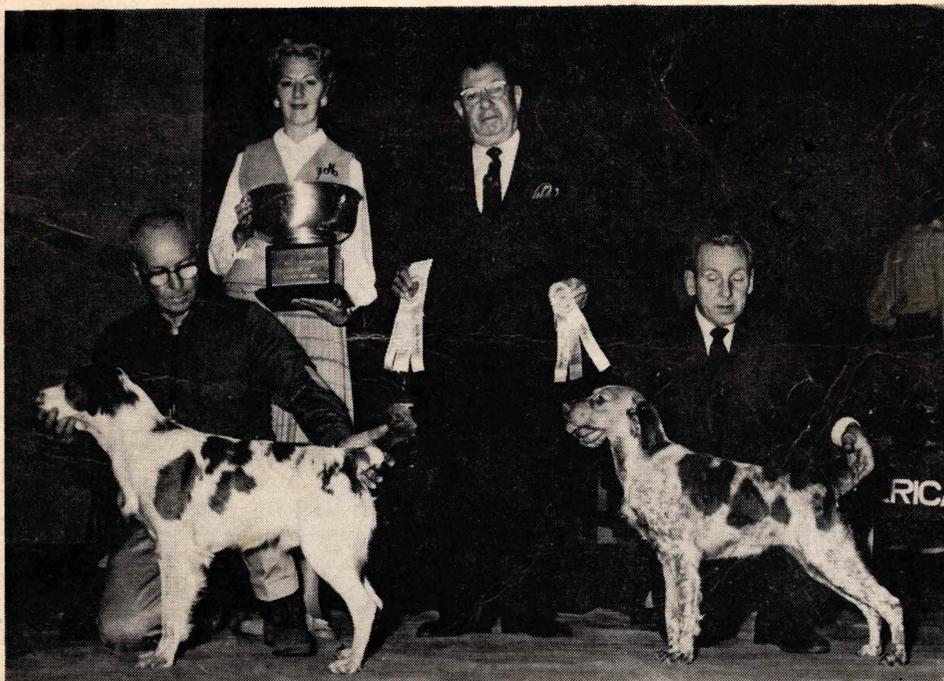


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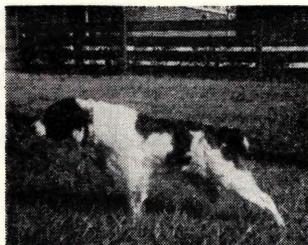


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Best in Futurity, Doc's Shotgun Popper, owned by Dr. John Schuckert, and shown with handler, Harold Reed (left), and Best of Opposite Sex, Holly Haven Marty Star, owned by Jerry Martin, Jr., and shown with handler, Ken Holemo. Standing behind these winners are Judge Jerome Halle, and Ring Steward, Marty Frank. (staff photo)

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE

December 3 to December 7, 1963

Crab Orchard Wildlife Area, Carbondale, Illinois

Reporter, Mike Benton

Crab Orchard Duke was named winner of the 21st Annual National American Brittany Club trial. Duke was handled by his owner, Ray Trimble, 2380 Bluegrass Lane, Flourrissant, Mo. Ray also trained Duke exclusively, but one summer in his derby year he spent in Canada under the supervision of Lee Holman, professional trainer of Whittington, Ill. This victory was a dream fulfilled for this amateur handler and will boast all of the dreams shared by amateurs from coast to coast. Ray was beginning to believe he had a hard luck dog by receiving three second placements his season but did take the winning spot at St. Louis, Mo. this spring. Duke proved his superiority in bird finding and was very impressive with four finds. A well applied race that won him the title of Field Trial Champion as well as The 1963 National

Champion. After his magnificent performance, the word got around that this was the dog to beat. The judges, Ralph Warrington, of Michigan and Leslie Rue of Kentucky, gave no indication however that the champion had run, they continued to look at all dogs as potential winners until the dog proved his ability. Each dog was given an equal opportunity in the judges eyes as they ran the course. When all the dogs had been run and it was time to give the decision, the club house was filled with anxious nervous handlers and owners. Even some of the professionals who have spent many years listening to placements being read, admitted having butterflies in their stomachs. Each one analyzing the trial, trying to weigh his chances of a placement. There is an unexplainable thrill that comes with victory in any and all types of athletic competition, whether a winning touchdown, a final shot in the last second to break a tie, or a horse coming from behind to win the Kentucky Derby. These are thrills often shared by cheering thousands, but in this our chosen sport of field trialing, the handler of the winning dog feels the emotion that the participator and the spectator of other sports experience. The long trips to and from field trial grounds and being afield in all types of weather, can only be understood by others with the same purpose in mind, to know the thrill of winning a field trial. It was evident that Raymond Trimble felt the full impact of this thrill when he leaped with joy after hearing the name of Crab Orchard Duke called as the best among the good—the winner of the 1963 National Championship Stake.

Here is how Duke did it—He came in from a cast along side a ditch and crossed the metal bridge, just in front of the horses, started through the weed field on the other side, when he stopped



National Champion for 1963, Crab Orchard Duke, with owner-handler, Ray Trimble. (Greer photo)



Championship Stake—Placements (l to r) National Champion for 1963, Crab Orchard Duke with owner-handler Ray Trimble, 2nd place Miller's Desert Dust with handler Dick Sweet, 3rd place Polly's Fairview Basil with handler Jack Plyler, 4th place Towsey's Bub with owner-handler Marvin Nelson. (Greer photo)

quickly on a beautiful point, his head was high as though he were trying to look over the top of the weeds. A large feeding covey was flushed and he stood perfect. His next cast was toward the wood line at the end of the weed field. The course went the same direction but Duke disappeared in the woods where he was lost for 8 minutes, knowing he had only about two minutes to show his dog, the handler made one last desperate attempt into the woods to find him. He called point and the judge rode in, to witness the bird work. Duke was standing in what looked to be a most uncomfortable position as though he had spun into a solid point at top speed. Ray flushed the covey and Duke's manners were impeccable, a nicely finished dog who went out-on-a-limb for this find. His third find was back in the weed field again. As handler was trying to get back on course, the dog made a cast down the fence row and spun to his left on point where two birds were flushed by

his handler, for the third time the dog stood perfect. With only twenty minutes left in his running time, Duke decided to check a small weed field, off to the left of the course, this proved to be a good choice for Duke as he found and handled perfectly another covey of birds. The remainder of his race though not one of great speed, had plenty of range with a good forward searching pattern.

Miller's Desert Dust almost repeated his performance of a year ago when he won the 1962 National Championship, dropping down only one place this year, he still did his owner, Louie Miller of Hazelwood, Mo. and handler, Richard J. Sweet of Carbondale, Ill., proud by his tremendous race and two beautiful finds. His first find was a covey in six foot high weeds on the side of a mound of earth. The birds being higher than the dog, having to raise his head and with one foot up made an unusually beautiful point. His second find came in the same field on

a single from that covey. Both finds were on eight minutes from the break-away. Though he was running in sixty degree weather his range took him out of sight several times but with excellent handling and cooperation of Dusty, he showed, pressing to the front. On one cast, he was gone almost seven minutes. It was feared by his handler, he was gone on deer but was finally called back on course to finish with impressive style and win for himself the second place out of a 69 dog National Championship Stake.

Polly's Fairview Basil, a liver and white dog by Fld. Ch. Benjji of LaRue, owned by Hoover Rhodes of Watson-town, Pa., handled by Carlton (Jack) Plyler, won his third place on one excellent find, near perfect application and unequal stamina. His one find was spectacular in itself. He broke away in a small clearing with a railroad track about 100 yards to the front. The dog broke straight ahead into the heavy cover near the tracks and disappeared. The course turned right just across the tracks but the dog could not be brought through. After about five minutes of calling and whistling with no success, his handler went down the track to the left trying to find him.



Championship—Carl Robeson attempts to flush birds in front of Bretagne's White Ranger, buried 23/20th's deep in the honeysuckle! (staff photo)

He was found on point in head high weeds. Where he had been standing since the brakeaway. Jack flushed the covey and Basil showed excellent manners, standing perfect to wing and shot. His race had still just begun with only seven minutes lapsed, he was brought back on course. He now had the course to himself as his bracemate was picked-up. With both judges looking on his work, he ran the course with amazing bird finding desire and sensational stamina. Even after an 8 minute deer chase, near the end of the hour, he came back to impress the judges by leaving the easy running path to search the heavy cover for the remaining 10 minutes.

