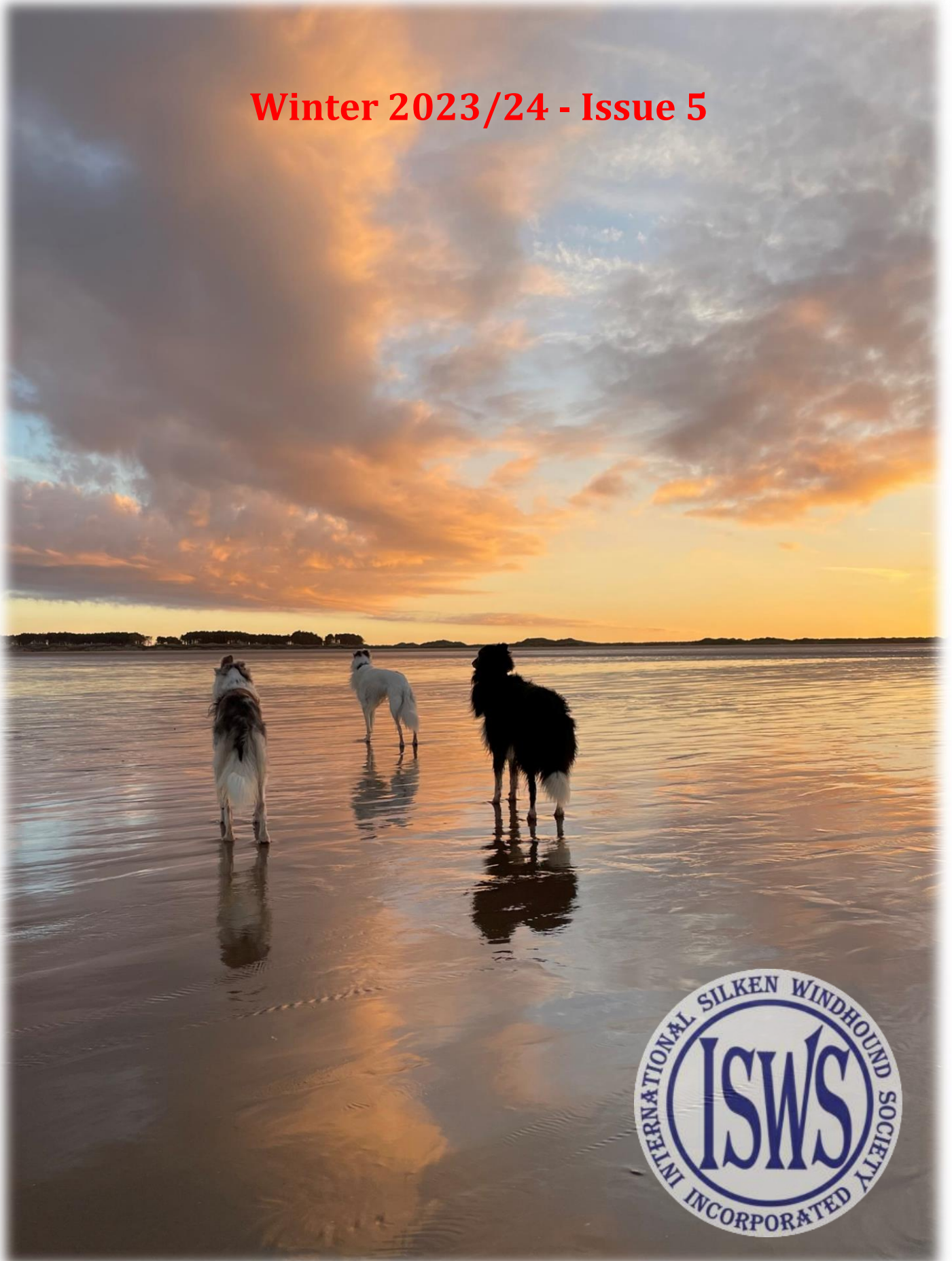


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We encourage members to send in their litter applications, puppy registrations, ownership transfers, and DNA requests to the email address listed above with a copy of the PayPal payment, or at least the PayPal transaction number. **We are trying to get away from sending these registrations through the mail.**

Note: All PayPal payments to be sent to iswstreasurer@yahoo.com



ISWS Committees

Below are the current ISWS Committees, their chairs and contact information:

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Note: Committee Chairs/members must be ISWS members.

SilkenFest Committees

SilkenFest Planning Committee (Core Committee)

(These are the core people, regional people come in and out as the locations change; some take on more than one task and that varies from year to year):

SilkenFest National Coordinator/Director - Jerilynn Adin-Safran

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National SF Treasurer	Jolene Hicks
National SF Performance Coordinator	Keith Hicks
National SF Health Coordinator	Michelle Smith
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ASFA Field Trial Secretary	Lori Silvestri
LGRA Meet Coordinator & Secretary	Ashley Caskey
NOTRA Meet Coordinator & Secretary	Ashley Caskey
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SilkenFest winning Logo
2024
By Csilla Vereb.

From the (temp) Ed

Welcome to Issue 5 of the ISWS Newsletter; I apologise it is slightly delayed but with many personal events since Q4 2023 I have been unable to commit to this undertaking until more recently.

The positions up for rotation on the ISWS Board of Directors were ISWS Vice President, ISWS Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations were cast and we welcome Lisa Golebiewski as ISWS Vice President. Terri Lewis will continue as ISWS Corresponding Secretary and Jolene Hicks steps back into the Treasurer position. Welcome aboard and welcome back!

May we also extend our thanks to our past BoD volunteers: J. Vookles and Chris Swilley. Your input and commitment have been appreciated.

I hope you enjoy this latest issue. When faced with a blank page I wonder what I will fill it with. It is surprising how the End of Year Ranking, Show round-ups and some features soon create quite an editorial piece.

May I thank everyone who has contributed articles, results, and pictures. Without your input this production would be far less interesting. It is hard for an e-newsletter to compete with social media which reports instantly, however do remember these newsletters are a record of the year, are uploaded and saved for historic reference and not get lost in the newsfeeds.

There is much to look forward to in 2024 with SilkenFest only just around the corner. Celebrating its 25th Anniversary let's make it a good one. I am visiting SilkenFest this year so look forward to meeting many of the names I contact to help create this publication. Then of course there are a host of regular Specialties which are now fixtures in our diaries. Good luck to everyone in whatever discipline you choose to follow and may you always take the best dog home 😊

Finally, on a more sombre note, this will be my last Newsletter as the main Editor. Put simply it is just not sustainable as a one-man band, who is also some 5000 miles away from the motherland. I will continue to collate and report on UK & European news, but it really does need an Editor to step up from within America.

See some of you very soon,

Justine
Stand-in Ed

New ISWS Champions

The following Silken Windhounds gained their ISWS Championships during 2023, but first starting with one missed from the 2022 roll of honour:

(Many have other titles, but this page is focusing on the ISWS title)

ISWS Ch Winsome Mipha's Grace

Attained: 22/10/2022

O. N & C Cross

B. I. Stetson, C. Cross, R. Peters-Campbell



Photo credit: Michael Boomer

Photo credit: Hounds in Motion



ISWS Ch WindnSatin Rubies in the Nite

Attained: 03/03/2023

O. A. Crowley

B. M. Childs

ISWS Ch Solo's Something Wicked

Attained: 12/11/2023

O/B. P. Kilby



Photo credit: 4steadypawsphotography

ISWS Ch Allagante Izzo Irish

Attained: 18/03/2023

O/B. K & P Sanders



Photo credit: Jeffrey Yen

Photo credit: 4steadypawsphotography



ISWS Ch Clayborn's Belle Starr

Attained: 08/09/2023

O. K. Houghton

B. C. Wester



ISWS Ch Regalant Run-on-Sentence

Attained: 11/11/2023

O/B. K. Houghton



ISWS Ch Morgandell Black Limousine

Attained: 09/09/2023
O. S. Moore & P. Moore
B. C. Dell



Photo credit: Michael Boomer

ISWS Ch Satsuma Darrin Stephens

Attained: 17/03/2023
O. M. Smith
B. J. Ceballos & R. Miller



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ISWS Ch Another Tequila Sunrise @Spirit

Attained: 02/07/2023
O. J. Anderson & H. Bonning
B. J. Anderson

ISWS Ch Talisman of Juno

Attained: 21/10/2023

O/B. J. Chin



Photo credit: Malinda Julian



Photo credit: Jeffrey Yen

ISWS Ch WildRose Allagante Inara

Attained: 24/06/2023

O. K & P Sanders

B. T. Mills, K & P Sanders



ISWS Ch WindnSatin Navy Cross HR

Attained: 12/08/2023

O. P. Entin

B. R. Hunter, C. Hunter, M. Childs



ISWS Ch InPhenite Awesome Possum

Attained: 24/06/2023

O/B. J Vookles



Photo credit: 4steadypawspography



Photo credit: Malinda Julian

ISWS Ch Talismans Gyrfalcon

Attained: 21/10/2023

O/B. J. Chin



ISWS Ch Royal Sooner Rosehill Halitopa

Attained: 30/12/2023

O. F & B Young

B. S. Tabner



Photo credit: Ringside Hounds



Photo credit: Ken O'Brian

ISWS Ch Talismans New World

Attained: 2912/2023

O/B. J. Chin

ISWS Ch Kushbudar Velvet Moon

Attained: 06/08/2023

O/B. H. Tringham



Photo credit: Hilary Tringham



Photo credit: 4steadypawsphotography

ISWS Ch Attaway's Love Will Find a Way

Attained: 08/09/2023

O. M. Pearce

B. M. Pearce & I. Stetson

ISWS Ch KadlecStarfyreMtlLassen@Intriga

Attained: 30/07/2023

O. W. Ney & K. Torres

B. G. Little, K & J Hicks



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Photo credit: Jolene Hicks

ISWS Ch Allagante DucatiEnduroStarfyre

Attained: 14/05/2023

O. J & K Hicks

B. K & P Sanders



Photo credit: Ringside Hounds

ISWS Ch Gryffyn's Aeyrie Touch of Grey

Attained: 02/07/2023

O. L. Jorgenson

B. R. Lynn Shell & V. Whitlock

ISWS Ch Clayborn's Paradise Whydah

Attained: 18/03/2023

O. C. Cooper, D. Cooper, J. Sharber

B. C. Wester



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PLUS

ISWS Ch Empyrean Inside Out

Attained: 07/10/2023

O/B. V. Frey

Thank you to all who contributed photos of their ISWS Champions for this feature.

Congratulations!!

ISWS FAST Dash Titles – 2023

It is wonderful to see the ISWS Fast Dash program has attracted great attention again: 110 Silken Windhounds participated in 60 different FAST Dash events in 2023. Participating countries include USA, Canada and UK!

Note: Effective January 1st, 2023 the FAST Dash point scale will mirror AKC.

Below are the Year End Dash titles as verified by the ISWS Dash record keeper (14.03.2024), based on 2023 rules.

