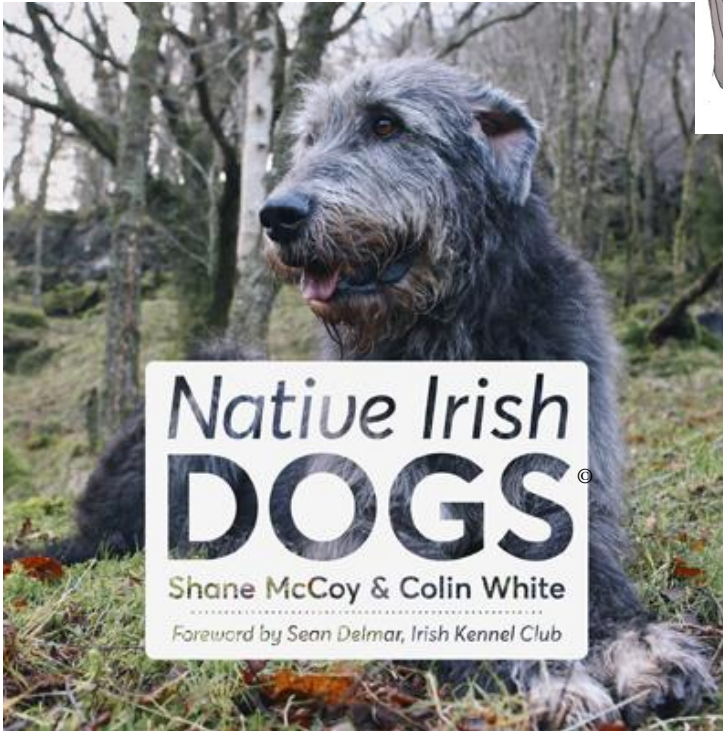


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Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland

THE WHEATEN NEWS



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Secretary's Corner



Hello Everyone.

Well as usual it's been a very busy but very enjoyable year both personally and as my role as secretary for wheaten club. We continue to grow our Facebook Page and I have made some editions to website if there is any website designer genius out there let me know as it is not one of my strong points. Especially someone who can work with the existing site.

Our entry numbers at shows remain very good we are one of the largest terrier entry numbers and several exhibitors who countinuly show one another good sportman ship and support to one another. It makes showing a very enjoyable day out.

Our walks continue to be very popular and well supported. Our first walk this year took place in Ardgillian house on the 13th May and would like to thank Tomas for the write up. . Our second one took place on the 23rd of September before the AGM in Russbourough house.

We also ran a very successful show in May and we were very generously sponsored by Husse foods thank you to Bernadette for getting this for us. Please see show report and critiques for the class winners,

The Heritage day run by OPW and wolfhound club was another success and thank you to Sonia Ferris for representing the club and you can read her write up in this edition.

For this edition I have also brought in another hobby of mine cooking so looking forward to getting favourite recipies world wide to make it a regular section.

Thank you to all those both home and aboard who support the club and if you have any interesting stories of what your wheatens are doing please send them to us

Jennifer
Honorary Secretary

Editor's Notes



Hello Everyone,

At the time of writing we are enjoying the unbelievable hot weather. I can remember 1976 and am sure there have been some days now when record temperatures have been recorded. It is such a pleasure to see how most people have a much happier disposition in good weather. All too soon we will be huddled over against wind and rain and no smiling faces!

Of course to fully enjoy the heat a little extra preparation is needed. Not only for ourselves but our animals too. Drink lots of water to keep fully hydrated, wear lots of sunscreen and remember to reapply frequently. We should all know how important it is to keep our pets comfortable too. NEVER leave in a car for any length of time no matter how many windows open etc as they can overheat very quickly. Provide plenty of water and shaded areas.

Although I am no longer active in the Show scene I do feel for exhibitors struggling to get shade and keep their animals happy. One of my questions and pet hates is why the Brachycephalic breeds are usually scheduled to be judged last. Is there a genuine reason other than alphabetically or numerically why this happens? They have been given a higher profile at the moment and they do suffer more than other breeds in heat. If they are to be judged late in the day then perhaps giving a definite time would help? Of course travelling to shows in hot weather is easier if starting off early in morning before temperatures build. Perhaps when arranging ring layout it would be a huge help to try and provide shaded rings for those breeds.

In May our Annual Championship Show was held in conjunction with Fermoy Show in Clonmel. Thanks to Fermoy for allowing us to hold our Show and for their clever scheduling so as not to clash with their own ISCWT breed judging. Also thanks to our sponsors Huss.

I am now finishing my editorial just prior to our AGM on Sep 23rd. The weather is changing and a real touch of Autumn is approaching. Hopefully no hedgehogs to rescue this year! May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year 2019 and lots of fun with your Wheatens.

Best wishes,

Eileen Collins-Kennedy Editor

Annual Genral Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland held at Russborough house on Sunday 23nd September, the following committee members were voted in.

Patrons: Hannah Ryan, Ann White

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Vice Presidents: Michael Brady, Marion Finney, Evelyn & Jay Rutherford

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Eileen Collins-Kennedy

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Nicky White

*“Anybody who
doesn't know what
soap tastes like never
washed a dog.” –
Franklin P. Jones*



Voice of a Junior

Hi, I'm Zenna Jasmijn Kruis.

I'm 13 and live in Oegstgeest in the Netherlands with my brother Naos (11), my parents Ruud and Marinde, our Wheaten Cara, our cats Puck and Koe and our chickens Witje, Sammy and Krullie. Our town is close to the city of Leiden, about halfway between Den Haag and Amsterdam. I'm in my second year of secondary school and would like to study Veterinary Science when I'm older.



