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1961 SPRING FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULE

Date	East Coast	Central	Midwest	West Coast
Jan. 27-28-29	Southeastern			
Feb. 25-26		Illinois		California
March 4-5			Missouri	N. California
March 11-12		Kentucky	Midwest	Golden Empire
March 18-19	Maryland	Buckeye	Sooner	Oregon
March 24-25-26	Susquehanna	Ohio	Northern Oklahoma	Washington
Mar. 31, Apr. 1-2		Michigan		
April 1-2	Hudson Valley	Saginaw	Southern Kansas	
April 8-9	North Jersey	Michigan	Nebraska	
April 15-16			Ringneck	
April 14-15-16	Upper New York	Hoosier		
April 22-23	Central New England	Badger	Skyline	
April 29-30	Southern New England	Pennsylvania	Minnesota	

National Champion For 1959

Field Ch. Towsey



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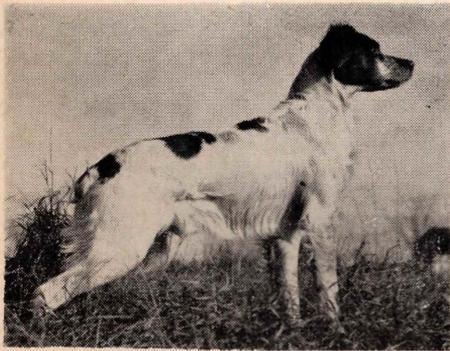
MICHIGAN BRITTANY GROUSE CLUB
THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL
OPEN GROUSE CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE

Many grouse dog owners are now saying, "If you want to see some good bird work by grouse dogs in a field trial, go see the Brittany grouse trials." Again this last fall our Brittannies showed us how capable and hard-working they are in grouse country.

The Michigan Brittany Grouse Club held its Third Annual National Open Grouse Championship stake October 17-18, 1959 at the Gladwin State Game Refuge. An Amateur All Age stake was also offered this year. President Amos Greer and his committee chose George Wilson, Flint, and Lewis Miller, Midland, as judges, and they proved most capable in their judging duties. Joe Kern was marshal for the stakes, and Al Vogt was stakes manager.

AMATEUR ALL AGE
Saturday, October 17, 11 entries

- 1st—L'Etoile de Dingo, owned by James Freeman, Ann Arbor, and handled by Olene Freeman. Starboy ran a good race, handled very good, and finished strong. He had a point on grouse in the second series.
- 2nd—King Ikemar, owned by Ivan Roth, Clio, and handled by Lawrence Griffin, Reese. King ran a good



L'Etoile de Dingo.

race, hunted hard all the way, handling well. He had birdwork during the second series race with the first place winner.

- 3rd—Count Renee, owned and handled by Wm. Hughes, Flint. Count ran a fair to good race, hunting hard and wide.

Another dog doing commendable work was Mike's Cindy of LaRue, owned and handled by Al Vogt, Flint.

CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE
14 Entries

Judges: Lewis Miller, George Wilson

Winner: L'Etoile de Dingo, owned by James Freeman, Ann Arbor, and handled by Olene Freeman.

Runner-up: Benjji of LaRue, owned and handled by Carlton P. Plyler, Cadillac.

Third Place: Penny's Happy Pepi, owned by Art and Ruth Parker, Free-land, and handled by Jane Thompson.

Fourth Place: Gladjoe's Pride, owned and handled by Joe Kern, Detroit.

1st Brace: Holley Haven Dan, Wm. Szubielak, Livonia, owner and handler.

Uno's Rex of Paradise, Jack Secor, Niles, owner and handler.

Out at 2:19, at 2:24 Rex was lost. 2:35 two grouse flushed wild. Dan ran a good but short race and handled easily.

2nd Brace: Gladjoe's Pride, owned and handled by Joe Kern, Detroit.

Skywood's Tantivy, owned by James Hadley, Dayton, Ohio, and handled by Jane Thompson.

Out at 3:35—Greg was out of sight at 3:40 and back in at 3:50. At 3:55 sighted deer. Greg ran a good race and finished strong and had contact with grouse at 4:30 and 4:34, which flushed wild. Tantivy was doing good until he tangled with a porcupine at 4:10.

3rd Brace: Joey of Hunterhaven, owned and handled by Earl Chappell, Northville.

Chips Beau Brummel, owned and handled by Al Vogt, Flint.

Out at 4:36—4:48 Joey had two birds flush out wild. He hunted wide and searched the course well. He handled fair and finished strong. Chips ran a good shooting dog race, handled himself well and searched out the right places.

4th Brace: Pacolet's Genii, owned by Mrs. Thomas Higgins, Royal Oak, and handled by Jane Thompson. Gladwin Smokey, owned and handled by Amos Greer, Gladwin.

Out at 8:00 a.m. Genii was lost at 8:10, back at 8:27. She flushed out a bird. No report learned on Smokey.

5th Brace: L'Etoile de Dingo, owned by James Freeman, Ann Arbor, and handled by Olene Freeman. King Ikemar, owned by Ivan Roth, Clio, and handled by Lawrence Griffin, Reese.

Out at 9:10 Starboy had one good find at 9:15, King also pointed same grouse. Starboy hunted good and stayed out fine to finish his long casts and finished the hour going strong. King was lost at 9:25 and back at 9:50.

Ed. Note:—The Michigan Grouse Trial is not an A.B.C. function. It is run under the minimum requirements of the A.F.T.C.A. and not under A.K.C. license.

It is my personal hope that the day is not too far distant when this event will take its place as another A.B.C. Classic. It deserves to rank with the "Pheasant Classic" and the Nationals. When this does come about, we will have "Classics" representative of three types of terrain and three of this countries major game birds, quail, pheasant, and grouse.

6th Brace: Beau de Campbelle, owned and handled by Alvin Parsell, Flint.

Penny's Happy Pepi, owned by Art Parker, Freeland, and handled by Jane Thompson.

Down at 10:25 at 10:34 Beau pushed out a bird. At 10:45 had a good find on a hill top. Despite the fact she favored one leg, Pepi ran well all through the race. Beau ran well and handled good, finishing strong.

7th Brace: Benjji of LaRue, owned and handled by Carlton Plyler, Cadillac.

Count Renee', owned and handled by William Hughes, Flint.

Dogs were off at 11:37. At 11:55 Benjji had a stop to flush. At 12:10 he pointed a bird which flushed wild. Benjji showed off his grouse work perfectly and finished the race still running strong. Count Renee ran wide and handled a little hard.

Each year the competition among the dogs and their owners is getting greater for the John S. Sweeney Jr. Rotating Trophy. Both L'Etoile de Dingo and Benjji of LaRue have won the trophy twice. October 15, 16, 1960 has been chosen for this year's trial. Hope to see more of you people there.



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TO ALL A.B.C. MEMBERS

August 1, 1960

Dear Brittany Friends:

The following is of real importance to all of us, who are interested in the Brittany Spaniel as a breed, as well as we, who are members and officers of the American Brittany Club.

The "American Brittany" magazine has been keeping you well informed on past, present and future subjects regarding workings of the Parent Club, its officers and committees. In an early issue, an article will be printed regarding the Futurity and National Specialty Show and Trial. Be sure to read these articles and encourage your friends to do so.

