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The American Brittany Club, Inc. NATIONAL TRIALS

Open to Brittany Spaniels only

Annual Specialty Show—First Bench Futurity—Sixteenth Futurity
National Championship—National Amateur Handler's Stake

Crab Orchard Wild Life Area, Carbondale, Illinois

NOVEMBER 30, 1963 UNTIL COMPLETION

Entries Close: 12:00 Noon, November 19, 1963

Drawing-8:00 p.m., November 29, 1963 at the Crab Orchard Field House

FIRST BENCH FUTURITY—High School Gymnasium, Carterville, Ill., 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 30, 1963—Judge: Jerome Halle.

ANNUAL SPECIALTY SHOW—High School Gymnasium, Carterville, Ill., 8:00 p.m. Saturday, November 30, 1963—Judge: Phil Morehouse.

SHOW CHAIRMAN-Edward M. Borger, Polk, Pa.

SHOW SECRETARY-Carl Brown, Girard, Ohio.

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National Amateur Stake and Sixteenth Futurity will be run simultaneously starting at 8:00 A.M., Saturday, November 30, 1963

STAKES, QUALIFICATIONS, JUDGES and ENTRY FEES

NATIONAL AMATEUR STAKE—45 minute heats. Open to dog having placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in an A.B.C. approved All Age Stake. Judges—William Brush, Mars, Pa., George Wilson, Flint, Mich.—Fee \$15.00.

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National Champion For 1962

Miller's Desert Dust



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COVER

This fine study by Art Editor George Geisler is a pencil sketch of a Brittany and dove. George points up another facet of the Brittany in the field, and will certainly earn the plaudits of all who have used their Brittany in the stubble fields, feed lots, ponds, etc., to retrieve the occassional dove that is shot.

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

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In keeping with the traditions of the Southeastern Brittany Club, the American Brittany Club Quail Classic for 1964 promises to be the usual high calibre, successful trial. All reports indicate that the grounds and birds are in the expected excellent condition, so that one and all can again look forward to a real treat.

The Classic committee for this event has secured the services of two excellent judges—another example of the 'leave no stone unturned' outlook of the Southeastern Club. To better acquaint you with these judges the following 'thumb-nail sketches' are offered.

Turn that calendar ahead a few months and make plans now to attend! Charles P. Fogg

This is a return engagement for Phil Fogg. To be invited back for a second year as a Classic's Judge speaks volumes for this man's ability. It should also be noted that in addition to his judging chores at the 1963 Quail Classic Phil Fogg reported the trial as it was printed in the February issue of 1963.

Additional judging experience hardly needs mention, so suffice it to say that Mr. Fogg is a familiar figure in the saddle at most major trials in the



Charles P. Fogg.

New England Area.

His interest in the sport is further attested to by his work with field trial clubs, such as the Association of New England Field Trial Clubs which he has served as president. Other memberships and offices held are almost legion and this limited space would not permit mention of them.

When not judging or working with dogs and trials, Mr. Fogg teaches at Boston University, where he has been for 11 years and is now a Professor of Science.

All of the Quail Classic regulars will be looking forward to renewing your acquaintance, and those new to this classic are anxious to meet you. All are honored to have you back to judge the Quail Classic.

Buford Tatum

Mr. Tatum is at present, Supervisor of Fish Management for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commis-



Buford Tatum.

sion. A native of Arkansas, he has received his education at the University of Oklahoma and a M.S. Degree from the University of Arkansas.

Residence alone in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and North Carolina can almost qualify one as a judge of bird dogs. Mr. Tatum's honesty and objectivity can be attested to by a short quote from a recent letter, "I have trained run, and handled my own dogs in field trials from South Carolina to Virginia. Lost a lot—won a little."

Mr. Tatum's judging experience is considerable in the Southeastern States, and includes almost every trial in North and South Carolina and Virginia. His interest in the sport and his willingness to work to further field trials is evident. He has served as Sect'y-Treasurer of the Yadkin Valley Field Trial Club; is on the Board of Directors of the United States Quail Shooting Dog Futurity; and is Vice President of the North Carolina Field Trial Association.

The Committee is again to be congratulated on this choice of a judge for the 1964 Quail Classic — Mr. Buford Tatum.

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MARYLAND BRITTANY CLUB FALL FIELD TRIAL

By Gladys Wise

October 5th and 6th brought perfect spectator weather to Hagerstown, Maryland, for the Fall Field Trial of the Maryland Brittany Club. It was not quite so perfect for the dogs. The bird field at these trial grounds is situated partially in a natural swale which makes fine viewing for the gallery but yields a meager scent when the hot sun shines and little breeze stirs.

The highlight of the Trial was, undoubtedly, the inaugural running of the Junior Handlers' Stake - an thoroughly enjoyed by both the young handlers and the spectators. Ed Borger, Jr. controlled Edandot Nanette like a veteran to take first place. In some other cases, the dogs performed well in spite of their handlers but, judging from the resulting enthusiasm. Stake more than fulfilled the purpose for which it was created-to interest young people in the sport of field trialing and in handling field dogs. The Maryland Brittany Club feels well rewarded in its endeavor and hopes the huge and elegant silver trophy will be rotated all over the United States as this event becomes a major annual attraction for young Brittany enthusiasts. We are grateful to the other regional clubs on the east Coast for assisting us to publicize this event. Our thanks, too, to the American Brittany Club and the BRITTANY Magazine for its help.

To accommodate the additional stake, the Club limited entries to sixty, not including the Junior Handlers, and started the puppies moving almost before dawn on Saturday—at 7 a.m. Harold Winger, the Field Trial Chairman, with the fullest cooperation of the judges and his busy committee members, moved things along at a brisk pace so that no difficulty was encountered in running three stakes that day.

Harold's son, Curtis, who at 8 years of age was the youngest entry in the Junior Handlers' Stake, started things off right for the Wingers with a 3rd place. Harold went on to keep up the pace by placing in both the Amateur and Derby. Bill Boyd repeated his Spring Trial win when his excellent dog, Rex of Thurmont, was again named Best Members Dog.