Towsey's Bub, fourth place winner of the amateur stake, handled by his owner, Melvin Nelson, duplicated his performance in the championship in almost the same manner as in the amateur stake. With a brilliant cover



Wagon Boss and Ram Rod—National Trial Chairman, Pete Seger, and the driver of the dog wagon and leader of the car gallery, Delores Martin. (staff photo)



Championship—'There go the birds!' Beauregard's Billy Boy with Jim Holman (left) and Jeffrey Stub de Hunbolt with Herman Bonine stand on point, while Marshall Bob Runyon watches from horseback. (staff photo)

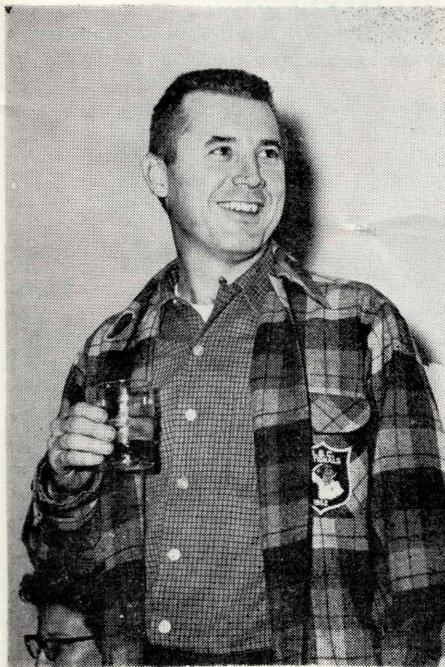
searching race, though his range was somewhat shorter than some of the other winners, his class, bird sense and perfection on his game gave him a fourth place of which his owner can be proud. The gallery missed seeing his one find on a single because he was deep into cover and only the judge rode in to witness the bird work which earned his placement.

Going back over notes taken during the running, plus conferring with the judges after the trial, it appears that lack of stamina exists among the Brittany nation wide. A few handlers picked up their dogs the first 40 minutes, realizing they were beaten and chose not to show them at their worst. Others left them down, just to finish the course because they were not close enough to the dog wagon. Many handlers with a good first 30 minutes maybe a find or two, tried desperately to push their tired hunted out dog through the last 30 minutes, hoping for

a place. If this had been a 30 minute trial, the judges would have had a difficult time choosing the winners. Most of the dogs looked good the first half of the course. They had plenty of class, speed and perhaps a perfect find or two. The handler, no doubt, feeling good by this time. The judges checked their book making sure they have the right dog with the right handler. This could be the one they have been looking for. As we move in to the final 20 minutes of the course, this is what they began to see, the dog starts to weaken, his cast became shorter. He starts toward an objective, well within his range, it looks as though he's going all the way and would look good if he did, only to stop a few yards short and turn off to some easier course. Nothing looks worse to a judge than a dog admitting defeat by his own actions. His heart wanted to go but had nothing to go in with. In spite of the handler's whistle tooting and yelling, the dog be-

comes more and more disinterested in the job he set out to do. The amateur was by far the better stake of the trial. For some reason many of the same dogs that looked good the full 45 minutes of the amateur seemed to have little left for the championship competition, this was not true in every case. There was one dog that stood out above all others as having strength to go the full 60 minutes with the same determination at pick up as when he started, Shengango Valley Dingo, owned by Pete Seger and trained by Lee Holman, deserves to be mentioned for his outstanding effort, though he went birdless in the championship stake, had two perfect finds and a back before being lost on deer in the amateur.

Duc Du La Bretagne, owned by Hart Workman, Topeka, Kan. and handled by Ralph Hesseltine, showed a zestful search for game and had a perfect find in the woods 20 minutes after breakaway with brace mate, Cookie's



Victory Smile! Beaming Ray Trimble, just after the announcement was made! (staff photo)

White Jet, owned and handled by H. H. Crippen of Valparaiso, Ind., backing. Both dogs continued to hunt with good range and advance ability. Fifteen minutes later Jet was seen on point on the wood's edge in heavy cover. Duc backed but moved up before command and the fact that he took two steps on his next find cost him a placement but on this find his style on point was exceptional, straining every muscle as he hit hard when he scented birds. He gave a fine performance worthy to be seen in a championship stake. Jet also worked as if he knew how important this stake was to his owner and went on to have another perfect find but took himself out of competition when he suffered an unproductive.

Rich Leverick, owner of Way-Kan Jill and handler Delmar Smith should be proud of Jill's ground-hunting race and two finds. One find was in the edge of the woods ten minutes after breakaway, twenty minutes later Jill was hunting consistent and full of fire, you could see her travel through a strip of wood to the hill on the other side, she siammed into point. The early morning sun made Jill and the hill side aglow, the handler, judge and this scribe went through the woods to the distant hill to witness the bird work. Jill's manners were excellent however this proved not

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to be her day as she made a mistake which took her out of judgement.

A hardy vote of thanks to the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club for it's help and facilities and to Lloyd Futrell for his care of the barn and kennel. Lloyd mounted the gallery in excellent style and many new acquaintance begun between man and horse which will be renewed season after season as the friendship of Dr. White and Mabel.

The trial ran in good time, many worked hard and long hours. Each brace broke with out delay, this was due partly to the team of Mrs. Bill (Delores) Martin and Bob Runion. Bob did an excellent job afield serving as marshall while Delores drove the dog truck and with the use of a walkie-talkie furnished by Phil Morehouse, the dog wagon knew when and where to move. Again, many thanks to Mabel Olund, who's work began early morning at the Pin Oak, serving breakfast to field trialers and continued until after

she had served lunch at the clubhouse. Our club is fortunate to have members who enjoy serving the club. Pete and Thelma are fine examples! Thanks.

The American Brittany Club was indeed fortunate to have Les Rue and Ralph Warrington riding four and one half days watching with alertness and enthusiasm the performance of our Britts. Words can not express our gratitude for a job well done. Field trials will always be a gentleman's sport as long as men of this high standard continue to serve as judges.

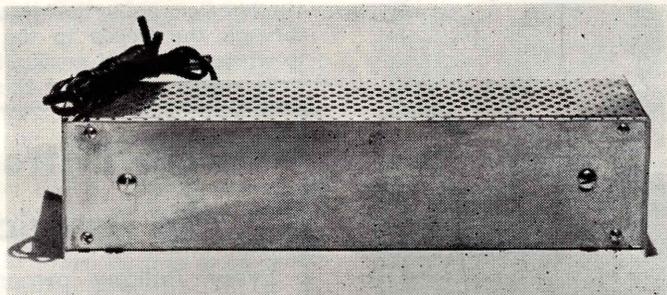
Many thanks to Ellen Lee for her hard work as field trial secretary and her work in the show. Ellen seems to be a Jack-Of-All-Trades for the dual dog.

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NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL AGE STAKE

November 30, 1963

Crab Orchard Wildlife Area, Carbondale, Illinois

Reporter, Mike Benton

Not even Walt Disney's heart warming story of Little Bambi would have been popular around the Crab Orchard Area during the 1963 Brittany Nationals or with Christmas only three weeks away could you hear owner or handler, amateur or professional humming Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer. Due to the increased population of deer on the grounds, many of the handlers saw their hopes disappear behind the white flagging tail of this luring speedster who seemed to lurk behind every clump of bushes and on every turn of the course. But as it turned out the deer proved to be the only interference to the dogs.



National Amateur Winner, Epper of Siouxland, with owner-handler, Dr. Adolph Utzinger. Standing behind 'Utz' are Judges Bill Brush and George Wilson (l to r). (staff photo)

It looked as though we were in for a rough week as strong gusty winds and blinding snow storms prevailed throughout Saturday, the opening day. However, in spite of the wind and snow the birds moved all day and it proved to be one of the better days of the trial. During the night the sky cleared and left a heavy frost, mixed with patches of snow from the day before, which was without a doubt the reason for a couple of the very few birdless braces during the week. From then on Mother Nature smiled on us giving beautiful sunny skies filled with graceful honking geese that rose from their feeding ground as the gallery came in sight. The latter part of the week the temperature rose to the low sixties making it very pleasant. As many as twenty fun loving people riding the hay wagon pulled by a tractor and a large number of horseback gallery got a good view of the bird work, which was plentiful on most every brace due to the hard work and well managed replenishment of birds by the members of the Crab Orchard Club.

The abundance of bird work plus several dogs with good ground heats made it easy for Judge George Wilson of Detroit, Mich. who also served as part time marshall, and Bill Brush from Butler, Penn. to determine the four top dogs. There was little or nothing missed, good or bad, under the watchful eyes of those very capable bird dog men throughout the running of the amateur stake. Therefore when the last dogs were picked up at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and books and notes were compared, it took little time to name the number one dog of the 1963 National Amateur All Age Stake. Epper of Sioux Land, or Rip, as he is called by his owner and handler, Dr. Adolph Utzinger of Lakewood, Colo., was awarded the Number One spot for one

of the most hard running bird searching races of the trial, with one beautiful find on a relocated covey.