During the week of the Nationals, the American Brittany Club will hold its Annual Open Business Meeting followed by the Annual Board of Directors Meeting. **It is imperative that each regional have its national director or duly appointed representative present.** Our Constitution states that only a director or duly appointed representative may vote. It, therefore, becomes the responsibility of each officer of the regional clubs to see that his club be represented with a legal representative. Here are some of the decisions, which will be discussed at the Annual Meeting and voted at the Directors Meeting: **FIELD TRIAL RULES (UNIFORMITY), FUTURITY RULES (PAYMENTS AND NATIONAL EXPENSE DIVISION), and REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION, ETC.** Field Trial uniformity was covered by L. E. Tippet in the June issue of the American Brittany. Futurity Rules and our Constitution will be covered in the October issue of our magazine by the respective chairman, Howard Clements and John Lee. Read these articles carefully and instruct your director as to your club's vote.

Your National Committees have the week's activities well organized. How-

ever, in order to do the job in the manner, that will be a credit to our organization, they will need some help from you. As in the past years, we must depend on contributions from our club members and friends to cover the cost of the many beautiful trophies (Field Trial—4 trophies in each stake . . . Show trophies in each class, winners, reserve winners, best of winners, best of opposite sex, best of breed, and best puppy.) Furthermore, A.K.C. requires us to print a catalog for our Specialty Show.

Any contributions, regardless of size will be deeply appreciated. In order, that all contributors may receive proper credit in the catalog, contributions should be sent in by **November 1, 1960.**

Personally, and on behalf of your other officers and committeemen, I thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Charles W. Morse,
President.

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Brittany Club**
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September 17-18, 1960

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MISSOURI BRITTANY CLUB
FALL FIELD TRIAL
October 17 and 18, 1959
James A. Reed Wildlife Area
Lee's Summit, Missouri

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE—22 Starters

Judges:

Thomas Walker and Willis E. Cook

- 1st—Major of Valley Forge, owner, Dr. D. H. Mitchel, Denver, Colorado; handler, Ralph Hesseltine, Overbrook, Kansas.
- 2nd—Jeffrey D'Or, owner, Ted Kellogg, Arvada, Colorado; handler, Ralph Hesseltine, Overbrook, Kansas.
- 3rd—Britton's Kipo, owner, H. H. Wyrick, P.O. Box 142, Indianola, Nebraska; handler, H. A. Butler, Jr., Allen, Oklahoma.
- 4th—Ozark Chieftain, owner, Dr. A. J. Blair, Troy, Kansas; handler, Ralph Hesseltine, Overbrook, Kansas.

AMATEUR ALL AGE STAKE

11 Starters

Judges:

James Summerlin and Richie Johnston

- 1st—Dwight's Halloween Spook, owner, and handler, Dwight H. Williams, 2719 No. 45th St., Kansas City, Kansas.
- 2nd—Penny's Red Knight, owner and handler, Louis F. Oltman, Rt. 1, Box 111, Liberty, Missouri.
- 3rd—Shawnee's Hellou Fancee, owner and handler, Hart Workman, Topeka, Kansas.
- 4th—Britton's Kipo, owner and handler, H. H. Wyrick, P.O. Box 142, Indianola, Nebraska.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE—7 Starters

Judges:

Thomas Walker and Willis E. Cook

- 1st—Henry's Queen Cindy, owner and handler, Herman L. Bonine, R. R. 2, Thayer, Kansas.
- 2nd—Hels Oklahoma Warpaint, owner and handler, H. A. Butler, Jr., Alien, Oklahoma.
- 3rd—Amanda's Jolly Joe, owner and handler, Earl A. Ward, 1830 N. Filmore, Topeka, Kansas.
- 4th—Penny's Beau Jacque, owner and

handler, Louis F. Oltman, Route 1, Box 111, Liberty, Missouri.

OPEN DERBY STAKE—12 Starters

Judges:

Thomas Walker and Willis E. Cook

- 1st—Frontier Chief, owner, H. H. Wyrick, P.O. Box 142, Indianola, Nebraska; handler, H. A. Butler, Jr., Allen, Oklahoma.
- 2nd—Rebel De Kazan, owner Diane Lee Van Patten, 6251 Gaynelle Rd., Tinley Park, Illinois; handler, Erick Van Patten, 6251 Gaynelle Rd., Tinley Park, Illinois.
- 3rd—Bongo, owner, Robert Buehler, 824 Manorcrest, Kansas City, Kansas; handler, Ralph Hesseltine, Overbrook, Kansas.
- 4th—Pitt's Royal Ruff, owner, Phillip Pittman, 2515 Oakley, Kansas City, Missouri; handler, Ralph Hesseltine, Overbrook, Kansas.

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HOOSIER BRITTANY CLUB

by *Herbert L. Cormican, M.D.*

The Hoosier Brittany Club held its Spring Trial April 15-16, 1960 at the Tippecanoe S. P., Winamac, Indiana. All stakes were held over continuous courses on native and released quail and pheasants. An entry of 70 assured keen competition in all stakes.

Since this was the first trial held over these grounds since they became public shooting grounds, everyone was deeply interested in seeing how the bird population would hold up. Several hundred pheasants and 150 quail had been released by the state several days before the trial. As expected, pheasants were in great abundance; however, it quickly became evident that either heavy hunting pressure or severe winter or both had proven almost catastrophic to the quail population. A minimum of contact on these birds was seen throughout the trial. The oversupply of pheasants, as expected, produced a great amount of consternation, and as a result, much sloppy bird work even among the seasoned dogs. It is very obvious that the state conservation department has its work at these grounds very demanding if the quail potentiality of the area is to be approached.

Open All Age

This stake opened the trial on Friday morning, the 15th. There were 28 entrants of which one out of four were field trial champions; the quality of



Benjji of LaRue.

the stake was thus assured. The weather was partly cloudy and the temperature ideal.

It was obvious from the number of pheasants present that the place dogs were likely to come from the "old-Pros". There was no disgrace for many good dogs to get their come-uppance from one or more wily cock pheasant. Incidentally, a few buck deer added their bit to the confusion.

The first place dog, Benjji of LaRue is certainly no newcomer to the winners' circle. His race, though not spectacular, was professional in its steadiness and in being consistently purposeful. His two finds were handled without criticism. The handler was the owner, C. P. Plyler.

It must have been difficult to have judged between the winner and Uno's Rex of Paradise, that always honest performer, who placed second. Rex had a beautiful find with good manners to top off a good race. Bill Kull handled Rex.

Britt's Tic Toc Bobby, shown by Jane Thompson, had perhaps the best race of the winners, but had not quite as clean bird work. It is always a pleasure to see this Britt—certainly one of the most beautiful of his breed—perform.

Pacole's Genii took fourth place and gave evidence that here was contender who had recently come up from the Derby ranks to make a mark for herself. Jane Thompson handled the entrant.

Two other sound all-age dogs showed that the old guard would soon have to be on their mettle to defend their laurels. These were Zorro II and Pacolet's Sam who impressed everyone greatly.

Ferdinand of Leeway again showed that he can move better than the best; unfortunately he went birdless.

Open Derby

This stake was run Saturday, the 16th of April, except for the first two braces, almost entirely in the rain, varying from a drizzle to a severe downpour. Twenty-four Brittanys were shown.

The pheasants, who were the bane of the finished dogs, took a beating from this junior class who had them exploding in all directions.

The winner, Cheyenne's Elizabeth, handled by Jane Thompson was purposefully busy every minute. Her range was wide and she produced birds on several occasions.

Fredann's Buddy, raced by Lee Holman, showed that the White's have a definite up and coming prospect. His race was below that of the winner by only the thinnest margin.

Jane Thompson also guided the third place dog, Handsell's Pete. This dog's race was wide and productive of several good finds. Perhaps his pace was slightly under that of the first two dogs.

Amateur All Age

Nineteen dogs ran in rain from slight to downpour on Saturday, the 16th of April. Despite the poor conditions bird work was plentiful with all but one dog being given the opportunity to handle one or more birds.

