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. . . followed by Open Puppy, Open Derby, Amateur Gun Dog

Entries Close—January 27, 1962, at 8:00 P.M.

Drawing-Holly Inn, Pinehurst, N. C., 8:00 P.M., January 27, 1962

The Quail Classic will be run on six one hour courses and will be a "Limited All Age Stake" (Open and Amateur) for Brittanies six months of age and over on the first advertised day of the trial, which have won first in an Open Derby, or which have placed first, second, third, or fourth in any A.B.C. licensed All Age or Gun Dog Stake.

Open Derby and Open Puppy Stakes will be run on one course with a bird field. The Amateur Gun Dog Stake will be run on continuous courses.

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All other stakes . . .

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### National Champion For 1961

### Field Champion Yankee Boy's Tommy



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### COVER

National Champion for 1961 Yankee Boy's Tommy points the way for this year, while Fld. Ch. Jeff of Minnehaha, winner of the Amateur Stake, honors. Our Congratulations to these two fine dogs, their owners and handlers- (photo courtesy R. Hesseltine.)

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# 19th Annual National Trials American Brittany Club

November 25th to December 3rd, 1961

Crab Orchard Wild Life Area, Carbondale, Illinois

Field Trial Champion Yankee Boy's Tommy is the American Brittany Club National Champion for 1961. This is the seventh consecutive time that a dog from the Midwest Regional Circuit has captured that title. Maturity and experience carried Tommy through his race with class and style, for Tommy was the oldest veteran in the whole trial, his birthday being March 23, 1952. Many handlers had renewed hope for their older dogs still having a chance to win the National Championship title. Everyone wondered when the bad

numerous times in the past. No one in the gallery could have asked for more pleasant weather, but sometimes it was a little too warm for the dogs to work their best. The weather never did turn very cold or extreme. It was warm, windy and sunny at the start of the trial Saturday morning. There was frost on the ground a few mornings during the Futurity and at the start of the Championship, but between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. the sun would appear and the sky clear up. The latter part of the week,

weather was going to arrive as it has



National Champion for 1961. Fld. Ch. Yankee Boy's Tommy with handler Ralph Hesseltine and the Walter B. Kleeman Trophy.

it turned warm and pleasant. A wonderful way to wind up a very enjoyable trial. That miserable rainy weather arrived the next day after the trial was over.

Thanks to the efforts of the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club in its restocking the area with quail and feeders last year, there were a few more birds this year, but not yet up to the grounds' previous "20 covies a day." Your scribe found out why Brittanies have to range out more in quail country. "That's just where you find quail-Way out!" Some finds were made on pheasants which had been released by a Wiermaraner trial previously. The first couple days the geese were flighty and their cries sounded like traffic jams in the sky. Even to the old timers, it was a thrilling sight to see the masses of geese rise up, black swarms surging and fighting for altitude, honking their way to new fields.

Only a portion of the 6500 acres of farm land at Crab Orchard is used for field trials. On this wildlife refuge, under the management of the Department of Interior, are raised corn, soy beans, and hav are harvested and the governments' share is converted to fertilizer and returned to the soil. Hence the plowed fields that get so muddy and make maneuverability impossible. Dogs, handlers, and horses alike had great difficulty crossing the plowed fields. Seems to me, all the other things that grow at Crab Orchard have thorns, briars, etc., to snaggle anything that tries to bypass it.

This year, the Department of Interior made a mistake in scheduling two events at the grounds on the same day. On Sunday, November 26, 1961, there was an open house and it was estimated that 1000 cars and 4000 people traveled through the grounds at the same time our car gallery was travelling around. Thanks to the guidance of Mr. Stiles and his aides, everything went smoothly.

A rousing vote of thanks to the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club for its help and facilities. Our trial was the sixth one this fall on the grounds and one could see the results of the study and effort they put forth to make Crab Orchard the excellent bird course that it is. A new rule was made by them governing the length of time we could run each day—8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Everyone said it made the trial much more pleasant not having to get up at 5:00 a.m. and the first and last braces of the day ran under more favorable conditions than last years daylight to dusk.

To Lloyd Futrell we owe a debt of thanks for his fine care of the club's facilities: the barn, kennels, and excellent trial horses. Many a horse and same rider are able to pair up year after year and enjoy the advantages of viewing the trial on horseback.

All the pictures on the clubhouse walls fills many with nostalgia for days of glory gone by. The spacious Clubhouse with Tom North, custodian, was the site of our National Specialty Show Saturday night. Then each noon, good hot lunches were catered by Bill Piper, bringing all together to swap stories of the previous runnings.

Much of the success of a trial depends on a good field marshall. Marshall Bob Runion, field marshall for all three stakes, negotiated the courses with confidence and preciseness. It's not an easy task to keep the dogs moving, get them on birds and be at the road pickup point at the alloted time. Delores Martin, dog truck driver, and Bob Runion worked very well as a team keeping things moving along without hindering the dogs in their running.

Crab Orchard Field Trial Club and its Secretary "Ike" Brandon are to commended for making our tasks easy and our stay a pleasant memory. Having been to the "Nationals at Carbondale" is the highest epitome of field trialing.

George Wilson did an excellent job as chairman of this years affair demonstrating his experience of many years work in field trialing. He forgot nothing in making this trial a memorable occasion for all. Dr. Fred White, Earl Chappell, Richard Culbert and Lee Holman helped him immeasurably in keeping things moving along. Everyone present helped out unstintingly, and special thanks to those who stayed to the very end.

Our hungry dogs appreciated greatly

Purina Dog Food supplied by the company man Howard Parker (company man through and through, with red and white checkerboard shirt, vest, tie and shorts.) Ralston Purina Co. of St. Louis featured an added attraction this year. They are making a movie of all types of sporting dog events, and they captured some of the exciting work done in the championship stake. In spring 1962, it is contemplated that this 16mm sound movie will be available for clubs to view the workings of our Brittanies and many other dogs. This is the first time Brittanies have been photographed commercially.

The 19th Annual Trial was just 6 entries shy last years' entry of 168. The 162 total entries were divided as follows: 36 Amateur; 45 Championship, and 81 Futurity. Despite the fact that more stringent qualifications were set up for the Amateur and Championship stakes, the Amateur stake was down 9, the Championship down 2, and the Futurity up 5. For the sake of comparison, in 1959, entry was 135; in 1958, it was 131, and in 1957, it was 109.

Interest in the Brittany spaniels is

ever increasing, judging by the number of entries, and the number of new clubs forming. The only regret felt by some is that the older clubs need their membership built up to get new blood to help with the work.

This years' geographic distribution was not quite up to last years' score of 30 states, Canada and Japan, but 23 states and Canada were again represented. This nationwide representation certainly proves that this trial is of great significance and importance to all of us. About 28 of the 32 older clubs and 3 new clubs were represented at the trial. The great number of Directors present at the Board of Directors meeting displayed the great interest felt in the problems to be discussed. No organization can grow without its trials and tribulations and the ever growing American Brittany Club is no exception.

The Crab Orchard Club's new rule stretched the trial out to 8½ days, as we had only about 7 hours of actual running time, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. About 62 hours of actual running took place. Even with six judges



Championship Placements (r. to l.) National Champion for 1961. Fld. Ch. Yankee Boy's Tommy with handler Ralph Hesseltine, 2nd Fld. Ch. Rendezvous Elias with handler Lee Holman, 3rd Fld. Ch. King Star with handler Jack Plyer, 4th National Champion for 1960, Fld. Ch. Holiday Britt with, handler Delmar Smith. Standing behind the handlers are Judges Gene Brown and Clyde Schoonover and Marshal Bob Runion.



Dignataries at the Banquet—Jack Secor and Albert Rule—Amateur Judges, and Ray Barto, Judge for the Futurity are seated (l. to r.) Almost pictured standing behind the judges are, President Thad Cwik, Trial Chairman George Wilson, and George's "right hand", Margaret Vogt.



