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The purpose of this Club is to promote co-operation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittany Spaniels, and to encourage higher standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittany Spaniels, in the field and in the show ring. To discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of "field dogs" and "bench dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog."

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1956 SPRING FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULE

January 27, 28 and 29	Southeastern at Pinehurst, North Carolina
February 24, 25 and 26	Illinois
March 2, 3, and 4	Missouri - Washington
March 10 and 11	Midwest - Oregon
March 17 and 18	Sooner - California
March 24 and 25	Nebraska - Northern California
March 30-31-April 1	Michigan-Saginaw Valley
April 6, 7 and 8	Ohio - Skyline
April 13, 14 and 15	North Jersey - Michigan
April 20, 21 and 22	Upper New York - Badger
April 28 and 29	Central New England - Ringneck
May 5 and 6	Southern New England - Hoosier

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB NOVEMBER 29, 1955

The membership meeting of the American Brittany Club was called to order by Howard P. Clements at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, November 29, 1955 at the Crab Orchard Motel near Carbondale, Illinois. A large number of the members of the Club were present.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meetings held by mail, reporting the organization of the Badger Brittany Club and the Maryland Brittany Club during the the year 1955.

Mr. Jack Secor, chairman of the nominating committee, reported the results of the election. Howard P. Clements and Walter B. Kleeman were re-elected as directors at large.

In view of the member of very valuable suggestions which had been made through the mail by the regional clubs, the amendment to the constitution, which had been

presented through the mail, was not voted upon. Upon motion of Dr. J. M. Sullivan, seconded by Richard Fox, a constitution committee was appointed by President Clements to review the amendment, incorporate as many of the suggestions as possible into a new amendment and submit it by mail as soon as the committee had agreed upon its form. This committee would consist of Jack Secor, Chairman, George Wilson, Ralph Hesseltine, Dr. William P. Yant, John Doak and Richard Wood. Walter B. Kleeman, Secretary of the American Brittany Club, was to put all of the suggestions in organized form and submit them to the committee for their approval or rejection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Walter B. Kleeman, *Secretary*

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
NOVEMBER 29, 1955

An organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Brittany Club was held at 8:30 Tuesday evening, November 29, 1955, at the Crab Orchard Motel near Carbondale, Illinois. President Howard P. Clements presided. The following directors, representing the clubs listed, were present at this meeting:

E. W. Averill, Howard P. Clements, Walter B. Kleeman, *At Large*; Jack Secor, *Hoosier*; Ralph Hesseltine, *Midwest*; R. D. Wood, *Michigan*; George Wilson, *Michigan Saginaw Valley*; Dr. J. M. Sullivan, *Northern California*; Charles Morse, *Ohio*; W. E. Stevenson, *Southern New England*; Mrs. Mauverdene Robinson, *Skyline*; John W. Gogel, *Missouri*; Richard Fox, *Central New England*; John Doak, *Illinois*; Bill Kull, *Ringneck*; James B. Bell, Jr., *Southeastern*; Dr. R. C. Bus-teed, *Sooner*.

The tremendous interest of all the members attending the national events was shown by their presence at this meeting and active participation in the discussions before the Board.

A terse report of the treasury was given by Mr. E. W. Averill, Treasurer, showing that our operation for 1955 showed a deficit. Steps were being taken to correct this situation. Upon motion of Mr. U. R. Fritts, seconded by Mr. LeRoy Mangnuson, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

The field trial committee reported on the correspondence and plans which had been developed for a field trial of national magnitude under the jurisdiction of the American Brittany Club to be held annually in the far west. It was agreed that this event be called the Pacific Coast Pheasant Classic of the American Brittany Club. President Clements appointed Louis Tippet and Dr. Milton Sullivan as co-chairmen of the event, and asked that they obtain a member from each of the four Pacific Coast clubs to act on this committee to develop this important event to be held in the spring each year. They are to develop their own

program and submit it to the American Brittany Club field trial committee for approval.

Mrs. Charles Morse then presented a letter from the Ohio Brittany Club asking for consideration of the election of Jerome N. Halle as an honorary member of the American Brittany Club. Upon the recommendation of two directors at large, E. W. Averill and Walter B. Kleeman, the election of Mr. Halle as an honorary member was unanimously approved.

President Clements appointed a Futurity Committee with Charles W. Morse, Chairman, and Gerald Price, Mrs. Dorothy Gordon, and Richard B. Fox as Vice Chairmen.

President Clements then read the spring field trial dates. These are to appear in the January issue of the American Brittany Magazine.

Mr. Richard Wood presented a request from the Michigan Brittany Club for the support of the American Brittany Club of a grouse trial to be held in Michigan. Mr. Wood was under the impression that a championship point trial could be held in addition to the two regular point trials held by the Michigan regional clubs each year. It was suggested that this trial could be held if one of the clubs were willing to waive one of their regular events each year, as the American Kennel Club will not license more than two field trials a year for any individual club. After some discussion, this one confirmed by Mr. LeRoy Beardsley, representative of the American Kennel Club, who was present. Inasmuch as the two Michigan clubs did not desire to waive either of their dates, no action was taken.

Dr. S. Allen Truex, at the request of President Clements, reported on the progress of the research which he is doing in preparation for a complete history of the Brittany Spaniel.

The secretary was instructed to write to each of the regional secretaries, requesting that they make an effort to collect the annual dues early in 1956, be-

cause due to the expense of our operation, magazines will not be sent out as in former years to those whose names appear on the rosters of the various clubs unless the records show that their dues have been paid.

Mr. Jack Secor then presented a slate of officers for 1956:

<i>President</i>	W. E. Stevenson
<i>V. President</i>	Louis E. Tippet
<i>V. President</i>	Coy Conwell
<i>V. President</i>	LeRoy Magnuson
<i>Secretary</i>	Walter B. Kleeman
<i>Treasurer & A.K.C.</i>	
<i>Delegate</i>	E. W. Averill

Upon motion of Mr. Secor, seconded by Mr. George Wilson, the nominations were closed, and by a unanimous vote of all the delegates, these officers were elected.

President Clements then appointed a nominating committee for 1956: Chairman Jack Secor, Dr. F. M. White and Dr. J.M. Sullivan.

Mrs. John Doak suggested that the secretary be instructed to write to all regional club secretaries informing them that it was necessary to list their trials in advance if they wanted a report to appear in the American Field, as two of the clubs, including the Illinois Club, had found out at a late date that not having complied with this requirement, their reports were left out.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Walter B. Kleeman, Secretary

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EDITORIAL

By E. W. Averill, Treasurer

As can be seen from the Annual Report, printed elsewhere in the magazine, our club ended up the year with less than \$500 in the bank, even after making a sensational profit of more than \$700 in the Nationals. The magazine cost nearly \$3,600 to put out (more than \$3.00 per member) and the net cost of the magazine exceeded the dues collected by \$640.00. This is a very unsound financial condition for any organization and the directors attempted to rectify it by raising the dues last year. This was voted down so we shall have to try something else to break even in 1956. The first thing we are trying to do is to cut the cost of the magazine. This issue is being printed in Detroit by the photo-offset process which is a lot cheaper than straight printing, but much more time-consuming. However, SOMETHING had to be done, and this seemed to be the most obvious solution. Very likely, the members will be getting this issue a good deal later than they would have, not only because the process is slower, but because it is very awkward to have the editor in Hawthorne, N.J. and the printer in Detroit. Your treasurer, who is only interested in being able to pay the club's bills (we were in debt to last year's printer to the tune of up to \$700 for months) is the go-between on this deal and you may blame all errors on him.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

A new 5000 acre tract near Tacoma, Washington has been provided for future Brittany Trials by Military authorities and the State Game Department, acting through the Northwest Bird Dog Council.

Wild pheasants, Hungarian Partridge and quail will be released near numerous food planting areas on the grounds.

Excellent visibility is a feature of the level unfenced expanse of mossy gravel, which provides ideal conditions for men, dogs and horses, as well as ample cover of grass and bracken for birds.

Pete Bridewell of Tacoma, Dr. Sullivan of Berkeley and Enos Bradner of Seattle will judge the annual spring trial, March 3 and 4.

Signed John A. Jarvis

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

1955

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Balance in Bank – December 31, 1954			\$ 861.45
Dues Collected in 1955 – Michigan	\$ 290.00		
No. California	228.00		
Midwest	157.00		
Illinois	140.00		
Mich. Saginaw Valley	115.00		
At Large	106.00		
Washington	100.00		
Ohio	95.00		
Southern New England	83.00		
Upper New York	79.00		
Badger	79.00		
California	77.00		
North Jersey	76.00		
Missouri	65.00		
Central New England	58.00		
Sooner	56.00		
Southeastern	46.00		
Oregon	44.00		
Hoosier	42.00		
Maryland	35.00		
Old Dominion	32.00		
Nebraska	26.00		
Pennsylvania	24.00		
Ringneck	18.00		
Skyline	3.00		
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Total Dues	\$2,074.00		\$2,074.00
Balance			2,935.45
Magazine Cost – Printing		\$3,310.47	
Other Expense		269.13	
Advertising and Sales	865.20		
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Net Cost	865.20	3,579.60	-2,714.40
Balance			221.05
Income from Nationals (see next page)	711.32		711.32
Balance			932.37
Other Club Expense – Stationery		208.51	
Membership Cards		46.35	
Membership Applications		25.75	
Election Committee		59.02	
Amendment Bulletin		49.13	
AKC Dues		30.00	
Miscellaneous		29.88	448.64
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Balance in Bank – December 31, 1955			\$ 483.73

E. W. Averill, Treasurer

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

1955 NATIONALS

	Total Inc. Or Expense	Specialty Show	Field Trials	(19.625%) Futurity Share of F.T. Exp.***
INCOME				
Entry Fees	\$1,777.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 170.00 275.00	\$ 170.00
Excess of Donations over Troph.*	<u>10.44</u>	<u>5.22</u>	<u>5.22</u>	<u>1.02</u>
	\$1,787.44	\$ 337.22	\$1,450.22	\$ 171.02
 EXPENSES				
AKC - F.T. Prem. Lists & 1Lstg. Fee	24.25	-	24.25	-
E. W. Averill & Co. L/D Tel. Calls	6.00	-	6.00	-
Envelopes for 2 Prem. Lists	13.68	6.84	6.84	-
Ad. in American Field	60.00	-	60.00	11.77
A.B.C. Bulletin	27.20	13.60	13.60	2.67
Show Judge Expenses	20.00	20.00	-	-
Banquet Judges & Guests	84.00	-	84.00	16.49
Mimeograph F. T. Bracings	10.00	-	10.00	1.96
Horses (4 at \$7.50 - 8 Days)	240.00	-	240.00	47.10
Rent of Club House	135.00	15.00	120.00	23.55
Rent of Dog Truck	75.00	-	75.00	14.72
Clubhouse Attendant	54.00	6.00	48.00	9.42
Lunches - F.T. Judges & Marshall	42.00	-	42.00	8.24
Brandon Phone Calls	10.00	-	10.00	1.96
F. T. Judges' Expenses	135.00	-	135.00	26.49
Marshall's Expenses	30.00	-	30.00	5.89
Crab Orchard Court Judges Rooms & Meals	143.65	7.75	135.90	26.67
Gift to Judges & Reporter	149.44	10.80	138.64	27.21
Premium Lists - Printing	85.00	85.00	-	-
2 Premium Lists - Mailing	46.00	23.00	23.00	-
Printing Catalog**	196.00	89.84	106.16	28.58
Photographer	75.00	9.38	65.62	12.88
American Field Pictorial	73.50	-	73.50	14.72
 Total Expense	\$1,734.72	\$ 287.21	\$1,447.51	\$ 280.32
Futurity Share	<u>109.30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109.30</u>	<u>109.30</u>
Net Expenses	\$1,625.42	\$ 287.21	\$1,338.21	-
Net Profit	\$ 162.02	\$ 50.01	\$ 112.01	-
Calcutta	331.70	-	331.70	-
Futur. 10%	<u>217.60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217.60</u>	-
Proceeds	\$ 711.32	\$ 50.01	\$ 661.31	-
 * Trophies	\$325.86		** Total - 24 Pages	\$196.00
Ribbons	36.25		Show - 11 Pages	89.84
Bulletin	<u>74.45</u>		Trial - 9½ Pages	77.58
Total	436.56		Futur. - 3½ Pages	28.58
Donations	<u>447.00</u>			
Excess	\$ 10.44			

*** Futurity - 21 Braces at ½ Hour Open & Amat. - 43 Braces at 1 Hour
 - 10½ ÷ 53½ = 19.625%

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - EIGHTH ANNUAL ABC FUTURITY

Receipts

85 First Forfeit Fees at \$5.00 each	\$	425.00
67 Second Forfeit Fees at \$5.00 each		335.00
67 Entry Fees Paid at \$15.00 each		1,005.00
41 Starting Fees Paid at \$10.00 each		410.00
Excess of donations over Trophy expenses credited to Futurity		1.02
Total Gross Purse		\$2,176.02

Expenses

Printing of enrollment blanks	\$	24.45
Cost of mailing blanks (Printing, Postage etc.)		83.48
Misc. Exp. (Mimeographing, Postage etc.)		5.02
Hawthorne Publishing Co. Printing Entry Forms ...		36.85
Postage for Mailing Entry Forms		5.82
National Trial Expenses		280.32
10% of Gross Purse to ABC		217.60
Total Expenses		\$ 653.54
NET PURSE		\$1,522.48

Placed Dogs

1st - HELS OKLAHOMA TOPPER		
Owner: Doyle Friel (x)	\$	405.99
Breeder: M. F. Guest		203.00
Handler: Lee Holman		
2nd - YOUNG RAIN		
Owner: Elias E. Ritts (x)		253.75
Breeder: Clair E. Plaisted		126.87
Handler: Lee Holman		
3rd - PACOLET'S CHEYENNE		
Owner: Nils O. Nielson (x)		202.99
Breeder: Nils O. Nielson		101.50
Handler: Jane Thompson		
4th - BECKY'S PETE OF LA RUE		
Owner: Amos D. Greer (x)		152.25
Breeder: Carlton P. Plyler		76.13
Handler: Jane Thompson		
		\$1,522.48

(x) Entry Blank designated winnings to be paid to handler



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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL TRIALS – AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

By Ruth L. Lee

There could not be many superstitious souls among the backers of the Brittany, or the *Thirteenth* National Annual Field Trials, sponsored by the American Brittany Club, Inc., would have been boycotted! Instead, they came in record numbers, from Cape Cod to California, and made the Thirteenth, a marathon in Brittany National trial history.

Twenty-nine Amateur entries, forty-one Futurity starters, and then a walloping fifty-five Open All Age competitors meant pushing the limits of daylight for running dogs on the Crab Orchard grounds. Many must have kept their fingers crossed, for luckily the howling blizzards and ice storms that swept into the middle-west the week of November 27th-December 4th, dealt a little kindly with the southern tip of Illinois, the "Little Egypt" district, so the trials did go on as scheduled. "A little kindly," however, may give the wrong impression about this Brittany National weather. There were two days of temperatures hovering between 10-20°; then sleet, turning to rain. After enduring seven days of such stuff, the sun finally put in an appearance on the eighth and final day!

Judges Dr. E. B. Riley and Merlon Wood, rugged individuals who have proven before they are long suffering when it comes to the field trial sport, won the admiration and respect of all Brittany fans. They could "take it," and take it they did for six long days in the saddle, to finally name Towsey, top Brittany for 1955, winner of the Open All-Age Stake.

Towsey climaxed a class heat with covey find despite a jealous bracemate, showing the superlative manners expected of a finished bird dog. He is owned by Thomas E. Black of Wichita, Kansas, and was handled by Delmar Smith of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Towsey was a new actor on the National stage, and another new National name – Holley Haven Dan – a classy Brittany owned, trained and campaigned

on the Brittany circuit by William F. Szubielak of Livonia, Michigan, took home the trophies awarded the winner of the Amateur All Age Stake.

The story of Holley Haven Dan and Bill Szubielak is the old saga of a man and his dog, of persistence and heart-break until finally, with complete understanding, Dan went out to hunt for quail at Crab Orchard, pinned down a bevy with positive location showing finished manners on this, and honoring his bracemate on a later find.

Since all Brittany trials are run with handlers walking, it was extremely difficult much of the time for handlers to keep track of their dogs in high or excessively heavy cover, and it entailed the expenditure of all the guts and determination possible from a little Brittany to keep going and find birds!

The standards at a National should be higher than those set at any regional trial if there is to be real glory in a win, and there was no doubt in anyone's mind it would be a superlative Brittany who could breast that cover and show himself to be a stylish bird dog. Not recently in Brittany National trials has there been such satisfaction at the outcome, for the glory *did* descend on such dogs. Not only Towsey and Holley Haven Dan, the first place winners, but all of the placed dogs in all three events – Amateur, Futurity, and Open All-Age Stakes were outstanding.

The Brittany breed has been gaining admiration all over the country because he is a "poor man's pointer." The 1955 National winners were, first and foremost, good bird dogs. They went into the tough briars unflinchingly, they sought out the wily bob-white from his haunts with intelligence, and in addition they sparkled forth at times with that elusive characteristic "style" – the thing that thrills the followers of the field trial sport. Towsey, Raggs Freckles, Nipper's Rocket, and F.T. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond in the Open Stake, and Holley Haven Dan, Ch. Buccaneer de Klemantor,



JUDGES, AMATEUR ALL AGE STAKE
Gerald Price and Reid Troutman

F.T. Ch. Buttons and Bows and Dual Ch. Holley Haven Duchess, in the Amateur Stake, all won their places honestly, because first and foremost they were stalwart bird dogs who were willing to punish themselves severely. One look at Raggs Freckles bleeding ears would convince the most skeptical a Brittany must really like to hunt!

The Thirteenth National trials of the American Brittany Club proved, if nothing else, that the Brittany is still the rugged, hard-hunting, brave little bird dog that captivated the hearts of the early breeders in this country. It also held out the hope for Brittany owners everywhere that if they had a tough little Brit who was well-seasoned by constant hunting, and had proved he was willing to suffer for the cause of finding upland game, he *might* meet the grueling requirements of competing in a Brittany National trial at Crab Orchard. The courses, while tough for the small Brittany, made it quickly apparent which ones could be considered the cream of the crop. The class heat that Fe's Jim Dandy laid down, for instance, was not equaled by any other Brittany — including the winner — and had his covey find been attended to as befits a finished bird dog, it would really have been *Dandy!*

The American Brittany Club in its short life, has been exceedingly prolific. Its "children" — the Regional Brittany Clubs now flourishing in all parts of the U.S. have been spawned at a great rate.

For the American Brittany Club is only thirteen years old, while its "children" now number twenty-three!

On the shoulders of the hard-working officers, therefore, rest a great responsibility, not only in the encouragement of "higher standards in the breeding, training and showing of Brittany Spaniels," but in maintaining a closeness to each of the Regional Clubs and their problems. The American Brittany Club, Inc., has kept itself a flexible, national organization, exercising only enough cohesive power to keep all of its children happy.

The National trials are staged in the spirit of a benevolent father, welcoming his children to a Thanksgiving feast, and indeed these trials are held right after Thanksgiving Day! Carving a turkey up among 23 hungry children does not always result in everyone getting just the right kind of meat he desires. By the same token, the officers of the parent American Brittany Club, elected from the Directors-at-large and the delegates of the Regional Clubs who are per se Directors of the American Brittany Club, must represent a compromise, endeavoring to be as representative as possible. The universal accord which greeted proposed officers for 1956, and made their election unanimous, at the Annual Directors meeting, demonstrated the complete respect by its "children" for the parent American Brittany Club. The new officers elected are as follows:



JUDGES, FUTURITY AND OPEN ALL AGE STAKE — Mr. H. Merlon Woods and Dr. E. B. Riley.



NEW OFFICERS — W. E. Stevenson, President and Leroy Magnuson, Third Vice President.

President, W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Connecticut; *1st Vice-Pres.*, Louis E. Tippet, Portland, Oregon; *2nd Vice-Pres.*, Coy N. Conwell, Pontiac, Michigan; *3rd Vice Pres.*, Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas; *Secretary*, Walter B. Kleeman, Springfield, Ohio; *Treasurer*, E. W. Averill, Birmingham, Michigan.

While it could hardly be expected that representatives from all the twenty-three Regional Clubs could be present at the American Brittany Club National trials,—the assemblage of interested Brittany members from all over the United States, was the largest on record. Present for the Annual Meeting and Turkey Dinner at the Elks Club in Carbondale, Illinois, on November 28th were the following:

Central New England: Mr. Richard B. Fox.

Hoosier: Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Sécór, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lee, Mr. James Powell.

Illinois: Mr. Howard P. Clements, Dr. and Mrs. Fred White, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Holman and Jimmy Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. John Doak, Mr. R. G. Buick, Mr. Dave Olund.

Michigan: Mr. E. W. Averill, Mr. Coy Conwell, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Szubielak, Mr. and Mrs. Otto F. Hulin, Mr. Fred Tregoning, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Mr. Howard Crippen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holleyoak, Dr. A. F. Dick, Mr. Paul Dawson.



SOUTHWESTERNERS — Back row: Ca Wallis, Dr. J. M. Sullivan, Mrs. Russell Robinson, Dr. R. C. Busteed, Leon Kees, Frank Gilbert; Front row: Mrs. Carl Wallis, Mrs. J. M. Sullivan, Mrs. Frank Gilbert (all members of the Northern California Brittany Club with the exception of Mrs. Robinson, Springfield, Colo., and Dr. Busteed, Canyon, Texas).



SOME OF THE SPECTATORS AND CONTESTANTS FROM MICHIGAN.

Michigan-Saginaw Valley: Mr. George W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Plyler, Mr. Amos D. Greer.

Midwest: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Price, Mr. Ralph Hesseltine, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. Leroy Magnuson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hayslip, Mr. and Mrs. John Gagel, Mr. Thomas E. Black.

Missouri: Mr. Russell Fair.

Northern California: Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Wallis.

Ohio: Mr. Walter B. Kleeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Clois E. Dudgeon.

Ringneck: Mr. Bill Kull.

Skyline: Mrs. Mauverdene Robinson.

Sooner: Dr. R. C. Busted, Mr. Dan Huddleston, Mr. Delmar Smith.

Southern New England: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stevenson.

Southeastern: Mr. and Mrs. Nils O. Nielsen and Jan, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Bell.

Members-at-large: Dr. and Mrs. S. Allen Truex.

In addition to welcoming these Brittany members, Howard Clements, President of the American Brittany Club, introduced the various dignitaries present:

Eugene Crawford, Project Manager, Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge; Alfred O. Manke, Soil Conservation Manager, Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge; Harry E. Stiles, Refuge Manager, Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge; W. I. (Ike) Brandon, President, Crab Orchard Field Trial Club; Dr. R. A. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer, Crab Orchard Field Trial Club; Reid Troutman, Judge, Amateur Stake, also Crab Orchard Field Trial Club; Gerald Price, Judge, Amateur Stake; Dr. E. B. Riley, Judge, Futurity and Open All-Age Stakes; H. Merlon Wood, Judge, Futurity and Open All-Age Stakes; Roy Beardsley, A.K.C. Representative, New York City; Evelyn Shafer, Official Photographer, New York City.

Mr. Clements then paid high tribute to the professional handlers present who are primarily responsible for the record number of Brittanies entered in the Thir-

teenth National Trials. Standing to receive the ovation were Tom Cox, Russell Fair, Jess Hayslip, Ralph Hesselstine, Lee Holman, Bill Kull, Delmar Smith, John and Jane Thompson.

But to return from eating turkey to the trials . . . Howard Clements of Chicago, Illinois, past-President of the American Brittany Club served dually in that capacity and as Field Trial Chairman for the Nationals. Without the cooperation of local help, principally Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Cox, Ike Brandon, and Reid Troutman of Carbondale, Illinois, the trials could not have proceeded smoothly. The Crab Orchard boys are past masters at staging trials, and the Brittany folk fall heir to the best arrangements as far as horses, food, and accommodations, since theirs is the last scheduled trial on the fall Crab Orchard docket.

Mrs. James B. Bell and Mr. Walter B. Kleeman constituted the Trophy Committee, not only for the Bench Show, but the Field Trial events, too. Sterling silver console bowls were awarded to the First Place Winners in all three stakes, with Sunbeam Electric Frypans for the second place dogs.

Towsey, as winner of the Open All-Age Stake, takes possession for a year of the bronze Brittany statuette presented to the Club by the late Alan R. Stuyvesant.

Holley Haven Dan, the Amateur winner, retains the R. R. Machlett trophy in his possession for the coming year.



NORTHEASTERNS — Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn., and Mr. Richard B. Fox, Mass. (Mr. Stevenson is the new President of the Club.)



SOUTHEASTERNS — Mr. and Mrs. James B. Bell, Jr., Palm Beach, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Nils O. Nielsen and son Jan, Paolet Mills, S. C.

The "Ginger Memorial Trophy" awarded to the best dog handled by a woman in the Amateur Stake went to the donor for her handling of Belloaks Ezra and Belloaks Ibbby. Despite a full-sprawling fall, Mrs. James B. Bell far surpassed any other female handler in the Amateur Stake!

A full description of grounds and other field trial venue has recently been given in connection with the report of the 51st Quail Futurity and the Crab Orchard Open All-Age Stake, but it might be well to point out that special arrangements are worked out for the Brittanies with respect to courses, for the Brittany must be handled by a walking, and not a mounted handler, nor does the Brittany presume to cover the scope of territory assigned to the regular pointer and setter courses at Crab Orchard.

Reid Troutman worked out the courses to be used in running the Amateur All-Age Stake, and acted not only as judge, but did the marshaling as well, seeing to it that the territory covered contained sufficient covey locations so all the Brits would have contact with game, and also decreed where the Dog Wagon should be when the hour heat was completed.

Ike Brandon then came out to the Brittany trials to marshal for the running of the Futurity and stayed on one day to start the running of the Open All-Age event. Thereafter, the same courses outlined by Ike, were pursued the following days with Tom Cox handling the marshal chore except when he was running a dog. Thereupon Chuck Morse or John Lee took the efforts of the alternate marshals, at times, to return handlers and dogs on course when they became separated, which was rather frequent this year due to the vast increase of the deer population. (We didn't take a deer census, but certainly saw lots more!)

Perhaps the cooperative spirit of the Thirteenth National Brittany trials could best be exemplified by the Dog Wagon. This canine chariot (Tom Cox's truck) had a vast array of drivers. Nearly all of the professional handlers took their turn, though John Thompson and Jess Hayslip were at the wheel the majority of the time. Despite the informality, there was

always full understanding between marshal and driver as to where he was expected to put in an appearance. All dogs were at the starting line and ready to go with a minimum of time lost in-between braces. It was too cold to stand around and waste time — easier to keep going to get warm! And besides, with the large entry everyone knew it would take some pushing just to finish up, to let every dog there show his stuff.



WINNER AMATEUR ALL AGE STAKE —
William F. Szubielak, Livonia, Mich;
owner-handler of "Holley Haven Dan"
Howard Clements, Club President.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

Gerald Price of Concordia, Kansas, a long-time breeder of Brittanies and participant in Brittany Trials, mounted the Judge's horse to look over the field of twenty-nine entries in the Amateur All-Age Stake, along with Reid Troutman of Carbondale, Illinois.

Early Sunday, November 27th, the starting day for the Amateur stake, was rather mild, but by mid-morning the heavy air had an ominous stillness that boded no good. In the afternoon a strong north-west wind sprang up and it became obvious we were in for "some weather." A frigid 10° was Monday's dish, with cutting winds from the west.

The greatest daily covey count for the entire week of running was registered on the first day of the Amateur Stake — 18 total, with seven being counted in the last hour's running.

Holley Haven Dan, ably handled by his owner, Bill Szubielak, rose to the top of the Amateur entrants for his delivery of a creditable race, accompanied by definite covey location on which he displayed finish. At about half-time, Yankee Boy's Tommy, Dan's brace-mate, was on a somewhat indefinite point with handler trying to locate birds when Dan, ahead, froze solid and had the birds pinned down securely. Later Dan honored Tommy's covey find.

Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanor, owned and handled by Walter B. Kleeman of Springfield, Ohio, was somewhat restricted in his searching but found what he was looking for when he styled up, pointing into thicket. Birds flushed deeper into thicket before handler got them up, Buccaneer showing flawless manners.

F.T. Ch. Buttons and Bows, the pride and joy of George Wilson, Flint, Michigan, found birds working through briars on a hillside at 11 minutes down. With brace-mate absenting himself after 20 minutes in search of deer, Buttons became the Queen Bee, continuing a thorough search of birdy cover and switching to geese when she found no more quail. Her turning this way and that of a crippled goose, to decide the best method, and then retrieving said goose to her handler, brought cheers from the gallery!

Dual Ch. Holley Haven Duchess, whose owner is Henry Holleyoak of Wyandotte, Michigan, was handled to fourth place in the Amateur event by Ike Brandon of Carbondale, Illinois. Duchess had one very stylish covey find, then another not so stylish, an unproductive, and a couple of singles in her hour's hunting.

F.T. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway displayed power and purposeful hunting, and dramatically froze on point in the last thirty seconds. Handler went out in front, and to both sides of Ferdie. Twice he tried to send him on, but he wouldn't budge; albeit he did keep turning his head left as though trying to keep scent. Finally yielding to being sent on, quail flushed left behind him where they had run downwind.

Ch. Penelope de Evanston and F.T. Ch. Saxon of Fredann showed manners on

flush of first covey, then Saxon was credited with a second side-by-side find on birds. Any plus values were quickly erased when Penelope faulted under oak tree, and Saxon failed to spearpoint a covey straggled along fencerow.

F.T. Ch. Prince Britt had a beautiful covey find, but marred his record with an unproductive.

Brit de Buster had birds a-plenty, and showed finish on at least one covey



PLACE WINNERS OPEN ALL AGE STAKE - Left to right, 4th to 1st - "F. T. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond" owned by Clint B. Wood; Lee Holman, handler of "Nipper's Rocket" owned by Dr. J. J. Storer; Bill Kull, handler of "Raggs Freckles" owned by Dr. C. H. Proudfit; Delmar Smith, handler of "Towsey" owned by Tom Black. Mr. H. Merlon Woods and Dr. E. B. Riley, judges.

which he found just five minutes after being sent away. He hunted in the right places all around the course, and used his nose to advantage. A strange handler may have contributed to Brit's uncertainty.

Belloaks Gunner, on the other hand, had all the assurance in the world! He did a "rounding up" job on his first bevy, and had those birds pinned exactly. Too much gaminess, and following-up on hillside detracted, but undoubtedly the birds which lifted ultimately from thicket had been out feeding. Gunner's handling by Dick Fox, a newcomer to Brittany Nationals was noteworthy for its "light" touch.

Running of the Amateur event was concluded Monday evening, November 28th, with the next National event — the Eighth Brittany Spaniel Futurity, being run on Tuesday and Wednesday.

At the conclusion of the Second Series Futurity running in early afternoon, the Open All-Age Stake began at 2:12 p.m. Two braces were run Wednesday, with seven on Thursday, seven on Friday, seven on Saturday, and five on Sunday. Judges E. B. Riley and H. Merlon Wood had their decision ready immediately at the close of the 28th hour heat.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

The verdict that Towsey, slashing, hard-hitting roan male which Delmar Smith ran in the 19th brace, was named "Top Dog of the 13th National," came as no surprise. Throughout the running of this third brace on Saturday morning, there was a tremor of excitement — heightened when Towsey pointed, so intensely that even Jefferson of Minnehaha's overtaking and stealing point was countenanced. Little wonder then, that a final hard job in dense thicket by Towsey at the hour's close had the gallery on pins and needles. Would he reappear in time — could there have been deer in them thar' woods? Appear he did, having worked it all through, and though he knew precisely when his hour was up. The



WINNER OPEN ALL AGE STAKE — H. Merlon Woods, judge; Delmar Smith, handler of "Towsey" owned by Tom Black, Wichita, Kansas; Dr. E. B. Riley, judge.

feeling was pretty general right then and there — that was it. Oh, it *could* be topped, but it would take a whale of a Brittany to do it!

The over-all performance of Towsey was *not* topped, but that same afternoon another roan, hard-hunting Brittany male, Raggs Freckles, cast way off to find birds. He had been sticking to the thickets and wasn't missed for a while, and then a buddy handler, Ralph Hessel-tine in the horse gallery, called Bill Kull's attention to the fact that over by yon willows his little dog was "standing." Standing, to be sure, on point! By the time handler got back to him, the birds had left, so Raggs was sent on, and in as pretty a demonstration of relocation as one could ever hope to see, he cut straight ahead, pointed again by the side of the road, and handler flushed the covey. Raggs has been hunted over extensively, and campaigned in some of the Regional Amateur Stakes by his mistress, Mrs. C. H. Proudfit of Mishawaka, Indiana.

Nipper's Rocket, similarly, had the covey find that named him to third place out on a limb, in the brace immediately following Raggs Freckles. The hillside east of water tower was being investigated when suddenly Nipper's Rocket sped down and pointed to right of pump house. Like Towsey, Rocket was oblivious of brace-mate's approach on the scene (she should have backed). He handled the covey find with finesse. Nipper's Rocket is owned by Dr. J. J. Storer of Kinder, Louisiana, and was handled by Lee Holman of Whittington, Illinois.

Bill Kull of Goshen, Indiana, handler of Raggs Freckles, also handled the fourth place dog, F.T. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond. Pete did not slash through cover, nor stretch as mightily as Towsey, for instance, but he was letter-perfect in a divided find, high style with manners on a covey located in high weeds, stop to flush at brace-mate's find, and creditable honoring of brace-mate in fourth covey contact.

Of the four dogs placing in the Open All-Age event, Towsey is a newcomer to

Brittany Nationals. Raggs Freckles competed in the Open in 1954, and F.T. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond ran in the Open National Stakes of 1953 and 1954, but neither dog had previously placed.

Nipper's Rocket placed fourth a year ago in the Seventh Annual Brittany Futurity. His return as an All-Age dog the following year to place in the Open Stake has but one equal in recent Brittany National history. F.T. Ch. Miste de Klemanor placed 2nd in the Fifth Futurity in 1952, and made a come-back as a finished All-Age dog, to place 4th in the Open in 1953. Miste, it will be remembered, bettered that record in 1954 when she won the National Open Stake!

With the exception of Beaucoup Pete, who ran Sunday morning, all of the placed dogs drew braces that ran on Saturday, which may have been the "lucky" day of this *Thirteenth* National Open Stake. Certainly it was the warmest day — temperatures up in the 50's — after several days of excessive cold followed by sleet and rain, and though it misted for most of Saturday, it was not unpleasant.

As has already been stated, Fe's Jim Dandy laid down the best exhibition of class hunting by any of the fifty-five Brittanies competing. Dandy's owner is Joe Turner of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Delmar Smith, the handler of Towsey, also handled Jim Dandy.

Two others should be noted as deserving of special mention as far as class races are concerned. F.T. Ch. Uno's Rex of Paradise, owned by Jack Secor, Niles, Michigan, and handled by Bill Kull, and F.T. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway, owned by John Lee, Indianapolis, Indiana, and handled by Lee Holman were slated for call-backs if perfect birdwork had not been registered by enough good dogs. Both of these ran birdless braces; neither bracemates nor gallery accounting for birds on those particular courses.

However, it should be pointed out, there were coveys observed on each of the seven courses used in the running of the Open All-Age, sometime during the week. In fact, a rundown of daily covey tabulations presents a pretty constant picture: Thursday — 13; Friday — 14;

Saturday — 13; Sunday (only 5 instead of 7 hours running) — 14 coveys. Sunday, December 4th, incidentally, was the *only* day in which there was sun, and the gallery noted five distinct new covey locations! Too bad, as far as birds moving about, the trials weren't just beginning on this final of eight days of Brittany trials at Crab Orchard!