Rip broke away to the left along a railroad track which furnished the only cover for about three hundred yards as the field on the right was clean. He raced along the heavy cover beside the tracks to a wood line at the end of the first field, where he turned right for about two hundred yards then turned left again and as hundreds of geese lifted from a cornfield where Rip was spotted heading for a large honeysuckle patch. He circled the honeysuckle once, made a pass through it, then with the eyes of the judges on him, started for his next objective where he really impressed the gallery and judges with tremendous speed, style and range. His one find came ten minutes before the end of his brace. Ruth Lee handling Cannonball of Leeway, Rip's brace mate, spotted Rip on point with Ball backing. She promptly and courteously pointed him out to his handler and stood aside as he tried to flush. When no birds were produced, with permission, she moved Cannonball on and part of the gallery went with her. Then Rip was moved on for relocation and it was here he made another favorable impression on the judges. When asked what most impressed them, the judges answered this way, "He finished what he started." If it was a short cast or a long one,

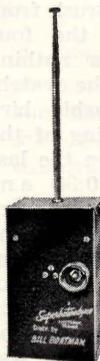
he went all the way to and checked out his objective. When given the signal to relocate, moved slightly to his left, caught the wind carrying the bird scent, then moved in quickly and directly to a solid stylish point. Again the handler had a difficult time producing the covey that stuck tight to the ground until a good full minute of thrashing the bushes finally flushed the birds. During this time and with a car passing close on a gravel road the dog did not flinch or soften up on his point. When the shot was fired, he stood perfect and waited to be moved. A truly great performance, worthy of his placement.

Second place went to Tearaway Broccho, owner and handler, L. D. La-Fleur of Bloomingdale, Ill. It was evident at the breakaway that Broccho had been rightly named, Tearaway. His first two casts took him deep into the woods. It looked for a while as though that was where he would spend a good part of his race. Suddenly the course opened up in several large weed fields and all types of objectives and Broccho was trying to check them all as he went. He made a magnificent motionless point on the crest of a hill where his handler flushed two birds. It was believed by some, he was slightly smoked but proved his steadiness to wing and shot less than ten minutes later when a large covey was flushed in front of his point in heavy bushes near a road. The remainder of his race

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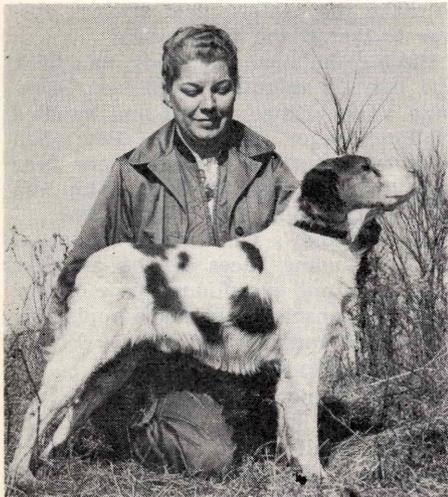
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Ginger Trophy Winner, Lelah Weik with Pinky III. (staff photo)

consisted of several enthusiastic well directed casts and at pick-up appeared to be one of the stronger dogs of the stake.

Rendezvous Skipper, also owned and handled by L. D. LaFleur, earned his third place amid a bit of confusion and two handlers. Skip was running a medium race with plenty of class and speed. After about twenty minutes he was spotted working birds in heavy bushes. His handler moved in close but was reluctant to call point until Skip had moved up a couple of times where he pointed solid and refused to move. Handler then called point and birds were produced. LaFleur's gun failed to fire, and in the excitement of trying to get off the shot, he placed his hand over the muzzle blast as the gun fired. The blast opened a wound in his left index finger. He brought the dog out of the woods and turned to the gallery to ask his wife to handle Skip for the remaining time. Mrs. LaFleur with tears in her eyes, head turned as not to see the bleeding hand reached backward to take the gun from her husband. Mr. LaFleur was taken from the field and to see the doctor. It took poor Skip about two minutes of running back and forth through the gallery looking at every horse and rider, trying

to find his handler before he finally realized it was the brains and beauty of the LaFleur family now calling the signals. Skip pointed five minutes later but his new handler failed to produce the birds. He was sent on but not before he checked quickly the spot he was pointing. Making a cast along a wood line a few minutes later he again spun quickly to the left on an exceptional stylish point. It took his handler about two minutes to flush the covey that was sticking tight in the tall grass at the edge of the woods. The dog was steady and was sent on to finish the race in good style.

Towsey's Bub, a name often seen in the winning circle, handled by his owner, Marvin Nelsn of Wichita, Kan., made his bid for a place in the amateur stake on a cold frosty morning in the 24th brace of a 25 brace stake. Bub's race started in a clean field beside the road that offered little bird cover for the first few minutes of the course. Hunting for cover, he crossed the road and hunted off to the side until called out where the course turned left and he was taken into the large weed field where he showed an even exhibition of hunting and sustained application. Bub went out of sight at the end of the weed field, when his handler reached the place where Bub was last seen, he spotted Bub about fifty yards ahead, standing on point. Before his handler could reach him, the bracemate came through and went on point directly between Bub and his birds for about ten seconds than moved on. Bub did not move or soften on his point. After his



handler had tried everything in front of his dog that look like it might hide a quail, one of the judges asked him to try a little more to the left because of the direction of the wind, he did so and a nice covey flushed. He finished his race strong and hunting the cover well.

There are other dogs that must be mentioned in this report that were capable of winning any stake. Taking nothing from the winners, as they were the winners, chosen by two very competent men who know bird dogs and how field trial dogs are judged. Nevertheless in every trial there are the dogs that furnished the competition for the winners. These are the dogs that were outstanding in some part of their performance but by a tough break, due to the handler, or the dog, or possibly through no fault of either were disqualified. They are too often not mentioned for their good work. Gladwin Smokey, owned and handler by Amos Greer, looked over as much of the reservation as any dog in either stake and looked good doing it, but unfortunately the only birds flushed wild at the offset end of the weed field when the dogs were being brought to the breakaway.

Pinky III, owned and handled by Lelah Weik displayed bird sense and application that only the best bird dogs possess. Watching Lelah and Pinkie working together is watching close harmony. The judges sensed this relationship and award Lelah the Belloaks Ginger Trophy for the best dog handled by a woman amateur handler. This is the second time this combination has won the Ginger trophy, which is only awarded if at least three women compete. Others competing were Brooks de Becque with Edie Beck, Kaymore's Dappled Desire and Kaymore's Joe of Weymouth with Marcelle Bell, Ann's Yankee Zipper and Rendezvous Elias with Ann White and Cannonball of Leeway with Ruth Lee.

Brooks de Becque, owned by Dr. and Mrs. John Beck of Carlisle, Pa., handled by Mrs. Edie Beck, a young derby age 19 months, showed her immaturity but still enough bird sense and desire

to make the eastern field trialers answer to her in the near future.

Having the race two finds, one back and only 15 minutes to go was Shengango Valley Dingo, owned and handled by Pete Seger of Sharon, Pa. when Skip went out on a cast where deer were seen leaving the area. Skip did not return while under judgement.

Butch Dandy's Gunsmoke ran one of the outstanding races of the amateur stake with one exceptional piece of bird work and a back but he made a mistake. His owner and handler, Horace Brown of Kansas City Mo.

Robert Runion of Carbondale, Ill. was owner and handler of Bob's Pretty Sugar, a small orange and white female by Saxon of Fredann. She showed speed and range seldom seen in a Brittany trial but went birdless. Bob did an excellent job serving as marshall of the futurity and the Championship.

Pete gave a fabulous performance, covered more territory, made tremendous casts, consistent, energetic with even composure throughout. His work did not go unnoticed! Of course, you know this Pete Seger, our 1963 Field Trial Chairman who made this great task look easy with the constant assistance of his wife, Thelma, who did all types of work from being a secretary to waiting on the judges table at lunch. Thanks, Pete and Thelma it took a couple like you to get the job done. Thanks to Glen Sewell and the other workers who's aid made the amateur stake a triumph. Thanks to Lee Holman for the use of his truck as the official dog wagon in the amateur stake.

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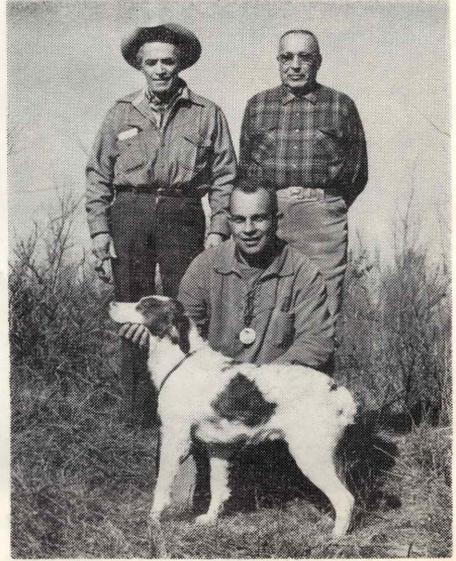
THE FUTURITY STORY

By G. Scout

And the last shall be first. Thus it was with the annual renewal of the Futurity. First to Juchoir Termisan (an archaic word meaning last) Tiger. Tiger won his laurels on a strong race climaxed in the final moments by a solid, stylish find.

