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President's Report

The Good News: This has been a wonderfully mild winter

The Bad News: Mud, Mud and more Mud!

Hope everyone is dealing with the mess and is looking forward to Spring and of course our Match on May 19th.

Good News: We have lots of changes this year! The Match will be at a new location in Illinois. We will be at Pilcher Park in Joliet, IL. It is a beautiful park, complete with Nature center and walking trails. Our Match will be at the area on Gougar Rd and Highland Park Drive right at the entrance, but you should all take a ride through the nature center or walk the trails if you get a chance.

Donna Smith, Taliesin Irish Wolfhounds will be our judge and will even give handling tips after the match, if anyone is interested.

Bad News: We will be at the mercy of Mother Nature. We do have a rather large shelter and picnic tables, but let's all think NO Rain!

Perhaps, if we all bring our rain gear and tents and are ready for the worst, it will be a nice, sunny day.

Good News: This year we will be doing a LGRA (Large Gazehound Racing Association) meet. This is straight track racing. It consists of 3 runs of 200 yds each. Dogs run up to 4 at a time with blankets and muzzles on and chase after a raccoon tailed squawker. This requires lots of owner participation, so even if your dog doesn't run, come out and help!! We will be happy to train you.

Bad News: No ASFA lure coursing. Unfortunately we don't have equipment and won't be at the GRKC where Midwest Coursing Club is based.

Hope to see you in Joliet,

Maria

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Calendar of Events 2012

April 1st 11am
Meet up & Lunch at the home of Mike and Helen Philpot
26 County Road 1800 N, Seymour, IL 11am

Mike and Helen Philpot invited us back to their home for a meet up with our hounds. What a great time it will be walking your hounds on their five acres of land with open unpaved trails that go down to the Sangamon River. Afterward, they invited us to stay for a wonderful homemade lunch. All you will need to bring is a lawn chair. Water will be available for the dogs. So that Helen has some idea how many will be there for lunch, please contact her at helen@EnglishHedgerow.com or me, Claire Morrisonmorrison-iw@att.net. As always last minute attendees are welcome

Saturday April 7
Passport to Ireland, Chicago Children's Museum, Navy Pier.
700 E. Grand Ave. Chicago, IL 60611
From 11-3pm

www.ChicagoChildrensMuseum.org
 We are looking for a few wolfhounds and their owner to participate in the Irish program at the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier. To date we have three that are participating but could use at least two more. Your hounds must be able to walk on tile floors, go to the second floor in an elevator and love being around a lot of children. Great training if you plan on doing any therapy work. If you would be interested please contact me Claire Morrison by email morrison-iw@att.net or

phone (708) 597-7721 or Contact Barb Pische if you are interested.
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April 30- May 3
IWCA Specialty Purina Farms
Grey Summit, Mo.
<http://www.iwclubofamerica.org/>

Saturday, May 19
GLIWA Annual Spring Match
New location, Pilcher Park, 2501 Highland Park Dr. Joliet, IL. Off of Interstate 80, Route 30 and Gouger Rd
Judge: Donna Smith, Taliesin Irish Wolfhounds, Pennsylvania USA
Premium available on our web site, www.gliwa.org

Sunday May 20
LGRA straight track racking, Same location as the match
Memorial weekend
Gaelic Park Irish Fest
6119 W. 147th St, Oak Forest, IL. 60452
 The dog exhibition is three days (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) from 2pm-6pm
 A nice way to spend the weekend and enjoy the Irish Fest.

June 16
Scottish Festival and Highland Games
Hamilton Lakes, Itasca. Times are anytime between 8-4pm.
 The Midwest's premier showcase for Scottish arts and Culture. Come out and spend the day with your wolfhound. The Irish wolfhound fans will be out in full force asking you every question there is to know about our wonderful breed.

August ?

**The Irish American Alliance Annual Picnic
Bur Oak Woods, Cook County Forest Preserves
136th and South Harlem Ave. Palos Heights, IL.**

Great food, fun games and raffles. Bring water for your hounds and a lawn chairs

**Saturday – Monday, September 2-4
Labor Day weekend**

**Wisconsin Highland Games. Waukesha Expo Center – Waukesha, Wisconsin
<http://www.wisconsinscottish.org/>**

October 6

**GLIWA Annual Fall picnic
Pilcher Park, Joliet IL.**

A fun time with your wolfhound. Pot luck lunch and wolfhound games.

Saturday, October ?

