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Through the courtesy of the Kodak Colorama Exhibit in Grand Central Station in New York, a portion of the Colorama picture seen there, is used on this month's cover. Our only regret is that we were not able to use a gate-fold on the cover so that all of this fine picture could be reproduced.

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PENNSYLVANIA BRITTANY CLUB

(Butler, Pa., September 30th and October 1, 1961). Our Fall Trial was held, as it has been for many past years, at the Butler Airport. With the weather as warm as it was previous to the trial, we didn't contemplate too big an entry, and we also drew two warm days with temperatures in the 70 and 80 degree range.

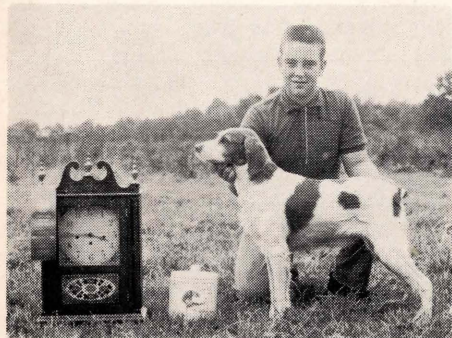
We were pleased then, to have an entry of 68 which made a nice two day trial.

The judging in all stakes was done very well by Bud Specht of Aspinwall, Pa., and George Wilson of Flint, Michigan.

The order of running was Open All Age and Derby on Saturday, with the Derby being carried over into Sunday. The Amateur All Age followed with a very light puppy entry of 4 to wind things up.

The Amateur Stake was very important to our club, as we now have a rotating trophy for the winner of this stake each fall. Our good member John Sawyer contributed his time and skill in building the fine case and installing the works of this beautiful seven day clock.

To start this trophy on its way, one of the younger handlers, Ed Borger Jr. did a fine job of handling the winner Ch. Edandot Nanette.



Ch. Edandot Nanette with handler Ed Borger Jr., 1st Place Amateur All Age Stake shown with the Rotating trophy.

We want to express our appreciation for their attendance and entries to those Brittany fans who travelled so many miles to help make our trial a success. An important matter not to be forgotten is a vote of thanks to all the wives who made preparations for and kept our food stand in operation for those two days.

Open Puppy—4 Entries

Judges: Herman Specht, Geo. Wilson

- 1st—Rendezvous Gus, by Casa Blanca Mike — Ferd's Sunflower Babe. Owner, L. D. LaFleur; handler, Lee Holman.

Open Derby—21 Entries

Judges: Herman Specht, Geo. Wilson

- 1st—Diamond Dust, by Matador of Richmond — Vickki of LaRue. Owner, Ray Bezilla; handler, Lee Holman.
- 2nd—Shenango Valley Dingo, by Albedo Valley Dingo—Pacolet's Cheyenne. Owner, Robert Sager; handler, Lee Holman.
- 3rd—Le Bonnez, by Ferdinand of Leeway—Sassafrass T. Owner, R. D. Bolton; handler, C. P. Plyler.
- 4th—Birchwood's Pepi's Ace, by Britts Tic Toc Bobby — Penny's Happy Pepi. Owner, A. J. Parker; handler, C. P. Plyler.



Open All Age—26 Entries

Judges: Herman Specht, Geo. Wilson

- 1st—Uno's Britnipper, by Nipper's Rocket—Uno's Pin Up Girl. Owner, D. J. Wilhelmi; handler, Lee Holman.
- 2nd—Silver Lake Sugre, by Idoc's Flooky—Pewe of Edough. Owner, and handler, Roy W. Holm.
- 3rd—Pinoak Punch, by Ferdinand of Leeway — Jeff Jet's Joy. Owner, Dave Olund; handler, Lee Holman.
- 4th—King Star, by Benjji of LaRue—Saxon's Sue LaRue. Owner, A. N. Knowles; handler, C. P. Plyler.

Amateur All-Age—17 Entries

Judges: Herman Specht, Geo. Wilson

- 1st—Ch. Edandot Nanette, by Carrier Farms Buccaneer — Roger's Lady Patricia. Owner, Edward M. Borger; handler, Edward Borger Jr.
- 2nd—Du. Ch. Pacolet's Cheyenne, by Tex of Richmond — Ruby of Edough. Owners, Mike Benton and C. M. Seeberger; handler, Juanita Benton.
- 3rd—Buckeye Skipper, by Sir Molay—Olentangy Valley Queen. Owner, and handler, C. C. Conklin.
- 4th—Uno's Chief, by Uno's Jet—Sassafrass T. Owner, Donald Mullins; handler, Dewey Mullins.

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CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL

The club Gun Dog championship trial was held at Glen Acres, farm home of Ken Griggs, club president, and Mrs. Griggs, north of Branchville, November 19.

It was a fine day for both gallery and dogs and 16 Britts participated. The judges were Joseph Morris, Brookside, N. J. and Charles Schwab, Jr. Mendham, N. J. and the club appreciates the fine job they did.

The club's Gun Dog Champion chosen was Bud's Rebel, owned by Al DeBlock, Hawthorne so he took the club trophy home for the year and was awarded thirty-five dollars toward an oil painting of Rebel. Rebel had a backfield find, ran a good course and retrieved twice.

The runner up was Pompton Fall's Slim Jim, owned by Joe Lister of Montville and he received a small trophy for permanent possession. Slim Jim was most intense on point and hunted well all around.

The judges asked to see Rustee Boy, owned by Ken Griggs, and Corky, owned by Dr. Freer, in the bird field again because they were impressed by their running style and animation but they produced no bird work.

Dr. Frank Freer of Brookside was chairman of this trial.



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ON TARGET



Dear Sir:

I like to thank you for your reply to my request regarding Brittany Spaniels, and to tell you about the bird situation here in the Yukon. I am in the Canadian Army and will be here for about three years, so I am not too familiar with the extent of usage of the Brittany here. I only know one person who has a Brittany, and he has the highest regard for this dog.

The Yukon is mostly a big game country, but also has plenty of small game birds. To mention some of the birds we have; Blue Grouse, Willow and Ruffed Grouse, Rock Ptarmigan, and many different kinds of ducks and geese . . . I think that being this far north and having mostly mountainous terrain, this offers a good variety of game birds.

George T. Schwarz,
Whitehorse,
Yukon Territory.

Dear Editor:

At the last Badger Brittany Club session a great deal of discussion about the national magazine took place. There is complete recognition in Wisconsin of the amount of "free" time given by many of the editorial staff in the development of our publication each and every month.

We recognize the foresight of this group in attempting to develop a publication that will cover a variety of subjects and gain more widespread interest of Brittany owners interested in not only field trials but those who own Brittanies only for hunting dogs.

We recognize also the fact that to a major extent the future of our membership depends upon how widely we

can distribute our publication and gain the interest of those not now on our membership roles. We feel that the amount of money required to accomplish some of the plans of your office must be obtained and, if necessary, through special assessment of member clubs. Without the money you are going to have difficulty increasing membership.

The Badger Club unanimously recommended that a donation be made to your office as a start toward the development of a fund to improve our magazine. Accordingly, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$50.00 which represents approximately \$2.00 for each member represented in our regional club.

We suggest your consideration of a special assessment to all clubs and hope that this might not be necessary if other locations follow the pattern being set by Wisconsin.

Yours very truly,
Ray E. Koenig,
Secretary.

Ed:—Badger, we thank you.

Dear Sir:

Brittanies are becoming very popular in Hawaii. It took me almost two years before I was able to purchase my Brittany, but it was worth the wait.

Our public hunting area is about seven to eight thousand feet above sea level, and only about an hours drive from town. The season runs for two and a half months and is only on weekends and holidays. This gives both the hunter and the dogs a chance to regain their strength for the next weekend, and the birds a chance to settle down.

Most of our pheasant land lies in

the bottom, mostly level and pasture land. Going further up the timber line, we have quail, then above where the mountain is bare with lava rock is the best place for chukars, and this is where our Brittanies dominate the field.

Being small and light, our Brittanies can take the punishment to their feet much better than the larger dogs, and really excell on these chukars.

It is safe to say that there are not more than fifty Brittanies in Hawaii, because it is so difficult to import them.

John J. Alconera,
Hilo, Hawaii.

Ed:—Truth is, Brittanies run good hot, cold, high, or low!

Dear Sir:

I don't know anything about field trials, all we have around here are "put and take" trials, but my Brittany . . . has done more around this area to further word about this breed than anything else by placing in these trials.

A lot of people around here have never seen a Brittany, and until he gets in the field, there are a lot of smart remarks from pointer people. When he starts to work, you don't hear another word.

John Hein,
Virden, Ill.

Ed:—Silence is golden. Makes a fellow glow, doesn't it?

NEW MAILING COVER

The mailing cover that begins with this issue and will appear for the next issue or two was designed by George Geisler. George is a member of the Susquehanna club and one of our contributing artists.

THE AMERICAN BRITTANY expresses its thanks to George and the other members that have contributed the art work that helps to make this publication interesting and always new.