This year's Futurity was held, as most of the previous ones have been, on the well known Crab Orchard grounds. The Crab Orchard Club, the Federal and State Wildlife officials, and many individuals should be commended for the fine job that has been done here. The bad freeze a few winters ago killed off the major part of the quail but they have come back through good management. There were quail everywhere and all the dogs that really hunted for them had their chance on birds. The horsebarn was destroyed by a fire caused by lightning last summer but the new barn far surpasses the old. A great deal of work has been done this summer on mowing and opening up and it was a boon to the foot handlers. Courses were open enough to see the dogs well, both from foot and horse, and there were no longer fields of head high weeds to negotiate. Geese were present, but in smaller quantities than normal due to the warm weather. Deer we still have with us, but they did not seem to present the hazard they had in former years. Perhaps they have become so tame the dogs don't think they are worthwhile quarry to chase. There were many chases but most dogs returned while still under judgement.

The judges were Clyde Schoonover of Pocatello, Idaho, who lent color with his western gear and his bright rain-clothes. This was his second National assignment which speaks for his qualifications. Filling the other saddle was the ever popular Gene Brown from Pontiac, Illinois. The two men worked well together and nothing escaped their eagle eyes. They wanted a class race with good birdwork and would not be



Juchoir's Termisan Tiger, winner of the Field Futurity, with owner-handler, Dr. Walker Heap. Judges Clyde Schoonover and Gene Brown (l to r) standing. (Greer photo)

satisfied with less. At a point about midway in the stake they were considering not awarding four places for lack of quality. Need I say more about their high standards or the quality of the stake as a whole.

The Futurity chairman, Bob Burbank, who had done an excellent job on the preliminary work, was unable to be present because of an accident. The Whites took over in his absence. Ann was the workhorse who kept the gallery lined up and the dogs on the line. She also kept the judges 'coffeed' up. Fred rode in the gallery as a general jack of all trades, acting as assistant marshal, dog spotter, information giver, and whatever else was necessary. This was in addition to his doctoring the ailing and accident prone gallery. Delores



Distaff Trialers at the Club House. (staff photo)

Martin drove the dog wagon and her cheerful smile is always welcome. She can always manage to be at the pickup no matter where it is. Bob Runion served as marshall after the first day and he knows the grounds and his job.

The weather was ideal except for the first day. But that first day the weatherman turned it on full force and gave us sleet and snow squalls, making it fit for neither man nor beast to be out. None had told the quail though and they were out feeding all day as though the sun were shining. Scenting conditions seemed to be good, and quail, deer, and geese were in abundance.

A total of 93 starters made it the largest Futurity in the history of the stake. It is believed that the purse is surpassed only by the American Field Pheasant and Quail Futurities. We had quantity but quality was lacking. There were a handful of outstanding dogs but not the number one would like to find in a stake of this size. It is fun to have a stake of this size as it shows enthusiasm on everyone's part, but for an im-

partial observer to watch all these dogs run, and go away with the feeling that this is what the Brittany is, is not good. Too many dogs just did not want to hunt. Lack of range can be forgiven but not lack of desire to look for birds. The other big lack was the lack of pointing instinct. Too many dogs ran through their birds after first winding them.

The winner, Juchoir Termisan Tiger, is owned, handled, and trained by Doctor Heap of Watertown, N.Y. The prefix Juchoir denotes that he was bred by Nicky Bissell of Sherwood, Oregon. Tiger is from the mating of Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee and Juchoir Shady Lady, the last litter sired by Pierrot and so the name of the pup. This mating has previously produced 12 winners, including a second place winner in this stake two years ago. Doctor Heap bought the pup at weaning age and by the time the dog was a year old was about to give up on him. But suddenly he caught fire and started to develop. He has been improving steadily

and had made his only two placements in his two starts prior to the Futurity. He is a strong built, orange and white dog with a powerful gait. He cast away down the hedgerow neck and neck with his bracemate, and they tried each other out before they both swung off hunting. Deer were encountered, but both dogs had their mind on bird hunting and came through without a great effort on the part of either handler. Tiger hit all the edges of the open fields. When the course turned through heavy weeds he breasted them without noticeably slowing down. There were only minutes to go when the course passed through the woods in a deep bottom. Both dogs cast to the left and Tiger hit pay dirt. He pointed on the edge of a heavy weed patch and stood high and staunch. His white coloring against the brown weeds made a pretty sight. The handler called point. The other dog was observed backing off on the right. Handler flushed a large covey and Tiger bounced forward. Bracemate was steady at the flush.

Second went to Pinoak Sue, bred and owned by Dave and Mable Olund, whose Pinoak Motel is home to many of the Brittany fanciers during the National. Sue is by their well known winner, Pinoak Guy and is the first of Guy's progeny to be a winner. Sue's dam is Lucky's Handsome Lady. The Olunds had four females in this litter that was whelped in July. At last year's National they offered to give this dog to several of their friends. Luckily none wanted such a young futurity prospect and Sue was turned over to the Holmans for training. Young Jim Holman made his debut as a futurity handler in this stake. Though only twenty he has years of experience in dogs and shows it. Sue started rather slow and was eclipsed by her faster and snappier bracemate. When making the first turn deer were encountered and this is one for the books. Several deer went to the right through the thick brush but two does elected to break out into the open. They both ran at Sue, chased her a way, and tried to haze her by one breaking to one side of her and one to the other. This was enough for Sue, and she took them across the wide field, but re-

tured when they hit the brush on the far side. She then started to range, and did a mature job of hunting. Handler walked up birds which winged over the dog's head, and he fired. On passing through an opening, gallery was intrigued by a large buck with a beautiful rack that stood out in the open field while the horses passed within forty feet of him. He was not about to move, and one daring galleryite decided to ride towards the deer to see how long he would stand. As deer took a couple of steps towards the approaching horse, our attention was called back to the dogs by the cry of 'Point.' Sue was standing with high head well out in the field, and had a covey nicely pinned in front of her



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stand. A few more jumps and it was pickup time. This was the first afternoon when the weather was so miserable, and this brace was during the windiest and coldest part of the day.

Bonine's Towsey Sandy was third. Herman Bonine of Kansas bought six females of this litter from the breeders, Henry and Georg'ne Mar, and kept three, all of which started in this stake. Sandy's sire is Demon Sam Malibeu from the Rev. Busby's kennels. Sandy's dam is Countess Towsey Mar, who is littermate to five winners from the mating of Towsey and Jody T's Ginger Lou. Sandy has two previous placements. Bonine drew the same course with two of his dogs. Gem ran first and soon after crossing the main road handler called point as Gem was spotted in the brush, locked up tight, with nose pointing a low bush. The covey burst out as the handler approached. In the afternoon Sandy followed the same course, crossed road, made same cast, pointed same birds in same position, and birds burst out in same manner. It was like seeing the same movie twice. Sandy went on and ran a hard snappy race. She did not run as wide as some for she does not have the long reaching stride but instead is the very fast, punching type of dog. Bracemate was lost on deer on the turn, and handler slowed to wait for his opponent. Dog then tended to work back and to the sides, covering the same ground over and over. She broke out and reached ahead again when handler moved on. This is the type of dog that is the backbone of the breed, a hard working, easily handled, bird finding little dog,

who loves to hunt but does not range to the extremes, and is busy every minute she is down.

The fourth place dog was Nan's Dusty of LaRue, owned by Ray Haschel of Winamac, Indiana and handled by his breeder Jack Plyler. Jack's yearly breeding of Futurity winners is setting a record. He hasn't missed now in several years. This was Dusty's fourth trial and his first placement. He is by Birchwood Pepi's Ace out of Nan of LaRue and so carries the blood of Britt's TicToc Bobby, Penny's Happy Pepi, Benji of LaRue and Saxon of Fredan. Need more explanation be made of his beautiful way of going, his hard hunting, and his pleasing manners? Dusty showed much promise as a puppy but was chewed up in a kennel fight. His front leg was badly mangled and the muscles had to be stitched in several places. He was laid up most of the summer for this reason and when he did go afield showed a certain shyness of his bracemates which is understandable. This has certainly been overcome as he started well and laid down one of the best ground heats of the stake. He was braced with the second place dog and in the first few minutes showed her up as he raced from spot to spot with intense drive and speed. He is a dark dog but still very eye catching. His only birdwork was a back on his bracemates find and it took a sharp eyed judge to spot this dog standing in the high weeds.

Called back for a second series were Swanee Suntan Ginger owned by Glenn Eades and handled by Amos Greer, and Alamo Tic Toc Joe, owned by C. F.

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Small and handled by Dick Sweet. Both dogs had laid down superb ground heats their first time down, hitting all the cover, hunting places that quail should have been with no results. Both had kept their handlers on their toes as they reached to extremes. The second time down Joe made a wide fling and then was hacked in to turn a corner, but he took off again straight out and was lost. Ginger seemed disinclined to push this time, and fussed a good deal on ground scent. He was brought on into a marked covey and ordered up when he bumped them.

Pressing close to the fourth place dog was Shamandre's Jeb de Becque, owned and handled by Doctor Beck. He was braced with the first place dog and did an excellent job of hunting. His birdwork was only a back on which he was steady to flush and shot. This was an impressive liver and white. If he had had birds on his own the picture might have been different.