The winning dog, Pacolet's Genii, handled by Earl Chappel, proved to be a very important afterthought on the part of her owner. Right up to drawing time there was some doubt as to her participation. There was no doubt as to her ability to find and handle birds as exhibited in the stake. Her race was excellent and her bird manners could not be faulted. It is a pleasure to see a good young bitch such as this come along to win an important stake.

Dual champion Albedo Valley Dingo, handled by Mrs. Freeman, ran a good hunting race to finish with a beautiful find and handling of two cock pheasants at pick up time. Only a running pheasant along the way prevented top consideration.

Raggs Freckles can always be expected to put out his honest best which can be unbeatable. His handler, Dr. Charles Proudfit, followed the dog faithfully

for thirty minutes in a downpour so great that the dogs were not visible a few feet in front of the horses most of the time. No one will soon forget the sight of "Freck" standing staunchly on point in the downpour while Charlie proudly galloped on to flush a running pheasant, then return to produce two pointed quail directly under the dog's nose.

DERBY STAKE—24 Starters

Judges: Earl Chappel and C. W. Morse

- 1st—Cheyenne's Elizabeth, female, by Albedo Valley Dingo — Pacolets Cheyenne. C. R. Smith II, owner; J. Thompson, handler.
- 2nd—Fredann's Buddy, male, by Jet's Tower Pride—Uno's Miss Lady. Fredan's Kenne!, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
- 3rd—Hadsell's Pete, male, by Benjji of LaRue—Vickki of LaRue. Phillip Hadsell, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

AMATEUR ALL AGE—19 Starters

Judges:

Carlton Plyler and Phillip Hadsell

- 1st—Pacolet's Genii, female, by Tex of Richmont—Ruby of Edough. Mrs. Thomas Higgins, owner; Earl Chappel, handler.
- 2nd—L'Etoile De Dingo, male, by Du. Ch. Albedo Valley Dingo—Lady Rebecca. James W. Freeman, owner; Olene Freeman, handler.
- 3rd—Raggs Freckles, male. C. H. Prod-fit, M.D., owner; Mrs. C. H. Proudfit, handler.

OPEN ALL AGE—28 Starters

Judges:

Philip Hadsell and George Schael

- 1st—Field Ch. Benjji of LaRue, male, by Ghost of Edough—Antwon de Beauch. Carlton Plyler, owner and handler.
- 2nd—Uno's Rex of Paradise, male, by Uno's Jet — Prices Lady Kaer. Jack F. Secor, owner and handler.
- 3rd—Britt's Tic Toc Bobby, male, by Evergray's Tic Toc Bobby—Sally Sue Sue. H. H. Crippler, owner; J. Thompson, handler.

Trainer's Panel

The guest panelist this month is Nicky Bissel, professional trainer and handler from Sherwood, Oregon.

The response to this feature has been gratifying. Keep the questions coming and we will keep our panelists busy.

Q. When do you teach a puppy to be steady to wing and shot?

May I answer your question with another question? Would you expect your six year old child to master trigonometry? And your answer, no, she would have to learn addition, subtraction, algebra and geometry first. That is the way it is with a pup. He has to learn how to hunt, where to find birds, how to trail runners, how close he can push a bird without busting it, what the gun is, what the gun does, and many other things before he is ready for the final step in his training, steadying to wing and shot. A pup up to a year is much like a grade schooler, while your one to two year old dog is like a teenager. When he shows you he is mature is time enough to expect adult manners out of him.

You will find that many pups won't chase their first few birds. Simply because they are startled by the bird taking off under their nose, or a little scared of it. But when they know what a bird is, their natural desire is to catch it and bring it back to you. Some pups will almost steady themselves at less than two years. If they have this desire not to chase it should be encouraged. But please, please, don't break that youngsters spirit by getting rough with him because he wants to chase. Two years old is time enough to start really cracking down on him. Just remember that only two Britts have been able to finish their field champion-

ships at under two years of age. So don't expect more of your gundog.

Let him be a puppy a little longer and you won't regret it. For he will learn so many valuable lessons on bird handling that he will make you a better shooting dog in the end.

I knew an old grouse hunter who steadied his dog down almost before she knew what a bird was. In fact the dog had a tremendous vocabulary and would do astounding things for her owner. And they always got birds galore. I hunted with them and he told the dog every move to make. Because the owner knew grouse from way back he put the dog on hundreds of them. Then one season, the weather was wrong, and grouse were plentiful, but in places you never had found them before. We found as many birds with our dogs but in the most unusual places. Talked to my friend and he and his dog hadn't found a bird. What it boiled down to was that his dog didn't know how to find a bird because she never had been allowed to on her own. He had found all her birds for her, and now because he didn't know where to look she was useless to him.

ALL REGIONALS

Important decisions to be made. Be sure your Director is at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting.

FUTURITY LITTER

Whelped June 29, 1960

Both Sexes

Sire:

Fld. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway

Dam:

Pacole's Gold Chick

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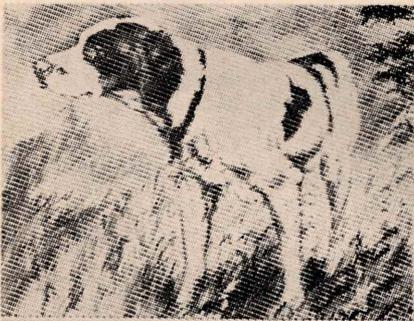
by Rand Constalie

Balmy temperatures pushed the mercury to the mid-eighties for the Badger Brittany Club spring trial at the Necadah National Wildlife Refuge April 23rd and 24th. The drawing was held on the Patio of the Necadah Motel Friday night, April 22nd with everyone in his shirt sleeves. As far as the weather was concerned it could have been Hawaii instead of usually frigid Wisconsin.

Record entries had the Field Trial Committee scurrying hither and yon to complete all the advertised stakes in the allotted two days. The Club was fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Howard Crippen of Dearborn, Mich. and Jack Plyler of Cadillac, Mich. as judges to help complete the crowded schedule on time. Before the running was completed, a total of six judges had sweated in the saddle; in addition to Howard Crippen and Jack Plyler who judged the Derby Stake, Vernon Halmarst of LaCrosse, Wis. and Joe Krieg of St. Paul, Minn. judged the Open All Age and Amateur Gun Dog Stakes and Joe Cassidy of Madison, Wis. and Bob Keyster of Middleton, Wis. judged the Puppy Stake.

OPEN ALL AGE—32 Starters

1st—Benjji of LaRue. C. P. Plyler, owner and handler.



Saxon of Fredan.

- 2nd—Ferd's Flag of Leeway. Earl Chapel, owner; Mrs. Jane Thompson, handler.
3rd—Zorro II. C. D. Alderman, owner; Mrs. Jane Thompson, handler.
4th—Pacolet's Penny. Walter Abner, owner; Mrs. Jane Thompson, handler.

OPEN DERBY—14 Starters

- 1st—Tearaway Broccho. Dr. A. B. Kores, owner; Cliff Kittelson, handler.
2nd—Hadsell's Pete. Phillip Hadsell, owner; Mrs. Jane Thompson, handler.
3rd—Pinoak Star. Dave Olund, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
4th—Pollyanna De Klemanor. William Parrot, owner; Paul Bone, handler.

OPEN PUPPY—23 Starters

- 1st—Jacques of LaRue. J. S. Allison, owner; C. P. Plyler, handler.
2nd—Hadsell's Pete. Phillip Hadsell, owner; Mrs. Jane Thompson, handler.
3rd—Havapal Maggie. Robert Kossell, owner and handler.
4th—Northland's Doc. Homer Collins, owner; Lee Holman, handler.