The Cheering Section—(Standing I. to r.) Margaret Vogt, Ruth Freeman, Mrs. Cappell, Ann White, Vera Smith, Ruth Lee, Ruby Chappell, Dorothy Mobley, Jane Thompson, Edna Greer. Kneeling are Mrs. Hulin, Delores Martin, and Betty Bissell.



An essential and very important part of every National is the dog wagon, but never have we been honored with as gracious a driver as Delores Martin . . No?



Bert Heinz invites one and all to the Pheasant Classic to be hosted by the Washington Club in '62.



Chairman for the National Trial, George Wilson (left) confers with Ray Barto, Judge of the Futurtiy.



The covered wagon comes east—this was a motorized version, bringing with it the Cappell family from California.



Lady Handlers — National Amateur Stake, (1 to r) Ann White, Lelah Weik, Olene Freeman, and Juanita Benton.

and an experienced field trial committee, this is still a lot of work. The relaxed atmosphere made the trial much more enjoyable than last years' "rushrush"—to get it done in 7 days. The judges jobs were easier and the dogs and handlers had a better chance on bird work etc. It is evident that many of the problems of previous trials were solved by George Wilson and his committee in their careful planning and evaluation of the trial.

Not many records were broken this year, but the gallery did manifest itself magnificently. On the first day 15 horses started out and more were added. On Sunday there were 30 cars faithfully following their first love—Field Trialing. The last day spirits were high, even if the numbers had dwindled, and those left seem to have acquired a special affinity with one another.

Last year "deer" problem has not solved itself entirely, but some progress has been made. The Department of Interior killed 50 of them, but those left still use all the tricks to tantalize the dogs beyond distraction. Many a dog fell to the lure of white tail and many of the gallery were just as fascinated as they watched the antics of the deer from afar.

There are a great many important aspects of a field trial, but one of the most important is the judging. This

year three sets of judges were chosen to handle the three different stakes. Even with six judges it is no easy job to judge a trial of this size. We believe we chose some of the best men in the country when we chose Jack Secor, Niles, Michigan, and Albert Pinckneyville, Illinois, for the Amateur Stake, W. I. "Ike" Brandon, Carbondale, and Ray Barto, Seatonville, Illinois, for the Futurity Stake, and Gene Brown, Pontiac, Illinois, and Clyde Schoonover, Pocatello, Idaho for the National Championship Stake. These men did an excellent job of judging for which no amount of words would fully express our gratitude. The American Brittany Club will be eternally grateful for their efforts.

### AMATEUR ALL AGE STAKE 36 Entries

Reported by Dr. Fred Z. White

Judges: Jack Secor & Albert Rule 1st—Fld. Ch. Jeff of Minnehaha, by Teddy of Riverhill Acres—Daisy's Phoebe. Richard L. Culbert, own-

er and handler.

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

3rd—Fld. Ch. Helgramite Shamandre, by Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou—Una Pequena de Ther-



Amateur Placements (l. to r.) 1st Jeff of Minehaha with Richard Culbert, 2nd Dingo's Little Mike with George Wilson, 3rd Helgramite Shemandre with W. E. Stevenson, Silvre Lake Sugre, 4th place, was not present for this picture.

esa. W. E. Stevenson, owner and handler.

4th—Silver Lake Sugre', by Idoc's Flooky — Pewe of Edough. Roy Holm, owner and handler.

The Amateur Stake at the beginning of the trial always has the biggest number of rooters and the most enthusiasm judging from the large walking gallery, the great number on horseback and the long contingent of cars. Many newcomers found that following the handlers around a course involved stumbling over "trip weeds" and sometimes falling into the briars, and soon they were just following a short way after the breakaway. Kentucky and Michigan share the honors for giving their favorite dogs a rousing send off, and the Michigan group can well be proud, as you will see.

Gaining custodianship for one year of the Alan R. Stuyvesant Memorial Trophy, a huge bronze Brittany statue, was Field Champion Jeff of Minnehaha, owned and handler by Richard L. Culbert, Sioux Falls, S. D. This was a crowning glory for ol' Jeff, who has had over 50 placements and who turned nine last August 3rd. This is another trial where the dog with plenty of experience and know-how had it over the younger dog who ran wider and faster, but did not have the finesse of the older, more mature dog. Jeff and



Jeff of Minnehaha, winner of National Amateur Stake with Richard Culbert.

Pacolet's Genii brokeaway at 12:30 Sunday afternoon under cluody skies, but warm weather, At 12:45, Jeff and Genii had a divided stop to flush, and at 12:47, Genii had a good find off to the right of the road. At 12:50 p.m. Jeff had his chance for glory on a good staunch find in a multiflora hedgerow. He handled his quail with impeccable manners, bring home the blue ribbon for Dick Culbert again, Jeff's class was impressive and his race like that of an old pro, hunting only in the right spots and wasting no time in the wrong places. Now Jeff and Dick can rest on his laurels.

This years' chairman of the Nationals, George Wilson, walked off with second place ribbon with Dual Champion Dingo's Little Mike showing how he has won over 46 placements in Brittany trials and many other wins and placements in All-breed trials. Dingo's Little Mike and Pacolet's Sam brokeaway at 8:57 a.m. Saturday under fair and sunny skies and a warm breeze. Mike's another dog of over 8 years whose field trial experience has proved time after time his truly great hunting and running ability. Mike ran wide and really hunted out the cover and along the edges. At 9:40, Mike was seen by the horse gallery standing: his handler was told that his dog was on point and he produced a single. Mike handled it with very excellent manners. His bracemate was lost on deer. Mike had placed 2nd in the National Amateur stake in 1958, and 3rd in the Amateur in 1959, and 2nd in the National Championship.



President Thad Cwik (center) with judges of the Amateur Stake, Jack Secor (left) and Albert Rule (right).

Judging by his performance this year, he still has a good chance to cop the top honors next year.

An Eastern dog, Field Champion Helgramite Shamandre won third place award this year. Sham is owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn., a veteran field trialer and the A.B.C. delegate to the American Kennel Club. The Helgramite name has won fame for Mr. Stevenson a number of times at the Nationals and the regional trials. At 2:15 on Saturday, Mike de Klemanor and Helgramite Shamandre brokeaway. Just shortly after the breakaway, along a heavy brush pile, there was a divided find. It was difficult to determine which dog had the find, but Sham was in front and was credited with it. Steve went in and produced the birds, and Sham handled them very nicely. Shortly after this, the dogs swung around the same brush pile and Mike came on point and Sham backed. The stragglers had probably recently left from the original covy, and as it was an unproductive, the dogs were sent on. Mike had an unproductive in an open field. Sham went on ahead and pointed a covy in a deep thicket which he relocated, and then handled with very good manners when his covy was flushed and shot over. Mike had a covy find deep in the same woods just before pick-up.

The Michigan Saginaw Valley Club captured a second trophy in the Amateur Stake. 4th place honors were awarded to Silver Lake Sugre', owned and handled by a relatively new-comer, Roy Holm, Flint, Michigan. Sugre' does not have her championship, but Roy has been a steady worker with Sugre' at numerous trials. At 8:50 Monday morning, with low overcast skies, Silver Lake Sugre' and Dual Ch. Pennys' Happy Pepi brokeaway. At 9:00 both dogs were seen by the handlers to be standing, Sugre in front and Pepi behind, and the birds flushed wild. No point was called but both handlers shot and both dogs were steady to shot and wing. (At 9:04, Pepi had a point deep in the woods. Art produced the birds, but the judge didn't see it.) At 9:15 Pepi had a find in a hedgerow. At 9:17, in the honeysuckle Sugre pointed a single bird from the previous covey and handled it very well. At 9:35, Sugre was missed and as the gallery rode up, a bird came up and the handler fired and Sugre was seen standing in the honeysuckle. At 9:38 Sugre had another single from the same covey. Pepi and Sugre' were separated at this point and further down the line Pepi, working singles from the covy, had a point at 9:35 and 9:38.