As always, we need contributions of all kinds—mailing cover, cartoons, feature heads, as well as articles. Don't hide your talents—join our staff!

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Jerome N. Halle, owner
435 Hanna Building
Cleveland 15, Ohio

Delmar Smith, handler
RFD 3, Box 257
Edmund, Oklahoma.

MARYLAND BRITTANY CLUB

FALL TRIAL

by George C. Geisler

The Maryland Brittany Club held their fall trial October 7 and 8 at Hagerstown, Maryland. The weather was hot with temperatures in the low 90s Saturday and not much cooler Sunday in spite of an overcast sky. Should one think back and recall the pages of history, it would be difficult to envision that over these beautiful field trial grounds rolled the cannon of the blue and gray but a century ago. Scenting conditions varied throughout the day, the heavy dew in the morning made conditions ideal but as the day progressed the heat reduced the bird work with few exceptions.

The entry of 28 dogs was rather disappointing but over-all this trial was one of Marylands most successful efforts.

Belles Grand Garcon, owned and handled by Nile A. Smyser of Carlisle, Pa. made his field trial debut a big success taking top honors in the Puppy Stake with a snappy intelligent race. Birds

were not planted for the puppy stake and in spite of the many native covies throughout the course, none of the youngsters managed to connect with a native find.

The Derby produced a larger entry and a lot of ground covering individuals. It would be unjust to say that anyone came near challenging Polly's Fairview Basil handled by Hoover Rhodes of Watsontown, Pa. While viewing this lad in action it was hard to tell at one point if a fox was preceding the dogs or that Basil was after a fox. With a look in the glasses it was just Basil. His backcourse effort would have no doubt been the clincher but two smart finds in the bird field ended any doubt. Reviewing the derby placements one might say this was the Susquehanna Special with all placing dogs belonging to our good neighbors up north.

After lunch and a bit of relaxation, the Amateur Gun Dogs were under way. Colonel Jack Bollerud of Alexandria,

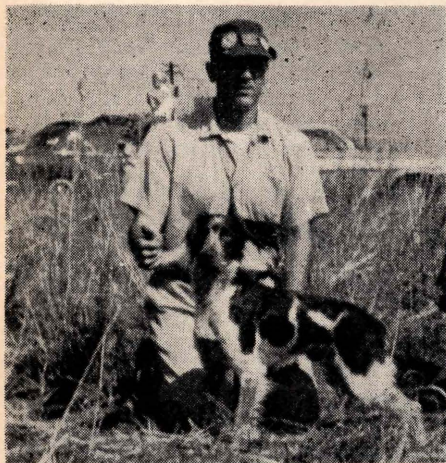


Open All Age Placements with Judges James Brookhart and Paul Shank—and friends.

Va. excused himself from the field trial committee chores just long enough to pilot Ara's Chico to first place in the stake with 2 well handled finds, one a single and the second a small covey. Chico also proved he was too much for any club members dog in taking the Maryland Members Rotating Trophy.

The Saturday evening dinner was held at the Air View Restaurant, Hagerstown. Your reporter is still wondering if the editor of a Maryland newspaper didn't get things mixed up in thinking that Helgramite Shamandre was offered as a door prize for the evening. How about this, Steve? Sunday and the Open All Age.

Since no one came up with Sham's number the night before, the New England combination did it again. Sham



Polly's Fairview Basil, 1st Open Derby, with handler Hoover Rhodes.

showed excellent manners on a large covey half way around the back course and a clean find in the bird field. Steve did what looked like the Cha-Cha in producing the single, the gallery enjoyed it but what was the dog thinking? Helgramite Howie wasn't to be outdone so he got into the act with a nice job and 2nd place.

James Brookhart of Baltimore, Maryland and Paul Shank of Hagerstown teamed up to do an excellent job as judges. Over a half century of combined

knowledge in dog handling and judging more than satisfied the eager contenders.

Dr. Ralph C. Gale and his small but hardworking field trial committee deserve an extra large vote of thanks. Perry Wightman supplied the fastest flying quail ever planted in Maryland. Dr. Dan Hohman arranged trial grounds. Our thanks to Susquehanna Brittany Club for the use of their bird planter and entry support.

PUPPY STAKE—4 Entries

Judges: James Brookhart & Paul Shank

- 1st—Belle's Grand Garcon, by Uno's Mr. Big—Belle De Bellaire. Owner and handler, Nile A. Smyser.
- 2nd—Suzabob's Bobo, by Fld. Ch. Passamonte's Jet Commander — Ch. Suzabob's Dolly Dimples. Owner and handler, Robert E. Young.
- 3rd—Petite De Bellaire, by Uno's Mr. Big — Belle De Bellaire. Owner and handler, Paul J. Nickey.
- 4th—Potomac Special Freckles by Uno's Mr. Big — Dillner's Lucky Gee. Owner and handler, Harold N. Winger.

DERBY STAKE—8 Entries

Judges: James Brookhart & Paul Shank

- 1st—Polly's Fairview Basil, by Fld. Ch. Benjii of LaRue—Pacolets Polly of Faircrest. Owner and handler, Hoover Rhodes.
- 2nd—Crickett of Richmond, by Samson of Richmond — Poulette of Richmond. Owner and handler, Robert H. Mengle.
- 3rd—Richmont Duke, by Samson of Richmond—Paulette of Richmond. Owner and handler, Robert H. Mengle.
- 4th—Mistex Dutchess of Richmond, by Samson of Richmond—Poulette of Richmond. Owner and handler, Wilford C. Sober.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE—6 Entries

Judges: James Brookhart & Paul Shank

- 1st—Fld. Ch. Helgramite Shamandre, by Du. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou—Una Pequena de Ther-

EDITORIAL

True, this is the second editorial in a row. And, fair warning, brace yourself, there may well be more!

Since the Editor is now only an editor, and not an officer of the American Brittany Club, he hopes to do his job better. One very important part of this job is to editorialize. To those among the readers that are anti-editorial, a simple solution is offered. Turn to the next article.

To those with courage and perseverance, feel free to agree, disagree, write your own thoughts or maintain mental reservations.

To return to Editorials—a healthier situation exists with a separation of A.B.C. and its publication. THE AMERICAN BRITTANY should be an organ, perhaps an appendage, of A.B.C., but should not be part and parcel of it. Then the editor can freely suggest, and even criticize, and not necessarily reflect American Brittany Club policy. At the same time, his opinions will be his alone, and if wrong (let's face it, this is a 50-50 possibility), there will not be a bad reflection on the regional or national organizations.

This represents a change again from past ways of doing things, and is one of many changes that if made, would be beneficial to the members and the organization.

The one area that is most in need of change is that of the Board of Directors to A.B.C. This board is made up of one member from each of the regional clubs, and six directors-at-large. This group does all of the business of the American Brittany Club; votes on new club acceptance, all new procedures, and actually establishes policy for the national organization. In addition the constitution dictates that all A.B.C. officers must come from the Board of Directors.

At first glance this is not too bad, and certainly when the constitution was written, it was the wise thing to do.

Now however, in the actual practical

workings of the board, there are some sizable disadvantages to this.

Each club has one member, their director, on the board. He is elected by the regional, and in most cases, at yearly intervals. He should be able to wisely decide what is best for the national organization, A.B.C., and vote in that manner when called upon to do so. He should know the feeling of his club, and to some degree should be their representative, BUT, he should act in accord with what is best for the whole, the A.B.C.

The director should be potential officer material. This means that he should be interested in the national organization ABOVE the regional. He should be able to, if at all possible, attend the National Meeting, and if called upon, should be willing to accept an office.

Now should all of these "ifs" be in reality accomplished facts, then our present set up would be perfectly workable.

In practice this is not true. Many directors cannot attend the national meeting—could not take an office if one were available. In some regionals, there may be two or three members that would be excellent officer material, perfect in every way, except that only one can be a director. This may seem far-fetched, but is a constantly recurring headache to each nominating committee.

A change in the constitution is indicated here. Let the officers be elected by the Board of Directors, but not necessarily from their number.

The other sorely needed change is in attitude and purpose. The directors should realize that he represents above all else, the American Brittany Club. The membership of his club should be very aware of this when electing him. Since background and continuity are important, it would seem wise to elect the director for a longer term than one year. He will spend his first year in learning, and in his second and third

years will become an asset.

Perhaps in the interest of continuity it would be wise to elect a delegate, who really represents the regional club, in the "off-year". He could become familiar with the problems, and then, if he proves satisfactory all around, would be the logical choice to move up to the directors office.

This same continuity is important in the case of the National Officers, and even more so with the national committee chairmen. Most of these positions are more complex than you would guess unless you have tried it. It takes time to learn what is expected—more time to get organized—and still more time to get the job done right. It then

seems a shame to replace a man just when he is getting to the place where he can do the job right and well. Perhaps a constitutional change to lengthen the term of office to two or three years would be in order here. At any rate, longer committee chairmen appointments could be made.

If there is a plea here, it is this.

The National officers and directors should be national in thinking and ability. They should have the time needed to learn their jobs and do them well. In this way, what is best for the whole organization will be done—and this will be best for the regionals and the individual members.