AMATEUR GUN DOG—22 Starters

- 1st—Saxon of Fredan. Dr. F. Z. White, owner and handler.
2nd—Rendevous Excell. Frank McBride, owner and handler.
3rd—Bell Ringer. Dr. A. B. Kores, owner and handler.
4th—Withheld.

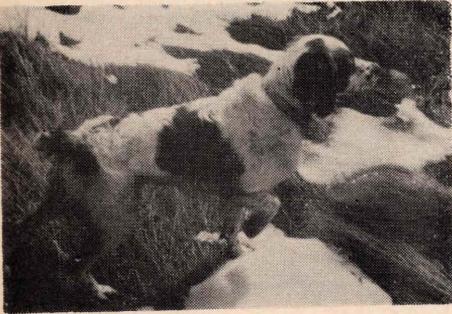
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CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND
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(Spring Trial, April 30 - May 1, 1960, Westboro, Mass.)

The Trial was again held on the State Grounds at Westboro. One course for all stakes, liberated pheasants were used for Puppy and Derby Stakes; Bob White Quail for the Open and Amateur Stakes.

Saturday was cool in the morning but warmed in the afternoon. Sunday was



Passamonte's Gun Slinger.

cold, windy and rainy throughout the day.

We wish to thank the judges for their fine job, riding every brace through these two days of every kind of weather. The judges for all stakes were:

Robert Aldinger, Rochester, New York, and Leo Touzjian, Hopkinton, Mass.

Our thanks also to Herb Ferris and Boy Scout Troop 136 of Upton, Mass. for a job well done—keeping hungry Field Trialers well fed—and for the gallons of hot coffee that kept us going in the cold rain on Sunday.

The Dual Ch. Britt of Bellows Falls Trophy was won by Marceile Bell handling Dual Ch. Belloaks Ibby. This retires this trophy and another will be purchased by the CNEBC.

OPEN ALL AGE

- 1st—Helderberg Misty.
- 2nd—Pacolet's Whist.
- 3rd—Traphels Helderberg Hildy.
- 4th—Detective Neal of Kaymore.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

- 1st—Kadykills Doc.
- 2nd—Belloaks Ibby.
- 3rd—Helgramite Shamandre.
- 4th—Kilroy.

OPEN PUPPY

- 1st—Passamonte's Gunslinger.
- 2nd—Ponkapoag Gunner Boy.
- 3rd—Kaymore's Triste Sac.
- 4th—Kit Fox.



Open All Age Placements—CNEBC.

OPEN DERBY

- 1st—Centime D'Or.
- 2nd—Rusty of Highbrow.
- 3rd—Westchester's Zircaloy.
- 4th—Kaymore's Sunset Gold.



Kadykills Doc.

Central New England Brittany Club second Plan A sanction match was held preceding the drawing, Friday, April 29th at the Field Trial Headquarters at Westboro, Mass.

Judging was capably handled by Mr. Herbert Roling of Farmington, Conn.



(1 to r) Linda Dall with Cumming's Gunner Girl, Best of Opposite; Judge Herbert Rolling; William Whiting with Kaymore's Librette, Best Puppy; Dr. Alan Ingle with Kaymore's Torchy, Best in Match.

Central New England Brittany Club First Specialty Show

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Judge—Dr. S. Allen Truex M.D.

Entry Blanks from . . .

Mansfield Dog Show Organization.
Alexandria, Virginia.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This is one of those "Letter to the Editor" bits; subject, judicial standards for the Brittany Field trial; a subject that could stimulate more letters to the editor, and one that merits discussion. I also believe that the ABC should set forth a set of standards to guide the Brittany Field Trial Judge. This has already been done for the show judge. Why shouldn't the field judge have a similar set of standards?

In setting up such a set of standards it is first necessary to state the purpose of the Brittany Field Trial. If we start with the assumption that this purpose is to provide a means of proving the field ability of dogs produced from a breeding program designed to produce high quality gun dogs with the physical characteristics as set forth in the standards of the breed, we then have a starting point for such a set of standards. There is one more very important factor that we must consider before we start to establish our standards and that is: What is the reason for the present popularity of the Brittany? I think there are a number of them:

1. He is an easy dog to hunt behind on foot because he handles easily and his range is comfortable for the average hunter of today who is limited to rather small land areas.
2. He is an easily trained dog being pretty much a natural pointer and pointing at an early age; the ordinary gunner doesn't experience too much difficulty in training him for his purpose.
3. He is a merry going dog, not a real ground eater but the way he zips around you just know he's going to find game.
4. His small size makes him easy to feed, kennel and transport, and works well to his advantage as a house pet.

If we accept the foregoing, then it

follows that our standards should be such that those qualities should be developed to the highest possible degree.

In arriving at this set of standards the following might well deserve consideration and discussion:

1. Range: Should be adjusted to cover and ground conditions, the dog should cover the ground well where game might be found and should check position of handler when necessary. He should not range far beyond sight or voice of handler.
2. Handling: Dog should handle with the barest minimum of effort on the part of the handler. He should note direction handler is taking and hunt forward in that direction. It should not be necessary for handler to use voice or whistle frequently.
3. Staunchness: Dog should be completely stanch on point with birds exactly located in a bold and positive manner.
4. Bird finding ability: That indefinable sense that some dogs seem to have in knowing where game is before it is located by scent should be developed to the highest possible degree.
5. Intensity: The dog should point with a style and intensity that shows pride and purpose.
6. Movement: A merry manner of going with a pleasing and graceful gait coupled with zip and fire.
7. Steadiness: He should be steady to wing and shot to demonstrate that he is capable of complete training.

The above are not necessarily listed in order of importance and is not necessarily complete but is presented as a basis of discussion to arrive at a standard that will improve the breed in a direction that will justify its existence

by fulfilling a definite need for a small, easy to hunt with companion and gun dog.

It should be noted that these conclusions are drawn on a number of assumptions, not necessarily correct. If we declare the purpose of our field trials is to provide a show and a race we would do well to accept the standards of the Pointer trials where range and speed are paramount and the dog is only required to find game to show his style and manners; where the "class dog" is one that runs away—but not quite; then our standards are already established. Regardless of what standards are adopted the time to do it is now because for all practical purposes we can say that the Brittany as we now know him is a new breed and the development of the breed could well be decided by the decisions made now.

This is not particularly a plea for the adoption of any specific set of standards. Those that have been presented here were done so because they seem to be logical in view of the direction the present development of the breed is taking. It is a plea for a set of standards that will apply to the Brittany Trials wherever they are run. It is a plea for the stating of what our primary aims are in the field qualities of the breed.

Sincerely,
Rand Constalie,
Badger Brittany Club.

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Comment by Louis Tippet, 1st V.P. of A.B.C. and Chairman of the Field Trial Regulation Committee.

I feel that Mr. Constalie's "Letter to the Editor" is most interesting and brings out some very pertinent points for discussion.

Setting up a standard for conformation of an animal is quite simple as compared to trying to set up a standard of performance. A great deal of interpreting must be done in appraising a dog's performance in the field while in appraising the dog's conformation, it can be done from exact standards of measurement.

I have heard many people suggest and inquire as to why there has not been some kind of text or instruction which would list the qualities or points for judging dogs with some kind of a rating or percentage system set up for judges to follow. I might say that it has been attempted, but to my knowledge has never been successful as far as judging bird dogs is concerned. The qualified bird dog judge must have a firm grasp of his subject and a full knowledge of fundamentals and, above all, a firm conviction of what he wants in a bird dog. To get all of this he must have a personal and practical experience in the running and handling of many dogs. He must have had experience and practical knowledge of hunting the birds for which the dog is searching so that he can not only interpret the actions of the dog, but along with that the action of the birds themselves. If we were to attempt to instruct such a qualified judge as to the points on which he was to rate the dog, he would undoubtedly instruct us to look for another judge. In addition

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to this, we would be depriving ourselves of his knowledge and experience in the very thing we are looking for in passing judgement on the dogs.