Honorable mention for showing finished birdwork should be given to Benjji of LaRue with two perfect covey locations, a moderate race and an unproductive four minutes before time was up; Holley Haven Duchess for displaying superb nose and stylish point, but Duchess, too, with but moderate race, had an unproductive against her.

Uno's Jet gave a great demonstration of how the experienced old-timer handles a scattered covey.

THE RUNNING

F.T. Ch. Ronile Avant Coureur—F.T. Ch. Jeffrey of Argard — Cast off at 2:12 with judge flushing single from roadside covey. At 6 minutes down, Skip disappeared in triangular thicket; Jeff slashing ahead through corn and casting wide to right. At 16 minutes, Skip's handler called "watch my dog" and about that time two birds went out. Skip dropped at flush, and Jeff swinging into vicinity backed. At 27 minutes Jeff had been out



PROFESSIONAL HANDLERS — Back row: John Thompson, Paul Dawson, Lee Holman, Bill Kull, Russell Fair, Front row: Mrs. Jane Thompson, Tom Cox, Ralph Hesseltine, Jr., Jess Hayslip.

of sight and handler went back to see if per chance Jeff were locked up in last thicket. Far out ahead, to right in corn he was discovered, and brought on quickly along gravel road. Jeff, thinking things had been a little dull lately, slammed on the brakes at the side of road, pointing near telephone pole. No birds, and Jeffrey proceeded docilely forgetting the high, wide and handsome flings that characterized his first half hour. Now Skippy delayed half the gallery by pointing in high weeds (previously covey had been bumped by wooden walk), and when this stance proved unproductive, Skip put on a disappearing act, but reappeared with horse gallery following Jeffrey, way up ahead. At 57 minutes Jeff stacked up, but as handler worked for birds Jeff's head kept turning in a mocking manner. He was just playing a practical joke!

Pacolet Hellou Jet—F.T. Ch. Joie of Hunterhaven — Two minutes down Joie was way out to far side of open field. Hellou Jet was content to cover area nearer at hand. Jet did a lot of stopping for direction; Joie continued his wide casts and worked well through sedge draw in middle of lespedeza hillside. About half-time Jet bumped a covey and stopped. Then Joie absented himself from the scene for about ten minutes while Jet pointed unsuccessfully in thicket. At 47 minutes dogs produced a pretty picture, when in word's of Jet's handler "we had a stop to ground birds and a back."

At 7:30 a.m. on the dot, the two Brits in the first brace on Thursday, took to the field. There was a gray mackeralspeckled sky overhead, and true to predictions there was sleet starting about 11:15. It changed to rain by the time lunch hour rolled around, and rained in earnest all the afternoon. The sky darkened quickly; it was quite miserable.

Fe's Jim Dandy—Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo — On the first cast out, it became evident that this was a contest of youth vs. age. Dingo's time and prime was past; Dandy's was just beginning, and he was having himself a wild and reckless fling that would make folks sit up and take notice! Dandy could zip across country, hunt where he should, and

handled in more biddable fashion than most wide-going dogs. At 22 minutes he was combing thicket and did not reappear, so handler, one judge and reporter went in to see what transpired. Dandy reappeared ahead, having worked through the thicket and out to high weeds. Dan made it through this impenetrable stuff, but Dingo's vision disability caused handler to pick him up when found. Dan continued to score admiration as he swept on taking in all the birdy places, and just inside "bird alley" across road he snapped beautifully into point. Everyone concluded "There — you have it!" A stylish stance, but before handler came in, Dandy bumped the birds, and jumped two or three steps at flush before stopping at command. As handler shot, another single arose, Dandy now under control. A second covey flushed wild in mid-field shortly before pick-up.

F.T. Ch. Saxon of Fredann — Gagel's Dutchman — 8:36 These two started off with both dogs working well; Dutch was the more spectacular running dog, carrying his head high. At 25 minutes, just before break through oak woods, Dutch pointed in sedge grass. As handler tried to produce, Dutch, who quickly relaxed, moved on. About half-time in high weeds, Dutch stopped at bump of covey. Singles went out one at a time. A second later, Saxon, appearing to be on point, had handler thrashing about for birds. He might have been merely stopping to flush of brace-mate's birds. At 33 minutes down, Dutch had point called for him in high weeds and stood solid as covey lifted. Dutch worked out multiflora and had gone on when gallery saw two or three feeding quail emerge.

Dingo's Little Mike—Dingo's Rocky— At 9:38 these two brothers were cast off, and appeared at first to be about equal in looks and ground pattern. But it soon became evident Mike had a little more range and a little keener imagination about where to hunt. They were working out area between railroad and highway when they sped to far side of railroad embankment and came on point. Mike seemed to have hit it first, but Rocky was so close they shared the find. Apparently the brothers didn't want to share; they both

went on in, bumped the birds, and stopped at command from their respective handlers.

Shawnee's Hellou Fancee - Patti of Luke's Lena Dejoyde - Three minutes after they were set down Fancee was winding up hillside, and routed a covey. She stopped at command, and handler shot as sleeper arose. Patti went afar off on hillside chasing geese. Fancee got out, too, and both were running wide. At 23 minutes Patti tangled with a skunk. Patti retched and was wretched (to say nothing of those having to endure her presence) for the remainder of the brace. At 52 minutes down Fancee styled up, pointing into thicket. Handler jumped in and saw the covey running out but he did manage to flush one single. The rest of the covey flushed later beyond the fence-row; Fancee stopped at flush.

Duc du la Bretagne - Helgramite Howie D'Acajou ("Doc") - At 22 minutes down, Doc, getting stronger and bolder all the way, made a beautiful cast working clear around edge of field, on over hill. Then sent on, he took in draw filled with honeysuckle. Duc cast back to work the same area, and then came on through swale. A few extra minutes were allotted these two, to try for the roadside covey. After the dogs were picked up, the contrary covey arose in full splendor.

Holley Haven Dan - Benjji of LaRue - Three minutes after they were cast off, Benjji pointed in sedge and Dan backed. A large covey arose, with manners for both dogs. Down in ditch back of Diagraph Bradley buildings Benjji again had a find. Throughout the hour Benjji did not run wide, but showed a maturity in his searching. Dan exceeded his brace-mate in covering territory. At 56 minutes point called for Benjji, but it was unproductive.

Dual Ch. Tex of Richmond - F.T. Ch. Albedo Valley Dingo - Again it was the Thompson family handling on the same course as the previous day. Rain, frozen on steel bridges, made the crossings hazardous. Both Tex and Dingo cut up the country for the first ten minutes, treating to some horizon casts, and then both disappeared, and with woods ahead

it looked ominous. Six minutes later Tex reappeared, but Dingo was counted out for her deer escapade. Tex's energy was dissipated; he continued hunting without much enthusiasm and found no birds.

There was a mist all morning Friday, and in addition a heavy fog rolled in from the lake. It was clearer in the afternoon, but the clouds hung heavy all day. Ground was sodden underfoot and all handlers wearied of the ten lbs. of mud lifted with every step when the course led through corn or wheat fields.

F.T. Ch. Buttons and Bows - F.T. Ch. Uno's Rex of Paradise - Again, on this first brace of the morning, it was a case of youth vs. maturity for Buttons showed she was bowling out of the big-time running. She hunted the likely spots, but it was Uno's Rex who caught the eye with his high head and joie de vivre. At 16 minutes Rex, tearing across country, hurdled multiflora, went into cover, and did a fine job of working through oak woods, appearing to front when he had completed it. At half time Rex cast down a fencerow, following cover at edge of field around to corn beyond and then returned. Across the road in "bird alley" Rex's range was cut severely as he hunted, head down, through rather dense weeds. Just once was he seen to fling his head up and appear winding.

F.T. Ch. Miste de Klemanor - Butch's Ace - At eight minutes down, "Tillie" impressed with cast all the way around field to oak tree draw, working it out, and then came on, without any handling needed. At 12 minutes Butch's Ace was a-straddle a railroad rail - frozen. Handler thought the dog was obstinate about briars, and rather rudely urged him on. The dog couldn't and wouldn't; he had quail and he handled them better than his handler! Miste stopped at flush of this covey. At 18 minutes Tillie's handler yelled "There's my dog, standing by little cedar tree, see her, judge?" Judge nodded that he saw her, and also the quail that had flushed. Tillie stood till handler came up and touched her to go on. At half-time in high weeds to right of Tillie's handler, a covey flushed.

As hour neared its close Tillie's fiery early range was not evident.

Yankee Boy's Tommy — Ch. Skippy Allamuchy Luke — Cast off at 9:34, and Skipper disappeared from sight almost at once, but on several appearances was seen to be working well through oak woods. At 14 minutes he galloped down horse path east of railroad, and was lost. Tommy, who had begun his chronicle with much interest in goose-scent, actually pointed some feeding in field south of railroad. All this time Skip was lost, but at 39 minutes he put in an appearance where course lay parallel to main road near water tower. For a while he stayed with the company, but soon objected to foreign handling and took off casting along timber. Those left behind to scout were notified of his appearance, but when they caught up, Skip was no longer present. Shortly before close of brace he checked into the Dog Wagon, so he could be said to have started and ended in orthodox fashion!

Dual Ch. Holley Haven Duchess—Dual Ch. Mandy of Edough— These two bitches appeared at first to be running comparable heats, but Duchess showed she had the edge on her bracemate most of the time, though both moderate. At 25 minutes Duchess had an unproductive on hillside and then coming through oak woods, judge's horse flushed a covey. Duchess checking the spot shortly after, really styled up. Handler worked for the likely sleeper, but he wasn't there, and Duchess was sent on. At 45 minutes Duchess came on point, concentrating stylishly on briar patch atop hill. As handler approached she moved on about two steps and styled again. Birds arose about 10 yards ahead of her.

Brit's Tic Toc Bobby — F.T. Ch. Buddington Prince — Both showed good application and at 19 minutes Buddy had point called for him as he was seen standing in oak woods at corner of field. A single rose, and then more birds got up around him, Buddy steady. A minute later Brit swung sharply on point going along hillside, took the birds out and gave chase. At 36 minutes a single quail got up out of ditch near road crossing.

Brit was already across; Buddy deeper in thicket was not viewed at the time. Gallery later reported Buddy was involved when remainder of this covey flushed. At 50 minutes point was called for Buddy on single. He hit, then moved on two or three steps, and styled again. Handler worked around in thicket, and then tried to call him on. Buddy, reluctant to move, finally responded with the flush of a single. Proceeding to work up hill, Buddy stopped to flush at another single.

Helgramite Jacques — F.T. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway — At 1:45 these two cut through corn, seemingly going a mile a minute, and disappeared around the bend. Returning to the whooping of handlers, Ferdinand was in front, and these two engaged in the same wild dashes several times. It was soon obvious Ferdinand had a me-too behind him on most casts, but finally Jacques went hunting on his own. Pace was sustained throughout, and both dogs showed they could breast cover and tough going as well as run in open country. They were hunting well at the close of the hour, but no birds were contacted.

Ozark Chieftain — F.T. Ch. Hero's Master Spot — At 2:54 these two had leashes slipped, and again it looked like a sparked-up brace. Both quested wide, yet handled well. At 3:11 Chief made a beautiful cast, following clear around fencerow, responding from away out to handler. Rapid fall from these sublime heights followed for he started making game along hillside and the next thing quail began flushing — a few at a time and all the time Chief was moving!! Handler obtained permission to pick Chief up. Spot never regained his early fire after bracemate departed except for one final fling. A covey was flushed by gallery at opening to field through which Spot had coursed.

It was quite warm Saturday morning, in the high 50's, with a Scotch mist early in the morning that changed sporadically into showers. Clouds moved fast, and at times patches of blue showed through, but the "replacement clouds" building up in the south and east looked

threatening and rain-bearing, as indeed they were.

Jacques II - Dwight's Halloween Spook - Spook's race was a bit wider than Jacques, but neither dog showed much punch. At pick-up Jacques went through a covey by the roadside.

Brit de Buster and Dual Ch. Uno's Jet - At 8:30 these two were sent off. Jet worked through briars near railroad without flinching, and hunted cover to edge of fields all the way around. At the start when he showed in open Jet ran well, with head held high - a proud dog. But halfway through the hour Jet softened and never regained his early pace. At 9:08 Brit de Buster pointed. Handler made sure, called it, and went in to flush. Brit took about two steps. At 9:29 Jet was working along some multiflora and suddenly swung, pointing squarely at the hedgerow. Farther down two quail flushed off, then Jet moved on down and froze again - this time a single was right in front of him. And then quail seemed to spurt out from all over; they were spread all along that multiflora planting. Jet's performance was the mature, finished, intelligent handling of a scattered covey!

Towsey - Jefferson of Minnehaha - Soon after the breakaway Towsey was sent off in oak woods. Working through and out, he cut wide in lespedeza field and corn. Jefferson did not stretch as far, but lengthened as he went along. At half time, Towsey came on point just left of horsepath and right out in plain sight of God and all the gallery. Jeff came past Towsey, ahead of him and pointed too. Towsey was unperturbed; his whole attention was focused on game ahead. At flush and shot both Towsey and Jeff showed manners. Towsey continued to work his assignments with everything he had, digging in and completing casts, searching out draws from one end to the other, then spotting a fencerow that looked inviting and working it around. Jefferson showed tiring at tail end of brace. With five minutes to go, Towsey had not appeared out of dense thicket and handler dashed in after him. Just as he had done right along, Towsey was merely working it out-but thoroughly!

-for he appeared out the other end, and right on course. When he put in an appearance, time was up - that was it!

Ch. Belloaks Highflyer - F.T. Ch. Nanette du Boise - Scarcely a minute elapsed before Nanette had put Highflyer in his place. She is a most aloof damsel, and plainly showed she wanted no truck with her high-flying brace-mate. He was crushed by the rebuff, or something, for only occasionally in the running of this brace did he live up to his name. At 49 minutes down High pointed into dense briars. Nanette, heading down from corn, spotted him and backed beautifully where she was standing in a corn row. High stood high, with all the style in the world, but as the birds flushed he broke and chased. Picked up. Nanette continued a moderate hunting race, but found no birds.

F.T. Ch. Prince Brit II - Cactus Pete of Richmond - Covey flushed wild at breakthrough where gallery held up, for both dogs were working in corn to the right. At 21 minutes Britt off in a thicket, stopped, and handler tried to produce. Nothing, but Prince was reluctant to leave the area so gallery divided. Brit showed out the other side of thicket and in returning to handler was winging his way at a mighty clip, when suddenly he skidded to a stop, and as he did so a single flushed. He stayed frozen on point while remainder of covey lifted, waited, and then came on. Cactus Pete proceeded on course, hunting, but without much fire, concerned on one occasion with meadow-larks. About the time Britt caught up with brace-mate he had an unproductive and a second later, further around in the draw Pete had point called for him. Judge advised birds lifted out far side of draw.

Susan's Heide - Raggs Freckles - Heide made nice cast to west, working out draw, before crossing bridge. This white and open-marked flashy dog was the showier of the two. Raggs Freckles was not a stylish runner and his roan color camouflaged his probings in high weeds, but before long it was plain Raggs was in the thickets and heavy cover for just one purpose, and that was to find birds! At 21 minutes down Freckles cast off to

left to search a likely spot, and failed to appear in front. Hesseltine, another handler riding in the gallery, spied the little dog on point near willows and called to his handler. He returned, with judge, to observe Freckles standing just as he hit his birds, with one leg raised, proud and staunch as could be. Handler tried to get birds out of area right around the dog, but couldn't and when sent on Raggs went straight on, relocating the covey close to the road.

At 25 minutes down Freckles pointed in corner of field atop rise. Heide came in, went all around him two or three times, but that didn't bother him. Actually, judge informed handler when he caught up, the birds had already taken off, but Raggs waited patiently for the command to proceed. At close of his hour's running, Raggs' head was bloody but unbowed, proof positive he had really hit the cover and taken punishment!

Nipper's Rocket — Benjji's Becky of LaRue — Both of these two treated to wide-searching races, with Becky doing a more convincing job of hunting. At 45 minutes down Becky made wide cast up through corn; Rocket had a less consistent race, stopping at times for command.



PLACE WINNERS AMATEUR ALL AGE — William F. Szubielak, owner-handler of "Holley Haven Dan"; Walter B. Kleeman, owner-handler of "Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanor"; George W. Wilson; owner-handler of "F.T. Ch. Buttons and Bows, C.D."; Ike Brandon, handler of "Dual Ch. Holley Haven Duchess" owned by Henry A. Holleyoak.

At 52 minutes, Nipper's Rocket was observed down over hill below water tower, on point. Becky came down the hill toward him, intending to get in on the find, too, and failing to back. Rocket was rock-solid though, and tolerant of a jealous bracemate. He displayed finished manners at flush and shot.

Sunday du Lac — F. T. Ch. Tennessee Luke — You would think, running on Sunday, would be "Sunday's day," but it turned out anything but. He stayed around for the first twelve minutes, but showed an inclination to get off-bounds in the igloo area and was last seen down along railroad, presumably following deer. Luke hunted well forward, and hit his first find hard. It was a covey at end of multiflora fencerow, but he moved too close, and sat down when birds flushed around him. Later Luke had non-productive in briars at another fencerow. Working territory to both sides of horsepath Luke was credited with single out of wild-flushing covey, and then just as he stepped over the threshold into "bird-heaven" Luke pointed. On this he was staunch, and majestic, and showed perfect manners at flush and shot.

Corky of Valley Britt — Lady Patsy de Wayne — Patsy elected easy-traveling via the railroad. Corky punched all through high weeds and took the cover well. At 37 minutes down, Patsy opened up, cut across the open field and worked the far side. A little later Patsy pointed stylishly into thicket from side of horsepath. She worked through thicket with handler and had a find five minutes later in multiflora. Corky had this multiflora covey located, too. Rabbits running about caused some false pointing on Patsy's part, then at pick-up there was great excitement. Patsy could not be found! Heading toward pick-up point the gallery and one judge spied her, pointing into multiflora along roadside. At handler's approach, Patch moved on along multiflora, and pointed again. Birds took off across the road.

Reed's Skyline Dan — F.T. Ch. Beau-coup Pete of Richmond — First find by these bracemates was in oak woods to north of railroad Pete showed manners;

Dan was involved. In high weeds, east of water tower it was Dan, dancing around to rout birds, with his brace mate stopped mannerly at flush. Then Pete, on his own, had a covey pinned. Handler had to do some extensive searching for this was Ferdie's "dog-wise" bevy, but finally they flushed and Pete was flawless. Shortly before pickup Pete honored his brace mate on a covey find in honeysuckle. Dan, as well as Pete, showed manners on this final find.

Ch. Avono Corky — Pontac's Hero — Corky punched hard through coarse grassy draw down the center of wheatfield, with Hero working the edges. At 13 minutes down Hero was running geese out in open field. At 20 minutes Corky's handler had to lure him back from deer in pine trees

on hillside. Coming up hillside past the spot of the Duchess covey, both Corky and Hero were more intent on finding water, than winding the gamey area. Gallery was fascinated to see the quail running around on the ground, right where expected, and then they flushed to cedar tree, with both dogs not 50 yards distant.

Junea's Ladee (Bye) — This final Brit, running as a bye, was cast away right after lunch. She didn't start too strong, but kept to the front most of the time. At half-time on hillside, Ladee really stretched out — pointing into draw, leaning in intensely. She had the birds well located, but sat at flush. At 45 minutes down, Ladee was proceeding slowly working out cover to right of horsepath when covey flushed wild; Ladee stopped.

8th ANNUAL BRITTANY FUTURITY
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By Ruth L. Lee

Hels Oklahoma Topper topped a field of forty-one starters in the running of the Eighth Annual Brittany Spaniel Futurity. Topper, with a slashing race early Wednesday morning, November 30th, showed himself to be a superlative hunter and a stylish dog on point. Doyle Friel of Amsterdam, Ohio, is the owner of the Futurity winner whose training and campaigning in Brittany Regional trials has been in the capable hands of Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois.

The Eighth Futurity contained a record number of young Brittanies who had already distinguished themselves in Derby Stakes in the nineteen Regional Brittany trials held earlier this fall, and there was much speculation as to how many of the 69 entered August 1, 1955, would be on the Futurity starting line at Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge late in November. Since Crab Orchard has the reputation of being an acid test for Futurity prospects, it is not surprising that 40% dropped by the wayside. The forty-one starters, therefore, were the cream of the crop, and many expressed the opinion that it was the richest cream of young Brittanies than had been dished up in many a year!

The bird work and style on point of Young Rain, second place winner, was a joy to behold. He stood high and proud, silhouetted against a blazing western sky, with all the confidence in the world. Young Rain is a Pennsylvania dog, whose owner, Elias Ritts of Pittsburgh, Pa., is forever associated with "Rain in the Face." Indeed it is Old Rain who sired Young Rain to carry on his reputation as



WINNER 8TH ANNUAL FUTURITY STAKE — Dr. E. B. Riley, judge; Lee Holman, handler of "Hels Oklahoma Topper owned by Doyle Friel, Amsterdam, Ohio; Merlon Woods, judge.

a real bird-finding Brittany. Again, it was Lee Holman responsible for his development, and who handled this second-place dog.

Pacolet's Cheyenne, owned by Nils O. Nielsen of Pacolet Mills, South Carolina, and handled by Jane Thompson required a second bid to contact birds. Cheyenne led off in the first brace of the Futurity with an eye-catching race, hitting hard all the way, pausing along multiflora and trying to pin down some feeding birds, but they fooled her. Called back to show on birds in a second series, she pointed, deep in thicket, with a definitiveness that garnered her third place in the winners bracket.

Becky's Pete of LaRue, named to fourth, found the same covey that hailed Dingo's Little Mike as Futurity Winner in 1954. Pete gave a good accounting of himself throughout most of the running after a few reckless casts at the start. Pete, youngest among the four placed dogs, having been whelped June 12, 1954, is the first Brittany ever owned by Amos Greer of Gladwin, Michigan. He was handled in the Futurity by Jane Thompson of Farmington, Michigan.

Dr. E. B. Riley of Moberly, Missouri, who has been a favorite in the saddle, judging at most of the big-time pointer and setter trials, and H. Merlon Wood of Springfield, Illinois, also a seasoned field trial judge, recognized that the Brittany Spaniel possesses all of the characteristics of the better known bird-dogs. In order to bring out, if possible, all of those characteristics in the young Brittany Futurity prospects, they called five dogs back to run in a second series, all of them having gone birdless in their initial bid.

In addition to Pacolet's Cheyenne who capitalized by pointing a bevy, Chic de Klemanor, Helgramite Tarquinius, Jet's Ace High, and Pacolet's Atom Buster were taken afield a second time. Dr. Riley and Mr. Wood gained the immediate respect of all participants by demonstration of willingness to pursue the quest to a logical and satisfactory conclusion.

A Futurity, if it lives up to its name, should act like a spotlight, bringing its beam to focus on dogs who have the innate qualities to make the bird-dog of the future. Hells Oklahoma Topper, Young Rain, Rcolet's Cheyenne, and Becky's Pete of LaRue all show potentialities. Their exhibitions were not merely meteoric flashes that would quickly sizzle into nothingness. There was substance,—enough substance to emerge, with time and training into a better Brittany for the future.

Vickki of LaRue stood her birds; Jeffrey's Suzie pointed, but quite briefly, before she took them out. More complete details of all the contenders can be obtained in the brace-by-brace account.

Running of the Eighth Annual Brittany took place in bitter winter weather. You could follow the course of the dogs not by a trail of dust, but by clouds of condensation—the steam from their bodies. On Tuesday, the temperature hovered below 20° all day, with a wind from the west that made it seem twice as cold when you had to face it. Tuesday there was a very heavy frost that lasted till nearly noon. Scenting conditions being what they were, and no sunshine to entice the quail out to feed, it is amazing that enough of the young Brits plunged ahead to find the cloistered quail.

The expert marshaling of Ike Brandon, President of the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club helped immensely, for Ike laid out courses for the Brittanies that would contain plenty of opportunities.

The young Brittanies that did find birds had to thwart the most punishing cover ever encountered on the Crab Orchard courses. No drought this year; all crops—and especially the briars flourished abundantly!

Punishing cover was not the only element that took its toll of some of these young Brittanies. Deer lured at least two—Allamuchy Joe and Mikeus of Way-Kan. They met their destiny on exactly the same course, but about half a mile apart. Joe lasted 16 minutes and Mike only 6. It will make interesting fireside speculation for the owners and handlers of these two deer-delirious dogs, what would have been the outcome . . . if.

Because the course *did* furnish the facilities to produce the winner of the Futurity-Hels Oklahoma Topper!

Well, so much for the actual running, what about the background on these dogs, for a Futurity story goes back about two years with a breeder envisioning the type of Brittany that he would like to see carrying his banner in the titular event two years hence.

M. F. Guest, of Hollis Oklahoma is the novice breeder of the first-place dog, Hels Oklahoma Topper. Topper's sire was the winner of the Fifth Brittany Futurity, F. T. Ch. Juchoir's Martin ("Mister"), Hels Okla Dobie, the dam of Topper was sired by Son de Bretagne (Ch. Kaerson of Loufel-Dual Ch. Angelique de Bretagne, two of the old-time greats).

Topper's litter is the first Brittany litter raised by Mr. Guest, but his interest in Brittanies dates back to Sept. 1949 with the purchase of his first Brittany. The Korean War recalled him to service, and his first Brits were both stolen after he had just one short season of quail hunting over them following Korea. So he started out all over again, and on this second venture Lady Luck seemed to smile. He's now sitting on top of the world for a repeat mating for the Ninth Futurity means there will be younger brothers and sisters of Topper running in the Futurity a year from now!

It has already been pointed out that an old respected name in Brittany circles, "Rain in the Face," was the sire mated to Flirt of Marvin by Clair Plaisted of Butler, Pa., to produce Young Rain.

Nils O. Nielsen of Pacolet Mills, South Carolina is breeder of the 3rd place dog, Pacolet's Cheyenne. Everyone is well acquainted with the record of her sire, Dual Ch. Tex of Richmond, and her mother, Ruby of Edough participated three years ago in the Fifth Futurity at Crab Orchard.

Becky's Pete of LaRue was the result of a mating between Pontac's Hero, Winner of the Third Brittany Futurity in 1950, and Benjji's Becky of LaRue, by the long-time Brittany breeder, Carlton P. Plyler of Cadillac, Michigan. Pontac's Hero sired another Futurity winner, it will be remembered, F. T. Ch. Hero's

Master Spot, who won the Sixth Brittany Futurity in 1953. In eight years, therefore, fathers and sons have twice done it, accounting for four of the top seats!

Is this mere coincidence, or does it mean that Futurity winners beget Futurity winners? That will take many more years of Futurity running to settle, for this stake in the National Trials sponsored by the American Brittany Club is still relatively new. Give us another eight years of Futurity running, and then we'll draw some statistics that will interest breeders.

Charles W. Morse and Virginia Morse of Euclid, Ohio, are "Mr. and Mrs." of the Brittany Futurity. A year ago they picked up the reins from Ed Staunton, and are largely responsible for the near-record entry of 69 who paid the \$15 starting fee on August 1, 1955.

The Morses have to keep tabs not only on the current Futurity, but throughout the first half of 1955 were accepting nominations for the Ninth Futurity. They report that the Eighth is small peanuts compared to what we may expect a year from now. Nominations of dams, and completed enrolled litters for the Ninth Futurity break all records, which in dollars and cents means a greater return to owners and breeders than ever before in Brittany Futurity history.

The job of Futurity Chairman really extends far into the future, for even before the running of this present Eighth Futurity, the Morses started accepting nominations of dams bred on or after October 31, 1955, for the Tenth Futurity. So it is a never-ending job, and one that requires meticulous care in record-keeping, and continual publicity, for with Brittany breeders scattered from Maine to California, it is difficult to say the least. When "Mr. Futurity" was hospitalized for nearly three months last winter, it meant "Mrs. Futurity" was left holding the ball alone, so their first year on the job has not been easy.

There is not only painstaking care expended in the Futurity back of the scenes, but Chuck Morse was really Johnny-on-the-Spot when it come to the actual running of the Eighth Futurity. He rode every brace, right behind the

marshal and judges, and helped the reporter immensely in noting all the action that took place, and providing background material. Such devotion to their Futurity duties by the Morses has already boosted interest, and the rising trend is bound to continue.

Especially when individuals realize M. F. Guest out in Hollis, Oklahoma, had a dog from his very first litter turn out to be the Winner of the 1955 Futurity! That fact alone should make Brittany breeders all over the U. S. break out in a rash of Futurity interest. For any breeder of purebred Brittany Spaniels is eligible to enroll, and should contact Charles W. Morse, 20140 Ardwell Drive, Euclid, Ohio, for nomination blanks and other information.

The Eighth Futurity was sandwiched in-between the two All-Age Stakes at the Brittany National Trials at Crab Orchard. Eight braces were run Tuesday morning, with six that afternoon, and the remaining seven braces were run Wednesday morning.

THE RUNNING

Tuesday dawned clear, bright, and bitterly cold. It was typical winter weather but luckily no moisture or indi-



PLACE WINNERS 8TH ANNUAL FUTURITY STAKE — Dr. E. B. Riley and Merlon Woods, judges; Jimmy Holman with "Hels Oklahoma Topper," owned by Doyle Friel; Lee Holman, handler of "Young Rain," owned by Elias E. Ritts; Nils O. Nielson, owner of "Pacolet's Cheyenne." Jane Thompson, handler of "Becky's Pete of La Rue," owned by Amos D. Greer.

cation of moisture. The wind was from the northwest and stinging.

Pacolet's Cheyenne — Way Kan Ginger Snap — On breakaway cast, Ginger Snap found a meadowlark and chased it merrily. She lived up to her name; full of ginger and full of snap. Cheyenne cut up far country, and at 11 minutes down was making game in multiflora and briar area near railroad. Bevy lifted further along multiflora. Ginger lost her snap; Cheyenne remained strong.

Allamuchy Joe — Beau Kaer Gentleman Jim — Thirty seconds after being cast off Joe pointed in multiflora. Handler called point, and then retracted and opined deer had been there shortly before. At 14 minutes both dogs casting wide to right with Joe the aggressor and Jim an enthusiastic follower. Joe took to heavy cover well; Jim less inclined. At 16 minutes Joe did not emerge from the woods. Jim continued at slower pace, and pushed out a single on hillside. Across the road in high weeds another single catapulted straight up and then landed practically on top of Jim, who straightened up and pointed.

Kaer Jiggs of Richmond — Jet's Ace High — Jiggs wide to the front at start, with Ace High taking to heavy cover, and showed intelligent hunting. High had a merry tail and ran with high head. Handlers flushed a covey in narrow strip of weeds separating two cultivated fields.

Becky's Pete of LaRue — Burk's Chip of Argard — Pete started slowly nosing along multiflora, with Chip out to left in high gear was out of sight for some time, casting beyond handler's singing, but just before crossing road, he appeared, and was under good control working entire length of field bordered by double multiflora planting. At 16 minutes down, Pete had found an opening and gone through the multiflora into field on left, and really cut it up. Then Chip joined, and both were going strong, searching wide. Five minutes till time, covey at road crossing was routed. Pete was in thicket and definitely showed momentarily on point.

Jeffrey's Suzie — Duche's Coureur de Ranel ("Runner") — At 9:47 this brace got underway. Suzie had a nice stride

and cut up open weed field, maintaining the same slashing pace in woods. Runner worked at more moderate range. At half time Suzie pointed twice, momentarily, then jumped in to raise a bevy. Runner grew birdy at spot where other handler had walked up four quail.

Pacolet's Atom Buster — Helgramite Tarquinius — At breakaway, both ran through open field to far diagonal corner, then on to heavier cover, and were required to negotiate extremely high weeds for a while, but came through handily. At 21 minutes one after the other they stopped to look at geese feeding in an adjacent field.

Jet's Bow Bonnie — Vickki of LaRue— Bonnie was moderate at the start, compared with Vickki. Four minutes after being set down, Vickki was casting wide down along fencerow to its far end and then back. At seven minutes both were just over brow of hill making game when quail went out. Vickki's handler fired at flush. Bonnie continued a good forward pattern throughout; Vickki was off to the side at times.

Lady's Beaucoup Mike — Mona of Edough — Sent away at 11:28, and shortly thereafter Mona was pointing out in wheat field where geese had been feeding. Made at least three beautiful points, showing she really knew the score if only they had been legitimate birds! At 8 minutes down Mike was making game at edge of woods, but nothing. Responded to handler and came out bounding ahead. Mona kept working along at a good clip, at the prescribed 20' in the thickets.

Master's Ruby Spot — Peggy of Argard— Ruby appeared a little wider than Peggy at the breakaway, but as brace proceeded she cut back quite often to handler. She tried ice-skating on a frozen mudhole, her legs going every which way. Peggy's race was not spectacular, but constant. Toward the last of the brace they negotiated punishing cover — thorn tree saplings with masses of tangled low-lying briars on the ground.

Poulette of Richmond — Belloaks King — King hunted well, content with territory close at hand. Poulette, continually way out ahead, dove deep in woods, then re-



BREAKAWAY FUTURITY — Tom Cox handler of "Helloaks King" owned by James B. Bell; Lee Holman, handler of "Poulette of Richmond" owned by Dr. R. Busted.

appeared, running an excellent forward pattern. Poulette's race was unequaled as far as remote control handling was concerned. She seldom returned clear back to handler. At 20 minutes down, after crossing road back of dog kennels, Poulette was seen pointing in honeysuckle where birds had just lifted. Handler attempted to find more remaining out of the covey, then sent her on across bridge. The tenth horse of the gallery filing slowly across bridge flushed three or four birds. At three minutes to go, Poulette bumped and chased a single and then King routed the remainder of the covey.

Holley Haven Henri — Buck de Malibeau — At 11 minutes out, Buck's handler walked up covey of quail feeding on hillside, right on course. Buck did some back-casting and engaged Henri in foot races out in open at start, with Henri responsive at all times. At 22 minutes out, there was a mighty whir as covey catapulted from oak woods.

Pacolet's Busher Gal — Judy D'Or — These two were quite companionable throughout most of the running. Beyond water tower in a hillside full of briars, both dogs looked like jackrabbits, hip-hopping through the miserable stuff. About half-time they were combing area on both sides of railroad when bevy flushed from thicket to right of railroad.

Judge reported Gal went through them; Judy's handler cautioned but it was too late.

Young Rain— Jacquet du Boise — Jacquet seemed confused at start, by horse gallery. Young Rain took to heavy cover, slashing along like it was no trouble at all. There were two occasions off to left in weedy strip working down hillside, and in briar patch when Rain seemed to be making game. Handler cautioned, but did not pursue when Rain himself corrected and went on. At 21 minutes Jacquet's handler picked her up. A minute later, across road, Rain slammed into point. It was a beautiful sight; he was standing high and proud with one leg raised. Silhouetted against the bright sinking sun, he displayed definite Derby style. Handler walked up and large covey lifted.

Ouragan Jerry's Bob — Tommy's Papi-lion Sue — Sue and Bob were cast off and — whoops . . . There went the birds! They were bottled up near willows at side of road. Gallery had been waiting there in-between braces; the road was full of cars, and yet it took a brace of dogs just fresh off the leash to raise them. If early encounter helps, these two showed a lot of verve. Sue, especially, gave an excellent accounting of herself, with an appealing zip and bounce to her going. Bob was a little heavy and cumbersome, but covered the territory adequately. Had bird location been anywhere except this hot-off-the-griddle spot, Sue's story might have had a different ending.

A brilliant eastern sky, greeted this mid-week of the trials and there was a heavy frost — so heavy that it clung to the weeds in hollows like icicles, and so tenacious that at 11 a.m., it was still in evidence.

Pacolet's Pal — Lucy of Richmond — Pal was somewhat restricted at start; Lucy did a good job of hunting in area adjacent railroad. At half time, both dogs cast wide and disappeared in corn. Pal returned shortly, but it was several minutes before Lucy was seen by willows on railroad tracks. Both Pal and Lucy finished strong, but no birds were raised on the course.