Puppy Stake-7 Entries

Judges:

Edward M. Borger, Harry Eavey

1st—Jethroe of Wildot, by FC Mark of Passamont e— Mistex Duchess of Richmont. Owner and handler, Wilford C. Sober.

2nd—Helderberg Yogi, by Hobson's Choice of Helderberg—Trahpels Helderberg Hildy. Owner and handler, Ronald B. Johnstone.

3rd—Rocky of Highbrow, by Le Bonnez —Highbrow's Kitt La Rue. Own-



Winner of the A. B. C. Junior Handler's Stake, Edward Borger, Jr., with Ch. Edandot Nanette. The large trophy at the extreme left will be rotated annually to the new Junior Handler winner. The smaller trophy is a replica for permanent retention.



A. J.'s Hilltop Pierre, 1st place Amateur.

er and handler, Ernest Facer.

4th—Tyoga Sam, by Ch. Dingo Dusty de Triumph—Ch. S-M Sally de Triumph. Owner, William J. Cartmell; handler, Winston Howell.

Derby Stake—10 Entries

Judges:

Edward M. Borger, Harry Eavey

1st—Brooks de Becque, by Ch. Jacques of Kaymore — Flambeau's Sizette Delight. Owner, Dr. and Mrs. John R. Beck; handler, Mrs. Beck.

2nd—Helderberg Yogi, by Hobson's Choice of Helderberg—Trahpels Helderberg Hildy. Owner and handler, Ronald B. Johnstone. 3rd—Harodin's Chipper, by Ara's Risque —Glenside Uno Y. Owner, Isabel and Harold Winger; handler, Harold Winger.

4th—Edandot Bandit, by Ch. Kaymore
Tex of Edandot—Ch. Edandot
Bonita. Owner and handler,
Charles C. Kidney.

All Age Stake—17 Entries

Judges:

Edward M. Borger, Harry Eavey

1st—Belle's Grand Garcon, by Uno's Mr. Big—Belle de Bellaire. Owner and handler, Nile A. Smyser.

2nd—Lamonte's Rebel, by Dingo's Zippo—Fld. Ch. Kaymore Megs. Owner, Mary Ann Seitz; handler, Ed Seitz.

3rd—Rex of Thurmont, by Mingo's Zippo—FTC Kaymore's Megs. Owner and handler, Bill Boyd.

4th—Ara's Chico, by Ara's Risque— Andrew de Cornaaille. Owner and handler, Jack Bollerud.

Amateur Stake—17 Entries Judges:

Edward M. Borger, Harry Eavey

1st—A.J.'s Hilltop Pierre, by FC Mark of Passamnote—Beaucoups Tiny Pincess. Owner, Alice and John Cornell; handler, John Cornell.

2nd—Oak Hill Freckles, by McKinnis Woody—Christine Kennedy. Own-



Placements in A.B.C. Junior Handler's Stake—(1 to r) Winner Edward Borger, Jr. with Ch. Edandot Nanette; 2nd Susie Hohman with Princess of Namhoh; 3rd Curtis Winger with Harodin's Chipper; 4th Paul L. Barton, Jr. with Ara's Britt of Tanana.

- er, Ralph D. Treser; handler, Charles C. Kidney.
- 3rd—FC Rusty of Highbrow, by Britt Bree's Hennessey—Princess Soni Van. Owner and handler, Ernest W. Facer.
- 4th—Harodin's Chipper, by Ara's Risque
 —Glenside Uno Y. Owner, Harold
 and Isabel Winger; handler, Harold Winger.

Junior Handlers Stake-7 Entries

Judges: Howard Taylor, George Geisler

- 1st—Ch. Edandot Nanette, by Carrier Farms Buccaneer — Roger's Lady Patricia. Owner, Edward M. Borger; handler, Edward M. Borger, Jr.
- 2nd—Princess of Namhoh, by Cookie's White Jet—Pacolet's Skyline Galaxy. Owner, Dan L. Hohman; handler, Susie Hohman.
- 3rd—Harodin's Chipper, by Ara's Risque—Glenside Uno Y. Owner, Harold and Isabel Winger; handler, Curtis Winger.
- 4th—Ara's Britt of Tanana, by Ara's Chico—Fairland Happy. Owner and handler, Paul L. Barton, Jr.

Northeastern Gun Dog Trophy

As is usually the case, the battle for the Northeastern Gun Dog Trophy was closely fought to the very end. So close that it ended in a tie. Had not the drought in the East caused cancellation of the last trial, Susquehanna, the tie might have been broken.

The tie did bring at least one extra smile however, since three trophies were awarded—two for first, and the runner-up.

In all 21 dogs acquired points in this competition. The first 5 are listed because of the limitations of space.

Northeastern Gun Dog Trophy Standings

Lamont's Rebel, Seitz, 11 points. Kaymore's Dappled Desire, Bell, 11 points.

Rusty of Highbrow, Facer, 9 points. Heidi's Scamp, Heap, 7 points.

Sparkles Towsey of Lombard, Longobardi, 7 points.

WHEN ANSWERING ADS—SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE AMERICAN BRITTANY.

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Will be retired when Amateur Stake is won by a woman!

We hope to see all you women out qualifying your dogs at the regionals this Fall and making the men really work to try and beat you in the National.

MARCELLE and JIM BELL



Dear Editor:

This idea may have been suggested before, but after the death of Mr. Stevenson I was thinking how we might honor someone who has given much time and effort to the advancement of the Brittany.

Why not the BRITTANY HALL OF FAME, two persons, either living or dead and two brittanys, dead, to be named each year?

Possibly the first year to get started more than two persons and more than two brittanys should be named. This would make for a greal deal of interest in the magazine and would honor some wonderful people, both living and dead and some great brittanys who have gone on.

Official forms for submitting names could be printed in the magazine and only names sent in on these forms could be considered by the committee who would decide each year as to whom would receive the honor. Results prior to the actual naming would be printed

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so much interest would generate and after a certain closing date the committee then would select the logical persons and Brittanys for the Hall of Fame.