After all the trials were over the committee thought that everyone might



"What's the Bid?"-Scene during the Calcutta at the Banquet.

be interested in a little survey that was made concerning the bird situation as to number etc. It was found that more birds were seen and produced in the Amateur stake than were found or seen in the Championship stake Many reasons have been discussed as to the reasons for this finding, but no conclusions have been reached.

An extra highlight of the Amateur stake is the competition for the Belloaks Ginger Trophy. This trophy is awarded each year to the best dog handled by a woman amateur handler in the National Amateur Stake providing there is at least 3 women competing. This year Pinky III and Lelah Weik won the rotating trophy. Others competing were Ch. L'Etoile de Dingo with Olene Freeman and Dual Champion Pacolet's Cheyenne with Juanita Benton handling.

Photographs by Fred White. Copies may be obtained from the American Brittany.

## CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE 45 Entries

Reported by Ruth Lee

Judges: Gene Brown, Clyde Schoonover

- 1st—Fld. Ch. Yankee Boy's Tommy, by Tudors Yankee Boy — Kenmuchy Kay's Lady. Owner, John A. Costelow; handler, Ralph Hesseltine.
- 2nd—Fld. Ch. Rendezvous Elias, by Tennessee Luke — Rendezvous Delilah. Owner, Howard P. Clements; handler, Lee Holman.
- 3rd—Fld. Ch. King Star, by Fld. Ch. Benjii of LaRue—Saxon's Sue La-Rue. Owner, Arthur N. Knowles; handler, Carlton P. Plyler.
- 4th—Fld. Ch. Holiday Britt, by Fld. Ch. Buddington Prince—Lou's Delight. Owner, J. T. Cahill; handler, Delmar Smith.

Field Trial Committee member John A. Costelow was unable to attend the trial this year, and it was too bad that he was unable to join in the celebration



Yankee Boy's Tommy on point along the edge of the timber. Looking him over is Judge Gene Brown and behind him Trial Chairman George Wilson. Handler Ralph Hesseltine can be seen going in to flush the covey, just in front of Mr. Gene's horse.

when it was announced that his Fld. Ch. Yankee Boy's Tommy had won the coveted title of National Champion for 1961. Tommy, who was 9 last March 23, was handled by Ralph Hesseltine of Overbrook, Kansas. There must be some special affinity built up between handler and dog after all these years that helps make it possible for both to work so well together under such tense conditions and walk away with the most



Ginger Trophy Winner — Lelah Weik with Pinky III.

important title of all Brittany Kingdom. John can be proud of both for the excellent job they did together. He will also have possession of the Walter Kleeman Memorial Trophy for the next year.

Fld. Ch. Yankee Boy's Tommy and Dual Ch. Dingo's Little Mike cast off at 12:56 Saturday afternoon. Despite the heat, and time of day, these two seasoned veterans early showed they would give it their all. The course afforded open territory at the start with distant objectives, and the gallery was treated to a sight of mature probing birdy territory and no wasting of precious time. Winding up along "bird alley" a quail flushed out over the heads of the gallery, electrifying them with the thought "Whose would it be?" For there was no doubt, the way they were searching, one or the other would

nail that covey. It was Tommy. He stood proudly under oak tree atop the rise, and gave a flawless, finished performance. The course turned, down the shady side of multiflora and the sun ducked beneath a cloud, and then it was half-time and both dogs got a dunking in the pond. They kept on, pace somewhat slackened, but they both kept up a good searching race. Mike got his second wind perhaps earlier; a second water hole at 45 minutes helped again, and in the final closing minutes they were working out the edge of a field when Mike whirled and Tommy, immediately behind, flipped too in a spectacular backing stance, stretching both head and tail to their utmost vertical position. Gallery, cameraman, judges, sped their horse across the field and while handler tried for the covey, the movie camera ground away. Tommy relaxed, perhaps he realized early it would be unproductive, but it gave him a wonderful opportunity to display style which he did admirably. Time was up and when leashes were snapped on and they started back to the dog wagon, it was an utterly exhausted Tommy Boy heading wearily

Be sure when you view the Ralson



Marshall Bob Runion, in a repeat performance rode all three stakes.

Purina movie, to look for this exciting race run by this years champion.

Field Champion Rendezvous Elias, better known as "Peter", captured sec-ond place honors under the able handling of Lee Holman. Peter is owned and often handled by Howard Clements of Chicago, and has had 27 other wins and placements. Fld. Ch. Ozark Chieftain and Fld. Ch. Rendezvous Elias cast off through corn at 8:52 on Saturday morning, started hunting at once, and both found birds almost simultaneously. They were in a thicket, down in hollow and Chieftain's find was high-lighted first with handler shooting as birds flushed. Elias' handler pointed out his dog standing tall and proud, and it took quite some time for him to get to him, for he was in there deep. It was a large covey and old "Peter" was solid as a



Championship Judges (1 to r) Clyde Schoonover and Gene Brown.

rock. Chieftain's pace was shortened as time ticked by, while Peter, though never wide, kept up a steady hunting gait. In handling, hunting to the fore, and choosing birdy objectives, he displayed the intelligence of a seasoned quail hunter.

A dog who had only 5 placements and finished his Championship in two 5 point trials won third place in the National Championship stake. He was Fld. Ch. Knig Star, handled by Carlton Plyler of Cadillac, and owned by Arthur Knowles of London, Oontario. King is only 3½ years old and will be a serious threat for years to come.

Fld. Ch. King Star and Fld. Ch. Tanti's Maitress Dickory cast off at

2:40 Thursday afternoon, Maity pulled several false alarms; at first she was in weeds and stopped, but corrected before handler got there. Later with King Star in brush and she in the open she stopped as though backing her bracemate, but when King Star moved on, she did too. Except for bare field crossing, bordered on three sides by multiflora rose hedges, there was little chance on this course to show "run". but King Star clearly exhibited legs and drive in a long independent cast down one length of multiflora and round the corner to take in honeysuckle. As the course swung around to right, he stopped suddenly, pointing in weeds to edge with covey well located. Manners on flush, and then he gave a yip, for when sent on he leaped right into briars. At 44 minutes Maity stopped and King Star was whoaed to back, but there was nothing, and then in extremely heavy cover-weeds shoulder high, King Star started feathering. Some in the gallery thought it might have been the trail of a ccok pheasant, for there was one seen to flush off to the left. Maity had just had the leash snapped on for pickup when a covey of quail flushed out quite a ways ahead of handler and dogs. Star's handler kept him motionless while he worked the area adjacent for any stragglers fro mthe moving, feeding covey, and then sent him on. Now it was apparent King Star had the situation well-sized up, and contiued on course carefully, ready at any moment to stab his quarry. He was given a third opportunity when just 3 minutes before pickup, he whipped sharply and stood motionless as birds arose, wave after wave.

National Champion for 1960, Fld. Ch. Holliday Britt, captured the fourth place honors for his owner J. T. Cahill, Kansas City, Mo. This is the third time Delmar Smith has placed Holliday Britt at the National, the first time being the winner of the Tenth Annual Brittany Club Futurity in 1957.

Fld. Ch. Holliday Britt and Beauguard's Billy Boy were braced together in the 19th brace. Last year's champion led off the last day's running, but it was soon obvious Billy Boy was proving himself quite an adversary. While Britt

investigated across ditchbank drawing handler back for it was a known covey haunt. Billy Boy dashed on ahead covering every inch in a forward, searching race. They both came out of corn to right before road crossing where they had cast wide and long, later probed honeysuckle ditch crossing meticulously. Heading north along hillside, Billy Boy continued hitting hard. Britt was taken into thicket when course broke into final field so handler was right on him when deer popped out. Billy Boy was not so fortunate, dashing madly off after the deer and clear across the field. He was way out yonder when Britt's handler shot and displayed Britt at his side on point. Billy Boy returned from the deer chase exhausted, and handler picked him up with about 2 minutes remaining.