I also might point out that the performance of a dog hunting for quail is somewhat different than the performance of a dog hunting for pheasant and the performance of a dog hunting grouse is even different from either the pheasant dog or the quail dog. The birds must be handled differently; the habitat or places where birds are most likely to be found is different, all of which accounts for a different performance. In my opinion, no qualified bird dog judge would want to accept an assignment where he would be tied to a point system of judging which we would be doing if we set up standards for judges to follow as has been suggested.

Mr. Constalie indicates that a standard for judging pointer trials keeps range and speed paramount with the "class dog" being one that runs away, but not quite. I cannot agree with this, although I will admit that probably too often there have been instances where too much emphasis has been placed on range and speed with too little attention being given to intelligent searching, bird work, and handling response and there admittedly have been eras in the field trial game where heels seemed to be the dominant factor in field trial triumphs. By the same token, there have been eras when attention was given to bird work alone, to some extent disregarding intelligence of hunting, speed and the other things which go together to make up the overall top performer. These might be known as eras of extremes and certainly are not the rule.

I might quote a definition of fundamentals or standards given by the late Dr. P. R. Bolton, for many years president of the Continental Field Trial Club. He stated "Once in action hunting, the work of the dog divides itself into three main parts, with the dog's intelligence directing all: 1—Ground Work. (a) Intelligence; (b) Speed; (c) Range; (d) Stamina. 2—Bird Work. (a) Accurate and Quick Location; (b) Pointing; (c) Staunchness; (d) Style. 3—Training.

(a) Hunting to the Course; (b) Responding to Handler! (c) Steadiness."

The definitions of many others so well-grounded in the sport of developing and running bird dogs follow the same line of reasoning. The celebrated National Championship Trials run at Grand Junction, Tennessee which held their inaugural running in 1896, which is certainly the peer of all bird dog trials, emphasized that the dog must hunt to the gun to the extent that there is certainly no place for the so-called run-away dog.

In my opinion we are looking for the same qualities in evaluating Brittanies in the field that we are looking for in evaluating Pointers and Setters, except we know they are not going to cover as much ground as their larger and more leggy relatives. As long as the breeders stick to the developing of a dual dog which meets the standards of conformation set up for the breed, we have no fear of developing dogs of extreme range which would render them undesirable as a gun dog. Let us keep looking for a bird dog as defined by Dr. P. R. Bolton, Dr. T. Benton King and the many others who enjoyed so many rich years of experience in the sport. Let us select and rely on the judgement of men experienced in the training, running and handling of dogs who have demonstrated their eye for a good dog and not try to set up a point system of judging which has proven to be impractical through the many years of field trials.



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FROM YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On a separate page of all copies of this issue mailed to American Brittany Club members, there is a Directors Nominating Ballot. This ballot is the beginning of the procedure followed by the American Brittany Club Nominating Committee to determine a slate of nominees for the offices of Directors at Large. The results of this nominating election will be tabulated and, after getting the consent of those receiving the highest number of votes, a Directors Election Ballot will be prepared. The Directors Election Ballot will then be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting where the election will be completed.

The Directors at Large, together with the Directors who are elected by each Regional club, make up the Board of Directors which is the governing body of your American Brittany Club.

It is from this Board that the National officers are elected. It is important that you keep this in mind when you fill out your Directors Nominating Ballot. It is also important that Regional clubs keep this in mind when electing their National Director.

The Nominating Committee has been asked to recommend a slate of nominees for the National offices, and since this slate must come from the Board of Directors, the Board should consist of as many members as possible who are not only interested in the National affairs of the club, but are also capable and willing to assume the responsibilities of the National offices.

Vote your Nominating Ballot without delay.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Arthur J. Parker, Chairman.

Meet The People . . .



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THE FUTURITY STORY

by George E. Millar, Futurity Chairman

Many requests for information relative to Futurity operation are received each season and the following may simplify the rules and help remove some confusion.

The Futurity is a service offered to Brittany Spaniel breeders by the American Brittany Club to improve the breed, offer an opportunity for breeders to prove the effectiveness of their breeding programs and have an opportunity to win money doing it.

Registered Brittany Spaniel bitches bred after October 30 (date New Futurity Opens) are eligible for nomination to Futurity. Within 30 days after bitch is bred a nomination—found on back of Brittany magazine or can be secured from Futurity Chairman—should be filled out and mailed to Futurity Chairman along with 1st nomination fee of \$5.00.

This form is filed and a number assigned. A whelping form is returned to the breeder with a receipt for the first enrollment fee.

Within 30 days after litter whelps, the whelping form with the number and sex of dogs in litter is returned to the Futurity Chairman and a second nomination fee of \$5.00 is due at this time.

The litter is now nominated and is referred to as a completed nomination and listed under completions in the American Brittany Magazine and breeder is eligible for a share in the purse. Should a bitch fail to whelp or give birth to dead litter this should also be reported (within 20 days) to Chairman on the whelping form and a credit for the 1st forfeit is issued which may be used in the same or succeeding Futurity or transferred to another breeding or breeder in same Futurity with A.B.C. approval. On July 1st of year following futurity opening nominations close for that years futurity.

One year after futurity nominations close individual puppies which have been registered with A.K.C. must be entered in the Futurity stake to be eligible for the running. A fee of \$15.00 is necessary with a completed entry from mailed to Futurity Chairman. This form may be obtained from your breeder or will be mailed by Futurity Chairman. This is a most important consideration, many Brits show marked improvement during the entry closing date and the running.

The nominating, forfeit and entry fees are pooled and after deducting expenses of the stake, including 10% for the American Brittany Club the balance constitutes the Purse.

The Purse is divided 2/3 to owners of winners and 1/3 to breeders of winners with placements divided 40% for 1st, 25% for 2nd, 20% for 3rd and 15% for 4th place.

The rule above is interceded only to clear up some misunderstandings and not to circumvent the rules on the back of the entry blanks to which you may refer if in doubt—in all cases American Brittany Club Futurity rules will be the determining factor in making decisions.

DID YOU KNOW

That over 1300 pieces of mail were sent out in the 13th Futurity?

That the Bank interest more than covers the cost of postage?

That the editor or the A.B.C. magazine has saved the Futurity over \$38.00 in printing costs?

That over 1500 puppies are eligible for the 13th Futurity and that more than 800 of these are males?

That there were 217 First enrollments and 132 completions?