After such a Hall of Fame becomes a reality, plaques could be presented to those honored if living and the nearest relatives to those dead and to the owners of those Brittanys honored in this manner.

Possibly a room could be found for pictures, trophies and many other items that would be of interest to all Brittany people. If the Nationals are to be held at Carbondale permanently, possibly that would be the place for such an exhibition. That is if someone could be found to supervise such a place.

This is just an idea and much thought would have to go into the actual operation. Possibly this suggestion could be made in the magazine and get the reaction either for or against.

Sincerely yours, Dwight H. Williams

ED: Good Thought! We will print the reactions that we receive, and let these opinions be known.

Dear Dr. White:

Several years ago I developed an interest in the Brittany Spaniel which was cultivated by your informative publication, The American Brittany. While in the area of several trials on the East Coast, I decided to witness some of the performances of the dogs. I had been under the impression that the Brittany was a most deliberate charge but was amazed at the Baldwinsville meet to see a dog handsomely rewarded with a silver bowl for pointing on his belly

and he also had a point while on his rump. Other dogs had points similar to the English Pointer and Setter but received no award, could you explain this?

Two weeks prior to the New York meet I saw dogs in the Sussex County Brittany Meet point and no birds were produced and they also won bowls and ribbons while several dogs that had true points received no reward. I was also shocked at the poor sportsmanship in the non-professional stake. I hope these scenes are not common because I feel they are a detriment to the Brittany

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or any other breed. I also feel that the mounted observers leave much to be desired in the manner of closer observation.

Regardless of my observations at the mentioned meets let me take this opportunity to commend you and your staff for the quality of the American Brittany magazine.

Sylvester Charles, Penna.

To The Editor:

There has been much speculation the past year about 'what's wrong with our Britts'!

Some intimate it's the horses and others, the professional handlers. Let's face it, competition in any field of endeavor brings about 'change,' unless relentlessly regulated. Now we ask, what must be regulated? We have our standards, don't they stand up of their own weight and might? The answer, of course, is, No!

We first have double standards in the field and show, the records speak for themselves.

Then within the Field Trial Circuit we have a double standard.

The Brittany that most conforms to a setter is placed on high, if this wide line runner doesn't make a find then the Britt most conforming to Field Trial Standards is put up.

Take a powder puff Britt to a show and it will be most apt to be put up, whereas a good sound type Britt will be overlooked.

Now! What is the answer to this problem? The answer of course lies in the realm of education. Most judges of today's Britts are and have been judging pointers, setter, cockers, etc. It seems to me that the Brittany has been in this country long enough to be judged on his merits and not on the similarity of him and some other breed.

I think the A.B.C. should undertake some form of an educational program for present day judging and in the meantime the regional clubs should individually train some new judges that haven't been overly influenced by the other breeds.

If the Brittany can be judged by concise standards, with no veering to left

or right, he'll then stand on his own merits indefinitely.

Gerald W. Smith. Ohio B.C.

ED: This friends, adds proof to the old bit about two sides on every coin!

Not wanting to get one foot stuck on either side of the fence, let mention be made of a questionaire making the rounds that was stimulated by these and other letters like them. From this survey of Brittany owners who handle their own dogs—but, also judge, we will attempt to make up a consensus of opinion. It may help to answer some of the doubts and questions.

Thoughts offered in closing — There are a goodly number of Dual Champions that are a credit whether on the bench or in the field.

Judges can only pick from what they have to look at.

Many clubs do use Brittany people as judges-when they are available.

Training a judge can only be done in one way, constantly following every brace in every stake, judging each stake as you go, and comparing notes with the official judges at day's end. How many Brittany owners (who are not already actively judging) do you note following every brace of a stake? Or do they watch from the edge of the bird field?

Consider now, is the fault with the judges, or with us?

Dear Fred:

I wonder if I'm the only one who doesn't always receive his copy? Missed three issues this past year. Could you send the missing copies?

Gordon May, Badger B.C.

ED: No need to feel lonesome, Gor-

don! This is the all too frequent fate of second class mail. Should you—or anyone else—fail to receive your copy by the 25th of the month drop us a card and we will hopefully send another.

The Ed Writes Too-

Sept. 24, 1963

Editorial Staff
THE FULLER BRUSH MAGAZINE
Gentlemen:

On behalf of the American Brittany Club, Inc., and all owners of Brittany Spaniels, let me thank you for the fine pictures featuring the Brittany that appeared in the recent issue of your publication.

We are proud of our breed, justly, we feel, and it is very gratifying to see our Brittany pictured so beautifully on these pages.

Although the Pointer or Setter may represent the expected calendar-type layout, we believe as you must, that the Brittany can offer eye catching appeal.

When considering a cover for your issue next fall, you might, - - -

Fred Z. White, M.D., Editor

October 16, 1963

Fred Z. White, M.D., Editor The American Brittany Box 227

Chillianth

Chillicothe, Illinois

Dear Dr. White:

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 1963 NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL, SHOW AND MEETINGS

Friday, November 29:

8:00 p.m. Field House, Crab Orchard Refuge.

Saturday, November 30:

8:00 Futurity and Amateur start (stops at 2:30).

4:00 Futurity Bench Show—Carterville Gym.

8:00 National Specialty Show—Carterville Gym.

Sunday, December 1:

Continuation of Futurity and Amateur.

Committee Meetings: Meeting places to be announced by Chairman.

Monday, December 2:

Continuation and probable completion of futurity and amateur. 6:30 Calcutta-Cocktails and Dinner, Illinois Cafe, Herrin, Illinois.

Tuesday, December 3:

Probable start of National Championship.

6:30 p.m. Annual membership dinner meeting, Carterville Masonic Temple.

Wednesday, December 4:

Continuation of National Championship.

6:30 p.m. ABC Directors Meeting, (place to be announced).

Thursday, December 5:

Continuation of National Championship.

Friday, December 6:

Continuation of National Championship if necessary.

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EDITORIAL

Among words of inspirational quality, 'Chicken' would not ordinarily be found high on the list. 'Chick', now, has some inspirational quality, but 'chicken', not at all!