Since childhood I've been passionate about animals and nature. I used to help out at our allotment and had my own vegetable patch there. We've always had Wheatens and cats at home. When I was 8, my parents bought an incubator and we bred our own chickens. Our first Wheatens were Djoeke and Morris. We now have one Wheaten at home, Cara. We co-own 4 other Wheatens and also breed every couple of years under our kennel name "Caomhach". Recently my parents set up a company,

BoeZLife. BoeZLife aims to promote a healthy lifestyle for pets. They give advice to pet owners and sell a variety of pet products; from food to terrier-proof chew toys. I would like to help run BoeZLife when I'm older and working as a vet. As a child I showed our dog Cara at the family day of our breed association "De Wheatens". For the past couple of years I've become more involved in showing and I love it! I enjoy forming a close bond with a dog and seeing the dog develop. I like working with free stacking and hand-stacking if necessary. I've done some junior handling with Sona (one of our co-owned dogs) and have been attending classes and workshops to become more familiar with showing. I also observe others at dog shows. I love working with Sona, we have really formed a bond. In 2017 we reached the "Wheaten Top 10" in our breed association. I would love to try and become Nederlands Kampioen with Sona and then perhaps move on to showing other breeds. In August I hope to show Sona at the World Dog Show in Amsterdam so we're working hard. Aside from showing I have other interests. I enjoy inline skating and I attend theatre school weekly in Den Haag. I play piano, sing and love reading good book.

Beste regards from the Netherlands!

Zenna Jasmijn Kruis





Ardgillan Castle

"If self is location, so is love: Bearings taken, markings, cardinal points, Options, obstinacies, dug heels and distance, Here and there and now and then, a stance."

Seamus Heaney

Yet another great location was chosen for our club's early summer "Wheaten Walk" which took place on 13 May last. Ardgillan Castle near Balbriggan in north County Dublin is an eighteenth century country house which was extended and embellished in the second half of the nineteenth century to create the castle-like building we see today. It is now in public ownership so all can enjoy it. Ardgillan's magic however lies in the views that enthral each and every visitor upon entering its realm.

Ardgillan Castle has a spectacular location halfway up a gently rising hill, and commands an unrivalled and uninterrupted view down towards the Irish Sea immediately to its east. Nothing in the planning of its demesne was left to chance by its previous owners with the views from every vantage point of the demesne planned and planted accordingly. Luckily, the rolling parkland speckled with its magnificent specimen trees and the belts of trees which frame the entire setting still remain today.

15 Wheatens a Poodle and an Irish Wolfhound along with their owners assembled in the carpark above Ardgillan Castle and all proceeded off along one of the well-marked walking routes which imperially slopes down towards the castle and sea beyond and then meanders through the demesne and its woodland before looping back to the castle's magnificent rose gardens.

It is an extremely dog-friendly amenity. Many people we met along the way were very interested in our Wheatens and in the Club, and it was great to be able to tell them about the breed and for them to be able to see

so many Wheatens enjoying themselves! Club members and Wheatens alike then adjourned for some lunch to the great lawn of the castle.

Glorious sunshine followed us for the duration of our time at Ardgillan which was greatly appreciated! It was a very memorable outing and catch-up for both Wheatens and their owners!

I think all are looking forward to the next Wheaten Walk!

Written by Tomas Rosengrave





Club Show 2018

On May 5th our annual Club Championship Show was held in Clonmel. We had a good entry and were joined by overseas visitors and old friends who we were delighted to have taken part in our day.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Marshall Craig of Fermoy International show who kindly allowed us share judge Mr. Ken Campbell and also hosted us at his lovely venue in Clonmel. Also a huge thank you to our new sponsors this year Husse dog food who were extremely generous on the day to all our class winners.

Words from the Judge Mr. Ken Campbell Australia

Dear Jennifer,

It was a great pleasure to be invited to judge at the Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Specialty at Clonmel. And thank you for the perfect weather as well!!

I would like to congratulate the members for the quality dogs they presented to me.

The quality and presentation gave me many choices to consider for the top awards. I felt the size of the dogs was correct, bone varied but generally this was good. Heads were overall very good, coats were very typical and some excellent. Only a very small few were not in show condition, ie in body and coat.

My Best in Show was a veteran bitch in wonderful condition and a great credit to her breeder, ideal, lovely type and quality. The young Green Star dog impressed me considerably, he showed good carriage and has a very bright future.

I enjoyed judging your dogs and thank the members for allowing me the privilege and acceptance of my decisions.

I would also like to thank my Stewards who did such a fine job, and to the Club for my gift which I will treasure.

I wish the Club and Members great success in the future.

Ken Campbell





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Results of Club Show 2018

Breed Judge: Mr. K. Campbell

Award	Dog
Green Star Dog	KINAEAN JIXDITTI (GB) CJW'18 (Mrs B R Hanna)
Res Green Star Dog	INT CH/CH HOBEL LA NOLLAG AN CH 14 & 15, CW15, JUN CH, JCW11 (Mrs D V Evans-Barry)
Green Star Bitch	IR / GB CH KINAEAN QUIETLY CONFIDENT (GB) CW'09,'12, EW'09, VET CH, EURO & BENELUX VET WINNER'16 (Mrs B R Hanna)
Res Green Star Bitch	MACFINN HARLEY QUINN JUN CH (Mrs AM, Mrs EB Minczewska, Brady)
Best Of Breed	KINAEAN JIXDITTI (GB) CJW'18 (Mrs B R Hanna)
Reserve Best Of Breed	IR / GB CH KINAEAN QUIETLY CONFIDENT (GB) CW'09,'12, EW'09, VET CH, EURO & BENELUX VET WINNER'16 (Mrs B R Hanna)