Fld. Ch. Belloaks Leo and Dual Ch. Dingo's Little Mike were called back to run a second series. The object was birds, but the first game to cross Leo's path was deer, and thus ended his chance for glory. Mike kept on hunting for about 35 minutes without success when he was ordered up, and the stake concluded.

Many of the other contenders did commendable work and your reporter thought that you would be interested in these observations concerning their runnings. Penny's Happy Pepi—for good work on covey find though her range probably kept her out of placement.

Sussie's Warpath Demalibeau—good sustained race throughout, the way a god Brittany should go, but no birds.

Jeff of Minnehaha—excellent birdwork with more covies to his credit than any others in the stake, but his run was short.

Make de Klemanor — Luther Lawrence didn't have enough confidence in his dog's good work.

Tennessee Sandy—What he did was OK, but the dog was soft and let brace-mate's bungling bother him. He's young and experience will get him over that.

Belloaks Leo—probably laid down the class heat of the stake, and sustained stamina to the end.

Ozark Chieftain—Nice work on covey find, but showed aging, slowed considerably at close.

Pinoak' Guy—acceptable work—point and back on feeding covey. He might have ranked higher had he not slowed down.

Ruth Lee did an excellent job of reporting the Championship stake brace by brace, and nayone desiring more complete details on his particular dogs' running, can write to Ruth Lee or Margaret Vogt.



With one minute to go—Dingo's Little Mike on point with Yankee Boy's Tommy backing. Lee Holman attempts to produce in front of Mike while Ralph Hesseltine stands by Tommy. In the foreground is the Ralston-Purina photographer.

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### **EDITORIAL**

Now it is history! The Nationals are over. The National Champion for 1961 is crowned, the Futurity monies have found the proper pockets, and the dust should be well settled.

Observations were made during the trial. There was discussion during and after the trial. Now opinions can be formed, and criticism offered with an eye towards improving future trials.

Starting with observations;

The Championship Stake, as a whole, did not seem to offer the class that many hoped for. Few dogs held up well for the full hour—many sagged very noticeably at 40 and 45 minutes. Bird contact was at a minimum.

The Amateur Stake — again as a whole, was of a better calibre. Most dogs ran a good gun dog course—paced themselves for the 45 minutes, and went hunting all the way. Bird contact was very good, with more coveys found in this stake—and more per brace than in any of the other stakes.

Since the Amateur Stake was run first, it was soon apparent that birds were present, and plentiful, and so it was disappointing to have fewer contacts in the other stakes.

The grounds are a good test of a bird dog, a hunting bird dog! The courses seem to be getting tighter with each year. The cover is heavy. There are only a few courses were there are fields open enough to allow a running dog to get way out, make that long cast, and that "out-on-a-limb-find". Grassy fields that looked like they would allow a dog to open up contained short briars that really cut many dogs down to a near walk, making them look a little ridiculous in an apparently open field.

In thinking about these facts—and some may dispute them as facts, some explanation becomes necessary.

From the standpoint of the professional, the Championship may be the rainbow, but the Futurity is the pot of gold. There is honor in handling a dog to the championship, but a placement in the Futurity will pay for the

expense of making the Nationals. The logical assumption would then be that it would be wiser to work harder on getting the Futurity dog ready.

The dogs for the Championship Stake have been running all year in 30 minute stakes and are not conditioned well for an hour stake, and this seemed apparent from the sagging in the last 10 to 20 minutes of many braces. Add to this the fact that this trial took 9 days in the running, and most of the Championship stake dogs were laid up for 6 to 7 days waiting to run, and there seems to be reason enough for the sag.

Meanwhile the amateur with one or two dogs has had time to get his dog in condition for a 45 minute stake. He has probably hunted him previous to the Nationals, so he is ready to run and hunt, and because birds have been shot over him, he goes looking for birds.

The Futurities are probably in the best condition of all, but are still young dogs. The cover is rough, and many are not used to it, and so are cut down. The courses are tight, the handlers cannot well see where their dogs are, and so are reluctant to let them get too far out of control. They must always be aware of the deer menace.

The birds at the beginning of the trial are along the edges—where they should be. They are moved the first day—and the second, during the Amateur Stake, so they go in a little deeper. As a result, by the time the Championship Stake comes along, they are spooky and buried in as deeply as they can.

Result—bird work gets harder to come by as time goes on.

And the overall result is that the Championship Stake does not appear to be a truly high calibre stake. Knowing these things, one can allow for it, but that does not change the fact that we are not getting what we hope to get!

Another thing that is distressing to many is that the size of the gallery,



both on horse and in the cars, is quite large on the first days of the trial and then steadily decreases. This year was better than most, since many newcomers kept arriving, and many returned on the last weekend of the trial. However, the Championship stake is still—to the Brittany world as a whole, the most important part of the trial, and it leaves a sense of frustration to the observer when 29 horses are counted in the gallery on the first two days, and 10 remain for the Championship.

When these facts are ingested and digested one thing becomes quite clear—a change is needed for the overall betterment of our Nationals, and to provide in particular, for a better calibre Championship stake. How can this be done?

There are two methods by which this could be accomplished. The ideal, in my opinion, wuold be to seperate the Championship and the Futurity Stakes. If these two stakes were run at different times—even if these times were separated by no more than a few weeks, the trainers and handlers would be better able to concentrate on conditioning dogs for each stake. The later stake could be run further south to give a better weather break—or perhaps the championship stake could be run in the Spring.

As to location, Crab Orchard is excellent for Championship dogs—they should be able to cope with the tough cover—should be able to handle any course presented. The futurity dogs on the other hand may do better, and be given a fairer chance if their grounds

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Since the Amateur dog should be hunting and should be able to negotiate all types of cover as well as the Championship contender, Crab Orchard would be a good test for him as well.

The conclusion then, would be to split the stakes; Futurity to another location, with the two stakes being separated enough in time to allow the handlers to condition each dog to that fine edge we all hope to see.

The Amateur and Championship stakes go together—all age dogs, with the same abilities and potential, so they should be able to run as well on the same ground.

In this event however, it is most important, I feel, that the Championship stake be run first. The dogs will be in better condition, the opportunity on birds will be better, the gallery (it is hoped) will be larger. Since the running of the two stakes will take probably 4 to 5 days, most owners and spectators would be able to attend the entire trial.

The futurity, taking usually three days, would make a good full week-end trial, and would not place a hardship on anyone.

Fully realizing that radical changes are difficult to make, an alternative has been suggested, and would mkae a good plan for 1962. A plan from which we could move easily to the more ideal set up described.

This would be to run the Futurity and the Amateur Stakes simultaneously and the Championship stake alone—all in the framework of one trial, and as usual, all at Crab Orchard.

This would shorten the time—there is sufficient space, and would answer some of the problems. If this is done, for the reasons already suggested, it would seem wise to run the Championship Stake first, and follow with the simultaneous running of the other two.

We must do something soon. Although it is almost a year away, now is the time to think about it and make suggestions to the Committee for the National Trials.

## 14th Annual American Brittany Club Futurity

by Nicky Bissell

The first futurity, fourteen years ago, had about 25 starters. This year it hit a new high with 126 paying their first starting fee and 81 paying their final fee. Two of these did not show at the starting line, but it still is a record entry, the largest futurity yet. As most of the readers know, this trial is held in conjunction with the Nationals at the Crab Orchard Wild Life Refuge in Southern Illinois.