Name	Registered Name	RegNo	Owner	New Title	Date Earned
Rocky	Siendo's Rocky Mountain NP	2016-554/02	Allen	FAST4	12/28/2023 *
Rocky	Siendo's Rocky Mountain NP	2016-554/02	Allen	FAST3	05/20/2023 *
Rocky	Siendo's Rocky Mountain NP	2016-554/02	Allen	FAST2	01/6/2023 *
Fossil	Full Tilts Standing Stones	2021-984/02	Allen	FAST	11/18/2023
Sylvie	Attaway's Mystic Topaz	2021-975/02	Sydow	IFAST	01/04/2023
Austri	Sigil Spirit of Light	2021-917/03	Luedecke	IFAST	05/12/2023
Fossil	Full Tilts Standing Stones	2021-984/02	Allen	IFAST	09/23/2023
Lilo	Perla Stuck On You	2021-925/06	Allen	IFAST	11/12/2023
Hyacinth	Starfyre Hyacinth	2020-891/01	Hicks	BFAST	03/11/2023
Magic	Elessar's Genovation GXE	2019-775/04	Silvestri	BFAST	03/21/2023
Rocket	Kadlec Starfyre Rocketman	2021-962/05	Hicks	BFAST	03/21/2023
Disco	Attaway Dancing on the Ceiling	2020-888/03	Ulrich	BFAST	04/02/2023
Foxy	Avalon Foxtrot	2021-923/04	Moore/Moore	BFAST	05/20/2023
Spooky	Variare Noir de la Noir	2019-734/03	Hastie	BFAST	06/04/2023
Pumpkin	Endevor B*Witched	2017-628/04	Grist	BFAST	06/04/2023
Freya	Kristull Xquizeet	2016-573/01	Lewis/Grist/Rodgers	BFAST	06/04/2023
Finnegan	Clayborn Flight of Bumblebee	2020-839/02	Halvorsen	BFAST	06/09/2023
Kenai	Starfyre Whimsical @Allagante	2018-681/04	Sanders	BFAST	06/23/2023
Spec	Allagante InPhenite-ly Special	2020-884/05	Vookles	BFAST	06/23/2023
Ripley	Clayborn's Ka-Boom!	2021-1001/01	Halvorsen	BFAST	06/24/2023
Darcy	Pengybrook Endevor JustDivine	2015-493/01	Baughan	BFAST	07/09/2023
Ollie	Pengybrook Endevor JustaDude	2015-493/05	Rodgers/Lewis	BFAST	07/09/2023
Mahrukh	Kushbudar Velvet Moon	2017-655/03	Tringham	BFAST	07/09/2023
Soleil	Endevor Sunrise Sunset	2019-761/02	Grist	BFAST	07/09/2023
Nikolai	Wyndcharm Rio Grande	2018-704/02	Willis	BFAST	07/09/2023
Ponzu	Kadlec Starfyre Nikita	2021-962/01	Torres	BFAST	10/15/2023
Guinness	Starfyre Magical	2020-864/03	Hicks/Beuttler	BFAST	10/24/2023
Ducati	Allagante DucatiEnduroStarfyre	2021-990/01	Hicks	BFAST	10/24/2023
Redford	Avalon Electric Horseman	2020-848/01	Land	BFAST	11/03/2023
Nigel	Kristull Unite	2021-933/02	Berman	BFAST	11/04/2023
Pendragon	Avalon Horse Sense	2022-1057/03	Howton	BFAST	11/11/2023
Gilligan	Perla Seabiscuit of Siendo	2022-1068/06	Allen	BFAST	11/17/2023
Rumor	Perla Ladys Secret of Siendo	2022-1068/02	Allen	BFAST	11/17/2023
Mia	Broadway Spirited Away	2021-894/03	Allen	BFAST	11/24/2023
Zero	Sunkissed Surge	2022-1079/01	Teal	BFAST	12/31/2023

* Rocky was the first Silken Windhound to earn the FAST2, FAST3 and FAST4 titles

As a reminder, it is the responsibility of the owner or representative to submit proof of participation/scores to the ISWS FAST Dash official record keeper: lori@elessarhounds.com. Runs/scores not evidenced will not be included in the program and certificates will not be issued.

Looking forward to many more successes in 2024.

2023 End Of Year Rankings

Silken Windhounds are adaptable to many disciplines. In America Silken Windhounds can affiliate to one of three racing groups, each specializing in their own format. Most up to date rankings are as follows:

(Unfortunately, I can no longer access rankings for the disciplines of Agility and Barn Hunt).

ASFA – America Sighthound Field Association

This group promotes the sport of lure coursing where hounds are judged on their speed, enthusiasm, agility, follow and endurance. The club breaks the country down into 10 regions, each region having their own clubs and events.

See www.asfa.org for more details.

ASFA: Top 10 2023 Rankings. Total Competing: 92

Rank	Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Owner	Top 20 points	BOB Wins	BIF Earned
1	Kenan	Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan FCh	I. Stetson	1	69	5
2	Kimchi	CSB Agent Felix Leiter FCh	A. Hill	3	48	3
3	Nara	Wildrose Allagante Inara FCh	K.& P.Sanders	1	41	2
3	Guinness	Starfyre Magical FCh	Hicks/Grant-Beuttler/Beuttler	10	41	2
5	Lydia	Clayborn's Ladybug FCh	C. Wester	3	39	5
6	Zebo	Allagante Joyrun Zebo FCh	P. & K.Sanders	1	38	2
7	Wisp	Oak Creek's Hells Bells FCh	E. Buerger	8	37	3
8	Chyna	BlI Allagante Beyond Compare LCM	K. & P.Sanders	1	34	1
9	Mysti	Starfyre Mystique @ Allagante	K.& P.Sanders	1	31	0
10	Nico	Starfyre Echo Thru The Canyons FCh	T.& S. Adamo/K.& J. Hicks	9	29	9

ASFA: Top 10 2023 Singles Stakes.

Rank	Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Owner	Top 20 points
1	Soren	Regalant Sparkle Supreme	Swaney	45
2	Rocket	CSB Agent Bell Rocket Belt	Beckerman	37
3	Iduna	Chrysopoeia's Panis Angelicus TCP	Strom	33
4	Audrey	Runway's Audrey Hepburn TCP	Watson/Norris	25
4	Draco	CSB Agent Marc-Ange Draco	Beckerman	25
6	Charlie	Another Tequila Sunrise@Spirit	Borning/Anderson	20
7	Austri	Sigil Spirit Of Light	Luedecke	19
8	Zephyr	Morgandell Foxglove	Hinkley	15
9	Spec	Allagante Inphenite-Ly Special	Vookles/Sanders	14
10	Venture	Imperial Purple Viking	Sue	13

ASFA New Titles 2023

Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Date	Owner
Field Champion			
Kenan	Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan	Mar 19, 2023	Iola Stetson
Wisp	Oak Creek's Hells Bells	Mar 25, 2023	Emily Buerger
Kimch	CSB Agent Felix Leiter	Mar 25, 2023	Ashlynn Hill
Margot	Summrsspirit Daisy	May13, 2023	Echo Prafke-Marson
Blazer	Allagante Pacific Blaze	May 13, 2023	Echo Prafke-Marson
Nico	Starfyre Echo Thru The Canyons	May 28, 2023	Teresa & Susan Adamo
Soba	Summerspirit Captain Morgan	May 29, 2023	Lisa Golebiewski
Nara	Wildrose Allagante Inara	Oct 23, 2022	Karen & Paul Sanders
Aquila	Attaway Running With the Night	Jun 25 2023	Kelly & Pauline NG
Paradise	Clayborn's Bird of Paradise	Aug 6 2023	Cathi Wester
Turbo	Clayborn's Varoom!	Sep 15, 2023	Cathi Wester
Zebo	Allagante Joyrun Zebo	Nov 4, 2023	Paul & Karen Sanders
Beau	Melioris Audax	Nov 5, 2023	Echo Prafke-Marson
Hobbit	Kristull Hobbit Of The Shire	Nov 5, 2023	Echo Prafke-Marson
Lure Courser of Merit			
Grade A	Allagante Above Your Pay Grade, FCh,	Sep 4 2023	Karen Sanders
Title of Coursing Proficiency (TCP)			
SW-Iduna	Chrysopoeia's Panis Angelicus	Apr 15, 2023	Judith Strom

LGRA – Large Gazehound Racing Association

This groups specializes in straight grass track racing over a distance of 200 yards. Winning hounds earn points towards champion titles, GRC and Superior titles, NRC. See www.lgra.org for more details.

LGRA: Top Ten 2023

SILKEN WINDHOUND					
RANK	LRN	NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER	Points
1	SW-658	Chyna	Allagante Beyond Compare SGRC2	Sanders	52.25
2	SW-719	Zebo	Allagante Joyrun Zebo SGRC	Sanders	42.5
3	SW-795	Kenan	Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan SGRC	Stetson	39
4	SW-633	Joker	Starfyre Prankster SGRC2	Caskey/Huston/Hicks	22.75
5	SW-656	Kenai	Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante SGRC	Sanders	19.5
6	SW-808	Legend	Jusrics Empyrean All Of Me GRC	Frey	19
7	SW-674	Zedd	Empyrean Zinfindel SGRC	Frey	17.5
8	SW-648	Briggs	Silken Mythology Briggs SGRC2	Mohler	15
8	SW-691	Cricket-U	PR WindNSatin Breath Of Fresh Air SGRC	Ulrich	15
10	SW-772	Nara	WildRose Allagante Inara	Sanders	13.5

NOTRA – National Oval Track Racing Association

This group encourages competitive oval racing, and it is possible to earn points towards the Oval Racing Champion (ORC). See www.notra.org for more details.

NOTRA: Top Ten 2023: Silken Windhounds.

PL	NRN	NAME	FULL NAME	OWNER	NORC
1	SW-304	Chyna	Allagante Beyond Compare SORC	Sanders	17
2	SW-311	Joker	Starfyre Prankster SOR	Caskey/Huston/Hicks	8
3	SW-404	Legend	Jusrics Empyrean All of Me	Frey	8
4	SW-336	Zebo	Allagante Joyrun Zebo ORC	Sanders	8
5	SW-358	Spec	Allagante InPhenitely Special JOR	Vookles	5.5
6	SW-388	Turbo	Clayborn's Varoom!	Wester	5
7	SW-332	Nara	Wildrose Allagante Inara ORC	Sanders	3
8	SW-324	Lydia	Clayborn's Ladybug	Wester	2.5
8	SW-402	Pogo	Laelaps Empyrean Secret War	Isek	2.5
10	SW-322	Finnegan	Clayborn Flight of the Bumblebee SOR	Halversen	2

NOTRA: Top Ten 2023: All breeds

PL	NRN	NAME	FULL NAME	OWNER	NORC
2	SW-304	Chyna	Allagante Beyond Compare SORC	Sanders	17
6	SA-228	Darchin	Melik Ahsalom Darchin Brindle SOR SORC	Overcash	8.5
7	SW-311	Joker	Starfyre Prankster SOR	Caskey/Huston/Hicks	8
8	SW-404	Legend	Jusrics Empyrean All of Me	Frey	8
9	SW-336	Zebo	Allagante Joyrun Zebo ORC	Sanders	8

NACA – North American Coursing Association

NACA is a sighthound-based organization that host several open field coursing events throughout the fall-spring, hosted largely in the western United States. Although all the dogs regardless of breed are coursed together in two and three dog braces, this is the ranking achieved by the Silken Windhounds running under the rules of this organization within their own breed.

