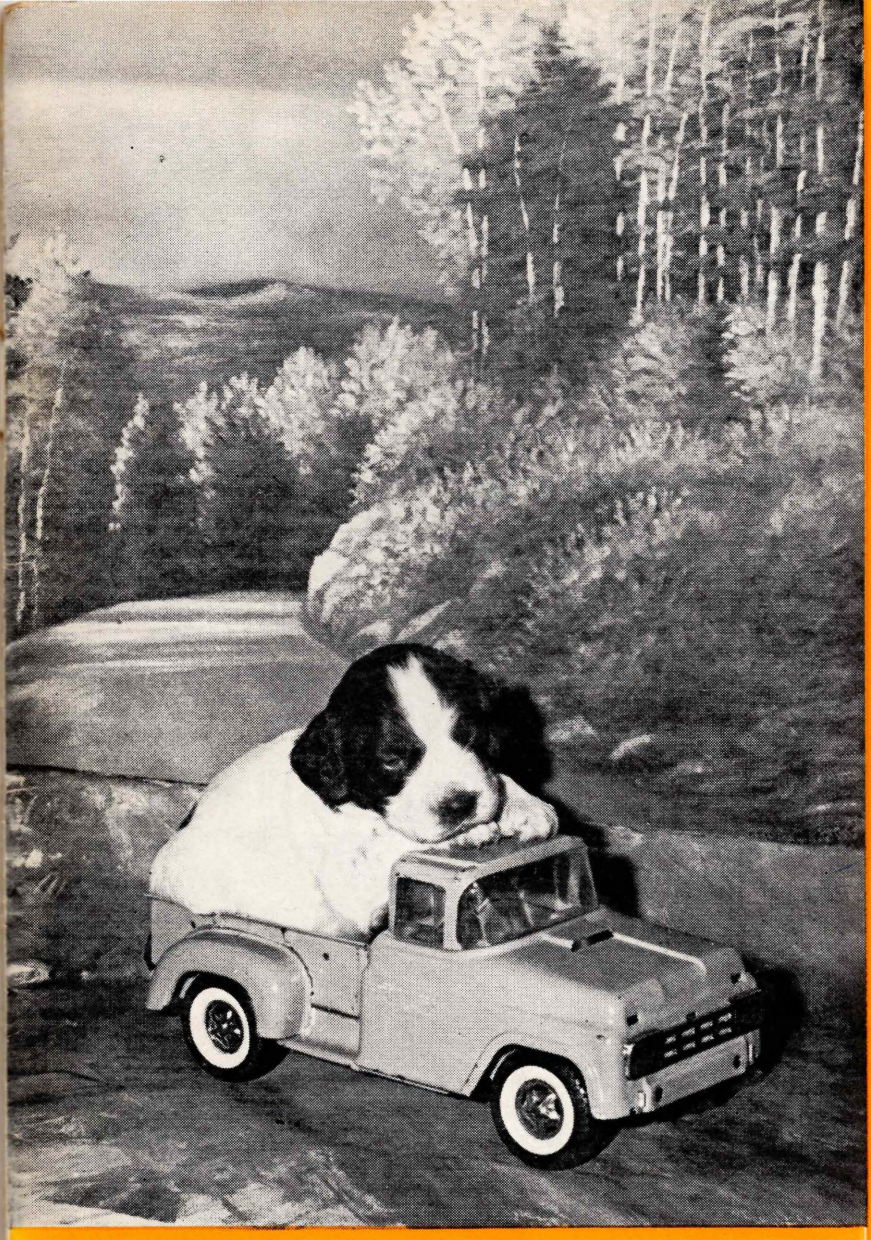


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They said they were moving the office to Fort Worth so I thought I better get on the truck and go, too. Photo by Jerry Wright



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A BEGINNING

by Joy Watkins

What an exciting challenge lies ahead! There await many opportunities for creative expression and opportunities to offer true service to the American Brittany Club. It is my goal to help maintain a continuing upgrading and improving, not only of the magazine but of the National Club. But I will need your help to achieve this goal. It is your contributions of articles and stories that help make our magazine. Your club's trial report is very important and is avidly awaited and read by many. Appoint an official reporter, see that a horse is available, and let's upgrade our reports so we can "see" in our mind's eye the dogs' performances as we read. Start a column of humorous incidents that happen at trials in your region. Share your fun trials, sanction shows, and good ideas for meetings. The magazine has need of an advertising manager to solicit outside advertising on a limited bases. Perhaps you have additional new thoughts for improvement—please express them. Tell me what you like to read about and see more of. Send in your dog's picture, or if we have several different ones, let me know your favorite. This is your magazine.

The undertaking of this task is a very grave matter to me. No one person could hope or pretend to take the place Nicky Bissell has filled so capably. I may follow her, but there will be no attempt to replace her. Regardless of who sits in this position, no one can please everybody constantly. And while we may not be able to agree all the time, at least we can disagree agreeably. I want to be fair and open minded and have a positive attitude rather than negative.

May I express my sincere appreciation to my friends all over the country for your confidence and your support. I truly value the faith you have shown in me and may I never falter from your hopes and ideals.