Mikeus of Way-Kan — Hels Oklahoma Topper — Cast off at 8:14, Topper quartered from one side to the other going up hill, covering a terrific amount of territory. Mikeus sped for multiflora planting, working it out thoroughly. At six minutes down, Mike did not appear out of thicket, and handler went back to woods to look for him. Deer delayed him from showing back on time. Through cover, that required a whale of a lot of determination to search, Topper did it, and when quail flushed from far right side in high weeds, it was evident Topper had dug deep to find that covey. Across the road and into "bird alley" Topper worked along railroad tracks and then suddenly sped across to oak tree fencerow and slammed on the brakes. He remained staunch for quite a while, then jumped in, and birds went out. Proceeding beyond fencerow he was lost from sight when the whirl of birds caught attention and there was Topper chasing with reckless abandon. How long he had been on that covey is a matter for conjecture. Handler then flushed a second covey in same weed field while trying to determine where Topper had sped to. At 28 minutes he was discovered on the other side of draw, standing in corn, and not moving. When handler came on, Topper moved swiftly ahead toward fencerow and pointed again, very intense under oak tree, one leg raised. It was a thrilling sight and handler wasted no time in falling over fence and scrambling around in briars trying to produce birds. Topper moved closer, stretched as far as he could extend himself. But in the few seconds remaining birds could not be raised in the immediate vicinity.

Beaucoup Kaer de Tony — Chic de Klemanor — Tony trailed Chic at the breakaway, but in five minutes Chic had the far horizons all to herself. Tony was content to work in closer, but showed aggravation at briars near railroad. They had an open field of lespedeza and sedge at close of brace, and though the territory contained evidence of covey roosts, no birds were produced.

Truex's Nanette — Tops of Kaer's Ko— Nan trailed Tops at first as they were cast off, but then Tops broke away, and

Nan got interested in bird hunting. Tops lacked variety or purpose, sticking to a pattern of casting out, swinging left, and then back to handler. The circular arcs to left were disrupted when handler picked him up after 18 minutes. Nanette's further sorties in search of birds were limited.

Prince of Lionheart — Chips of Edough — Prince made a nice cast at breakaway, out to right in open weed field. Chips worked lespedeza to left at more moderate range. At 14 minutes down Prince was directed toward thicket where covey had flushed the day before. The birds were there again, in precisely the same spot, but it was handler, and not Prince who flushed them. Both dogs maintained a pretty good forward pattern throughout.

Kona de Klemanor — Hi-Torque of Richmond — Cast off at 10:40. Torque head-trailed Kona at the start in open field, where there wasn't much to do except get acquainted with the other dog. It upset Kona at first, but after five minutes, they settled down and went hunting their separate ways. Torque was a lofty individual who breasted cover without any difficulty and seemed to have lots of reserve power. Kona did a merry job of hunting. When time had clicked off 25 minutes, both dogs were working in thicket to left of hayfield when birds flushed deeper into cover. Torque showed gaminess and appeared to be closer involved. At pickup point a second covey flushed wild.

Desiree de Klemanor — Ran as a bye. She showed a lot of snap and bounce at first, but petered out to good moderate hunting race, and found no birds.

SECOND SERIES

After lunch it was announced that there were several slated for a second series. Chic de Klemanor, Pacolet's Cheyenne, Helgramite Tarquinius, Jet's Ace High, and Pacolet's Atom Buster were loaded aboard the dog wagon.

Chic de Klemanor and Pacolet's Cheyenne — These two had leashes slipped, and directed to swing around the field back of clubhouse, then crossed the road and went bird hunting in that area.

The ditch covey yielded some returns. First sign of birds in the vicinity was a lone quail that bounded high in the air, then Chic bumped a covey and handler shot. Cheyenne was deep in thicket to right of horsepath and handler went in to see what she was up to. Handler had just turned back to thread her way out when Cheyenne pointed. She swung her head hard as she hit scent and judge called "Your dog is on point." No sooner said than the birds boiled out. Chic and Cheyenne were ordered up.

Jet's Ace High and Helgramite Tarquinius were set down at this point. Both hunted diligently for nineteen minutes, but could not produce birds on the course and were ordered up.

Pacolet's Atom Buster then went out alone and hunted area back of the Diagraph Bradley buildings, the "bird alley" that was so fruitful for Young Rain the previous afternoon. Buster proceeded up the hill to try and connect with the covey that startled the 14th brace at breakaway. The birds were there, but it was judge who flushed them; Buster was working higher up beyond the willows.

SUMMARY

American Brittany Club, Inc., Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, Carbondale, Illinois, Nov. 30-31, 1955

EIGHTH ANNUAL BRITTANY SPANIEL FUTURITY

Judges: Dr. E. B. Riley, Moberly, Missouri; H. Merlon Wood, Springfield, Illinois.

For Brittanies whelped on or after January 1, 1954.

NO. STARTERS: 41 BRITTANY SPANIELS

1st, Hels Oklahoma Topper, Brittany, Male, Juchoir's Martin, Hels Okla Dobie; Owner, Doyle Friel, Box 92, Amsterdam, Ohio; handler, Lee E. Holman, Whittington, Illinois.

2nd, Young Rain, Brittany, Male; Rain in the Face, Flirt of Marvin; owner, Elias E. Ritts, 7400 Hermitage Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.; handler, Lee E. Holman, Whittington, Illinois.

3rd, Pacolet's Cheyenne, Brittany, Female; Tex of Richmond, Ruby of Edough; owner, Nils O. Nielsen, Pacolet Mills, South Carolina; handler, Jane Thompson, Farmington, Michigan.

4th, Becky's Pete of LaRue, Brittany, Male; Pontac's Hero, Benjji's Becky of LaRue; owner, Amos D. Greer, Gladwin, Michigan.

SIDELINES FROM THE NATIONALS

By Ruth L. Lee

A lot of people scrupulously avoid the number *thirteen*. Some of New York's skyscraper office buildings are minus a thirteenth floor (there would be too many empty offices!).

Well, it was obvious, as Brittany people started flocking to the Clubhouse at Crab Orchard, Saturday night, November 26th, that the *13th National* was not going to be scrupulously avoided. Anything but! It would require running around to all the motels in or about Carbondale, Herrin, and Marion (which we did not do) to ascertain just how many Brittany people attended, but there were scads. "Record-breaking attendance" quoth Howard Clements at the Annual Dinner held at the Elks Club in Carbondale, Monday evening.

We should add the Bunnells from Missouri, Gilberts from California, Louis Oltman from Midwest Club, the Stockwells, John Adasek, Miss Ball and other show people from Michigan were not included in the list, and there were undoubtedly others who could stay for just a short time.

It was obvious, too that all these people flocking to the Brittany Nationals had at least gotten as far as reading the first phrase of the A.B.C.'s purpose for being: "The object of this Club is to promote co-operation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittany Spaniels" . . . If anyone was a newcomer to the Nationals, he didn't feel that way long. Ask the Dudgeons!

And it was obvious, too, that we were not in for a week of good weather. Bravely, some 21 mounted horses Sunday morning and sallied forth, most of them a-vowing they were going to keep up the pace. But when the thermometer nosedived to a mere 10° the following morning, riders tried in vain to give their horses away. It was almost a physical impossibility to keep the blood circulating in fingers and toes; easier just to let them go numb.

But there were some obstinate souls who would not give in to the numbness.

Dr. Truex, replied, for instance, when questioned why he was walking and leading his horse, "I'll get back on my horse as soon as I can feel the ground." One hour in that early morning "air" did congealing things to feet; we knew what he meant!

Californians, being used to a warm-blooded climate, undoubtedly suffered the most. Mr. Gilbert seemed pretty well enshrouded in a substantial overcoat, with collar turned up and ear flaps down. But Dr. Sullivan was *sure* it wasn't *that* cold! About 15 minutes out, with the wind mercilessly cutting across Crab Orchard Lake, his buoyancy started to deflate. Chattiness ceased (probably conscious he would give away his chattering teeth), and the final quarter hour must have been real agony; he was slowly but surely turning to stone. And then fury really gripped him for his helpmate hadn't the heart to start up the heater in the car! No heart? "Well, not if he's going to be so stubborn," Mary declared. She had hauled 14 lbs. excess luggage on the plane so they could keep warm. Better mind Mama next time!

Another minor Eskimo was Kay Truex who was bound and determined she was going to ride a horse; her brother had more than his share the day before! Walt Kleeman thawed her out; she was actually stiff he reports. Even by Saturday it was still so cold that Jimmy Holman asked what should you do about your feet, and decided the only answer was to give up on the riding and jump up and down on the ground for awhile.

The brave, large horse gallery of 21 had petered out to a mere "three men and a boy" the following Sunday.

Co-operation was the keynote of the dogwagon. John Thompson, who accompanied Jane this year, vowed and declared he was boss man, and alternate help he labeled "scabs." But after all, needed the scabs to drive when he handled a dog; that is, when the dogs *let* him handle them! Joe seemed to prefer deer. The gayest times were had when

John sallied forth with Jane. They were twice braced together and amazingly enough the same course, so they got to know it real well. We now realize why Jane is such a rapid walker. She has to be, to keep up with John's long legs! Seems that John had been tipped off by the other handlers that his wife knew a thing or two, for finding himself behind, he scrambled up a ditch and exclaimed, "Hey, I've got to watch that other handler!"

But to get back to the dog wagon. The "scab help" included all of the other handlers, but especially Jess Hayslip, Amos Greer, and even a female truck driver, Ann White. With so many drivers it's a wonder that pretty new dog truck of Tom Cox's is still intact. Despite all the joking and carrying on, the Dog Wagon and auto gallery were always right where it should be at the appointed time. Will you ever forget the year they all got lost?

Evelyn Shafer, official photographer must have thought Brittany people had all lost their minds, when the marshal directed her "all around the mulberry bush" to reach the starting point for a picture. It would have been so simple via the road!

Number 13 — is it lucky or unlucky? Well, the Bill Szubielak's think it's like Janus, the double-faced God. When a car struck Poupin Chien, their Futurity hopeful, they lost heart about coming to the Nationals. But finally they thought, "Aw shucks. We might as well go." And were they glad they did! A 13th National was lucky for Holley Haven Dan!

It was lucky too for Young Rain, who ran in the 13th brace of the Futurity!

But unlucky for Dave Olund and Jet's Ace. Just a few days before the Nationals, Jet's Ace got hit, and it was questionable for a time whether he'd sustain the head injury, but he'll make it!

Unlucky for Judge Merlon Wood who had an overcoat swiped when he was eating dinner.

But lucky for his judging partner, Dr. Riley, that when a branch swept across his face, cutting his nose, and removing his glasses, said glasses were deposited on the saddle of the reporter's horse. That

was something Ripley wouldn't believe, that after galloping hard to catch up with the rest (Fe's Jim Dandy caused all the excitement cause he lured us in the thicket), reporter felt something in her lap, and found Dr. Riley's glasses, neatly folded and intact!

Mesdames Secor, Bell and Morse constituted an Information Desk. If you didn't know something, all you had to do was ask the trio and if they didn't know, they could produce an answer from somewhere—somehow. Chuck Morse reported regularly his analysis after every brace, but sometimes the trio couldn't wait for the end, so Leroy Magnuson helped them out at one point by holding up two fingers. "Two what?" they shouted from the road, "You mean two coveys—already?" (Benjji really had chalked up two good finds.) Leroy shrugged and teased, "I don't know, John Lee just told me to hold up two fingers!"

The Secor car also constituted a source of supply for mid-morning nibbling. Apples, gum-drops, Hershey bars — anything you want!

And if you wanted to go "native" how about a persimmon? It was Leroy Magnuson's first experience, and soon he was the most persistent persimmon peddler present. He's even transporting some persimmon seeds back to Kansas to see if they'll grow there. Now that the Magnusons are moving to a farm, Leroy can plant a whole grove of persimmons. (Anyone having recipes for persimmon pudding, please mail to Berniece Magnuson.) The persimmon boys sold the judges on the diversion, and they thought they had a real convert in Amos Greer. But after a couple of days he turned faintly green and shook his head; he had had enough persimmons!

The Magnuson car with Berniece, Doralice Hayslip and Mauverdene Robinson furnished mid-morning coffee, and that really had takers with the weather so cold. It must have been difficult to keep fingers warm even riding in a car, for why else would Berniece have started knitting? Her efforts looked like a "fish" to Delmar Smith.

Other touches of domesticity were afforded by the Watermans. Pete was seen

patiently holding a skein of yellow yarn while his wife rolled it into a ball. So come all ye husbands to Crab Orchard and bring your crocheting!

Casualties among the horseriders were minor. Mauverdene Robinson and Amos Greer left a foot in stirrups when dismounting. Jim Bell's fancy new Tennessee Walker felt the urge to roll in mud. But it didn't work very well, with Jim on his back. Boot's bounce, we're sure, it what bounced Chuck Morse to bed Friday afternoon. Despite his long hospitalization earlier this year, Chuck was in fine form, riding every brace, — up until he had to ride in one noon on Boots. That did it! Bill Kull stoutly defends Boots, but certainly Henry Holleyoaks' equine confidence was *not* enhanced by Boots' behavior! The anti-Boots win, Bill.

And talking about horses, they're smarter than most people. Leroy Magnuson brought a horse from Kansas who certainly learned fast. The second day out he found his way back to the barn at lunchtime, just like the Club horses. In fact he led the parade!

And what, everyone asked was that *thing* Jess Hayslip rode. A donkey? a mule? No. — a goat! "Gray" was called all manner of names, none of them complimentary, but suffered all this abuse in a patient manner. Among the timorous horsemen, she had many admirers. Dick Fox, for instance, would have loved to try her out!

Two more female handlers are added to the score of dames who fall flat in the process. Marcelle Bell claims a barbed wire fence tripped her up, and her sprawl was genuine. Sure-footed Jane Thompson surprised us by going down on her knees. But what most impressed was the gallant offer of husband John to help her up. "No — Go on," and Jane righted herself.

The cold weather can be blamed for increased avoidupois on nearly all the participants. As Sally Dudgeon recounted, she informed her husband he better dress first, then anything he *didn't* put on, she would! When sufficient avoidupois was already possessed by an individual, like John Lee, the extra bulky clothing became so cumbersome that mounting into the saddle was a major operation requir-

ing jacks and hydraulic lifts. Neither being available, the most cooperative soul was shanghai'd into giving him a boost. Even the judge, Merlon Wood, required an assist, and it fell to Ruth Secor's lot, on the last day when there weren't many assistants left, to hold his horse.

The greatest "assist" of the whole trial, however, was what Ralph Hesselstine did for Bill Kull. Raggs Freckles would still be on that point if it weren't that Ralph just happened to see that the little dog was pointing over there under that willow tree.

Maybe it was this kind deed — the manifestation of that cooperative spirit always prevalent among Brittany trainers — that caused the rainbow. But anyhow it was right after that the rainbow was first seen, and it grew brighter and brighter, a beautiful full-spectrum semicircle in the sky and both ends were plainly visible. Where the ends kissed the earth there was dazzling golden light, and surely there were pots of gold at *both* ends — you could see the shining gold color! Everyone was awed, and acknowledged this was the most perfect and complete rainbow they had ever seen!

As far as geese, Buttons and Bows wasn't the only retriever among the Brittanies. Uno's Rex led his handler to another "downed" goose, and said goose was deposited in the dog wagon — and then "Who stole the goose?" The mystery of the gone-goose shall remain a mystery.

Skunk were prevalent, too. One was seen waddling along the ditch back of Diagraph Bradley, and carefully avoided. But Patti of Luke's Lena Dejoyde tangled with hers before handlers or gallery were aware the white-striped nuisance was in the locality. Poor Patti got no sympathy for no one no-how; Hesselstine threatened to sue Russell Fair for cleaning costs cause Patti tried to rub it off on his pants legs. Everyone was happy to hear "Time's up" on that malodorous brace!

Deer, skunk, geese, rabbits — these aren't the only distractions. Vickki wasn't distracted, but her handler was, on bumping into tombstones on the course. Certainly an old cemetery injects a discordant note to field trialing, and you

can't really blame Jack Plyler. He came to quickly when Holman said, "Hey, look at your dog." And there was Vickki, and there went the birds, and Plyler fired, and cursed the tombstones!

Last year's National was memorable for the juvenile delegation — the school kids who had a great time playing with their parents in this field trial game. But they came even younger this year — nearly all of the children were pre-school age. There was Jan, the little gleaner, out alone in a cornfield seeing how many ears he could carry. He rode double, once, with John Lee to watch his Dad run Tex of Richmond.

And Billy and Kay Truex had their own horses there to ride.

The Bunnells' 15-month old baby seemed to enjoy the lunches at the Clubhouse as much as anyone.

And if 15 months isn't young enough, who should drive up the night it turned so bitterly cold, but Barbara Truex with their 2-month old baby! The Truex's are firm believers in this business that Brittany trials are family affairs!

That apparition — the Sheik from Araby — or what have you, dark glasses and handkerchief covering all exposed areas of the face, was *not* a woman, it was Dr. Truex. Laugh if you like, it works, he reports.

As usual, the Calcutta, with Ray Dillinger of Carbondale as Auctioneer, was better entertainment than you get in most Night Clubs, but the result was about the same. Dollars left the pockets of individuals, with the American Brittany Club gathering in some of the chips to help with National Trial expenses. Steve, the new President, came out as he usually does, just about even-steven. California and Cape Cod got some of their travel expenses back, but that luckiest of lucky individuals, Tom Black, owner of Towsey, really hit the jackpot! As far as dollars and cents are concerned, Tom Black has come closer to capitalizing on his Brittany investment than most people even dream about!

The Calcutta generally turns into a free-for-all to see who is the biggest chump when it comes to boosting his own dog money-wise, and the chump is

always at the mercy of his "friends." Friendly rivalry, plus the fact that the two dogs are brothers is what got John Gagel and Jack Secor going on the subject of Uno's Rex vs. Gagel's Dutchman. Decision? Both John and Jack contributed handsomely to the Calcutta pot! (Jack had already paid at the rate of \$3 per minute for Rex's rambunctiousness in the Amateur stake.)

Jim Bell can claim the dubious honor of being the biggest chump of all. He made just one mistake; he should have cut Highflyer in on the deal, and then maybe High would have played his hand differently!

Well, so much for the odds and ends. What about the talk, for much goes on when so many tongues get together? We were excluded from the thick discussion on Brittany blood-lines, — that was strictly a stag gathering, but we did hear plenty of what would have to be done to shorten the time it takes to run a National.

There was a time when National events included both a National Puppy Stake and a National Derby Stake. Both of these were eliminated in order to throw more emphasis on the "Big Three" — Amateur, Futurity, and Open.

Then qualifications were added to dogs who could compete in the National Amateur Stake, and this seemed a good move.

Years ago Louis Tippet (we all missed the V.P. from Oregon this year) foreseeing the rapid growth of Brittany clubs nationwide, and the number of dogs competing in Regional trials, felt strict limits should be set on the Brittanies competing in the National Open Stake, so the win would truly be distinctive and a title could be bestowed each year "Brittany National Champion."

Well, the time has come the walrus said The concensus was for *gradual* limitations toward that goal. As a start, what about declaring a Brittany must have placed 1st or 2nd in an Open All-Age Regional Stake during the current or just preceding year, to qualify for competing in the National Open All-Age Stake. Likewise, a dog must have placed 1st or 2nd in a Regional Amateur All-Age Stake during the current or just preceding

year to compete in the National Amateur All-Age Stake.

Later on the "just preceding year" could be dropped, and perhaps by that time the number of Regional Clubs would have grown to the place where the country could be divided into sections and Sectional Brittany trials run each year. Then only Sectional success dogs would be allowed to go on and try for the National title.

Limiting the number of entries in the Open Stake to qualified dogs would allow for the normal expansion that is sure to come, of the Futurity Stake. The Futurity is the great drawing-card for attracting newcomers to National trials, for lots of fans are first bitten by the field trial bug when they have their first Futurity prospect.

Eight days, however, is too taxing. The fine flavor, the fun and the frolic

wear thin when pushed beyond the point—when the ordinary workingman must return to a job. Only the professionals and a handful of amateurs whose dogs drew final braces, remained to hear the final outcome this year. It's so much nicer to have a bevy of beautiful maidens rushing up to bestow felicitations — isn't it, Howard?

That's about all we can remember of the 1955 Brittany Nationals, with just one final glimpse. Driving home along Route 13, Dan Huddleston's car passed us, and then at the junction in Marion where we turned north, and "Oklahoma" turned south, Dan's car pulled over to the curb. Delmar Smith sprang quickly into a telephone booth. Can't you hear the coins jingling and his joyful greeting . . . "Hello, Tom? This is Delmar . . . Towsey"

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

By E. W. Averill

The 13th Annual National Specialty Show of the American Brittany Club was held at the Field House, near Carbondale, Illinois, on November 26th. There were 67 dogs entered and if all of them had been shown, it would have constituted the biggest show that the Club had ever held. However, since three dogs were absent, the total of 64 dogs shown was just one short of the previous record which was the Pontiac show of 1947. However, this show had a great many more field dogs in it than any show your reporter has ever seen and he has seen nearly all of the big Brittany entries in the country. The field trial people really turned out for the show and many of them went home with rather nice trophies.

Our judge was Mr. C. J. Murphy of Nashville, Tenn., a widely-known field-dog man and a licensed judge of all sporting breeds and all hound breeds. We felt that Mr. Murphy leaned over backwards to give the field dogs a better break than they usually enjoy in dog shows. On the other hand, he had to judge by our standard and when he found a dog that more nearly conformed to the perfect

dog, as he is described in our standard, he had, of necessity, to put the dog first, and he certainly found a couple of beauties.

Winners Male and Best of Winners was Penny's Prince Robin, owned and handled by Louis F. Oltman, Kansas City, Mo. This dog is a beautiful specimen, powerful, compact, cobby, with perfect angulation and beautiful head. Mr. Oltman handled him perfectly and the dog showed that he knew what he was doing in the ring. Mr. Oltman told us later that was the dog's third 5-point show and so he finished his championship in the fewest possible number of shows.

Similarly, Mr. Murphy came up with his Best of Breed dog of almost exactly the same type. Tigre Par Le Tigre De L'Argoat, owned by John Doak of Champaign, Ill., is another big powerful, beautifully angulated, beautifully-marked dog with a perfect head and he was perfectly handled by Tom Cox. This dog, two years ago, went Winners Male when he was still a young puppy and he has now matured to the point where he is about as good a Brittany as any one has ever seen



BEST OF BREED – Tom Cox, handler of "Ch. Tigre Par Le Tigre De L'Argoat" owned by John Doak, Champaign, Ill., Mr. C. J. Murphy, judge.

in a long while. Mr. Doak has hunted the dog hard from Illinois to Texas and he was in wonderful condition.

Best of Opposite Sex was Ch. Bonnie Kay of Woodworth, owned and handled by her owner who is shortly to become a professional handler. In this connection, it is apparently not understood by many of the Brittany owners that the judge is not supposed to judge at what he *thinks* he sees in the ring. The handler is supposed to show the judge what the judge has to know in order to place the dogs in conformity with the standard. The judge is not supposed to guess – it is up to the handler to show the judge what his dog had. This does not imply that any legerde main is necessary but a certain amount of work is needed and you would no more expect a dog to win in a dog show without being properly handled than you would expect him to win in a field trial if you started him off and then went back and sat in your car and waited for him to finish the trial all by himself.

Other winners were:

PUPPY, DOGS 6-9 MONTHS

Bonnie-Kay's Luke, Owned by M. Kenneth Holemo (Michigan).

PUPPY, DOGS 9-12 MONTHS

Jet's Little Boy, owned by D. F. Olund (Illinois).



BEST OF BREED & BEST OPPOSITE SEX – Thomas W. Cox, handler of "Ch. Tigre Par Le Tigre De L'Argoat" owned by John Doak, Champaign, Ill., Mr. C. J. Murphy, judge. Donald Frisch, Livonia, Michigan, owner-handler of "Ch. Bonnie Kay of Woodworth."

NOVICE, DOGS

F.T. Ch. Uno's Rex of Paradise, owned by Jack F. Secor (Hoosier).

BRED BY EXHIBITOR, DOGS

Holley Haven Esquire, owned by Henry A. Holleyoak (Michigan).

AMERICAN-BRED DOGS

Holley Haven Wippy, owned by Paul Dawson (Michigan).

OPEN, DOGS

Penny's Prince Robin, owned by Louis F. Oltman (Midwest).

PUPPY, BITCHES, 6-9 MONTHS

Dancer De Klemanor, owned by Walter B. Kleeman (Ohio).

PUPPY, BITCHES, 9-12 MONTHS

Northlands Leighla, owned by Homer Collins (Minnesota).

NOVICE, BITCHES

Belloaks Kate, owned by Dick Fox (Central New England).

BRED BY EXHIBITOR, BITCHES

Dingo's Dinah, owned by H. H. Crippen (Michigan).

AMERICAN-BRED, BITCHES

Happy Hunter's Belle Amie, owned by Donald Frisch (Michigan)

OPEN, BITCHES

Ginger Lady Coquette, owned by Bill and Jackie Ball (Saginaw Valley).

WINNERS MALE

Penny's Prince Robin, *Reserve*: Holley Haven Wippy.

WINNERS BITCH

Ginger Lady Coquette, *Reserve*: Jacquet DuBoise, Richard D. Wood (Michigan).

BEST OF WINNERS

Penny's Prince Robin.

BEST OF BREED

Ch. Tigre Par Le Tigre De L'Argoat

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX

Ch. Bonnie Kay of Woodworth.

BEST OF PUPPY CLASS

Dancer De Klemanor

NINTH FUTURITY

by Charles W. Morse, Chairman

The Ninth Futurity has broken all records with 85 completed nominations. This achievement is the result of teamwork all along the line. Your chairman wishes to extend his thanks to all members for the wonderful cooperation, they have so cheerfully given to him.

In reviewing the enrollment list, we have come up with the following statistics, that will be of interest to all:

Leading Sires: The following dogs are tied with 3 litters each — Dual Ch. Uno's Jet, Ch. Tigre De Klemanor, Clipper De La Rue, Dual Ch. Tex of

Richmont, Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo.

Largest Litter: Ch. K-Haven Daisy May-Johnnie's Pal — 15 puppies (10 males and 5 bitches).

The following is the list of all completed nominations. All puppies in these litters are eligible to be entered in the Ninth Futurity to be run in the fall of 1956. If you are fortunate enough to own one of these puppies, guard him carefully, as he may be worth his weight in gold.

COMPLETED ENROLLMENT LIST

	Date	Litter		Owner &
	1955	Males	Bitches	Address
Price's Lady Kaer Dual Ch. Uno's Jet	1-17	2	3	Gerald E. Price Concordia, Kansas
Ch. (F) Miste DeKlemanor Ch. Tigre DeKlemanor	1-3	9	5	Walter B. Kleeman Springfield, Ohio
Duchess Kay of Weeping Willow Ch. Aubaine Duche' C.D.	1-29	3	2	Nellie Fritts Centerline, Michigan
Dual Ch. Mandy of Edough Dual Ch. Uno's Jet	1-3	4	6	Robert G. Buick Mt. Prospect, Illinois
Queen of Oak Leaf Flash Happy	1-20		1	T. W. Cree Osage Beach, Missouri
Unan's Jill of Oak Leaf Flash Happy	1-22	3	3	T. W. Cree Osage Beach, Missouri
Pudgy Lee Corky of Valley Britt	1-13	1	2	Betty Beadle Grand Island, Nebraska
Rennie de Chateau Gai Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou	1-12	2	3	Paul A. Strauss Wilton, Connecticut
Buckjet DeKlemanor Ch. Tigre DeKlemanor	2-8		2	Mauverdene J. Robinson Springfield, Colorado
Pego of La Rue Dingo's Speedy	2-25	3	2	John T. Holmes Muskegon, Michigan
Ginger Valley Feather Hels Okla Chink	1-21	2	1	M. F. Guest Hollis, Oklahoma

	Date 1955	Litter		Owner and Address.
		Males	Bitches	
Fld. Ch. Buttons and Bows Dual Ch. Uno's Jet	1-17	3	5	George W. Wilson Flint, Michigan
Sunny Susie Cactus Pete of Richmond	2-22	4	3	F. H. Bryan Altus, Oklahoma
Robielee's Gal Jeffrey Dick	1-4	3	3	A. Leroy Magnuson Salina, Kansas
Luke's Yankee Peggey Sir Lancelot	1-11	1	4	A. Leroy Magnuson Salina, Kansas
Burbanks Katherine Baptista Jack O'Maine De Basgard	2-2		1	Robert W. Burbank Chester, New Hampshire
Uno's Pin Up Girl Fld. Ch. Jet's Ace	2-6	5	2	Lee Holman Whittington, Ill. (Sold to Dr. J. J. Storer, Kinder, La., while in whelp)
Princess Linda Fld. Ch. Larry Lee Kaerson	2-14	6	6	Robert J. Kossel Oshkosh, Wis.
Patsi of La Rue Idoc La Rue	3-23	1	1	Leola B. Plyler Cadillac, Michigan
Dian of Edough Ko of Davure	3-5	3	4	Paul Dawson Wayne, Michigan
Holley Haven Holley Ch. Aotrou's Pepin, Jr.	2-20	3	4	Vernard Anderson Detroit, Michigan
High Noon Buddington Prince	3-22	5	2	Dan Huddleston Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Uno's Lady De Triumph Prince Britt II	3-5	2	3	L. J. Kell Larned, Kansas
Pammlee De Klemanor Clipper De La Rue	3-1	2	5	Russell C. Tossey Cadillac, Michigan
Ch. Auriole De Klemanor Ch. Buccaneer De Klemanor	4-2	2	5	Walter B. Kleeman Springfield, Ohio
Paw Paw Dasher Fld. Ch. Ronile Avant Coureur	2-5	3	1	Jerome N. Halle Cleveland, Ohio
Dual Ch. Buckeye De Klemanor Ch. Buccaneer De Klemanor	2-11	1	1	Walter B. Kleeman Springfield, Ohio
Judy of La Rue Benjji of La Rue	3-11	3	5	A. D. Greer Gladwin, Michigan
Srsan's Bess Holley Haven Dan	3-22	3	5	William F. Szubielak Livonia, Michigan
Ch. Ruby of Edough Dual Ch. Tex of Richmond	3-16	5	4	Nils O. Nielson Pacolet Mills, S. C.
Pacolet's Bonne Lynn Fld. Ch. Hero's Master Spot	3-27	2	5	Nils O. Nielson Pacolet Mills, S. C.
Helgramite Kadiddlehopper Helgramite Jacques	3-12	1	3	Robert Terenzio Stamford, Conn.
Mitzy Scharazade Fantome De Klemanor	3-26	5	2	William H. Lillard Crittenden, Kentucky

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Dual Ch. Holley Haven Duchess Dual Ch. Allamuchy Valley Uno	4-15	1	1	Henry Holleyoak Wayne, Michigan
Antionette of Bienville Fld. Ch. Joie of Hunterhaven	3-6	5		J. A. Stevens Detroit, Michigan
Lady Yvonne III Jet of La Rue	3-14	2	3	James A. Callahan Flint, Michigan
Duckerbird Su Ed Holley Haven Duckerbird Sir Guy Beauch	3-30	4	1	Mrs. C. A. Frank Detroit, Michigan
Uno's Pamalan Allamuchy Valley Warrior	3-8	5	6	Clarence J. Goering Newton, Kansas
Cadillac Sue La Rue Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo	3-23	2	2	H. H. Crippen Dearborn, Michigan
Peggy Kay Hutch's Bing	3-3	1	1	E. A. Hutchinson Clintonville, Wis.
Ginger of Larry Clipper De La Rue	4-19	6	1	Martin T. Cody Bay City, Michigan
Do-Car's Grand Prize Johnnie's Pal	4-19	2	3	Mrs. Raymond Stanclift Lawrence, Kansas
Unis of Leeway Jeffrey Dick	4-6	3	2	A. Leroy Magnuson Salina, Kansas
Juchoir's Markette Britt Bres's Hennessey	4-10	3	3	Carlton M. Lephart Altamont, N. Y.
Do-Car Liza Babe Juchoir's Taurus	4-11	3	3	Charles E. Wakefield Kearney, Nebraska
Fld. Ch. Joyeux Jakqueline Dual Ch. Pierrot De Fontaine Vallee	1-15	3	1	Toffee Idoc Kennels Lima, Ohio
Ch. Sue Special of Loufel Ch. Unan De Cornouaille	2-16	5	3	Toffee Idoc Kennels Lima, Ohio
Princess II Calatin Mac Eochaidh's Sam	1-2	4	2	Mary E. Briggs Bellefontaine, Ohio
Hero's Anne La Rue Clipper De La Rue	4-25	1	4	Carlton P. Plyler, Jr. Cadillac, Michigan
Warrendale Duchess Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo	4-17	2	6	Harold Morse Detroit, Michigan
Heroine of Leeway Fld. Ch. Robespierre of Leeway	5-11	4	2	John W. Lee Indianapolis, Ind.
Button's and Hero's Jan Dual Ch. Tex of Richmont	5-4	5	4	Mrs. Nils Nielson Pacolet Mills, South Carolina
Nankay Mitzie Pontac's Hero	4-28	6	1	Nils O. Nielson Pacolet Mills, South Carolina
Follete De Jacques Dual Ch. Tex of Richmont	5-5	7	6	Nils O. Nielson Pacolet Mills, South Carolina
Angelique Featherbroom Buck De Bretagne	4-26	3	4	J. R. Knight Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Ch. K-Haven's Daisy May Johnnie's Pal	5-27	10	5	Carl V. Carlson Kansas City, Kansas

	Date 1955	Litter		Owner and Address
		Males	Bitches	
Ouragan Tippy Unan De Cornouaille	4-10	3	3	Louis Tippet Portland, Oregon
Hels Okla Dobie Fld. Ch. Juchoir's Martin	5-29	2	4	M. F. Guest Hollis, Oklahoma
Lady Machire Ch. Aubaine Duche'C.D.	5-21	1	2	Billy E. Williams Wayne, Michigan
Holley Haven Sally Ch. Tigre De Klemanor	6-13	3	3	Florence Holleyoak Wayne, Michigan
Pontac's Betty Staunton Pontac's Chuck	5-24	4	3	Coy N. Conwell Pontiac, Michigan
Dual Ch. Patsy of Edough Pontac's Hero	6-20	3	3	Coy N. Conwell Pontiac, Michigan
Buena Vista Penny Fld. Ch. Ashurst Jerry	5-22	2	2	Thurmond McWhorter, Sr. Bakersfield, Calif.
Buttons and Hero's Nan Topper of Richmond	4-27	5	2	W. K. Stringer Atlanta, Ga.
Jet's Sunflower Babe Fld. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond	6-9	1	1	Gerald Price Concordia, Kansas
Warrior's Triumph Freckles Uno's Charlie De Triumph	5-22	2	4	Clarence J. Goering Newton, Kansas
Uno's Ginger Allamuchy Valley Warrior	5-23	5	4	Clarence J. Goering Newton, Kansas
Albedo Valley Toni Thunderjet De Klemanor	4-24	4	4	G. L. Murphy Okemos, Michigan
Ch. Busher De Klemanor Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo	6-10	6	1	Nils O. Nielson Pacolet Mills, S. C.
Royalee Jet's Sue Fld. Ch. Jeffrey of Argard	5-28	4	6	A. Leroy Magnuson Salina, Kansas
Tana Kay Lloyd's Jobe Brit	6-15	3	1	Dr. H. C. Keister Kansas City, Missouri
Tauna of Valley Fld. Ch. Georges of Leeway	6-5	4	3	Luther B. Watson Greenwood, Indiana
Juchoir's Queen Unan Kaymore Dual Ch. Remarkable De Fontaine Valley	6-8	3	3	Philip I. Morehouse Jr. Salem Depot, N. H.
Price's Sunflower Gal Fld. Ch. Ferdinana of Leeway	7-8	4	3	Gerald Price Concordia, Kansas
Jeffrey Kate Beau De Klemanor	6-19	8	1	A. Leroy Magnuson Salina, Kansas
Sassfras T Fantome De Klemanor	6-23	4	3	Luther Lawrence Lexington, Kentucky
Bonnie of Larry Duke of Larry	6-18	3	3	Lawrence H. Griffin Reese, Michigan
Royalee Dinah Prince Britt II	6-30	3	3	A. Leroy Magnuson Salina, Kansas
Benjji's Becky of La Rue Jet of La Rue	6-29	5	4	Carlton P. Plyler Cadillac, Michigan

	Date 1955	Litter		Owner and Address
		Males	Bitches	
Shawne Hellou Fancee Ozark Chieftain	7-2	4	4	Hart Workman Topeka, Kansas
Capture's Dainty Lady Duke of Onondaga	7-1	3	7	Stuart F. Raleigh, Jr. Fayetteville, N. Y.
Ginger Valley Feather Hels Okla Chink	7-18		1	M. F. Guest Hollis, Oklahoma
Daun of Edough Gay Boy	7-30	2	4	Robert M. Cullen Flangan, Illinois
Lady of Edough II Robert of Leeway	8-5	2	4	Jack F. Secor Nile, Michigan
Meadowink Gretch Meadowink Jim	6-12	3	5	Gretchen Yant Murrysville, Pa.

