



Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid-South



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President's Message

~~Ce Hoffman~~

Fall will soon be upon us and with fall comes our annual gathering. We will be meeting in Durham again this year on November 10th. This is also an election year and the slate of officers that the nominating committee presented can be found on page 2. There are also instructions on how to nominate someone else for any of the positions.

Sadly, I have to report that due to some personal issues, our longstanding Treasurer, Jenny Phillips, had to resign from the position. Jen has been an invaluable asset to the club and she will be missed. Please join me thanking her for her service and in wishing her and her family a successful resolution to their concerns. Our acting treasurer is Kathy Jenkins (contact information on page 4).

All who attended the supported entry, fun match and picnic in Charlottesville in June had a good time. There was more than enough food, excellent company, a beautiful summer day and lots of hounds, including some puppies, for all to meet and talk to. Even if you have no intention of ever setting foot in a show ring, try attending a show or a fun match even just to spectate. We are all guardians of the breed even if your dog's most important jobs are holding down your couch and drying his beard in your lap. The more you know about all aspects of these noble creatures we have chosen to share our lives with, the better a steward of the breed you will be. See link under event report for downloadable photo album pictures.

See you in Durham in November.

Event Report

June Fun Match and Picnic

PHOTOS by Vreken

<http://dell.kodakgallery.com/AlbumMenu.jsp?>



Upcoming Events*

November 10

Annual Gathering at Durham Kennel Club

Elections, meeting, lunch, activities

*Always check IWAMS web or yahoo group for most current details on any event due to last minute changes.

ELECTION SLATE

The slate as presented by the nominating committee

President: Ce Hoffman
Vice President: Brenda Neu
Secretary: Mary Jane Sullivan
Treasurer: Kathy Jenkins

Respectfully submitted by, Linda Ross,
Chair Nominating Committee

Nominations: (from club by-laws)

The Nominating Committee is responsible for producing a slate of candidates selected from members in good standing. The slate of candidates shall be submitted to the Secretary by September 1 of the second year of the current officers' terms of office.

****Additional nominations may be submitted to the Secretary (Sullivan9304@bellsouth.net) by members in good standing by October 1 of the second year of the current officers' terms of office.**
(*Additional nominations must have the consent of the nominated party.)

HELP WANTED

(1) Someone to liaison with the by-laws committee and help prepare the club for incorporation. Times have changed since we were founded and we need to be incorporated and get our not-for-profit status. Anyone who has experience in these areas, or knows someone who could help, please

contact Ce Hoffman via email at blairiw@firstva.com

(2) The IWCA is looking for show sites in either the South or the West for the 2010 National Specialty. The National was last in the South in Columbia, SC in 1990-91. We had a lovely site in a state park with hotels close by. To have the show in the South again, a show chairman is needed who will tie all the pieces together. There are folks that are willing and able to help someone put this show on. If you are interested in the possibility of having the show in our area and think you might like to help, please contact Steve LeVan via email at stevelevan@truvista.net for more details on what is involved.

(3) News editor

Will someone volunteer to take over the newsletter organization, content management, printing and mailing? Routine is 3-4 times per year, requires reminders and follow up to gather regular features and an on-going collection of potential stories throughout the year. We use a repeating format – word document – fill in the blanks. Document is converted to Adobe PDF, printed and mailed.

Vice President's Message

~~Marilyn Madden~~

Happy Hounds

Make at home frosty paws

32 oz vanilla yogurt
2 T peanut butter
2 T honey
1 mashed banana OR 1 lg jar baby food fruit, any flavor

Blend together; freeze in small cups or ice cube tray until frozen, may want to thaw slightly before serving.

Kudos!

Vreeken

Finn won Reserve BIS at a UKC show on August 5, in Hampton VA.

Traylor

Kassady went Winners Bitch at the Greensboro show August 10 and Casey went Winners Dog August 11 & 12.

10th Birthday



Redtops Ringsend Nedser (Ned) will be 10 years old on October 3, 2007. Ned was our first Irish Wolfhound. Our friends Pat and Judy told us IWs were like potato chips, you just can't have ONE. We did not believe them. Ch. Redtops Sovereign came along about nine months later as a companion for Ned. Then the two boys needed more space than our small yard on Long Island provided, so we moved to Virginia. We then adopted a rescue, Belle from Mary Ryan. Elizabeth joined us next followed by Danagher. Last year Elizabeth gave us seven beautiful and healthy puppies. Keeping with Pat and Judy's advice we kept two. We now have a bag of six potato chips (Sovereign crossed the Rainbow Bridge at 8 years of age). All this started with our Ned. Happy Birthday, Ned ~ from Brenda & Bill Neu.

Rescue Update

~~//~~ Mary Ryan

I hope everyone has had a good summer! With the very hot and dry weather our IWS

have been enjoying the a/c and being lazy. Rescue has been very quiet.

There is a species of toad in Florida that is life threatening to IWS so someone had to give up their seven and one half year old female IW. It is a long story how she wound up in our area but she is very happy with the Kennedys in West Virginia.

We have been asked many times in the last months to place (breed) "crosses". I have not seen any IW in most of them but they are dogs in need of a loving home. If anyone is interested or has room for one - please let me know - I will send the E-mails to you and you can decide if you are interested.

Please let your local shelters know that you are interested in any IWS they may get in. We have some wonderful homes waiting for them. Older IWS are very much wanted in Rescue as well as the younger ones.

Our annual meeting is going to be in Durham, N. C. on November 10 please do come and bring your IWS. It was such a joy to see the rescues looking so happy and healthy last year. There were two that looked like litter mates-but - were not -what a coincidence.

Last letter I told you about the two littermates that came into Rescue last winter. Sadly Mariah got bone cancer and went very quickly. Murphy, the crippled male, is doing very well and has bonded closely with another female IW the owners have. Thank God he has her. Mariah always looked after and protected him. It brought tears to your eyes to see them together. I think God has a special place in his heart for our Gentle Giants. I hope he also has a special place for their owners.

"It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are." ~ Unknown

Smile of the quarter



Finn says 'hey dudes! I am the real Joe Cool'

Some Wolfhounds are known to smile just like humans. Tell your dog a joke and make him/her smile. Capture it in a photo and mail it to the editor.

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Notices

Calendars are in

Send your checks to Jacquie Stansfield made out to IWAMS. The cost is \$14.95 for each to pick up at the gathering, \$15.95 for each if they need to be mailed. 2905 Bethel Church Road, Climax, NC 27233 (336-685-4464)

Weight Circles

Purina has a program in which one can save the weight circles from their products and send them in to get discount coupons for dog food. If you feed Purina consider helping out with weight circles. Two options are:

- 1) Mail them to Mary Ryan (4625 Worsham Road, Rice, VA 23966) who feeds our rescues Purina and does not get club reimbursement for food.
- 2) The IW National club asks Purina users to send them the weight circles for donation to health studies, rescue and education see: <http://www.iwclubofamerica.org/Purina.htm>

Join the IWAMS Yahoo group:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IWAMS/>

Discuss IW's and club activities!

Link to find an emergency clinic
<http://www.pets911.com/services/emergency/index.php>

Bookmark this for your reference – see the Irish Wolfhound Club of America at: www.iwclubofamerica.org