Rank	Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Owner
1	Achilles	UKC CH PR' Sunera's True Blue	Emily Hartle/ Janell Sharber
2	Perseus	UKC CH Satsuma Egeus	Emily Hartle

NOFCA – National Open Field Coursing Association

This group activities take place in western and southwestern US States. Points can be earned to gain titles See www.nofca.org for more details.

Rank	Call Name	SilkenWindhound	Owner	Top 20 points
1	Tenjin	Talismans New World	J. Chin/M. Boomer	44
2	Juno	Talisman of Juno	J. Chin	33
3	Aquila	Attaway Running with the Night	K. & P. Ng	10
4	Dante	Runways Best Part of Waking Up	M. Madeline	3.75
4	Mipha	Winsome Mipha's Grace	C. Cross	3.75



UKC – United Kennel Club

UKC have accepted Silken Windhounds on their registry meaning silken can compete competitively at UKC Conformation shows and earn points which count towards the ISWS Champion title.

NB. This is only open to silken registered with UKC.

UKC: Top Ten Standings 2023

BREED: SILKEN WINDHOUND (https://www.ukcdogs.com/conformation-top-ten)			
Rank	Registered Name	Owner	Points
1	RGCH'PR'Talismans Gyrfalcon Dna	Joyce Chin	156
2	DGCH Gryffyn Kristull Bolero Dna	Francie Stull	144
3	SGCH'PR'Huntersrun Time 4 Butterscotchdna	Richard Hunter	132
4	GRCH'PR'Allagante Cloud Of Ashfall SPOT-ON	Leigh Alexander	89
5	EGCH Skyway Carnotaurus SPOT-ON	Denise Young	79
6	CT GRCH Satsuma Darrin Stephens	Michelle Smith	74
7	EGCH'PR'Winsome's J. T. S. Brown	Teri Burke	59
8	RGCH Kristulls Icon Of Royal Sooner	Brenda R Young	48
9	CH Kristull Witcher	Francie Stull	45
10	GRCH'PR'Windspirit Wdance Nova	Susan Sears	42

GROUP: SIGHTHOUNDS AND PARIAH DOGS (<https://www.ukcdogs.com/top-ten-group-standings>)

Rank	Registered Name	Owner	Points
2 nd	SGCH'PR'Huntersrun Time 4 Butterscotchdna	Richard Hunter	224
5 th	RGCH'PR'Talismans Gyrfalcon Dna	Joyce Chin	189
6 th	DGCH Gryffyn Kristull Bolero Dna	Francie Stull	159

ISWS Shows – Round Up 2023

A round up of sanctioned ISWS Specialties worldwide for 2023. Many Specialties run across 2-3 days and incorporate a racing discipline into the program of events. They are an opportunity for silken fanciers in each location to come together and celebrate the breed. Since the inception of the ISWS FAST Dash, this too has become a popular addition to the programme. There were 15 ISWS Specialties and 1 ISWS Pointed event held during 2023. Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes were also hosted at some events.

2023 ISWS Events:

15.03.2023	SilkenFest (1)
24.06.2023	NWFest – SWEPT (2)
01.07.2023	Great Plains Silken Windhound Fanciers (2)
06.07.2023	UK Silken Windhound Club Specialties (2)
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06.08.2023	UK Silken Windhound Club Pointed Event
12.08.2023	Finnish Silken Windhound Club (1)
10.09.2023	Mid West Silken Windhound Association – Ohio Classic (2)
01.10.2023	The Western Regional Silken Windhound Specialty – BooFest (2)
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The Editor has not verified the accuracy of the show results; they are reported as presented by the Show Secretary/representative of the show society/club.



SilkenFest 2023

15-21 March 2023

Gibson Ranch Park 8556, California

ISWS National Breed Specialty featuring Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, UKC & Rally-O obedience trials, LGRA, ASFA and ISWS Fast Dash

National Sweepstakes Judge: Danielle Steenkamp

Principle Winners:

Best Puppy In Sweepstakes: WindnSatin Navy Cross HR – M. Childs

Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Sweepstakes: Wildrose Clara Oswald – T. Mills

Best Veteran In Sweepstakes: ISWS CH UKC GRCH IABCA Int. CH Winsome Peppermint Patty – I. Stetson

Best Opposite of Sex Veterans in Sweepstakes: ISWS CH UKC EGRCH IABCA Int. CH Morgandell Borodin – M. Laudenslager & C. Dell

National Specialty Judge: Dr Carmen Battaglia

Principle Winners:

BISS – ISWS CH UKC CH Sundance Wings of Inanna – H. Dakin & M. Teng

BOSS – Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan – I. Stetson

BOW, Winners Bitch – Clayborn's Paradise Whydah – C. Cooper

Winners Dog – UKC CH Elessar's Genovation – L & M Silvestri

Res. Winners Dog – Satsuma Darrin Stephens – M. Smith

Res WB – UKC CH Allagante Izzo Irish – P & K Sanders

Best Bred By Exh. – UKC CH Allagante Izzo Irish – P & K Sanders

Best Opp BBE – Talisman Gyrfalcon – J. Chin

Best Veteran – ISWS CH Windspirit Allagante Sienna FCH – P & K Sanders

Best Opposite Veteran – ABS

Best Puppy – Sunera's Once in a Blue Moon – J Sharber

Best Opposite Sex Puppy – Aeracura OFF with Their Heads – B Franklin

Awards of Merit:

ISWS CH UKC CH Allagante Beyond Compare – P & K Sanders

Allagante Wildrose Red Bull – T. Mills, P & K Sanders

Clayborn's Gepetto – J. Sharber

Morgandell Wyndolyn Elysium – J. Sharber

ISWS CH Windspirit Allagante Sienna FCH – P & K Sanders

Non-Regular Classes

Best Stud Dog – Starfyre Gold Zircon – K & J Hicks, J. Vookles

Best Brood Bitch – ISWS CH Windspirit Allagante Sienna FCH – P & K Sanders

Best Brace – Starfyre KoroitopalatInPhenite / Starfyre Gold Zircon

Best Junior Showmanship: Raven Alexander with ISWS CH UKC GRCH IABCA Int. CH Winsome Peppermint Patty

ALTERED

ALT BOB – Wyndolyn Helia of Talisman – J. Chin

ALT BOS – SummersSpirit InPhenite 00Seven – J. Vookles & DC Murphy

ALT Winners Bitch – Sunera Clayborn Inca – C. Miller

ALT Res Winners Bitch – Kinobi Star with Royal Beauty – C. Miller

NATIONAL SPECIALTY CRITIQUE

March 21 2023

Critiques of the Winners

By Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia – Judge

It was a pleasure to judge this National Show at the Gibson Ranch Park, in California.

I want to thank Keith Hicks for inviting me to judge this wonderful specialty show and for the constant communication with the clubs' officers who ensured that my arrangements would be handled without fault.

I would like to also thank the breeders for bringing so many quality dogs to be evaluated by me. My gratitude is also especially given to my Stewarts who kept the show moving and were of a great assistance throughout the two days of judging.

My entry of 172 was gratifying. One could easily say that this was a show that attracted the best and those with the best qualities including the veterans.

As a judge of the Working, Herding and some Sporting breeds I believe it is important to look for correct temperament, breed type, structure and movement. This requires a "hands on judge". Those who attended, noticed that I was careful to examine each dog with my hands to see what my eyes could not see. In this regard, each dog was examined for correct head, ears, teeth, coat, and body proportions which included the evaluation their shoulder assembly for proper lay-in and lay-back and for length of upper arm.

It was during the down and back (going and coming) that I checked to see if feet travelled close to the ground and converged toward a centerline as indicated in the Breed Standard. I also looked for dogs that moved smoothly, were balanced and showed good reach and drive.

During the side gait I looked to see if the head carriage, neck, back and spinal column appeared as a gentle curve as the dog moved forward. I made notes about each winner and gave each winner a Foot Timing score. The term Foot Timing refers to the dog's overall structure, balance and movement. Scores range between 1 and 10. The ideal score is 10 and is determined by a combination of the dog's overall structure and movement and how it moves during the down and back and on the side gait. A key element to good movement is how a dog puts its feet down. In this regard, there are many variations of structure that influence movement but the basic principle is that good movement is effortless movement. Since every dog is trying to move forward with the least amount of effort, those who had the best structure, did not waste energy and were balanced were considered the better specimens. These dogs were given the higher Foot Timing scores. Anything that detracted from these factors influenced their score. The reader is reminded that sound movement is only one of the ways that the dogs were evaluated.

In summary, I found the breed on these two days to be in good shape, temperament was exceptional however there are a few areas that could use some attention. Too many dogs had missing tenth and if left unchecked this will affect function and the shape of the head. Several had short upper arms which caused them to lift in the front.

Overall, the down and back revealed that some had correct shoulders with good lay- in and lay-back but also had short upper arms which affected their reach and movement. The overall quality of the entry was good and demonstrates that the breed is improving. There were many deserving dogs.

Best Junior # 128 handled "Patty" and showed that she has the hand-eye skills required of a handler. More practice on the down and back and the use of bait will improve her talents in the ring.

The Winners

Altered Open # 12 "Inca" A promising dog with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped, head chiseled, nose that was dark, correct feet, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear.