Critiques of First and Second place

Baby Puppy Dog

Parkalissene Bran – B Moynahan

Hard to assess as he did not co-operate

Junior Dog 1

Kinaelan Jixditti – BR Hanna

Excellent Proper

Very good head and ears

Good bone

Lovely topline and tailset

Good angulation

Good carriage

Junior Dog 2

Parkalissene Tadhg - B Moynihan

Good head

Good proportions

Bit out of condition

Could have better carriage

Champion Dog

MacFinn Magento – R Dalton & E Brady

Upstanding male with good head and exp strong bone

Good neck and lay of shoulder

Strong topline

Could have moved a little better

Champion Dog

Hobel As Time Goes By – D Evans-Barry

Very good proportions

Ears just a little in

Good neck and shoulders

Good topline

Good angulation

Veteran Dog

Hobel La Nollag – D Evans-Barry

Excellent condition

Upstanding dog

Very good head and expression

Very good balance

Good neck and shoulders Good body Very good angulation

Moved really well

Veteran Dog 2

Parkalissene Faolan - B Moynihan

Good proportions

Moderate angulation

Moved ok

Puppy Bitch

Hobel the Chantress – D Evans-Barry

Good head and expression

Nicely set ears

Good balance

Good body & topline

Moved well

Puppy Bitch

Hobel Night Time Girl - Anne Finn

Very pretty expression

Lovely head and ears

Good proportions

Good topline

Well angulated

Happy girl

Junior Bitch 1

Macfinn Harley Quinn – Brady & Minezewska

Very good head

Excellent carriage

Compact and strong body

Excellent neck and shoulder

Good topline

Good angulation

Moved with great carriage

Junior Bitch 2

Hobel Golden Fair Queen – D Evans-Barry

Well balanced

Good head

Ears a little high

Good neck and shoulder

Good body

Good angulation

Moved well

Junior Bitch 3

Hobel Littlegem – Anne Finn
Very good head and ears
Good expression
Good body
Good angles
A little longer cast than others

Junior Bitch 4

Parkalissene Tuilelaith – B Moynihan
Good proportions
Reasonable head
Not enough body weight
Fair angulation

Open Bitch 1

Hobel Carrie – D Evans-Barry
Lovely compact
Very good balance
Good body
Good bone
Very good head and expression
Carried herself very well
Moved well

Open Bitch 2

Kinaelan Finlandia – B Hanna
Very good head and expression
Good bone
Very good body
Level topline
Little longer in body
Moved well

Champion Bitch 1

MacFinn Ororo Munroe – R Dalton & E Brady
Excellent bitch
Very good head and ears
Lovely balance
Good neck into shoulders
Correct topline
Really good angulation
Moves well

Champion Bitch 2

Norduch Celtannia Extra Confident at Kinaelan? – Moles & Williams
Smaller bitch but very good proportions

Very good expression
Good body
Very good tailset
Good angulation
Moved well

Champion Bitch 3

Kealdale Nutmeg – J Kealy
Another quality bitch with good head
Very good neck and shoulders
Good body
Good carriage
A little longer
Moved well

Veteran Bitch 1

Kinaelan Quietly Confident – B Hanna
11 1/2 year old bitch
In lovely condition
Very compact
Lovely head and expression
Excellent body
Good topline
Good angulation
Moved extremely well
Very good proportions

Veteran Bitch 2

Dalstar Giselle – J Kealy
Another lovely veteran
Good head
Good neck and shoulders
Good body and topline
Moderate angulation
Lovely coat

Veteran Bitch 3

Parkalissene Bebhinn – B Moynihan
Another 11 year old
Very good body & proportions
Moderate angulation

Annual Champion 2017

Congratulations to Eithne & Michael Brady and Richard Dalton on their success in the show ring this year. Their dog was crowned annual Champion for the second year running.

AN. IRISH CH. MACFINN MAGNETO



Ch. Macfinn Magneto (An. Ch. 16) (Ch. & GB Ch. Feanaro Niallan Naomhan x Ch. Macfinn Kallykeen). Bred by Mrs Eithne Brady. Owned by Mrs E Brady & Mr R Dalton. The highlight of the year for Magneto was winning the Challenge Certificate and reserve Best of Breed at the world renowned Crufts dog show in March of this year.

Roll call of Annual Champion

- 1978 - CH Roisin's Morgan Hadiya
- 1979 - CH Roisin's Morgan Hadiya
- 1980 - CH Roisin's Melina Halandri
- 1981 - *No Annual Champion (confirmed IKC)*
- 1982 - Newkilber Don Corleone
- 1983 - CH Newkilber Don Corleone
- 1984 - *No Annual Champion (confirmed IKC)*
- 1985 - *No Annual Champion (confirmed IKC)*
- 1986 - CH Geragold Carolan
- 1987 - CH Briankeen J.R.
- 1988 - CH Kilcleagh Cloud Burst
- 1989 - CH Briankeen J.R.
- 1990 - CH Briankeen J.R.
- 1991 - CH Ballysax Carrigeen Ban
- 1992 - CH/GB CH Ballysax Berty
- 1993 - CH/SW CH Maroc Dara
- 1994 - CH/SW CH Maroc Dara
- 1995 - CH Brayson Briony
- 1996 - CH Ballysax Boy
- 1997 - CH/SW CH Ballysax Beauty
- 1998 - CH Ballysax Badgio
- 1999 - CH Lady Kadette Of Ballysax At Kanjuley
- 2000 - CH Ballysax Biaggi
- 2001 - *No Annual Champion (confirmed IKC)*
- 2002 - CH Ballysax Brustaiagh Boy
- 2003 - CH Kellynack Chynora
- 2004 - Kellynack Mac Cuile
- 2005 - INT/CH/GB CH Kellynack Chynora
- 2006 - CH/AM/CAN CH Geragold Orla Finlandia CW-06
- 2007 - CH The Philosopher At Kealdale
- 2008 - INT/CH Hobel Joe O'Brien
- 2009 - CH/GB CH Feanaro Niallan Naomhan An Ch 09, CW-08
- 2010 - CH/GB CH Feanaro Niallan Naomhan An Ch 09 & 10, CW-08
- 2011 - CH/GB CH Feanaro Niallan Naomhan An Ch 09, 10 & 11, CW-08
- 2012 - CH Ballysax Bremner An Ch 12
- 2013 - CH Ballysax Bremner An Ch 13 & 12
- 2014 - CH Hobel La Nollag An Ch 14, Jun Ch, CJW-11
- 2015 - CH Hobel La Nollag An Ch 15 & 14, CW-15, Jun Ch, CJW-1
- 2016 - CH Macfinn Magneto An Ch 16
- 2017 - CH Macfinn Magneto An Ch 16 & 17