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OREGON BRITTANY CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW

On Sept. 4, 1961, the first Specialty Show of the Oregon Brittany Club was held at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene, Oregon.

It was held in conjunction with the Eugene Kennel Club's Show, which proved to be one of the largest shows on the West Coast.

The show moved with great efficiency and smoothness as dogs were being judged continuously in 6 different rings.

Mr. F. A. Dascher was the gentleman to judge the Brittannies.

The first places in each class were as follows:

Puppy Dogs—6 to 9 Months

Hels Oklahoma Pant—owner, A. W. Burton.

Puppy Dogs—9 to 12 Months

Rambling Duke — owner, John C. McCormick.

American Bred Dogs

Juchoir's Bonanza — owner, John Scheiwiller, Jr.

Open Dogs

Juchoir's Tuffy — owner, James and Helen Rookard.

Juchoir's Tuffy was named Winner's Dog and Empire Timber Topper took the Reserve. Topper is owned by Roy D. Rushing.

Puppy Bitches — 6 to 12 Months

Bernadette De La Concords — owner, Hugh M. Marguis.

Puppy Bitches — 9 to 12 Months

Juchoir's Mister's Missy — owner, A. W. Burton.

Novice Bitches

Diana DeConcorde — owner, Hugh M. Marquis.

American Bred Bitches

Juchoir's Jolie — owner, Margaret E. Smith.

Open Bitches

Gaard's Jubilee — owner, Mrs. Elizabeth Odegaard.

Gaard's Jubilee was named Winner's Bitch. Penny Half Penny was named Reserve Bitch. Penny is owned by Dorothy MacDonald.

Best of Winners went to Juchoir's Tuffy.

Best of Opposite — Gaard's Jubilee.

Best of Breed — Ch. Marc's Highland Britt, owned by David L. Messersmith from the state of Washington.

Following the judging of the Brittany classes the Brittany exhibitors met at the home of John Taylor, secretary of the Oregon Brittany Club, for a pot-luck.

1961 FINANCIAL REPORT
 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW AND FIELD TRIALS
 AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

INCOME	Specialty Show	Field Trials	Calcutta	Total
Entry Fees				
Specialty Show	\$334.00			\$ 334.00
National Amateur		\$ 540.00		540.00
National Championship		900.00		900.00
Futurity		810.00		810.00
AKC Listing Fees	1.25	.75		2.00
Trophy Donations	405.00	405.15		810.15
Calcutta Gross			1311.00	1311.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$740.25	\$2655.90	\$1311.00	\$4707.15
EXPENSES				
AKC License Fee	\$	\$ 15.00	\$	\$ 15.00
Judge's Expenses				
Travel	50.00	215.00		265.00
Meals		220.47		220.47
Rooms	7.73	210.90		218.63
Gifts		109.17		109.17
Insurance	16.15	113.05		129.20
Guests and Guarantee at Annual Dinner		141.25		141.25
Trophies	261.87	272.63		534.50
Ribbons	20.25	20.25		40.50
Insurance on Trophies	5.00	5.00		10.00
Identification Buttons	12.27	12.28		24.55
A. Wilson Bow Catalogue and Misc.	182.85	107.85		290.70
Postage and Supplies		68.55		68.55
Telephone		83.81		83.81
Veterinary	25.00			25.00
American Field Add		72.00		72.00
AKC Listing Fees	1.25	.75		2.00
Club House Rent	10.00	80.00		90.00
Club House Attendant	8.00	64.00		72.00
Horse Rental, Dog Truck, Barn Rent, Barn Attendant, Kennel Cleaning		695.00		695.00
Calcutta				
Auctioneer			30.00	30.00
First Place			367.08	367.08
Second Place			275.31	275.31
Third Place			183.54	183.54
Fourth Place			91.77	91.77
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$600.37	\$2506.96	\$ 947.70	\$4055.03
GAIN	\$139.88	\$ 148.94	\$ 363.30	\$ 652.12

GREATER ST. LOUIS BRITTANY CLUB, INC.

by Ray Trimble

The Greater St. Louis Brittany Club, Inc., held its first licensed point trial on November 17-19, 1961, on the contiguous courses at the Busch wildlife Area, Weldon Spring, Mo. Our entries totaled 56, thanks to professional handlers, Lee Holman and Jack Plyler.

Friday dawned cool and clear, and with Dr. Fred White of Chillicothe, Ill., and George Dodson of St. Louis, Mo., in the judicial saddles, the Open All Age was underway. Ten coveys of native quail were moved during the day, with most dogs having ample opportunity to show their ability on birds, as well as plenty of room on most of the courses to stretch out. Rendezvous Skipper caught the judges' eye and walked off with top honors. Skipper had a clean find in a row of multiflora, with the aid of a sharp eyed field marshal who saw the birds flush from the opposite side.

The Derby Stake got underway Saturday morning under the capable eyes of John Lee of Indianapolis, Ind., and Charles Jahn of St. Louis, Mo. The weather was excellent, but the birds seemed to know the weather was in for a change, and most of them had moved into deeper cover. Some excellent derbies poured it on, but Morning Star Rambler continued his winning ways, really tearing his course apart, and captured first place. At completion of the Derby, our small puppy stake was run. Rendezvous Gus really stretched his legs, easily capturing first place.

All who attended the Saturday evening festivities at Al's Steak House seemed to enjoy themselves, except possibly Mr. Lee Holman, who had baked potato trouble. We'll get you two next spring, Lee. Trophies and ribbons were presented to the Puppy, Derby, and Open All Age winners, by club president, Roy Quick.

On leaving the dinner Saturday night, we knew we were in for a wet Sunday, as snow was really coming down.

Therefore, the first brace of Amateurs was turned loose in nearly two inches of snow Sunday morning at 8 a.m. The birds were really in deep, as only two coveys were moved, plus contact with one big cock pheasant by Rendezvous Skipper, which captured first place for him. This was almost a clean sweep for the LaFleurs, with Skipper winning both the Open and Amateur All Age, and Gus winning the Puppy.

The club wishes to extend its thanks to all who contributed to the success of our first licensed trial, especially our judges, field marshal, professional handlers and the man with the horses, club member Dave Hinkle. We hope more of you will be with us next spring.

PUPPY STAKE—5 Entries

Judges: John Lee & Charles Jahn

- 1st—Rendezvous Gus, by Casa Blanca Mike — Ferd's Sunflower Babe. Owner and handler, L. D. LaFleur.
- 2nd—Mike's Little Dingo, by Dingo's Little Mike—Albedo Valley Chipper. Owner, George Wilson; handler, Lee Holman.
- 3rd—Gypsy Gigi De Windrow, by Runaway Gypsy—Windrow Gigi. Owner, Warren Reitzel; handler, Lee Holman.
- 4th—Nafie's Rip Van, by Miller's Desert Dust—Belle De LaSill. Owner and handler, Carl Nafie.

DERBY STAKE—16 Entries

Judges: John Lee & Charles Jahn

- 1st—Morning Star Rambler, by Davelen Lucky — Akin's Jet Jewell. Owner, Russell Logan; handler, Lee Holman.
- 2nd—Birchwood's Pepes Ace, by Britt's Tic Toc Bobby — Penny's Happy Pepi. Owner, Arthur Parker; handler, Carlton Plyler.
- 3rd—Geronimo De Kazan, by Rebel De

Kazen — Penny of Paradise II.
Owner, Mrs. E. M. VanPatten;
handler, Eric M. VanPatten.

4th—Shenango Valley Dingo, by Albedo
Valley Dingo—Pacolet's Cheyenne.
Owner, Robert L. Seger; handler,
Lee Holman.

ALL AGE STAKE—21 Entries

Judges:

Fred Z. White, M.D. & George Dodson

1st—Rendezvous Skipper, by Teka of
Sioux Land — Sioux Land Babe.
Owner and handler, L. D. LaFleur.

2nd—Pinoak Punch, by Ferdinand of
Leeway — Jeff Jet's Joy. Owner
Dave Olund; handler, Lee Hol-
man.

3rd—Crab Orchard Duke, by Crab
Orchard Zeke — Susie Q. Huser.
Owner and handler, Raymond
Trimble, Jr.

4th—Docc of LaRue, by Benjji of La-
Rue—Tess of LaRue. Owner, John
J. Schuckert; handler, Carlton
Plyler.

AMATEUR STAKE—14 Entries

Judges:

Fred Z. White, M.D. & George Dodson

1st—Rendezvous Skipper, by Teka of
Sioux Land — Sioux Land Babe.
Owner and handler, L. D. LaFleur.

2nd—Holcomb's Rocky Boy, by Jets
Gunner—Uno's Miss Lady. Owner,
Dave Hinkle; handler, Max Pat-
terson.

3rd—Crab Orchard Duke, by Crab
Orchard Zeke—Susie Q. Huser.
Owner and handler, Raymond
Trimble Jr.

4th—De' Carlo's Bingo, by Unan's De
Carlo—Lee La Breck. Owner and
handler, Clayton Niemeyer.