That Midwest had 19 completions, Central New England had 18 completions and Illinois had 16 completions.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
BRITTANY SPANIEL FUTURITY

JUNE 21, 1960

88. GREEN ACRES FRAN—FLD. CH. YANKEE BOY'S TOMMY—3/23/60—3 males, 2 bitches; John A. Costelow, 125 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas.
89. DINGO'S GOGI—FLD. CH. YANKEE BOY'S TOMMY—4/1/60—4 males, 3 bitches; John A. Costelow, 125 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas.
133. CH. HOLLEY HAVEN SALLY—PINEY RIDGE WARRIOR—5/5/60—1 male, 4 bitches; Florence V. Holleyoak, 2344 Hannan Rd., Wayne, Mich.
134. CH. HOLLEY HAVEN DIXIE—DU. CH. DINGO'S LITTLE MIKE—5/8/60—3 males, 4 bitches; Henry A. Holleyoak, 2344 Hannan Rd., Wayne Mich.
140. MASTER'S RUBY SPOT—CH. BRIT'S TIC-TOC BOBBY—5/5/60—5 males, 2 bitches; Jane G. Thompson, 48200 Twelve Mile Rd., Novi, Mich.
143. RICHMONT TRIX—FLD. CH. TOWSEY—5/7/60—3 males, 2 bitches; L. L. Grossnickle, 508 Vermont Rd., Austin 2, Texas.
149. JUCHOIR'S JUDE DE HELLOU—HELLOU TIMBER'S TY—5/17/60—3 males, 3 bitches; William M. Overbey, 1172 Plass, Topeka, Kansas.
150. JET'S LAST LADY—TIMMIE DE ARBEAN—5/4/60—1 male, 1 bitch; Roy H. Noggle, Box 67, Spring Valley, Ohio.
151. CH. EDANDOT BONITA—EDANDOT CORKY—5/28/60—2 males, 2 bitches; Edward M. Borger, R. D. 2, Polk, Penna.
153. MADEMOISELLE LA FATIMA—FLD. CH. PUNCH OF PARADISE—5/20/60—3 males, 2 bitches; J. E. Leverich, 1824 Christine, Pampa, Texas.
154. DEBUTANTE BONNY OF SOKOTA—SIOUXLAND JIB—5/20/60—5 males, 4 bitches; Dr. Amas C. and Mildred E. Michael, 214 N. University St., Vermillion, S. D.
167. PACOLET'S TERIMAED SUE—RENDEZVOUS ELIAS—5/25/60—7 males, 5 bitches; Richard J. Sweet, Rt. 2, Carbondale, Ill.
171. FERD'S KAN KAN OF LEEWAY—DAVE'S AJAX—6/13/60—4 males, 3 bitches; John W. Lee, 6850 East 56th St., Indianapolis 26, In.
172. PRINCESS GINGER'S PRIDE—FLD. CH. FERDINAND OF LEEWAY—6/4/60—5 males, 1 bitch; John W. Lee, 6850 East 56th St., Indianapolis 26, Ind.
175. AKIN'S JET JEWEL—DAVELLEN LUCKY—6/6/60—5 males, 3 bitches; Donald Akin and J. M. Carter, 207 E. Church St., Benton, Ill.
177. LADY OF SUZANNE—HELLOU TIMBER'S TY—6/10/60—3 males, 2 bitches; Dr. Adolph Utzinger, 42 Morningside Drive, Lakewood 15, Colorado.
179. FREDANN'S MISS POLLYANNA—DU. CH. SAXON OF FREDAN—6/6/60—2 males; Fred Z. and Annicelee White, 301 N. Second, Chillicothe, Ill.
180. CH. TOMMY'S PAPILLION SUE—DU. CH. SAXON OF FREDAN—5/31/60—1 male, 2 bitches; Dr. Fred Z. White, 301 N. Second St., Chillicothe, Ill.

182. FREDAN'S BOOTS—DU. CH. SAXON OF FREDAN—6/8/60—3 males, 5 bitches; Fredan Kennels, Chillicothe, Ill.

Nos. 87 ,141, 142, 148, 156, 166, 168, 169 and 186 will not be completed—failed to whelp.

**MONTHLY REGIONAL
ENROLLMENT SUMMARY
MAY 21, 1960**

	First Enroll- ments	Com- pletions
Midwest	53	34
Central N. E.	23	12
Sooner	19	8
Illinois	17	10
Michigan	11	6
Ohio	10	4
South Eastern	10	4
Ringneck	9	4
California	9	5
At Large	7	4
Hoosier	7	4
Nebraska	7	2

Saginaw	6	3
Pennsylvania	5	4
Upper N. Y.	5	2
Kentucky	4	3
Missouri	4	1
Badger	3	
Southern N. E.	3	3
Oregon	2	2
Buckeye	1	
Minnesota	1	1
Susquehanna	1	1
Washington	1	1
Skyline	1	1

Total Completions—119.

Total First Enrollments—219.

George E. Millar,
Futurity Chairman.

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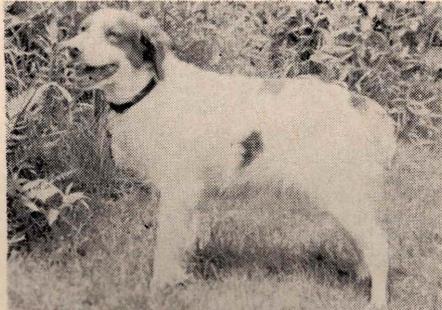
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PENNSYLVANIA BRITTANY CLUB, INC.

by Tom Knowlson

(Butler, Pa., April 30 and May 1, '60)

The Pennsylvania Brittany Club staged its Spring Trial on grounds adjacent to the North end of the runway of the Scholter Airport, six miles south of Butler, Penn.

Fifty-six Brittany Spaniels were entered in the four stakes. The All Age and Derby Stakes were run on Saturday, and the Puppy and Amateur Stakes were run on Sunday in this order.

All stakes were capably judged by Messrs. Herman Specht of Aspinwall, Pa., and A. C. Sutton of Bridgeville, Pa.

Grounds and the weather conditions were nearly ideal with the exception of a little rain, though not enough to bring forth any foul weather gear.

Temperatures were in the 40's and 50's, a real break with the weather since previous to this weekend the

temperatures had been ranging in the 80's with very little rain.

And finally we wish to extend many thanks to our out of state friends for their attendance and participation which made this trial a success.

OPEN ALL AGE—19 Brittanies

- 1st—Zorro II, C. D. Alderman, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.
- 2nd—L'Etoile de Dingo, J. W. Freeman, owner and handler.
- 3rd—Rendezvous Skipper, L. D. La-Fleur, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
- 4th—ZuBee's Moochie, W. Szubielak, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY—7 Brittanies

- 1st—Hadsell's Pete, Phil Hadsell, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.



First Place Dogs—Pennsylvania with judges Specht (left) and Sutton. (l to r) Puppy, Fredan's Buddy with Lee Holman; Derby, Hadsell's Pete with John Thompson; All Age, Zorro II with Jane Thompson; Amateur, L'Etoile de Dingo with Olene Freeman.

- 2nd—Holly Haven Hope, H. Holleyoak, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.
 3rd—Cheyenne's Elizabeth, C. A. Smith, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.
 4th—Rendezvous Mick, L. D. LaFleur, owner, Lee Holman, handler.

OPEN PUPPY—18 Brittanies

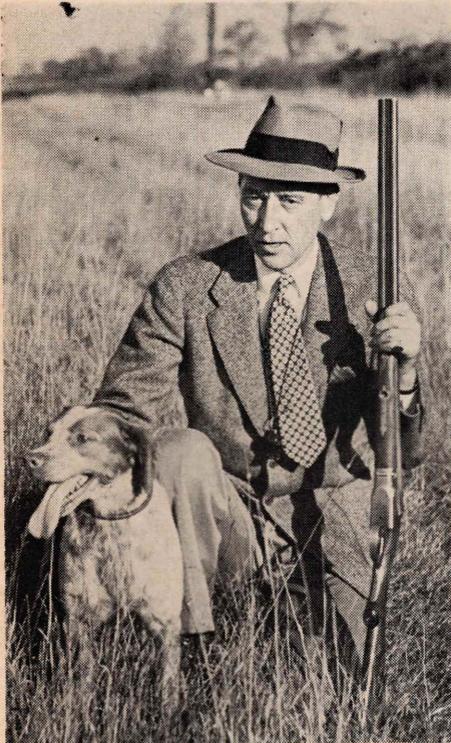
- 1st—Fredan's Buddy, Fredan Kennels, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
 2nd—Our Jody, W. H. Brush, owner and handler.
 3rd—Hadsell's Pete, Phil Hadsell, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

- 4th—Tex's Little Luke, R. L. Seger, owner; Lee Holman, handler.