It should be mentioned that the bird population has increased tremendously since last year. Then only four covies were contacted by all the futurities. This year nearly every brace that really put forth an effort was able to contact birds. This was due to the extensive bird release program that the Crab Orchard Club has carried out as well as to the natural increase. In addition to quail



Swanee Belle of LaRue.

two pheasant were also seen, a hangover from the Weimaraner National that preceded the Brittanies on these grounds. Geese and deer also abounded.

Entries were present from New Hampshire to California, representing the cream of the nation's young hopefuls. The judges are both well known in birddog circles and are fully familiar with the requirements of a good shooting dog on these grounds. They were W. I. "Ike" Brandon of Carbondale and Ray Barto of Seatonville. Their decision was carefully considered and met with general approval.

The weather was excellent, with clear cool days. Heavy morning frosts made bird finding a bit difficult in the early hours but only one course failed to produce birds. Most of the dogs had an opportunity to show on game.

The futurity was headed up by Dave Story of Seattle, Washington. As he was unable to attend, the reins for the actual running were passed to George Wilson of Flint, Michigan who kept things rolling smoothly. Bob Runion of the Crab Orchard Club served as marshall.

The leading sire for this futurity was Britt's Tic Toc Bobby. The overall quality of his pogeny impressed. Second to him was Ferdinand of Leeway. Several of Ferd's pups were young but they showed well. Towsey was the third ranking sire. The winner was sired by Benjii of LaRue. Last year Benjii sired the number one and number two dogs and the previous year one of his progeny placed. Second place winner was out of a sister of Tic Toc Bobby. In the 79 starters there were only two who trailed badly. A small handful were picked up, mostly ones in season that did not start well. The general picture was good. The youngsters of the breed are hunting, their noses are excellent, and each year there are more top flight ones shown. The big weakness this year seemed to be in the pointing area. Too many dogs made game and ran their birds up without hesitating, or stood the birds for a little and then jumped in.

The winner, a smallish liver and white bitch, ran the last brace of the first day. She is Swanee Belle of LaRue, who is owned and handled by Glenn Eades of Fenton, Michigan. She was bred by C. P. Plyler. There were 5 entries from this Benjii-Tess of LaRue litter. As Mr. Eades is a relative new comer to dogs he requested Mr. Plyler to pick him a good prospect when the pups were weaned, and he certainly did. Belle has several previous placements in puppy and derby stakes. Belle and her bracemate broke in soy bean field. They

had a good chance to show their speed and range in the first few casts. Belle's first cast was a backcast to the only cover in sight. She disappeared from sight and worked it completely before coming on. Heavy weed patches were the next objective, and the rest of the course remained too heavy for a dog to open up again. Both dogs worked hard and did the best they could in weeds that ranged from calf high to shoulder high. At one point Belle got caught in some briars and the horses had to be held while she extricated herself. At about half way she pointed tentatively but did not seem sure. Bracemate came in for a sight back. Handler made a short futile attempt to flush. With only five minutes to go the handlers separated, Eades electing to take a draw to the left. The dog was seen working thru some open woods in the bottom. He disappeared into a thicket and did not show again. Handler whistled and called but the dog did not show. As time was about up by then, the judge requested handler to show his dog and suggested that he had not seen him come out of the thicket. Dog was found locked up tight on a roosting covey a few yards from where he was last spotted. His style was the best and he had all age manners.

Second place went to Juchoir Chocolate Candy, owned by Larry Prefoun-

taine of West Lynn Oregon and handled by Nicky Bissell, who is also his breeder. Reb is a large liver and white male, sired by Pierrot de Fountaine Vallee out of Juchoir Shady Lady. His record shows a half dozen firsts and seconds in puppy and derby. Three weeks previous this dog had picked up some poison while hunting and there seemed little hope of saving him. This was his first time in the field since his illness. The brace broke in rather brushy country and dog showed ahead at moderate range. At ten minutes, course came into soy bean field and dog took the outside edges, and then worked into the cover. On a tight left turn dog veered to the right and was lost. Handler spent some time in heavy birdy patch with no success. Dog had gone through and road gallery got dog and handler together again. He ran as big as the country would allow from then on. With only a minute to go he worked weeds back of clubhouse. Birds were seen in the air and dog was standing when he came under judicial observation. The balance of the covey flushed at the shot and dog was relatively steady.

The third place dog came from the opposite side of the country. She was Brittchester Obnoxious, bred, owned, and handled by Bob Burbank of Mass. Noxie is a dark red dog, heavily ticked. She is sired by Brittchester's Sneaky



Futurity Placements (r.to l.) 1st Swanee Belle of LaRue with owner-handler Glenn Eades, 2nd Juchoir's Chocolate Candy with handler Nicky Bissell, 3rd Brittchester's Obnoxious with owner-handler Bob Burbank, and 4th Woody's Pontiac Dingo with handler Jane Thompson.

Pete and her dam is Brittchester's Miss Wav-Kan. Two of her littermates were also entered, and one was particularly impressive. Noxie hunted hard all the way. She worked all the weed patches and wasted no time in the open. Her application was excellent and her busy way of moving appealed tho she was hard to follow because of her color. She went over a rise in heavy weeds and handler lost her as he fought sholder high cover. Judge, waiting on the hill, saw the dog point, hold for a time, covey lift of it's own accord and dog take off in hot pursuit. Handler fired, and then turned to ask a question we heard a good many times during the trial "What did my dog do judge".

It was a day for the lady pros as Jane Thompson of Michigan piloted one of her charges through to the fourth place money. Woody's Pontiac Dingo is owned by John St. Paul III of Cincinnati. He was bred by Perry Mobley of Kentucky. He is sired by Pacolet Sam and his dam is Betty Briarhopper. There were 4 Sam pups in this futurity and one littermate of Dingo. This dog is a powerful mover, like his sire, with plenty of push and fortitude to get through the toughest going. He broke well but was lost on the first sharp turn. Handler and judge were left far behind as had gone into good deer country. He showed in time and went on to cast ahead of the gallery. He was on his first cast forward when he hit birds hard on a ridge a few yards in front of the gallery. Bracemate came in and milled around dog but he never moved a muscle. Bracemate finally

backed on command. Handler was still behind and took some time to reach the dog. She flushed and both dogs took off after the small covey. Course then crossed the road and dog pointed again on the edge of a field near a patch of honeysuckle. Tho he was very tight and positive nothing could be raised. He slowed some at the end but he had a very difficult course with no really open going.

There were several dogs with impressive ground heats, or at least the start of them. Alamo's Tic Toc Freckles ran the best ground covering, hunting race of the stake. She ran hard and fast and never wasted a minute but did not contact birds. The widest dog in the trial was Matador of Rich LaRue. Running on a rather open course he hit the edges and was really too big to handle on foot. He went to all the right places but did not contact birds. Two other birdless dogs impressed. Both were on the number one afternoon course which was an excellent one to show a big going dog. Morning Star Rambler and Pacolet's Skyline Galaxy both ran with plenty of range, speed, and style. Several other dogs attracted in their way of going but unluckily fell prey to the deer urge and were lost. Val Yvo was particularly impressive with a nice gait and pleasant way of going. Birchwood's Pepi's Ace did an excellent job for the first ten minutes, but then took a deer to appear again at pickup time. Le Bonnez was showing promise when he pointed and then roaded over the hill. He was seen twice again, both time in pursuit of a big buck. Mainard's Britches

# NOTICE Dues Are Now Due

All members not paid to the National office by January 10, 1962, will be removed from the mailing list of the American Brittany Clubs, Inc., and THE AMERICAN BRITTANY.