There were several others that could have replaced the winners with a little luck. In the order in which they appeared . . . Le Bonabe was doing the job right when he hit scent and drew up into the wind to bump a covey in the honeysuckle. Babe of LaRue had two called points. The first she helped handler flush out of the honeysuckle. The second was breathtaking as she hit hard in the open but bracemate took her birds out here. Then she would not leave the area but fussed around on ground scent which detracted. Nan's Lord Douglas is the type of dog you would want for a hunting dog. He had two finds where he went right to the

birds and was positive and intense on his points, holding for flush and shot. He knew how to handle his quail. Unfortunately he had two unproductives, one in a spot that produced several unproductives during the trial. Juchoir Termisan Tanist, littermate to the winner, had an excellent find on which he was steady, but was off color and showed no pep and snap. Rusty de LaRue, littermate of Dusty ran every bit as well as Dusty, really setting the world on fire, but was lost on deer. Belle St Lo had the class and style this stake demanded but muffed her chance on a single. Joels Copper Jacques looked good until he was lost on deer. Dakini is a liver and white who got stronger as his race progressed, but unfortunately went through his birds. Allegheny Valley Dingo had one of the best ground races but was lost on deer in the last three minutes. He would have been a sure bet for a callback. Kidd Kiki applied himself well and had one rather long absence. During this time it was reported that birds were seen to rise from the direction he had taken and he soon appeared to the front. Kaymore's Skeet of Birchwood was a favorite with many of the gallery as he ran a superb race, but he failed to handle his birds. Faircrest Polyjet and Greenfield Prince Valiant were a pair of lookalikes that even their handlers could not tell apart. Both ran excellent races though Val had a badly cut foot and Jet was stepped on by the judges horse. With birdwork either of these could have been pushing for top slot.

There were others who did a creditable job. Bretagne's Rambling Rex ran

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well till he was lost on deer. Tic Toc Jack ran well enough but found no birds. De Little Frenchman looked like a good one till he bumped a covey. Galaxie Jet ran enough but unfortunately hit birds right on the break-away and did not handle them. Suzie Q of Bellflower moved fast and snappy but was very restricted. She had one of the prettiest points of the stake but it did not last long enough. Singleton Ace went on deer as did Flying Dutchman's Nitro. We would have liked to have seen more of them. Appanoose Rust had a very nice called point on edge of honeysuckle. He pinned his birds but got impatient when handler could not produce immediately. Ponka-pog Frank did an adequate job. Leeway's Ferd X Patent started slow but finished very strong. Northern Light ran well and found deer but no birds. Jiggers Sorrowful Jones is a pleasant dog to watch. He moves well and hunts his cover intelligently. Crab Orchard Leeway ran big but his pattern was erratic. Joel's Drole was wider than most and a hand'ul to get around. John's Rebel Boy was a stylish liver and white. Passamonte's Polly contacted deer and geese and ran well. Holliday Taffy ran a real good race msot of the time and finished well. Bonine Towsey Shady Lady had a nice steady find. Joel's Missy of Penferd ran wide and hard but was not easy to keep to the front.

Now for some statistics. More than 70 of these dogs had at least one ribbon. Nearly one third of the dogs were picked up before time expired. Seven dogs established point and allowed the

handler to flush. Eight dogs pointed long enough so point could have been called but then jumped their birds. Pacolet Sam and Tex of Richmond each had 5 progeny entered. With four were Britts Tic Toc Bobby, Demon Sam Malibeau, Ferdinand of Leeway, Kruger's Captain Thrap, Cookies White Jet, King Star and Dingo's Litte Mike. The leading dams with four each were Kruger's Miss Sally, Countess Towsey Mar, Albedo Valley Chipper, Pacolets Skyline Galaxie. Joels Copper Penny, Verdon Buddington Princess and Berenda Creek Jane each had three.

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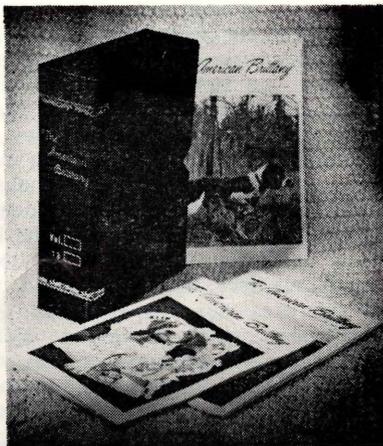
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THE INAUGURAL BENCH FUTURITY

By Ann White

A gratifying entry of twenty six dogs were shown in the First Bench Futurity sponsored by the American Brittany magazine. Forty one dogs were completed in their nominations, and so we feel that 26 is a "doggone good average."

Some observations I would like to make, since I kind of feel like the mother of the bench futurity, and may-be thereby give myself license to make observations, are:

In the class of intermediate males, there wasn't a difference of a quarter of an inch in size. In fact, the dogs were practically stereotyped—and if the futurity is to establish anything, it should help in establishing a set standard, beginning with our younger dogs. This was again observed in the intermediate females—they could have been litter-mates as far as type, size and markings and coloring were noted. Maybe, finally we are on the right track, in giving our bench judges a set type,

size and soundness that has heretofore been lacking.

Another observation—not re the dogs, but the exhibitors, was the purse. For a first time event, the monies were certainly gratifying, and show the results of the hard work of our Bench Futurity Chairwoman, Ruth Burbank. The pleased smiles of the handlers when along with the ribbons and trophies, the checks were handed to them . . . while not large, certainly took the edge off the efforts made to complete nominations. A mental note we can all make is that already the entries for next years futurity are ahead of this first one, and nominations for the third are rapidly surpassing the second. May I now add my personal thanks for your support of this project. I think it may add more and deeper d'mension to our over all goal of the Dual Dog. Along this line, it was especially pleasant to have the opportunity to award a dual futurity award



Bench Futurity—Best Females in Classes (l to r) Holley Haven Marty Star with Ken Holemø, 1st (Intermediate Class); Pinoak Sue with Lee Holman, 2nd (Junior Class); Ch. Edandot Halo with Ed Berger, 3rd (Senior Class). (staff photo)

the very first time to Pinoak Sue, thereby setting another tradition in the world of Brittanies.

Still another observation—only one champion was shown in this futurity. And, according to the rules, was classed with her age group. She showed that she was truly a champion, by winning her class, but on the other hand was granted no special favors because of the Ch. before her name. It is our hope that this will always be the example in our Bench Futurity.

We were especially happy to have Jerome Halle as our judge—repeating his success as the judge of our first bench show, and may history repeat itself again and again in the renewal of the bench futurity.

Again, the trophies were well received—some saying that they were the best ever. It is the sincere hope that the American Brittany Magazine can continue this good will, and should be able to, with the continued support

of the American Brittany Club in their vote of confidence given us.

Following is the result of the judging:

Junior Dogs

1st—Pinoak Guy's Buster, by F.T. Ch. Pinoak Guy, out of Lucky's Handsome Lady. Owner, Glen Sewall; Breeder, David F. and Mable Olund.

2nd—Greenfield Prince Valiant, by Ch. Zipp's Feather Merchant, out of Berenda Creek Jane. Owner and Breeder, Jack D. and Merle Russell.

Intermediate Dogs

1st—Doc's Shotgun Popper, by Cookie's White Jet, out of Pacolet's Skyline Galaxy. Owner, John J. Schuckert, DDS; Breeder, John and Jane Thompson.

2nd—Doc's Shotgun Beau, by Cookie's White Jet, out of Pacolet's Skyline Galaxy. Owner, John J.



Bench Futurity—Best males in classes—(l to r) Doc's Shotgun Popper with Harold Reed, 1st (Intermediate Class); Pinoak Guy's Buster with Lee Holman, 2nd (Junior Class); Rusty de LaRue with Jack Plyler, 3rd (Senior Class). Judge Jerome Halle and Marty Frank, ring steward stand behind placements. (staff photo)



Bench Futurity—The working group that made this first Bench Futurity possible, (1 to r) Marty Frank, Jerome Halle, Janet Brown, Nicky Bissell, and Ann White in foreground. (staff photo)

Schuckert, DDS; Breeder, Jane and John Thompson.

3rd—Birchwood Pepi's Red, by F.T. Ch. King Star, out of Du. Ch. Penny's Happy Pepi. Owner, Arthur J. Parker; Breeder, Arthur J. and Ruth H. Parker.

4th—Galaxy Jet, by Cookie's White Jet, out of Pacolet's Skyline Galaxy. Owner, H. H. Crippen; Breeder, Jane and Jon Thompson.

Senior Dogs

1st—Rusty de LaRue, by Birchwood Pepi's Ace, out of Nan of LaRue. Owner, Ralph F. Dauer; Breeder, Carlton P. Plyler.

Junior Bitches

1st—Pinoak Sue, by F.T. Ch. Pinoak Guy, out of Lucky's Hansome Lady. Owner and Breeder, David F. and Mable R. Olund.

2nd—Greenfield Silver Belle, by Ch. Zipp's Feather Merchant, out of Berenda Creek Jane. Owner and

Breeder, Jack D. and Merle Russell.