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FIRST BADGER POINT TRIAL

The first Badger Brittany point trial was held at the Clintonville airport on Sunday, October 2nd, on a clear sunny day with a light breeze and a temperature in the high sixties. The judges were A. J. Uphoff of Endeavor, Wisconsin and Earl C. Poundstone of Mellon, Wisconsin.

There were eight very fine puppies competing that really made a good showing for their owners. The competition was very keen and when the final awards were made, the first place went to Truex's Nanette owned by Dr. Barbara Truex and handled by Bill Kull. Second went to Wisconsin Jet Propelled owned and handled by E. A. Hutchinson. Third place went to Little Boy owned by D. F. Olund and handled by Lee Holman. Polly Ann owned by Mrs. Fred White and handled by Lee Holman took fourth place.

There were sixteen top derby dogs who really put on a show which kept the gallery at a very high pitch. First place went to Jets Bon Bonnie owned by Clois E. Dudgeon of Rockford, Ohio and handled by Lee Holman. Second place went to Chungo of Okla's owned by Herbert Cramer of South Bend, Ind. and handled by Bill Kull. Young Rain owned by Elias Ritts, Pittsburgh, Pa., handled by Lee Holman took third place. Ami II De Beauch, owned by F. W. Purmort of Van Wert, Ohio, handled by Bill Kull came in for the fourth place spot.

The trial was completed by the running of eleven all-age dogs. It was a pleasure to see them point, honor points and they handled like veterans. First place went to Dingo's Little Mike owned by George Wilson of Flint, Michigan and handled by Lee Holman. Cactus Pete of Richmond owned by Dr. J. J. Storer and handled by Lee Holman took second place. Third place went to Gagel's Dutchman owned by John Gagel of Kansas City, Missouri and handled by Bill Kull. Rex of Paradise owned by Jack Secor of Grant Niles, Michigan and handled by Bill Kull came in fourth.

So ended a very successful trial for all handlers and owners of a very fine group of Brittanys.

WISCONSIN NEWS

Field trial fans were treated to an almost perfect day at the Clintonville airport grounds where 27 very fine Brittanys were run. The temperature was in the middle sixties with a slight cool wind and it was a bright sunny day. The cover was about knee high and very dry, although conditions in general were excellent. The judges were L. P. Conry, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and William Hensley, Milwaukee, both well known for their excellence in the judicial saddle. A gallery of approximately three hundred people viewed the running of the three stakes from a knoll overlooking the birdfield where live pheasants were planted for derby and all-age stakes. Pheasants for the all-age stake were furnished through the courtesies of the Wisconsin Conservation Department. There were twenty-seven entries in the various stakes and the highlights were as follows:

Puppy Stake consisted of eight entries of which Mr. D. F. Jordan's female Tops O'Allumuchy Quail stole the show by laying down a good ground heat and hunting all the way. Wis Jet Propelled, owned and handled by E. A. Hutchinson—second place dog—ran a good race but his range was slightly shorter than the first place dog although he stopped at command when a covey of Hungarian Partridge rose. Third place went to Hill Billy Luke who had fair range and a stop to flush. He is owned and handled by R. J. Johnson of Osseo, Wis. The fourth place dog hunted well with restricted range and was improving at the end of the heat.

Derby Stake had six entries with Valiant Lady, prize possession of A. W. Schroeder, Clintonville, Wis., winning top honors by laying down a very determined ground heat with a stop to flush. Princess Bonnie Susan, a close second, owned and handled by E. A. Hutchinson, Clintonville, Wis., had two finds, handled in derby fashion and fair range. Third place was given to Dunlavy's Chip, owned and handled by John Dunlavy, Clintonville, Wis., who had a fair ground heat, finding no birds. Fourth place dog, Ebert's Peggy, owned and handled by John Dunlavy, hunted good; however, tired in the closing minutes.

All-Age Stake with thirteen entries was won by Mr. Fred DeGuerre, Neenah, Wis., whose dog ran a medium race with one find on a sidehill facing the gallery. Her manners were letter perfect on this find. Second place was given to Princess Linda who ran a driving ground race and really cleaned the birdfield, having six finds of which the first she was steady to shot and wing, and two stop to flush, and three stop to command (Owned and handled by K. J. Kossel, Oshkosh, Wis.) Third place was taken by Penny Girl who had an excellent ground race and one find to which she was staunch on point but broke. She is owned and handled by Ben Miller of Clintonville, Wis. Patsy Miller's Jennifer owned and handled by Sherwood Lorenz of Clintonville, Wis., ran a very good ground heat with one find. Handler did not believe point. After send-dog on, found bird was located directly under dog. So ended a perfect trial at Clintonville at 5:00 P.M.

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND SPRING 1955 TRIAL

by Philip Morehouse, Jr.

Mike Seminatore's training grounds at Woburn, Mass., were the locale for the Central New England Brittany Club's Trial of April 30th and May 1st. After seventeen days of continuous rain, the two-day program was blessed with bright and sunny weather.

Al Weigel and Ruth Burbank served delicious luncheons both days.

The judicial chores were handled by Herbert Farnsworth of Andover, Mass., and Charles J. Bashaw of Newburyport, Mass.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky hunted like an all-age dog, hitting all the likely edges and always going away. In the bird field he had a very nice find, which he handled as well as a Derby, being solid on point; when handler flushed the big cock pheasant, Sparky took him right out to the swamp.

Helgramite Tarquinius did an excellent job of covering the country, and his bird

work was fine. Highlight of Doneroven had a very fine back course and scored two finds in the bird field. Allamuchy Joe was fourth, having had a solid steady course and is a promising pup.

Woburn, Mass., April 30 — One Course

Judges: Charles Bashaw and
Herbert Farnsworth

Open Puppy — 12 Brittany Spaniels

1st — Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky, by Kaerson of Loufel-Ponkapoag Rhumba, F. E. Wallace, Owner, John Dall, Handler.

2nd — Helgramite Tarquinius, by Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'acajou and Helgramite Connie, W. E. Stevenson, owner, handler.

3rd — Highlight of Donroven, by Ch. Avono Jake-Bel of Donroven, R. L. Benjamin, owner Mike Seminatore, Jr., handler.

4th — Allamuchy Joe, by F. T. Ch. Albedo Valley Dingo-Nankay's Heatherbelle, Earl Chappel, owner, Jane Thompson, handler.

OPEN ALL-AGE

Albedo Valley Dingo had a stand-out back course with a find perfectly handled that placed him top dog, with a find in the swamp on a wild bird that he handled without a flaw, although his handler was still trying to get to him when the bird flushed of his own accord. After Jane fired, Lil Dingo watched the bird fly away, returned to his handler, showing perfect manners as tho' he did that kind of work all the time.

Hero's Master Spot took second with a fine back course and a laudable piece of bird work. His handler suffered a bad fall just as she started out and worked on a very painful leg both days. Busher de Klemanor did a great job on a running

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pheasant to earn the gold and Ch. Avono Corky followed closely for fourth place.

Open All-Age — 14 Brittany Spaniels

1st — F.T. Ch. Albedo Valley Dingo, by Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo-Rousse de Raou Nils O. Nielson, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

2nd — Hero's Master Spot, by Pontac's Hero-Nankay's Mitzy. Dr. H. E. Lee, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

3rd — Ch. Busher de Klememor, by Ch. Buck Boy of Chippewa-Ch. Jule of Loufel. Nils O. Nielson, owner, handler.

4th — Ch. Avono Corky, by Du. Ch. Avono Happy-Ch. Fun Galore Louella. Charles Morse, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

OPEN DERBY

Helgramite Tarquinius covered the back course admirably and had a great find, proving steady as an all age at the flush, a most impressive job for a dog still in the puppy class. Pacolet's Pal appealed. Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky was third and Oakridge Duke of Kennilworth was fourth.

Open Derby — 14 Brittany Spaniels

1st — Helgramite Tarquinius, by Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Ajacou-Helgramite Connie. W. E. Stevenson, owner, handler.

2nd — Pacolet's Pal, by Pat of Paradise-Heidi Belle of Strathmoor. Nils O. Nielson, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

3rd — Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky, by Kaerson of Loufel-Ponkapoag Rhumba. F. E. Wallace, owner; John Dall, handler.

4th — Oakridge Duke of Strathmoor, by Jersey Kaerbeau-Oakridge Gay Girl. J. A. Hunchard, owner, handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE

Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou is always a picture to watch in the bird field. He usually sweeps the field clean and this stake proved no exception; he had three finds and handled all of them perfectly. Tad's Lufo Addey took second with a fine back course effort, a find just before reaching the bird field and another in the bird field proper. Janette de Pacolet although ready to whelp, ran a beautiful course and had a solid find in the bird field. Belloaks Gunner came in fourth with a very impressive course and spirited work.

Amateur Shooting Dog 13 Brittany Spaniels

1st — Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'acajou by Chief of Chippewa and Lexington Jay Mahogany. W. E. Stevenson, owner and handler.

2nd — Tads Lufo Addey by Allamuchy Valley Uno-Jones Saddle Girl. Ted S. Cwik, owner-handler.

3rd — Janette de Pacolet, by Fantome de Klememor-Ch. Busher de Klememor. Charles V. Salisbury, owner-handler.

4th — Belloaks Gunner, by Dual Ch. Avone Hapte-Ch. Sue of Loufel. Richard B. Fox, owner-handler.

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND BRITTANY CLUB

The fall field trial of the Central New England Brittany Club was again held at the Russell Street grounds in Woburn, Mass., on September 17th and 18th. Judging were Charles Doherty of Woburn, Mass., and Howard Sweet of Marathon, N. Y., with Carlton Lephart pinch-hitting for Mr. Doherty on Sunday in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake.

Warm Indian Summer weather on both Saturday and Sunday somewhat slowed down both dogs and handlers. Very poor scenting conditions occurred Saturday afternoon in the Open All Age Stake, when the wind died down completely.

Howard Stanley once again did a fine job of pheasant planting with help from a few of the club members. Al Weigel and the club wives supplied and served an excellent lunch on both days, with Frank Wallace as chief dish washer.



STEVENSON WINNERS

Phil Morehouse our Field Trial Secretary, M.C.'d and presented awards at the banquet on Saturday night, held at the 1790 House. Frank Wallace supplied the lighter moments of our banquet with several hilarious stories.

PUPPY STAKE (8 Starters)

1st - Brittchesters Ricochet (Kick of Kaymore-Little Bits of Brittchester) owned by Robert Burbank of Chester, N. H., and handled by Ruth Burbank. Ricochet did his mistress proud by showing excellent speed, range, and style and a desire to find birds.

2nd - Helgramite Barbichon (Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou-Rennie de Chateau Gai) owned by Daisy H. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn., and handled by W. E. Stevenson. Although unable to find any birds, Chon showed he was looking for birds with each jump and ranged well.

3rd - Fritz of Kaymore (Jud of Pasatrou-Lady Godiva de Basgard) owned and handled by James H. Cooke of Lynn, Mass. In his first trial Fritz delighted his owner by finding two birds and handling well.

4th - Duke of Kaymore (Jud of Pasatrou-Lady Godiva de Basgard) owned and handled by John J. Johanson of Attleboro, Mass. Duke showed good form in range, speed, and handling.

OPEN ALL AGE (9 Starters)

1st - Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou (Chief of Chippewa-Lexington Jay Mahogany) owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn. Doc had an extremely well applied ground heat, hunting hard in the back course and finding two birds in the bird field.

2nd - Ch. Doctor Joe of Kaymore (Jud of Pasatrou-Lady Godiva de Basgard) owned by Dorothy Morehouse of Salem Depot, N. H.,



OPEN ALL AGE WINNERS



DERBY WINNERS

and handled by Philip I. Morehouse, Jr. Doctor Joe covered the course in a very aggressive style and found two birds in the bird field.

3rd - Belloaks Gunner (Dual Ch. Avono Hapte-Ch. Sue of Loufel) owned and handled by Richard B. Fox of Orleans, Mass. Gunnar had an excellent back course and hunting hard had two stop-to-flushes in the bird field.

4th - Helgramite Brando (Dual Ch. Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault-Helgramite Omeme) owned by Madison Barrell of Norwalk, Conn., and handled by Mrs. Madison Barrell. Although Brando had no bird work in the bird field, his range, style, and speed earned him fourth place and a recall for more bird field work.

DERBY (8 Starters)

1st - Helgramite Tarquinius (Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou-Helgramite Connie) owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn. Tarq's range, style, and application were excellent. He hunted and handled well, having a hay day in bird work, with three points and one stop-to-flush.

2nd - Kaerson's Ponkpoag Sparky (Kaerson of Loufel-Ponkpoag Rumba) owned by Frank Wallace of Wakefield, Mass., and handled by John Dall of Warner, N. H. This dog carried out his owner's threat at the banquet "Sparky is a dog to be reckoned with tomorrow"; with excellent range and handling his bird field find with "open-age" manners.

3rd - Ch. Jig de Kaymore (Jud of Pasatrou-Lady Godiva de Basgard) owned by Mildred S. Weigel of Methuen, Mass., and handled by Alfred S. Weigel. Jigs continued to show promise with a desire to hunt, wide range, and two points in the bird field with one chase.

4th - Trahpel's Eric (Robert du Juchoir-Juchoir's Markette) owned and handled by Carlton M. Lephart of Altamont, N. Y. Eric had one find in the bird field handled with good derby manners; hunting and handling well through the entire course.



AMATEUR GUN DOG WINNERS

AMATEUR GUN DOG (14 Starters)

1st - Albedo Valley Dingo (Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo-Rousse de Raou) owned and handled by Nils O. Nielsen of Pacolet Mills, S.C. After being removed from his brace by his owner on Saturday, due to lingering air sickness, Dingo returned Sunday to finish his championship by displaying exceptional steadiness in bird work with three outstanding points. The first in the back course producing

a covey of four birds; the second was in the bird field, the dog standing beautifully while his owner produced a running bird; the third a staunch point before and after the bird flushed.

2nd - Belloaks Gunner (Dual Ch. Avono Hapte-Ch. Sue of Loufel) owned and handled by Richard B. Fox of Orleans, Mass. Gunner ran a strong back course and two in the bird field. His short chases kept his owner moving almost as fast as his dog.

3rd - Helgramite Tinker (Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou-Helgramite Winkie) owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson, Jr., of Lexington, Mass. Tinker running a very good back course had four finds, two in the back course and two in the bird field. His short chases kept his owner moving almost as fast as his dog.

4th - Kick of Kaymore (Doctor Joe of Kaymore-Belle of Kaymore) owned and handled by Robert Burbank of Chester, N. H. Kick continued the trend his son had set on Saturday by running a hard and rangy back course. Having two finds in the bird field, one staunch and one with a delayed chase.

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Our fall field trial was one of the best trials we have had. Much of the success of the trial was due to the very good field, large entry, and of course hard work on part of the Field Trial Committee.

Friday night the Brittany lovers began to roll into the typical California western town of Firebaugh. Firebaugh is located half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and situated practically in the geographical center of the rich agriculture center of San Joaquin Valley. It was not long and the little western town awoke to the tune of rich husky barks of the Brittany.

Elmer Flack of Arbutle, California didn't arrive until the last minute and the committee began wondering about his dog entries. However after his arrival and after dog owners told their favorite dog stories to the nearest listener; the drawing commenced. As the many dogs were drawn at random, the owners real-

ized the coming two days would be chuck full of competition.

Mr. Norval Davis's rice field was perfect for dog work. The borders had been cut, and the stubble was belly high and not head high. The typical California weather was a bit too warm for excellent dog work, and there was a shortage of water in the field, but despite the warm weather the dogs worked superbly.

After the third puppy brace, things started to take form about the parking area. Everyone chipped in and helped put up the tent that was to serve as a cafeteria for the next two days. The tent was strongly supported, but it could not survive Judge Morris's horse onslaught. During the Open Stake, Morris was obtaining a refreshing drink, and upon whirling his horse about, a hoof caught a supporting rope, and to the dismay of the food serving girls, down came part of the tent.

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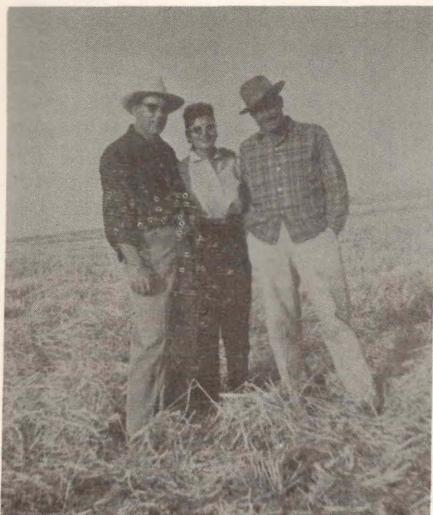
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Left to right, Manuel Borba, Hanford, California; Mrs. M. Borba, Hanford, California; Charlie Morris, Modesto, California.

The Griffin's entered in some excitement Saturday. The young Griffin girl was helping her mother serve lunch by opening the soda water bottles. One can't imagine how these accidents happen, but before one knew what happened she had cut a two inch gash in her left forearm. It presented a rare opportunity for First Aid Treatment, and immediately about five First Aid Kits appeared. Buck Bissel reached in his house trailer and brought forth the life saving penicillium powder. Last spring Harold Griffin stole the show by getting up ended by a 1200 pound maiden horse, while acting as Field Judge. He says he didn't enjoy sitting down for a week.

Louis Tippet from Portland, Oregon was a welcome sight. Louis told his wife he just remembered some important business he had to do in San Francisco, and by coincidence Louis got off of the plane at Fresno instead of Frisco. Louis thought as long as he was so close to Firebaugh he would rent a car and watch his champion Ashurst Jerry run. The air travel didn't interfere with Mr. Tippet's handling ability. He and Jerry

took first place in the Amateur Stake, and third in the Open All-Age.

The sad event of the Field Trial was when E. Ham gave James Ross his true and faithful dog Allamuch Luke's Jerry. When Mr. Ross began leading Jerry to his dog truck, there were a few tears shed in the Ham family. Old Jerry had served his master in Field Trials since 1949. Mr. Ham must have bagged hundreds of pheasant and quail over Jerry. Though Jerry's orange markings have turned grey, and his lame hip acted up, he still put up a game race in the Amateur Stake.

PUPPY STAKE 12 Brittanies

1st., Madera Doc. Handler E. J. Pitman. Owner E. J. Pitman, Madera, California. Whelped 12-25-54. Very pleasing gate, high headed, range very good, quartered good, hunted excellently. Showed a very good nose by whirling on stink birds. Handled nicely, but no finds.

2nd., Smokey's Madera Belle. Handler Brad Williams. Owner Brad Williams, Madera, California. Whelped 3-12-55. Ranged very good. Ran a good race and had two finds.

3rd., Berenda Creek Jane. Handler E. Ham. Owner E. Ham, Madera, California. Ranged good. Fair race. For a small dog she showed good. She had 3 finds.

4th., Berenda Creek Red. Handler D. Clair. Owner D. Clair, Madera, Calif. Ran a good race. No finds.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE 14 Brittanies

1st., Ashurst Jerry. Handler Louis Tippet. Owner Louis Tippet, Portland, Oregon. Whelped 1-3-48. Ran a fair race. Had four



Judges of Puppy and Amateur All-Age Stake

Left to right, Doyle Blagg, Fresno, California; Louis Tippet, owner and handler of Ashurst Jerry (first in Amateur Stake) S. L. Kouster, Fresno, California.



Winner of the Derby Stake

Dog: Ross's Chico Corky; James Ross of Chico, California (standing); Buck Bissell of Sherwood, Oregon, handler.

perfectly handled finds. Was average in the back field.

2nd., Evergray's Tic Toc Bobby. Handler Louis Tippet, Owner O. E. Metzger, Portland, Oregon. Whelped 7-8-50. Backed at command. Voluntary back and one steady find.

3rd., Pierrott De Fontaine Valley. Handler Louis Tippet. Owner R. H. Bissell, Sherwood, Oregon. Whelped 10-2-48. Ran a fair race. Had one non productive. Two backs, and two finds.

4th., Britt of Blaisy Blas. Handler J. M. Sullivan. Owner Mary Sullivan. Whelped 12-1-47. Found three birds.

The Class dog of the stake was Howie De Azucar. Handled by Jack Fisher of San Francisco, California. Howie had the stake in his hands then at the last minute he cut his own throat when he deliberately bumped and chased the bird. Howie ran a terrific race, lot of drive and punch in his running. Backed his brace mate on a non-productive point, then went on to make two good points.

DERBY STAKE 14 Brittanies

1st., Ross's Chico Corky. Handler Buck Bissell. Owner James Ross, Chico, Calif. Whelped 11-15-53. This dog ran a good big race. Had a point in back field on which no bird was produced. It is this writers opinion there had been one there. He was a very attractive running dog and certainly looked over all birdy looking places. He had two nice finds in the bird lot which were handled

very good, being steady as a rock on points and chasing to flush and shot. On one of these finds he pinned a running bird in a manner which would have done any all age dog credit.

2nd., Prince of Lionheart. Handler Bill Pearson, Owner E. L. Kees, Hayward, Calif. Whelped 5-17-54. This dog ran a very big Brittany race, but was pretty hard to get around. On entering bird field he had one nice find, was steady on point and chased at flush and shot. Very good derby work. He showed lots of style on point.

3rd., Ouragan Jerry's Bob. Handler Elmer Flack. Owner Frank J. Gilbert, Oakland, California. Whelped 4-14-54. Was an attractive mover and had a nice race, though not nearly so wide as his brace mate. Showed lots of inclination to hunt birdy places and quartered well. Had one nice find and looked very good on point chasing at flush and shot. Also took a chase on a wild flyer which this writer does not think he had a chance to point. More could certainly be said of this little fellow.

4th., Garner's Rusty Boy. Handler Buck Bissell. Owner Mr. and Mrs. Garner, Portland, Oregon. Whelped 2-11-54. This dog is a very good quartering dog. Very merry action all the way around. Though his race was good it was not exceptionally; big but it is a very fast, merry little fellow. His one contact with game was a runner which flushed out ahead of him and he chased.

Freckles Buff was also impressing in the Derby Stake.



Winners of Open All-Age Stake

Left to right, 4th., Torchy of Lionheart II, Russel Cook, handler 3rd., Ashurst Jerry Thurmond McWhorter, Sr., handler. 2nd., Evergray's Tic Toc Bobby, Buck Bissell, handler. 1st., Gallinaceous Doc, Pete Marker, handler.

In background - Judges of Derby and Open All-Age Manuel Borba, Hanford, California; Mrs. M. Borba, Hanford, California; Charles Morris, Modesto, California.

OPEN ALL-AGE 14 Brittanies

1st., Gallinaceous Doc. Handler Pete Marker. Owner H. H. MacDonald, San Carlos, California. Whelped 5-5-51. This dog a very attractive mover and was certainly all business going to all the likely looking spots all the way around. His race was very smart and plenty big. His first contact was with a crippled sprig duck which he pointed in the back course. (Mr. Marker's supper) On entering the bird lot he certainly was not long in finding and handling to perfection three pheasants. Manners to wing and shot, perfection. Not a word was said to his dog at any time during his heat.

2nd., Evergray's Tic Toc Bobby. Handler Buck Bissell. Owner D. E. Metzger. Portland, Oregon. Whelped 7-8-50. This dogs race was very good. Quartered and hunted his ground in a snappy merry manner. Was very pleasing to watch. On reaching bird field he had two backs at sight, needing not a word of caution and was not long in finding a bird, which he pointed at a very good distance. This dog was shot over and his manners were perfect.

3rd., Ashurst Jerry. Handler Louis Tippet. Owner Louis Tippet, Portland, Oregon. Whelped 1-3-48. Jerry ran his usual good big attractive race. Shortly after break away was on game, flushed bird, shot, and manners perfect. Three nice finds in bird field, one he bumped on relocation (too eager) stopped to

flush and manners fine to shot. This dog is a very attractive running dog and is certainly a bird finder.

4th., Torchy of Lionheart II. Handler Russel Cook. Owner Marion A. Baker, Woodland, California. Whelped 6-4-52. This dog ran a good big race. Seemed to be looking for birds at every jump. He connected with game on two occasions. One of these finds on birds was not at all well located, in fact the bird was flushed by his brace mates handler, whose dog had pointed well out to one side of Torchy. I'm sure this was Torchy's bird. The dogs manners fine at flush and shot. On Torchy's other find he took two short hops at flush and shot and stopped on command.

Other dogs impressing in All-Age were Toffee Idoc Slammin Sam and Pierrott De Fontaine Vallee.

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HOOSIER BRITTANY CLUB FALL TRIAL

Bristol Indiana, October 21-23, 1955

By Ruth L. Lee

Mix good weather, good flying birds, a good course, and goodly company together, and what do you get? A good field trial! And that is exactly what was in store for the folks who gathered in northern Indiana the weekend of October 21-23rd for the Hoosier Brittany Club's sixth Fall Field Trial.

Friday afternoon was sparkling blue October weather for running the seven braces of puppies; Saturday there was a heavy frost and a nip to the air that meant scenting should be supreme, as indeed it was. A falling barometer spelled change on Sunday and the gusty southeast wind portended rain on the way. But fortunately it held off, and the large crowd of Sunday spectators really got a treat. Hauled around the course on a tractor-pulled haywagon, they could discern *all* the action, not just performances in the bird field.

There was ample need to watch action all around the course, for this one-course trial, held on the Archie Schrock farm, northeast of Bristol, Indiana, was as like a trial on native game as one could devise. This farming region had a variety of coverts, wooded strips, pine plantings, etc. providing "escape areas" for the native coverts of quail that used it, and in addition pheasants had been released in the vicinity the week prior to the trial. As is their wont, the pheasants took to the cornfields, and many a Brittany forsook the prescribed "birdfield" to go hunting in adjacent standing corn. Quail were planted in the birdfield for each brace, and additional quail were dropped along the backcourse on every round.

Such a multitude of game meant only one thing—plenty of birdwork, and the Field Trial Committee can justly glow with pride for their pioneering efforts in raising quail! Jack Secor, forward-looking president of the Hoosier Club, realized a year ago that birds can make or break a trial, and the Club voted to raise quail in cooperation with the

Indiana Conservation Dept. Joe Schell, Jay Allison, Tex Garrett, Bill Kull, under Jack's leadership, all had a hand in building the holding pens, and Jay Essig cared for the birds from the time they were delivered, thimble-sized, till their release at the trial as mature birds. Larry Essig was appointed official bird spotter and his skill, plus the fact that the quail were all good flyers provided more clean-cut birdwork by more dogs than could possibly be placed!

When such is the case, the judges can be quite picky and choosy, and both Guy Gilligan and Herb Deadmond from South Bend, Indiana who judged the Puppy and Open All-Age Stakes, and George Wilson and Chuck Morse, the duo who judged the Derby and Amateur All-Age Stakes, selected carefully, sifting from the ranks of *good dogs* with *good work*, the specific ones that merited placement. The entire trial was distinguished by an abundance of meritorious birdwork. Often the line between first and second-place dog was finely drawn, but it was consistently drawn in favor of class, of quality or degree of finish.

PUPPY STAKE

Master's Ruby Spot put on a merry show to claim honors as top puppy. This vivacious female owned by Dr. Scholes of Royal Oak, Michigan, and handled by Jane Thompson, started strong and finished with a sparkling find and chase in the birdfield.

Kimm of LaRue, owned and handled by Carlton P. Plyler, hunted intelligently and handled the backcourse assignment with a maturity far surpassing Puppy prowess. Kimm had two finds in the birdfield.

Pat of Hunterhaven cast wide and purposefully and climaxed a strong backcourse race with two birds that he chased with much fervor.

Beaucoup's Tiny Princess cut up the country in excellent fashion but did not



Master's Ruby Spot
Winner: Open Puppy Stake
Hoosier Brittany Club

display intense excitement on contact with birds.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

With just-right scenting conditions as dawn broke Saturday morning, and the first three braces all yielding possible placements, excitement mounted as the Open Stake wore on.

Saxon of Fredann, owned by Dr. Fred Z. White, Chillicothe, Ohio ran in the heavy-frosted second brace of the morning, and his superb birdwork was not equaled though 28 others entered their bids. His win completed Saxon's points toward Field Trial Championship.

Saxon's first encounter was at the far end of the birdfield, part of a native covey. A second find on a single was one of those reverse-direction affairs of such intensity that even his eyes appeared bulging. Without a word of caution, he maintained that frigidty for countless minutes (it seemed) while handler sought to locate the bird. Saxon's muscles would relax slightly, then tense again, even more positively, and those eyes meant the bird simply had to be there! It was, and Saxon remained steady at flush and shot. Saxon's mentor is Lee Holman of Whittington, Illinois.

Second place was awarded Albedo Valley Dingo, owned by Nils Nielsen of Pacolet Mills, South Carolina, and handled by Jane Thompson, who likewise was flawless in birdwork. Almost on his first fling out from the breakaway, Dingo slammed into point on two quail. Later, in a dense swale, when bracemate routed a



Saxon of Fredann
Winner: Open All-Age Stake
Hoosier Brittany Club

pheasant, Little Dingo was found holding solid on point. In the birdfield he pointed a single that handler had difficulty locating, until she looked right under his nose!

Uno's Rex of Paradise was named third in the winner's column by virtue of a pheasant find on the backcourse, and manners on quail in the birdfield. Rex's proud owner is President of the Hoosier Club, Jack Secor, and was handled in this event by Bill Kull.

Beaucoup Pete of Richmond made a spectacular stance on bird at the far end of swale thicker, and added another quail to his score in the birdfield. Repeated findings on the marked-down, crippled bird may have impressed the audience atop the haywagon, for Pete certainly proved he could point, —again, and again, and again!

Nipper's Rocket, bracemate to Beaucoup Pete was recalled to run with bye dog in the fifteenth brace.

Ronile Avant Coureur executed the backcourse in magnificent fashion and had a flawless find in the birdfield.

Hero's Master Spot likewise was credited with perfect manners on single find; was out of range to handle on backcourse.

Dingo's Little Mike ran a class heat; stop to flush on bird.

Fun Galore Lucky and Juneau's LaDee were both finished on birdwork.

Raggs Freckles was the hard-luck Lad of the Open Stake. He had a quail pointed in the path at edge of swamp toward oak woods. Manners on that find, perfect, and seconds later on another bird, deeper in

the oak woods, he was again flawless. This probing fellow then went really digging deep, and was found on point in swale thicket just before entering birdfield. Dismounted judge could not discern bird, so third stance could not be credited.

DERBY STAKE

No time was wasted, —the first Derby brace went down as the last of the Open was ordered up. Every daylight hour was used to run four braces of Derbies. For that last brace run late Saturday afternoon, quail were whistling all over. The last lingering light faded from the western sky. It was that cool, still, bewitching hour of dusk, and Pacolet's Cheyenne took full advantage of her break. She pointed two quail at the far end of the breakaway field; went deep into the swamp to hunt, and then swinging up along the alfalfa hillside she had another point. In the birdfield, she held point long for handler to flush, and at flush and shot exhibited better than good Derby performance. Pacolet's Cheyenne is owned by Nils Nielsen of Pacolet Mills, S. Carolina and was handled by Jane Thompson.

Young Rain, owned by Elias Ritts of Pittsburgh, Pa., and handled by Lee Holman commanded a strong second position. He ran an intelligent back-course, casting objectively and thoroughly working out all birdy terrain. In the Birdfield after his first find, Rain became electrified and on second find by apple tree he couldn't wait for handler to climb through fence to flush, but charged



**Pacolet's Cheyenne
Winner: Open Derby Stake
Hoosier Brittany Club**



**Dual Ch. Uno's Jet
Winner of Amateur All-Age Stake with
Coy Conwell Trophy, R. Lee, handler.
Judges standing—Chuck Morse and
George Wilson. Hoosier Brittany Club.**

on through the fence himself and took the bird out.

Prospect Pal's Speckles pointed shortly after the breakaway. Two pheasants, cackling loud, flushed to the cornfield with Speckles in hot pursuit. In the birdfield Speckles chased and caught a quail. She displayed lots of stamina and determination. Speckles is owned by Edith C. Yeisley of Grass Valley, California, and was handled by Lee Holman.

Kaer Jiggs of Richmond had a nice Derby find in the birdfield, chasing with wild enthusiasm.

Lucy of Richmond, Becky's Pete of LaRue, and Bet of Richmond, were wide-going Derbies that showed plenty of interest when it came to birds.

Chungo of Oaklas ran a class heat, but lost fire in the bird field, whereas Tops of Kaer's Ko didn't catch on fire until he got to the birdfield!

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

The high point in previous Hoosier Brittany Club trials has been the Amateur Stake, and this was no exception. Eleven dogs had their names inscribed as previous winners, on the Coy Conwell rotating trophy, and three of them were back to try and retire it.

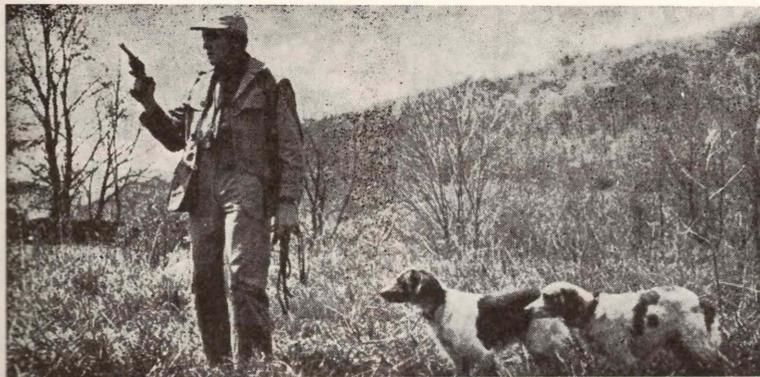
Dual Ch. Uno's Jet, the winner of the 1954 Fall Amateur Stake did it, with a find deep in pine woods that no one but

the reporter (pinch-hitting as handler) and judge witnessed. As the breakthrough into the birdfield was maneuvered, Jet seemed bent on probing pine woods to the right and became lost from sight. One quick stab into the pines searching, and much whistle-blowing failed to bring him on, so handler went back with judge, crawling under pines, and deep in the planting Jet was found — on point. Walking around on bare ground ahead of him was a quail, and when found Jet turned a beseeching glance as if to say "I thought you were never coming!" There was barely time to head out of the pines and into the birdfield before time was called, but that find did it! Jet showed the flawless, finished, trustworthy performance of the champion that he is, and did it all on his own. Any dog who will handled for utter strangers as Jet did for Ruth Lee, and a year ago for George Wilson is fully worthy of retiring a trophy. Uno's Jet is owned by Dave Olund, of Skokie, Illinois, and received training under the whistle of Lee Holman.