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Judges:

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Entries Close and Drawing—8 p.m. March 9, at Ritz Motel,
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Stakes:

Open all-age	8:00 a.m. Saturday, March 10	\$10.00
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Open derby	8:00 a.m. Sunday, March 11	10.00
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Because of the scarcity of wild birds and the lack of country to run a dog in, many owners find it a problem to train their bird dog. However E. M. Shelley has developed a system to train a dog that any hunter can use if he has access to a ten acre lot, and a place in his garage to put a small bird-cage. The following method is an adaptation of Shelley's method that works well on Brittanies.

Materials Needed

A choke chain, and extra long leather leash or rope. A 6 foot leash and 25 foot rope are adequate. A pigeon, with flight feathers pulled out of one wing. A whistle. A pistol that will fire blanks.

Yard Work

This is to be started at 6 months of age, or older. It should be given for 15 minutes every day. A short session every day works better than a longer time on just weekends.

Place the choke collar on the dog's neck so that when he is sitting on your left side the leash is fastened to the end of the chain which passes OVER, and not under, the dog's neck. The collar should be large enough so that it goes over the head easily and has some slack when on the neck. With the dog on the left side, start walking at a brisk pace saying "Heel" and giving the leash a sharp jerk. DO NOT PULL STEADILY as this will choke the dog. A series of sharp jerks will force the dog to come with you. The correct use of the choke collar is very important, as it is usually the only punishment a Brittany needs. Master the quick pull, and then the letup, so that the collar is again loose on the dog's neck. You may vary the severity of the

jerk according to the stubbornness of the dog. If he lags behind, jerk him up till he is abreast of you. If he forges ahead, jerk him back. Some stubborn dogs you may have to let them forge ahead till they reach the end of the leash. Let them have a good start, and then brace yourself and pull just as they hit the end of the leash. You may even jerk them off their feet this way. But only do this on a hard headed one.

If the dog insists on just nosing ahead, hold the leash near the middle and swing the loose end in a circle in front of you so that it hits his nose as it goes by. Soon just one swing of the leash and he will drop back in position. Do not let him lead you. It is fine for a young pup who is not lead broke yet to walk you around. But when he is old enough to train he goes where you lead.

When he heels with ease, start his next command. This is "Whoa". When he is walking with you make an abrupt stop and say "Whoa". Practice this till he stops easily when you do. Then

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whoa him and take a step away. He will go with you. Put him back in the original position. Step away again. If you hold the leash short as you step away and lean towards him you can hold him in position. Let the leash slack, and if he moves tighten up on it again and get him back where he was.

Next walk in a circle around him while he is standing. This will allow you to move while he stands still, and keep you close enough so you can control the leash and pressure on his neck. When he seems to understand that "whoa" means to stand still, start walking out in front of him. You will have to back away so as to watch that he does not break. Soon you will be able to walk away and drop the leash on the ground. Try bending down and picking up grass and pebbles, and throwing them. The idea is to make him stop and stay still on the first command of "Whoa" no matter what distractions are offered.

The next command is "Here". First "whoa" him and walk to the end of

the leash. Call him and jerk him towards you. Pat and praise him when he reaches you. Put a longer rope on him and repeat the exercise till he comes readily. Don't forget the praise. It is important. Every time he does an exercise right praise him. You will find that he will need less punishment this way.

You are now ready to discard the leash and rope. If it is possible, try him in a fenced enclosure the first few times. If this is not possible try him on heel, whoa and here with the short leash dragging, so that he will think he is still under control, and so that you can catch him more easily if he breaks away from you. You can pull a sneaky. Quietly unsnap the leash just as you whoa him. He will think he still has it on. This is one of the hard points to get by, but by patience, and by putting the leash back on when he disobeys you will get him. End the lesson on a good note. When he does it right, this is the time for praise and the time to end the lesson.



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ILLINOIS REGIONAL BRITTANY CLUB

Fall Trial — Oct. 27, 28, 29, 1961

by Lester Rothstein

The Illinois Regional Brittany Club held their Fall Trial on Oct. 27, 28, 29, 1961. As last year, our fall trial was held at Green River Refuge near Ohio, Illinois. These grounds furnish multiple courses with generally good conditions, a reasonable amount of wild birds along with those planted and room for those dogs to "range" if they so desired. Weather conditions prevailed mostly in our favor—Friday and Saturday being chilly, cloudy and a couple of light sprinkles—no heavy rain. Sunday was pleasant with no rain and scenting conditions remained good.

Warren Reitzel, Field Trial Secretary brought things along in good order with a committee that took care of their end. Special mention should go to Gerald Robinson, he seemed to be everywhere—planting birds, putting up signs and generally staying well ahead and all the while worrying that things would fall behind.

I think we can say that the trial was a success and look forward to more of the same.



Rendezvous Elias, 1st Amateur.

PUPPY STAKE—10 Entries

Judges: C. Leeper & F. Z. White, M.D.

- 1st—Mike's Little Dingo, by Dingo's Little Mike—Albedo Valley Chipper. Owner, Geo. W. Wilson; handler, L. Holman.
- 2nd—Rendezvous Gus, by Casablanca Mike — Ferd's Sunflower Babe. Owner, L. D. LaFleur; handler, L. Holman.
- 3rd—Jed, by Jet's Tower Pride—Melinda Sue. Owner and handler, Ray E. Koenig.
- 4th—Kazan's Little White Dove, by Albedo Valley Dingo — Pacolet's Cheyenne. Owner, Diane Lee Van Patten; handler, L. Holman.

DERBY STAKE—19 Entries

Judges:

Forrest Lauhler & Dr. H. T. Clarno

- 1st—Albedo Valley Sue, by Ferdinand of Leeway — Albedo Valley Chipper. Owner, Wayne W. Croxton; handler, L. Holman.
- 2nd—Geronimo De Kazan, by Rebel De Kazan — Penny of Paradise II. Owner, Mrs. Eric Van Patten; handler, Eric Van Patten.
- 3rd—Pinoak Trigger, by Jet's Little Boy—Janet's Pride. Owner, Dave F. Olund; handler, L. Holman.
- 4th—Diamond Dust, by Matador of Richmond—Vickki of LaRue. Owner, Ray Bezilla; handler, L. Holman.

ALL AGE STAKE—17 Entries

Judges:

Walter Buege & Dr. H. T. Clarno

- 1st—Rendezvous Excel, by Tennessee Luke—Rendezvous Delilah. Owner and handler, J. Frank McBride.
- 2nd—Tennessee Sandy, by Rendezvous Elias—Dancer De Klemanor. Owner, Howard P. Clements; handler, L. Holman.

- 3rd—Cookie's White Jet, by Wisconsin Jet Propelled — Shot's Cookie. Owner, W. H. Henthorn; handler, John Evans.
- 4th—Pinoak Punch, by Ferdinand of Leeway—Jeff Jet's Joy. Owner, Dave F. Olund; handler, L. Holman.

AMATEUR STAKE—15 Entries

Judges:

Walter Buege & Forrest Lauhler

- 1st—Rendezvous Elias, by Tennessee Luke—Rendezvous Delilah. Owner and handler, Howard P. Clements.
- 2nd—Rendezvous Skipper, by Teka of Sioumland—Sioumland Babe. Owner and handler, L. D. LaFleur.
- 3rd—Skipper's Beaux, by Ratouss Mac Eochaidh—Hero's Yankee Queen. Owner and handler, Lester Rothstein.
- 4th—Major Monte, by Casablanca Mike—Gingerbelle IV. Owner and handler, Warren C. Reitzel.

PLEASE NOTE

Permission for regional trials from A.B.C. to the regional clubs should now be obtained from the A.B.C. Field Trial Committee Chairman, Fred Z. White, M.D., Box 227, Chillicothe, Ill.

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THE SPORT OF FIELD TRIALING

Readers of **THE AMERICAN BRITTANY** can be divided into two groups,—**Field Trialers** and **non-Field Trialers**.

Probably the largest group is composed of those that do not have an interest in field trials—our many readers whose basic interest in the **Brittany** is as a hunting dog, a companion, pet, or show dog.

To be sure, most of the field trial enthusiasts are also interested in their **Brittany** as a hunting dog, a companion, or a competitor in the show ring. The difference is that the field trial enthusiast knows that he has something extra that could be shared with all **Brittany** owners.

THE AMERICAN BRITTANY feels that the great satisfaction and pleasure that is to be found in field trials could and should be enjoyed by all. We are sure that many deny themselves this added pleasure because of a misconception of field trials, or a lack of understanding, or merely a reluctance to get wet feet.

With this in mind a series of articles has been prepared to help you understand what the enthusiast sees in this sport.

Regardless of your present opinion of field trials—or even if you have no opinion at all—or even if it is all news to you, follow along through the series.

We may not convert you, but at least we hope to increase your understanding of **THE SPORT OF FIELD TRIALING**.

In the relatively short space of 87 years, the sport of field trials has grown into an important and popular outdoor recreational activity. Regarded by many as the cleanest of all the sports, the pastime has continued to thrive and provide thrills for its followers as well as serving its primary purpose—improvement of the shooting dog.