That is, unless you were one of the trailers attending the recent Badger Brittany Club trial on the Buena Vista grounds.

There in, the gallery, from the vantage point of the saddle, tree lines were visible on the horizon in all most all directions. From the ground under the dogs to this horizon line, the cover is all low, native grasses, blue grass, and in the low spots, rushes and water grass.

Suddenly the dog ahead swings about and locks up—handler moves to the front, and two birds come up, then four—then four more for a total of ten in that covey.

Not remarkable, you say? Perhaps not, but these were Prairie Chicken, once very plentiful in the midwest, and a few years ago almost extinct.

My own recollections flashed back some four or five years to a day on this same general area with two good dogs and Mr. Oswald E. Mattson. Mr.



Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus – brilliant orange eyebrows flaming, long neck feathers (pinnae) thrust forward and bright orange air sacs inflated, prepares to 'Boom' in the spring courtship rite.

Mattson, a project manager for the Wisconsin Conservation Department, had long intrigued me with stories of the few remaining Prairie Chicken in this part of the midwest, and on this day I had prevailed upon him to show me some. So together, we ran dogs in a sort of unofficial census.

The country side looked like most other midwestern areas with submarginal land—some farmed patches, a good deal of timbers, some idle land, all in a very irregular patch work quilt arrangement.

As we walked he told me of a hope that he shared with some few men that were equally interested in the preservation of the Prairie Chicken. A hope of securing some of this land and returning it to the habitat that this bird once enjoyed so that it could again hold on in small areas here and there throughout the country, and thus delay total extinction.

It is apparent that this is no longer a dream, a hope, but an accomplished fact. The fact was here before us at the Badger trial—grasslands and chicken in abundance!

With this in mind, the inspirational ability of at least one chicken—the Prairie Chicken, cannot be contested. How did he do this? What kind of a bird is he?

Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus is his proper name; Tympanuchus, having drums; Cupido, to love — or loosely translated, this chicken is a "Drumerer of Love".

It seems only proper then, that a number of people interested in his plight began to beat the drum for the Prairie Chicken, and formed organizations to come to his aid.

The Society of Tympanuchus Cupido Pinnatus, Ltd., and The Prairie Chicken Foundation were formed to preserve and protect the Prairie Chicken, to raise funds to acquire lands for a management area on the Buena Vista Marsh in Portage County, Wisconsin.

Buena Vista, a marsh of 50,000 acres was drained early in 1900, and because

it was poorly suited for usual agriculture, it became a production area for blue grass seed. This blue grass allowed to go to seed provided ideal cover for the Prairie Chicken and they prospered. Then the seed industry declined and the land was put into pasture, thickets grew to timber areas, and the fortunes of "T. C. P." fell. Extinction was just around the corner.

At this low point in the thirties, Aldo Leopald and others launched a study to find the cause and the cure of the decline. Studies were continued by Dr. Frederick Hammerstrom and Francis Hammerstrom, and Os Mattson, and the findings indicated that the Buena Vist Area was a favorable place for an effort to "save the chicken" by means of a checkerboard system of land ownership and management of small parcels of land.

The Wisconsin Conservation Commission leased parcels of land and then individuals and organizations became interested.

The most active of these organizations at this time are the Prairie Chicken Foundation and the Society of T.C.P. As of October 1962, more than 600 acres have been dedicated to this project by these organizations and various individuals and corporations.

Over six quare miles is under secure management—and more is being added. Since 1954, almost \$100,000.00 has been invested by private donors in this project, and more continues to come in! In the past four years, scrub trees and brush have been cleared from 4 square miles of former chicken range, and this has been restored to the de-

sired lush grass lands.

This is how it was done, and the work is continuing.

This is why those at the Badger trial were again privileged to see prairie chicken in their natural habitat, and most important of all,—our children as well will have this privilege. A bit of "Natural History Americana" has been preserved!

From every experience there results a lesson, and the inspirational teachings from this weekend on the Buena Vista Area are legion!

The Badger Club was faced with problems and these were solved in the best expedient manner possible at the time. This gave them a trial run for the proposed Chicken Classic—should it be approved by the A.B.C. Board of Directors at the National Meeting. I am sure that those at this trial will echo my sentiments in hoping that this Classic will be approved.

It is heartening to see clubs excercise this type of foresight, in first trying out the grounds, as well as acquainting the trialers with the areas, before pushing on to a prestige trial. The Badger Club and the Kentucky Club, who are doing the same thing on the Paducah Grounds before bidding for the Futurity are to be congratulated!

There is a second lesson, for all field trialers, in the story of T. Cupido. We are all well aware of the increasing scarcity of good field trial grounds—particularly those suitable for multiple course, native game trials.

With the encroachement of industry, better farming methods, and a growing populations, this scarcity can only



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become more acute.

Civilization and progress go hand in hand. This perhaps, is as it should be, but neither are for the birds. Field trial Grounds of this type and game native to various parts of the country will move a step closer to extinction with each year.

The Prairie Chicken has found friends interested enough in his future to as-

sure him a place in the grass.

Could not the sport of field trialing find enough friends to do the same? Would it be too impossible to hope that field trial clubs in each state or game bird area, band together to purchase grounds and perpetuate and manage these areas as trial grounds for native game?

The reward for such an effort would be the sure knowledge that our grandchildren would have the same opportunity to watch birds take to the air in front of a pointing dog, and feel that same tingling sensation in the back of his neck!

GROUSE CLASSIC CANCELLED

The A. B. C. Grouse Classic for 1963 was cancelled with regret by the committee and host, the Pennsylvania Brittany Club.

This action was made necessary by the long spell of dry weather in Pennsylvania, and the fire hazard that this created.

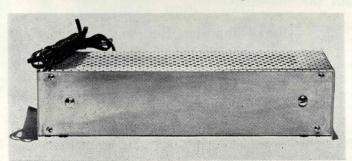
The committee for this Grouse Classic expresses their regrets to any that were inconvenienced by the cancellation. A tremendous amount of work was done by the host club and the committee, as is always the case with a Classic or National Trial, and they are deserving of a vote of thanks from all A.B.C. members.