F. T. Ch. Rex of St. Joseph Valley, another former winner who, too, was doing his utmost to retire the trophy, rated second with two finds in the birdfield. Rex is owned and was handled by Herb Cramer of South Bend, Indiana.

Curt Davis with his F. T. Ch. Curt's Fanche Rip, and Jack Secor with his Uno's Rex of Paradise were named to third and fourth places respectively.

But, as so often happens, the dog with the mostes' on the ball didn't even place! He was F. T. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway, and if any dog was doing his darndest to bring that trophy home for good, Ferdie was doing it. Two finds on the backcourse; the second one of those gorgeous stances with front leg raised, left the gallery breathless. This was going to be something! Another find with flawless manners in the birdfield, and it seemed assured but woe betide he watched that downed bird, and on second find the bird was skittish and flushed before handler got in. Still Ferdie hadn't really hurt himself, but then he swung back



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west and not ten feet away slammed into point again. John Lee, his owner—handler, was now somewhat dizzily drunk on too many quail too quick, and ran past Ferd on point to flush the birds ahead of him. Well, if handler could break, Ferdie could too, and he chased those two quail with all the style and vigor of his Derby days!

Raggs Freckles ran afoul when he tried to relocate a marked down bird. He had a beautiful find on alfalfa hillside, and all might have been well had he heeded handler's entreaty to go on to virgin territory instead of back to the marked-down bird. Before he could relocate, the quail departed, and Raggs hesitated, then chased. Two nice pieces of work in fencerows later showed Raggs to be a superior bird dog, and he was credited with stop to flush on brace mate's find in the birdfield. At time he was hunting in cornfield adjacent the birdfield.

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SUMMARIES

PUPPY STAKE

(14 Dogs)

1st., Master's Ruby Spot (Hero's Master Spot - Ruby of Edough) Dr. Scholes, Royal Oak, Michigan, owner. Jane Thompson, Farmington, Michigan, handler.

2nd., Kimm of LaRue (Clipper de LaRue—Fleurette Aorrou Jill) Carlton P. Plyler, owner and handler.

3rd., Pat of Hunterhaven (Pat of Paradise—Heidebelle of Strathmoor) Earl Chappell, Northville, Michigan, owner.

4th., Beaucoup's Tiny Princess.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE (29 Dogs)

1st., Saxon of Fredann (Paradise Beau Coureur—Nannette of Oakridge) Dr. Fred Z. White, Chillocothe, Illinois, owner. Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois, handler.

2nd., Albedo Valley Dingo (Pontac's Dingo-Rouse De Rao v) Nils Nielsen, Pacolet Mills, South Carolina, owner. Jane Thompson, Farmington, Michigan, handler.

3rd., Uno's Rex of Paradise (Uno's Jet—Price's Lady Kaer) Jack Secor, Niles, Michigan, owner. Bill Kull, Goshen, Indiana, handler.

4th., F. T. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond (Allamuchy Valley Warrior—Soize MacEochaidh) Clint B. Wood, Wichita Falls, Texas, owner. Bill Kull, Goshen, Indiana, handler.

OPEN DERBY STAKE (22 Dogs)

1st., Pacolet's Cheyenne (Tex of Richmond—Ruby of Edough) Nils Nielsen, Pacolet Mills, S. Carolina, owner. Jane Thompson, Farmington, Michigan, handler.

2nd., Young Rain (Rain in the Face—Flirt of Marvan) Elias Ritts, Pittsburgh Pa. owner. Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois, handler.

3rd., Prospect Pal's Speckles (Prospect Pal—Yeisley's Patsy Wiggler) Edith Yeisley, Grass Valley, California, owner. Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois, handler.

4th., Kaer Jiggs of Richmond.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

1st., Dual Ch. Uno's Jet (Allamuchy Valley Uno—Allamuchy Valley Ultra) Dave Olund, Skokie, Illinois, owner. Ruth L. Lee, Indianapolis, Indiana, handler.

2nd., F. T. Ch. Rex of St. Joseph Valley (Allamuchy Valley Mac—Amber of Paradise) Herbert L. Cramer, South Bend, Indiana, owner and handler.

3rd., F. T. Ch. Curt's Fanche Rip (Lloyd's Fanche Spot—Bill's Birchwood Patches) R. Curt Davis, Monticello, Indiana, owner and handler.

4th., Uno's Rex of Paradise (Uno's Jet—Price's Lady Kaer) Jack Secor, Niles, Mich., owner and handler.

HOOSIERS HOLD FUN TRIAL

So much interest in field trials was generated at the regular scheduled trial held in October, that the Hoosier Club decided to repeat—just for fun—early in November. "Bring your dogs and bring some food," Ruth Secor, the Secretary wrote, "and if the weather is *awful*, we'll postpone it a week."

Well, to paraphrase the song: "It was a real nice field-trial, and we all had a real nice time." The weather couldn't have been nicer on November 13th, and lots of members took on duties they'd never attempt at a real trial. For instance, Bruce Secor and Bob Proudfit set birds, and oldsters could take lessons from these teenagers; the quail they set really stayed put. Bruce and Bob also had their initial try at dog-handling and became bracemates in the draw.

Dr. Fishler from Elkhart who has often obliged the Hoosiers by judging at their trials, took on that assignment with Jack Secor to judge the Derby Stake, and then teamed up with a green novice, Dave Lee, to judge the All-Age Stake.

There were 19 entries altogether, and Uno's Rex of Paradise, fresh from his recent Amateur 1st. at the Ohio trial, was "tops" among the All-Age dogs. However, because it was "just for fun", Ruth, and not Jack Secor, handled Rex.

Gagel's Dutchman, handled by Joe Schell, Rem of Aotrou, owned and handled by Dr. R. H. Young, and Ronile Avant Coureur handled by Ruth Lee, were all awarded ribbons for their 2nd., 3rd., and 4th. placements among the All-Age contenders.

The Lange family from LaPorte, Indiana, not only had the winning Derby dog, Kaer Jiggs of Richmond, but they had the undisputed best rooting section we've ever witnessed at a field trial! When Daddy Lange ran Jiggs, Bill Jr. and Jim Lange rode along, and Jim came dashing up on his horse Paul Revere style, to announce to the grounded gallery "Jiggs had something!" Jiggs did, indeed, and carried home the trophy and blue ribbon, with Lucy of Richmond, Cadillac of Leeway, and Lady's Beaucoup Mike, all

being presented ribbons for their efforts in the Derby Stake.

Then followed the best part of the day—the eats. There are some mighty fine cooks among Hoosier housewives, and it became apparent from the gusto with which the laden-down table was attacked, that next to Brittanies, there's nothing Hoosier Club members like better than to eat.

The Secors thought that in the business meeting and election of new officers which followed, they would be bowing out as top brass. But the general membership had a different thought, and with the addition of Joe Schell's name to the V.P.'s, the proven, past officers were unanimously drafted to serve another term. Everyone seemed well content that the Hoosier Club is in capable hands, and the meeting adjourned.

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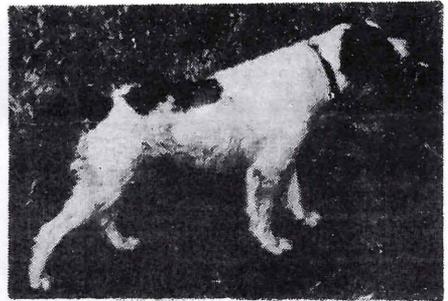
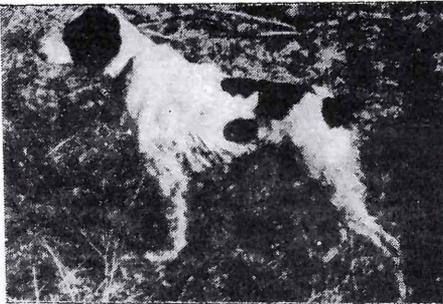
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THE SUMMARIES

AMATEUR

Judges: Reid Troutman, Carbondale, Illinois; Gerald Price, Concordia, Kan.

Number of Starters: 29

1st - Holley Haven Dan, Male, by Actrou's Pepin-Holley Haven Bonnie. Owner and handler, William F. Szubielak, Livonia, Michigan.

2nd - Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanor, Male, by Ch. Buck Boy of Chippewa-Ch. Jule of Loufel. Owner and handler, Walter B. Kleeman, Springfield, Ohio.

3rd - F.T. Ch. Buttons and Bows, Bitch, by Ko of Davure-Bill's Patricia. Owner and handler, George W. Wilson, Flint, Michigan.

4th - Dual Ch. Holley Haven Duchess, Bitch, by Aotrou's Pepin-Holley Haven Bonnie. Owner, Henry Holleyoak, Wayne, Michigan. Handler, Ike Brandon, Carbondale, Ill.

OPEN ALL-AGE

Judges: Dr. E. B. Riley, Moberly, Missouri; H. Merlon Wood, Springfield, Ill.

Number of Starters: 55

1st - Towsey, Male, by Paris MacEochaidh-Speckie Featherbroom. Owner, Tom Black, Wichita, Kansas. Handler, Delmar Smith, Edmond, Okla.

2nd - Raggs Freckles, Male, by Raggs-Collette de Rosette. Owner Dr. C. H. Proudfit, Mishawaka, Ind. Handler, Bill Kull, Goshen, Ind.

3rd - Nipper's Rocket, Male, by Nipper-Rendezvous Annie. Owner: Dr. J. J. Storer, Kinder, La. Handler, Lee E. Holman, Whittington, Ill.

4th - F.T. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond, Male, by Allamuchy Valley Warrior-Soize MacEochaidh. Owner, Clint B. Wood, Wichita Falls, Tex. Handler, Bill Kull.

A BIG HELLO

from the

HOOSIER BRITTANY CLUB

MARYLAND BRITTANY CLUB

By Lionel T. Wade

The first sanctioned field trial may be considered the birth of a new club. We were born Sunday, October 23, 1955, at nine A.M. with sixteen (16) entries, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stephens, who own and operate an ideal field trial ground known as the Triggaland Kennels and Game Farm, at Brookeville, Md.

The day was a typical, beautiful October one, with the first frost still having to fall and with extremely heavy cover confronting our Britts. This was a shoot-to-kill over released pheasants.

The puppies broke away with Belle du Bois and Viscount Andre covering a good back course. While still in the back course, Belle du Bois pointed and chased a rabbit, stopping to whistle. In the bird field Belle du Bois showed the extra hunting drive that is required to take first place, coming to point on a hen pheasant just as time was called. Second place was taken by Viscount Andre, and Trigger Garde ran a by in the three entry stake.

The first brace of the Open All-Age Stake of seven (7) entries broke away on schedule. The winner, Pepper Pot, handled the back course with drive and bird knowledge that continued through the entire course, resulting in a beautiful point, steady to shot and wind and a handsome retrieve. Second place was taken by Dan's Air Controller, who handled a methodical back course but inched in to bird in the bird field, causing to flush, but who stopped to shot and who handled a beautiful retrieve. Waycrest Boy placed third with one find, but the handler and owner did not see and call point; however, he was steady to shot. Fourth place was taken by Pleasant Run Rusty, who as usual drove an intensive race but did not locate game. In fact, this dog was recalled by the judges but again was unproductive.

The Open Derby Stake with six (6) entries was won by the beautiful performance of Fairland Happy, who handled an excellent back field and cut the bird into a checker board pattern. Belle du Bois placed second with a strong race



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in the back course and a find on a single quail. (Unfortunately, quail were not in season, and this little bitch was not shot over.) Third place was taken by a promising Pooles Fuzzy Boy, who showed drive and desire but came away unproductive. The fourth place was taken by Little Jo of Fairland, who covered a good course but came off unproductive.

All in all, our first field trial was a huge success, and we are thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Stevens for the wonderful grounds and to both Mr. Thomas H. Hunt and Mr. Preston C. King for the excellent job of judging and guidance.

SUMMARIES

OPEN PUPPY STAKE (shoot-to-kill)

3 Brittanies

1st. Belle du Bois, AKC No. S-695870, bitch, by Tony II, Duchess la Chasseresse. Owner, handler, Lionel T. Wade.

2nd. Viscount Andre, AKC No. S-608200, dog, by Pepper Pot, Greene's Sandra-de-Alex. Owner, handler, Willard R. Greene.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE (shoot-to-kill)

6 Brittanies

1st. Fairland Happy, AKC No. S-714886, bitch, by Waycrest Boy, Grable's Belle Jenny. Owner, handler, Perry W. Wightman.

2nd. Belle du Bois, AKC No. S-695870, bitch, by Tony II, Duchess la Chasseresse. Owner, handler, Lionel T. Wade.

3rd. Pooles Fuzzy Boy, AKC No. S-700674, dog, by Waycrest Boy, Grable's Belle Jenny. Owner, handler, Martin Pooles, Jr.

4th. Little Joe of Fairland, AKC No. S-717958, bitch, by Waycrest Boy, Grable's Belle Jenny. Owner, handler, Perry W. Wightman.

OPEN ALL AGE (shoot-to-kill)

7 Brittanies

1st. Pepper Pot, AKC No. S-686045, dog, by Pepper of Loufel, Lady Alice Dirigo. Owner, handler, D. S. Miller.

2nd. Dan's Air Controller, AKC No. S-631944, dog, by Pat Smith, Spanghaven Bed O'Roses. Owner, handler, James Starr, III.

3rd. Waycrest Boy, AKC No. S-641175, dog, by Uno's Jimmy Boy, Chummie of Montague. Owner, handler, Raphael Walter.

4th. Pleasant Run Rusty, AKC No. S-495147, dog, by Blanc du Juchoir, Spotted Speckle. Owner, handler, William Hackney.

MICHIGAN BRITTANY CLUB

By R. D. Wood

The Michigan Brittany Club held this trial at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, Pontiac, Michigan on October 14, 15, and 16, 1955. There were 84 dogs entered.

PUPPY STAKE (9 Entries)

Judges: Mr. Floyd Breaugh
Mr. Carlos E. Van Arsdel

The puppies went down at noon on Friday with the weather cool and clear skies. A fifteen mile an hour wind was blowing which didn't help the puppies too much as far as bird finding abilities were concerned. It was a problem for the judges to pick the placements as there was neither class or bird work in this stake to show consistency. The first place dog "Truex's Nanette" owned by Dr. Barbara Truex of Jackson, Tennessee and handled by Bill Kull did an outstanding job in the bird field but was not as industrious on the back course as the

judges would liked to have seen. She was still good enough to win the stake.

1st., Truex's Nanette, Dr. Barbara Truex, owner, Bill Kull, handler.

2nd., Leighla, Homer Collins, owner, Lee Holman, handler.

3rd., Master's Ruby Spot, Dr. Scholes, owner and handler.

4th., Jet's Little Boy, D. F. Olund, owner, Lee Holman, handler.

DERBY STAKE (24 Entries)

Judges: Dr. Clark Lemley
Mr. Floyd Breaugh

The first brace of the Derby was to have gone down at 7:00 A. M. but I guess it was a little too early for the horses because they didn't show up at the grounds until 7:45 A. M. Everyone concerned had to really hustle the rest of the day to make up for lost time. The weather on Saturday started out pretty fair, cool and the temperature in the sixties but still a little too windy for good bird work. Would personally like to inject a note here on the conditions. The wind and rolling ground in the bird field made it next to impossible for a dog to have a good find or to relocate a bird. These same conditions remained throughout most of the trial. There was some good grounds heats in the Derby but not nearly the bird work the judges were looking for. It was tough for the dogs under windy conditions and running birds that could not be located in most of the braces. The winner in this stake was "Pacolet's Atom Buster" owned by Nils Nielsen of Pacolet Mills, South Carolina and handled by Jane Thompson. He had a good find in the bird field with a chance at wing and shot. The



Pacolet's Atom Buster, 1st. Place Derby Michigan - Fall 1955

third place dog "Allamuchy Joe" had a good second half with a staunch find on the back course and a good location on a running bird out of the bird field. With a good breakaway and a consistent ground heat this dog could have been in there.

1st., Pacolet's Atom Buster, Nils Nielson, owner, Jane Thompson, handler.

2nd. Prospect Pal's Speckles, Edith Yeisley, owner, Lee Holman, handler.

3rd. Allamuchy Joe, Earl Chappell, owner, and handler.

4th., Tops of Kaer's KO, Dr. A. F. Dick, owner, Paul Dawson, handler

OPEN ALL-AGE (30 Entries)

Judges: Dr. Clark Lemley
Mr. Fred Tetreau

We were able to run off six braces of the All-Age Saturday afternoon and "early evening". The weather remaining the same, windy with a few clouds appearing in the west. The braces were still having trouble locating in the bird field. On Sunday we had a cold driving rain prac-

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tically all day long. Very few dogs in the Open had good bird work and none of the bird work was very clean. It was a very tough stake to judge and it was wide open all the way. The first place dog "Benjji of La Rue" owned and handled by Carlton Plyler of Cadillac, Michigan had a good searching ground heat with two finds and two stops to flush. "Benjji" only needs one point to complete his championship. The other placed dogs were also close in the running but were not up to par on their bird work and manners.

1st., Benjji of La Rue, Carlton Plyler, owner and handler.

2nd., Nipper's Rocket, Dr. J. J. Stoter, owner, Lee Holman, handler

3rd., Ch. Aubaine Duche, Ray Fritts, owner and handler.

4th., Ch. Joey of Hunterhaven, Earl Chappell, owner and handler.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (21 Entries)

Judges: Dr. Clark Lemley
Mr. Fred Tetreau

Through the consent of the Amateur handlers we cut the running time of this stake otherwise we would have had to finish on Monday. They were given equal time in the bird field with the back course being shortened. The Amateur handlers did a bang up job with their dogs generally, not including yours truly. "Nan" made a nice retrieve on her third bird which would be in the bird field. Kind of liked the idea in a way with the bird season opening in Michigan on the following Thursday. The last time she retrieved a bird was two years ago in a trial. She started to come to me then turned around and took the bird to a pot hole and drowned it. Just thought I would mention this for "kicks". The first-place dog "Francois Carlier" owned and handled by Marcel Carlier had a good ground heat with two perfect finds in the bird field. A little too much stopping for direction but still a mighty fine job on the part of the handler and dog. "Lusann De Clarke of Bienville" owned and handled by E. G. Stevens placed second. She had a good ground heat with one find in the bird field with manners. "Ch. Joey of Hunterhaven" owned and handled by

Earl Chappell had the best back course of the stake but there was some comment on a find in the bird field and he was given a non-productive. The judge's decision is final in all matters. Point was called and the handler tried to produce and the bird went out behind him unknown to the handler. Should the judges have told him his bird had flushed or not? If they had of told him he would have had the opportunity to shoot over his dog. Yet if that would have been the case, a judge would have been the case, a judge would be expected to locate a bird running on the ground and notify the handler of it's location. It is kind of a touchy problem and should be written into the rules one way or the other. I would like to hear your opinions on this problem.

The placements are as follows:

1st., Francois Carlier, Marcel Carlier, owner and handler.

2nd., Lusanne De Clarke of Bienville, E. G. Stevens, owner and handler.

3rd., Ch. Joey of Hunterhaven, Earl Chappell owner and handler.

4th., F. T. Ch. Nanette DuBoise, Dick Wood, owner and handler.

Our out of town visitors attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Morse and Mr. Harold Reed from Ohio. Mr. Carlton Plyler from Cadillac, Michigan. Mr. Amos Greer of Gladwin, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Secor and son from Niles, Michigan. Mr. Elias Ritts and Mr. Clair Plaisted from Pennsylvania. Mr. Nils Nielsen from Pacolet Mills, South Carolina. Thanks so much for attending and do come again.

I would like to thank our faithful cook Mrs. Otto Hulin for her fine work in handling the food detail. Many thanks to the women members of our club for their mouth-watering donations. A big thank you to Rose Szubielak for the excellant Polish sausage - everyone really went for it in a big way!

MICHIGAN SAGINAW VALLEY BRITTANY CLUB FUN TRIALS

In preparation for the fall field trial the Michigan Saginaw Valley Brittany Club had three fun trials, the first being a water retrieving trial. The trial was held at the Murphy Lake Game Refuge. The winners were, 1st. place, Sessnick, Detroit, 2nd. place, Al Vogt's Chips Beau Brummel, 3rd. place, Ray Fritts, Detroit, and 4th. place, Otto Hulin's Marquis De La Rue. Preceding the trial was a bench show whose winners were, Best of Breed, Rex of Larry, Larry Griffin, Reese, Michigan, and Best of Opposite Sex, Ginger Lady Coquette, Winnie Ball, Flint.

The combination of points won at the last two trials determined the winners of the fun trials. Open Puppy; 1st. Kimm of LaRue, C. P. Plyler, Cadillac; 2nd. Becky's Pete of LaRue, Amos Greer, Gladwin; 3rd. Cle-Mar Swinging Sammy, Cleo Coob, Millington; 4th. Chum, Silas McGrady, Flint. Open Derby: 1st. Tawny of Larry, Larry Griffin; 2nd. Hollette La Petit, Al Bottiani, Linden; 3rd. San Michel, Al Bottiani; 4th. Becky's Pete of LaRue, Amos Greer. Open All-Age: 1st. Benji of LaRue, C. P. Plyler; 2nd. San Michel, Al Bottiani; 3rd. Ginger of Larry, Tom Cody, Bay City; 4th. Sherry of Larry, Larry Griffin.

Many members considered that the experience gained from judging at the fun trials would help them in training their dogs. Those judging were Al Bottiani, Robert Hill, Tom Cody, Amos Greer, Al Vogt, Russell Tossey, John Stockwell, and a well-known judge, Bill Smith.

SECOND ANNUAL MICHIGAN-SAGINAW VALLEY GROUSE TRIAL

By R. D. Wood

The second annual Michigan-Saginaw Valley Grouse Trial was held at the Gladwin State Game Refuge, Gladwin, Michigan on October 1st and 2nd, 1955. There was a total entry of 35 dogs. The judges were Dr. DeVries of Lansing, Michigan and Mr. Fred Martin of Midland, Michigan. What wonderful weather for a

grouse trial! Beautiful sunny skies and temperatures in the sixties. A marvelous day just to be up in this part of the country to enjoy the out-of-doors. Mrs. Otto Hulin was once again on hand this year to take care of the food detail. Folks really develop an appetite in this country air! I hope that next year more of our club members will be able to come and see and enjoy nature at her very best. The trial grounds especially are worth taking the trip for. There are 24 half-hour continuous courses through some of the greatest grouse cover ever to be seen. This course has been used for over twenty years for the National Grouse Championship Stakes for Pointers and Setters. I trust that in the not too distant future we will have some Brittanys to give them some competition. The motel accommodations are excellent. We have found out through experience at our last two trials that the Derby Stake will have to be eliminated. The younger dogs are just not ready to handle grouse and the deer problem is a hazard to them. We hope, that is those of us who are really interested, to have an Open All-Age of one-hour heats for the two day—Saturday Sunday. That means that we will be able to have a total entry of 32 dogs or eight braces a day. The entry will have to be held to 32 dogs because of the time element. I would like to hear from all members who are interested in this project. Your ideas and suggestions will be ever so welcome.

DERBY STAKE (12 Entries)

The first brace went down at 8:00 A.M. Saturday morning, with good ground heats and searching races. But as I have stated earlier, young dogs just are not ready for the grouse woods and the birds were scarce. The birds that were seen spooked out ahead of the dogs and couldn't be handled. It takes a careful dog on grouse as most of you know. The Derbies had to be placed on class alone.

The placements were as follows:

- 1st., Pacolet's Pal, Nils Nielsen, owner, Jane Thompson, handler.
- 2nd., Master's Ruby Spot, Dr. Scholes, owner, Jane Thompson, handler.

3rd., Tops of Kaer's KO, Dr. A.F. Dick, owner, and handler.

4th., Chips of Edough, Dr. Fredrickson, owner, Jane Thompson, handler.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE (23 Entries)

The Open All-Age with 23 starters went down Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. Another beautiful day, sunshine, clear skies and temperatures in the sixties. The first brace had the winner. "Sunday Du Lac" really did a bang-up job! A good searching race and two perfect finds and a stop to flush. This in my book is a hard nut to crack with just a half hour being allowed to do it in. The second place dog "Freckle's Breton Boy" had a fine ground heat with a good find that was difficult to handle. The third place dog "Ch. Joey of Hunterhaven" had an excellent ground heat and worlds of style but his handler, "Chappie" had a little difficulty picking him up. The fourth place dog "Little Dingo" did a fine job for a dog that has been raised and trained on pheasant as have most of the dogs that were entered in this trial. There was a lot of excitement in the last brace. "Susan's Honey Bun" owned by Bill Szubielak and handled by his wife Rose, was put down with a bye dog and was not under judgement. If she had of been under judgement the judges would have had to acclaimed Rose and "Honey Bun" the "straight cooners of the trial". There was quite a melee for a minute or so with Rose grabbing first the dog, then the baby raccoon, then the mother raccoon. Some fun!

The placements were as follows:

1st., Sunday Du Lac, Clifford Thorpe, owner, Jane Thompson, handler.

2nd., Freckle's Breton Boy, Ralph Gardner, owner and handler.

3rd., Ch. Joey of Hunterhaven, Earl Chappell, owner and handler.

4th., Albedo Valley Dingo, Nils Nielsen, owner, Jane Thompson, handler.

I would like once again to thank all of the women who pitched in with their donations and help to make this trial a huge success. The chow was delicious! The Polish sausage Rose Szubielak donated

was 'out of this world'! The list of women who donated food included Mrs. Justine Stevens, Mrs. Ralph Gardner, Mrs. Doug. Squires, Mrs. Lon Ford, Mrs. Helen Wood and Mrs. Earl Chappell. Thanks girls, for a job well done. I don't have to tell you fellows that helped that your assistance was greatly appreciated—you know it! Among the members who contributed greatly were Mr. Otto Hulin, Mr. Amos Greer, Mr. Carlton Plyler, Bill Szubielak, E. G. Stevens, Douglas Squires, Ralph Gardner, Earl Chappell, Howard Crippen, Joseph Kern, Marcel Carlier, Al DeBacker, Dr. Dick and many others. Thanks a heap! A very warm thank you to the judges, Doc and Fred. See you next year at Gladwin.

MICHIGAN SAGINAW VALLEY BRITTANY CLUB

By Margaret Vogt

The Michigan Saginaw Valley Brittany Club held its fall field trial October 7, 8, and 9, 1955, at the Ortonville Recreational Area near Goodrich, Michigan, under the direction of George Wilson, Chairman.

The only kind of weather left for this trial was fair weather, since three preceding fun trials experienced rain, 90-degree heat, and last spring's trial in the snow. Friday afternoon, October 7, we thought history was repeating itself again. The puppy stake was run under rain squalls. The rain halted by drawing time that night, and all hoped for fair conditions for the next two days. Luck was with us; it was fair, cool but with some stiff winds. Only one trouble, the birds were determined to run, and very few flew away. Even some of the best dogs broke on running birds, to the disgust of their owners.

This was one of the nicest and smoothest running trials, and the second biggest, with ninety entries. We were very fortunate in many ways to obtain our well-known and respected judges. Mrs. Ruth Lee of Indianapolis, Indiana, who has ridden at many national trials at Carbondale, Illinois, and reported them so brilliantly and vividly, judged three

stakes. Teaming up with Mrs. Lee was George Roy Sharpe of Carrolton, Michigan, who has done a great deal of excellent judging and is scheduled to judge the National Brittany trials this fall. Rounding out the team of judges were Coy Conwell of Pontiac, Michigan a Brittany man "from way back," and Mr. John W. Lee of Indianapolis, Indiana.

This was by far one of the most colorful field trials this fall. Besides our lady judge, Mrs. Lee, and our faithful Jane Thompson, pro handler, we had five other lovely ladies, each with her own rooters swelling the gallery, and four other pro handlers. They were Lola Cox, Carbondale, Illinois; Mrs. James B. Bell, Jr., Palm Beach, Florida; Virginia Morse, Euclid, Ohio, Tula Hulin, Flint, Michigan; and Louise A. Druart, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Bill Kull, Goshen, Indiana, Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois, Paul Dawson, Wayne, Michigan; and C. R. Haggerty, Fulton, New York, were the other handlers.

Ruth Lee and Roy Sharpe had to judge the puppy stake under very wet weather conditions, but came up with these winners. First place was awarded to Kimm of LaRue, owned and handled by Carlton P. Plyler of Cadillac, Michigan. Kimm's ability was one year ahead of all his running mates, having a beautiful sustained pattern with a great deal of birdsense. He had two nice finds in the bird field. Coming in second was Jet's Little Boy, owned by D. F. Olund, Skokie, Illinois, and handled by Lee Holman. This Boy had lots of drive and hunted the thickets well, coming up with a bird on the back course. Then, still full of steam, he came up with another find in the bird field. Third place went to Master's Ruby Spot, owned by Dr. Scholes, Detroit, and handled by Jane Thompson. Despite the fact this puppy had no finds, it ran such a beautiful and wide ground heat that it was placed third. Lady Beaucoup Mike, owned and handled by James T. Powell, South Bend, Indiana, came in fourth place. Mike applied himself well, covering the birdy places well, going deep into the thickets and coming up with one find.

Beautiful weather greeted the start of the Open All-Age Stake judged by Ruth Lee and Roy Sharpe. Pacolet's Hellou Jet, owned by Nils Nielsen, Pacolet Mills, South Carolina, and handled by Jane Thompson, came in first with no faults whatsoever. He ran a good back course and didn't blow up. He had one good find which he held staunchly. Coming in second was Dingo's Little Mike, owned by George Wilson, Flint, Michigan and handled by Lee Holman. Mike ran a spectacular ground heat with one good find on a running bird. Third place went to Susan's Heide, owned by Dr. A. F. Dick, Wayne, Michigan, and handled by Paul Dawson. Heide had a very classy ground heat, coming up with one find which she held with perfect manners. Holley Haven Duchess, owned by Henry Holleyoak, Wayne, Michigan, and handled by Paul Dawson, came in fourth place. Duchess ran a fairly good ground heat, coming up with two finds, one of which she held with fine manners.

The Open Derby Stake was judged by two more respected colleagues Coy Conwell of Pontiac, and John W. Lee, Indianapolis, Indiana. Awarded first place was Ami II De Beauch, owned by F. W. Purmort, VanWert, Ohio, and handled by Bill Kull. Ami II ran a good searching back course coming in with two finds in the bird field. The first point was handled excellently, with his brace mate Prospect Pal's Speckles making one of the classiest backs of the day. The second was a flash point on a running bird which Ami relocated. Second place went to Tops of Kaer owned by Jean Dick, Wayne, Michigan, and handled by Paul Dawson. Tops ran a good back course and well on the bird field, coming up with two finds. The first bird he chased and caught even before his handler came in the bird field. The second find he handled very well. Third place was awarded to a woman handler's dog Belloaks King, owned by James B. Bell, Jr., and handled by Mrs. James B. Bell, Jr. King ran a fairly good ground heat and hunted the bird field with plenty of class, having one derby find, but catching the bird. Pacolet's Pal owned by Nils

Nielsen, Pacolet Mills, South Carolina, and handled by Jane Thompson, came in fourth place. Pal made several good casts on the back course. He had one good find in the bird field, and nosed out a second one. Catching the birds was more the rule of the day, for nearly all the birds ran.

After resting one stake, Mrs. Ruth Lee and Roy Sharpe again did the judging of the Amateur Gun Dog Stake. This stake had its own special group of rooters for the local dogs. First place was awarded to an old timer — F. T. Ch. Buttons and Bows, owned and handled by George Wilson. She captured her victory with all the ease and grace of a many time winner. Her style was a treat for all to watch. Her bracement, Ch. Avono Corky, handled by Virginia Morse, Euclid, Ohio, together with Buttons and Bows, drew perhaps the biggest following of the trial. Pontac's Hero, owned and handled by Coy Conwell, Pontiac, Michigan, came in a close second. Hero seemed to be saving himself for the big show in the bird field

with perfect manners, and backed a point on the back course. Third place was captured by Joey of Hunterhaven, owned and handled by Earl Chappel, Detroit. Joey had an excellent running heat and handled very well. He had one perfect find and caught a running bird. Dingo's Rocky, owned and handled by Howard Crippen, Dearborn, Michigan, came in fourth place. Rocky ran a good ground heat, coming in with two finds, one handled beautifully.

All in all, this was one of the most successful trials put on by the club. Its success was due, which everyone is quick to agree, to George Wilson's excellent know-how and his committee made up of Albert Bottiani, John Stockwell, Silas McGrady, Amos Greer, C. P. Plyler, Lawrence Griffin, Albert Vogt and field trial secretary, Margaret Vogt. Again, our hearty thanks to Mrs. Otto Hulin and her committee for the fine food that was served. Here's hoping we see all you Britt owners at next spring's trial.

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HILL-SON'S DUKE PASSES ON

By E. W. Averill

We just received a letter from G. L. "Pat" Murphy, of Lansing, Michigan, that his old dog, "Hill-Son's Duke", passed away at the age of 11 and is now running his big wide races way out yonder. While Duke never finished his field trial championship, needing a 3-point Open All-Age for the past five years, he won the National Derby in 1945 when there were 21 entries and probably the finest conditions that we ever saw. The weather was perfect, the birds were perfect and the dogs all seemed to feel like running. We had a very good derby dog that year and happened to be braced with duke in that trial.

Never before nor since have we seen two dogs run a derby back-course like that one. They were wide-running dogs to begin with and they seemed to spur each other on, so that it was a half-hour that has stayed fresh in our memory ever since.

In the years since 1945, Duke has been entered in very few trials and only won one of them, an amateur trial in Michigan, but every time he did run, he put on an extremely impressive back-course. We last saw him when he was about ten years old and he seemed to have lost little, if any, of his original speed and his range was the absolute extreme that one would dare let a dog go. While we realize that many Brittanies have done a great deal more winning than Duke ever did, we doubt if we ever saw one that could outrun him. Possibly it is just nostalgia in thinking about the old days when there was just one Duke in 100 Brittanies, where there are now numerous dogs of more-or-less equal caliber, but we felt pretty sad to hear that old Duke was gone and hope that Pat will some day find his equal.

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FIRST MIDWEST A.K.C. SANCTIONED MATCH

By Carl V. Carlson

On July 17, 1955 the Midwest Regional Brittany Club completed their first Class A A.K.C. Sanction Match at Wyandotte County Park, Bethel, Kansas.

Mr. Harold Hardin, professional handler and trainer, acted as judge for this event. With an entry of 16 Brittany's, the match was a success. The results are as follows:

DOGS

Puppy—Mister Rip, August 24, 1954. Breeder, Charles Reeves. Owner, Carl P. Miller.

Novice—Butch, November 14, 1953. Breeder, Robert L. Carrol. Owner, Robert Madl.

American Bred—Flash Happy Jeffery Breeder, R. N. Brownsberger, Owner, John T. Leasure.

Open—Do-Car's Junior Showman. Breeder, W. O. Ackerman. Owner Carl V. Carlson and Earl H. Gray.

BITCHES

Open—Happy Jill of Do-Car, Breeder, Carl V. Carlson. Owner, Ralph Bunnell.

Best Puppy—Mister Rip, Handled by Carl Miller.

Best in Match—Happy Jill of Do-Car. Handled by Ralph Bunnell.

Best of Opposite—Do-Car's Junior Showman. Handled by Dorothy Carlson.



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Best of Opposite — Do-Car's Junior Showman, Handled by Dorothy Carlson. Midwest Regional Brittany Club's 1st. Class A A.K.C. Sanction Match July 17, 1955.

The Sanction Match has been marked as Qualifying on the A.K.C. records.

Mr. Harold Hardin, who judged the match, made a short talk to those present. He suggested the club take a stand against exhibitors trimming the neck and forechest of the Brittany prior to being shown. He stated he hoped the breeders would continue to breed for the dual purpose Brittany.