EARL CHAPPELL, Treasurer American Brittany Club 816 N. Center, Northville, Michigan. ran all over the country but a close trailing bracemate detracted from his groundheat and also took his birds. This one we would like to see under other circumstances. Polly's Fairview Dill made the most of a course which was head high in weeds and then bare fields with multiflora edges. Sam-A-Rella also scattered well but showed lack of maturity. Fairview Dill showed flashy of range but had an opportunity on birds that he muffed. Diamond Dust was very impressive in ground pattern and style and would have had it in his hip pocket if he had handled his birds at pickup time. Pinoak Trigger started with a big race but suddenly remembered being kicked by a horse the week before and refused to come on. Tucky Beau de Ferdinand and Doc's Shotgun Flash were braced together and made an excellent showing in ground pattern and application. However their birdwork was indefinite. Albedo Valley Sue put forth a good effort. Kazan's White Dove covered a lot of country but showed her youth by chasing field larks. Shenango Valley Dingo reached out well.

A good many dogs contacted birds, some with good finds, but they lacked in other departments. Sandy of Laberi had two excellent finds, with style, intensity, and polish on game but her race was fussy. Geronimo de Kazen looked attractive in action but his two covies in heavy cover could not be seen enough to rate more than stops to flush. Jacquie ran with punch and fire tho somewhat restricted. She styled up high on bird in low tree and chased merrily at flush. The fact that she ran thro birds soon after detracted. Tommy's Yankee Mike showed great interest in hedgerow but could not pin birds. Later he was seen on point in weeds but jumped in before handler could reach him. Benjii's Lucky of LaRue was involved in four covies but only managed to pin point one covey. If bracemate had not flushed some of his birds he might have showed better. Kaymore's Dapper Dan had a beautiful steady find with birds balled up right under his nose but his race was too moderate. Brittchester's Samos had a find in deep woods but only the birds came under judicial observation. Sambo was spotted on point on ridge by the gallery. Before handler could arrive he jumped the birds. Poule of Gayterry looked good in race and range but did not hesitate on his birds. Reno Hosco had a find. Almo Brownie contacted birds. Don's Lucky Lady of Minnehaha came back under a pheasant. Cob of Gayterry pointed tentatively and pheasant flushed to the surprize of both dog and handler. Tipco's French Rebel made some nice casts. Most of the remainder of the dogs were average in range speed, and style and did not contact birds.

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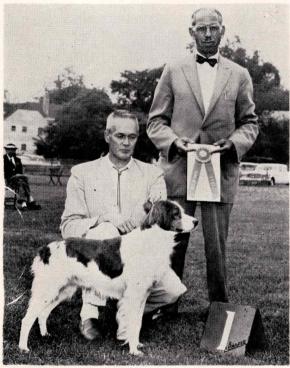
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# CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, Inc.

November 28, 1961.

A Special Called Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Brittany Clcb, Inc., was held at the Colonial Restaurant in Carterville, Illinois, at 8 p.m. November 28, 1961.

The meeting was called to order by President Cwik, and roll call taken by Secretary White as follows:

### AT LARGE:

	Present	Absent
S. Allen Truex, M.D.	+	
Howard Clements		+
David Story		+
Natalie Bissell	+	
F. Z. White, M.D	+	
REGIONAL CLUBS:		
Badger—H. H. Crippen (by proxy)	+	
Buckeye—Ed. Weik		
California—Jack Russell		
Central New England—Phil Morehouse		
Colden Empire—Marion Baker		+
Greater St. Louis—F. Z. White, M.D. (by proxy)		
Hoosier—Jack Secor (by proxy)		
Hudson Valley—W. E. Stevenson (by proxy)		
Illinois—Dave Olund		
Kentucky—Perry Mobley		
Maryland—W. E. Stevenson (by proxy)		
Michigan—Earl Chappell		
Michigan Saginaw Valley—Art Parker		
Midwest—Dr. Arch Blair		
Minnesota—Melvin Maurer		Ţ
Missouri—LaReine Pittman (by proxy)		The state of the s
Nebraska—Ralph Thrap		
North Jersey—Thad Cwik	+	
Northern California—N. Bissell (by proxy)	. +	
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Ohio Coorge Miller	+	
Ohio—George Millar		
Pennsylvania—Ed Borger	. +	
Ringneck—Pat Culbert	+	
Skyline—Dr. Adolph Utzinger	+	
Sooner—Harvey Butler	+	
Southeastern—Phil Morehouse (by proxy)	. +	
Southern Kansas—John Smith	+	
Southern New England—Orlo McOsker		+
Susquehanna—Hoover Rhodes	. +	
Upper New York—W. E. Stevenson (by proxy)	+	
Washington—Bert Heinz (by proxy)	+	
Stillwater—Bud Epperson		+
Volunteer—S. Allen Truex, M.D.	. +	
Iowa—Walter French		+

The Secretary read a letter from the Central New England Brittany Club requesting that James B. Bell, Jr. be made an Honorary Member of The American Brittany Club, Inc. Motion made by Earl Chappell, seconded by Dave Olund, that a closed ballot of the Board be taken. Motion carried. The ballot resulted in negating the request of the Central New England Club.

Motion was made by W. E. Stevenson, seconded by Richard Culbert, that the meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, FRED Z. WHITE, M.D., Secretary The American Brittany Club, Inc.

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB. Inc.

November 28, 1961

The Annual Meeting of The American Brittany Club was held at 8 p.m. November 28, 1961, at the Colonial Restaurant at Carterville, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by President, Thad Cwik.

The motion was made by Phil Morehouse, seconded by Daisy Stevenson, that the minutes of the last meeting as published in THE AMERICAN BRITTANY be approved. Motion carried.

Report on new clubs was made by 2nd Vice President Richard Culbert. Three new clubs have been approved: Stillwater, Volunteer and Iowa. Other clubs in active stages of formation and probably soon to be ready for approval are the Central California and Tri-State Clubs. Inquiries have also been received from groups interested in forming clubs in the Milwaukee. Wisconsin area and in Montana. Vice President Culbert asked that all inquiries on club formation be directed to him.

Secretary Fred White reported on the growth of A.B.C. with membership at an all time high.

The Secretary then reported on mail ballots of the Board of Directors of The American Brittany Club that were taken throughout the year.

		Ballots			
		For	Against	Not Ret.	Abstained
1.	Bench Futurity	30	_	6	
2.	Stillwater Club	32	1	3	
3.	Quail Classic	32	1	5	
4.	Southeastern as host of Quail Classic	29	1	5	3
5.	Volunteer and Iowa Clubs	32		5	

A.K.C. Delegate, W. E. Stevenson, gave a report on the present status with A.K.C. A recent meeting in New York with A.K.C. (with The American Brittany Club represented by Thad Cwik, W. E. Stevenson and Fred White) was reported to have been most successful. There was a healthy interchange of ideas and some suggestions for rule changes have been made which will be followed through. Most of our problems will work out with time and effort, and Mr. Stevenson asked that all be patient and think of both sides of the question.

Treasurer Earl Chappell asked that the report as published in THE AMERICAN BRITTANY suffice for the first six months of 1961 and that a report will soon be published for the rest of the year.

In the absence of Field Futurity Chairman, Dave Story, Amos Greer presented the following report in his behalf:

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	11/21/01
To: Directors and Officials American Brittany Club	
Subject: Report on 14th and 15th American Brittany Club	Futurity
Receipts:	
197 1st Forfeit Fees @ \$5\$	985.00
142 2nd Forfeit Fees @ \$5	710.00
126 Entry Fees @ \$15	1,890.00
Interest	97.05
Total Receipts\$	3,682.05
1 Entry Fee returned due to the death of an	
entered dog	15.00
Final Receipts	3 667 05

The expenses have amounted to \$142.84 and are to be covered by the starting fees.

At the time that this report is being read, the Futurity has most likely been completed. By changing he rules last year it is possible to have the prize money available to the winners at the time of the announcement. The checks have been made out to George Wilson to be endorsed over to the lucky people. Watch him closely. He's got over \$3300 of your money.