**Locust Grove Match Fun
At the home of Robert and Gretchen Bernardi,
“Berwyck Irish Wolfhounds”
Edwardsville, IL.**

Saint Patrick Day Parades

Manhattan Parade March 4th



South Side Parade



GENTLE WHEN STROKED ~ FIERCE WHEN PROVOKED



Naperville Parade March 12



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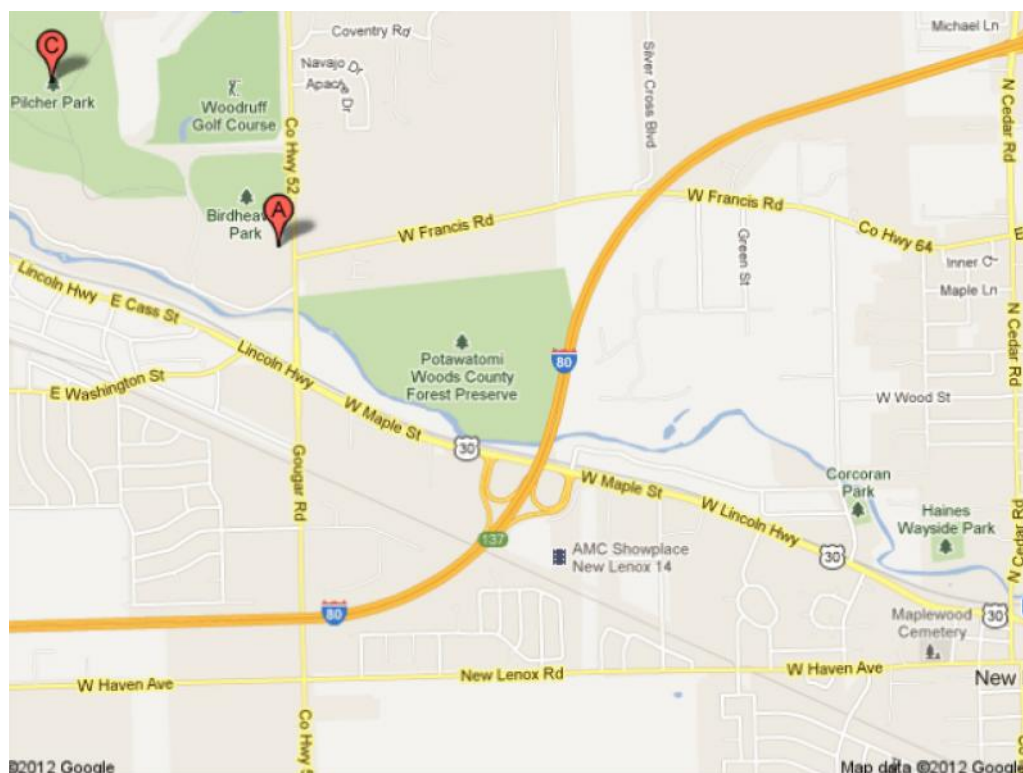
Remember our Annual Fun Match and Specialty LGRA Field Trial

May 19-20 in

Pilcher Park, Joliet, Illinois

Judge Donna Smith of Taliesin Wolfhounds

**Right off of Rt 30 in Joliet. Turn right on Gauger Rd
and then the next street on your left just past the
stream.**



Guess Who Just Turned 8 ?

Oh Valkyries Roric from Brie (aka Mama's Boy)



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BOUDICA OF THE CATSKILLS

Q. What has four legs, a really long tail, and is beautiful?

A. Me!

My name is Boudica which is pronounced Boo-Dih-Kuh. I was named after a Celtic Queen that once defeated the Romans. My parents call me Boo-Boo. Sometimes they get mixed up and call me Boo-Boo-No.

I was born in North Carolina to Tamara Ritzenthaler, Ierne Irish Wolfhounds. Tamara and her husband, Randy, and her son Sean took good care of me. I lived in North Carolina with my Irish Wolfhound Mom Nora, three other Wolfies Stella, Sorsha, Aiden, and Gordy a Border Terrier. Nora is a really pretty hound, and my father was a really Big Big dog!



My new Mom, Randi, came to visit me in North Carolina. Then a few weeks later she came back and we both flew to La Guardia! I was only 14 weeks old but weighed 44 pounds so I had to fly in cargo. I was never on a plane before but Tamara had the good sense to write a flyer for Randi to give to the crew. American Airlines was really nice to me and took pictures of me in cargo to show that I was on the plane and was ok. I did really well on the flight and wasn't scared at all (well, maybe a little). When we got home my parents put out a sign to announce my arrival: "She's a Girl, 44 pounds."

I now live in Catskill Park in New York state with my Mom Randi, my Dad Joe, and two cat sisters Bwindi and Spookie. My parents love me very much. We love playing, walking, and socializing together.

Bwindi is a really nice cat and lets me sniff her. She really wants to be friends. But I have to be careful as she is a lot smaller than me. She is a very pretty cat, named after a pretty forest in Uganda where my parents went to see Mountain Gorillas with Lincoln Park Zoo.