Altered Best of Breed # 16 "Kestrel". This is a nice dog, moderate bone, strong top line, good shoulders. Her pasterns are short, thick and strong. Movement is smooth, easy, and well balanced. **Foot timing 8**

3-6 Puppy Dog #9 "Rory". This young male has promise. He is of medium size, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, head chiseled, nose dark, proper coat pigmented, good feet, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

3-6 Puppy Bitch and Best Opposite Puppy # 8 "Queenie". She is young and with development should have a good career. She is of a medium size with a moderate coat, eyes that are almond, large and dark, proper coat and pigmented, with good feet. **Foot timing 7**

6-9 Puppy Dog and Best Puppy # 21 "Cooper". Another promising youngster with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped, head chiseled, nose that was dark, correct feet, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

9-12 Dog #105 "Kelso". Good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped, head chiseled, nose that was dark, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

12-18 Dog # 27 "Curry". Medium size dog with good proportions, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, correct feet, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Novice Dog # 29 "Dante". Another medium size male with good body proportions, moderate coat, eyes were dark, almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

Bred By Exhibitor # 39 "Zaire". A dog with good promise, he is of medium size with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped, ears small and folded, nose that was dark, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good movement and drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

American Bred # 55 "Whisper" A dog with good proportions, eyes that are large, dark, almond-shaped, ears small and folded, correct feet, shoulders well laid back, good movement. **Foot timing 7+**

Field Performance Champion # 69 "Harley" A medium size male with good body proportions and moderate coat. Eyes dark, almond-shaped, ears small and folded, jaws were strong, good movement. **Foot timing 8**

Open Dog and Winners Dog # 77 "Magic" This is a very nice medium size dog with good proportions, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, nose that was dark, proper coat and good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

Reserve Winners Dog # 91 "Captain". A close second to the winner's dog. He is of medium size, good proportions, eyes almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, proper coat and good pigment, correct feet, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Veteran Bitch 7-10 and Best Veteran Bitch # 122 "Sienna" Age did not show, she is in good condition, and has a medium size body, eyes that are large, dark and almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, nose that was dark, proper coat and good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back. For her age she has good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Veteran Bitch 10-13 # 128 "Patty" Good healthy veteran with correct body size with eyes that are large, dark and almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong. For her age she has good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

Veteran Bitch 13 + # 130 "Gita" Her age does not show, she is in good condition, has correct eyes that are large, dark and almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back. For her age she has good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

Veteran Male 7-10 and Best Veteran Dog # 103 "Sasha" I was delighted to see that age did not show, he is in good condition, and has a medium size body, eyes that are large, dark and almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, nose that was dark, proper coat and good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back. For his age he has good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

SATURDAY

6-9 Puppy Bitches # 24 "Clara" This is a promising young medium size dog with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark and almond-shaped. Her head is chiseled, nose dark, correct feet, and shoulders well laid back, smooth gait. **Foot timing 7+**

9-12 Puppy Bitches # 32 "Poppy" A medium size bitch with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, nose that was dark, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

12 -18 Bitches # 38 "Nakia" A medium size dog with good proportions, correct head, eyes large and dark, ears small and folded, nose dark, good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, smooth gait. **Foot timing 7+**

Novice Bitch # 42 "Magic" Another medium size dog with a body with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, ears small and folded, head chiseled, nose that is dark, good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch and Reserve Winners # 64 "Irish" A stand out bitch that is medium in size with good body proportions, chiseled head, eyes that are large, dark and almond-shaped. Her ears small and folded, nose that was dark, good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

American Bred Bitch # 84 "Nara" This is a medium size bitch with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped. Her ears are small and folded, head chiseled, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders laid back, smooth gait. **Foot timing 8**

Field Performance CH Bitches # 96 “Kenai” This is a nice bitch with correct size of body, eyes that are large and dark, almond-shaped, ears that are small and folded. Her head is chiseled, nose dark, correct feet, strong jaws, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 7+**

Open Bitches # 110 and Winners Bitch “Samari” This was a very nice overall bitch, she is of medium size, good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, nose that was dark, proper coat and good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Best of Breed #134 “Pip” This bitch was a standout. She is medium in size with very good proportions, moderate coat, eyes that are large, dark and almond-shaped. Her ears are small and folded, head chiseled, nose that was dark, with correct feet and jaws that are strong, shoulders well laid back, good reach and drive from rear. **Foot timing 8+**

Best of Opposite Sex # 111 “Kenan” This was a dog who stood out early in the competition. A medium size animal with good proportions, eyes that are large, dark, almond-shaped with ears that are small and folded, head chiseled, nose dark, correct feet and jaws that are strong, shoulders well laid back, good reach and drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Best of Winners # 110 “Samari” This was another standout. A medium size body, good proportions, moderate coat, eyes that are large, dark and almond-shaped. Ears are small and folded, head chiseled, nose dark, with correct feet and jaws that are strong, shoulders well laid back, good reach, smooth motion and good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Stud Dog # 10 “Khan” This is a medium size dog with good proportions, moderate coat, eyes large and dark, almond-shaped, ears small and folded, head chiseled, nose that was dark, proper coat and good pigment, correct feet, jaws were strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Brood Bitch # 122 “Sienna” A good bodied female with correct proportions, eyes that are large and dark and almond-shaped. Her ears are small and folded, head chiseled, nose dark, correct feet, jaws strong, shoulders well laid back, good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Best Brace # 14 “Opa! & #101 Khan” A well matched, well-moving team with good proportions, proper eyes, ears, heads and coats, good front angles and drive from rear.

Awards of Merit #: 132 Chyna, 141 Wiings, 109 Gepetto, 136 Mipha, 122 Sienna. These dogs all met the following requirements. They were of medium size with good body proportions. They have large dark eyes that are almond-shaped, ears that are small and folded. Their heads are chiseled, noses dark, strong correct feet, shoulders well laid back, smooth gait with good drive from rear. **Foot timing 8**

Conformation Line Up.

My # 1 dog “Spec” Allagante InPhenite-Ly Special . I was pleased to learn that this dog became the Golden State Pentathlon winner which is the highest scoring across 5 of the 6 offered venues. Rally, obedience, conformation, lure coursing, straight racing and fast dash. **Foot timing 8+**

My # 2 dog “Kenan” Wyndolyn’s Winsome Kenan. Again the number two dog in conformation was the winner of both the Golden State Iron Hound and Triathlete. Iron Hound is the top scoring dog in three venues: lure coursing, straight racing and fast dash and Triathlete is conformation, lure coursing, straight racing or fast dash. **Foot timing 8+**

PERFORMANCE

SilkenFest 2023 ~ ASFA Results

BOB: UKC CH Starfyre Mistique @ Allagante (Mysti) – P & K Sanders

SilkenFest 2023 ~ LGRA Results

BOB: Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan (Kenan) – I. Stetson

BOS: Silken Mythology Briggs (Briggs) – S. Mohler

SilkenFest 2023 ~ Golden State Triathlete

(Highest scoring from The National Specialty, Lure Coursing and Straight Racing or ISWS Fast Dash)

- 1st Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan (Kenan) – I. Stetson
- 2nd Attaway Runing with the Night (Aquila) – P. Ng
- 3rd Allagante InPenite-ly Special (Spec) – J. Vookles, K & P Sanders
- 4th UKC CH Wildrose Allagante Inara (Nara) – P & K Sanders
- 5th Allagante Wildrose Red Bull (Wings) – T. Mills, P & K Sanders
- 6th UKC CH Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante FCH (Kenai) – P & K Sanders

SilkenFest 2023 ~ Golden State Pentathlete

(Highest scoring from The National Specialty and Lure Coursing, and 3 scores from Obedience, Rally-O, Straight Racing or ISWS Fast Dash)

- 1st Allagante InPenite-ly Special (Spec) – J. Vookles, K & P Sanders
- 2nd UKC CH Starfyre Whimsical @ Allagante FCH (Kenai) – P & K Sanders
- 3rd Allagante InPhenite-y and Beyond (Phyn) – J. Vookles
- 3rd InPenite Awesome Possum (Possum) – J. Vookles

SilkenFest 2023 ~ Golden State Iron Hound

(Highest scoring from Lure Coursing, Straight Racing and ISWS Fast Dash)

- 1st Wyndolyn's Winsome Kenan (Kenan) – I. Stetson
- 2nd Silken Mythology Briggs (Briggs) – S. Mohler
- 3rd Attaway Runing with the Night (Aquila) – P. Ng
- 4th UKC CH Wildrose Allagante Inara (Nara) – P & K Sanders
- 5th Allagante Wildrose Red Bull (Wings) – T. Mills, P & K Sanders

SilkenFest 2023 ~ Rally O Results

Judge – Cindy Leung

High In Trial (Rally): Sundance Wings of Ianna – H.Dakin & M. Teng (R01A)

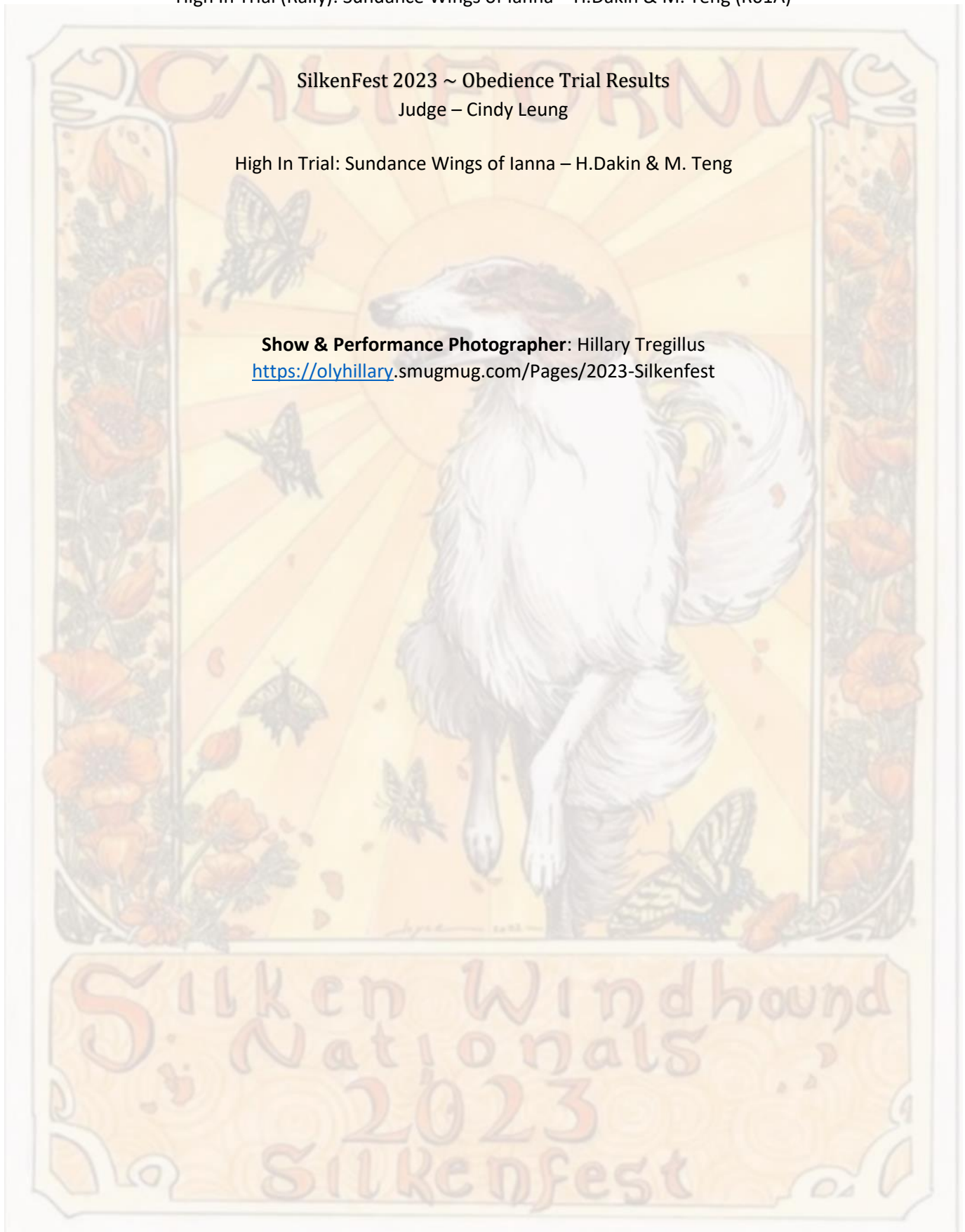
SilkenFest 2023 ~ Obedience Trial Results

Judge – Cindy Leung

High In Trial: Sundance Wings of Ianna – H.Dakin & M. Teng

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NWFEST 2023 ~ 24-26.06.2023

Allagante Silkens, Damasus, Oregon

2 x ISWS Specialties – ISWS Fast Dash – ASFA All Breed Field Trial – LGRA & AOK9 All Breed Race Meet

Show One – Judge: Nina Sherrer

Principle Winners:

Winners Dog – Wyndolyn Nicodemus

Res. WD – Amethyst Goldenrod

Winners Bitch – Wildrose Clara Oswald

Res. WB – Allagante Copper Fox

Altered

ALT Winners Dog – Satsuma Little Saint Nick

ALT Winners Bitch & BOW – Amethyst Midnight Moonlight

Show Two – Judge: Charles Roberts

Principle Winners:

Winners Dog – InPhenite Awesome Possum

Res. WD – Allagante InPhenite-ly Special

Winners Bitch – Wildrose Allagante Inara

Res. WB – Tangaloor A Million Dreams

Altered

ALT Winners Dog – Satsuma Little Saint Nick

ALT Winners Bitch – Winsome's Autumn Glory

ALT Res. WB – Amethyst Faerie Fire

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Great Plains Silken Windhound Fanciers (GPSW) ~ 01/02.07.2023

Bennett Event Center, Oklahoma

For the first time Silken Windhound Specialties were held in conjunction with an American Kennel Club (AKC) event on July 1 and 2, 2023.