Completed enrollments for the 15th Futurity have been down slightly and are as follows:

1st Forfeit Fees 202 2nd Forfeit Fees 138

The change is insignificant and the interest in the futurity apparently continues at its present high level.

Enrollments are already being received for the 17th and so the work goes on. The job of the Futurity Chairman is not an easy one by any means—but then, all the National Offices require no small amount of time, effort and dedication. And what for? Who can say? I can only speak for myself. I like the people at the trials. believe this interest is shared by all in this room. I like the people at the trials. I like the breed and the breeders and am saddened at the difficulties which have developed this year.

I only hope that the final outcome of this meeting will be to draw all clubs together to promote the best interests of the breed and the breeders. I know what I think these best interests are, but I'm willing to go along with the thinking of the majority here tonight. The National Club is important—please use it wisely and well.

End of report—may all your dogs be champions and may all their progeny be registered in the Futurity.

Best regards to all.

(Signed) "Dave".

(Appended to Report:

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4th PLACE MONEY—\$495.05.

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1/3 Breeder 165.02.

In the absence of Bench Futurity Chairman, Ruth Burbank, Bob Burbank reported to the effect that this futurity was just beginning and that they hoped all would participate.

National Specialty Show report was made by Chairman Mima Millar.

Trophy Chairman Olene Freeman.

Reports were also heard from National Trial Chairman, George Wilson, and President Cwik then asked for a report on THE AMERICAN BRITTANY from Editor, Fred White. The magazine, reported the Editor, has grown in circulation and subject matter. Financially, it is doing fairly well in spite of increased expenses from additional projects. There is a constant problem with expenses in that advertising must bear half of the load. Advertising becomes more attractive as the circulation increases, so there has been an effort made to increase the circulation.

Dr. White then introduced the Advertising Editor of THE AMERICAN BRITTANY, Jack Secor, who reminded the members to use the cards previously furnished when ordering any product through the magazine or ordering a product from anyone not yet advertising. More cards are available from Mr. Secor. He also asked that members help him by referring any possible advertising leads to him.

John Lee, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then reported on the mail ballots for the Members at Large of the Board of Directors. The four persons receiving the highest number of votes were: Henry Holleyoak, Dr. S. Allen Truex, Howard Clements, and George Wilson. Mr. Lee explained that the purpose of this ballot was to provide the membership with nominees and that a vote would now be taken to elect two members to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Truex asked that his name be stricken from the list of nominees since he was an elected Director from the Volunteer Club.

The three remaining names were then voted upon, by ballot to the membership. Tellers were M. Vogt and H. Crippen.

By a very close margin, the Directors elected were Henry Holleyoak and George Wilson.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Chappell, seconded by White. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, FRED Z. WHITE, M.D., Secretary, The American Brittany Club, Inc.

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, Inc.

November 28, 1961.

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Brittany Club, Inc., was called to order by President Cwik immediately following general membership meeting on November 28, 1961, at the Colonial Restaurant, Carterville, Illinois.

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary, and was the same as for the Special Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Harvey Butler, seconded by George Millar, that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board of Directors be approved as published in THE AMERICAN BRITTANY. Motion carried.

President Cwik asked for a report from the Finance Committee. In the absence of Chairman Freeman, Treasurer Chappell reported that this report will soon be published in the magazine.

In lieu of a recommendation from the Finance Committee, President Cwik asked Editor White for a recommendation on the amount required to finance THE AMERICAN BRITTANY for the coming year. Editor White stated than an estimate, based on the increasing size of the membership and the larger magazine needed, would be \$5500 for 1962. Motion made by Arthur Parker that \$5500 be allocated to THE AMERICAN BRITTANY for 1962 was seconded by Howard Crippen. A voice vote was taken with favorable results.

Discussion followed and Earl Chappell requested that clubs use THE AMERICAN BRITTANY for their advertising and that if this was done, much of the load would be eased. It was also suggested that the other services of the magazine; i.e. .judges books, etc., be used by the regionals.

W. E. Stevenson suggested thinking in terms of a quarterly or bi-monthly issue rather than a monthly publication as a means of easing the financial burden.

President Cwik brought up a discussion of the Classics and suggested that a committee be appointed to decide on host clubs and other questions.

W. E. Stevenson made a motion that the President shall appoint a five-man committee to pass on the requirements, regulations, and times for the classics and to approve hosts for the established American Brittany Club Classics. This initial committee, after appointment by the President, shall be ratified by a mail vote of the Board of Directors. These members shall serve for periods of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 years, and each year the new president shall appoint a member to replace the retiring member. Insofar as possible, each of the estabslished regions shall be represented. The title of this committee shall be, "The National Committee for the American Brittany Club Classic." Motion was seconded by Dr. Truex and passed on a voice vote.

Motion made by Arthur Parker, seconded by Phil Morehouse, that the president appoint a committee to revise schedules, set up new regions when needed, work out trial rule changes when needed, and process questions relating to field trials on a national scope. Motion carried by voice vote.

Nicky Bissell moved that a committee be appointed to consider changes in the bench standards, to take such steps as shall be necessary to conform to A. K. C. regulations, such as polling the membership, etc., and present such approved changes to A. K. C. for their approval; with these suggested changes in mind—

Removal of weight clause as height disqualification automatically takes care of this.

Clarification on color to describe more graphically "black nose" and to either approve or disqualify tri-colors.

To clarify part under BACK which states "slight drop from hips to root of tail" and part under TAIL which states, "Tail set on high, actually an extension of spine at about the same level . . ."

Motion seconded by Morehouse, and carried by voice vote.

LaReine Pittman brought up the subject of professionals that handled from horseback at the Missouri trial and some of the other trials in that region. A request was made that the Missouri Club wished to go on record as being very displeased with this action by the professionals.

A.K.C. Delegate Stevenson then discussed the situation, stating that under present A.K.C. rules, the premium blank must state whether handling will be on foot, optional or on horseback. If it is not so stated, handlers have only their conscience to guide them. He added that work was now in progress to arrive at a better set of rules.

Motion made by Dr. White, seconded by Earl Chappell, that there be a vote of censure from the Board of Directors for all individuals that went contrary to the actions of the Board of Directors taken at the last meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

There followed a discussion on rules for trials. Jack Russell asked for a standard set of regulations that new trials committees, etc. could follow. Stevenson asked that all letters of permission be from the proper source and on proper letterheads so that A.K.C. will know that they are official

There was further discussion on handling on foot-horseback, etc. The present situation was explained that A.K.C., until rule changes were made, would only enforce what was stated upon the premium list. That the only way that the rules as passed by our Board of Directors could be valid, would be to have all clubs agree to abide by these rules before they were given a letter of permission from A.B.C. to send to A.K.C.

Motion by Dr. White, amended by W. E. Stevenson: Each Regional Club shall have the option to designate on the premium blank whether handling shall be on foot, optional, or on houseback. That the field trial committee shall study the question, make recommendations to the Board of Directors, and have a satisfactory answer before the next annual meeting. Motion seconded by George Millar and a poll taken of the Board of Directors.



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	Washington—Bert Heinz (by proxy)		+	
	Volunteer—S. Allen Truex, M.D.	-	+	
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The motion was denied by a vote of 19 opposed, 10 for, and 3 abstaining.

Motion made by W. E. Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Truex, that the field trial committee shall study this question and report to the Board of Directors on or before next year's Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

W. E. Stevenson then reported for the Nominating Committee and placed the following names in nomination for 1962:

HENRY HOLLEYOAK . President

CARLTON LEPHART . 1st Vice President

RICHARD CULBERT . . 2nd Vice President

BERT HEINZ . . . . . 3rd Vice President

There were no further nominations and the nominees were acceted by acclamation. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

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### AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB ANNUAL NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

by Mima Millar

#### Three Time Winner!

For the third time in three years, Ch. Bonnie Kay's Ricki's Image was named Best of Breed at the Annual Specialty Show held at the Crab Orchard Field trial Club House, Carbondale, Ill., November 25, 1961.