At first, Spookie didn't like me much. She makes faces and makes "pssst" noises to me. The first time she really scared me and I ran to Mom. But now I know that she used to spend all her time with Mom following her around all the time. But as Mom needs to spend all her time with me now, Spookie is jealous. Spookie also walks near me and when I get excited, my parents call me Boo-Boo-No; Spookie always looks happy then. But yesterday she let me sit next with her on the pillow on the floor – that was nice.

My property is a beautiful 12 acres, with just under 2 acres fenced in. I have a large area with no trees where I can run, and other areas with a lot of trees and boulders to play in. We have a creek that runs through the heart of the property and Mom says in the spring we can play in it. I also like to go to the back gate where we can go outside our property into the forest. I've seen deer, wild turkeys, black squirrels and red squirrels so far. I like the turkeys best, because they make so much noise and don't seem very smart.



Mom says there are bear here too but they are sleeping now. In the spring Mom says I will wear a bell when we walk in the forest. The bell lets the bear know we are there so they will move away from us. I hope it's not the dinner bell.

Mom says in the summer we are going on vacation to the Adirondacks. Did you know that New York has the biggest park in 49 states, bigger than Yellowstone and Glacier combined? Only 4 hours from here is the 6 million acre park – WOW!

New York is really dog friendly. New Yorkers really like all dogs, but because I am so beautiful, I'm like a star! Everybody tells me how pretty I am, which of course I know, but I still like to hear it. In good weather, there are some restaurants here that allow outside eating with dogs and Mom and Dad are taking me!

I don't like training much. I mean, if I do a command the first time I shouldn't have to do it again should I? You see, I am really smart, so I don't feel I need to do anything more than once.

Mom and Dad told me what a nice club GLIWA is, and how they enjoyed attending some events. Although they live in New York for five years now, they are still GLIWA members. We send good wishes to all GLIWA members, whether two or four footed.

Note from Randi – I was re-reading the Complete Irish Wolfhound Third Edition by Alma Starbuck and one section really hit me and my love for the breed: “ How can you have ‘dog sense’ if you’ve never had a dog before, or been interested in one, and perhaps are being talked into having this one by a lovable wife or a persuasive husband? Truly, I never worry about these last situations since Wolfhounds are notorious in breaking down all resistance to dog ownership and may who have never wanted a dog find themselves with a Wolfhound and thereafter though the years will never be without one. This Wolfhound-ownership-need, once one has been an owner, is so widespread, it is almost a rule”.





From the St Andrews Society:



We Get Mail!

Subject: Fw: gliwa newsletter
Good Job, Girls!

Announcing the trophy winners for the 2012 West Suburban Irish St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Founder's Award: The South Side Irish Relocated

Queen's Choice Award: McNulty School of Irish Dance

Best Float Award: Ryan Hill Realty

Most Irish Award: Quigley's Irish Pub

Most Colorful Award: Illinois St. Andrews Society

We Won.....

Looks like we received some good promotion for ISAS. We will pick up the trophy at Quigleys in Naperville on Wednesday.

Was a fun day.....We'll bring the trophy to the Scottish Home. see email below....

Bill G. MacLeod

Please thank all those in your club that participated in the parade. We were happy they could make it in spite of the blustering wind and cool temperature.

Keep warm,

Bill Giles MacLeod



Forward from the AVMA:

False rumors of new strains of canine distemper virus

It was recently brought to our attention that there are rumors circulating online about the existence of two new strains of canine distemper virus. These rumors are untrue. After consulting with two experts, Dr. Ed Dubovi (from Cornell) and Dr. Ron Schultz (from the University of Wisconsin), we provide the following information:

- There is no data to back up claims that the disease is on the rise on a national level, but there have been many outbreaks of distemper covered in the news media.
- Genetic studies of the canine distemper viruses in the U.S. may show strains that were previously undetected here, but it's almost impossible to determine if these strains are newly arrived or just newly detected because of improvements in testing. In addition, minor genetic changes often do not affect the antigenicity of the virus and have no impact on the efficacy of currently available vaccines.
- The currently available distemper vaccines are highly effective and will protect dogs against all currently circulating strains of canine distemper virus.
- The real issue is that there are unvaccinated (or inadequately vaccinated) and unprotected pets at high risk of developing a very deadly, yet preventable, disease.
- Dog owners are strongly urged to consult with their veterinarians regarding vaccination of their dog against distemper and other common diseases, including adenovirus, parvovirus and rabies.

Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association

Annual Members meeting of February 4, 2012

I. Call to order

Maria Lubera, President called to order annual meeting at 6:02 p.m.
Board Members present: Leslye Sandberg, Claire Morrison, Doug Morrison, Joe Mahoney, Pat Powers, Debbie Habian, Jane Brown, Debbie Greene.
Absent: Barb Pische.

