appealing head and expression; nice width to skull, well defined stop, round eyes of good colour and set well apart, correct ears and good sized teeth. Moved well enough all through and scored over 2 when going away.

2. Hardy’s Amhard Mai Tai. This 7 yr old blue also has plenty to like and she presented a nice outline with correct length of neck to give balance, topline rising to the loin, firm croup and tail set on well and of good carriage. Feminine headpiece with lovely dark eyes of correct placement, powerful muzzle and good dentition but ears not quite as good as those of winner. When gaiting, she went well when viewed in profile with good carriage.

PB (3,0)

1. Hannington’s Boudivella Fire Cracker. Three nice but quite different puppies competed in this class. My winner was this 7 mth old blue and I her thought her something quite special. She was a delight to go over and presented a lovely outline with correct length of neck to balance, characteristic topline of the breed, rib developing well and carried well back, firm loin and tail good for both set and carriage. Nicely proportioned head with feminine expression; excellent eye and ear, powerful foreface and scissor bite. Soundly built all through and moving freely with good carriage. Reserve Best Bitch, Reserve Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show.

2. George’s Romainville Rock On Rosie. This 10 mth old blue was another who pleased to go over and carries very good bone. She is a smidge longer cast than the winner but I didn’t see her as unbalanced. Moderate length of neck, correct topline and tail set on well and of good carriage. Very nice head with good width to skull, well defined stop, expressive eyes, good ears, strength to muzzle and correct dentition. Pleasing angles front and rear and going well on the go around but just needs to gain a tad more confidence to show herself off to advantage. Good texture to jacket.

3. Whitehouse’s Amhard Tiger Lily Taf

JB (2,0)

1. Alton’s Weir Mead Susie. 12 mth old blue who shows promise. She appealed for overall type and presented a nicely balanced outline with neck of moderate length, firm topline rising to the loin, rib developing well and tail set on well. Most attractive head and expression with nice breadth to skull, eyes set well apart, correct ears, plenty of strength to muzzle and good dentition. Of sound construction and she has a good width to chest. Moving well all through. Pleasing texture to jacket for age. Just needs more time.

2. Gittins’ Llaisafon’s Raya. 8 mth old wheaten who is quite different to the winner and only a baby. I would like a tad more bone but she was pleasing to go over and presented a good outline with neck of medium length, firm topline and tail set on well. Feminine headpiece with pleasing eye and ear and good dentition but not quite breadth of skull of winner. When gaiting, she went well in profile and when coming towards but winner had the edge when going away. Super temperament.

PGB (5,0)

1. Howarth’s Amhard Sugar Plum. 18 mth old wheaten who was thoroughly enjoying her time in the ring. A pleasing girl who presented a good outline with correct length of neck to balance, firm topline which rises towards the loin, nice spring of rib and tail good for both set and carriage. Feminine head and expression with good width to skull, expressive eyes of correct placement, good ears and scissor bite. Standing correctly in front with good width to chest and carries nice bone. Uses herself on the move.

2. Pierce’s Boudivella Maisie. 23 mth old blue who has so much to like but would just benefit from shedding a pound or two. I thought her so good for type and she is well off for bone. Muscular neck which is long enough, correct topline, well sprung ribs and tail set well on and of good carriage. Strong headpiece yet retaining femininity, good width to skull, eyes placed well apart, powerful muzzle and good dentition. Pleasing angles both ends and she moves true but could make a bit more of herself.

3. Gittins’ Llaisafon’s Raya

LB (2,1)

1. Hardy’s Amhard Rapid Beat. 2 yr old blue, standing alone here but certainly worthy of company. She appealed for type, carries super bone and presented a good outline with correct length of neck to balance, characteristic topline, muscular loin and tail good for set and carriage. Attractive head and expression with excellent skull, super eye and ear, powerful foreface and scissor bite. Good width to chest and has a good stance in front with correct feet. Free moving girl who really uses herself and particularly impressed for strength of hindquarters. Not in her full jacket on the day.

OB (2,0)

1. O’Grady’s Amhard Quick Sand. 5 yr old wheaten right out of the top drawer. I thought her an excellent type and she is well off for bone and substance yet there is no mistaking her gender. Beautifully balanced with strong, muscular neck, characteristic topline of the breed, super ribbing, firm loin and tail set on well and of good carriage. Quality head and expression with good width to skull, round eyes set well apart, excellent ears and powerful muzzle. Good angles front and rear, standing on correct feet and she has a lovely breadth of chest. Sound as they come with great freedom of movement and making the most of herself as she goes. Best coat texture of the day. Best Bitch and Best in Show.

2. Gittins’ Llaisafon’s Raya

Judge: Tim Ball