Views from Breeders around the World



Stefanie Petz

This issue we would like to thank Stefanie from Stongbow Kennels

1. What fascinated you most about the ISCWT?

I saw the Wheaten for the first time in a book of several breeds. I was looking for a second dog for my mixed breed dog and this time it had to be a purebred dog. The descriptions of the character and its outer appearance impressed me. I have found the kennel "Yesterday's Hero" who at time had 4 Wheatens in his home: Gordi Wheaten of der Steig, Wheaten Rebel's Fergus Mc Roy, Yesterdays Hero Cherley Sheleen and Wheaten Rebel's Eliza Doolittle. Experiencing the Wheaten in real life and feeling the described silky coat encouraged my decision to take an Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier into my house.

For how many years have you been dealing with the breed?

For 22 years now.
Yesterday's Hero Cherley Sheleen joined me in 1996. She was already 4 years old. She



Yesterday's Hero
Cherley Sheleen

became my foundation female for the kennel Strongbow's, which I started in 1997.

Are Wheaten your original breed?

Yes

2. What do you think is the best Wheaten you own or have bred?

Since 1997 I have bred 14 litters. Of course, there is no such thing as THE perfect dog. The quality of the dogs is predominantly measured with success at exhibitions. But the results at exhibitions are not the most important thing for my breeding. First and foremost, I breed family dogs whereby I consider health as the absolute priority.



CH Strongbow's Conway Fintain

I've had great success with "Strongbow's Conway Fintain" (Fenian O'Connor & Yesterday's Hero Cherley Sheleen). He was honored with many champion titles and showed himself successfully at an old age at many exhibitions.



CH Strongbow's Grastuil Flannery

One of his offspring is my male "Strongbow's Grastuil Flannery" (Strongbow's Conway Fintain & Strongbow's Dealramh na Greine), who is also very successful at exhibitions and follows his father's footsteps. He also owns several champion titles.

The daughter of him “Cailin Irish Ainnir Faylinn”, bred and owned by Anne Kraan-Sefrin, is very successful on shows and has lots of Champion titles for her young age.

Together with Claudia Morey Vazquez – Kennel “Kelly’s Home” – I imported Honeyrags Smokey Duncan from Sandra Hellsing, Sweden.



Honeyrags Smokey Duncan

My females aren't inferior to my dogs.



CH Strongbow's Eimhin Narbhflaith

I have celebrated huge successes with "Strongbow's Eimhin Narbhflaith" (Choroschie Drusja's Amazing Boy & Strongbow's Finola Keeva). This level of success remained stable even at an old age: at the age of 13 ½ years she finished her show career with the title Veteranen-Europasieger.

My female “Strongbow’s Delreamh na Greine” (Uniques



Globetrotter & Strongbow’s Eimhin Narbhflaith) is still a very powerful female. She’s not that successful on shows, but gave birth to wonderful, typical Irish Wheaten.

Strongbow's Delreamh na Greine

My female "Strongbow's Méan Fomhair" (Oscar Osheen On Inis Glass & Strongbow's Dealramh na Greine) is a masculine, strong female.



She also presents herself very well at exhibitions and already has several champion titles. She also won the Wheaten Top Ten in the Netherlands.

CH Strongbow's Méan Fomhair

My youngest offspring female is "Strongbow's Laoise Meabh" (Honeyrags Smokey Duncan & Strongbow's Méan Fomhair). In addition to my own dogs, offspring from and with Strongbow's have been successfully exhibited.



CH Strongbow's Laoise Meabh

3. Apart from the Wheaten you were dealing with, which 2 or 3 Wheaten would you describe as the best you saw and why?



Puppy out of my L-litter

I think these are the names of the dogs that all wheaten breeders who are familiar with the history of this breed, know. Geijes Kilmore: he has everything a Wheaten should have. I've never had a chance to see him in real life. But the most famous picture of him speaks for itself. Two other impressive dogs are Newkilber Camelot and of course Newkilber the Quiet Man. They correspond the closest to the standard.

The mentioned dogs are all represented in my pedigrees. And I'm proud of that. Additionally, I like to mention the old dogs of Wheaten Rebel's. Among them were many very typical Wheaten type, which had great influence on the development of the breed. In the early years of my breeding I had the opportunity to see some of them at exhibitions.

From Kennel Camacha of Rob and Monique Hubner there are Camacha Nevan, his son Feanaro Niallan Naomhan owned by Richard Dalton and Camacha Gildray Naoimh, who have impressed me greatly in their outward appearance.

4. Which kennel inside and outside the breed impressed you and why?

Of course Holmenocks from the past - and this requires no further explanation. Louise Borst-Borremann "Brugh na Boinne" impresses me with the greatest historical knowledge and the beautiful dogs she bred. I was fortunate to meet her in 2000 when I was allowed to use her import male, Fenian O'Connor, as the father of my C-litter. I still enjoy talking to her today. Also Geijes' breeding programme impresses



Eirin & Connor

me very much, as they have remained true to the purely Irish Wheaten for decades. Actually, I would have to name all breeders here who try to keep the pure Irish Wheaten alive. Unfortunately, there are only a few left. Outside the breed, Thomas Hoevener impresses me with his Irish Setter kennel "Yesterday's Hero". With much love, dedication and a great deal of historical knowledge he has been breeding the Irish Setter for over three decades.

5. If you could just put a dog from the past into your breeding program, what would that be and why?

That's a very difficult question. The first thing that comes to mind is Geijes Kilmore. His appearance pops up in my mind when I think of Wheaten. He also had a great, positive influence on the evolution of the breed and is represented in my pedigrees.

Of course, I love presenting my dogs at shows and styling them accordingly but I prefer the original type of Wheaten. It would be very exciting to use the Wheaten of the beginnings to return to the original type of this wonderful breed.