II. President's Report

The main business of this meeting is the election of board members and officers. No other business requiring a vote of the membership has been put forward and motion was made and approved for all business to be tabled until next regular meeting TBA
The below printed slate of candidates was elected by consensus as no nomination by petition for any office or directorship was filed as per article VII, section 6 of the by-laws.

President – Maria Lubera
Vice President – Claire Morrison
Secretary – Debbie Habian
Treasurer – Leslye Sandberg
2yr Director – Jane Brown
2yr Director – Pat Powers
2yr Director - Debbie Greene
Doug Morrison and Joe Mahoney are finishing their directorship term

Dr. Joe Whalen, guest speaker for annual meeting
Short board meeting to follow dinner
- Meeting adjourned 6:05 p.m.

III. Board Meeting

Maria called meeting to order at 9:04 p.m.

Match May 19th, 2012 in Joliet
Discussion on two requests from IWCA

* Donation to Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard on Osteosarcoma study

Motion made by Jane Brown and seconded by Doug Morrison to donate \$1,000.00 ; voted on and passed 6-2

* Trophy donation –

ASFA 2nd Place Open \$55.00,
LGRA Best of Opposite \$55.00

Motion made by Pat Powers and seconded by Claire Morrison

Motion made and approved to table rest of business for March meeting

Motion made and approved for adjournment at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Habian, Secretary



Great Lakes Irish Wolfhound Association

Board meeting of Saturday, March 3, 2012

Call to order

Maria Lubera, President called the meeting to order at 12:26 p.m.
Board Members present: Leslye Sandberg, Claire Morrison, Doug Morrison, Joe Mahoney, Pat Powers, Debbie Habian, Jane Brown, Debbie Greene, Barb Pische.
Also present: Chris Krowzack, Robert Greene, Madeline Mahoney, Helen & Mike Philpott.

Annual meeting minutes of 2/4/12 were approved as read

Reports

President: No report; main business of meeting Fun Match 2012
Vice President: No report
Secretary: No report; four new members since beginning of year
Treasurer: Report available upon request
Hospitality: No report; all business for Match

Activities: Southside Irish Parade 3/11 marching with American Irish Federation. Naperville St. Patrick's Day parade St. Andrew Society Sat. 3/17, 10 a.m.
Passport to Ireland at Children's Museum April 4; wolfhound postcard created for program; more hounds needed to participate.
Highland Games June 16 in Itasca; tents will not be provided, bring tent if you have.

Ways and Means: Chris will be inventorying items for Match; will order per request extra-large t-shirts, long-sleeved "fierce when provoked" t-shirts.

Publications: Items for spring newsletter due by 3/11
Rescue: No report

Old Business

Match 2012

Donna Smith of Taliesin Irish Wolfhounds Pennsylvania – Judge
Committee positions:
Chris Krowzack – Chair
Maria Lubera – Secretary, Ribbons & Trophies
Barb Pische – Hospitality
Claire Morrison & Madeline Mahoney – Boutique
Joe Mahoney, Doug Morrison & Robert Green – Sound, equipment & cleanup
M.B. Kinsella – Ring Steward to be confirmed
Branden Kerr - Photographer

LGRA on Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.; snow fencing will be erected
Board viewed LGRA site
Hounds to be blanketed and muzzled
Karen Frederick will provide and run equipment and squawker
Maria & Jane will do blood draws for Broad Institute Osteosarcoma study
GLIWA will provide ribbons & trophies; GLIWA mugs for trophies, crocks for prizes
Premium contents discussed to include match location map, directions, hotels info, info on Al's Steakhouse for dinner, list of officers, classes, dogs may be neutered/intact. Premium posted to GLIWA website and in spring newsletter.

Motion made and approved to pay up to \$500 for Judge Donna Smith's travel expenses
Motion made and approved to pay for Karen Frederick's dinner
Motion made and approved to reimburse Maria Lubera \$94 for new GLIWA signs

GLIWA trademark – nothing new to report

Jane Brown composed Reputable Breeding and Rescue definition info to be posted to GLIWA website

New Business

Website domain up for renewal in August; discussion on providers
GLIWA picnic will be October 13th, 2012 at Pilcher park; possible nature walk
Motion made and approved for adjournment at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Debbie Habian, Secretary

**REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR DUES
TO THE GREAT LAKES IRISH
WOLFHOUND ASSOCIATION – DUE
APRIL 1**

Looking for a new puppy?

For breeder referrals call

Maria Lubera

630-279-7179

**Or contact the Irish Wolfhound Association
Of America**

www.iwclubofamerica.org

**We can help you find a reputable breeder who
cares about health and temperament. We also
have a Breeder Referral section in our website**

www.gliwa.org.



Reputable breeders want to meet the people who are going to have their puppies. Please be careful to check out any breeder before getting your new puppy and beware of buying a puppy over the internet sight unseen.