At the Bennett Event Center, on the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma the specialties were held during the Oklahoma Summer Classic cluster of dog shows hosted by the Mid-Del-Tinker, Lawton Dog Fanciers, and the Bartlesville Kennel Clubs.

With an entry of 93 Silkens attention from other exhibitors and judges was drawn. The specialty Judges were Ms. Nana Bojana Razpotnik from Slovenia and Mr. Gerard Jiping, Vice President, Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) from the Netherlands. The intent of the coordinators and volunteers for these specialties were two-fold:

- 1) to demonstrate to the AKC that our breed was a viable breed that could gain large numbers of entries at shows, and
- 2) to have a meeting with AKC Staffer(s) that were present to seek liaison with AKC during the trek to gaining AKC recognition.



A very successful meeting between Silken Windhound Specialty Staff and Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, AKC Board of Directors was held, and a mutual liaison was fostered. It was a very successful weekend that brought very positive attention to the Silken Windhound breed, owners, and exhibitors.

Attached a compilation of photos from the event, with results included below:

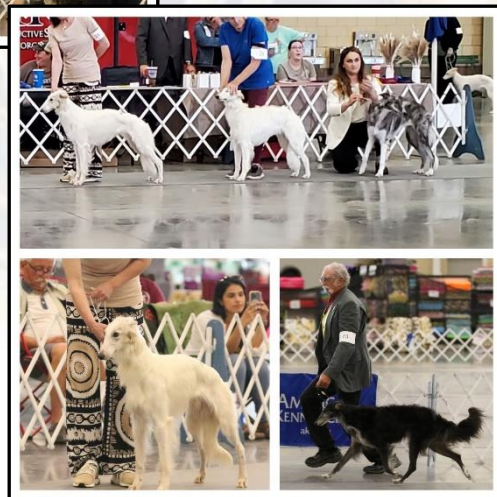


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Results

Show One – Judge: Mrs N. B. Razpotnik (Slovenia)

Principle Winners:



BISS, BOW, Winners Bitch – Kristull Zest for Life – Francie Stull (*Left*)
BOS – ISWS CH UKC Diamond GRCH Gryffyn’s Kristull Bolero – Francie Stull (*Below*)



Winners Dog – UKC CH Royal Sooner Rosehill Halitopa – Frank & Brenda Young (*Below left*)

Res. WD – URO1 CH Another Tequila Sunrise@Spirit – Jennifer Anderson & Hannah Boning (*Below right*)

Res. WB – Kristull Pixie Dust Princess – Victoria Lichtman



Awards of Merit –

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Kristull Q’lover – Francie Stull,
ISWS CH UKC GCH Kristull’s Idol of Royal Sooner – Frank & Brenda Young,
ISWS CH UKC Ch Justrics Satin Butterfly – Rick Carr,
ISWS CH UKC GRCH Emyprean Zinfindel – Vicki Frey,
ISWS CH Sigil Spirit of Light – Heather Luedecke

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Show Two – Judge: Mr G. Jipping (Netherlands)
Principle Winners:

BOB – ISWS CH Firebird’s B-1 Lancer – Denise Young

BOS, Winners Bitch – UKC GCH Gryffyn’s Aeyrie Touch of Grey – Lydia Jorgenson (*Below left*)

BOW, Winners Dog – URO1 CH Another Tequila Sunrise@Spirit – Jennifer Anderson & Hannah Boning (*Below right*)

Res. WD – Jusrics The Poetry Man – Rick Carr

Res. WB – FullTilts Gryffyns Holland – Ashley & Dylan Sydow, Sherri Nichols

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Awards of Merit –

URO1 CH Another Tequila Sunrise@Spirit – Jennifer Anderson & Hannah Boning,

ISWS CH UKC GCH Kristull’s Idol of Royal Sooner – Frank & Brenda Young,

ISWS CH DGCH Broadway’s All I Care About – Janis Bastian,

ISWS CH Kristull Loyalty to the Creed – Terri Lewis & Kaitlyn Johnson,

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Emyprean Zinfindel – Vicki Frey

Official Photographer: Ringside Hounds, Sunshine Gipson



UK Silken Windhound Club ~ 8/9 July 2023

Kent, UK

A 2-day event comprising 2 ISWS Specialty Shows and a track event the following day incorporating ISWS Fast Dash



UKSWC Winner Show 2023 – Judge: Mrs. A. Baker

Principle Winners:

Best in Specialty Show, Best of Winners, Winners Dog: I. Boiko SHAUBI'S COOPER (*below left*)

Best Opposite Sex to BISS, Winners Bitch, Best Bred By: L. Marchant's STARBOROUGH ICELOLLIE (*below right*)



Res. Winners Dog: S. Coughlan's STARBOROUGH SKYLARK

Res. Winners Bitch: G. Grist's ENDEVOR SUNRISE SUNSET

Best Puppy: C. Cook's GOLDRITZ RIVER ARROW

Best Veteran: L. Marchant's ISWS CH KUMBAYA KISMET STARBOROUGH

Best Altered in Specialty Show: C. Lambert's PENGYBROOK ENDEVOR FFIASCO

Best Opposite Altered in Specialty Show: E. Morrell's STARBOROUGH SMOKE GETS 'N' YOUR EYES

KENT UKSWC Winner Show 2023 – Judge: Mrs C. Boggia

Principle Winners:

Best in Specialty Show, Best Veteran: G. Grist's ISWS CH FAOLAN OF SILKENJOY (*below left*)

Best Opposite Sex to BISS: L. Marchant's ISWS CH KUMBAYA KISMET STARBOROUGH (*below right*)



Best of Winners, Winners Dog: S. Coughlan's STARBOROUGH SKYLARK
Res. Winners Dog: D. Stark & S. Colborne's ENDEVOR FUN BOY 3
Winners Bitch: G. Grist's ENDEVOR SUNRISE SUNSET
Res. Winners Bitch, Best Bred By: L. Marchant's STARBOROUGH ICELOLLIE
Best Puppy: T. Jokinen's FALKOR AURELIUS

Best Altered in Specialty Show: C. Lambert's PENGYBROOK ENDEVOR FFIASCO
Best Opposite Altered in Specialty Show: E. Morrell's STARBOROUGH SMOKE GETS 'N' YOUR EYES

Full results and critique available on the UKSWC club website: www.uksilkenwindhoundclub.org

UKSWC Track Event 2023 ~ Racing

In conjunction with Harvel P.W.R.C, incorporating ISWS FAST Dash

A timed trial – run solo – to incorporate the ISWS DASH. Therefore, regardless of final placings every owner who selects to participate in the DASH still accumulates points towards these titles. There were four categories: Open Dog/Bitch and Novice Dog/Bitch.

The results of the day are as follows:

OPEN

Fastest Dog: Rodgers, Lewis & Grist NAVYROSESH ANCHORS AWEIGH

Fastest Bitch: G. Grist's ENDEVOR SUNRISE SUNSET



NOVICE

Novice Dog: E.Morrell's STARBOROUGH SOLERO

Novice Bitch: Rodgers & Lewis' PENGYBROOK ENDEVOR FFLIRTATION

VETERAN

Best Veteran Dog: Rodgers & Lewis' ISWS CH. PENGYBROOK ENDEVOR JUSTADUDE

Best Veteran Bitch: Lewis, Grist & Rodgers KRISTULL XQUIZEET

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Canadian Silken Windhound Society ~ 05/06.08.2023

Jamieson Farm, Ontario Canada

2 x ISWS Specialties



Show One – Judge: Mary Childs Principle Winners:

BISS, BOW, Winner's Bitch – Runway Can't Get Her Off My Mind – Cathie Leloff (*below right*)

BOS – Broadway's Seize The Day @ RNWY – Cathie Leloff (*below left*)



Winners Dog – Starfyre Echo Thru The Canyons – T. Adamo, S. Adamo, J & K Hicks (*below*)

Res. WD – Starfyre Chrysocolla – Ruth Ann, Keith & Jolen Hicks

Res. WB – SecretHaven Inspired by Ceecee – Michelle Fink



Best Puppy – Entourage Aces High – Cole Garbo

Best Canadian Bred - Runways Heavenly Hash – Cathie Leloff

Best American Bred – Belozor Star Light Star Bright – Michelle Fink & Suzanne Liggett

Best Bred By Exhibitor – Runway Can't Get Her Off My Mind – Cathie Leloff

Best Stud Dog - Broadway's Seize The Day @ RNWY – Cathie Leloff

Best Brood Bitch & AOM – Springlane's Selene – Lisa Finlay

Best Brace – Runway's Heavenly Hash & Runway Can't Get Her Off My Mind

ALT BISS – Astraeus Red Sky Amber – K. Adams

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Show Two – Judge: Tina Gibson
Principle Winners:

BISS – Kinobi Harvest Moon – Susan Edgington (*below right*)

BOS – Broadway’s Seize The Day @ RNWY – Cathie Leloff (*below left*)



BOW, Winners Bitch - Runways Heavenly Hash – Cathie Leloff

Winners Dog – Starfyre Shenanigans – R Miller, K & J Hicks (*below*)



Res. WD – NavyRose’s Edward III – Jennifer Wolffe & Bruce Bock

Res WB – Runways Watchamacallit@Topfuel – Kathryn Hertzberger

Best Puppy – Secret Haven Ordered The Works – Michelle Fink

Best American Bred - Starfyre Shenanigans – R Miller, K & J Hicks

Best Canadian Bred – Runways Heavenly Hash – Cathie Leloff

Best Bred By Exhibitor – Runway Can’t Get Her Off My Mind – Cathie Leloff

Best Veteran & AOM – Springlane’s Selene – Lisa Finlay

Best Stud Dog - Broadway’s Seize The Day @ RNWY – Cathie Leloff

Best Brace – Runway’s Heavenly Hash & Runway Can’t Get Her Off My Mind

Straight Race Winner: Starfyre Echo Thru The Canyons – T. Adamo, S. Adamo, J & K Hicks