AMATEUR ALL AGE—12 Brittanies

- 1st—L'Etoile de Dingo, J. W. Freeman, owner; Olene Freeman, handler.
 2nd—Ferd's Flag of Leeway, Earl Chapel, owner and handler.
 3rd—Dixie of Pacolet, R. L. Seger, owner and handler.
 4th—Pinky III, E. P. Weik, owner; Lelah Weik, handler.

Do You Remember . . .



Allamuchy Valley Luke shown with friend, (Howard Clements of Chicago and IRBC.) after he had won the 1941 Shooting Dog Stake—"equivalent to the national amateur championship."

The following is a quote from The

American Field report of that trial.

"On October 12, 1941 the Michigan Sportsman Association sponsored the most ambitious and successful Brittany Spaniel trials ever held outside of France. Two Brittany owners, Robert B. McCurdy and E. W. Averill . . . deserve a large share of the credit for putting over the trials.

The Shooting Dog Stake was a one-course event . . . Two pheasants were planted in the bird field about five minutes before the dogs arrived and the handlers were supposed to shoot these birds so that the dogs would have an opportunity to retrieve.

Virtually none of the Brittannies were steady to shot, however; it seems that most Brittany owners prefer their dogs to be as near the spot where the bird lands as possible, in order to minimize any chance of a cripple escaping. The judges criticized this severely but the average handler is, apparently, willing to stick by his guns even though his dog may be penalized. Of course if no bird falls, these dogs are as steady as any other pointing breed.

The best dog in the Shooting Dog Stake was Allamuchy Valley Luke, owned and handled by Howard Clements."

The judges for this stake were Dr. Benjamin Talbut of Toledo, Ohio, and Davdi Pullen of Northville, Mich.

Ch. Jeffrey de Klemanor, owned by Walter Kleeman, was second; and Beau de Bonaventure, owned by Robert McCurdy was third.

MICHIGAN SAGINAW VALLEY BRITTANY CLUB

Spring 1960

For the first time in the history of our regional club, the weather got the best of us, and our spring trial had to be postponed from its regular March date to May 7, 8, 1960, when the snow wasn't quite so deep. The committee had secured new grounds at the Lapeer State Game Area for the trial in March, but State laws made it necessary to hold the trial on private grounds, at the Fayerweather Shooting Preserve, Fenton, Mich. The windy weather was a little troublesome, but otherwise, the birds and grounds were very satisfactory. Veteran field trialer George Wilson, was chairman of the trial this year, and with all the difficulties he had to overcome in setting up the trial, our hats are off to you. Chosen for judging duties this year were Bill Kull, Goshen, Indiana, Earl Chappell, Northville, Mich., Charles Morse, Euclid, Ohio, Lewis Miller, Midland, Mich., and G. Roy Sharpe, Carrollton, Mich. 75 entries made this a very good trial for May, and on Mother's Day too.

Open

Judging the 29 Open dogs were Lewis Miller, and Roy Sharpe. First place winner was Fld. Ch. Benjji of LaRue, owned and handled by Jack Plyler, Cadillac. Benjji ran a very good ground heat and had two finds which he held staunchly. Second place went to Britt's Tic Toc Bobby, owned by Howard Crippen and handled by Jane Thompson. Bobby ran a good back course and had two perfect finds. Third place went to Reed's Skyline Dan, owned and handled by Harold Reed, Medina, Ohio. Dan had a terrific ground heat, handled very easily and had one good find. Fourth place winner was Rendezvous Excell, owned and handled by J. Frank McBride, Chicago, Ill. Happy ran a good ground heat, handled easily,

and had one good find, in which the bird was on the other side of the fence, but he handled it well.

Derby—11 Entries

A surprisingly light derby stake of 11 entries was judged by Bill Kull and Charles Morse. First place winner was Fredan's Buddy, owned by Fredan Kennels, and handled by Lee Holman. Buddy ran a good derby race, dug in deeply, and hunted well. He had a bird on the backcourse in the second series. Second place went to Holley Haven Hope, owned by Henry Holleyoak, Wayne, Mich., and handled by Jane



Fredan's Buddy.

Thompson. Hope ran a very good race and pointed one bird. Third place went to Northland's Dock, owned by Homer Collins, Duluth, Minn., and handled by Lee Holman. Dock ran a good classy race and had one find but wasn't as wide a runner as the other. Fourth place went to Hadsell's Pete, owned by Philip Hadsell, Niles, Mich., and handled by Jane Thompson. Pete ran a fair race and had one find.

Puppy—20 Entries

Every club seemed to have a large puppy stake this spring, and this stake

was no exception. Judging the 20 entries were Earl Chappell, and Lewis Miller. First place was Tex's Little Luke, owned by Robert Seger, Sharpville, Pa., and handled by Lee Holman. Luke ran a big forward race, finished his casts strong. Second place went to Hadsell's Pete, owned by Phil Hadsell, Niles, and handled by Jane Thompson. Pete ran well, but not as consistently as Luke. He had one back. Third place was Stem Winding Robert, owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gary Jr., Lake Bluff, Ill., and handled by Jane Thompson. Robert ran a short race and had a pheasant find. Fourth place was Ferd's Cannonball of Leeway, owned by John Lee, and handled by Lee Holman. Cannonball ran a fair race and had a flash point on two coutournix quail

Amateur All Age—15 Entries

Judges: Bill Kull, Charles Morse

First place and the Billy Smith Rotating Memorial Trophy went to L'Etoile de Dingo, owned by James Freeman, Ann Arbor, and handled by Olene Freeman. Starboy ran a good hunting race, kept way out in front and handled easily. He had two points which he handled with perfect manners, but Olene never did get all the way into the birdfield. Starboy kept her busy in the fencerows. Second place went to Benjji of LaRue, owned by Jack Plyler, Caddillac and handled by Amos Greer, Gladwin. Benjji ran a good race, handled good, and had four finds which he handled with good manners. Third place went to Dingo's Little Mike, owned and handled by George Wilson, Flint. Mike ran good but handled a little rough. He had a stop to flush, and a back where he displayed



Britts Tic Toc Bobby.

his good manners. Fourth place went to Silver Lake Sugre', owned and handled by Roy Holm, Flint. Sugre ran a good hunting race, and had one point which she relocated.

All in all, it was a good trial, but all the congratulations go to George Wilson and his committee for their untiring efforts in putting on the trial. The gallery still haven't stopped talking about the wonderful food we had at the Fayerweather Farm, and the Smorgasbord Saturday Night. We hope to see all of you next fall.

OPEN—29 Entries

- 1st—Benjji of LaRue, Jack Plyler, owner and handler.
- 2nd—Britt's Tic Toc Bobby, Howard Crippen, owner; J. Thompson, handler.
- 3rd—Reed's Skyline Dan, Harold Reed, owner and handler.
- 4th—Rendezvous Excell. J. Frank McBride, owner and handler.

DERBY—11 Entries

- 1st—Fredan's Buddy, Fredan Kennels, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
- 2nd—Holley Haven Hope, Henry Holleyoak, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.
- 3rd—Northland's Dock, Homer Collins, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
- 4th—Hadsell's Pete, Philip Hadsell, owner; J. Thompson, handler.

PUPPY—20 Entries

- 1st—Tex's Little Luke, Robert Seger, owner; Holman, handler.
- 2nd—Hadsell's Pete, Jane Thompson, handler.
- 3rd—Stem Winding Robert, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gary Jr., owners; Jane Thompson, handler.
- 4th—Ferd's Cannonball of Leeway, John Lee, owner; Lee Holman, handler.