Ch. Bonnie Kay's Ricki's Image, owned by Bonnie Kay Holemo was again, as in the past two years, handled by Ken Holemo, and in this award of the coveted Best of Breed, established a record. No other has won three specialties in a row.



Ch. Bonnie Kay's Rickki Image, Best of Breed, National Specialty, with handler Ken Holemo and Judge S. Allen Truex, M.D.

The Judge, S. Allen Truex M. D., was complimented on his judging. The Show Committee, consisting of Nicky Bissell, Robert Burbank, George Millar, Phil Morehouse, and Edwin Weik had everything in perfect order for the show. Bellewood Sue, owned and shown by Perry Mobley was Best of Opposite Sex. This established a tradition for Perry that will be hard to continue. His Dual Ch. Pacolet's Sam was Winner's Dog in last year's Specialty, so

this makes two big placements in a row for Perry and gives him something to shoot at next year. Bellewood Sue was also Winner's Bitch.

The Winner's Dog was Juchoir's Tuffy, owned by James and Helen Rookart and handled by Nicky Bissell. With



Best Puppy in Show, Brentwood's Chere Regarde with handler Mrs. Hussin and Judge S. Allen Truex, M.D.

this placement and the Futurity, Nicky should feel that the long trip was well worth while.

The Best Puppy in the Show was Brentwoods' Chere Regarde, owned and shown by Arley Hussin. We will look for this one again next year also.

The committee and the chairman offer thanks to all the entrants and to those many kind hands that helped to make this show a success.

The retirement of Ch. Bonnie Kay's Ricki's Image has been announced. It might be fitting to pay tribute to this, the greatest of all show Brittanies, at this time.

Image was bred by Don Frisch, sired by his Happy Hunter's Buster Brown, out of Joy de Lune. He was whelped in April of 1955. He has been owned by Bonnie Holemo and shown by her father Ken for most of his career.

The records show that Image has won 69 Best of Breeds and has defeated 1049 other Britts in the process. His nearest competitor lags far behind in this record. He has acquired 8 Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breeds.

Image also holds the all time record for the number of group placements. He has placed 19 times. He has two firsts, three seconds, seven thirds, and seven fourths. These were made under a total of fourteen different judges.

Until this year the record for the National Specialty Shows showed the only dog to win three in a row to be Ch. Patrice de Sharvogue, who won the first three licensed specialties ever held by the Club. Image has now tied this record by winning the Specialty the past three years.

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# Trainer's Panel

PART II — METHODS

There is no one right way to train a birddog and each dog requires a little different technique. Keeping this in mind, perhaps you can glean some help from the following.

There are as many individual ways to train as there are trainers. In the old days before fences and tractor farming, the common training method was to take a dog in the field and let him find birds till he was so tired of busting and chasing that he started handling them of his own accord. Today with the searcity of birds and grounds a dog must necessarily be worked in a more restrained manner.

Even today, in the deep south, there are people who get a birddog puppy, take him afield a few times, and then, if he persists in busting out his birds and chasing out of the country, they take the old trusy shotgun and let him have a load when he is chasing. If a couple of applications of this don't steady him down the next time they

shoot real close, and go and get a new puppy. That's one method of dog training.

Generally methods can be divided into two classes. There is the school of thought that believes in perfect obedience. This type of training starts as soon as a pup is weaned. He is taught all his commands in the vard and never gets to run in the field until he is absolutely obedient in the yard. He retrieves dummies and is force broke to do so. When he is fully yard trained, he goes afield, with a check cord on, and obeys each command in the field. He is not allowed to show initiative and goes as the handler directs. To some people this is the absolute tops in a bird dog. Usually this type of dog is not allowed to range beyond gun range. This dog does not have the knowhow to handle running birds. or know where to look for them, but depends on his handler for direction. Almost any breed of dog can be taught to work in this manner. This type is much admired in some quarters because he never flushes a bird out of gun range. You get shots at everything that flushes, but you pass by a lot of runners that outwit the dog and handler.

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In between these two methods are many shades of training. To inject a personal opinion, method one makes for too mechanical a dog. You may know where the birds are in an ordinary season, and be able to get fine hunting with this dog. But some season when conditions are not normal you will be lost, for birds are not where you expect to find them, and the dog hasn't developed his own initiative to look for them. The second method works well with pointers especially when they run the prairies of Canada. But most Britts don't take well to it. A Britt needs more personal attention and affection. A good many that run wild get so shy of man that they become untrainable. Or they never break from self-hunting.

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In the last issue of the three major outdoor magazines, the American Brittany Club carried a small ad. This ad offered a sample copy of the AMERICAN BRITTANY and information about the American Brittany Club to anyone sending in the ad and coupon.

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The Old Dominion Brittany Club is in the process of re-activation. This is very good news since this was at one time one of the fine old regional clubs and it will be good to have them back with us. As before they will center their activities around Lynchburg, Virginia.

Anyone interested is urged to contact W. M. Bryant, Jr., P.O. Box 979, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Brittchester has moved! Announcement from Bob and Ruth Burbank is made in an ad in this issue—new address is Box 145, Plympton, Mass. THE AMERICAN BRITTANY wishes Brittchester the best of luck in their new home.

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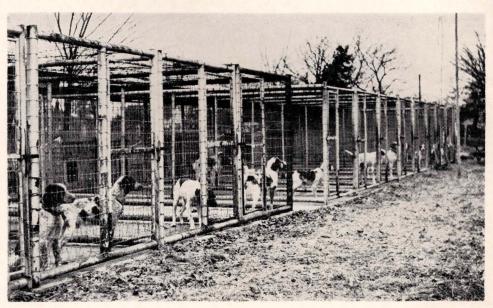
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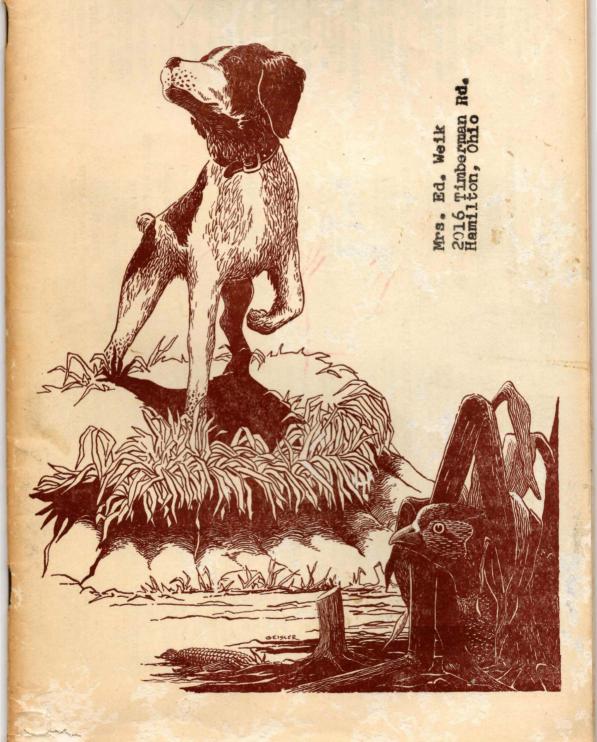
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March 9-10-11 March 10-11		Kentucky	Midwest	Golden Empire
March 16-17-18 March 17-18	Maryland	Buckeye	Sooner	Oregon
March 23-24-25 March 24-25	Susquehanna	Ohio	Missouri	Washington
M. 30-31, Apr. 1 Mar. 31, Apr. 1		Pennsylvania	S. Kansas	
April 6-7-8 April 7-8	N. Jersey	Michigan	Nebraska	
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April 27-28-29 April 28-29	S. New England	Badger	Minnesota	

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