Many factors have contributed to the amazing growth of field trials. There are thousands of sportsmen and sportswomen whose only interest in out-of-

doors sports is in field trials. The bird dog game's principal purpose is the improvement of the various pointing breeds and elevation of the standards of gun dog performance in the field. Incidental to this purpose is the fact that field trials give personal pleasure to those who participate and has many aspects beneficial to wildlife resources.

A field trial is a sporting dog competition under actual or simulated hunting conditions, staged in a formal manner, with rules, regulations, and standards governing the tests. Sporting dog fanciers, through this type of competition, endeavor to find the best performers to perpetuate the breed. Better than 500 separate formal trials were run last year under the American Field's FDSB and an additional 175 under the show minded American Kennel Club. Those were trials for pointing dogs only.

The first public trial of record took place in Canneck Chase, near Stafford, in England, on May 1, 1866. The dogs were judged according to meritorious work, on the following scale of points; Pace and range, 20; Obedience, 20; Style in hunting, 15; Game finding abilities, 20; Style in pointing, 15; Merit of backing, 15, for a total of 100 points. Four stakes comprised the field trial program. The Anglesia Stake, for English Pointers only, open to dogs up to 5 years of age; The Beadesert Stake, for English Setters only, with the same age limit. Two other stakes were run which compare to puppy stakes and the Paget Stake for setters. It is interesting to note that pointers and setters did not compete against each other.

The first English bird dog trial aroused widespread interest and received a great deal of publicity in the sporting press. However, the judging system, praised by some, was condemned by others. Changes were soon made to take into account merits and demerits the latter in case a dog failed to take advantage of his opportunity and to handle game according to the approved standards. The score card

system used in the first trial, was finally discarded as unsatisfactory and the "Spotting System" was installed which is still in vogue. Under this method, the judges weigh the actual work of all the dogs in the stake, each against the balance of the field. Thus the first and second place dogs may come from the same heat. Discarded about the same time was the custom of posting the names of dogs, considered by the judges to be ahead and winning the stake, before the stake was concluded.

Although field trials originated in England, the sport has really matured in this country. The first trial in the United States was held near Memphis, Tennessee, on October 8, 1874, sponsored by the Tennessee State Sportsman's Association. The winner was "Knight" a black setter who scored 88 points out of a possible 100. Judging was based on the following schedule: Nose, 30; Pace and style, 20; Breaking, 20; Pointing style and Staunchness, 15; Backing, 10; Roading, 5. This scoring system was

soon discarded and the universal "Spotting System" as used in England was adopted. There has been some criticism of this method, but the phenomenal growth of field trials indicates that the method is sound and that the sport as now conducted has gained the confidence and patronage of bird dog owners everywhere.

It is interesting to note that every so often we find someone, unfamiliar with field trials proposing the old scoring method as a new idea and who claim that the performance standards of today are impractical. It is true that the dog with the greatest number of finds does not always win the stake for it is the quality of the find rather than the frequency of the occurrence that wins placements in field trials. It should be remembered, and well, that field trials were not instituted for the purpose of developing a gun dog suited to the needs of the average gunner, but to bring to the fore the dogs with the most desirable qualities and natural heritage.

Field trials serve two purposes; a basis for information on which to conduct breeding operations; and a spectacular form of sport. One must remember that there is a big difference in conditions one finds in a field trial and those that the average shooting dog encounters. The average hunter has only one thing in mind, making a record for himself by getting the "meat in the pot." The work his dog does is only secondary and how his dog pro-

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duces the bird means little or nothing for his dog is not subjected to a strict record or searching analysis and is not being compared to another dog.

Field Trials bring out the cream of the crop for competition and only through field trails can bird dogs be improved.

Someone once said that the slogan of a successful bird dog breeder should be "Breed, Feed and Weed." It is necessary to cull every dog that does not measure up in the endeavor to bring out the brilliant performer with wholesome brains, a level head, implacable desire to hunt, and the kind of a nose that should be perpetuated.

Remember the rules laid down for field trials are the best possible for high class gun dogs. A dog to win must have speed, range, endurance, nose and bird sense. He must find birds and point them staunchly, with pleasing style and intensity, and be steady to flush and shot and stand until ordered to retrieve or move in. He must hunt intelligently and cover ground in a thorough manner. All else being equal, the one that finds the most birds is the better gun dog. What more could a hunter ask of a gun dog?

This article appeared in The Western Field Trialer, March, 1961. Everett Metzger is a member of the Washington Brittany Club, as well as being active in other bird dog clubs on the West Coast. He was Chairman of the 1961 American Brittany Pheasant Classic.

F.T.C. ASHURST JERRY IS DEAD

It is with regret that I report that another oldtime great has gone to the "Happy Hunting Grounds". F. T. Ch. Ashurst Jerry died last week. He was bred and originally owned by Herbert Farnsworth. His sire was Dual Ch. Avono Happy and his dam that fine shooting dog Mitzie of Loufel. Jerry and his sister placed in every puppy stake in which they were run. Jerry also placed in derby stakes in Pointer and Setter trials. He won the Derby stake in the Nationals to climax his career as a youngster.

He than changed ownership and was next seen under the banner of Louis Tippet, tho he still remained in the Bissell's string. He went on to make many friends for the Brittany in the Northwest. He won his championship in a trial in which he pointed a cat, an owl, a rabbit, and several birds! He placed in Pointer trials and made many an owner sit up and watch that little Britt scat. He also did his share of winning in the shoot-to-kill type of trial. For many years he was the third ranking Brittany in the all-time records with 35 placements. He sired 8 winners, one the well known Dual Ch. Ouragan Jerry's Bob.

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SOUTHERN KANSAS BRITTANY CLUB

by *Vernon L. Hager*

The Southern Kansas Brittany Club held their Fall Field Trial on Mr. J. C. Squier's 7-L Ranch, Beaumont, Kansas, November 4, 5, 1961.

There were 74 Brittannies entered in the four stakes and were from 11 States: California, Montana, Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, New York, South Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado and Kansas.

The weather was cold and windy Saturday and Sunday. The scenting conditions were good and the quail were in top shape. The official judges of the Open All-Age and Derby were Cecil Corn and Lawrence Nowlan of Topeka, Kansas. The judges of the Puppies and Open Gun Dog were R. French, Gridley, Kansas and Elmer Townsend, Stillwater, Oklahoma. They did a wonderful job.

Handling from horse back was allowed, and it appeared to go satisfactory. There was very little criticism against it at the Trial, in fact it was a pleasure to take part in a trial without any bickering whatsoever and everybody being a perfect guest. The Field Trial Committee did a wonderful job putting on the trial. It was a mistake though by not having an Amateur Stake. Let me say though that my vote in the future will be for an Amateur Stake. It is necessary to make a good trial.



Jeff of Minnehaha, 1st Open All Age.

PUPPY STAKE—14 Entries

Judges: R. French & Elmer Townsend

- 1st—Verdon Buddington Duchess, by Buddington Prince—Royal Britanna Princess. Owner and handler, Don Norris.
- 2nd—Koko De Woodlawn, by Duke O'Dee — Kickapoo Ruth. Owner and handler, Frank Rossi.
- 3rd—Lady Joyce's Ginger, by Ginger's Happy Buck—Lady Luella Ginger. Owners, Hugh and Joyce Malone; handler, Hugh Malone.
- 4th—Duke's Little Peppie, by Sooner Duke — Whitewater Ann. Owner and handler, Johnnie Pappan.

DERBY STAKE—17 Entries

Judges: Cecil Corn & Lawrence Nowlan

- 1st—Biffer Boy, by Edandot Buzzer—Tom's Sure Point Cindy. Owner, Ralph W. Whitted; handler, Delmar Smith.
- 2nd—Arickaree Brett II, by Edandot Buzzer—Tom's Sure Point Cindy. Owner and handler, Ronald F. Miner.
- 3rd—Minnehaha's Charles, by Texann Kippy — Dingo's Mitzi. Owner, Richard Culbert; handler, Ralph Hesseltine.

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ALL AGE STAKE—31 Entries

Judges: Cecil Corn & Lawrence Nowlan

1st—Jeffrey of Minnehaha, by Teddy of Riverhill Acres—Daisy's Phoebe. Owner, Richard Culbert; handler, Ralph Hesselstine.

2nd—Judd's Miss Patsy, by Ral-Mar's Deuce—Trixie III. Owner, Stanley Judd; handler, Delmar Smith.

3rd—Tom's Zipper King, by Towsey—Tom's Lady Debra. Owner and handler, T. R. Atkinson.

4th—Jeffrey Stub de Humbolot, by Jeffrey Mac Eochaidh — Sue Kay Happy. Owner and handler, Herman L. Bonine.

OPEN GUN DOG STAKE—12 Entries

Judges: R. French & Elmer Townsend

1st—Bruno Bonaparte, by Allamuchy Pete II—Susie Du Bocage. Owner and handler, William R. Boehm Jr.