The above is an outline of our first sanction match. We hope to hold the second qualifying match in January 1956. If the space allows, please give us a write up in the next issue of the Brittany magazine. Will enclose a picture of Best in Match and Best of Opposite Sex.

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MIDWEST REGIONAL CLUB TRIALS

By H. L. Hensley

The 7th annual fall trial was held by the Midwest Regional Brittany Club, October 22 and 23 on the Military reservation at Fort Riley, Kansas. Here are probably the finest grounds for a one course trial in the country today. Of course this was not exactly a one course trial as the puppy and derby stakes are run over one course as the amateur gun-dog and open all-age are run simultaneously over another course. Game abounds everywhere on both courses and several covies of native quail were moved as well as wild pheasants.

As usual the Midwest Club was blessed with an excellent trial chairman in Gerald Price, and we wish to congratulate Gerald on a fine job well done. Our club president, Earl Gray and secretary Carl Carlson also deserve a great deal of credit for helping things run smoothly from the drawing until the end of the trial. Another unsung hero is also found in S. D. "Tat" Campbell. "Tat" is always on hand to see that people find their way to drawing, the horses are there, the quail are cared for and many other things too numerous to mention. Without men of this caliber our club could not hold the excellent trials it does.

The judges for the puppy and derby were Bill Madden and Woody Hutto from Kansas City, Mo. These gentlemen are very familiar to Brittany circles having judged Brittanies many times. Both have placed Britts in competition with pointers and setters and although they are not Brittany owners they respect and admire our little dogs.

The All-Age and Amateur gun-dog judges were Jack Bowden, Overland Park, Kansas, who judged the National Amateur All-age last fall and Dr. E. V. Falk, Modesto, Calif., who is a Brittany owner himself. Dr. Falk is a fine gentleman with 40 years experience judging, handling and shooting over class bird dogs. This panel was a hard task-master demanding the finest in the dogs placed. He made a suggestion that instead of having our bird field in one area that we lengthen it out and just make one

swing through, instead of the handler quartering back and forth and hacking their dog in to push them into birds. This would seem more consistent as we look for class ground heats and then try to hunt for our dogs in the bird field.

The puppy winners were as follows: Royaltee Jack, handled by Jess Hayslip in the number one spot with a nice forward race. One nice find in the bird field that he held until the handler flushed. Mr. Ripp, who had a hectic evening the night before when he fell from his owners car on the way to the trial, was second. Tom Cox handled two of Belloaks dogs, Kidd and Kate respectively filling the third and fourth places. The entry was rather small with only 12 puppies entered but it made up in quality what it lacked in quantity.

The Derby was also a quality stake and handler Ralph Hesseltine walked off with the first three places. Hellou's Yankee Timber won first with a good consistent race and wound up with a find on which he had finished manners. One seldom sees a good wide derby such as this that has the manners of an all-age dog. Brittons Kippo started slow and on the back course roaded a pheasant and finally pinned it down and established point and held long enough for the handler to flush the bird. She then had 2 finds on quail in the bird field chasing both. After this she was all fired up and finished strong. Mikus of Way-Kan in third had a far reaching race ending in the bird field with one find he nosed out and chased. Jeffery Kate, handled by Hayslip was place on ground work and found no birds.

The Amateur Gun Dog stake was wrapped up by Towsey Marquis Copin with a wild covey find and one find in the bird field, all handled with satisfactory manners. Towsey was handled by Dan Huddleston. Towsey's brace-mate Belloaks Iby needed only one find in the bird field in order to show she had manners to place second. Iby was somewhat cooler than Marcella Bell, the owner and handler at the finish. Gerald Price's Texas Mary accounted for



OPEN PUPPY STAKE

- 1st., Royalee Jack. Owner, Leroy Magnuson; Handler, Jesse Hayslip.
 2nd., Mister Rip. Owner, Carl Miller; Handler, Carl Miller.
 3rd., Belloaks Kid. Owner, J. B. Bell Jr.; handler, Tom Cox.
 4th., Belloaks Kate. Owner, Dick Fox; Handler, Tom Cox.
 12 Entries, Judges, Wm Madden and W. W. Hutto

third with a nice race plus one find with finished manners and a stope to flush. Jack of Diamonds placed fourth with some good work in the bird field and attractive foot work. He was handled by his owner Richie Johnston.

As the open all-age got under way Sunday it looked like a repetition of Saturday as far as the weather was concerned. Warm and mild. But before the first brace was finished the wind was howling out of the north and what started out to be a beautiful day turned windy, dusty, and cold. We went from shirt sleeves to parkas in a matter of minutes.

The open again saw two bracemates placing. Yankee Boy's Tommy hit the birdy places and showed lots of class on 3 finds in the bird field to walk off with the winners laurals. This little dog points with lots of style and winds his birds from far out as all his finds proved. On his first in a gully the bird was a good 15 feet away and there was a high wind. On the second he corrected several times before he finally pinned them down. When Tom Cox his handler flushed the small covey of about 8 birds one flew directly over his head and he turned to watch it go. His third find was just at time and the judge told Tom the dog was not under judgement so he picked him up.



OPEN DERBY

- 1st., Hellou's Yankee Timber, Owner, B. Neiberger; Handler, Hesselstine.
 2nd., Britton's Kipo. Owner H. H. Wyrick; Handler, Hellseltine.
 3rd., Mikeus of Way-Kan. Owner, David Noel; Handler, Hesselstine.
 4th., Jeffery Kate. Owner, Leroy Magnuson; Handler Leroy Magnuson.
 22 Entries, Judges, Wm. Madden and W. W. Hutto.

Bobo Lott in placing second had about as consistent a race as this reporter has ever seen. Not big but hunting out in front all the way. He had one single find in the bird field which he handled with manners. High Butler handled.

A find on the back course placed Corky of Valley Britt third. Corky running with the first place dog had a stop to flush then moved ahead about 100 feet through some heavy grass when Ralph Hesselstine his handler saw him the little dog was on point and 3 birds flew out ahead when Ralph approached. Then a large covey of about 20 birds raised and Corky stood up beautifully. Enaudis Feather Broom place 1 fourth with a good race and one fine with finished manners. She was also handled by Butler.

SUMMARY OF WINNERS

PUPPY 12 Entries

- 1st., Royalee Jack. Handler, Jess Hayslip; Owner, LeRoy Magnuson.
 2nd., Mr. Ripp. Handler and Owner, Carl Miller
 3rd., Belloaks Kidd. Handler, Tom Cox; Owner Jim Bell.
 4th., Belloaks Kate. Handler, Tom Cox; Owner, Jim Bell.



AMATEUR GUN DOG

- 1st., Towsey Marquis. Owner, Tom Black; Handler, Dan Huddleston.
 2nd., Belloaks Ibb. Owner, Mrs. J. B. Bell; Handler Mrs. Bell.
 3rd., Texas Merry, Owner, Gerald Price; Handler, Price.
 4th., The Jack of Diamonds, Owner and Handler, Ritchie Johnston.
 22 Entries, Judges, Dr. E. V. Falk and Jack Bowden.

DERBY 22 Entries

- 1st., Hellou's Yankee Timber. Handler, Ralph Hesselstine; Owner, Bernie Neibriger.
 2nd., Britton's Kippo. Handler, Hesselstine; Owner, H. H. Wyrick
 3rd., Mikus of Way-Kan. Handler, Hesselstine; Owner, David Noel.
 4th., Jeffery Kate. Handler, Jess Hayslip; Owner, LeRoy Magnuson.

AMATEUR GUN DOG 22 Entries

- 1st., Towsey Marquis Copin. Handler Dan Huddleston; Owner, Paul Fast.
 2nd., Belloaks Ibb. Handler and Owner, Mrs. Marcella Bell.

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- 1st., Yankee Boy's Tommy, Owner, J. A. Costelow; Handler, Tom Cox.
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 3rd., Corky of Valley Britt, Owner, O. Zlomke; Handler Hesselstine.
 4th., Enaudis Feather Broom. Owner, J. Knight; Handler, Butler.
 32 Entries, Judges, Dr. E. V. Falk and Jack Bowden.

3rd., Texas Mary. Handler and Owner, Gerald Price.

4th., Jack of Diamonds. Handler and Owner Richie Johnston.

OPEN ALL-AGE 32 Entries

- 1st., Yankee Boy's Tommy. Handler, Tom Cox; Owner, John Costelow
 2nd., Bobo Lott. Handler, Hugh Butler; Owner, Welfelt and Womble.
 3rd., Corky of Valley Britt. Handler, Ralph Hesselstine; Owner, Jim Kellogg.
 4th., Enaudis Feather Broom. Handler, Hugh Butler; Owner, J. R. Knight.

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Wes Seyler, WIBW and WIBW-TV Farm Director, had as his guests last week Tom Cox and John Costelow along with Yankee Boy Tommy, Open All-Age winner at the Midwest Regional Trial held at Fort Riley, Kansas October 22 and 23. The format for the 12:30 P.M. Farm Feature was Landowner and Hunter Relations. Tom and John explained to Wes, the landowner, the advantage of using a dog in hunting and the importance of securing the landowner's permission to hunt.

Tommy was then cut loose on the Channel 13 grounds and pointed three quail while Tom handled him perfectly. John explained the purpose and abilities of the Brittany Spaniel.

WIBW-TV Channel was indeed happy to promote this fast growing breed and also to offer this type of program as a public service to hunters and farmers alike.

Please feel free to use the enclosed picture as you see fit. Left to right show Wes Seyler, WIBW and WIBW-TV Farm Director, John Costelow and Tom Cox, professional handlers.

Sincerely yours,
Vic Boutwell
Publicity Director

A BRACE OF CHAMPIONS

DUAL CHAMPION PENELOPE DE EVANSTON (left) and CHAMPION PENNY'S PRINCE ROBIN, both finished Championships in November. Penelope finished her Bench Championship in 1953



with three consecutive 5 point shows, and completed her Field Championship at South Dakota in November — making her the only Dual Champion Brittany Spaniel in the Midwest Regional. Penny has an imposing record of wins and places in both Field Trials and Shows — including a First and Two second places in All-Breed Field Trials.

ROBIN, who is a son of PENELOPE, completed his Bench Championship at the National Specialty Show in Carbondale, Illinois, on November 26th. He also finished his Championship in three consecutive 5 point shows.

PENNY and ROBIN are shown with their Owner and Handler, Louis F. Oltman of North Kansas City, Missouri.

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MISSOURI REGIONAL BRITTANY CLUB FIELD TRIAL

By Loretta Bunnell

The Missouri Regional Brittany fall field trial was held 3 miles south of Kansas City, Missouri, October 29th and 30th at a location that had to be accepted practically at the last moment. Hard luck again was had by the club on the location of the grounds. Everyone thought that the first location was permanent, everyone seemed to have a clear understanding concerning the grounds must be in for the coming event, including (we thought) the owner of the grounds. But evidently the owner forgot and plowed up half of the course. Therefore, through no fault of our own we had to round up another location for our trial. We realized that this ground was not the best to be had, but it's just like last minute shopping when you've almost ran out of time. In addition to hunting of new grounds, we had a very serious problem occur concerning judges. This too we thought was all taken care of, until three of our judges notified us they could not fill this engagement due to circumstances beyond their control. Needless to say, we had to start out scouting and at great length we obtained the necessary judges. We owe a note of thanks to the following judges: Col. A. L. Pearl, Omaha, Nebraska; Carl V. Carlson, Kansas City

Kansas; LeRoy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas; Alvin W. Chasteen, Independence, Missouri; Russel Fair, Trenton, Missouri; and Richie Johnston, Kansas City, Missouri. The Field Trial Secretary and his committee certainly had their share of headaches, but all ended in pretty good shape.

There were 89 entries. We were happy to have a number of our friends over from Kansas. Of course, no trial would be complete without some of our well known handlers, and we were glad to welcome Tom and Mrs. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hesseltine, Lee Holman, Bill Kull, Russell Fair, Mr. Butler, Delmar Smith, Jess Hayslip and Norval D. Bennett.

For the gallery the weather on Saturday morning was sunny and crisp, for the pups it was the ideal weather for running and they made good use of it too. They put on a good performance. Northland Leigal, owned by Homer Collins and handled by Lee Holman, won the stake with an excellent race from the beginning—a good break away, hunting the back course a good distance ahead of the handler meanwhile searching the cover thoroughly; had one solid point, was steady to shot and wing, a second point



Puppy

1st., Northland Leigal, Lee Holman, handler. 2nd., Belloaks Kidd, Tom Cox, handler. 3rd., Mr. Ripp, Carl P. Miller, handler. 4th., Royalie Jack, Jess Hayslip handler.



Derby

1st., Hellou's Yankee Timber, Ralph Hesseltine, handler. Bernard Nieberger, owner (in picture). 2nd., Jet's Hi Ace. Lee Holman, handler. 3rd., Belloaks King, Tom Cox, handler. 4th., Mickeys of Way-Kan, Ralph Hesseltine, handler (not in picture).

was called and again he was steady to shot and wing, he also had one false point and couldn't relocate it, his work in the bird field was excellent. In the second spot was Belloaks Kidd, owned by James Bell and handled by Tom Cox; the Kidd had fair break away, but not going too wide, hunting the backcourse cautiously, the bird field work was good, had one solid point, the handler flushed the bird and the dog held solid. The third place went to an up and coming dog—Mr. Ripp, owned and handled by Carl P. Miller; Mr. Ripp got off to a slow start, but after warming up he really got into the pitch of things, a point, then a bump and chased the bird, but he had a good solid point, the handler flushed and Mr. Ripp took off on another chase. Fourth place went to Royalie Jack, owned by LeRoy Magnuson and handled by Jess Hayslip, it had a fair break away, a little slow on the backcourse, he showed good signs in the open areas, Jack hunted the bird field fair in which he bumped one bird, then caught the bird and brought it to the handler.

As the day sped along, the weather was still 'just right' for the Derby. Everyone was comfortable in their gay colored apparel which matched the autumn leaves. In the Derby stake the winner was Hellou's Yankee Timber, owned by Bernard Nieberger and handled by Ralph Hesseltine. Mr. Timber got off to a good start and kept his pace a good distance in front of his handler in the back course, in the meantime hunting the cover thoroughly. He had two good solid points and was steady to shot and wing in both of them. However Mr. Timber had one false point and couldn't relocate it. His work in the bird field was excellent. The second place in the Derby goes to a liver and white bitch by the name of Jet's Ace High. She is owned by D. F. Olund and was handled by Lee Holman. This little gal really had the spirit as she hunted the backcourse, hunting the cover very good. She handled very well in the bird field, even though her work in the bird field was fair. To her credit she had one point and was very stylish, her handler flushed the bird and she chased. Belloaks King placed third with

a fair break away. This fellow hunted all the likely spots for birds at a medium range from his handler. In the bird field his work was fair with one solid point and when the handler flushed the bird, Belloaks King moved several steps but did not chase. He handled very well in the bird field. Belloaks King is owned by James Bell and handled by Tom Cox. Fourth place was taken by Mikeys of Way-Kan, owned by David Noel and was handled by Ralph Hesseltine. Mikeys of Way-Kan had only a fair break away and a fair back course. However he ranged very good in open areas and produced a flash point and caught the bird, he followed up with a solid point and the handler went in to flush the bird, but could not flush it, the handler picked up the bird and threw it into the air, Mikeys of Way-Kan ran a few steps, then stopped. Thus the Derby came to close Sunday on the No. 1 course.

The Amateur Handlers Stake was started and finished on Saturday, which was ran on the No. 2 course. The dog that took first place was Jack of Diamonds, owned and handled by Ritchie Johnston. Jack had a very good break away, hunting the back course with zest. When he arrived in the bird field,



Amateur

1st., Belloaks Ibbby, Mrs. James Bell Jr., handler (Mrs. Tom Cox in picture). 2nd., Texas Merry, Gerald Price, handler. 3rd., Belloaks Ezra, Mrs. James Bell Jr., handler. 4th., Jack of Diamonds, Ritchie Johnston, handler.



Winners of the Open All-Age

Judges: Col. A. L. Pearl and Al Chasteen
 Left to right. 1st., Uno's Rex of Paradise
 Bill Kull, handler. 2nd., Enaudis Feather
 Broom. H. A. Buttler, handler. 3rd.,
 Junea's La-Dee, Lee Holman, handler.
 4th., Belloak's Ibbey. Tom Cox, handler.
 (missing in picture).

he never gave up hunting until he produced several birds and handled very well at his masters' command. Second place was taken by Belloaks Ezra, a male who was owned by James Bell and handled by Mrs. James Bell. Ezra had a good break away and travelled a fair distance in front of his handler, hunting all likely spots for birds. His work was good in the bird field, producing birds and was stanch to command. Texas Mary is a nice little female who placed third. Mary is owned and handled by Gerald Price. Mary's work in the backcourse was fair, but in the bird field she became more alert, quick to point and steady to shot and wing with her birds. Fourth place went to Belloak's Ibbey, she too, like Texas Merry, ran a fairly good race, however she was less spectacular in her work.

Sunday mornings weather was made to order. The Derby was to be finished on course No. 2 and the Open All-Age to be run on course No. 1 from start to finish. The Open All Age first place went to a

dog by the name of Uno's Rex of Paradise, owned by Jack Secor and handled by Bill Kull. Rex had an excellent break away and backcourse. His work in the bird field was very good, producing birds and backing upon command. Enaudis Feather Broom took second place and is owned by Jim Knight and handled by H. A. Butler. She too had an excellent break away and back course, but not as spectacular in the bird field as Uno's Rex. However she produced birds, was stanch to point and backed to command. Third place was taken by a female by the name of Junea's La-Dee, owned by John and June Stockwell, but handled by Lee Holman. She had a good break away and a good backcourse, in the bird field she produced birds and backed upon command. Belloak's Ibbey again placed fourth in this field trial. Owned by James Bell and this time handled by Tom Cox. She and Enaudis Feather Broom had a race similar to each other, only to be edged out by a small margin by Miss Broom.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB FALL TRIAL

The Northern California Brittany Club's second AKC point trial was held October 8-9th. at the Grizzly Island Waterfowl Management Area, Fairfield California. Field Trial Chairman, Frank Gilbert and his committee took on a big job with six Stakes planned, four to be run on Saturday and the remaining two Sunday. Saturday found trainers, handlers and your reporter rushing between the two separate fields trying to be ready for the respective braces and the gallery torn between which stake they desired most to watch. However, the trial went off with surprisingly few hitches. Our refreshment gals took on the job of serving breakfast as well as hot lunches, which aided greatly in getting the trial started on time. Weather both days was ideal.

PUPPY STAKE 12 Entries

Judges: Ted Werner and Ernest Hartman
Saturday Morning

1st., BERENDA CREEK JANE. Owned and handled by E. Ham. Allamuchy Luke's Jerry X Berenda Creek Patti March 12, 1955. Jane started with lots of steam, and ran a wide searching race all the way. About halfway around she bumped into a group of swallows and took several minutes to try to catch them.



PUPPY STAKE

1st., Berninda Creek Jane with E. Ham;
2nd., Jacque de Roussier with Carl Wallis; 3rd., Beau Gars Petite Cherie with Jim Spratt; 4th., Blanc Oreille with F. Armosino

She began to tire towards the end but finished still hunting.

2nd., JACQUE DE ROUSSIER. Owned and handled by Carl Wallis Beau Gars de Roussier X Belle Fille de Richmond March 18, 1955. This youngster showed he wanted to hunt right from the start. His bracemate was all set to romp and Jack tried his best to put him in his place. His range wasn't too wide, probably due to the interference but he used his nose all the way. Coming into the birdfield he caught the scent of a roading bird and pointed, broke and caught the bird 40' away.

3rd., BEAU GARS PETITE CHERIE. Owned and handled by Jim Spratt littermate to the second place dog. Cherie started slow but fired up after a meeting with the swallows. She was going pretty good when she got into the birdfield and froze on a real stylish point, she broke and chased.

4th., BLANC OREILLE. Owned and handled by Fred Armosino Ch. Britt of Blaisy Bas X Faisan de Klemanor November 11, 1954. Blanc ran a steady race hunting all the way. Ranged fair and used his nose. Luck in the birdfield would have given him a better advantage.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE 11 Entries

Judges: T. McWhorter Sr. and Merle Sperry. Saturday Morning.

1st., CH BRITT OF BLAISY BAS Owned and handled by Dr. Sullivan. Pete's Tommy X Theme's Flash O' Britt December 1, 1947. Britt ran a steady consistent race and under control at all times. His first point in the birdfield his bracemate failed to honor and flushed his bird but Britt held steady. He had two more finds which he handled with perfect manners.

2nd., DUAL CH. PIERROT DE FONTAINE VALLEE. Owned by R. Bissel and handled by Louis Tippet of Oregon. Ch. Avono Jake X Ch. Suzanne De Beauch October 2, 1948. "Curley" had an excellent backcourse and two nice finds in the birdfield which he handled

perfectly. Two unproductives failed to place him higher.

3rd., JOLI TIC. Owned and handled by Rowland Pratt Rocky de la Whiffney X Lady Cynthia May 18, 1951. Tic's range was good and looked very stylish in the field. His first bird was flushed and he stopped on command. His second was a volunteer stop to flush. He showed a keen desire to hunt and was still going strong when time was called.

4th., OURAGAN TIPPY, Owned and handled by Louis Tippet Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo x Ch. Janette's Cookie May 18, 1951. Tippy ranged well and very bidable. She backed her brace-mate on sight and handled her own find with perfect manners.

DERBY STAKE 19 Entries

Judges: Ted Werner and Merle Sperry
Saturday Afternoon

1st., BEAN OF ALLAMUCHY MAC Owned by William Stein of Missoula, Montana and handled by Buck Bissell of Oregon. Ch. Allamuchy Mac x Stop's Joan of Paradise December 23, 1953.

2nd., RUST OF LIONHEART. Owned by C. E. Rodegerdts of Woodland and handled by Russell Cook of Woodland FTC. Torchy of Lionheart x Tinker Doll June 26, 1954.

Both first and second place dogs were very close. Both were capable of competing in an All-Age Stake. They ran a wide searching race, nose and bird sense were terrific. Each had one find and were steady to wing and shot. Bean of Allamuchy Mac was chosen first because his ground heat was a little more aggressive.

3rd., GARNERS RUSTY BOY. Owned by H. E. Garner of Portland and handled by Buck Bissell of Oregon. Ch. Evergrays Tic Toc Bobby x Juchoirs Regent February 11, 1954. Rusty ran a very consistent ground heat and finished strong. He was steady on point and fairly steady on wing and shot. His two finds were solid and he handled his birds well. He looked very promising.

4th., ROSS'S CHICO RUSTEE. Owned and handled by John Wright. Topper Boy x Spanghaven White Flash May 18, 1954.

Rustee didn't have quite the ground heat of the third place dog but his two finds were solid and he was steady to wing and shot. He finished with energy to spare.

HONORABLE MENTION was given to Sir Ted owned and handled by Dr. R. Johnston. He is by Yacko du roc Hellou x Messer's Honey. Sir Ted ranged well and lots of style in the field. He had a clean find in the backfield, steady on point and broke to flush.

The judges stated this Derby entry was one of the best they had seen and that many of the dogs that failed to place could easily place at another trial. It was really a rough one to judge and their decisions were very close.

AMATEUR GUN DOG 5 Entries

Judges: Ernest Hartman and T. McWhorter Sr. Saturday Afternoon.

1st., CH. SALY DE CORDOBA. Owned and handled by Bernard Gordon. Topper Boy x Spanghaven White Flash June 26, 1952. Saly tho not wide ran at a very desirable range and proved very bidable. She had two solid finds and broke to retrieve on flush. Her retrieves were perfect. She picked up wounded birds and didn't even wet a feather.

2nd., BUCKY BOY OF LUKE-KAER. Owned and handled by H. Griffin. Ch. Allamuchy Valley Luke x Rose of Kaer



AMATEUR ALL-AGE

1st., Ch. Britt of Blaisy Bas with Dr. Sullivan; 2nd., D. C. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee with Tippet; 3rd., Joli Tic with Rowland Pratt; 4th., Ouragan Tippy with Louis Tippet.



AMATEUR GUN DOG

1st., Ch. Saly de Cordoba with B. Gordon;
2nd., Bucky Boy of Luke Kaer with H.
Griffin; 3rd., Judwich of Lionheart with
W. Wolf; 4th., Britt of Blaisy Bas with
Dr. Sullivan.

August 15, 1946. Bucky ran almost too wide for gun dog range even in the birdfield. He had two solid finds, his first bird refused to flush, on his second he stopped on command and made a nice retrieve.

3rd., JUDWICK OF LIONHEART. Owned and handled by W. Wolf FTC. Torchy of Lionheart x Joseph's Rubee February 7, 1953. Judd ran a nice ground heat and was solid on his birds. He broke on flush and made a very nice retrieve on his one bird.

4th., CH. BRITT OF BLAISY BAS. Owned and handled by Dr. Sullivan. Britt ran a good ground heat after having run that morning in the Amateur All-Age. He was solid on flush and shot but hesitant on retrieve.

OPEN ALL-AGE 14 Entries

Judges: Ted Werner and T. McWhorter Sr.
Sunday Morning

1st., CH GALLINACEOUS DOC. Owned by H. H. MacDonald and handled by Pete Marker of Woodland. Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike x Gallinaceous Gal May 5, 1951. "Doc" ran a wide search-race, never breaking stride from start to finish. He was handicapped at the start by a young bracemate who wanted to play, with the help of his handler he was able to avoid his bracemate and



OPEN ALL-AGE

1st., Ch. Gallinaceous Doc with Pete Marker; 2nd., Ouragan Tippy with Peg Tippet; 3rd., Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy with Bissell; 4th., Newt of El with Bob Ellis.

started to work. He got bird along a ditch on the backcourse and worked it out. The old Rooster was a little to exposed to suit him and Doc being downwind flushed him, he stood like a statue to watch him go. Several times throughout the course he got bird but it didn't take him long to find out there wasn't a bird. In the birdfield he had a beautiful back on his bracemates stop to flush. His own find was handled with perfect manners. He was still going when time was called.

2nd., OURAGAN TIPPY. Owned by Louis Tippet and handled by Bissell. Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo x Ch. Janettes Cookie May 18, 1951. Tippy ran a wide searching race with three nice finds in the bird field. Her birds flushed but she was steady on all three.

3rd., TOFFEE IDOC SLAMMING SAMMY. Handled by Buck Bissell. Calatin MacEochaidh's Sam x FTC. Joyeux Jakqueline May 1, 1952. Sammy ran wide but tended to cut back some. He had one find in the birdfield, his bird moved out, he quickly relocated and pinned him solid. He proved steady to wing and shot.

4th., NEWT OF EL. Owned and handled by Bob Ellis. Ch. Ultramends Valgo Cracker x Francine of Karomish April 15, 1952. Newt ranged well and hunted consistently tho not as wide. He was

going pretty strong when he hit the birdfield and on his first two points the birds flushed, he held steady. On his brace mates point he showed his manners with a nice back. His last bird held and so did he well earning him this placement in a hotly contested stake.

LIMITED ALL-AGE 4 Entries

Judges: Ted Werner and Merle Sperry
Sunday Afternoon

1st., DUAL CH. PIERROT DE FONTAINE VALLEE. Owned and handled by R. Bissell, "Curley" was in good form giving us a performance we really enjoyed watching. He started eagerly and drove all the way, displaying his fine bird sense with lot of style. He backed his brace mate twice on sight and had three solid finds with perfect manners.

2nd., BUCKY BOY OF LUKE-KAER. Owned and handled by H. Griffin. To see Bucky in action you'd think him a five year old instead of the nine he is and he isn't even gray. However he had run in the All-Age that morning and so lacked his usual speed and style. He was steady on his first find, chased his second but stopped on command.

3rd., NEWT OF EL. Owned and handled by Bob Ellis. Newt had also run in the All Age and was slower in this stake. He was downwind on all three finds, steady on his first, chased and



DUAL CH. GALLINACEOUS DOC

Owner, H. H. MacDonald; Trainer and Handler, Pete Marker. Finished Bench Del Monte May 1954. Finished Field Firebaugh October 1955.

stopped to command on his second and on his third the bird scooted, he re-located him 100 yards away and held steady.

4th., OURAGAN MION BOY, Owned by L. Tippet and handled by Buck Bissell. Ch. Unin I de Cornouaille x Ouragan Rusty. Boy ran a good ground race tho tired some towards the end. He proved very bidable through out. He had one clean find in the birdfield and proved steady and one he had to relocate and handled it well. Then one unproductive.

The highlite of the trial Saturday was the finish of our first West Coast bred and trained DUAL CHAMPION BRITT OF BLAISY BAS. Owned by Mary Sullivan and handled by "Doc" Sullivan. Needless to say the Sullivan's were on cloud No. 9.

Our Sunday thrill was the Open All-Age Win of CH. GALLINACEOUS DOC. Owned by H. H. MacDonald and very ably trained and handled by Pete Marker of Woodland. This was Docs second straight All-Age win. The very next week at the California Club trial at Firebaugh he again won the All-Age thus completing his Field Trial Championship. Two Champions in two week-ends.

We, on the West Coast are now feeling we are on the right track and a certain amount of self satisfaction, if we may brag abit.

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NORTH JERSEY BRITTANY CLUB TRIAL

The traditional performance of the U.S. Postal Service and field trials that neither rain, sleet nor snow can deter was proved once again at the North Jersey Club's trial on October 15 and 16. There was rain and more rain, the steady, drenching variety. Dr. Eugene V. Falk of Modesto, California, one of the judges, remarked that he had, at last, found an answer for the persons who kid him for living in an area where it rains eight months of the year. Hereafter his reply will be "Have you ever been in New Jersey?"

Yet it was a fine trial, well attended and efficiently dispatched under the leadership of the popular trial chairman, Ted Cwik.

Trial headquarters and scene of the drawing and field trial banquet was McKeown's at nearby Culver Lake. New motels in the area have solved what used to be a rather limited lodging situation. However, the most convenient "haven" during the trial was the club house on the grounds. Breakfasts and luncheons were served there and everyone could agree that a little respite for the outer, as well as inner man was much appreciated.

As mentioned earlier, Californian Dr. Eugene V. Falk, long a bird dog enthusiast and a well known judge served in judicial capacity with Evelyn Monte' for the puppy and open all age. The latter teamed with Harry Morrison of Sussex, N.J. for the other stakes on Sunday. Harry is chief game warden in the county. He is also a man who knows good dogs, having bred, trained and campaigned some well known field trial setters, and, on occasion, pointers. He has often served as a judge and has gained a wide reputation in that capacity. Dr. Falk, whom we were most honored to have with us, has owned and campaigned a number of celebrated dogs. Several years ago he became an ardent Brittany fan and has maintained a very active interest ever since.

The course at Flatbrook, which name incidentally is that of a famous trout stream that traverses the grounds, runs through a wide, open breakaway field to hedgerow and rather heavy cover field

beyond. A turn here leads beyond a small stream to an area of thickets of alder and huckleberry to wide stubble fields.

Hedge, and old stone rows bound the fields. Along woods edge and through woods the course then dips downhill, across a brook into the bird field. The latter is especially fine in that it is very large and extends into an area of marsh thickets that hold birds. It is bordered on the far side by the brook and makes a natural amphitheatre below the "gallery" hill. The bird field proper could do with more feed patch planting or, perhaps, hedges spotted at the base of the hill, as we observed slews of quail taking the open path up the hill as we rode out at the end of a brace. Apparently the birds hit an open rut and just follow it.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Britchester's Ricochet, 13 months old, owned and handled by Robert Burbank of Chester, New Hampshire, captured first honors in this opening event of nine starters. He is an attractively gaited and hard driving youngster and covered his ground in well rounded pattern and with evident desire to hunt. He had one find, pointed staunchly and with attractive intensity.

Second went to Trahpel's Helderberg Hildy, one year old, owned and handled by Carlton Lephart of Altamont, N.Y. She gained her placement on her class and searching endeavor. She looked especially well in the way she swung along hedgerows and completed her wide, purposeful casts.

In the third spot was Britchester's Leading Lady, also owner-handled by Bob Burbank. Although her groundwork did not come up to the others she selected her objectives judiciously and proved able on birds. On the back course she hunted out a hen pheasant in a hedge row and in the bird field had a find on which she showed steady manners. Fourth went to Belle du Bois, a pleasing attractive little bitch only seven months old. Despite an evident lack of experience she displayed a natural interest in hunting and improved every inch of

the way, finishing very strong in the bird area. She was handled by her owner, Lionel T. Wade of Towson, Md., who was making his first appearance at a Jersey trial.

Of the others, Bassamonte Queen of of Benton was a bouncy, attractive little youngster who displayed good potentialities; Tad's Peep Afond, though very Green, was a big strong pup showing flairs of interest in his work; Helgramite Artemis showed good finish and steady manners on a find; Sunni of Onandago was not consistent in ground work but made several pleasing casts and had a find in the bird field, and Helgramite Guilbert showed a pleasing way of going.

OPEN ALL AGE

A field of twelve came to the starting line for this event which followed the puppy stake. The winner was Dr. Joe of Kaymore, owned and handled by Philip Morehouse, Jr., of Salem Depot, New Hampshire. Dr. Joe showed consistent industry and searching drive in a ground race that was well forward and purposeful. He swung to hedgerows and into all birdy objectives very much on his own initiative. He applied himself well in the bird field and had one pointed with good, tight style. Coming up wind too close on another bird, he stopped promptly to flush.

That veteran campaigner, Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault, handled by Bob Machlett of New Canaan, Conn., ran with his usual arresting speed and style, but it was apparent that overhanding mixed the dog up to the point where it mitigated against his pattern. He had a very fine independent find at the base of the hill leading into the bird field. He was stacked up tight at brook's edge as we rode down the hill, and looking beautiful. It was a pheasant and the dog was flawless to flush and shot. He had another find on quail, a relocation, but sitting as handler went in to flush.

El Uno Tosco owned by Howard Kelly of Fulton, N.Y., and handled by Bob Haggerty, accounted for third. This dog ran a stron driving race and applied himself well. In the bird field he roaded

cautiously on a running pheasant and finished his stint with acceptable manners.

Fourth went to Dual Champion Halgramite Howie d'Acajou, owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn. A dog who always gives a good account of himself in ground work, he also capitalized on his second series opportunity for bird work.

Belloaks Gunner turned in a good ground heat, popped a bird, stopping to flush at command. Tad's Nilebrook Babette and Lee's Nilebrook Coquette each had two finds, two chases. Merrie Ann de Beauch broke to shot. Juchoir's Markette pointed unproductively on the back course, had a binge on a rabbit and took out a pheasant and a quail in bird field. Helgramite Brando applied himself very well in a good race, took out a quail and really took it a mile. Kick of Kaymore stopped to flush on his own when he bumped a bird in alder patch.

OPEN DERBY STAKE

Started on Sunday morning in continued rain with only an occasional let up.

Jig de Kaymore well earned his top spot. Though his range was not always to the limits he applied himself industriously and showed a keen interest in hunting. In the bird field he went to work aggressively and particularly impressive was his intensity on point, with "that look" in his eye and whole demeanor stating positively that the bird was there and "you'd better get him up or else." He backed his brace mate which was pointing cautiously in feed patch where no bird was produced. After brace mate had left, Jig swung around in the same area and locked up tightly, with steady manners to flush and shot.

Rene de Nationale, a year and a half old dog, owned by John Hopkins, Jr., of Wilmington, Del., handled by Bob Haggerty, was close up in second place. A very pleasing gait and way of going, he impressed with his drive and purpose. He also displayed good pointing style and staunch manners. His potentialities are such that he should be heard from frequently in the future.

Third went to Trahpel's Eric, owned and handled by Carlton Lephart. Eric's race was not too aggressive but well applied within limited range and he made the most of his stint in the bird field, with two steady finds. Heavily cautioned, he was steady to flush and shot.

Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky, another year and a half old youngster, owned by Frank Wallace of Wakefield, Mass., handled by Phil Morehouse, applied himself well in and had two finds handled with acceptable derby manners.