3rd—Greenfield Golden Girl, by Ch. Zipp's Feather Merchant, out of Berenda Creek Jane. Owner and Breeder, Jack D. and Merle Russell.

4th—Guy's Pinoak Nancy, by F.T. Ch. Pinoak Guy, out of Lucky's Hansome Lady. Owner, Glen Sewall; Breeder, David F. and Mable Olund.

Intermediate Bitches

1st—Holley Haven Marty Star, by Holley Haven Beau, out of Ch. Holley Haven Dixie. Owner, Jerry Martin, Jr.; Breeder, Henry A. Holleyoak.

2nd—Holley Haven Sugar, by Holley Haven Beau, out of Ch. Holley Haven Dixie. Owner, Blaine Clarkson; Breeder, Henry A. Holleyoak.

3rd—Joel's Drole, by F.T. Ch. Ferdin-



Bench Futurity—'Dual minded' Futurity Judges, Brown and Schoonover watch the proceedings at the Bench Futurity over the shoulders of John Smith (checking his entry), while Frank McHugh (left) explains the fine points of the judging to John Thompson. (staff photo)

and of Leeway, out of Ch. Joel's Copper Penny. Owner, Benjamin J. Zaboski; Breeder, Ellyn Lee.

4th—Tuede of Windy Hill, by Ch. Ultra Mend Yacko Idoc, out of White-water Ann. Owner, John W. Smith; Breeder, D. N. Sawtelle.

Senior Bitches

1st—Ch. Edandot Halo, by Ch. Kaymore Tex of Edandot, out of Ch. Edandot Bonita. Owner and Breeder, Edward M. Borger.

2nd—Maro's Sugreferd, by F.T. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway, out of Silver Lake Sugre. Owner and Breeder, Roy W. Holm.

3rd—Sweet Suzanne de MacEochaidh, by Tigre de Klememor, out of Sparkle de MacEochaidh. Owner,

Thelma L. Hiteshue; Breeder, Le-lah Weik.

Winning Males:

- 1st—Doc's Shotgun Popper.
- 2nd—Pinoak Guy's Buster.
- 3rd—Rusty de LaRue.

Winning Bitches:

- 1st—Holley Haven Marty Star.
- 2nd—Pinoak Sue.
- 3rd—Ch. Edandot Halo.
- Best in Futurity—Doc's Shotgun Popper.
- Best of Opposite Sex—Holley Haven Marty Star.

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RESULTS OF 21st ANNUAL
NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

By Ann White

An innovation of the national specialty show this year, was the judge—our own Phil Morehouse, professional trainer from Salem, New Hampshire. Phil did an excellent job, and we hope that in the future, more of our own breeders, handlers and trainers will be invited to judge our dogs. In the opinion of many, this is the best way to standardize the breed—starting within our own breed club, so that judges in all-breed competition will be able to know more what is expected of our favorite, the Brittany Spaniel.

It must not be easy for one of "our own" to be put on the spot to judge, but it is a step in the right direction, and it is hoped that we have established another step in the right direction for furthering the Dual Dog.

Following are the results of Phil's Judgements:

Puppy Dogs

- 1st—Bonnie Kay's Ricki of Sequani, by Ch. Bonnie Kays Ricki's Image, out of Alf's Queen.
- 2nd—Sequani's Fils de LaReine, by Ch. Bonnie Kays Ricki's Image, out of Alf's Queen.
- 3rd—Count Goering Embr de Triumph, by Ch. S-M Sam de Triumph, out of Ch. M. V. Jodi de Triumph.

Novice Dogs

- 1st—Fredann's Buddy, by Jet's Tower Pride, out of Uno's Miss Lady.
- 2nd—Big Boy of Bellflower, by Ch. Royal Price of Duckerbird, out of Sandy of Beelflower.
- 3rd—Holliday Britt's Bazooka, by Fld. Ch. Holliday Britt, out of Towsey's Tinkle Belle.
- 4th—Tigre's Little Scamp, by Du. Ch. Tigre de Klemanor, out of Sparkle de MacEochaidh.

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- 1st—Holley Haven Casey, by Du. Ch.

Dingo's Little Mike, out of Du. Ch. Holley Haven Duchess.

2nd—Ann's Yankee Zipper, by Fld. Ch. Yankee Boy's Tommy, out of Fredann's Miss Pollyanna.

3rd—Dingo's Trump, owner, H. H. Crippen.

American Bred—Dogs

1st—Fld. Ch. Towsey's Bub, by Du. Ch. Towsey, out of Frances Lady Susie.

Open Dogs

1st—Joel's Copper Jacques, by Fld. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway, out of Ch. Joel's Copper Peonny.

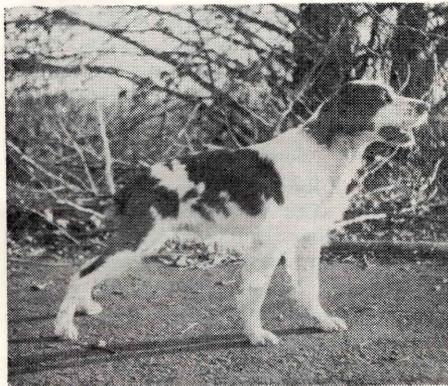
2nd—Kid Kiki, by Fld. Ch. Beau Kiki, out of Lady of Wingville.

3rd—Juchoir's Rusty Bonanza, by Ch. Juchoir's Restless Gun.

4th—Ultra-Mend Ahu Jerry, by Ch. Ultra Mend Ahu, out of Ch. Ultra Mend Susie.

Winners Dog—Joel's Copper Jacques.
Reserve Winners Dog—Fredann's Buddy.

Points—5, number of entries, dogs, 18.



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Puppy Bitches

6 mos. and under 9 months

- 1st—Bub's Suzette, by Fld. Ch. Towsey's Bub, out of Princess Ginger.
2nd—Brentwood's Tonka Warrior, by Dapper, out of Flambeau's Birdy Britt.
3rd—Brentwood's Red Sails, by Dapper Danny, out of Flambeau's Birdy Britt.
4th—Sequani's Duchess D'Or, by Ch. Bonnie Kays Ricki's Image, out of Alf 'sQueen.

Puppy Bitches

9 mos. and under 12 months

- 1st—Holley Haven Pixy, by Holley Haven Flint, out of Tammie Lee Chriss.

Novice Bitches

- 1st—Bo-Nine Towsey Gem, by Demon Sam Malibeau, out of Countess Towsey Mar.
2nd—Anntwon of LaRue, by Fld. Ch. Benji of Larue, out of Gigi of Larue.
3rd—Bellewood Polly Ann, by Du. Ch. Pacolet's Sam, out of Betty Briarhopper.
4th—Show Fun Sue, by Holliday Doc, out of Ferdon Buddington Princess.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

- 1st—Bellewood Tessie, by Bellewood Tab, out of Betty Briarhopper.

American Bred Bitches

- 1st—Holley Haven Sugar, by Holley Haven Beau, out of Ch. Holly Haven Dixie.
2nd—Faircrest Polyjet, by Fld. Ch.

Passamonte's Jet Commander, out of Pacolet's Polly of Faircrest.

- 3rd—Bo-Nine Towsey Gem.
4th—Joel's Drole, by Fld. Ch. Ferdinand of Leeway, out of Ch. Joels Copper Penny.

Open Bitches

- 1st—Belle St. Lo, by Fld. Ch. Major of Valley Forge, out of Johnson's Princess Dana.
2nd—Holly Haven Marty Star, by Holley Haven Beau, out of Ch. Holley Haven Dixie.
3rd—Brooks de Becque, by Ch. Jacques of Kaymore, out of Flambeau's Sizette Delight.
4th—Highland Ultra-Mend Lacey, by Ch. Ultra-Mend Ace High, out of Ultra-Mend Highland Honey.

Winners Bitches—Belle St. Lo.

Reserve Winners Bitch—Holley Haven Marty Star.

Best of Winners—Belle St. Lo.

Best Brittany Spaniel—Ch. Juchoir's Tuffy.

Best of Opposite Sex—Dual Champion Penny's Happy Pepi.

Interesting to note is the fact that Juchoir's Tuffy is a two time winner having on the Best of the Breed for the 20th as well as the 21st National Specialty Show. This has been accomplished before by three other dogs, Patrice de Sharvogue, Avono Corky and Bonnie Kays Ricki's Image.

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IDEAS

By Ruth Hussin

The 1963 bench futurity was a fine success! Congratulations to Fred and Ann White whose vision, inspiration and hard work made it possible. For the Dual-minded Brittany breeder here is a Nation-wide proving ground for your quality pups. I do not hesitate to predict an even greater interest and success in 1964!

For all of us I'm sure, it was thrilling to have been at the bench show again this year. Over-all quality of Brittanies is improving in my opinion. Size is still everyone's biggest problem it seems. Perhaps it is time to "re-do" the standard on this point. My thoughts here are that if we limit our females 17½" to 19" and our males 19" to 20½" we might begin to stabilize this problem, eliminating over-size females and undersize males to a greater degree. What are other feelings in the membership concerning this problem. My mind is open to suggestions!