2nd—Towsey's Bub, by Towsey—Frances Lady Susie. Owner and handler, M. D. Nelson.

3rd—Jeffrey Stub de Humbolot, by Jeffrey Mac Eochaidh — Sue Kay Happy. Owner and handler, Herman L. Bonine.

4th—Bill's Buddy Boy, by Appanoose Britt — Appanoose Billie. Owner, Dan Huddleston; handler, Delmar Smith.

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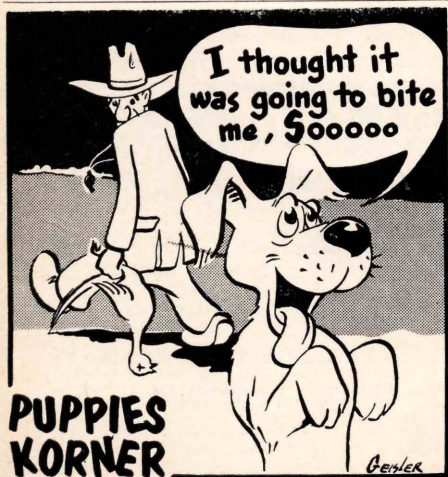
We California Brittany owners can now relax and await confirmation by the American Kennel Club of our second, and we hope successful, Plan A Sanction Match.

We met November 19, 1961 at Recreation Lodge, Elysian Park, in Los Angeles. This is a very beautiful spot sheltered by low green hills on all sides. As usual, this group never meets without one, and we had a super pot-luck lunch. Our dogs and our cooks can compete with the best anywhere.

We set up a huge ring with plenty of room to move the dogs. Ruth Mills, a Weimaraner owner, and John Barrett, Jr. did a fine job as ring stewards. We had 32 dogs for a total of 41 entries. The Barretts were lucky to have their bitch, Monique of Juan Chico placed Best of Breed. She was handled by Mrs. Barrett in the finals. Sargeant IV, owned and handled by our little Leaguer, Gary Tate went Best of Opposite Sex. Best Puppy was Jan of Juan Chico. Mr. Plass Owen of Chula Vista did an excellent job of judging.

We are all proud of the quality of this Brittany entry. Many of them would be sure winners in the Breed Ring, with dogs and owners properly trained.

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THE FUTURITIES

by Bob and Ruth Burbank

Every day the mail brings proof of the fact that Brittany breeders throughout the United States are striving to produce the dual dog. Nominations for both field and bench futurities outnumber the ones designated for only field, so it must be assumed that we Brittany owners are either most sincere in our determination to keep our breed dual, or we are enthusiastic bargain hunters, or both. At any rate, let this be a reminder to you that if a bitch is nominated for the field futurity, she can also be nominated for the bench futurity for \$3.00 rather than \$5.00.

BENCH FUTURITY — FIRST NOMINATIONS

1. BRITTCHESTER'S KO-ED—CH. BRITTCHESTER'S RICOCHET; Ruth C. Burbank, Box 145, Plympton, Mass.
2. JEFF JET'S JOY—RAPID OF RICHMONT; Robert Burbank, Box 145, Plympton, Mass.
3. MIKE'S WONDER LIL—TIGRE DE KLEMANOR; Roy H. Noggle, Box 67, Spring Valley, Ohio.
4. SILVER LAKE SUGRE—FLD. CH. FERDINAND OF LEEWAY; Roy W. Holm, 2533 Sloan, Flint 4, Mich.
5. FERD'S CAROL OF LEEWAY—FLD. CH. RENDEZVOUS ELIAS; Lee Holman, Whittington, Ill.
6. GEPHART'S BRITTANY BABE—FLD. CH. PINOAK GUY; Lee Holman, Whittington, Ill.
7. BRITTCHESTER'S MISS WAY KAN—BRITTCHESTER'S SNEAKY PETE; Robert W. Burbank, Box 145, Plympton, Mass.
8. HOLLEY HAVEN TAM—HOLLEY HAVEN BEAU; Henry A. Holleyoak, 2344 Hannan Rd., Wayne, Mich.
9. CH. WESTONIA'S PRIDE—JINGLE CLOCHE; Fred Wesley Wyman, Westonia Kennels, Box 77, New Ipswich, N. H.
10. NONETTE FRANCESCA—MAJOR MONTE; Melvin A. Rosenfeld, 123 Sturtz St., Barrington, Ill.
11. NOGA DE KLEMANOR—DU. CH. TIGRE DE KLEMANOR; Roy H. Noggle, Box 67, Spring Valley, Ohio.
12. (Waiting AKC confirmation of name)—CH. ULTRA MEND YACK; Clifford D. McKay, 1717 Maple, Wichita, KANSAS.
13. NATURE'S DOLLY OF QUAIL MEADOWS—FLD. CH. BELLOAKS LEO; Earl M. Dickerson R. Dickerson, R.R. 1, Fairland, Ind.
14. CH. M-V JODI DE TRIUMPH—DU. CH. PACOLET'S SAM; Clarence J. Goering, Box 155, Newton, Kansas.
15. ARHERONDE'S TAFFIE—BRITTANY BOY; Robert W. Burbank, Box 145, Plympton, Mass.
16. NAN OF LARUE—BIRCHWOOD PEPI'S ACE; Carlton P. Plyler, Hoxey Star Rt., Cadillac, Mich.
17. UNO'S SEN DE RELLA—FLD. CH. FERDINAND OF LEEWAY; Ralph D. Bolton, M.D., 281 S. ASHLAND, Lexington, Ky.
18. MASTER'S RUBY SPOT—DU. CH. PACOLET'S SAM; Jane Thompson, Box 275, Novi, Mich.

FIELD FUTURITY NOTES

The Sixteenth Futurity is under way and with the necessary blanks now ready, the service in handling it should be greatly improved.

I'd like to call attention to the form "OWNERS RECORD" which was the brainchild of Dave Story. These forms are returned to the breeder with the receipt for the second forfeit fee, one for each pup in the litter, certifying the litter is eligible to be entered in the Futurity. An effort should be made by the breeders to see that each new owner of a pup from a nominated litter receives one of these "OWNERS RECORD" forms, as well as the other necessary papers when the pup is delivered.

A large number of these forms may go to first time Brittany owners, so it seemed an ideal place to call attention to "THE BRITTANY IN AMERICA" and where it can be obtained, as well as an application for membership in THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB. Therefore, these have been added to the lower part of the "OWNERS RECORD" of the Field Futurity.

First Nominations For Sixteenth Futurity

1. KATY-DID—JUCHOIR'S RUSTY ROGUE; Ted Fehn Jr., 5740 Slater, Merriam, Kansas.
2. EARLE'S DIANE DE COUQUE—LARUE'S FANCHE JOE; Dr. R. H. Cullop, Pine Village, Indiana.
3. NONETTE FRANCESCA—MAJOR MONTE; Melvin A. Rosenfeld, 123 Sturtz St., Barrington, Illinois.
4. SIOUX LAND PENNY—TEKA OF SIOUXLAND; Glen Severson, 1021 S. Blauvelt, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.
5. BRITTCHESTER'S KO-ED — CH. BRITTCHESTER'S RICOCHET; Ruth Burbank, Box 145, Plympton, Mass.
6. MISS TOWSEY VALENTINE—FLD. CH. HOLLIDAY BRITT; Victor Mennemeier, Rt. 2, Box 119, O'Fallon, Missouri.
7. JEFF JET'S JOY—RAPID OF RICHMONT; Robert Burbank, Box 145, Plympton, Mass.
8. KAYMORE'S TNT RED—DUAL CH. DOCTOR JOE OF KAYMORE; Martin Jarcho, Oakland, Me. c/o Kaymore, Salem Depot, N. H.
9. BRITTON'S KIPO—BRIT'S TIC TOC BOBBY; H. H. Wyrick, P.O. Box 142, Indianaola, Nebraska.
10. MIKE'S WONDER LIL—TIGRE DE KLEMANOR; Roy H. Noggle, Bex 67, Spring Valley, Ohio.
11. FISKE HILL BONNIE—FLD. CH. KEARSON'S PONKAPOAG SPARKY; Fred W. & Antoinette C. Wyman, Westonia Kennels, Box 77, New Ipswich, N. H.
12. LADY GARRIGHT—REBEL OF ILO'S LAKE; Leroy Weiss, 1826 W. 8th, Hastings, Nebraska.
13. FERD'S FANFARE OF LEEWAY—FERD'S PACER OF LEEWAY; John W. Lee, 6850 East 56th St., Indianapolis, Indiana.
14. HEL'S OKLAHOMA RAINBOW—ZOOMAR OF RICHMONT; M. F. Guest, 614 N. Dixie, Hollis, Oklahoma.
15. LADY GENEVIEVE—HOLLY HAVEN FLINT; Charles W. & Pauline Fahrenbruch, 8411 Monroe, Taylor, Michigan.
16. MORNING STAR BONNIE—PINOAK GUY; Russel E. Logan, 3000 N. Humbert, Alton, Illinois.
17. BRITDELL'S LITTLE BIT OF TAFFY — BRITDELL'S HAPPY CLIPPER; Wendell L. & Ruth Blossom, Route 1, Williamstown, Kansas.