CSWS Official Show Photographer: Darleen Steed:

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UK Silken Windhound Club ~ 6 August 2023

Paignton, UK

The Club's first ISWS Pointed event held within the vicinity of Paignton & District Fanciers Association annual RKC Championship Show



UKSWC Pointed Show 2023 - Judge: Mrs. H. Wayman

Principle Winners:

Best in Event: L. Marchant's ISWS & SLO Ch STARBOROUGH ICE ICE BABY (*below left*)

Best Opposite in Event, Winners Dog: H. Tringham's KUSHBUDAR VELVET MOON (*below centre*)

Best of Winners, Winners Bitch: L. Marchant's STARBOROUGH ICELOLLIE (*below right*)



Res Winners Bitch, Best Puppy: C. Lambert & H. Tringham's KUSHBUDAR SELA NOVA @ STURTMOOR

Res. Winners Dog: Rodgers, Lewis & Grist's NAVYROSESH ANCHORS AWEIGH

Full results and critique available on the UKSWC club website: www.uksilkenwindhoundclub.org

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SuSVK Winner Show ~ 12.08.2023

Kennelmaja, Hausjarvi, Finland

ISWS Specialty Show hosted by Finnish Silken Windhound Club (SuSVK ry)



Judge: Nina Viskari

Principle Winners:

BOB – SuSVK Winner 2023,
WindnSatin Navy Cross HR – P. Entin

BOS – SuSVK Winner 2023
Silkyroad's Asmira – P Virta



BOB Junior, SuSVK Junior Winner 2023
WindnSatin Navy Cross HR – P. Entin

BOS Junior, SuSVK Junior Winner 2023
Falkor Aurora - M Saarikko

BOB SuSVK Veteran Winner 2023
SuSVK Jv-13, SuSVK V-13, VetV-22 Marsavan Fianna May - S. Vainio & Marjut Sahlund

BOB Progeny group: SuSVK JV-16, Sarafias Iltatahti – K. Ekholm

BOB Breeder: Kennel Tsaarikon - M Saarikko

More results: <http://www.silkkivinttikoirra.net/susvk-erikoisnayttely-2023/>

Photos from the event: <http://www.silkkivinttikoirra.net/silkkivinttikoirien-erikoisnayttely-2023-2/>

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## Midwest Silken Windhound Association

~ Ohio Classic Sept 8 – 10, 2023

Lorain County Kennel Club Park, Oberlin, Ohio.

*A three-day spectacular comprising of 2 ISWS Specialties,*

*Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes,*

*and in conjunction with LARK for 2 LGRA-All Breed race meets*



### ISWS Specialty 09.08.2023 – Judge: Nancy Amburgey

#### Principle Winners:

|                   |                                                                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BOB, BOW, WD      | Attaway's Love Will Find a Way - Melissa Pearce                           |
| BOS, WB           | Clayborn's Belle Star – K. Houghton                                       |
| RWD               | WindNSatin Cut It Close – Mary Childs                                     |
| RWB               | Oak Creek's First Physic – K. Mishler & E. Buerger                        |
| BRED BY EXHIBITOR | SpringLane Astraesus SilverStag – T. Timm-Miller & J Miller               |
| BEST PUPPY        | WindNSatin Cut It Close – Mary Childs                                     |
| BOS PUPPY         | Regalant Run-On Sentence – K. Houghton                                    |
| BEST VET & AOM    | Winsome's Zenyatta at Attaway – M. Pearce & I. Stetson                    |
| BOS VET & AOM     | SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart          |
| BEST STUD DOG     | WindSatin Breath of Fresh Air – Kirsten Ulrich & Mary Childs              |
| BEST BROOD BITCH  | Clayborn's Belle Star – K. Houghton                                       |
| BEST BRACE        | SpringLane's Hermes/SpringLane's Hera -Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller |

#### Altered

|                  |                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| ALT BOB, BOW, WB | Clayborn Sunera Pretzel Bark – K. Houghton |
| ALT BOS, WD      | Satsuma Tinsel – Kayla Mishler             |

### Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes: Judge: W. Ahryn Rowlette

|                |                                                          |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| BEST PUPPY     | Hunter's Run Bronze Star WNS – M. Pearce                 |
| BEST OPP PUPPY | SpringLane Astraesus Impala - T. Timm-Miller & J Miller  |
| BEST VET       | SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller |
| BEST OPP VET   | Winsome's Zenyatta at Attaway - M. Pearce & I. Stetson   |

*2023 Ohio Classic*  
*Midwest Silken Windhound Specialty*  
*Sept 8-10, Oberlin, Ohio*



**ISWS Specialty 09.09.2023 – Judge: Shelly Hennessy**  
**Principle Winners:**

|                             |                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BOB, BOW, WD                | Morgendell Black Limousine – C.Dell                                                |
| BOS, WB                     | Regalant Run-On Sentence – K. Houghton                                             |
| RWD                         | Regalant Allstar - Christine Liu                                                   |
| RWB                         | Morgandell Luxor – E. Prafke-Marson & C. Dell                                      |
| BRED BY EXHIBITOR           | Melioris Renault Turbo SMRSPRT – E. Prafke-Marson & D. Murphy                      |
| BEST PUPPY                  | Regalant Run-On Sentence – K. Houghton                                             |
| BOS PUPPY                   | Oak Creek's Forever After = A. Vernatter                                           |
| BEST VET & AOM              | SpringLane's Hermes – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller                           |
| BOS VET & AOM               | Winsome's Zenyatta at Attaway – M. Pearce & I. Stetson                             |
| BEST STUD DOG               | WindnSatin Breath of Fresh Air – Kirsten Ulrich & Mary Childs                      |
| BEST BROOD BITCH            | Clayborn's Belle Star – K. Houghton                                                |
| BEST BRACE                  | SpringLane's Hermes/SpringLane's Hera – Teri Timm-Miller & Jennifer Miller-Stewart |
| BEST Jr. Sportsmanship II - | Jacinda Williams, handling WindnSatin Garnet in the Nite                           |

**Altered**

|                  |                                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| ALT BOB, BOW, WD | Satsuma Tinsel – Kayla Mishler             |
| ALT BOS, WB      | Clayborn Sunera Pretzel Bark – K. Houghton |

**LGRA Results**

An All-breed meet at which Silken Windhounds had their own breed section.

MSWA are proud to report that on both days Minnesota dogs dominated:

Saturday: 1. Joker, 2. Ripley, 5. Finnegan.

Sunday: 1. Ripley, 2. Joker, 3. Finnegan.

**Saturday**

| Fin | LGRA #  | Call     | Registered Name                      | Owner               | Score |
|-----|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1   | SW- 633 | Joker    | Starfyre Prankster                   | Caskey/Huston/Hicks | 22    |
| 2   | SW- 818 | Ripley   | Clayborn's Ka-Boom!                  | Halvorsen           | 14    |
| 3   | SW- 713 | Blazer   | Allagante Pacific Blaze              | Prafke-Marson       | 13    |
| 4   | SW- 779 | Bodhi    | Legend Kristull Cardamom Kheer       | Rennenkampf         | 13    |
| 5   | SW- 679 | Finnegan | Clayborn Flight of the Bumblebee GRC | Halvorsen/Halvorsen | 11    |
| 6   | SW- 762 | Kimchi   | CSB Agent Felix Leiter               | Hill                | 10    |

**Sunday**

| Fin | LGRA #  | Call     | Registered Name                      | Owner               | Score |
|-----|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1   | SW- 818 | Ripley   | Clayborn's Ka-Boom!                  | Halvorsen           | 22    |
| 2   | SW- 633 | Joker    | Starfyre Prankster                   | Caskey/Huston/Hicks | 16    |
| 3   | SW- 679 | Finnegan | Clayborn Flight of the Bumblebee GRC | Halvorsen/Halvorsen | 13    |
| 4   | SW- 713 | Blazer   | Allagante Pacific Blaze              | Prafke-Marson       | 11    |
| 5   | SW- 676 | Beau     | Melioris Audax                       | Prafke-Marson       | 11    |
| 6   | SW- 806 | Otis     | Windnsatin Sho-Me Abit of Love       | Fette               | 10    |

NB: The Official Photographer for this event - Emily Buerger: [www.4steadypawsphotography.zenfolio.com](http://www.4steadypawsphotography.zenfolio.com)

# Western Region ~ BooFest 21.10.2023

Lake Minden RV Resort, Nicolaus, California

2 x ISWS Specialty Shows

## ISWS Specialty Show One: Judge: Wendy Duggan Principle Winners:

BISS, BOW, Winners Bitch – Talisman of Juno - Joyce Chin (*below left*)

BOS – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Wyndolyn Winsome Kenan FCH – I. Stetson



Winners Dog – UKC EGRCH Talisman's Gryfalcon – Joyce Chin (*above right*)

Res. WD – Allagante InPhenite-ly Special – J. Vookles, K&P Sanders

Res. WB – Talisman's of Hera – Joyce Chin (*right*)

Best Bred by Exh. – Talisman of Juno - Joyce Chin

Best Veteran – ISWS CH UKC CH Talisman Ardent Falkor's Luck – Joyce Chin

BOS Veteran – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Winsome Peppermint Patty – I. Stetson

Awards of Merit –

Morgandell Wyndolyn Elysium – J. Sharber DVM & S. Mohler

ISWS CH UKC CH Wyndolyn Just A Mo – S. Mohler

Best Puppy – InPhenite Kadlec Esti Tzatziki – G. Little

Best Opposite Sex Puppy – Elessar's Heart's Desire – L & M Silvestri

Best Stud Dog – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn's Brave Talisman – Joyce Chin

Best Brood Bitch – Kadlec Starfyre Mount Trinity – G. Little

Best Brace – Attaway Quickstep at Wyndolyn / Kadlec Coat of Many Colours

## Altered

ALT BIS – Sundance Wings of Inanna – H. Dakin & M. Teng

ALT BOS, WD – Summerstar Stairway to Heaven – K. Torres (*Below*)

ATL BOW, WB – ISWS CH UKC CH

Wyndolyn Helia of Talisman – Joyce Chin



Best Veteran (*above*)





**ISWS Specialty Show Two: Judge: Leonore Abordo**  
**Principle Winners:**

BISS – ISWS CH UKC CH Winsome Mipha’s Grace – C & N Cross, I. Stetson *(below left)*

BOS – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Wyndolyn Winsome Kenan FCH – I. Stetson *(below right)*



BOW, Winners Bitch – Winsome’s Dream Chaser – I. Stetson & T. Mills *(below left)*