In all, this was an exceptionally good stake. Mark of Passamonte displayed boldness and hunting effort, bounced out two pheasants on the back course and flash pointed in the bird field. Sunni of Onandago showed lack of experience, but showed flairs of application. Jacques of Kaymore hunted well, had a hearty chase. Helgramite Tarquinius displayed pleasing gait at limited range but became cautious on scent, culminating in two unproductives. Juchoir's Brisk Breeze ran a good race, had one good find in alder patch at far end of the bird field but also became overcautious on scent.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

There is always much interest in this event in which eighteen dogs started. That tried and true campaigner, Helgramite Howie d'Acajou, handled by his owner, came back in fine fettle with a clean-cut performance to wrap up this one. A bold, well-directed ground race and two finds, pointed stylishly and finished with flawless manners, put him decisively on top.

Una Pequena de Theresa owned by Mrs. Mary Kelly of Fulton, N.Y., and handled by Mrs. Dorothy Beckstead, gathered second honors. Una, an attractive going bitch, turned in a find ground race and came up with four finds in the bird field on which her manners were good but style not so impressive as the winner.

Third went to the stalwart Wippy. On top of a pleasing ground effort he had three finds, all handled with style and manners. He was charged on one with a delayed chase. Fourth was awarded to El Uno Tosco by virtue of a very well

applied ground effort and two well finished points. His first was a find, the second point was on the same bird which he had marked.

Belloaks Gunner had a good find on a hen pheasant in a swale at the brook edge. Trahpel Eric tore up the bird field in aggressive style, had one well handled find, a delayed chase. Theresa Belle turned in a pleasing ground heat, her work on game being one stop to flush.

Many of the dogs had a field day on birds, although with a very definite lack of finish. Nilebrook Coquette covered her c, untry well, had a find and a chase. Jig de Kaymore had three finds and took them all out. Helgramite Tinker, a strong moving dog, attractive in action, had two chases. Nilebrook Babette found two pheasants on the breakaway, had a chase on quail and then showed good manners on another find. Helgramite Brando had two finds, two chases. Beau Jacques accounted for the most impressive ground work of the entire stake but then failed to handle his birds.

OHIO BRITTANY FIELD TRIAL - 1955

By John J. Schuckert, D.D.S.

"A wonderful time was had by all" would be the best way of summing up the Fall Field Trial held by the Ohio Brittany Club this past November 4th, 5th, and 6th. The affair was held at Harpster, Ohio on the State Public Hunting Grounds where we found plenty of room for those "big-going" dogs in the back course and excellent cover in the bird field, which made the birds hold just about as well as one could expect those unpredictable rooster pheasants to hold. A total of eighty-six dogs were entered: 13 in the Puppy Stake, 22 Derbies, 30 Open All-Age, and 21 in the Amateur Handlers Stake.

Our Judges were that marvelous husband and wife team of John and Ruth Lee of Indiana, Maxwell Riddle (the internationally famous Bench and Field Judge), and our very good friend W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn., whose Helgramite Brittanies are known to all of us. Our weather was grand for all three days-



Puppy Stake

1st., Kim of La Rue with Carlton Plyler. 2nd., Pat of Hunterhaven with Jane Thompson. 3rd., Destin de Klemanor with Tom Cox. 4th., Masters Ruby Spot with Lee Weisemann.

bright and sunny with just a bit of nip in the air. The first few braces out on Saturday and Sunday mornings had heavy frost on the cover which soon burned off with the morning sun. The food situation was beautifully handled by Whit and Betty LeMay and their crew. The LeMay home was a stone's throw from the field trial area and the hot soup, coffee, etc. were most welcome.

Friday afternoon the puppy stakes with seven braces went off without a hitch. It was won by Kim of La Rue, owned and handled by Carlton Plyler of Cadillac, Michigan. Kim ran a moderately wide back course but hunted all the way. He was really fired up in the bird field and had an excellent find and a relocation. Second place went to Pat of Hunterhaven owned by Earl Chappel of Northville, Michigan and handled by Jane Thompson. Pat ran a good race, had two finds with a puppy point on the first. She chased merrily. Third place was won by Destin de Klemanor, owned by Walter Kleeman and handled by Tom Cox. Destin was a nice moving pup, running a wide searching race all the way. Fourth place was won by Masters Ruby Spot, owned by Dr. Schuler of Royal Oak, Michigan and handled by Jane Thompson. Ruby started slow then ran wide and well and hunted all the way with a merry tail.



Open All-Age Stake

1st. Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie d'Acajou with W. E. Stevenson. 2nd., Benji of La Rue with Carlton Plyler. 3rd., Pacolete's Hallou Jet with Jane Thompson. 4th., Uno's Rex of Paradise with Bill Kull.

The Open All-Age which started Saturday morning ran fifteen braces. It was won by Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie d'Acajou, owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn. Howie ran a moderately wide back course hunting all the way, but really wrapped it up in the bird field. He had two finds one 'way out on a limb', so far out that we all thought our friend Steve was down for the count when he fell while making a 200 yard sprint. Howie stayed though after the bird decided he had waited long enough. On the second find he had some excellent work on a relocation. Second place was taken by Benji of LaRue owned and handled by Carlton Plyler of Cadillac, Michigan. Benji's range was moderate. He hunted all the way and had an excellent find on the back course. In the bird field he hunted well but had tough luck with one non-productive. Third place was won by Pacolete's Hallou Jet, owned by N. Nielson of Pacolet Mills, S. C. and handled by Jane Thompson. Jet ran well and had one non-productive in the bird field and one beautiful find in excellent all-age manner. Fourth place was taken by Uno's Rex of Paradise, owned by Jack Secor of Niles, Michigan and handled by Bill Kull. Rex ran a nice back course and had an excellent find in the bird field.



Derby Stake

1st., Belloaks King with James B. Bell Jr. 2nd., Becky's Pete of LaRue with Jane Thompson. 3rd., Vickki of LaRue with Carlton Plyler. 4th., Conquistadore de Klemanor with Tom Cox.

The derby stake which followed the Open All Age was won by a merry little dog, Belloaks King, owned by James B. Bell Jr. of Palm Beach, Florida and handled by Tom Cox. King ran a nice wide back course and had two good derby finds in the bird field. Second place in the Derby was taken by Becky's Pete of LaRue, owned by A. D. Greer, of Gladwin, Michigan and handled by Jane Thompson. Pete ran a good race all the way, hunting the cover as a bird dog should. Third place in the stake was taken by Vickki of LaRue, owned and handled by Carlton Plyler of Cadillac, Michigan. This was Carl's third placement in as many stakes. Vickki ran a nice wide back course and had a stop to flush on a bird in the bird field. Fourth in the Derby was taken by Conquistadore de Klemanor, owned by Walter Kleeman and handled by Tom Cox. This derby ran a good race with one good point in the bird field.

The Amateur Handler's Stake saw another Field Trial Champion finished when Jack Secor's Uno's Rex of Paradise showed us all how a bird dog should work. Rex ran an excellent back course hunting the cover as an all-age dog should. Coming into the bird field he was far ahead of the handlers and had a nice stop to flush, but then went on into the bird field, found a bird and held it for what seemed an eternity until Jack

could get to him. He had perfect manners to flush, wing and shot, Second place went to Sir Molar, owned and handled by Dr. C. G. Conklin Jr. of Marion, Ohio. Dr. Conklin, an enthusiastic hunter, but a relative novice to field trials showed us a dog in Sir Molar, who hunted all the way round. He had an excellent find with perfect manners in the back course. Third place went to King of Donroven, owned and handled by Whit LeMay of Harpster, Ohio. King ran a moderately wide back course, handled well and had a nice find in the bird field. King showed good manners in refraining from chasing when a bird thrown into the air by his brace-mate's owner came back to ground like a stone. Fourth place was won by Meadowink Buz, owned by Dr. Yant of Murraysville, Pa. and handled by the grand little competitor, Susan Yant. Buz ran a nice race and had a good find in the back course. Many of the dogs that did not place showed us some really good work and gave us all a great deal of pleasure in watching them. We were happy as usual to have the services of Bob "Davy Crockett" Crossett with his Public Address System to keep things going smoothly and also handling the important item of feeding our dogs. Bob is the Ken-L-Products Division representative of the quaker Oats Co. To all of you who participated and all who came to look, thanks for coming, and we will see you in the Spring.



Amateur Handler's Stake

1st., Rex of Paradise with Jack Secor. 2nd., Sir Molar with Dr. C. G. Conklin Jr. 3rd., King of Donroven with Whit LeMay. 4th., Meadowink Buz with Susan Yant. Standing in rear are Mima Millar, John Lee, Ruth Lee, Harold Reed.

OREGON BRITTANY CLUB'S FALL TRIAL - OCTOBER 1-2

The Oregon Brittany Club staged its annual fall trial on October 1-2 and widespread enthusiasm greeted the initiation of running over one course on the E. E. Wilson game management area, which is located nine miles north of Corvallis, Oregon. The birdfield was a well defined swath of thick high wheat stubble about ten acres in size. Excellent strong flying cock pheasants were supplied by the Oregon State Game Commission and were planted under the supervision of Cecil Parker, assisted by Paul Robertson and Don Fredricks. The field trial committee under chairman Jack Huddleston is to be congratulated on once again presenting a well organized program.

Dr. Marlowe Dittebrant, Club President, was on hand to welcome Mary and Dr. J. M. Sullivan who came up from Berkeley California. Also up from California was Jack Fisher of San Francisco. Washington was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Heinz of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gordan of Renton, the weatherman greeted everyone with two beautiful fall days for the running.

Judging assignments found two pleasing combinations in the saddle. Dr. William B. Hare, veteran bird dog lover of Portland joined with Marion Baker of Woodland, California to judge the open all-age on Saturday. Marion Baker continued in the saddle to judge the open puppy, open derby, and the amateur shooting dog stake, and teamed with Phil Lane of McNary, Oregon. Decisions of these experienced arbiters, well versed in the ways of the pheasant pointing dog, were well received.

Members of the field trial committee were: Lear Smith, Louis Hays, Louis Tippet, Don Fredricks, Cecil Parker, Dr. Marlowe Dittebrant, E. G. Metzger, June Burgwin, Mike Burgwin, and Jack Huddleston; Chairman.

The new clubhouse on the grounds was used for the first time and although not quite ready promises to be one of the finest available for field trials. Ladies of the club, under the direction of Edith Tippet, assisted by Betty Hayes, June Burgwin, Grace Metzger, and Dr. Ditte-

brand served excellent lunches on Saturday and Sunday. A banquet was held Saturday evening at the Albany Hotel in Albany, Oregon.

It is interesting to note that while this stake was run over one course, every brace had an opportunity on wild birds on the back course. Ch. Brit of Daisy has ran a medium wide race, with one find on the back course and two in the bird field. His manners were excellent.

Evergray's Tic-Toc Bobby hunted all the way and had two well located and handled finds in the bird field. Bobby ran with a high head and pointed with nice style.

Dual Ch. Pierrot De Fontaine Vallee had two finds on the back course and one in the bird field. His manners were acceptable and he handled kindly.

Paul's White Flash was fourth. Flash hunted hard all the way and had a nice ground pattern. He had one find in the birdfield which he handled very well.

OPEN ALL-AGE - 14 Brittanys

1st., Ch. Brit of Daisy Bas, dog, by Pete's Tommy - Them's Flash O'Britt. Mary Sullivan, owner; Dr. J. M. Sullivan, handler.

2nd., Ch. Evergray's Tic-Toc Bobby, Dog, by Dual Ch. Brit of Bellows Falls - Ch. Peg B. of Loufel. E. G. Metzger, owner; Buck Bissell, handler.

3rd., Dual Ch. Peirrot De Fontaine Vallee, dog, by Avano Jake - Suzanne De Beauch, Ralph Bissell, Jr., owner; Peggy Tippet, handler.

4th., Paul's White Flash, Dog, by Del's Northwest Flash - White's Penelope, Robert Pulliam, owner; Cliff Stewart, handler.

OPEN DERBY - Mona of Edough breezed to the top with a fine ground race and two excellent finds. Her range was medium wide and carried out in an even forward pattern. On both finds she showed ample style on point and advanced derby manners.

Ross's Chico Corky looked good at times and had one find on the back course and one in the bird field. His manners were acceptable and he styled up well on point.

Mike's Shien Oiseau hunted hard and covered lots of ground. He had several

contacts with birds on the back course which lacked clarity. The eagerness and boldness of this youngster took the eye of the gallery.

Garner's Rusty Boy started slow, but picked up speed on the back course. His race was not as wide as the other placed dogs. He finished strong in the bird-field with one nice find.

OPEN DERBY — 10 Brittanys

1st., Mona of Edough, Bitch, by Aliamuchy Valley Uno — Patsy of Edough. Dr. J. M. Sullivan, owner and handler.

2nd., Ross's Chico Corky, Dog, by Topper Boy — Spanhaven White Flash. James Ross, owner; Buck Bissell, handler.

3rd., Mike's Shien Oiseau, Dog, by Admiral Haffey — Sam's Gilda De Cornouaille. C. E. Stewart, owner; Louis E. Tippet, handler.

4th., Garner's Rusty Boy, Dog, by Ch. Evergray's Tic-Toc Bobby — Juchoir's Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Garner, owners; Buck Bissell, handler.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE — This stake had the smallest entry of any puppy stake ever run by the club. However, each of this years entries could have easily topped any of the stakes in the past.

Mike's Shien Oiseau showed a world of speed and range. He had five contacts with birds on the back course which he pointed momentarily and gave chase. His handler had trouble in turning him into the bird field, but finally brought him around where he had one more find.

Second went to Toffee Idoc Western Tradesman. Tradesman went hunting on the breakaway and never stopped until time was called. He had two finds on the back course and two in the bird field.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE — 4 Brittanys

1st., Mike's Shien Oiseau, Dog, by Admiral Haffey — Sam's Gilda De Cornouaille. Cliff Stewart, owner and handler.

2nd., Toffee Idoc Western Tradesman, Dog, by Pierrrot De Fontaine Vallee — Joyeaux Jakqueline. Don Fredricks, owner; Buck Bissell, handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE — This stake was a shoot to kill stake designed to bring out the best in the pheasant dog. A large gallery is always on hand when one of these stakes is in progress.

F. T. Ch. Ashurst Jerry prevailed with a consistent and well sustained ground race. Jerry had two finds on the back course and one in the bird field. His manners were unerring and he showed high style and form on point.

Second was won by Dual Ch. Pierrrot De Fontaine Vallee. Curly had one good find on the back course and one in the bird field. He hunted with plenty of punch and showed fine adaptability.

Ch. Evergray's Tic-Toc Bobby searched out the hardest of going in a commendable pattern. Bobby had a sinking spell just before entering the bird field, but recovered and had one find which he handled well.

Fourth went to Howie De Azucar. Howie ran with plenty of zip and hunted hard. He had one find in the bird field which he handled satisfactorily.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE — 13

Brittanys

1st., F. T. Ch. Ashurst Jerry, Dog, by Dual Ch. Avano Happy — Mitzie of Loufel. L. E. Tippet, owner and handler.

2nd., Dual Ch. Pierrrot De Fontaine Vallee, Dog, by Avano Jake — Suzanne De Beauch. Buck Bissell, owner; Don Fredricks, handler.

3rd., Ch. Evergray's Tic-Toc Bobby, Dog, by Dual Ch. Brit of Bellows Falls — Ch. Peg B. of Loufel. E. G. Metzger, owner and handler.

4th., Howie De Azucar, Dog, by F. T. Ch. Juchoir's Martin — Pique Du Juchoir, Jack Fisher, owner and handler.

BRITT OF BELLOWS FALLS

One of the early greats of the breed passed on to 'Dog Heaven' this past fall. Britt of Bellows Falls, the first 'dual champion' of the breed died at the age of 14. In the days of one or two trials a season Britt racked up a phenomenal record for those days. My records (which are probably not complete show him with four firsts and five seconds. His competing and placing in New England all breed shooting dog stakes sold the breed to many a sportsman. Britt sired 9 winners and many excellent gundogs. He will be much missed by his good owners Lou and Eleanor Ufford and his many devoted friends.

TRIAL TALK

By Nicky Bissell

If your dog isn't mentioned in this column and he has done something outstanding have you written me? Your reporter endeavors to mention every dog that receives four or more ribbons in a season or does something else of merit. Thanks this time to Ginny Morse (Mrs. Futurity) who, with all her other work took time to keep us informed of all the trial doin's. This report lacks only the S. Dakota trial to make it complete.

Wins among the youngsters this fall were really spread around. Perhaps this is a good sign that more people are breeding a quality dog. Top place was a three way tie among Belloaks King, Northland's Leighla and Master's Ruby Spot. Treading close on their toes with two firsts each were Mona of Edough, Kimm of LaRue, Trux's Nanette, Hel-lou's Yankee Timber. Kaerson's Ponka-paog Sparky walked off with 4 ribbons, one won in AKC trial open to all pointing breeds.

In all-age dogs Helgramite Howie now has 52 places and is the first dog to top the 50 mark. Fifty of his placements are in all-age competition. He tied for most placements this fall with Uno's Rex of Paradise. Rex completed his championship with the co-operation of Bill Kull and owner Jack Secor. The West's 'Dual Doc' Sullivan now has a 'Dual Dog' in his Britt of Blaisy Bas. Also on the West Coast, MacDonald's Gallinaceous Doc finished. His record, total placements four, all firsts. Pontac's Dingo is now the sire of two champions as Albedo Valley Dingo finished. No sire yet approaches old Kaer de Cornouaille who sired five. On the Eastern Circuit one of the leading winners and now Champion-El Uno Tosco. Congratulations Harold Kelley. Bo Bo Lot, under new ownership, also claims title of F. T. Champ. Saxon of Fredann finished in a blaze of glory, five points in the Indiana Open Stake. Other winners of note were Joie of Hunterhaven, Evergray's Tic Toc Bobby, and Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee. Pierrot has now sired more than 10 winners, as has Uno's Jet.

I'd like to pay tribute to a couple of old timers. Familiar to many of us thru her photos in the 'Field' is Julie de Klemanor. She has consistently placed in Pointer and Setter shooting dog stakes for lo these many years. She has won many firriends and admirers for the breed. The other old timer is old in breeding activities, but not in years, C. P. Plyler. The LaRue prefix is way back in many of our good dogs. Just recently, "Jack" has become interested in trials and has been running some of his 'grouse dogs'. LaRue seems to dominate the win column in Michigan.

In the East more than their share of ribbons went to the 'Brittchester' Burbanks, field and bench enthusiasts. The 'Kaymore' prefix (Dot and Phil Morehouse) was also much in evidence. In the West, Louie Tippet got a lot of Amateur ribbons. While Roy Magnuson and the Royalee pups outshown in Kansas, Mo. Lee Holman swept the board in Illinois. All the firsts, seconds and thirds in the Open stakes. Who could beat that?

Should have seen Pat Barrell and Brandy playing hide-and-seek in the woods in N.Y. She'd go in to look and he'd come out. So he'd go back in and she'd come out. Ladies day in the puppy stake in N.Y. Marie Jeffrey, Daisy Stevenson, and Gladys Birkman's pups all in the ribbons. Note. Put that good dog in your wife's name... Saginaw was a race between handlers and birds to see who could run the fastest. Otto Hulin and dog came off the best. Both went over the hill at top speed after a runner. How mission was accomplished no one knows but they came back triumphantly with meat for the pot. If you want to see a dog handling a gal watch Ginny and Corky. Ginny says Corky stops long enough to grin over his shoulder at her before taking off into the wild blue yonder. Not to get feminine in this column but Ruth Lee's retiring the Coy Conwell trophy for Uno's Jet deserves mention. First leg on this trophy was won by Ruth with her Georges of Leeway. Performance included (so the judge still says) Ruth

blowing whistle, firing gun, and almost losing an unmentionable part of her garments while flushing bird. This time all Ruth did was fall flat on her face in the mud. Of course she was just following George Wilson's lead as he did same when he handled Jet for his first win in this trophy. Remember Ann Carr standing barefoot in the snow receiving trophy for Pierrot de F.V. Remember Dr. Tom Talbott winning it with old Sad Sam and then giving Judge Conwell the very divil for not putting up Ray Machlett's Lexington that Tom had also handled. Coy's rejoinder being he had been bawled out for not putting up a man's dog but never before had he been berated by the owner of the winning dog because he didn't put up someone else's. Lots of pleasant memories go with that trophy and it couldn't be owned by a nicer guy. Congratulations Dave.

Lets give a moment to an important phase of trials, bird planting. That can make or break a trial. Rules say only the birdplanter, judges and handlers go into the birdfield. Common sense tells us no two men will plant alike. Some bury too deep and birds don't give off enough scent. Others bury too lightly and birds run away. Is it fair to the dogs to have a different person plant each time? One or two guys with nothing else to do should be appointed and keep the job all through a stake. They should plant the same number of minutes after the breakway in each brace. Nothing louses up a trial like late planting when the handler is already in sight and can mark the bird. Even saw a dog this fall following the trial of the bird-planter and his sack out of the birdfield. With an old dog it isn't so serious but with a youngster that is murder. Once they find the birdbox who would expect them to leave it. Hats off to a couple of excellent planters. Howie Stanley in CNE does a superb job as do the State employees in N.J.

The Latest Bench Champions

Bonnie of Pinehurst
 Count Guilliwme de Gwennec CD
 Junea's La Dee

Lund's Randy of Troy
 Pepper de Casa Blanca
 Tigre Joe de Triumph
 Tigre par le Tigre de L'Argoat
 Wild Haven Dottie
 Doctor Joe of Kaymore
 L a-Fran Cookie
 Alberta Mike CD
 Jen of Cookie
 Juchoir's Cotton Candy
 Brittchester's Leading Lady
 Jig de Kaymore
 Pipermint de Colauzer
 Be-Ke Jacques
 Ross's Chico Topper d'Acajou
 Cognac de Colauzer
 Juchoir's Martha
 Magre par le Tigre de L'Argoat
 Monsieur Rex o'Cor-Mik
 Saly de Cordoba

RINGNECK BRITTANY CLUB FALL TRIAL

Old man weather once again presented cold and windy weather for two days, November 5 and 6.

The trial, judged by Hilmer Peterson, Alexandria, Minnesota, and Randolph Horsely, Lincoln, Nebraska, was somewhat a success with a total of forty-one dogs in competition. Two of these dogs finished their championships. A win in the Amateur Gun Dog Stake made Louis Oltman's dog, Ch. Penelope de Evanston, a dual champion. Prince Britt II, handled by Jess Hayslip, finished it's field trial championship.

The results are as follows:

AMATEUR GUN DOG STAKE

1st., Dual Ch. Penelope de Evanston, Owned and handled by Louis Oltman, North Kansas City, Missouri.

2nd., Jefferson of Minnehaha, Owned and handled by Dick Culbert, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

3rd., Jacques II, owned and handled by Dr. F. E. Meyer, Lexington, Missouri.

4th., Osage Sungold, owned and handled by Mauverdene Robinson, Springfield, Colorado.

DERBY STAKE

1st., Judy D'or, owned by Mrs. R. Robinson, Springfield, Colorado, and handled by Jess Hayslip.

2nd., Warrior's Duke de Triumph, owned by J. C. Goering. Newtown, Kansas and handled by Jess Hayslip.

3rd., Mikeus of Way-Kan, owned by David Noel, Wichita, Kansas, and handled by Ralph Hesselstine, Jr., Topeka, Kansas.

4th., Michael Del Noel, owned by Melville Surface, Overland Park, Kansas, and handled by Ralph Hesselstine, Jr.

PUPPY STAKE

1st., Smokey Joe of Soo Lane, owned by Jim Stensland and handled by Elmer Stensland, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

2nd., Royalee Jack, owned by Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas and handled by Jess Hayslip.

3rd., Rex of Huntmore, owned by Mr. Huntimer, Colton, South Dakota, and handled by Cliff Killelson, Watertown, South Dakota.

4th., Lady, handled by Cliff Kittelson.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

1st., Prince Britt II, owned by Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas, and handled by Jess Hayslip.

2nd., Shawnee's Hellou Fancee, owned by Hart Workman, handled by Ralph Hesselstine, Jr.

3rd., Jefferson of Minnehaha, owned by Dick Culbert and handled by Ralph Hesselstine, Jr.

4th., Penelope de Evanston, owned and handled by Mr. Louis Oltman, North Kansas City, Missouri.

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SKYLINE BRITTANY CLUB

2nd. Sanctioned Field Trial

The Skyline Brittany Club successfully completed its first year with the running of its second sanctioned field trial on Saturday, October 1, 1955. It was a perfect Colorado autumn day though the daylight hours were few for the running of the 18 entries. The single course on the Blakelands, 10 miles south of Denver, offered a variety of terrain with wooded and open pasture land, alfalfa fields and stream banks for a back course and good cover on stubble fields for the bird field. We are looking forward to a large attendance both in entries and spectators at our first licensed point trial which will be held on April 7 and 8, 1956 on the spacious grounds of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal northeast of Denver near Derby, Colorado.

We were fortunate in having excellent judges for our second sanctioned trial. Mr. H. Bryce Heinz of Denver and Mr. Art Quinlan of Fort Collins, both well known bird dog men and very competent judges, filled the judicial saddles.

Again Jess Hayslip, professional handler from Larned, Kansas contributed greatly toward making the trial a success by entering several excellent dogs from his string and by offering us some valuable suggestions to speed up the events. We cannot thank Jess enough for his support during our initial year. Detail arrangements were made by our club president, Mike Meacham and the field trial chairman and regional delegate, Mrs. Mauverdene J. Robinson.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE 2 Starters

Jeffreys Dicks Jake — showed nice promise for a puppy, hunting boldly and independently for first.

Roylee Jack — hunted with fair purpose but with a more restricted range to place second.

OPEN DERBY STAKE 8 Starters

Jeffries Susie Q — Bellejet de Klemanor. In the pasture land and alfalfa fields on the first half of the back

course, both dogs ranged well and independently, flushing meadow larks and magpies, working the course quite evenly. In the wooded area along the stream, Belle caught her hind leg in jumping a log and slowed down, carrying the leg much of the time thereafter, while Suzie kept up her wide casts and eager work. Each dog flushed a native pheasant in the bird field and each made a flash point on a flushing quail to place second and fourth. The quail, incidentally, pulled the unsportsmanlike trick of flying up into some nearby trees, and settling down for the rest of the day.

Judy D'Or — Flambeau de Imperial. Judy started a good race with a nice breakaway cast but Impy chased, slowing her action. Both dogs then romped instead of hunting. Judy was picked up as she entered the bird field and Impy went on to hunt half-heartedly, failing to contact birds.

Fideoux D'Or — Warrior's Duke De Triumph. This brace, like the first, showed good derby form and was quite evenly matched on the back course. Both dogs made flash points on flushing quail. Duke couldn't resist chasing the birds and insisted on returning to the quail in the trees while Fido continued to work the field eagerly and effectively to place first to Duke's third.

Buck de Malibeu — Beau Beau De Klemanor. Again an evenly matched brace did excellent independent work on the back course but failed to make contact with the quail in the bird field. Beau had earlier made a flash point, then pounced on and caught a weak bird. Buck appeared to make a flash point just after time was called.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE 8 Starters

Buckjet de Klemanor — Patrick de Navarre. Both dogs worked carefully with good range. Gal (Buckjet) made one point as the quail flushed, but she tired in her application and was placed fourth. Pat worked the back course and bird field consistently. He made one particularly impressive point, however his handler was unable to flush the birds. Quail flushed wild on a couple more of

his points. His over-all style and natural ability enabled him to place third.

Princess de Navarre — Warrior's Andre De Triumph. Andy ranged widely and covered the course thoroughly, but made no contact with birds. Princess worked closer to her handler and searched the bird field systematically, but also failed to make any finds.

Peter of Cornouaille — Sadie Parisienne. By the time this brace reached the bird field after covering the extensive backcourse, a herd of cattle were moving across the bird field and the quail were moving with them. Peter flushed and chased three birds. Sadie ran a very strong back course, reaching each natural objective, producing a pheasant for her efforts. She made several finds in the bird field for second, however, each time the birds flushed wild or ran before she could be fired over.

Phantom Peter — Prince Britt II, Britt made a stylish breakaway with beautiful long casts as if he knew he was a field champion and destined to turn in the best heat of the trial. Peter's fair range was independent and intent. By the time this pair reached the bird field the sun was sinking behind the mountains and birds were heading for roost. The gallery suddenly had their attention diverted from the field to the dogs tied along the fence as they made some of the most intense points of the day on half-a-dozen quail, marching in single file along the opposite bank of an adjacent irrigation ditch. Britt made a nice stop to flush and proved steady to the shot gaining first place. Pete made a firm point on a single but was not fired over.

PUPPY OPEN

1st., Jeffreys Dicks Jake; owner, G. M. Simpson; handler, Jess Hayslip.

2nd., Roylee Jack; owner, A. Leroy Magnuson; handler, Jess Hayslip.

DERBY OPEN

1st., Fideoux D'Or; owner, Mrs. Russell Robinson; handler, Jess Hayslip.

2nd., Jeffries Suzie Q; owner, Mrs. Russell Robinson; handler, Jess Hayslip.

3rd., Warrior's Duke DeTriumph; owner, C. J. Goering; handler, Jess Hayslip.

4th., Bellejet de Klemanor; owner and handler, D. H. Mitchell, M. D.

OPEN ALL AGE

1st., Prince Britt II; owner, A. Leroy Magnuson; handler, Jess Hayslip.

2nd., Sadie Parisienne; owner and handler, G. M. Meacham.

3rd., Patrick de Navarre; owner and handler, G. M. Meacham.

4th., Buckjet de Klemanor; owner and handler, Mrs. Russell Robinson.

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November 12 & 13, 1955

By J. R. Knight

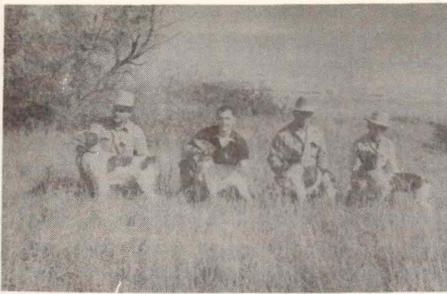
Such grounds could hardly be duplicated anywhere in the country. Rolling prairie with little valleys at intervals, some brush and lots of wild sunflowers, small streams lined with timber ribboned across here and there and slanted upward into rugged hills. To sustain an abundance of game, cover and feed were plentiful everywhere. There was a good supply of quail, pheasants, rabbits, and to the sorrow of some of the handlers, numerous deer. The army had released thousands of quail and some fifteen hundred to two thousand pheasants, plus an ample supply of native wild birds. These grounds are enormous in miles, acres being no term by which to measure them.

The men playing an important part in securing these grounds for the trial are as follows: Mr. F. H. Bryan, Field Trial Chairman, Mr. A. E. Morris, Committeeman, Mr. W. C. Owens, Club President, and Major Patie. Through the generosity of Colonel Straton, who is in command of the wildlife improvement program on the base, this group was able to obtain the grounds and the assistance of Sergeant Cecil L. Cox, Base Game Ranger, as Field Marshal. We the club members take off our hats to this group for a job well done.

Dr. A. C. Hirshfield and Mr. Jake Story, both of Oklahoma City, did a wonderful job of judging this trial. The trial was scheduled to run two days but

due to a larger number of entries than anticipated, it was decided the first morning Mr. A. E. Morris would substitute as a judge to ride the Amateur All-Age with Dr. Hirshfield and Mr. Paul Fast would ride as a judge with Mr. Story on the Puppy Stake. As there were only nine amateur and fourteen puppies, this arrangement would enable us to get those two out of the way and get on with the Derby with eleven braces and a byedog. Everyone was thinking of Sunday, with seven hours running on the Open All-Age of fourteen braces.

As a whole, we have seen a great improvement in the Brittany in the past five years since this club started holding field trials. They were wider, faster and hunted with more diligence, all dogs being well trained. We had with us six professional trainers, some being accompanied by their wives and children. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hayslip, Larned, Kansas, Mr. Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois, Mr. Tom Cox, Carbondale Illinois, Mr. Ralph Hesseltine, Topeka Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Butler, Allen, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith, Tommy and Mark, Edmond, Oklahoma. With this group, there were dogs from California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.



Winners of the Amateur All-Age Stake of 9 Starters

From Left to Right:

Buddington Prince 1st. Place, owned and handled by Dan Huddleston. Towsey Marquis Copin 2nd. Place, with Tom Black, owner and handler. Sooner Ranger 3rd. Place, with F. H. Bryan, owner and handler. Tipster of Richmond 4th. Place, with Dr. R. C. Busted, owner and handler.

Winners of the Amateur All-Age Stake were Buddington Prince, owned and handled by Dan Huddleston, who captured first place with one clean covey find, and stacked up like a million without a quiver on flush and shot. Towsey Marquis Copin, owned and handled by Tom Black, got second place with two finds on scattered covey. He stood to flush and shot but due to all conditions, he could not get over the style of a tight covey find. Third place went to Sooner Ranger, owned and handled by F. H. Bryan. Sooner was unfortunate, since the best he was able to come up with was two stops to flush. Fourth place went to Tipster of Richmond, owned and handled by Dr. R. C. Busted who ran an excellent searching race and finished strong, but was unable to contact game.

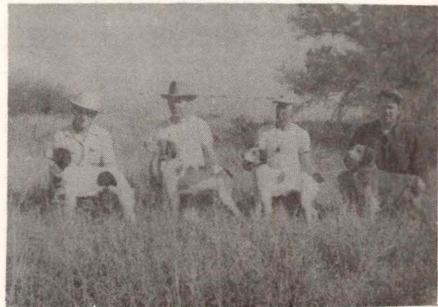
In the Open Puppy Stake, Kenno of Richmond, owned and handled by Dr. R. C. Busted, copped first place, Destin De Klemanor, owned by Walter B. Kleeman, handled by Tom Cox second; Northlands Leighla, owned by Homer Collins, handled by Lee Holman, third; and Duke, owned by Mrs. Clyde Hawkins and handled by Harve Butler, placed fourth. These puppies are all very good prospects of becoming the outstanding dogs of tomorrow. Though there was

slight difference between these dogs, there was enough for the judges to determine the proper placement for each puppy.

At the conclusion of the Amateur All-Age and the Open Puppy, we had time to run six braces of the Open Derby, finishing the first days running just before dark. But that was not the finish of the day, though we all thought we were exhausted, everyone rushed in and cleaned up and later, attended the banquet which was held at the Lawtonian Hotel where a wonderful dinner and talk by Dr. R. C. Busted on the "Advancement of the Brittany" was enjoyed by all. Emcee for the evening was our president, Mr. W. C. Owens. Immediately following the banquet, election of officers was held.

Arrangements for the banquet and the lunches served by the ladies of the Methodist Church in Lawton, were made by Mr. Oral Southwick, Lawton. Nice box lunches with coffee or coke were served at the Field Trial.

Sunday morning, with a big day before us of five braces of the Open Derby yet to run, and fourteen braces of the Open All-Age, most everyone thought it could



Winners of the Open Puppy Stake of 14 Starters

From Left to Right:

Kenno of Richmond 1st. place, owned and handled by Dr. R. C. Busted. Destin De Klemanor 2nd. place, with Tom Cox, handler, Walter B. Kleeman, owner. Northlands Leighla 3rd. place, with Lee Holman, handler Homer Collins, owner. Duke 4th place, with Harve Butler, handler, Mrs. Clyde Hawkins, owner.

not be accomplished. But the group was determined to keep everything rolling with a minimum time loss. The actual running started at 7:20 Sunday A.M. with still warm, dry and dusty weather conditions. Since everything ran seemingly in a fixed pattern all through the morning with just a find now and then, the judges were getting on a spot. But immediately after lunch, the dogs began finding birds; almost every brace had bird work. Altogether, there were 18 coveys of quail and 4 pheasants found Sunday afternoon.