18. GRIFFITH'S PRINTY LADY—FLD. CH. DINGO'S LITTLE MIKE; George Wilson, G 3366 S. Grand Traverse Rd., Flint, Mich.
19. HOLLY HAVEN TAM—HOLLY HAVEN BEAU; Henry A. Holleyoak, 2344 Hannan Rd., Wayne, Michigan.
20. SLAT'S OUI OUI—SLAT'S RICHMONT WARRIOR; J. H. Arbaugh, 427 N. Melrose, Casper, Wyo.
21. SILVER LAKE SUGRE—FLD. CH. FERDINAND OF LEEWAY; Roy Holm, 2533 Sloan, Flint 4, Michigan.
22. SUMMIT BABE—HELGRAMITE CHEVALIER JACJUES; James A. Whitlock V.M.D., 15 Baldwin Ave., New Canaan, Conn.
23. PACOLET'S ALAMO JO—BRIT'S TIC TOC BOBBY; Wm. Howard Brown D.C., 2628 Yamperika, P.O. Box 1517, Vernon, Texas.
24. PEN-OLT'S GOLDEN STARDUST—BRITDELL'S HAPPY CLIPPER; Wendell L. & Ruth Blossom, Route 1, Williamstown, Kansas.
25. FERD'S CAROL OF LEEWAY—FLD. CH. RENDEZVOUS ELIAS; Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois.
26. GEPHART'S BRITTANY BABE — FLD. CH. PINOAK GUY; Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois.
27. SUZETTE DU VAL, C. D.—CH. REED'S SKYLINE DAN; Sally Hutt, 108 Fairway Drive, Youngstown, Ohio.
28. BRITTCHESTER'S MISS WAY-KAN — BRITTCHESTER'S SNEAKY PETE; Robert Burbank, Box 145, Plympton, Mass.
29. SPORTY PEACHES — CH. TRIUMPH ALLAMUCHY MIKE; Raymond S. Loomis, P.O. Box 93, Mendota, Illinois.

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Drawing: Thursday, February 22, 8:00 p.m.—Pin Oak Motel, Carterville, Ill.

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Amateur All Age and Open Puppy.

All stakes are to be handled from foot.

Starting Time of Stakes: Open Puppy 10:00 a.m.—Open All Age, following Open Puppy Stake—Open Derby following All Age Stake—Amateur All Age following Open Derby Stake.

Trophies to first three places in each stake.

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Birds: Native Quail.

Horses: Horses will be available on the grounds.

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**Field Trial Dinner will be held at 8:00 p.m., Saturday evening,
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FUTURITY NOTES

by Bob Burbank

Due to the wonderful cooperation and help given me by both the Millars and the Storeys in setting up this new Futurity, we are now pretty well set up.

I have periodically received entries forwarded to me by Dave Storey, as well as some that have come directly to me. Even though Dave has been very prompt, this has caused some delay and confusion. To eliminate this in the future, it might be well to consider some means of appointing the incoming Futurity Chairman so that the announcement of his appointment could be publicized in the October issue of the American Brittany. Thus his work could begin with the starting of a new Fu-

turity. The preceding Futurity Chairman's duties could end at the conclusion of the Futurity of that year.

New Futurity forms, with all the change taken care of, could be ready for distribution at the start. At the present time I have a backlog of requests for forms which I am unable to fill.

I realize it has always been one of the duties of the newly elected President to make this appointment, and it is always difficult to break away from tradition, but if the appointment could be made by the first vice president or a committee composed of the first vice president and the president of the outgoing officers, this wouldn't be too far from tradition, and it would result in far fewer problems for the new futurity chairman.

NORTH JERSEY BRITTANY CLUB

by Eleanor Griggs

The fall regional trial was held at the Flatbrook Fish and Game Grounds, Bevan, N. J., October 14-15. Weather-wise it was a rugged weekend for the handlers and gallery with a penetrating rain on Saturday and cold wind on Sunday, but the Britts seemed to take it in their stride.

Don Latzko, Ridgefield, N. J. and Gordon Latzko, Saylorsburg, Pa. the very capable judges, added interest to the trial with their interesting personalities and constructive criticisms.

The club had a "Hospitality Hour" in the club house on the grounds after the trial Saturday and there were many interesting discussions around the welcome fire. The dinner was held that night at McKeown's restaurant Rte. 206, Branchville. The P.B.A. of Newton did a fine job supplying food and filling the constant demand for coffee.

There were 52 dogs in the trial.

PUPPY STAKE—6 Entries

Judges: Gordon Latzko & Don Latzko

- 1st—Petite De Bellaire, by Uno's Mr. Big—Belle De Bellaire. Owner and handler, Pat Nickey.
- 2nd—Belle's Grand Garcon, by Uno's Mr. Big—Belle De Bellaire. Owner and handler, Nile A. Smyser.
- 3rd—A. J.'s Hilltop Pierre, by Mark of Passamonte — Beaucoup's Tiny Princess. Owners, John and Alice Cornell; handler, John E. Cornell.
- 4th—Shelburne Fall's Spunky, by Kearson's Ponkapoag Sparky — Bear-

camp Donna. Owner and handler, Edward C. Sauter.

Petite was a nice moving dog from start to finish, handled well and the judges described her as pert and sparky. Garcon worked hard with a shorter range but steady application which lessened in the bird field. Pierre worked a short range but applied himself all the way. Sparky was slow starting but steadied half way round, found and bumped one.

DERBY STAKE—6 Entries

Judges: Gordon Latzko & Don Latzko

- 1st—Crickett of Richmond, by Samson of Richmond—Poulette of Richmond. Owner and handler, Robert H. Mengle.
- 2nd—Richmont Duke, by Samson of Richmond—Poulette of Richmond. Owner and handler, Robert H. Mengle.
- 3rd—A. J. Beau Garcon, by Brittany Boy—Highbrows Ginger. Owners, John and Alice Cornell; handler, John E. Cornell.
- 4th—Mistex Dutchess of Richmond, by Samson of Richmond—Poulette of Richmond. Owner and handler, Wilford C. Sober.

Crickett, an excellent running dog, handled well and had one find in the back course. Duke ran a fair race, somewhat irregular toward the end, found a bird which he chased with vigor. Beau started slowly, found one bird in the back course. Mistex is an excellent moving dog, handled well but produced no bird work.

ALL AGE STAKE—14 Entries

Judges: Gordon Latzko & Don Latzko

- 1st—Suzabob's Dolly Dimples, by Luke of Edough — Queen De Coeurs. Owner and handler, Robert E. Young.

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2nd—Helgramite Shamandre, by Helgramite Howie D'Acajou — Una Pequena De Theresa. Owner and handler, W. E. Stevenson.

3rd—Helgramite Tobie, by Hobson's Choice of Helderberg—Cady Tafita of Genmont. Owner, Ronald H. Stevenson; handler, W. E. Stevenson.

4th—Ray's Pepe Le Moko, by Juchoir's Big Gun—Helgramite Peggy. Owner and handler, Raymond S. Pease.

Dolly had a good find, made two jumps to flush but held steady to shot. Sham's back course work was fair to good, made a point in the bird field with one jump to flush but steady to shot. Tobie was unproductive in the back course but ran a good race, had a fair to good find in the bird field but chased. Pepe ran fair to good in the back course, had one solid find with a controlled chase.

AMATEUR STAKE—16 Entries

Judges: Gordon Latzko & Don Latzko

1st—Helderberg Misty, by Helgramite Howie D'Acajou — Juchoir's Markette. Owner and handler, Herbert Marr.

2nd—Pompton Malls Megin, by Cherry-stone's Allamuchy Tim — Crepe Suzette. Owner and handler, Jack H. Kasley.

3rd—Helgramite Howie, by Hobson's Choice of Helderberg—Cady Tafita of Genmont. Owner and handler, W. E. Stevenson.

4th—Helgramite Shamandre, by Helgramite Howie D'Acajou — Una Pequena De Theresa. Owner and handler, W. E. Stevenson.

Misty ran hard but handled easily, used the wind to her advantage, had one unproductive and one perfect find. Meg was always hunting with style and showed good bird work. Howie ran a good course, showed clean work and had two finds. Sham ran a fair race, had a good piece of bird work and stopped on command to flush.

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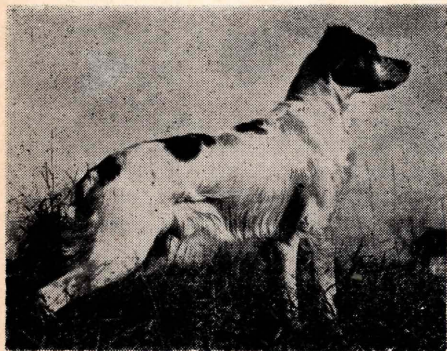
FALL FIELD TRIALS

by James Freeman

The 1961 Fall Field Trials of the Michigan Brittany Club were held at the Highland Recreation Area, Milford, Michigan on October 6, 7, 8. This area provides multiple courses with varied meadows, fence rows, woods and swamp edges. The cover was somewhat heavy and the temperature of the sunny weather high during the middle of the day. Pheasants were planted at unspecified locations along the courses.