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Jerome Halle.

As a judge, he has passed on dogs from coast to coast, as well as many Brittany Specialty shows. In fact, he served as judge for the very first National Brittany Specialty, and it is the hope of the committee that we are again establishing an event of as great import as the National Specialty.

Make yourself known to Mr. Halle—he will be happy to answer your questions. He will be around for the field events too, hoping for another score for his Edandot Buzzer, or a young hopeful of his breeding.

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National Trial Judges Ralph Warrington National Championship

Hailing from Grand Blanc, Michigan, Mr. Warrington is well known to most of the Central Region Trial Circuit. Most of his work, however has been with pointers and setters although he did judge an A. B. C. Grouse Classic at Gladwin, Michigan.



Ralph Warrington, judge for National Championship—and 'Old Blue.'

Mr. Warrington's experience goes back forty years. He ran his first dog in field trial competition in 1923, and he has been at it ever since, training and campaigning most of his own dogs.

A quotation from his letter cannot be left out of this sketch, "I know of no other sport which gives so much for so little." This, I'm sure will give us all a good idea of the kind of man who will be looking them over, and with Mr. Rue, will be picking the National Champion for 1963. We will all be looking forward to meeting Mr. Warrington and 'Old Blue'.

NOTICE

Member club Secretaries must give notification to the Secretary of the American Brittany Club, Inc., in writing, of their club's Director. This certification is necessary in order to validate your Director's vote when the A. B. C. Board of Directors meets at the Nationals.

SUGGESTED SUBJECTS FOR THE 1963 ABC AGENDA

- 1 Financing of ABC magazine.
- 2. Constitutional changes.
 - a. Executive Secretary (paid).
 - b. Allow election of officers from general membership.
 - c. Longer terms of office or officers, 2 years.
 - d. Executive Committee or Board of Governors.
 - e. Reduction of dues from \$10.00 to \$7.50.
- 3. Changes for 1964 National Trial
 - a. Possibility of separating Futurity and Championship.
 - b. Running of National Championship first.
 - c. Qualifications for each National Championship stake be determined and set forth by the Directors one year in advance of the running of the stake.
 - d. AFTCA qualifying wins?
- 4. Field Trial Committee.
 - a. Five or six man board for a term of five years, one new member added each year and one removed each year to give continuity.
 - Redistricting circuits and definite spring and fall schedules following logical geographical and weather conditions.
- 5. Mode of Handling.
 - a. Optional for trial period for any regional.
 - Optional for trial period limited to Midwest and South-Central circuits in Open Stakes only.
- 6. Suggestion to limit subject matter of National Meeting to prepared agenda only.
- 7. When AKC delegate is appointed by the ABC, he is to discuss with AKC judging of Brittanies at shows, ("complaint: Standards of Conformation" not being adhered to).
- 8. Clarification of number of stakes to be run a) In regional trials, b) When Hosting Classics, c) Conforming to stated policy.
- 9. Clarification of status of Chicken Classic.

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BADGER BRITTANY CLUB

Our initial delight as entries started pouring in turned to consternation and incredulity. We had expected, from previous years' experience, a total of about 85 dogs for a Fall Trial. Instead, the count rose to 122 before the drawing on Wednesday, September 18. Incoming phone calls reduced the number to 115 and there it stood: fifty-one All-Age, twenty-eight Derbies, eighteen Puppies, eighteen Amateurs and one very confounded field trial committee!

However, as we went to work, it was apparent the debit side was quickly balanced by a very large credit—our wonderful guest trialers, amateur and professional. Everyone was cooperative and understanding in a very trying situation. When it seemed impossible to run all the dogs in the two allotted days, Gerry Robinson and Fred White graciously consented to judge the puppies. All participants readily agreed to run out of order if necessary. Encouragement was sounded from all sides to the harried committee. The weary



Joey, 1st place Open All Age, shown with handler John Evans.

judges, game to the end, finished their jobs shortly after 6:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Joey, owned by Dr. Edna Cree and handled by John Evans, proved to be able to handle the heavy cover and made a stylish find on some quail which he handled with perfect manners. Jane Thompson, handling Scuffletown Quito for David H. Wilson, was a close second. Quito showed a nice ground pattern with class on his birds. Ann White's Yankee Zipper showed good range and speed in winning the Amateur. He was capably handled by L. D. LaFleur. When this dog gets on birds, he is hard to beat as he lives up to his name.

Many of the Derby dogs found the cover a little too heavy and the heat of the afternoon running more than their match, but enough had the stamina it takes to make this stake interesting. Dusty's Casey Boy, handled by Dick Sweet for Louis Miller was the judges' choice.

The puppies were put down on a single course, and comments from the judges on their running abilities would seem to indicate there are champs in their futures. Dick Sweet brought home



Dusty's Casey Boy, 1st place Derby.



Ann's Yankee Zipper, 1st place Amateur All Age.

the winner with his flashy pup Elliott's Eight Ball Jack, owned by Elliott Swanson. Dick also handled the second and third place winners in this stake.

The Badgers, and especially Harold Welker, chairman, wish to thank all of you. This was our first attempt at running a multiple course trial. Although our grounds containing native prairie chicken and released quail were excellent and the weather was fine, we could have had a fiasco. Instead, it was a tremendous experience and an experiment which paid off.

Puppy Stake—18 Entries

- Judges: Gerald Robinson, Fred White 1st—Elliott's Fight Ball Jack, by Pacolet's Leeway I.ex—Crab Orchard's Tam. Owner, Elliott Swawson; handler, R. J. Sweet.
- 2nd—Tana Queen, by Sweet Rendezvous Elias—Crab Orchard's Tana. Owner, Cecil Wood; handler, R. J. Sweet.
- 3rd—Bureauvalle Pat, by Sweet Rendezvous Elias Pacolet's Terimaed Sue. Owner, Paul Bone; handler, R. J. Sweet.
- 4th— Kruger's Lou, by Kelley's Jet Atomic—Uno Charlie's June Triumph. Owner, E. C. Kruger; handler, Carlton P. Plyler.