In the Open-Derby, there were 23 of as fine Brittanies as one could wish to see work. All ran and hunted excellently. Some weakened before the 30 minutes were up, but one could not call that a fault. Jet's Ace High, owned by D. F. Olund and handled by Lee Holman, was top dog with first place. Jet didn't run as big as some, but did run like a dog that knew what he was out there for. He went hunting and that is what we are all looking for. Second place was captured by Belloaks King, owned by James B. Bell Jr., and handled by Tom Cox. King ran an outstanding race, but lacked just a few of the finer points to place over Jet. Third place went to Warrior's Duke De



Winners of the Open Derby Stake, of 23 Starters

From Left to Right:

Jet's Ace High, 1st. Place, with Lee Holman, handler, D. F. Olund owner. Belloaks King, 2nd Place, with Tom Cox, handler, James B. Bell Jr, owner. Warrior's Duke De Triumph, 3rd. Place, with Jess Hayslip, handler, C. J. Goering, owner. Channel Seven La Sill, 4th. Place, with Harve Butler, handler, D. L. Wiggington owner.

Triumph, owned by C. J. Goering and handled by Jess Hayslip. Warrior shows plenty on the ball and would make anyone love to own him. Channel Seven, owned by D. L. Wiggington and handled by Harve Butler placed fourth. Seven ran an outstanding race in the first half of his heat, but tapered off some during the last half.

In the Open All-Age Stake, first place dog was Bo Bo Lot, owned by T. J. Welfelt and M. B. Womble, handler-Harve Butler. There were dogs that ran bigger than Bo, but he hunted consistently. Had one clean find and two stops to flush, easily putting him out in front. Second place was handed to Jefferson of Minnehaha, owned by Richard Culbert and handled by Ralph Hesseltine, for a job well done, he ran, hunted and handled like an old trouser with one find. Sooner Ranger placed third, owned by F. H. Bryan and handled by Harve Butler. This is a dog that your heart would go out to. He ran at all times with a drive, but with only one find just before pick-up time. His manners were perfect, but he lacked just a fraction of that certain something needed. Last, but not least in the field, fourth place went to Dwight's Halloween Spook, owned by Dwight Williams and handled by Ralph Hesseltine. Spook hunted well, but did not run as big as some. He had two finds, one covey and a single but lacked some in style.

So the Trial was brought to a close just at dark, when the last brace was picked up. The judges advised everyone to gather at the Midland Hotel in Lawton at 7:30 for the announcement of the winners of the Open All-Age Stake.

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SOUTH EASTERN 1955 SPRING TRIAL

By Mils Nielsen

The South Eastern Brittany Club had its 1955 trial at Richburg S. C., although this was only our second "Point" trial, we had almost 70 entries due to the splendid cooperation of "out-of-states" and the professional handlers. The dogs were run on a one-course setup on planted quail. The results were judged by S. M. Treading and G. G. Faster.

PUPPY (4 Points)

- 1st., Pacolet's Pal, N. O. Nielsen, owner. J. Thompson, handler,
- 2nd., Belloak's King, J. B. Bell, owner.
- 3rd., Tootsie, G. Anderson, owner.
- 4th., Kearson's Ponkapoag Sparky, F. E. Wallace, owner.

DERBY (3 Points)

- 1st., Chic de Klemanor, W. B. Kleeman, owner. T. Cox, handler.
- 2nd., Juchoirs Marvelous Mauser, Mrs. R. H. Bissell, owner.
- 3rd. Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire, J. Stinson, owner.

- 4th., Lee's Nilebrook Coquette, D. F. Das Passos, owner.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE (3 Points)

- 1st., Belloak's Ezra, J. B. Bell, owner. Mrs. J. B. Bell, handler.
- 2nd., Albedo Valley Dingo, N. O. Nielson, owner.
- 3rd., Busher de Klemanor, N. O. Nielson, owner.
- 4th., Tad's Lufo Addey, T. S. Cwik, owner.

OPEN ALL-AGE (3 Points)

- 1st., Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, R. H. Bissell, owner.
- 2nd., Jet's Ace, D. F. Olund, owner.
- 3rd., Hero's Master Shot, Dr. H. E. Lee, owner.
- 4th., Yankee Boy's Tommy, J. A. Costelow, owner.

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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND BRITTANY CLUB TRIAL

By E. W. Averill

On two of the most beautiful fair days that anybody ever saw, The Southern New England Brittany Club held its trial on October 1st and 2nd at Helgramite Hollow out near Brewster, New York. Bob Machlett was in charge of the trial and everything went off very smoothly, thanks to the tireless chairman, and his equally tireless field secretary, Pat Barrell. Bob also had numerous other assistants, including his mother, his sister, his neighbors, Dr. and Mrs. Birkman, Steve and

Daisy Stevenson and Mrs. Andrew Foster. Originally Andy Foster was supposed to be in charge of the trial but he had to go to Milan, Italy, at the last minute from where he sent us his regrets via cablegram. Andy's absence didn't prevent his wife from getting up at the crack of dawn to provide breakfast for all of the officials and the early contestants. The judges were Mr. Howard Sweet of Marathon, New York, and your reporter and we had about as easy a job as any two judges ever had. The dogs simply placed themselves and there was little required of the judging except a minor display of esquestrianship, a fair task in that hilly country, particularly on the part of your reporter, who is no Gene Autry.

The outstanding puppy of the 9 starters, in the opinion of the judges, was Helgramite Barbichon, owned by Daisy Stevenson and handled by Steve. He had more punch and drive than any of the other pups and had a beautiful puppy find as well as a divided find in the bird field. Right behind him was Helgramite Guilbert, owned and handled by Bob Machlett with almost as good a race and a good puppy find.

The Open-All-Age with 14 starters followed the Puppy Stake and the judges were treated to one of the finest exhibitions that either of us had ever seen. The first place dog, El Uno Tosco, owned by Harold Kelly, of Fulton, N.Y., and handled by Bob Haggerty, ran the top back-course of the day and then had a



ROTATING RAMONA TROPHY — Awarded to the handler the judges would most like to take home with them. Bob Machlett awarding the trophy to Frank Wallace, Wakefield, Mass.

beautiful sight-back of about seventy-five feet, after which he had a perfect find on which his brace-mate nosed out the bird and chased it, yet he was perfectly steady. He then finished up the thirty minutes by jumping on top of a stone wall and pointing a bird in a tree. Mr. Haggerty was unable to shake the bird out of the tree and finally had to climb it and push the bird off the limb with his hand, meanwhile firing the gun. El Uno Tosco was perfectly steady during this entire time, although he was barely balanced on the wall. In view of this outstanding exhibition, Bob Machlett's Dual Champion Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault had to take second place even though he ran almost as good a back-course as the winner and had two perfect finds in the bird field.

Steve Stevenson's famous Dual Champion Helgramite Howie D'Acajou had to be content with third on a terrific back-course plus a good find and a stop-to flush.

In the derby which had 15 starters, the judges were treated to another outstanding exhibition, this time by Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky, owned by Frank Wallace of Wakefield, Mass., and handled by Phil Morehouse. This dog cut those woods and fields to ribbons and had two perfect derby finds in the bird field. Rarely does one see a derby with such speed and range stay under control in

such tight cover but Phil Morehouse kept him out in front all the way with a minimum of fuss.

Second place went to Jig of Kaymore, owned by Mildred S. Wiegel, of Methuen, Mass., and handled by her husband, Al. This dog ran a fine back-course and had a good derby find in the bird field plus a flash point and chase.

The big stake of the trial was the Amateur-All-Age with 20 starters. This was won by the old reliable, Steve Stevenson's Dual Champion Helgramite Howie D'Acajou. This dog was well known to all members of the Brittany Club since he was captain of the 1954 All-American Brittany team and he showed why he was so selected by running an outstanding back-course and having two perfect finds in the bird field plus a back on his brace-mate's find. This dog has done it so often that it is hard to say anything about him that hasn't already been said a dozen times but he is just about as good as any dog ever gets and Steve knows exactly how to handle him.

The second place dog was El Uno Tosco who won the All-Age and he was handled in this event by Dorothy Becksted. Dorothy is a good handler, all right, but probably because she did not know the dog as well as Mr. Haggerty, he did not run as well in the Amateur as he did in the Open and did not back on sight



DERBY WINNERS - (1) Kaerson's Ponkapoag Sparky, Philip I. Morehouse, Jr.; (2) Jig of Kaymore, Al Weigel; (3) Trixie's Highbrow, C. R. Haggerty; (4) Juchoir's Brisk Breeze, Robert Burbank.



AMATEUR ALL-AGE WINNERS-(1) Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, W. E. Stevenson; (2) El Uno Tosco, Dorothy Becksted; (3) Tads Hilclin Jillette, Ted S. Cwik; (4) Kick of Kaymore, Robert Burbank

when he had the opportunity. But he did have one perfect find and a divided find so that he merited second.

Third place was taken by Ted Cwik of Flemington, N. J., with his Tads Hilclin Jillette. It was good to see Ted again and we all hope he will be at Carbondale this year. His bitch ran a nice back-course and had a good find in the bird field. She is a threat any time in Amateur Trials since she is so diligent and so well-trained.

Fourth went to Kick of Kaymore, owned and handled by Bob Burbank of Chester, N.H. The dog ran very well in the back-course but was not as steady on his birds as the dogs placed ahead of him. However, he did have a nice find and stopped on command so that the judges thought he merited fourth place. Bob Machlett's Dual Champion Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault would have been in the ribbons somewhere with an excellent back course and a perfect find if it had not been for the fact that he had a non-productive and also was tempted beyond his strength by a single quail on the back-course which he eventually nosed out and chased. Wippy is an extremely smart dog and it could be that he decided that things had gone far enough with this running quail and he had better get it out of there if they ever wanted a shot at it.

The entire trial was extremely well handled by everybody concerned and the setting - the Machlett's large farm house alongside a small lake and with three large log cabins to handle the crowd - was about as ideal as anybody could imagine. The Southern New England Club is extremely fortunate to have a place to hold these trials and to have such a hostess as Mrs. Alice Machlett who certainly has done much to carry on in place of her late husband in taking care of the Brittany people.

THE SUMMARY

PUPPY STAKE - 9 STARTERS

1st-Helgramite Barbichon, Male. By Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou ex Rennie De Chateau Gai. Owner: Daisy H. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn. Handler: W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn.

2nd-Helgramite Guilbert, Male. By Dual Ch. Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault, ex Helgra-

mite Posiedonna. Owner and Handler: R. R. Machlett, Jr., New Canaan, Conn.

3rd-Brittchester's Ricochet, Male. By Kick of Kaymore, ex Little Bits of Brittchester. Owner: Robert Burbank, Chester, N. H. Handler: Ruth Burbank, Chester, N. H.

4th-Fritz of Kaymore, Male. By Jud of Pasatrou, ex Lady Godiva de Basgard. Owner and Handler: James H. Cooke, Lynn, Mass.

OPEN ALL AGE - 14 STARTERS

1st-El Uno Tosco, Male. By Ch. Marlow's Nip, ex Theresa Belle. Owner: Harold W. Kelly, Fulton, N.Y. Handler: C. R. Haggerty, Fulton, N. Y.

2nd-Dual Ch. Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault, Male. By Uno de cornouaille, ex Toche du Roc'Hellou. Owner: R. R. Machlett (Estate). Handler: R. R. Machlett, Jr., New Canaan, Conn.

3rd-Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, Male. By Chief of Chippewa, ex Lexington Jay Mahogany. Owner and Handler: W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn.

4th-Merrie Anne De Beauch, Female. By Rocailleux de Klememor, ex, La Fran's Cookie. Owner and Handler: J. L. Clarke, Syracuse, N. Y.

DERBY STAKE - 15 STARTERS

1st - Kearson's Ponkapoag Sparky, Male. By Kearson of Loufel, ex Ponkapoag Rumba. Owner: Frank Wallace, Wakefield, Mass. Handler: Philips I. Morehouse, Jr., Salem Depot, N.H.

2nd - Jig of Kaymore, Male. By Jud of Pastrou, ex Lady Godiva de Basgard. Owner: Mildred S. Weigel, Methuen, Mass. Handler: Alfred C. Weigel, Methuen, Mass.

3rd - Trixie's Highbrow, Female. By Mr. Chip of Halmar, ex Queen Sunday. Owner: Ernest C. Facer, Lyons, N. Y. Handler: C. R. Haggerty, Fulton, N. Y.

4th - Juchoir's Brisk Breeze, Female. By Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, ex Juchoir's Martha. Owner and Handler: Robert Burbank, Chester, N. H.

AMATEUR ALL AGE - 20 STARTERS

1st - Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, Male. By Chief of Chippewa, ex Lexington Jay Mahogany. Owner and Handler: W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn.

2nd - El Uno Tosco, Male. By Ch. Marlow's Nip, ex Theresa Belle. Owner: Harold W. Kelly, Fulton, N. Y. Handler: Dorothy Becksted, Fulton, N. Y.

3rd - Tads Hilclin Jillette, Female. By Allamuchy Valley Uno, ex Jones Saddle Girl. Owner and Handler: Ted S. Cwik, Flemington, N. J.

4th - Kick of Kaymore, Male. By Doctor Joe of Kaymore, ex Bella of Kaymore. Owner and Handler: Robert Burbank, Chester, N. H.

UPPER NEW YORK FALL TRIAL

September 24-25, 1955

The opening stake of the Upper New York Regional Brittany Trials, the Puppy Stake, got under way early on Saturday morning with Harold Frantz, of Allamuchy, N. J., and C. R. "Bob" Haggerty handling the judicial assignments. The weather was far from promising from the spectators standpoint, with heavy clouds overhead and a cold penetrating wind blowing, but for scenting purposes the cover was just damp enough and the wind not too strong.

The gallery spent most of their time in the clubhouse, in their cars or on the clubhouse porch which overlooks the bird field and afforded some protection from the damp breeze. There were 13 starters in the Puppy Stake and some very promising youngsters were put through their paces during the running of this event.

First place honors were taken by Pat of Huntershaven owned by Earl Chappell and handled very capably by Jane Thompson. He ran a merry, active race, hunting all the way and capped this with a find, which he pointed.

Second went to Sunni of Onondago, owned by Marie Jeffery, and handled by her husband, Reuben Jeffery, founder and mainstay of the host club. Sunni ran a very good heat and, although he ranged out very well, responded to handling like a veteran hunter of years standing.

Third place winner was Helgramite Barbichon, handled by the genial veteran of the Brittany Trials, W. E. Stevenson, and owned by his wife. Helgramite Barbichon showed promise of upholding the tradition of the Stevenson dogs, set by the incomparable "Doc". He covered his ground in fine style and coupled this with a find on the back course to turn in a very creditable performance for his class.

Fourth was annexed by Artemis, handled by Dr. Birkman. A good, fast race highlighted his performance, which although he found no birds, was good enough to catch the judges' eye and place him fourth in this event.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE 13 Brittany Spaniels

1st., Pat of Huntershaven, dog, by Pat of Paradise-Heidi-Belle of Strathmoor. Earl Chappell, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

2nd., Sunni of Onondago, dog, by Marlowe's Nip-Charmine. Marie K. Jeffery, owner; Reuben Jeffery, handler.

3rd., Helgramite Barbichon, by Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acjou-Renne De Chateau Gai. Daisy H. Stevenson, owner; W. E. Stevenson, handler.

Immediately following the last brace of the Puppy Stake, the Open All-Age Stake was started. This necessitated a change in judges since Bob Haggerty, a professional handler was running several dogs in this event. Harold Sweet of Marathon, N. Y. took over Haggerty's place and the stake got underway. After about 3 braces in the open, a lunch break was called, following which the stake was continued.

Hero's Master Spot, a veteran campaigner, annexed the Blue Ribbon in this stake. He is owned by Mr. H. E. Lee of Detroit, Michigan and was handled by Jane Thompson. He was bye dog in this stake, but, by virtue of his great performance, showed the judges that he was top dog of the stake. He had to turn in a spotless performance to do this, since many of the best Brittanies in the country had preceded him in this event. He started out in high gear, hunting all birdy looking spots and kept up this pace all the way to the bird field, where he had one very clean find, which he handled with perfect form.



Jane Thompson with Pat of Huntershaven
1st., Puppy Stake

Second was taken by Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acjou, owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson. His superlative performance was marred by one unproductive. He ran his usual excellent race and had one good find on the back course. His bird was running but he handled it faultlessly, reflecting great credit on both himself and his handler.

Ch. Dr. Joe of Kaymore was placed third in the open All-Age Stake. He is owned by Dorothy Morehouse of Salem Depot, N. H. and was handled by Phil Morehouse Jr. of the same address. Joe ran a very good race and showed his perfect manners on one solid point, which he handled as befits a veteran Open campaigner.

Placed fourth was Ch. Albedo Valley Dingo, handled by Jane Thompson. He had a good back course find, which he handled very well and a nice find in the bird field, on which he exhibited perfect manners. His heat was marred only by one unproductive.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE 23 Brittany Spaniels

1st., Ch. Hero's Masterspot, dog, by Pontac's Hero-Nan Kay's Mitzi. H. E. Lee, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

2nd., Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acjou, dog, by Chief of Chippewa-Lexington Hay Mahogany. W. E. Stevenson, owner and handler.

3rd., Ch. Dr. Joe of Kaymore, dog, by Jud of Pasatrou-Lady Godiva De Basgard. Dorothy K. Morehouse, owner; Phil Morehouse Jr., handler.

Sunday morning dawned with clearing skies and crisp cool air. It was a really beautiful day for dogs and spectators



Jane Thompson with Ch. Hero's Masterspot. 1st., Open All-Age Stake

alike. The cover retained its moisture well from the day before, making for the dogs to work under.

The judges for the two events to be run that day were the same as for the Open All-Age Stake of the preceding day; Harold Frantz and Howard Sweet.

The first stake of the day was the Derby, which got off to an early start. The spectators and judges got a look at the future all-age competitors and were impressed by the calibre of the dogs which is an indication that all Brittany fans can look forward to some really good all-age competitors next year.

First place was taken by Spence, owned by R. H. Denlam Jr. of South Bend, Ind. and handled by Bill Kull. Spence started things off with a very good, hard driving back course heat. Soon after his entrance into the bird field, he locked up on point and handled his bird with very creditable derby style.

Second place winner was Juchoir's Brisk Breeze, owned and handled by Robert Burbank of Chester, N. H. Breeze had a good back course race, to which he added two good points in the bird field, which he handled admirably. His heat was marred only by one bumped bird on which he failed to stop.

The yellow ribbon was awarded to Renee De Nationale, owned by J. O. Hopkins Jr. of Wilmington, Del. and handled by Bob Haggerty. Renee had a fair to good back course race, and this coupled with a good, well handled point in the bird field, was enough to



Bill Kull with Spence. 1st., Derby Stake.

place him third in the judgement of the arbiters.

Placed fourth in the Derby was Pacolet's Cheyenne, handled by Jane Thompson. Cheyenne, a big running dog, ran a good back course heat, and added a very good point in the bird field to complete his performance.

A humorous note was injected into the running of the Derby Stake by the actions of two of the dogs handled by Jane Thompson. In both cases, the dogs came up on point, and when Jane went in to flush the bird she found a snake instead. Needless to say, she moved out of that area fast. Don't ever let anyone say that the Brittany is not a versatile breed.

OPEN DERBY 23 Brittany Spaniels

1st., Spence, dog, by Helgramite Tunan-Sunbonnet Sue II. R. H. Denham Jr., owner; Bill Kull, handler.

2nd., Juchoir's Brisk Breeze, bitch, by Du. Ch. Pierrot De Fontaine Vallee-Juchoir's Martha. Robert Burbank, owner and handler.

3rd., Renee De National, dog, by Spanghaven Duke Amour-Daze Me Kazan. J. O. Hopkins, Jr., owner; C. R. Haggerty, handler.

The trial was finished off with the running of the Amateur Gun Dog Stake.

Placed first in this stake was Kick of Kaymore, owned and handled by Robert Burbank of Chester, N. H. Kick had an outstanding back course race from the standpoint of Gun dog standards. He hunted out every birdy-looking spot thoroughly and capped it with a perfect point, which he handled in excellent style, in the bird field.

Second was taken by Uno's Rex of Paradise, owned and handled by Jack Secor of Niles, Michigan. Rex ran a very good, hard driving race from the cast-off to the bird field, hunting all the way. He added a spectacular point in the bird field, which he handled faultlessly, resulting in a very good all around performance with which his owner could be well satisfied.

Third place in this stake was awarded to Helgramite Brando, owned by M. Barrell of Norwalk, Conn. and handled by P. Barrell of the same address. Brando hunted his back course with great enthusiasm and perspicacity, work-

ing out all the good looking covers with the concentration of a real hunting dog. This coupled with a good point in the bird field, was enough to sew up third place honors for him.

Joie of Huntershaven was placed fourth in the Gun Dog Stake. He was handled by his owner, E. Chappell. This dog turned in a good, steady, race on the back course and added one perfect find, which he handled with very good manners, in the bird field.

AMATEUR GUN DOG STAKE

14 Brittany Spaniels

1st., Kick of Kaymore, dog, by Dr. Joe of Kaymore-Belle of Kaymore.* Robert Burbank, owner and handler.

2nd., Uno's Rex of Paradise, dog, by Uno's Jet-Price's Lady Kaer. Jack Secor, owner and handler.

3rd., Helgramite Brando, dog, by Wippy di la Vallee Bourral-Helgramite Omeme. M. Barrell, owner; P. Barrell, handler.

As the last braces of the Gun Dog were being run, the spectators began to leave, and the Fall Regional Trial was almost history. Everyone left with the satisfied feeling of having observed or taken part in a very well run field trial. The weather, although cool, was not too bad and they had seen some very outstanding work done by both the veteran dogs and handlers and the newcomers to field trials. Most of the credit for the smooth handling of the trial must go to the judges, who handled their assignments with the utmost capability, and Perle Trumbull, one of the care-



Robert Burbank with Kick of Kaymore. 1st., Amateur Gun Dog Stake.

takers of the Three Rivers area and a Brittany man besides, who saw to it that the horses were there and that the birds were out in the bird field on time and generally organized things so that the trial came off smoothly with no hitches. With the excellent entry of 73 Brittanies in the four stakes and the large turnout of dyed-in-the-wood field trailers and a large number of interested observers, the trial was a resounding success and will be remembered by many as one of the highlights of the year.

WASHINGTON BRITTANY CLUB

The beautiful Kittitas Valley is a perfect setting each year for our Fall Field Trial. This little valley is surrounded by endless purple sage hills and in the distance snow capped peaks, with Mount Rainier towering above all. Little wonder Brittany owners and friends from five of our western states were on hand for the show.

Our extremely competent Field Trial chairman, J. H. McKie did everything to make this one of our best trials. The Judges were, Sgt. Bob Holcomb of the U. S. Army and Dr. J. Marvin Brown of Bellevue, for the Open All-Age, Derby and Puppy Stakes. John Jarvis of Mercer Island and John Lyon of Edmonds judged the Novice Stake. The Field Marshal was Robert Fletcher of Seattle.

The Open All-Age Stake was run on Saturday, September 25th. Weather clear and warm. F.T.C. Faulkner's Rip ran a superior race and had two perfect finds and two stops to flush to take first place. He is Dr. Don Faulkner's dog and was well handled by Dick Shoemaker of Kirkland, Washington. Apple Hill Jacques, owned by Dr. Glenn Helmer of Mercer Island and handled ably by Stan Aeck, was second. "Jock" had four perfect finds, four stops to flush, ran a fair race, and had one bump. Everett Metzger's Tic Toc Bobby, always a strong contender looked very good and gained third place for his handler, Buck Bissel. Everett and Buck hail from Oregon. Suzanne De Ferncroft, a flashy newcomer to the all age stakes was fourth. She is owned by

Bert Heinz of Redmond and was handled by Dick Shoemaker.

A month or so before the trial, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cox were feeling mighty low. They had lost their Dan of Denny Blaine. Luckily he was found and for a homecoming celebration went out to beat a classy field of derby dogs. He was handled by his owner. Boxer of Seahurst, owned by Alden See Sr. of Renton and handled by Dick Shoemaker was second. Beau of Alamuchy Mac, owned by Wm. Stein of Missoula, Montana, and handled by Buck Bissell was third. This was the first trip to Ellensburg for a field trial for Mr. and Mrs. Stein. We hope they will now be "regulars". Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan of Berkeley, California won fourth place with their beautiful Mona of Edough.

Jonilyn's Jacques, a puppy who ran like an all age won the puppy stake. He is owned by Linda Peterson of Bellevue and was handled by young brother John. Mike's Chien Oiseau ran a good birdy race for second. He is owned and handled by Cliff Stewart of Eugene, Ore., another newcomer we were pleased to welcome to our trial. Toffee Idoc Tradesman, owned by Don Fredericks of Portland, Oregon, and handled by Buck Bissell was third. Buck added another trophy by taking fourth place with Toffee Idoc Western Winner.

The Novice Stake, which was open to amateur handlers of dogs with no previous wins was won by Judy of Paradise. Judy is a stylish little dog owned and handled by A. L. Stavik of Tacoma, Washington. Second honors went to Ernie Code's Lady Jennifer. Jenny showed she is a real hunter as well as being able to whelp so many potential champions. Condon's Britt, owned and handled by Bert Heinz was impressive in third place.

The banquet on Saturday night at the Antler's Hotel in Ellensburg was well attended. To those of you who like to work the wary Chinese pheasant in real Chink country watch for the date of our 1956 Fall Trial and pay us a visit. We'd sure like to have you.

NATIONAL WINNERS
PREVIOUS PLACEMENT IN REGIONAL TRIALS

By Ruth L. Lee

Repeated placements in Brittany Regional Trials, —not necessarily 1st. places—is what builds reputations. With twenty-three clubs holding trials spring and fall, there is now ample opportunity to build sizable reputations by the time the Brittany National trials roll around. Whether or not that reputation will hold up is part of the lure of the Nationals at Crab Orchard, where wild birds and tough cover on multiple courses present a real challenge.

The records of this year's National winners speaks for themselves. *There were no dark horses.* While most of them had *not* cut dazzling figures in Brittany Regional trials, and three of the four-placed dogs in the Open Stake had *not* yet gained their field trial championships, they had all merited distinction in previous Brittany Regional trials.

1st., Hels Oklahoma Topper
 Puppy Derby
 2nd—Illinois 4th—Illinois
 2nd—Hoosier 2nd—N. Jersey
 2nd—Ohio 2nd—Sooner
 1st—New York
 2nd—Sooner

2nd., Young Rain
 Puppy Derby
 3rd—N. Jersey 3rd—Badger
 2nd—Hoosier

3rd., Pacolet's Cheyenne
 Puppy Derby
 (Several placements prior to obtaining
 1st. Puppy; then campaigned as Derby)
 1st—Saginaw Valley 1st—Hoosier

Cheyenne has her full quota of both
Puppy and Derby points toward her
 championship.

4th., Becky's Pete of LaRue
 (1st—Fun Trial as Puppy)
 Derby
 2nd—Ohio

When it comes to the Open All-Age
 Stake, the National winners of 1955
 could be described as "dogs in their

ascendency". You have to look down
 the list of those placing in the Open
 Stake to fourth place, before you come
 to a field trial champion. This, despite
 the fact that of the 55 competing in
 the Open Stake, 21 had already achieved
 their field trial championship ratings!

OPEN ALL-AGE PLACED DOGS

1st—Towsey (whelped 5-15-51)
 Spring '55 Fall '55
 2nd—Open-Midwest 1st—Amateur-Midwest
 3rd—Amateur-Sooner 2nd—Amateur-Sooner
 2nd—Raggs Freckles (whelped 4-18-52)
 Spring '55
 1st—Open-Saginaw Valley
 2nd—Open-Michigan
 1st—Amateur-Ohio
 3rd—Nipper's Rocket (whelped 3-9-53)
 Spring '55 Fall '55
 3rd—Derby-Pinehurst 2nd—Open-Michigan
 4th—F.T. Ch. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond
 (completed championship)
 (whelped 3-21-50)

Again, it was consistent "Amateur
 placers" who nosed out the champions
 in the Amateur Stake. Half of the con-
 tenders were field trial champions, and
 yet the placements went to the top two
 nonchampions, Holley Haven Dan and
 Buccaneer de Klemanor. The veteran,
 proven field champions, F.T. Ch. Buttons
 and Bows and Dual Ch. Holley Haven
 Duchess came away with only 3rd and
 4th places respectively.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE PLACED DOGS

1st—Holley Haven Dan (whelped 7-18-51)
 Fall '54 Spring '55
 1st—Amateur-Mich. 4th—Amateur-Mich.
 2nd—Amateur-
 Saginaw Valley
 2nd—Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanor
 (whelped 3-22-48)
 Fall '53
 1st—Amateur-Michigan (4pt. stake)

3rd—F.T. Ch. Buttons and Bows
(whelped 5-16-49)
Completed championship

4th—Dual Ch. Holley Haven Duchess
(whelped 7-18-51)
Completed championship

The above records may not be complete, as they have been gleaned from handler's records, and reports of Regional trials in previous issues of THE

AMERICAN BRITTANY. But even so, it indicates all the "National" strutters had done some strutting before, and will probably continue to do so!

It may bring solace to many owners who feel their dogs get "only red ribbons" to realize that, on the whole, it was the 2nd place dogs—"the spare bowlers" who came through handsomely in the big-time Brittany event—The Nationals!

LIST OF BRITTANIES WINNING IN THE EASTERN CIRCUIT IN 1955

Eastern Dog Club, Boston — 10 entries. Mr. Clark Thompson, Judge. Winners Dog and B.B.: Doctor Joe of Kaymore. B.O.: Brittchesters Leading Lady.

Manchester, N. H. — 14 entries. Mrs. W. C. Edmiston, Judge. Winners: Doctor Joe of Kaymore. W. B.: Brittchesters Leading Lady.

Providence, R. I. — 5 entries. Mr. Louis Hall, Judge. B.B. & Winners Dog: Doctor Joe of Kaymore. B.O.: Brittchesters Leading Lady.

Ladies Dog Club — 7 entries. Mr. Herbert Roling, Judge. Winners dog & B.B.: Doctor Joe of Kaymore. Winners B. & B.O.: Brittchesters Leading Lady.

Framingham K.C. — 13 entries. Mr. Arthur Tooton, Judge. Winners Dog: Doctor Joe of Kaymore. W.B.: Burbanks Katherine Baptista.

Doctor Joe of Kaymore completed his championship at Framingham.

Bridgewater K.C. — 4 entries. C. J. Murphy, Judge. B.B. & Winners Dog: Jacques of Kaymore. B.O. & W.B.: Collette of Kaymore.

Middlesex County K.C. — 6 entries. Mr. Forrest Hall, Judge. Winners Bitch & B.B.: Brittchesters Leading Lady. B.O.: Jig de Kaymore.

Green Mt. Dog Club, Vermont — 8 entries. Louis Murr, Judge. B.B. & W.D.: Jig de Kaymore. B.O.: Duchess du Juchoir.

Burlington, Vt. — B.B. & W.D.: Jig de Kaymore. B.O.: Duchess du Juchoir.

Central ME. K.C. Alva Rosenberg, Judge. W.D.: Jüchoirs Left End. W.B. & B.O.: Collette of Kaymore. B.B. Champion: Doctor Joe of Kaymore.

Carroll County K.C. Mrs. Joseph Quirk, Judge. W.D.: Jig de Kaymore. B.B. Ch.: Doctor Joe of Kaymore. W.B.: Brittchesters Leading Lady.

Cheshire K.C. Mr. Selwyn Harris, Judge. B.B. & W.D.: Jig de Kaymore. B.O. & W.B.: Collette of Kaymore.

Wachusett K.C. — 10 entries. Col. Edward D. McQuown, Judge. W.D.: Jacques of Kaymore. W.B.: Little Bits of Brittchester. B.B. Ch.: Doctor Joe of Kaymore.

Cape Cod K.C. Mr. Percy Roberts, Judge.

W.D.: Jacques of Kaymore. W.B. & B.O.: Collette of Kaymore. B.B. Ch.: Dr. Joe of Kaymore.

South Shore K.C. Dr. Harry Steinbach, Judge. W.D.: Jacques of Kaymore. W.B. & B.O. Collette of Kaymore. B.B. Ch.: Doctor Joe of Kaymore.

Myopia Hunt Club & 12 entries. Mr. Maxwell, Judge. W.D. & B.B.: Jacques of Kaymore. W.B. & B.O.: Brittchesters Leading Lady. (This show completed Lady's Championship.)

Rockingham K.C. — 7 entries. Mr. Anton Korbel, Judge. W.D.: Jig de Kaymore. W.B. & B.O. Collette of Kaymore. B.B. Ch.: Doctor Joe of Kaymore.

This show completed Championship for Jig de Kaymore.

Gr. Barrington K.C. — 5 entries. Mr. Alva Rosenberg, Judge. B.B. Ch.: Doctor Joe of Kaymore. W.D.: Winnetka Calvie. W.B. & B.O.: Collette of Kaymore.



CHAMPION DOCTOR JOE OF KAYMORE
Handler Dorothy Kay Morehouse

Champion Doctor Joe of Kaymore belongs to me, Dorothy Kay Morehouse, and is my first Brittany and also the first dog I showed. His sire is Jud of Pasatrou and Lady Godiva de Basgard, Dam.

Champion Jig de Kaymore belongs to Al and Mildred Weigel of Methuen. Al is well known to Brittany fans and is a director of the A.B.C. Jig's parents are the same as Doc's. Later litter, though.

Champion Brittchesters Leading Lady is owned by Bob Burbank and her sire is Kick of Kaymore and Candy II, Dam. Bob is from Chester, N. H., and is an active member in the Central N.E.B.C.

We were very happy with the turn out at the shows since February and plan to make Framingham, Mass., a Specialty Show next June. All of the Kaymore dogs are also being run in the field as well as shown on the bench and we are strong believers in keeping the Brit a Dual Dog.

Jacques & Collette of Kaymore belong to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Curran, Jr., Main St., Andover, Mass. Duchess du Juchoir belongs to Bill Whiting of C.N.E.B.C.

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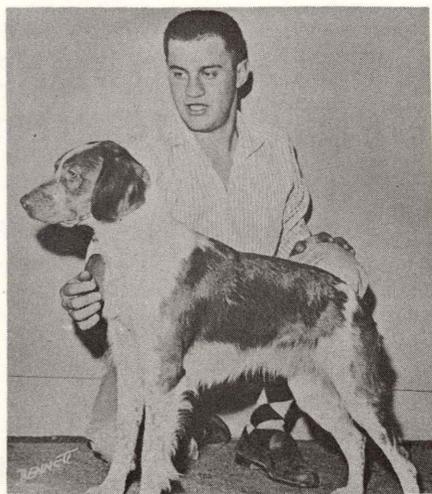
Ch. Pepper de Casa Blanca by Commando de Casa Blanca X Parvenue Innis. Finished May 29, 1955 at Del Monte Kennel Club. Owner Mr. B. C. Cochrane. Pictured: Golden Gate January 24-25 WB - Judge Haskel Shuffman.



Ch. Saly de Cordoba by Topper Boy X Spanghaven White Flash. Finished October 2, 1955 at Mensona KC. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gordon. Breeder: James Ross. Pictured: Dorothy Gordon and Mr. Fredrick David, Judge.



Ch. Pipermint de Colauzer by Ch. Bourbon de Colauzer X Ch. Saly de Cordoba Finished August 20, 1955 at Marin North Bay KC. Breeders: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gordon. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Vincent D'Antoni. Pictured: Mrs. D'Antoni and Jim Galindo, handler. Mr. William Pym, Judge.



Ch. Cognac de Colauzer by Ch. Bourbon de Colauzer X Ch. Dubonnet de Colauzer. Finished October 2, 1955 at Mensona KC. Owners: Bob and Jim Galindo. Breeders: Mr. and Mrs. George Monk. Pictured Jim Galindo 18 years old who handled him all the way.

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