Judges Luther Lawrence and Jim Tolman watched the puppies stretch out on uncontaminated multiple courses with no need to be hacked into a bird field. The placed pups ran good races and even had unexpectedly good bird work on the pheasants. Two good placed pups owned by Bill Szubielak and Mrs. J. B. Rose were later disqualified by AKC for being an hour overage. The marshalling of Earl Chappell added real spice to the stake.

ABC President, Thad Cwik, and Ray Dahl judged 18 braces of the Open All Age on Saturday and the 19th brace on Sunday morning. They then proceeded to judge the 16 braces of the Derby! Ralph Gardner marshalled both stakes and through the usual good co-



L'Etoile de Dingo, 2nd Open All Age, and 3rd Amateur.

operation with the bird planters provided all dogs with an opportunity on birds. This is an essential feature of the Michigan trials since the Britts have to hunt all the way to find the birds planted at unspecified places along the courses.

The Amateur was run on a single course with a good gallery view of the bird field. Rarely have two judges enjoyed a trial as much as judges Luther Lawrence and Jim Tolman—all at the expense of the women handlers. They gave the woman's handling trophy to Olene Freeman and Starboy in spite of a borrowed gun of George Wilson which she couldn't fire.

The club felt honored that President Thad Cwik came to judge. We were extremely pleased to have Marcelle and Jim Bell and Dot and Phil Moorehouse at the trial with a number of good dogs which missed out only due to unfortunate incidents. Edith Nickel and Rose Szubielak deserve special mention for their work at the food tent.

PUPPY STAKE—10 Entries

Judges: Luther Lawrence, Jim Tolman

1st—Geronimo de Kazan, by Rebel de Kazan — Penny of Paradise II. Owner, Mrs. E. M. VanPatten; handler, Eric VanPatten.

2nd—Mike's Little Patrick Boy, by Dingo's Little Mike—Albedo Valley Chipper. Owner and handler, William G. Huff.

1st and 4th disqualified by AKC.

DERBY STAKE—32 Entries

Judges: Thad Cwik, Ray Dahl

1st—Doc's Shotgun Flash, by Britts Tic Toc Bobby — Master Ruby Spot. Owner, Col. Jack Bollernd; handler, Jane Thompson.

2nd—Morningstar Rambler, by Davellen

Lucky—Akin's Jet Jewel. Owner, Russel Logan; handler, Lee Holman.

3rd—Rendezvous Huck, by Holley Haven Lucky — Ferds Sunflower Babe. Owner, G. F. Robinson; handler, Lee Holman.

4th—Pacolet's Skyline Galaxy, by Albedo Valley Dingo — Pacolet's Cheyenne. Owner, Nils Nielsen; handler, Jane Thompson.

ALL AGE STAKE—38 Entries

Judges: Thad Cwik, Ray Dahl

1st—Tennessee Sandy, by Rendezvous Elias—Dancer De Klemanor. Owner, Howard Clements; handler, Lee Holman.

2nd—Rendezvous Elias, by Tennessee

Luke—Rendezvous Delilah. Owner, Howard Clements; handler, Lee Holman.

3rd—L'Etoile de Dingo, by Albedo Valley Dingo—Lady Rebecca. Owner, Jim Freeman; handler, Jim Freeman.

4th—Gladwin Smokey, by Dingo's Little Mike — Benjji's Becky of LaRue. Owner and handler, Amos Greer.

AMATEUR STAKE—21 Entries

Judges: Luther Lawrence, Jim Tolman

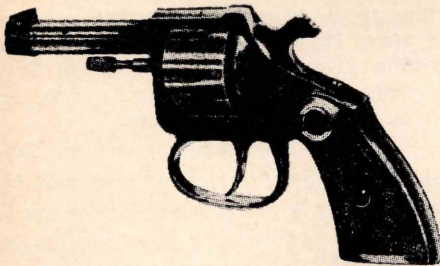
1st—Tanti's Maitress Dickory, by Britts Tic Toc Bobby — Master Ruby Spot. Owner, Mrs. Frances Nielsen; handler, Earl Chappell.

2nd—Dingo's Little Mike, by Pontac Dingo—Cadillac Sue LaRue. Owner and handler, George Wilson.

3rd—L'Etoile de Dingo, by Albedo Valley Dingo—Lady Rebecca. Owner, Jim Freeman; handler, Olene Freeman.

4th—Hadsell's Pete, by Benjji of LaRue — Vickie of LaRue. Owner, Phillip Hadsell; handler, Earl Chappell.

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HIP DYSPLASIA

by Dr. John Pirri, Jr. V.M.D.

Hip dysplasia in a term used to denote the abnormal development of the hip joint. Actually, the term applies to a poorly developed hip regardless of the cause. In general, in a dysplastic hip, the acetabulum, the socket that the head of the femur fits into, is more shallow than normal. The head of the femur becomes flattened and does not fit closely into the acetabulum. As a result we have degeneration or a breakdown of the hip joint, which subsequently leads to the faulty gait and lameness we commonly see.

Many breeds are affected with hip dysplasia and it is doubtful if any of them are completely free from this condition. It has always been the author's feeling that the pointing breeds have less hip dysplasia simply because of the strain and work load that is put on the hip joint when these dogs are out in the field working on birds. In fact, that is an excellent way of weeding out the marginal or borderline cases. If after two or three hours of hard running and bird work, a suspected dog begins to show signs of lameness or shows signs of pain over the hip joint when pressure is applied, that dog can be considered as having hip dysplasia.

It is commonly thought that hip dysplasia is hereditary in dogs, although opinions vary and little truly scientific work has been done to establish the genetic aspects of the disease. The first signs of hip dysplasia appear early, sometimes in puppies three months old. I usually advise owners to X-ray their field dogs when they are no less than six months old. If no signs occur by twelve months and the X-rays are negative at that time, then I feel that the dog is clean and can be used for breeding stock.

When dysplasia occurs, the hips are broader than usual, giving the pelvis

a wide, flat appearance when viewed from the rear. The gait is clumsy, and in running, the hind legs are used in a hopping, rabbit-like manner. The dog frequently throws the stifles or knee joints out when running, and there is shrinking of the thigh muscles as the condition progresses. In some cases, pain is a prominent sign as indicated by limping, wincing on pressure over the hips and sitting in abnormal positions. There is sometimes difficulty in climbing stairs. However, many animals exhibit no abnormalities of gait and show no signs of pain once the condition has stabilized.

A classification for hip dysplasia has been suggested and the condition is placed into four grades according to its severity as seen on the X-rays. The author feels a positive or negative diagnosis is sufficient, since the condition may progress in which the classification could change with the passage of time. In any event, borderline cases can be given the field test and in that manner, a positive diagnosis can be made one way or the other.

Until full understanding of hip dysplasia has been achieved, it should be regarded as a disease causing unsoundness, and breeders of dogs should be advised not to use for breeding purposes animals so afflicted, even though the dogs involved may have compensated for the unsoundness.

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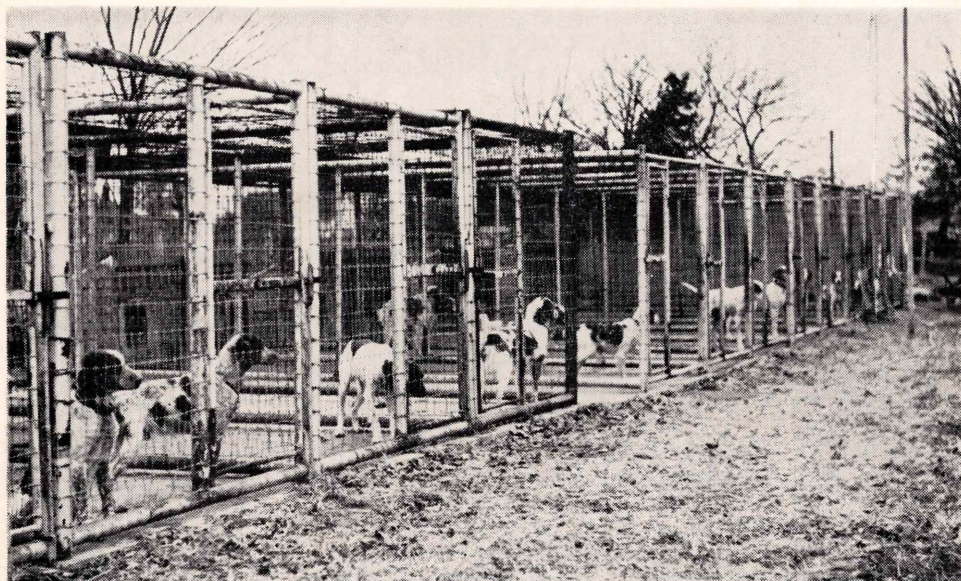
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