Derby Stake—28 Entries

Judges:

Robert W. Iler, Jens R. Christensen

- 1st—Dusty's Casey Boy, by Miller's
 Dusty Boy—Star De Jacquesan.
 Owner, Louie Miller; handler, R.
 J. Sweet.
- 2nd—Allegheny Valley Dingo, by Albedo Valley Dingo—Pacolet's Cheyenne. Owner, Gerald F. Robinson; handler, Lee Holman.
- 3rd—Bo-Min's Yankee Babe, by Yankee Boy's Tommy—Jeffrey's Suzie Q. Owner, R. W. & M. P. Wright; handler, R. W. Wright.
- 4th—Kruger's Mr. Ed, by Kruger's Captain Thrap — Kruger's Miss Sally. Owner, E. C. Kruger; handler, R. J. Sweet.

All Age Stake—51 Entries Judges:

Robert Kossel, Halver Halvorsen

- 1st—Joey, by Texann's Kippy—Kickapoo Soo LaRue. Owner, Edna Cree, M.D.; handler, John Evans.
- 2nd—Scuffletown Quito, by Pacolet's Sam—Ginger XIX. Owner, David H. Wilson; handler, Jane Thompson
- 3rd—Dixie of Pacolet, by Albedo Valley Dingo—Pacolet's Cheyenne. Owner, Robert Seger; handler, Jim Holman.
- 4th—Beaugard's Billy Boy, by Beauregard of Leeway—Dave's Carolyn.
 Owner, Robert M. Cullen; handler,
 Jim Holman.

Amateur Stake—20 Entries Judges:

Robert Kossel, Halver Halvorsen

- 1st—Ann's Yankee Zipper, by Yankee Boy's Tommy — Fredann's Miss Pollyanna. Owner Fredan Knls.; handler, L. D. LeFleur.
- 2nd—Kickapoo Kipsy, by Texann's Kippy—Kickapoo Soo LaRue. Owner, Eiand R. Constalie; handler, Rand Constalie.
- 3rd—Tearaway Broocho, by Teka of Siouxland — Pacolet's Terimaed Sue. Owner and handler, L. D. LaFleur.
- 4th—My Shieba's Guy, by Junior Larry Lee Kaerson—My Shieba. Owner and handler, Ray Yaucher.

The American Brittany Club, Inc. QUAIL CLASSIC

Host, Southeastern Brittany Club, Inc. Starts 8 A.M., January 27, 1964

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Entries Close: January 26, 1964 at 8 P.M.

Drawing — Holly Inn, Pinehurst, N.C., 8:00 P.M. January 26, 1964

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MILLER'S DESERT DUST—GUN DOG TO NATIONAL CHAMPION IN FIVE MONTHS

By David Kenney

When Miller's Desert Dust leashed up and led off the field, at Crab Orchard one warm, dry day last November, there was nothing left for owner Louie Miller and handler Dick Sweet to do but "sweat it out" for the next day and a half, until results of the National Championship stake were announced. "Dusty" had just delivered an outstanding race, bird hunting all the way, with good range and handling response and an impeccable performance on three covies of quail. But in contention were 21 field champions in a strong entry of 56, and not until the last dog had been whistled in could the comparative quality of his heat be judged.



National Champion for 1962, Mliler's Desert Dust.

As the stake wore along, however, the performance of the handsome white and orange son of My Own Bill—Saxton's Penny took on greater stature, and there was general agreement, as he was crowned National Champion for 1962, that a proper judgment had been made. In a potentially strong field he had been outstanding for desire and application, for speed and range and drive, for the ability to find and handle wild and nervous birds—in short, for all the qualities which together make a

bird dog great.

Miller's Desert Dust was truly a "Cinderella dog" of the 1962 Nationals. Louie Miller had left his three year old shooting dog with Dick Sweet in July. for his first professional training, and pruodly took him home a national champion less than five months later. Dusty had spent two seasons helping Louie to gun Missouri quail, and the rest of his time in the Miller's backyard as their chief pride and joy, up until the time he "went away to school." An entry or two in amateur stakes had convinced Louie that the dog had a future in field trials, and how right he proved to be!

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Dick Sweet found Dusty a willing pupil from the start. He gave him allage manners, built drive and purpose into his naturally extensive range, and placed him second at the Minnesota trial in September. This qualified the dog for the National Championship, and already it was apparent that he could be a strong contender. Dick brought the dog along carefully, with attention to his temperament and particular characteristics, and by November he was ready. Skillful handling and Dusty's driving desire to find and stand game did the rest. Dick's confidence in the dog is illustrated by the fact that

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he told his friend Robert Yuill (owner of Rex Tanka, second-series contender in last year's Futurity) to "go as high as he had to" to get Dusty in the prestake Calcutta—and Bob did!

Many a good Brittany will go to the starting line in this year's National Championship. And when the last dog down has faced the hazards of Crab Orchard's deer, and thickets, and extensive fields, chances are the winner, whether it be Miller's Desert Dust again or some other equally deserving campaigner, will be a dog who learned to hunt his birds the hard way—before the gun, in big rugged country, in search of natural covies.

The one-course dog, field-trial wise, who's learned to trot the back-course and then cash in on pen-raised, chickensmelling chirpers in the bird-field, may win big in other covers, but for a one-hour go at Crab Orchard's matchless courses another type will probably prevail. Nothing makes a true bird dog more quickly and completely, regardless of the length of hair and tail, than long hours spent in natural surroundings, in quest of natural birds.

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ED: It is hoped that this will inspire others to enter in the Nationals of this and future years, dogs that have the potential for this stake. Lack of previous record, or fear of top grade competition should not deter you from entering your qualified dog when you feel that he has the needed ability. Even 'Cinderella' can repeat! fzw.



Show Leads

Michigan Shows

By Roy Glore

Kalamazoo Kennel Club held their bench show June 8, 1963, with 6 Brittanys entered. Four dogs and 2 bitches, under the judgeship of Dr. R. B. Foster. Phylls Pal owned and handled by H. L. Willett Jr. took best of winners. Reserve winner went to Dutchess of Edgewater, owned and handled by R. M. Wagner. Ch. Lakeside Secret King Pin owned and handled by N. Neraasen took best of breed.