In observing the dogs shown it appears to me that top-lines, feet and rear-quarters are better than average but front quarters and heads are really lacking.

There are a few bloodlines that are producing excellent head types with the very desirable dark eyes, and fine, well-balanced bodies.

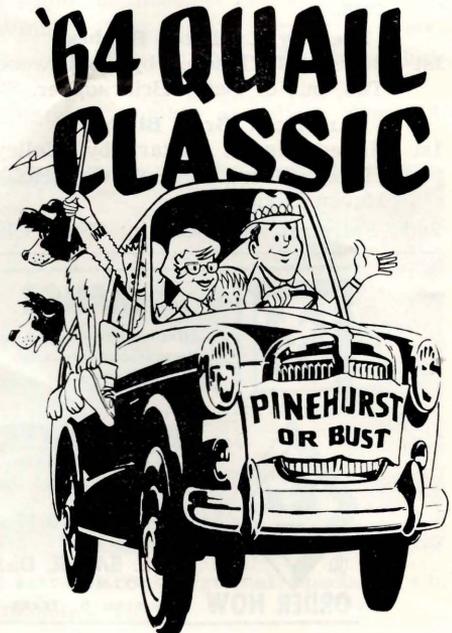
But chests are often narrow and shallow, not reaching to the elbows, thus increasing the "elbows-out" or "pinched in," appearance, not at all uncommon in our breed.

We need capacious chests and well-sprung rib cages to allow room for adequate lung-power so necessary in our running dogs. Spindly fronts on dogs with good driving rear-assemblies are not well-balanced and puts them at a structural disadvantage to a sound, well-moving dog. One would not think of driving a car that was not balanced front and back yet we think nothing of building our dogs that way. Yes, building is the proper word, for

genetics gives us the use of all the building "blocks" it takes to create a good Brittany!

Coat texture on mostly all dogs is true to standard. Colors over-all are rich, deep and unfaded. It was good to see a few liver and white Brittanies being shown. I wish more of their owners would exhibit in shows. They are at no bigger disadvantage than a brown-haired gal against a blond in a beauty contest, if they are sound true-to-type Brittanies. So bring your best liver and whites into the ring and you'll be helping that color to popularity just as the breeders and exhibitors of orange and white and roans have done.

The better all our Brittanies become the more people will want them. So let's show them all our standard varieties and let them choose and get a good one, regardless!



VOLUNTEER FALL TRIAL

By Nicky Bissell

An inexhaustable supply of three things, of little bobwhites, of birddogs (Brittany type), and of Southern Hospitality marked the third trial of the Tennessee group. Their were dogs just about coming out their ears with an entry of 116, a 56 dog all age, a 46 dog derby, all the major handlers from the whole country present with one exception. The club officials were unhappy because of the limited entry, only 8 dogs in the Amateur! If this sounds like a lot of excitement and confusion it was, exciting that is . . . but confusing, no. A well organized group knew what they were doing and everybody did it. The team of Cornwell, Anderson and Wilder was on the ball

A new standard has been set. What other club can boast a four wheeled, rubber-tired, solid cypress bolted together wagon with twelve dog compartments, painted bright orange and lettered with the name Volunteer Brittany Club on the sides. Not to mention the two coffee urns, the sugar and cream compartments, the doughnut supply, all for free. We never did figure what the two little white half buckets

up front were for 'cept maybe litter bags, but Mr. Phil made good use of one to water his dog. We must not forget that the above wagon was pulled by a matching orange tractor.

The courses took off from the club house and hunted across the country. Everyone had to ride the wagon which followed the dogs quite closely. A walkie talkie expedited matters when Mr. Ralph took the horses across those straight down and straight up ditches. You haven't lived till you've ridden these woody draws. The Tennessee quail were everywhere and ran like chickens a'll around us but most of them had taken a good bath in Dial and then doused themselves with that new 'No Smell Em' perfume. The weather was gorgeous but cold in the early mornings.

In the judicial saddles were the real southern gentleman type, who are excellent judges of birddogs, fine horses, and good whiskey. Egbert Jones of Holly Springs, Miss., Bob Goddard of the Ames Plantation, Lee Hoffman who claims he was the first pro ever to



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train a Brittany in this country, and Travis Wright of Memphis.

The winners were happy, but as in all large stakes there were the unhappy ones whose dogs did a real good job but not quite good enough.

Out of six pups two were picked up, one lost. The remaining three were worthy of placement in any trial. The first two were real going dogs and the third a real nice shooting dog prospect who solidly pointed a pair of quail, the only pup to contact game.

1st—Tana Queen, by Sweet Rendezvous Elias—Crab Orchard Tana. Owner, Cecil Wood; handler, Mr. Dick Sweet.

2nd—Circuit Contender, by Casa Blanca Mike—Ferdinand's Fran. Owners, E. and R. Blackburn; handler, Mr. Lee Holman.

3rd—Long Town Sandy, by Longtown—Lazy Lady. Owner, J. Crone; handler, Taylor.

The outstanding find of the all age was a dilly. At 9½ minutes we lost

Pacolet Sam. Mr. Ralph had just buried Miz Jane in the honeysuckle over her protests. Judge Goddard spotted Sam on point. Before Jane could untangle herself, brace mate had come in and milled around and passed Sam to point his birds in front of him. Sam was high and tight during all this. His voluntary back earlier in the stake had been a beautiful one. Longtown settled down after his first fling with his brace mate and showed he really was a native of these parts when he dug out a single in a deep draw. One of those New England grouse dogs set the pattern in the first brace when he proved that grouse and quail live in the same places. But that quail certainly did run under the honeysuckle. Fourth place dog showed class, style, and go tho at times his range was a bit medium. He certainly found birds. Mr. Ralph (the other Mr. Ralph that is) had to flush three times before he got him out of the honeysuckle. Here is a dog that really points and doesn't mouse into his finds as we saw so many dogs do. We also liked

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Pacolet's Sam, 1st place Open All Age.

Hellou's Yankee Timber, who drew a rough course but handled it to perfection and came through with two very nice pieces of birdwork with his brace-mate doing the flushing for him on one. The superb birdwork of old Peter (Rendezvous Elias) was probably the bestest and mostest of any dog but he just wouldn't run. Pinoak Guy was another who did the most any dog could on an almost impossible course. Scuffle-town Quito did a nice job of hunting but no birds.

- 1st—Dual Ch. Pacolet Sam, by Dual Ch. Albedo Valley Dingo—Dual Ch. Pacolet Cheyenne, owner P. Mobley; handler, Miz Jane Thompson.
- 2nd—Longtown, by Fld. Ch. Holliday Britt—Warrior's Wendy de Triumph. Owner, Dr. Wilder; handler, Mr. Jack Plyler.
- 3rd—Birch Hill Tawny, by Dual Ch. Doctor Joe of Kaymore—Patti

Doll. Owners, W. and C. Killian; handler, Mr. Phil Morehouse.

- 4th—Jeffry d'Or, by Fld. Ch. Jeffry of Argard—Royalee Jet's Sue. Owner, T. Kellogg; handler, Mr. Ralph Hesselstine.

The Amateurs worked hard but didn't have much to show for their efforts. Maximillian was the only dog with a clean find. The third and fourth place dogs were called back on planted birds but did not improve their standing.

- 1st—Maximillian, by Fld. Ch. Rendezvous Elias—Dancer de Klemanor. Owner and handler, Mr. Ralph Cornwell.
- 2nd—Oreb's Lucky Boy, by Lucky Boy—My Gal Sal. Owner, H. Brown; handler, Dr. Wilder.
- 3rd—King of Havre, by King of Edough—Reine de Beau Vista. Owner and handler, J. Smith.
- 4th—Longtown, by Fld. Ch. Holliday Britt—Warriors Wendy de Triumph. Owner and handler, Dr. Wilder.

The derby was a hard fought stake. Birds were not easy to find and dogs really dug deep and hard. The winner was fortunate to contact birds that were covieed at the edge of a pond. He hit point hard right in the open and held until the birds took off with both dogs in hot pursuit. Later he had an unproductive on a feeder where there was plenty of bird sign. Second place dog ran a terrific race and was involved with birds in deep grass. His point was a fast one but he did point. Third place dog pointed in thick honey-

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suckle and was asked to relocate which he did. One bird went out low to the rear. After time he had a perfect all-age find. Fourth place was made on class. This dog really ran a beautiful race.

1st—Way Kan Pete, by Robert Dee of Con Kan—Way Kan Candy Kid. Owner, D. Davis; handler, Jane Thompson.

2nd—Rusty de La Rue, by Birchwood's Pepi Ace—Nan of LaRue. Owner, R. Dauer; handler, Jack Plyler.

3rd—Longtown Sandy, by Longtown—Lazy Lady. Owner, J. Crone; handler, R. Cornwell.

4th—Allegheny Valley Dingo, by Albedo Valley Dingo—Pacolet Cheyenne. Owner, J. Robinson; handler, Lee Holman.