AMATEUR—15 Entries

- 1st—L'Etoile de Dingo, James Freeman, owner; Olene Freeman, handler.
- 2nd—Benjji of LaRue, Jack Plyler, owner; Amos Greer, handler.
- 3rd—Dingo's Little Mike, George Wilson, owner and handler.
- 4th—Silver Lake Sugre', Roy Holm, owner and handler.



Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club Show—May 1, 1960 by Norman Enterprises. A family of fine dogs from California.

Reading from left to right:

- (1) Ch. Rusty of Bellflower (Handler—C. Forman) Age 2 years
 Owner: Virgil I. Davidson, 14602 Natalie Drive, Whittier, Calif.
 Sire: Ch. Royal Prince of Duckerbird
 Dam: Sandy of Bellflower (Sister of Ch. Bella-Gal's Bucky)
 Made his Championship in 7 shows, of which 2 were Best of Breed
- (2) Ch. Bella-Gal's Bucky (Handler—R. McGinnis) Age 4 years
 Owner: Mrs. Gladys Gilmartin, 787 West 7th St., Upland, Calif.
 Sire: Ch. Freckles of San Diego
 Dam: Bella Gal of Bu-Can
 Made his Championship in 7 shows, of which 5 were Best of Breed
- (3) Ch. Freckles of San Diego (Handler—P. Owen) Age 7 years
 Owner: Charles E. and Marjorie F. Ayres, 4647 Brighton Ave., San Diego, California.
 Sire: Ch. Count Guilliwme De Gwenneec, C. D.
 Dam: Ch. Le Gras' Jo-Ann, C. D.
 Made his Championship in 7 shows, of which 6 were Best of Breed
- (4) Ch. Count Guilliwme De Gwenneec, C. D. (Handler—P. Owen) Age 13 years
 Owner: Dr. Lloyd J. Harbaugh, 3444 Herbert, San Diego, Calif.

Sire: Prospect Andy

Dam: Gwenec Duchess

Made his Championship in 8 shows, of which 8 were Best of Breed

In his first showing in the Obedience ring he took first place having a total of 197 points out of a possible 200. In the following two shows to complete his C. D., he took 2nd and 3rd place.

These four dogs all work excellently in the field but due to the arid conditions here in Southern California, it is impossible for the owners to give their dogs any good hunting conditions such as the Britts have in the northern part of California and in Washington and Oregon. Consequently when some of the dogs have been entered in the Field Trials at Bakersfield, the competition has been very keen with so many dogs from the north who have the opportunity to train and hunt in the fields under excellent conditions, having native birds to hunt for, where we in Southern California must use planted birds. However, the California Brittany Club has now set up a Club Championship Fun Trial which will be held once a year with a Perpetual Trophy award. In order to train our dogs for this, we are having a Fun Trial every three months and we feel that with this type of activity, we may have an opportunity to do something with our dogs in the very near future toward making them Dual Champions.

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by *Jessie Ford and Allen Truex*

And lo; the hunting season is over, the voice of the turtle is heard throughout the land and summer treads upon the heels of spring. The "ruining season" for bird dogs is at hand. The canine friend, that bird-finding hero and companion of the cold months, finds himself shut away like the hunter's coat and gun. Let us look in on the dog and hear what he has to say. Our reporter calls on a Brittany Spaniel at his summer quarters. The place is stiffling hot, the poor dog has no fresh water. He has not been fed since yesterday.

Reporter:

"How are you?"

Dog:

"How am I? Can't you see for yourself? It's summer again—Golly, how I hate summers. Do you think I've seen my master in a week? Does he ever let me out of this stinking pen? No! Look at my ribs—I've already gained six pounds! My joints are stiff. Could you get me a drink of water?"

Reporter:

(Filling dog's filthy watering pan.)
"My assignment was to write a sketch on how to ruin a bird dog."

Dog:

(After he has lapped up the water.)
"Brother you came to the right place. All you have to do to ruin a bird dog is treat him like I'm being treated. First you put him in his kennel, next you overfeed and under exercise him. Finally you never take him out into the field to let him run—that is until bird season opens again. And do you know what's happened by then?"

Reporter:

"No. What?"

Dog:

"By then the poor dog's forgotten how a bird smells. He's so fat he's almost blind before he's run a mile. He hasn't been brushed all summer, his coat's a wreck—he's, well, he's ruined, that's all. And what's just about as bad, his master is in the same shape. His master looks cardiac green before he and that ruined dog have been out hunting two hours. And you want to know how to ruin a bird dog."

The reporter gets his story. He has only to listen to the whining of the poor dog to understand all of the techniques for running a good bird dog, but after his notes are complete he cannot resist letting the poor fat dog out of his overheated kennel. After getting a little exercise the dog comes back and gives this advice for dog owners. Our reporter respectfully jots down the following notes.

Dog's Advice To Owners

Dog:

"Some years ago a firearms manufacturer sent my master a little booklet of instructions on deer hunting. The gist of the thing was this. The deer hunter should begin his preparations in the spring before the deer season opens in the winter following. First he should buy himself a comfortable pair of boots and begin walking in them every day. The first day he should walk a mile, the second day two miles, and so on, until by mid summer he is able to walk fifteen miles without getting particularly tired. In August he throws the worn out pair of boots away and gets a new pair like them. He breaks this second pair of boots in the same way—by walking. When the deer season opens in November, he is ready. The point is that he's in shape."

Reporter:

"Go on."

Dog:

"This principle applies to dogs as well as men. The dog's master should begin right after one hunting season getting ready for the next one. He should concentrate on improving a good bird dog instead of ruining one. If he will take the dog out for longer and longer practice hunts he will be ready when hunting season comes. The dog's master will be able to hunt without running the risk of a heart attack and the dog will remember what birds smell like and will know where and how to find them. Both members of the hunting team will be in shape. Being in shape is of primary importance. How many a hunter has arrived behind a dog on point only to find himself so winded and tired, lacking completely the necessary coordination, that he couldn't place a shot within ten feet of a flying bird!

"Of secondary importance only to the physical condition is that mutual understanding between the two hunters. This is what makes it all worth while. If my master would let me know how fast he wishes to go or what his commands mean, we would form a team and not two separate hunters, each going his own way. Even a Rebel yell that would make my blood run cold even in July, would be permissible during the hunting season if I had been subjected to it previously.

"And of course the dog isn't going to be in shape if he hasn't been brushed regularly. His coat must be tough to shed the briars and the skin must be in a good healthy condition, free from all sores. He isn't going to hunt well if he has spent the summer tied up in a kennel as overheated as this hole of mine. And more than that, he needs a ready supply of fresh water in the summer because the warm months tend to dehydrate an animal faster. It's an old story, but one which can never be emphasized often enough for man and dog—proper diet, proper rest, proper exercise. I guess that's about all I have to say on the subject. Say, if you see my master, will you do him a favor?"

Reporter:

"Sure. What do I tell him?"

Dog:

"Tell him I said to buy him a new pair of boots and get the heck down here this afternoon. If we're going to be ready next fall we need to start training today."

Reporter:

"Glad to oblige."

The courageous animal goes back into his kennel. Will his master come?

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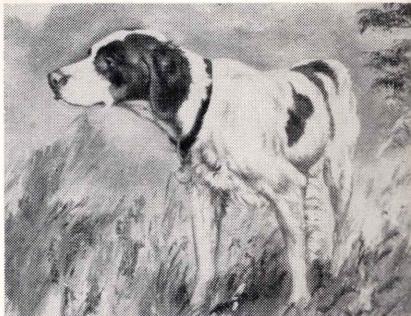
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