June 22, 1963 Grand Rapids Kennel Club held their all breed show with 4 Brittanys, judged by J. J. Duncan. Jaqueline of MarLou owned by L. E. Franks took best of winners. Reserve winner: Holly Haven Marty Star, owned by J. Martin Jr.

Berrin Kennel Club held their show at St. Joseph, Mich., June 23, 1963 with 3 dogs and 3 bitches under the well known judging of J. N. Halle. Jacquelin of MarLou taking best of breed again. Looks as though Mr. and Mrs. Franks will have a champion before too long. Reserve winner went to Samantha de Barfleur, (cd) owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murphy, handled by Mrs. Murphy.

Monroe Kennel Club in Monroe, Mich. on June 29, had a little better entry of seven. These Britts were judged by K. W. Given. Dog Puppy—1st place went to Holly Haven Pepe, owner J. Hoover. Best of breed went to Chief Don Dee, owner D. E. & D. A. Byers. Winners Bitch and reserve winner went to Verrells Lakeside Lindie, owner L. C. Verrell.

Saginaw Valley Kennel Club on June 30, 1963, had 3 dogs in competition and was judged by Mrs. M. B. Meyer. American bred dog and best of opposite sex: Danas Earl of Ripon, owner D. R. Rigoulot. Best of winner: Verrells Lakeside Lindie, owner L. C. Verrell. Verrells Lakeside Lindie also took

best of breed. Reserve winners bitch: Bellewood Deb, owner M. A. Knarr.

The Livonia Kennel Club held their annual Fall all breed show at the "Detroit Race Course," Livonia, Mich. Sept. 9, 1963. "The Michigan Brittany Club" supported this show with a total of 17 entries, and trophies given for each class. The Brittanys were judged by Mr. Virgil D. Johnson.

Novice dogs, first, Rex Duke of Hillcrest, by Sir Lancelot II—Baker's Lady Ann. Owner, George H. Rowe. Second



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Puppy, Bitches, 9 months and under 12 months. First, Steele's Jeanne D'Arc. By Hayes Country Gentleman—Dutchess LaBelle. Owner, Ed Steele.

American bred Bitches, first, Holly Haven Sugar, by Holly Haven Beau—Ch. Holly Haven Dixie. Owner, Blaine Clarkson. Second, Samantha de Barfleur, CD, by Avone Valfont Marty—Cinderella Scotty Girl. Owner, Catherine M. Murphy.

Open Bitches, first, Happy Hunter's Cynthia Gal, by Happy Hunter's Brandy Boy — Happy Hunter's Duchess. Owner, Donald Frisch. Second, Verrell's Lakeside Lindie, by Ch. Lakeside Secret Treat — Lakeside Secret Lady.

Owner, Lloyd C. Verrell. Third, Holly Haven Wendy, by Dual Ch. Dingo's Little Mike—Ch. HollyHaven Dixie. Owner, Henry A. Hollyoak. Fourth, Holly Haven Marty Star, by Holly Haven Beau—Ch. Holly Haven Dixie. Owner, Jerry Martin Jr. Handler, Ken Holemo.

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Michigan has another Brittany Bench Champion, Holley Haven Banner, by Dingo's Little Mike - Holley Haven Dixie. Owner and handler, Henry Holleyoak of Wayne, Mich. Was best puppy at Nationals in 1960 under Jack Spear. Best puppy at Lima show in 1960. Best puppy at Lima in 1961 under Gordon Parham. Best of winners at National Show in 1962, under Jerome Halle giving him 5 points. Best of breed at Macomb Co., 1963 with 4 points under Maxwell Riddle. Best of breed at Salem, Ohio, 1963 under E. P. Adair with 3 points. Finished his championschip as winners dog at Akron, Ohio 1963, under A. Rosenberg.

Banner is doing very nicely in the field toward his dual.

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Princess Pat Killed

Bert Heinz of the Washington Brittany Club lost his promising young bitch, Princess Pat de Ferncroft early this fall, in a most unusual and tragic manner.

While working in the field Pat was attracted to some white birds in a farm yard. These were the first white leghorn chickens Pat had ever seen, and she was soon after them.

There were small children in the yard and when the home owner saw her with the white feathers in her mouth, he thought she was foaming at the mouth, and fearing for the children, shot and killed Pat.

Bert was broken-hearted at this loss, but immediately got another pup to replace Pat—Patty Too de Ferncroft.

Bert's sage advise to one faced with a similar loss is to get another as soon as possible. "It's surprising how quickly one can transfer one's affection to another, and it would be too bad to grieve over the loss and refuse to get another dog," he said.

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2nd Place: Juchoir's Chocolate Candy, Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Valley x Juchoir's Shady Lady, Larry Preforntain, West Linn, Oregon, owner. Nicky Bissell, handler.

3rd Place: Juchoir's Bronze Big Wig, Su. Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Valley x Juchoir's Shady Lady, Grant H. Chadbourne, owner. Elmer Flack, handler.

4th Place: Everygray's Tic-Toc Tommy (FTC), Du. Ch. Uno's Jet x Mandy of Edough, Grace F. Metzger, Portland, Oregon, owner. Stan Aeck, handler.

Full write up and pictures will appear in next issue.

There is a fine line of difference between refined pride of accomplishment and unashamed gloating. We hope you will be charitable as some of the invasion reports of Britts through out the country are noted.

A report from Minnesota notes the appearance of two Britts in a 14 entry Irish Setter Shooting Dog Stake. Bretagne's White Ranger, owned and handled by Carl Robeson was first, and Ned Murphy handled Hunter's Sir Lancelot to 3rd place. The next day three Britts went on to the Northwest Field Association's Shooting Dog Stake and Mel Maurer brought his Shorewood's Ginger into 3rd place in a field of 14.