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Michigan Show Leads

By Roy E. Glore

The Monroe Kennel Club of Monroe, Mich. held their show Nov. 23, 1963, with an entry of 7 Brittans.

Puppy Dogs—1st, Sequani's Fils de La Reine. By Ch. Bonnie Kays Ricki's Image—Alf's Queen. Owner and handler, Catherine M. Murphy.

2nd, Holley Haven Pepe. By Holley Haven Punch—Holley Haven Tina. Breeder Charles Fahrenbruch. Owner Janice Hoover.

Open Dogs—1st, Miss Sue's Gad-A-Bout. By Ch. Bonnie Kays Ricki's Image—Miss Sue. Breeder and owner, Lenhard Schell. Handler Ken Holemo.

2nd, Rex Duke of Hillcrest. By Sir Lancelot II—Baker's Lady Anne. Owner and handler, George H. Rowe. Breeder, Franklin Baker.

Puppy Bitches—1st, Holley Haven Cinderella. By Holley Haven Banner—Holley Haven Hope. Breeder Henry A. Holleyoak. Owner and handler George H. Rowe.

2nd, Waybar Margaret. By Holley Haven Punch—Holley Haven Tina. Breeder Charles Fahrenbruch. Owner and handler, James Barta.

Open Bitches—1st and reserve winner went to Suzette Du Val, (CD) by Ch. Reese's Bob—Candy Yvonne. Breeder Del Finch. Owner and handler, Sally Hutt.

Best of winners and best Brittany went to Lenhard Schell's Miss Sue's Gad-A-Bout.

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ITEMS

The many friends of Dick and Patty Culbert will be happy to learn that there is a new heir to the Culbert fortune. Whelped December 15th, a male (only one in this litter) with the appropriate ethnic name of 'Brian Shawn.'

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Phil and Dotty Morehouse had a very hectic post-National and pre-Christmas season with sickness among their immediate family. With all of this, there was no time for the niceties, but now that all are doing nicely, they offer apologies for the lack of personal Seasons Greetings to their friends, and send along Best Wishes to All for a Most Happy New Year.

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David Story, well known to trialers on both coasts, has recently been named director of technical education and technical education and community services at a West Coast College. We hope this job will leave Dr. Story with enough time to take care of the more important things in life, i.e. trials and Brittanys!

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Welcome December visitors to the "Editorial Offices" were Mr. and Mrs. Albin Monohan of Montana. 'Bud' added to the cheerfulness of the visit with a report that no known 'baiting' was carried out during this bird season, and he felt that this was due, at least in part, to the resolution against this passed at the 1962 National Meeting.

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A very welcome note from Bob Buick, who will be well remembered as the breeder of many champions with the Edough Kennel name. Bob is well into

his 82nd year and still has a great interest in Brittanys and has a good one with him that is descended from some of the 'Edough' greats, Patsy, Roger, and Mandy. Bet you a glass of buttermilk that this one would be worth watching too!

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Additional Donor To Trophy Fund

The Catalogue at the A.B.C. Nationals listed a total of \$562.00 in donations.

After the catalogue had gone to press an additional donation was received, and Trophy Chairman Ruth Lee, wishes to acknowledge this and thank all of the donors for their support.

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Show Case Delayed

Because of amount of room needed for the events at this year's National Trials, The Brittany Show Case will appear in the February issue instead of the January issue as previously stated.

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By John B. Noland

Midwest's Fall Trial was held on the U.S. Military Reservation at Ft. Riley, Kansas on October 5-6, 1963.

Saturday was too hot and windy for top quality bird handling by the eager little Britts. In the Open All Age stake, first and second places were withheld, with third place going to Mr. Hershey, owned and handled by Vernon Hager. Mr. Hershey displayed excellent manners on two wild flushes by native birds.

Top Puppy, owned and handled by Herman Bonine, was Bo-Nine Gunner Speck. We will probably hear more from this pup in coming Derby stakes.

The Amateur and Derby dogs had slightly better weather on Sunday. Winner of the Derby was Dusty's Casey Boy, owned by Louie Miller, and handled by Dick Sweet. This little fellow is on his way, and the All Age dogs had better stay in shape.

Epper of Sioux Land, owned and handled by Dr. Adolph Utzinger, carried off top honors in the Amateur. Epper had a beautiful, stylish find on a Bob White, and moved nary a muscle as the good Doctor chased the running, fluttering bird several feet before putting it into the air. Truly a fine performance by a great little dog.

Trial Chairman Dwight Williams and his hard working team had a busy day. Ralph and Lillian Rees did their usual fine job of handling entries, President Earl Hatfield was always where he was needed, and utility man Bill Long, who "does it all," was busy doing just that.

Ruby Williams was kept busy with handling tickets for the "wagon," which provided the gallery with transportation and a good view of the handlers and dogs. James Decker busied himself with marshalling and bird planting, while George Barclay delivered the birds, guarding same between planting assignments. The club wishes to thank this fine crew, and all of the people who helped them so willingly and so well.

The Mobile Unit of the Ft. Riley Post Exchange was on hand Saturday with food and refreshments, but turned up Sunday with refreshments only. This could have been a catastrophe, but our good little Midwest Gals are not the type to sit idly by while the menfolks go hungry. No, siree! Lillian Rees and Edna Lord departed in a cloud of dust, returning with coffee and the makings." Betty Hatfield and Diane Long had a coffee a-bubbling and made to order sandwiches built quicker than a half-broke dog can cut his throat. These were served to all comers, for free, and did they ever hit the spot.

The Club wishes to thank the fine judging staff for an excellent job of judging under difficult circumstances. Also the many fine handlers who took the weather in stride and did a good job in true sportsman fashion. We enjoyed having you.

Be the good Lord willin', we'll be back in the Spring with another trial,



"The Pause That Refreshes," with Ronald Miner steadying Arickaree Brett II, while Ralph Thrapp attempts to get Lady Trouble out of the water tub. Lady and Brett went on to win third and fourth, respectively, in the Amateur All Age stake.

with better weather, we hope. You all come, hear?

Puppy Stake—15 Entries

Judges:

Vernon L. Hager, Robert J. Madl

- 1st—Bo-Nine Gunner Speck, by West-er's Gunners Mate—Bonine's Jean. Owner and handler, Herman L. Bonine.
- 2nd—Tana Queen, by Sweet Rendez-vous Elias—Crab Orchard Tana. Owner, Cecil Wood; handler, Richard J. Sweet.
- 3rd—The Buster Brown, by Little Joe Sooner—Lady Gilliflower. Owner and handler, Charles D. Johnson.
- 4th—Kay-Cee Babe, by Butch Dandy's Gunsmoke—Lady Joyce's Ginger. Owner, Joyce E. Malone; handler, Hugh B. Malone.

Derby Stake—24 Entries

Judges:

Alvin W. Chasteen, Richard L. Graves

- 1st—Dusty's Casey Boy, by Millers Desert Dust—Star De Jacquesan.



Epper of Siouxland, 1st place Amateur stake, shown with O/H Dr. Adolph Utzinger.

Owner, Louie Miller; handler, Richard J. Sweet.

- 2nd—Alamo Tic Toc Joe, by Brits Tic Toc Bobby—Pacolet's Alamo's Jo. Owner, C. F. Small; handler, Richard J. Sweet.
- 3rd—Pucaninee's Iookaway Dixie, by Jeffrey D'or—Way-Kan Dinah-mite. Owner and handler, Dick Ticknor.
- 4th—Bo-Nine Towsey Sandy, by Demon Sam Malibeau—Countess Towsey Mar. Owner and handler, Herman L. Bonine.

All Age Stake—32 Entries

Judges:

Earl H. Gray, Richard L. Graves

- 1st—With Held.
- 2nd—With Held.
- 3rd—Mr. Hershey, by Skip-A-Long of Richmond—Dingo's Mitzi. Owner and handler, Vernon L. Hager.
- 4th—Mitzi, by Duc De La Bretagne—Debora De La Bretagne. Owner, Stan Judd; handler, Ralph E. Thrap.

Amateur Stake—17 Entries

Judges:

Earl H. Gray, Robert J. Madl

- 1st—Epper of Sioux Land, Teka of Sioux Land—Pat's Bonnie Lass. Owner and handler, Dr. Adolph Utzinger.
- 2nd—Hellou's Yankee Timber, by Yanks Rebel—Bonne Berger. Owner and handler, Dr. Adolph Utzinger.
- 3rd—Lady Trauble, by Ral-Mar's Deuce—Trixie III. Owner, E. C. Kruger and Stan Judd; handler, Ralph E. Thrap.
- 4th—Arickaree Brett II, by Edandot Buzzer—Tom's Sure Point Cindy. Owner and handler, Ronald F. Miner.

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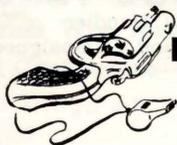
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Mar. 7-8		Kentucky		Sooner	No. California
Mar. 14-15	Maryland	Buckeye	Midwest	Tri-State	
Mar. 21-22	New Jersey	Ohio		Missouri	Oregon
Mar. 28-29		EASTER		EASTER	
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