6. Who was your biggest mentor?

I never had the great honor of meeting Maureen Holmes in person. Thankfully she recorded her knowledge, experiences and opinions in her book. A must for every breeder and breed interested.

Thomas Hoevener accompanied me during the first years of my breeding career. He showed me how the correct Wheaten should look like. Furthermore he taught me how to read pedigrees. He was passionate defender of the pure Irish Wheaten. Louise Borst-Borremann also supported me with her great historical knowledge and advice. Today I am in close contact with the Dutch breeders of the Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club Netherlands, who are committed to the preservation and improvement of the breed. They are always available with help and advice. Joint reviews of puppies and the selection of the best puppies are always very educational. Unfortunately, as in Germany, there are only a handful of breeders who bear this task. I am happy to be a member of this community.



Typical Irish Puppy

7. Ever since you started the Wheaten, have you seen many changes in the breed?

When I started breeding the Wheaten and visited more and more exhibitions over time, the changes were clearly visible. The Wheaten of the Irish type disappeared rapidly. Breeders who previously owned and bred the Irish type changed their mind. Most of the judges preferred the Wheaten American type. Thus, the Wheaten of the Irish type had a very difficult stand at exhibitions. The Irish Wheaten, when placed in the ring with Wheaten of the American type, was set back. Not infrequently he was also rated with a VG. Even well-known breeders, who had bred beautiful Irish dogs, started to ignore the standard whereby they showed Wheatens whose ears were black / gray, with woolly coat, exaggerated hind corners and too short back. In the movement, they were more like the Kerry Blue Terrier and not an Irish "working terrier". Everything that is listed as a mistake in the standard of the Wheaten has been and will be judged on exhibitions with Excellent. Some breeders changed/adapted their lines because being rewarded at exhibitions became more important than preserving the original race.

8. Has the quality deteriorated or improved since you became involved in the breed?

If you look at the standard, the breed has deteriorated. The Wheaten of the Irish type has a very difficult time. For many breeders, success in exhibitions is more important than maintaining the original Wheaten type. Irish Wheatens are on shows in the shadow of the American type, as many international judges prefer the American type. Due to the change on shows, breeders of the Irish type became more and more rare. Many switched from Irish to Mixed/American type.



*Strongbow's Nóe Mi na Samhna &
Strongbow's Loinnir Juverna*



9. In your opinion, what is the biggest hurdle for the breed?

Breeders of these wonderful dogs shouldn't breed only for the success in the show ring and the sale of the puppies. They should rather remember the originality of this breed. Breeders of the pure Irish lines should pass on the puppies of their litters with the utmost care to breeders, whom one can trust and which commit themselves to mate these offspring and their descendants only with purely Irish lines. In my opinion, siblings should not be sold to different breeders: Quality not quantity.



CH Strongbow's Eimhin Narbhflaith

10. What needs to be done to protect the breed in the future?



Strongbow's Bright Blizzard

The Irish Kennel Club has created a breed standard. This breed standard applies to all countries that belong to the FCI. Judges should follow this standard. However, there are very few national and international judges who apply this standard; they reward dogs with disqualifying errors with champion points. I have experienced how even judges from Ireland, country of origin, praised the incorrect type. How this is possible, is beyond my understanding. It takes away the hope of the breeders and lovers of the Irish type as it becomes more and more difficult to show the correct type. I agree with Louise, that judges who don't like the Wheaten's Irish type simply shouldn't accept judging invitations.



Heiritage day 2018

The Myths and Legends of the nine Native Dog Breeds of Ireland Sunday 26th August 2018

The Battle of the Boyne Centre, Oldbridge House, County Meath, was the idyllic setting for the 2nd Annual Irish Wolfhound Club Heritage Day, captivating the exhibition of the nine Irish Native Canine Breeds. This Club has worked tirelessly to campaign for UNESCO World Heritage Status. It was their vision and determination to promote the existence and conservation of Ireland's nine Native Dog Breeds by creating this Event for everyone to experience the uniqueness of our Breeds. There is a heightened importance of our History and Heritage to maintain our own Irish Breeds and to bring nine of our finest into the 21st Century is a true testament of not letting our Breeds become extinct.

We, Chandeson Wheatens, were very blessed and privileged to be part of this amazing event and I will hopefully try to envelope you on our journey of this wonderful day.



Stepping out onto the lawn, in front of the impressive Oldbridge House, was breath-taking. The morning dew set the tone to the landscape which was a vibrant green, the stone of the walled gardens looked strikingly grey/taupe under the white and grey fluffy clouds, which threatened the possibility of rain while the Cheraux-de-Frises stood magnificently in deep colour in the distance. Off course, the slight rise in wind and spittles of rain did appear sporadically, but it definitely didn't dampen the spirits of the Event.

There was an air of excitement from everyone as we hurried to pitch our tents/gazebos around the cordoned garden. A Celtic Harp adorned the centre of the stage in all its magnificence and was played beautifully by Caoimhe Connell. This set the tone for the start of the day.

We were greeted by Organisers Mary and John Potter and Francis Byrne, to whom were dressed very authentically for the nature of the day. Whilst, my husband Des and son Brandon were dressed very smartly, I was given the opportunity to avail of the authentic, period clothing retained by the Battle of the Boyne Costume Archive and was given the most gorgeous outfit, suitable for the Event. My bejewelled, Royal blue feather coat, black skirt, decorative lace shirt and most fabulous blue/white hat attire was so perfect for the day.



Stepping out onto the front lawn was like stepping back in time – we were surrounded with a wonderful display of Early modern period clothing – we had King James II, King William III, Ladies-in-waiting, Queens, Princesses, Farmers, Noble Gentry and with each of our dressed exhibitors, we had our extraordinary Nine Irish Native Canine Breeds – a sight to behold.