In the East at the Ottawa Valley Gun Dog Club Trial run on multiple courses on native Hungarian Partridge, Brittanies carried off the first thrree plalces, over a field of 8 pointers, 5 setters, 5 G.S.P., 3 Pudelpointers and 4 Brittanies.

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and Kelly of Shadyhurst owned by Jack Bradley was 3rd.

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The following communique came in from the West Coast:

Tacoma German Pointing Dog Club Fall Trial

A.F.T.C.A.

Open Gun Dog Stake, August 18, 1963 1st Place—Roly-Poly, Brittany Spaniel, owned and handled by Ken Nicodemus, Port Orchard, Washington.

2nd Place—Terri Sans St. Nick, GSHP, owned and handled by Clint Parker, Portland, Oregon.

3rd Place—Ardy's Bird Broker Beckum, GSHP, owned by Dr. J. Marvin Brown and handled by Bob Holcomb.

4th Place—Happy Time Dandy, Pointer, owned and handled by John W. Mills, Edmonds, Washington.

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Bo's genealogy, although somewhat mixed up, was in the blue and the best of the day on both sides of the family. He was sired by "Uncle Wash," the top dog and kennel boss of a pack of Walker fox hounds. His dam was by Count Whitestone II, and a pup by Topsy Avent. (If you are less than fifty years of age you should stop here nad turn on to the next article.)

Bo was saved from the usual drowning of such cross-bred litters by a young eight-year old lad, who for purposes of this yarn, I will call the "Boy." The Boy sneaked Bo, his pick of the litter, out of the weighted gunny sack and hid him in the smoke house where he was fed by bottle with cow's milk and strained honey until his eyes were open, he could hear, and could survive on the hash cooked up for the kennel.

Notwithstanding the fact that on the day Bo was rescued from the gunny sack he was practically hairless, blind and deaf, there developed a common understanding of loyalty and sportsmanship between him and the Boy that endured for many years to come.

Contrary to the normal expectation from such fould cross-breeding, Bo inherited the top characteristics and instincts of both his immediate ancestors. He was a dual dog long before the modern concept of that term was applied to the present day dog. He was a bird dog of class by day and a varmint

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Bo looked forward to those weekend hunts and he couldn't quite understand why the vacation periods (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.) didn't come more often. The Boy's folks were understanding parents; a team of mules, a box wagon (or a bob-sled if snow was on the ground) with the necessary tarps and camp-out equipment were always available for the Boy and one or more of his cronies for these hunting trips.

It was Bo's privilege as boss of the kennel to ride and sleep in the wagon box; the other bird dogs and the varmint hounds would trail along under or behind the wagon until a suitable camp-site was found. A camp-out hunting trip in those days was an experience that, unfortunately, is not available to the present day youth. The mules had to be fed, watered and hobthe tarps stretched over the wagon box for sleeping quarters and shelter for the spare dogs that were staked out beneath. Food, except for salt, pepper, flour and coffee, and rations for mules and dogs, was "off the land."

The daylight hours were spent in bird hunting with sufficient time out to kill enough rabbits for sale to replenish the supply of ammunition. From dusk until early morning was spent on the varmints. Whether it was a covey of quail, a rabbit or a varmint, Bo was the top dog and in full command. He would slam on and pin a covey of birds or break the back of a 30 pound coon with one flip before it bounced the second time after being shaken out of a tall oak, with equal dexterity.

If the hunting trip was of several days duration a string of traps was always set to pick up a few varmint hides, the sale of which would also help replenish the ammunition. Bo had a personal dislike for traps and for those that partook of such sport. It was believed that said dislike for traps and trappers was due to the fact that any varmint caught in such a contraption cheated him out of a chase and kill. It was an established fact that he would trail a trapper at a discrete distance and spring the traps as fast as they were set. How he sprung the traps without being caught was not

established and Bo would not let you in on the secret.

Smoky was a ribald, thieving raccoon and a pet of the family that was, with some misgivings, tolerated by the local bird dogs and the neighbor's kennel of Walker fox hounds. The Boy found Smoky as a hairless-like rat after having been blown out of his nest in a tall oak, and he was raised with Bo on the same bottle of cow's milk and strained honey. Smoky and Bo developed a common understanding early in life that was never violated. Smoky's 'tours through the house were always disastrous. He would clean out the jars of preserves and jelly on the closet shelves and on the way out would pick up a chicken carcass or a ham butt for Bo

During the daylight hours Smoky and Bo would team up on the stray dogs like a pair of river rats and then go stack up in the sun on the smoke house porch like a couple of contented house cat. But come dusk Smoky would high tail it to his nest in the hollow top of

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a large white oak back of the barn. Bo, leading the neighbor's pack of Walker hounds on their nightly carousal with the varmints of the area, would always take a pass at Smoky's den tree and bay a few times as if to warn him to stay holed up until daylight.

Bo's hunting accomplishments were not limited to the days he was "borrowed," the nights of his carousals with the varmints or to the week-end and vacation campouts with the Boy. Twice each day it was the Boy's responsibility to round up the cows for milking. and if Bo was home he was top hand. This rounding up was often a circuitous maneuver by Bo and the Boy, down the gulley by the big springs and back through the orchard where there were several known coveys of quail. The Boy would of course, have his old single barrel along for protection. This more or less daily event kept the birds alert, flight-wise, healthy and a bit gun shy.

On one such maneuver Bo slammed down on a big covey of birds and the Boy, having missed a few shots on singles and having only one shell left, shot the covey of birds on the ground. Bo looked back over his shoulder and with a smirk of disgust on his face, left the Boy to his milk cows and took

off for the huose.

Boy's dad was dog-wise, bird-wise and boy-wise, and correctly sensed that the coat full of birds that the Boy brought in that evening had not been taken in a sportsmanlike manner. With Bo sulking in his dog house and the box on the shelf with too many shells in it, there was no out but a complete confession that the birds had been shot on the ground. The "wood shedding" that followed was endorsed by Bo, and the Boy was taught a lesson in sportsmanship that he never forgot.

How do I know so much about Bo and the Boy? Well, I was the Boy, and Bo was my dog.

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