

2023 Sweepstakes Judge's Comments

Thank you to the Potomac Valley Irish Wolfhound Club for the invitation to judge the 2023 Specialty Sweepstakes classes. The event ran smoothly and efficiently with the expert assistance of my "pinch-hitter" ring steward, Ms. Tammy McNeely-Aube, a true asset to the club and the Irish Wolfhound. What a wonderful experience it is to be given the privilege of evaluating these young hounds, the future of our breed!

I found the majority of the Sweepstakes entry to be very sound both in body and in spirit. It was nice to see them taking the events of the day in stride and mastering the "gait and stack" sequences. There were a few "imperfections" here and there in bites and gaits — all to be expected in young pups who are rapidly changing by the day or sometimes by the hours! I feel encouraged by the promise shown in these youngsters as they move into their maturity.