The carpark to the side of the Centre was filling up fast and very promptly families were mingling amongst the magnificent breeds. Although it was the Papal Visit weekend, the turnout of visitors was immense and while some people left their own dogs at home, others took their dogs with them on the day, socially interacting with everyone. It was very much a Family Day out.

As the event progressed, we were invited to parade our Breeds towards the centre of the stage. Our Seanacháí, Jim Stevenson from the Irish Kennel Club introduced us one by one – the Irish Wolfhound, the Irish Setter, the Kerry Blue Terrier, the Irish Water Spaniel, the Kerry Beagle, the Irish Glen of Imaal Terrier, the Irish Red Setter, the Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier and the Irish Red & White Setter, accompanied with the beautiful sound of the Celtic Harp.

We were four Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, Lady Chanel, (Hobel My Pretty One avec Chandeson), Lord Chopin, (Hobel It's a Boy avec Chandeson), Lady Charlotte, (Chandeson Binneáin) and Lady Chaneice (Chandeson Broinn Bhinneáin). Four very much adored furbabies. Brandon had created his own prop for the day – “a bamboo stick of mice and rats”.



Lots of children and some parents were very wary of such a sight, but Brandon explained that Chanel's ancestors were great hunters of vermin in the farms and amongst other characteristics, they still love to hunt and fetch. They haven't lost their instinct in the fields at home, but within the home, the odd shoe goes missing, clothes left unattended are shook about and disappear into their beds and anything that squeaks is put to rest quite quickly!!

People were very interested in petting our four Wheatens and experiencing for the first time (for many) their softness of hair. Our Wheatens were ready for the “wheaten greetin’”, but look for the command to do so, as we also do “4 to the floor” – not everyone is keen on the ‘jumping’ dog!! However, love and licks were given out in abundance. It was an honour to talk to people about our breed and the importance of the day. It was especially rewarding watching our son interact with other children about Chanel. Chanel is very placid and very well socialised and didn’t mind the constant attention. For by the chatting, there were lots of photographs taken of and with the dogs.

This social interaction time then give way for our Seanacháí to introduce us to take centre stage and read out our stories of the our specific breed. As the order of the day was Myths and Legends, we, the exhibitors, included in our stories, facts of the breed, an account of their characteristics and where possible a mythical story of doggy folklore. Des’ excellent storytelling was well received. He done a wonderful job expressing our love for our doggy family.

IT’S A WHEATEN LIFE by Chanel (Hobel My Pretty One avec Chandeson) So, what has changed since the 70’s? There were a number of amazing breeders who rescued us and maintained our natural Irish lines. Our pedigree and progeny were documented, Clubs were formed to protect our breed, health tests are carried out and recorded. We are primarily used as a great companion to our families.

Due to our amazing intelligence and soft non-aggressive temperament, we are very capable in obedience, agility, tracking and animal-assisted therapy. One of my sons is being trained as an Assistance dog and making wonderful progress. We respond exceptionally well to positive reward based training. We make excellent companions including children and are very loyal in equal measure to the family. We are very affectionate and are major Lickers. Oh gosh, give us a moment of your time and your ears are as wet as our noses! Off course, we are known for the “Wheaten Greetin’” where we jump up to greet you like a long lost relative, but with consistent patient training we understand the “4 to the floor rule”... We are allowed to do both thankfully. We do alert our

family with our sharp bark when a stranger approaches the door, but we also kiss them too....! The postwoman is our favourite...

Off course, as Terriers, we do have a stubborn side!...like on Laundry days – the washing is folded on the table ready to be put away and bam just in a flash one of us will have carefully, swiftly lift the nearest pair of pants and make a dash for it. In true Wheaten fun form, this is the best time to play!...something so satisfying about being chased by family who are at this stage horrified that their best bloomers are on display, being shaken around the garden....but when you hear the treat call, we come back....well sometimes!! We have taken toilet rolls, new shoes and cushions for playtime!! Such fun!

We do have a family cat Coco who tends to sleep with me or Chopin from time to time, but my offspring still see her as “dessert”....we are making progress on tolerance and acceptance with this though. We do very well being with family, not so good being left alone for a very long time and we love the noise of the radio. No favourite stations as yet!

As we are sociably friendly to everyone, it was important for us to be around other dogs and people from an early age and with patience in training, we are able to walk together, eat together and play together harmoniously – until someone takes the special toy that won't be shared and then you think a war has broken out.... We can get quite mouthy with each other, but it's all fun really – we have so many toys!

Not forgetting the “Wheaten Whizzies” – we are so full of energy and eagerness that once let loose in the field, or in the garden, we have the Zoomies and then we are exhausted! – our favourite chair, the comfy bed, the settee and our beds are a welcomed sight. We don't have a normal curl up and sleep pattern either, you can expect us to be lying upside down, half on the chair or just on our backs flat out....a sight to behold.

Bearing in mind in a closed environment our recall is great, but like our ancestors, where there is a chance to roam, the longer the field the more we will use of it, until we are a dot in our family's eyes... we eventually come back but its better with a light long tether. We

are trained individually for this, it's always work in progress. We love our walks and being mentally challenged, especially hide and seek, fetch and finding treats. We adapt very well in our environments from town/city to the country. We are especially well-behaved for taking on holidays.

We love going to dog shows. Our family train us on a show lead where we are able to stride out our legs and show our exuberance, style, our true pedigree form to that of the breed standard and in the process we get to meet other dog breeds. We are spoiled “furbabies” – pet 1st, show dog 2nd.



We were all gathered thereafter to pose in front of the Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre. Each of us in costume, flanked by our amazing breeds. It was lovely meeting each of our neighbouring breeds and an absolute privilege to be part of the history and heritage of the event, promoting our breeds and given the opportunity to inspire others to be part of this wonderful day.

In true Irish weather timing, the wind had gotten stronger and the rain was quite imminent, but not before we were inundated with families coming over to touch our dogs. They had an opportunity to brush them, give treats and sit with them. I, personally had the pleasure of having a lovely conversation with Finnish breeder, Marjut Roiha, to whom had been spending some holiday time in Ireland and had taken lots of wonderful photographs.