Winners Dog, BBE – Allagante Electric Current – P & K Sanders *(below right)*

Res. WD – Kadlec Catch Ya on the Flip Side – S. Mohler

Res. WB – Talisman’s Kumiko– Joyce Chin



Best Veteran – IABCA Int CH UKC GRCH ISWS CH Morgandell Borodin – M. Laudenslager & C. Dell

BOS Veteran – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Winsome Peppermint Patty – I. Stetson

Awards of Merit –

ISWS CH UKC CH Wyndolyn Just A Mo – S. Mohler

Clayborn’s Gepetto – J. Sharber DVM

UKC EGRCH Talisman’s Gryfalcon – Joyce Chin

Best Puppy – Wyndolyn Pandora – Susan Mohler

Best Opposite Sex Puppy – Talisman’s Kairos – J. Chin

Best Stud Dog – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn’s Brave Talisman – Joyce Chin

Best Brood Bitch – Kadlec Starfyre Mount Trinity – G. Little



Best Stud Dog (above)





AOM



Best Opp Puppy



Res. WB

### Altered

ALT BIS, BOW, WB – ISWS CH UKC CH Wyndolyn Helia of Talisman – Joyce Chin (left)

ALT BOS, WD – Summerstar Stairway to Heaven – K. Torres

ATL Res WD – Talisman of Eros – R. Sinclair-Chin



### LGRA Sprint Racing Results

High Score in Meet – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Wyndolyn Winsome Kenan FCH – I. Stetson

High Score Opposite Sex - Leia

High Score Show Champion - ISWS CH UKC GRCH Wyndolyn Winsome Kenan FCH – I. Stetson

High Score Veteran – ISWS CH UKC GRCH Gryffyn’s Brave Talisman – J. Chin

High Score FTE – Sunera’s True Blue – E. Harlre & J. Sharber

### Top Five:

ISWS CH UKC GRCH Wyndolyn Winsome Kenan FCH I. Stetson

Silken Mythology Briggs – S. Mohler

ISWS CH UKC CH Satsuma Darrin Stephens – M. Smith

Allagante InPhenite-y and Beyond – J. Vookles

ISWS CH UKC CH Wyndolyn Just A ‘Mo – S. Mohler

Official Photographer: Michael Boomer: <https://michaelboomer.smugmug.com/>

## East Coast Silken Windhounds

Frenchtown, New Jersey

Held in conjunction with North Jersey KC UKC shows, this 2-day event included an ISWS Specialty Shows and Sweepstakes.



### ISWS Specialty 11.11.2023 – Judge: David Kittredge

#### Principle Winners:

Best of Breed, BOW, WD, Best Bred By - UKC GRCH Solo's Something Wicked – Pam Kilby (*below left*)

Best of Opposite Sex, Best Opp Veteran – UKC Ch ISWS Ch Kristull Honey Ryder GRC – S & C Beckerman

Winners Bitch – K-C's Serenity Goodbye Girl – Pam Kilby (*below right*)



Res. WB – Aracari Run for the Roses – A. Theiss

Res. WD – Cool Run Little Big Man – A. York Crane

Best Puppy – Oak Creek's Forever After – A. Vernatter

Best Opposite Puppy – Oak Creek's Forged By Fire – L. Aleshire

Best Veteran – UKC CH Kinobi Cool Run Mojo Man – E. E. Dock

Best Brood Bitch – ISWS Ch UKC GRCH Solo's Girl on Fire – Pam Kilby

#### Awards of Merit

ISWS Ch UKC GCH SummersSpirit Secretariat CGC GRC TKN – Emily Buerger

UKC CH Kinobi Cool Run Mojo Man – E. E. Dock

K-C's Serenity Goodbye Girl – Pam Kilby



### Sweepstakes & Altered - Judge: Pam Kilby

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes – Winsome's Revelstoke Rebel – Brittany Gordon

Best Opposite Puppy in Sweepstakes – WindnSatin Cut'a Deal – Mary Childs

Best Veteran in Sweepstakes – UKC Ch 'Cool Run Taji – Nancy Wakeman & Patrica Dunn

Best Opposite Veteran in Sweepstakes – UKC Ch ISWS Ch Kristull Honey Ryder GRC – S & C Beckerman

Altered Best in Show, BOW, Altered WD – Entourage Fame at Tangaloor – D Pei Wu

Altered Best Opposite in Show, Res. Altered WB – Cool Run Café Sumatra – Cecilia Briceno

Altered WB – UKC CH Satsuma Tweedledee – L. Aleshire

The Official Photographer for this event - Emily Buerger: [www.4steadypawsphotography.zenfolio.com](http://www.4steadypawsphotography.zenfolio.com)



## 2024 Events So Far

Show results for the following events which have already concluded will be reported in the next Newsletter summing up 2024.

### Silken Windhound Club of America - Texfest

ISWS Specialty Show, February 2, 2024. Venue: Longview,

### Texas SWTT – Lonestar Classic

ISWS Specialty Show, February 3, 2024. Venue: Longview, Texas

## Upcoming Events – 2024

### SilkenFest 2024 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### SilkenFest

Gibson Ranch, Sacramento

Gettysburg

15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

#### Host Hotel:

Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center

2634 Emmitsburg Road,

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Phone: (717) 334-8121

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UK Silken Windhound Club Specialties

UKCWC Winners Specialty Show & UKSWC Kent Winners Specialty Show

July 6th, 2024.

Venue: Capel Hall, Five Oak Green, Kent

Don't forget to check ISWS Website for updates.

www.silkenwindhounds.org

Features

Germany recognizes the Silken Windhound as a national breed.

During September 2023 the Silken Windhound was nationally recognised by the VDH (German Kennel Club). This was after a long period of preparation. The breed will be looked after by the DWZRV who immediately added the breed standard to their website. A judge's training day has also completed during which 25 judges attended.

Many thanks to those who were involved in this achievement. Individual opportunities for Phenotyping can be completed before a show if two German judges are present.

This announcement comes quite hot on the heels of Switzerland's recognition but more than 15 years since Slovenia recognised the breed. It is reported Hungary and Belgium accept the breed but we have yet to see any official announcements posted by these respective country kennels clubs.

www.windhundverband.de/2023/09/26/nationale-erkennung-der-rasse-silken-windhound-durch-den-vdh/

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### Diving Dogs – Danielle Snyder

Satara's Hardcore Parkour DJ "Tuna" became the first Silken Windhound to obtain a dock diving title via North American Diving Dogs at 9 months of age. He was bred and owned by me.

Diving dogs is one of the fastest growing canine sports in which dogs are enticed to run the length of a dock and leap as far out into the water as possible to compete for height or distance. They're motivated to fly with a prized toy, which is thrown just out of reach in order to help them keep their momentum and get the best launch angle possible.

To find out more about this sport visit [www.northamericadivingdogs.com](http://www.northamericadivingdogs.com)



Photo credit: Taylor Reanne Media



Twila and her Silken Windhound Ziva are an enthusiastic dog therapy team volunteering with their local pet therapy group – the Divine Canines. Twila shares her experience with us:

Divine Canines is a therapy dog group that serves the Austin area. The organization has about 110 active dog/owner teams visiting over 120 sites on a regular basis. Their purpose is to visit people in need with the hope of bringing a bit of joy into their day. While the teams consist of volunteers and their pups, they must pass special training before being 'let loose'. The first step to becoming a member is passing the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. Next is a five-week intensive course which is a bit like CGC on steroids! During the training, the teams learn how to handle complex situations that might occur during a visit. For example, the teams are exposed to wheelchairs, crutches, and walkers and noisy environments with excited people, all with the goal of learning how to maintain a calm demeanour for both the dog and its human during visits. They hone their ability to be polite when approached for petting, calm while walking, and well behaved at all times. Most importantly, their training philosophy is based on positive reinforcement techniques, which is perfect for the gentle personality of Silkens.



Each week Twila and Ziva can be found visiting at least one of the Divine Canine sites. Their regular visits include one of the elder care facilities with a Skilled Nursing ward, and a local psychiatric hospital. They also participate in a number of special visits, such as 'stress relief' events at the local university and high schools and visits to the local Austin Fire Departments.

Typically, a visit lasts an hour during which Ziva and her fellow Divine Canines are petted and fussed over. In some cases, the visits consist of a single team with one or two people, and under other circumstances there may be multiple teams interacting with many folks. Some of the dogs perform tricks - Ziva's repertoire consists of sitting, bowing, and 'dancing' to show off her long, lean body. The best reward is seeing the big smiles on the faces of the people they have met during their visit. Surprisingly, the dogs are excited before each visit and look forward to the interactions. Most pups are quite worn out afterwards, but Ziva often is ready to go for a quick 'zoom'

before her post-visit nap. Below is a picture of Ziva cozying up to one of the patients and one of her simply enjoying the sun in the garden after another successful visit.

Ziva is truly delightful and a bundle of joy to have around, befitting her registered name, Kristull Quantum of Joy!

To find out more about volunteering visit: [www.divinecanines.org](http://www.divinecanines.org).

Navigate the menu Meet Our Dogs > Active Teams and see who you might just find at the very end 😊



## Silken Windhounds at World Dog Show, Geneva 2023

Thanks to the hard work of a few dedicated owners in Switzerland, the Silken Windhound was recognized by the Swiss Kennel Club SKG during 2022. This giant step enabled Silken Windhounds registered in both Switzerland and Slovenia – who was the first country to recognise the breed back in 2004 - to exhibit for the first time in Europe at the World Dog Show.

In recognition of this historic moment, breed founder, Francie Stull and her husband Chuck, made the long flight from Texas to be part of the celebration and offer encouragement and support to the European breeders and owners exhibiting. Delegates from the UK and Germany also made the journey to Geneva to be part of this event and collaborate with their fellow breed enthusiasts. Whilst there, Mr Hansueli Beer, President of the Swiss Kennel Club SKG kindly took time out of his busy schedule on Sunday to meet with our breed founder and delegates to discuss the breed. He was very encouraging.

Unsurprisingly, there was much interest in the breed and considering entries were limited to two countries there was a healthy number forward for judging.

The final breed results at the WDS could not have been more fitting. Twenty odd years ago Helena Arh was at the 2002 Amsterdam WDS with Silken Windhound Ch Kristull Coco Chanel as a companion to her borzoi. Fast forward two decades and this time Helena was not only exhibiting her Silken Windhounds but rewarded with top honors. See results further below:



Naturally we also took a photo opportunity at the Our Dogs stand who have been very supportive over the years. They also included our report in their Newspaper - Thank you!

### Principal Results:

#### Judge: K Ramune (Lithuania)

BOB & Geneva World Cup Winner: Pretty Princess Wolkowo – B/O: Helena Arh & Davor Margeta

BOS & Geneva World Cup Winner: Snowman. O: Regina Erhart Thurnheer

BV & Geneva World Cup Veteran Winner: Sophia Lamar. O: Angelica Bersinger





## Silken Windhound Enthusiasts Pre WDS

Ahead of the WDS, a small group of silken owners organized a few events for silken owners, exhibitors and visitors to join in and get to know each other more. As mentioned above Chuck and Francie popped over from Texas, Helena and Nadia drove from Slovenia, Carsten and Kirsten from Germany and Justine and Louise from the UK....although with storms causing havoc with flights Justine very nearly didn't leave London City Airport.