Finally the rain did come for a short burst as we were taking our gazebo down, but we managed to get all four into the Jeep a little damp, but very very happy.

It was an amazing family day, with wonderful people, so friendly, so welcoming and relaxing – the whole event from start to finish was inspirational. So much so – we were nearly the last to leave!!....Until next time.....

For Photographs, please see the “Irish Wolfhound Club of Ireland” – “Native Irish Breeds Album”, “Irish Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of Ireland” on Facebook.

Thank you for reading our story – Chandeson Wheatens

Wheaten Walk

Russborough House





We were treated to blue skies for this our second annual wheaten walk around the magnificent parkland of Russborough House. About 15 wheaten and their owners and friends assembled at the front steps of this amazing eighteenth century Palladian style house. Built of Wicklow granite, and overlooking its own vast parkland towards the Wicklow mountains, it really is a magnificent building. All who were present for the off took their positions between the pillars of the colonnade linking the main house to its west wing for the “official” photo of the day. It really was a perfect start to the walk.

From the front of the house we went in an anti-clockwise direction around the park. The walk lasted approximately 1 hour, and it was a great chance for all wheaten and their companions to renew friendships and catch up! The designated walk around Russborough House demesne is fenced-in so it is a very safe environment for any wheaten who enjoy freedom and a gallop. All truly enjoyed the walk in the fresh crisp Wicklow morning air.

Upon our return to the house, it was time for wheatens to curl-up for a snooze in their respective vehicles, while their owners and friends went for a lovely lunch in Russborough's café which served up some really great food. The very kind people running the cafe had reserved us our own area to eat in, which was very much appreciated!

Following that, it was time for the serious business of the day, the Club AGM, so we proceeded to one of the out-offices in a stable yard which had been set up especially for that meeting.

A very very well organised and enjoyable walk – thanks Jennifer!

New ClubTrophy



Huge thank you to Carolyn Mulholland RHA who hand made this beautiful trophy and Jenni Mulholland presented to the club earlier this year.

Pet Expo

We were greatly represented On the 3rd-4th November at The National Show Centre we had an honour to represent ISCWT Club and our lovely breed at Pet Expo. It was a very nice weekend. We really enjoyed meeting all people and their dogs. Some new owners, some never heard or seen wheaten before and a few possible future owners. Many people didn't realised Ireland has such as lovely native breed. Thank you for all who came to say hello and happy to welcome some new Club members.



Beautiful dogs: Nutmeg, Reesha, Bran, Senan and Lilly where there with us to represent the breed.

Written by Aneta Min

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Aneta, Susan, Tomás, Fergus, Eileen, Derek and Roselean who all represented the breed club.



Christmas Markets and Wheaten Walk



We had an impromptu wheaten walk on 25th November Castletown house as we had been asked by some of our members could we go there again. It turned out to be a lovely day. We



had a great turn out and some new people along who we were delighted to welcome and hope we see them again in the future. It was great to get back to courtyard afterwards where we could chat there was a band playing and loads of stalls serving hot food and a welcome tea and coffee.



Recpies from my kitchen

After dogs and diving my next passion is cooking I love to curl up on the couch with a pile of cook books and read through them for inspiration. So I thought as we have so many people worldwide it would be nice to include some recipes so I'll start the ball rolling with some of my favourites and then look forward to more being sent.

Maybe eventually we could compile a cook book of our favourites around the world.

In the last few weeks in Ireland it has turned a bit wintry in the weather cold in in the evening when you get in form work so I made my first Irish stew of the season and it was extremely delicious so here is the recipe.

BEEF AND STOUT STEW



900g of Stewing beef
300g bacon lardons
Olive oil
Salt, freshly ground pepper and cayenne
2 large onions (about 285g), coarsely chopped
1 large garlic clove, crushed (optional)
2 tablespoons tomato purée, dissolved in 4 tablespoons water
500ml Guinness or Murphys (in our house we prefer the Murphys)
3 sticks of celery
400g carrots, cut into chunks
Sprig of thyme
Chopped parsley for garnish

Guinness, Ireland's famous black stout, has been brewed in Dublin since 1759. It has a very special place in Irish life. Local Irish history pits the Guinness drinkers of Dublin squarely against the Murphy's drinkers of Cork. There has long been a lively rivalry between the two, with Murphy's viewed as the more "craft" stout. Stout is a tasty addition to stews and casseroles, helping to tenderise the meat and imparting its distinctive malty flavour to any dish. This recipe makes a wonderful gutsy stew, which tastes even better a day or two after it is made.

Peel and chop carrots and onion and garlic. Mix flour with salt and pepper and paricki or canine pepper. Toss beef in flour shaking off excess flour. Heat oil in large lidded casserole dish, brown the meat really well in batches, then set aside in. Fry off your bacon. Add the onion and carrots to the dish, give them a good browning. Use some of the stout to deglaze the pan. Tip the meat and any juices back into the dish and give it all a good stir. Pour over the Guinness. Add tomato puree mix. Season the stew with salt, pepper. Tuck in the herbs and bring everything to a simmer. Then place in preheated oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3

I also cook this in a slow cooker and you reduce liquid by about a little less than half. Nothing better than to come in from a days hiking with the dogs to a stew being ready.

Cover with a lid and place in the oven for about 3½ hrs until the meat is really tender. I usually serve it with boiled potatoes but its really good with Mash or champ. The stew can now be chilled and frozen for up to 3 months – defrost completely before reheating until piping hot.

IRISH SODA BREAD

I Love making soda bread especially for the fact I don't have to look for a tin. After cutting the cross into the bread which helps it cook evenly the tradition was to prick the four corners to allow the fairies escape! I still do this out of habit.