Our first outing was to Gruyeres, a medieval town in Western Switzerland. It is home to the finest Swiss cheese and chocolate. The tourists listed the French-speaking romantic village as a unique area of Switzerland, and the secret behind making Gruyeres very special is the surrounding panoramic view. With silken windhounds also part of the party we made an impressive sight in this historic town.

We had an evening meal at a lakeside hotel. Yes, the dogs came too! This was a great evening with much laughter as we all got to know each other a lot better. With some of us only being 'facebook friends' meeting the real deal was perfect.



An excursion to Geneva old town was another great day. Orrin and Masha were exceptional tour guides sharing their extensive knowledge and historical facts. The day was slightly challenging with the weather conditions: rain...rain....and more rain!!

Thankfully it did pass and a glimmer of sun peaked out in time for a photo opportunity from the marina restaurant looking back to the city.



A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the pre WDS days so enjoyable. Forgive me if I miss anyone but Regina, Christina, Orrin & Masha, Anglika and Ruth. Take a bow!!

Justine Rodgers  
ISWS International Delegate



## 25 Years of SilkenFest

SilkenFest is the name for the International Silken Windhound Society's national specialty event. Whilst initiated 4th April 1999 (Easter Weekend), the first organized conformation show was held in 2000 and it has grown to include racing and coursing events in addition to health clinics and breed-related seminars. Although larger, the same camaraderie is celebrated and the focus remains on the dogs, not just their accomplishments. It is an event renowned for its fun and meeting friends old and new.

Such is the relevance of this event, it now rotates around designated regions of USA. The original intention, however, was to rotate around the world and in 2003 SilkenFest was hosted in Finland. Sadly, this intention never took a hold, partly as populations in other countries were not large enough to warrant the event. Various world events over the years have also impacted.

It was over this first weekend in 1999 that The International Silken Windhound Society (ISWS) was formed and chartered, along with the breed standard.

Now celebrating 25th years, lets step back in history. Some of the memories not recorded in the article include brown paper on long trestle tables, shrimp broil and cooking in parking lots!

Below is an article taken from 'Silken Windhound News' of the very first SilkenFest (*reprinted with author's permission*).

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The First SilkenFest – Easter 1999

Author; Dee Jones, kennel Lagniappe, May 2010

The first SilkenFest happened in 1999. I use the word happened, because it was a spontaneous gathering of those who had fallen in love with the little dogs with the big future. There was little planning and no preconceived ideas about what we would do, no sense that we were embarking on an adventure that would launch a new breed. Even with no plans, we managed to have a 'show,' in that we collectively evaluated every Silken we could lay hands on, agility, and straight racing.

In autumn of 1998, while she waited for her first Silken Windhounds (Omni and Nuna) to complete their six-month quarantine in Germany so that they could enter Sweden, Sussi Stjernborg decided to come to the U.S. to visit Francie. At the time, there were several people who belonged to the *Windhounds List*. In 1999, internet chat lists were a relatively new concept that enabled us, however far apart we lived, to talk about our dogs. We felt like we suddenly had a new family of friends. So, it was with eagerness that we accepted Debs Herold's invitation to spend two days at her home for a Silken play date while Sussi was in Texas. The only plan we had was to get together and get to know each other better, have fun, play with the dogs, and then drive the two hours from Riesel, Texas to Austin to spend Sunday at Kristull Ranch, where Francie and Chuck Stull had invited us all for a shrimp boil.

Attendees of the first Silken Fest were:

- Debs Herold, Possumtrot
- Sussi Stjernborg Starcastle Hounds
- Francie Stull, Kristull
- Dee Jones, Lagniappe
- Keely Collins
- James and Doris Gates
- Terri Dates
- Lucille Meale, Windspirit
- Betty Petron and John Gonzales, Den~San
- Eija Achren – via internet from Finland

Everyone contributed food. Dee Jones brought Easter eggs, including traditionally dyed ones that could be fed to the dogs and a huge bag of dog treats, as well as a Doberge torte for the humans to consume. A doberge torte is a traditional Louisiana cake; it became a tradition at the next several Silken Fests, along with the shrimp boil. Eija sent chocolate from Finland. Sussi had commissioned the very first pieces of Silken Windhound art, some lovely china plates as gifts. One went to Debs and the other to Francie. Sadly, the other pieces she commissioned for the rest of us were never delivered to her. Debs gave all of us the first Silken Windhound decals.

The first group arrived on Thursday, flying into Waco. The rest of us loaded our Silkens into cars and drove to Debs Possumtrot Farm on Friday. Most of us showed up during the afternoon. Then we waited for Francie and Sussi to finish their drive north from Austin. As soon as they arrived, we all headed to an antique store that was famed for its collection of dog memorabilia. Since Borzoi statuary was popular in the early 20th century, the store had quite a few specimens. We particularly enjoyed seeing those. Many of us at the first Silken Fest already owned or had owned Borzoi. We immediately noticed that some of the smaller pieces could have passed for Silkens.

After we returned to Debs' place, we talked for hours about the dogs and how they came into existence. It was like a grown up slumber party. As the night grew into the wee hours of the morning, we gradually all fell asleep in beds, sofas, or on the floor, wherever we could find space.

After breakfast on Saturday, we made a point of sending a summary of our activities to the *Windhounds List*, so that those who were not with us could participate vicariously. We continued taking turns to post information throughout the festivities.

Eventually Sussi said the magic words — what chance was there that Silken Windhounds could become an AKC breed? There was almost no hesitation. We all felt it could be done. We would need a standard and a parent club for starters. Francie promised to reboot her breeding program to give us a base from which to breed. We went to work.

Using a basic AKC model, we began trying to describe the breed both as we saw it in 1999 and as we dreamed it could be. Everyone contributed. Height was immediately a major discussion point. We went outside and studied the dogs living at Debs' place. To our surprise, we found that we had to increase our original proposed height to fit the breed into the standard, because so many of the dogs were above that height. We were keenly aware that a *small* dog could not be tall. It was pointed out that the final height of 24-inches was the minimum standard for an Afghan Hound, which no one considers 'small.' We recognized that while the standard had to describe the ideal of breed, the ideal could not be an imaginary dog; the standard had to reflect the reality of the breed. We measured the dogs using a yardstick and the *Lion King* video box. It became a joke for years. The *Lion King* became the official measuring standard for Silken Windhounds.

We also sat around Debs' dining table and created the International Silken Windhound Society. The word international was deliberately chosen to reflect the several countries working together toward achieving the goal of making Silkens an AKC breed. We thought we would pass Silken Fest around the world – what a wonderful excuse to travel to distant countries.

We decided on officers and their roles and wrote a mission statement – to make Silkens an AKC breed. The goal of AKC recognition is the sole reason for the existence of the ISWS. Even in 1999, we realized that the day would come when Silkens would need a U.S. based parent organization to represent them to the AKC, but that seemed far in the future.

Saturday afternoon we took a break from the work of setting up a framework to create a new breed and took the dogs straight racing. Debs had a pull-lure and a squawker. The dogs loved it. We made it a contest, with Merlin the Magician and Punzi taking top honors.

James Gates led an agility demonstration with his Silken Shadow. Shadow was superb at the obstacles, while the others tried clumsily to learn a bit.

Sunday morning we formed a caravan south on I-35 to Kristull where Francie and Chuck hosted the first Silken Fest shrimp boil. The Stulls had invited others who lived in the area and owned Silkens to join us. It was a wonderful experience, turning our dogs loose together to let them run and play. Those without experience in other breeds may not realize just how unusual it is to see twenty or more dogs who do not know each other play together with never a cross bark or raised lip. That became the trademark of Silken temperament and we felt that maintaining that temperament should remain a critical goal for all future breeders.

Late in the day, people began to drift home, some stayed at Kristull – others returned to Possumtrot. Lucille went home with Torie, a tiny puppy who could be tucked beneath her seat.

By Monday, the party was over, but the future had just begun.

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Photos from the first SilkenFest can be seen here. Note this is an old html site and NOT mobile friendly. We are talking 25 years ago, remember!

<https://www.oldstuff.windhound.com/Silkenfest99/index.html>

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SilkenFest – Future Locations

The SF rotation for the coming years is as follows:

2024 – Pennsylvania (see Upcoming events)

2025 - Michigan

2026 - Colorado

2027 – Pacific Northwest (*pending*)

2028 - TBC



Netherlands recognizes the Silken Windhound as a national breed.

Effective 1st February 2024 the Silken Windhound was nationally recognised by The Dutch Kennel Club.

At the Martinishow on 3rd March, the first Dutch classes for Silken Windhounds were held. Ahead of the show, any silken windhound wishing to be included on the register was assessed by two judges; Mr G Jipping (also FCI Vice-President) and Mr M Wibier. Four silken windhounds were presented and each one of them was pronounced typical of the breed and added to the Dutch KC Registry.

The results of the show judging were as follows:

Kristull Yukon Gold: Very Good

Tangaloor One more Kiss: Excellent, CAC, BOB, Holland Cup Winner and Winner of the group National recognised breeds.

Bon Zoi'z Summer Sparkle: Excellent, res.CAC and Holland Cup Veteran Winner.

Now the Silken Windhound is Nationally recognised in the Netherlands, other Silken Windhounds with papers from their National Kennel club are welcome to enter in Dutch shows.

Slowly the horizon is widening, soon those with National registration numbers will be able to show, race or lure course in many countries in Europe!

Below is an extract from one of the judges, Mr Wibier:

“About 10 years ago, when the first dogs were imported to the NL, I was introduced to the Silken Windhound. Since that introduction we had multiple dogs in training at our dog school and more at our annual “most beautiful dog of the dogschool-show”. Yesterday at the IDS I had the honour to judge four of them with Gerard Jipping, for their registration in the Dutch studbook, as the breed is nationally recognised a month ago. It was great to loop the circle, as I was privileged to put my hand on the first one, who is now 10 years, when she was a puppy. My congratulations to Conja Soenveld on this historic moment for the breed in the NL and all the work you did for this interesting breed. I’m happy to be a little part of the history.”



www.houdenvanhonden.nl/hondenrassen/silken-windhound/



Hungary recognizes the Silken Windhound as a national breed.

Hot on the heels of the news above, we learn the Silken Windhound is now a nationally recognised breed for Hungary.

www.agarklub.hu

Mission Statement of the ISWS Newsletter

This is the official publication of the International Silken Windhound Society. Our mission is to publish no less than annually in order to inform, educate and entertain the members by providing historical and current information on the Breed and issues affecting the well-being of our Silken Windhound.

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

It is the intent that this publication:

- Serves as a record of ISWS and its activities.
- Provides a convenient forum for the reporting of statistics on the accomplishments of the members in conformation and performance events which are either sanctioned by ISWS or have recognised affiliations.

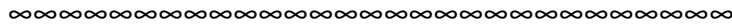
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www.silkenwindhounds.org

Footnotes:

The information contained within the body of this Newsletter is correct to the best of our knowledge.