If you can't get buttermilk in your country you can make it by Using Milk an Adding an Acid. Pour the milk into a liquid measuring cup. For every 1 cup of milk, stir in 1 tablespoon lemon juice or vinegar

225g whole wheat (wholemeal) flour

(225g) all-purpose (plain) flour

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda (bicarbonate of soda)

3 tablespoons (50g) mixed seeds, such as sesame, pumpkin, or golden flax seeds (linseeds) (optional)

2 tablespoons (25g) butter, softened (optional)

1 egg

375–400ml buttermilk or soured milk

Preheat the oven to 220°C.

Sift together the flours, salt, and baking soda in a large bowl and mix in the seeds (if using). Add the butter (if using), and rub into the flour mixture with your fingertips until it resembles bread crumbs. Make a well in the center.

In another bowl, whisk the egg with the buttermilk and pour most of the liquid into the flour mixture. Using one hand with your fingers outstretched like a claw, bring the flour and liquid together, adding more of the buttermilk mixture, if necessary. The dough should be quite soft, but not too sticky.

Turn onto a floured work surface and gently bring the dough together into a round about 1 1/2 inches (4cm) thick. Cut a deep cross on top and place on a baking sheet.

Bake for 15 minutes. Turn down the heat to 200°C and bake for 30 minutes more. When done, the loaf will sound slightly hollow when tapped on the bottom. Remove from the baking sheet and place on a wire rack to cool.

APPLE AND BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE

At this time of year in Ireland nearly everyone has a friend who is trying to find homes for their extra apples. I hadn't made it with blackberry before but I was in Kerry last week and I collected some wild blackberries there and tried it and loved it.

For the filling:

500g Bramley apples peeled, cored and diced

30-50g caster sugar

1-2 tbsp. water

200g blackberries, fresh or frozen

Whipped cream, to serve

Sprinkling of brown sugar, to serve

For the crumble:

225g plain flour

110g Butter, now softer

110g Caster sugar

1 tsp ground cinnamon

25g) chopped almonds or hazelnuts (optional)



Preheat oven to 180°C/ fan oven 160°C/Gas Mark 4. Place the apples, sugar and water in to a saucepan and place on a medium heat. Bring to a simmer and stew, stirring occasionally for 5-7 minutes until quite soft. Transfer to a pie dish, then allow to cool as you prepare the crumble. Place the flour and butter in a mixing bowl, then use your fingertips to rub together until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Add nuts if using them. Next mix in the sugar and cinnamon. Scatter the blackberries over the apple mixture, then cover with the crumble mixture. Place in the oven and bake for 30-35 minutes or until the crumble is golden and crisp. 6. Serve warm with some whipped cream.

I would like to thank Fiona Hurley for this poem music will probably pop into your head as you read it



We wrote it together as he was excited about his first munster circuit!! The others had told him of what was ahead..

And I was just as excited too...as it's the first full week I've been able to do, in many years, because of work constraints and there was the added excitement of having Percy with us as he's our first home bred Charlie in over 10 years...

"Twas the night before the Munster circuit

and all thru the house

The doggies were stirring at the sounds of the clicking mouse!

The Results, they were hung

On the Facebook wall with care

Sparkling new Ads celebrating kennels and wins published for all to see.

The dogs, all preened and prepped

Lying Awake in their beds!!

With visions of rosettes and new smells dancing in their heads.

Their masters in their Sunday best, dog treats hidden in pockets.

I was just resolving myself

to tackling the pack.

When out in the porch there arose such a clatter!

The vet beds were flung so I could go see what was the matter

Away to the porch I flew jumping dogs vet beds and doggie matter

*Avoiding boxes, their bowls, their water and food all laid out
The hallway was littered with all their belongings
It gave the illusion of being prepared but just an illusion, we knew!!
When, what to my wondering eye should appear
But confetti like paper so tiny..it flew..
And a wriggling arse..so lively and happy .
I knew, in a moment, of what was the cause!! *Gasp* Its Sir Percy!!*

*More rapid than an eagle my course I flew
I whistled and shouted and scrambled to save!!
Oh Clonmel! Killarney! Limerick! Tralee!!!
Oh navan, the hound show, the all Terriers and more..
Their remains fluttered about me,
What was left strewn across the floor!
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly
The confetti like pieces flew and they flew
Mr Percy's eyes were gleaming
He really..hadn't a clue!!*

*The floor littered with remains of schedules, instructions and ring numbers
too*

*Percy was prancing and pawing his efforts
So, I drew in my breath and turned to calm
I bent down and called him...and to me, he bound*

*His tongue hanging out he had joy in his eyes.
He was freshly bathed, he smelled gorgeous from head to his tail.
He knew this meant he'd be soon making more friends!!!*

*A Bundle of joy he flung himself on his back
And looked like a postbox
Envelopes hanging out his mouth*

*His eyes, how they twinkled, his ears cocked up
His coat was so silky, his nose all a twitch
His happy mouth full of the rewards of his destruction.
And all my Circuit info was lying in shreds!!*

*The remains of Tralee he held in his teeth
The remains of the others encircled him, like a halo
He is such a pleasant boy with a lovely jolly belly
That wobbles when he's tickled, then he'll piss or he farts!!
He's young and he's bold, a right mischievous little Charlie
And I laughed heartily when I saw him, in spite of myself*

*For I knew by his eye and the twist of his head
He hadn't a clue of what he had did
I knew he didn't mean it but realised, he was excited.
For The others had told him of the adventures ahead!*

*New sights and smells..a little test of endurance...but fun with all the right
people in my spiritual homeland*

*I picked Percy up, the destruction didn't matter
To his bed with all the others he happily went. In anticipation of what was
to come they ALL bayed goodnight!!!
It's Time for us to pack the car and leave nothing behind!!
But if we do do, it's okay as we're always amongst friends!*

There's puppies and champions and veterans abundant as well as the youngsters just there for the laughs..

The bestest of luck and times to all of you going..

The new and the Veterans,

Em..the owners, this time!!

And to all I now bid a cheery goodnight..

and a

Happy Munster circuit to all

and to all...just enjoy!!!"