It is to you, the members of the ABC, to whom I will be dedicated. My committment to bettering the breed and promoting better understanding will be carried out with diligence and every attempt at cooperation. I would like to see our Brits become the most outstanding and most respected pointing breed in America. We can accomplish this ideal by keeping in mind the Dual Dog in our breeding programs, remembering good field characteristics as well as good looks.

In a national organization there will be many "right" ways to do things. Let us all try to be compassionate and tolerant of others' ways to accomplish the same goals. An open line of communication is important to understanding. I hope to continue regular communication to the regional clubs to keep you all informed. Remember your directors are your representatives. Express your concerns to them, for they can only truly represent you if you voice your opinions. Do this as individuals and as clubs for more influence. And if you express yourself in writing, there will be a visable reminder.

This is your club. The ABC is not a castle on the hill; it is you—all of you. Remember our purpose: To promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittany Spaniels. Let us all work together to make the American Brittany Club bigger and better for the improvement of our beloved Brittanies.

IN OUR MIDST?

Have you ever heard of the famous "Tate Family" that belongs to every Brittany club? There is the old man, DICK TATE, who wants to run everything in the club. Uncle RO TATE tries to change everything. And sister AGI TATE stirs up trouble whenever possible. Her brother IRRI TATE helps her do so, too. And whenever new projects are suggested, brother HESI TATE and sister VEGI TATE pour cold water on the proposals.

Then there is sister IMI TATE who tries to have the club mimic everyone else. When the club budget is announced, everybody quakes if brother DEVAS TATE stands up in the meeting. And brother POTEN TATE wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the family are bad, for brother FACILI TATE is quite helpful. A delightful member of the family is FELICI TATE. And the thoughtful members of the family, COGI TATE and twin brother MEDI TATE are always appreciated.

—Brittany Barks.

WORDS CAN NEVER TELL

Words can never fully express the gratitude and appreciation of the many members of the ABC for the many years of blood, sweat, and tears that Nicky Bissell has dedicated to the American Brittany Club—essentially to each one of us.

As editor she had given us many eagerly anticipated hours of reading pleasure.

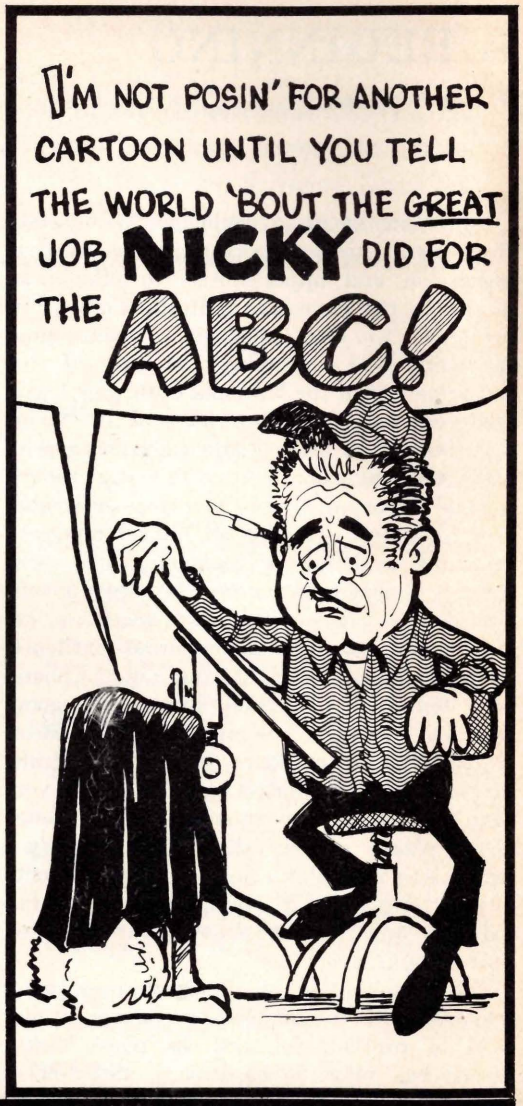
As executive secretary she has pushed, prodded, and nurtured the ABC into its full glory.

As a trainer she has shared her years of experience with dogs with each member through the magazine.

As a person she had given selflessly of her time, her energy, and her devotion, many times at the expense of her personal interests and her health.

The retirement of Nicky Bissell is a sad ending for many of us. But is a beginning as well, full of hope for Nicky. Our universal wish is for future happiness with this new found freedom and new horizons for creative fulfillment and all the good luck in the world.

We owe you so much, Nicky, and hope you will accept this small tribute to your accomplishments. If we could each throw you only one rose to express our heartfelt thanks, there would hardly be room left in Oregon for you and the puppies! Please accept our very inadequate THANK YOU.



NEW PRINTING PROCESS MEANS ONE-TIME CHARGE FOR PHOTOS

The American Brittany is now being printed by a new process— lithography. It formerly was printed by the letterpress method which required zinc plates for photographs, and those who had pictures in previous issues paid for these plates.

The lithography—or offset—method requires screened negatives for photographs. The change means the old letterpress plates cannot be used to get quality reproduction. Therefore, a one-time charge of $5.00 must be made for those already having pictures in the magazine. New pictures will be charged $6.00 each.

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GOOD OL' NICKY

by Luther Lawrence

As editor it's about pick up time for ol' Nicky. I usually pat my dog on the head at pick up, and I see no reason why I should do less for our editor.

It's been a long course, full of ups and downs. There was some easy going and some rough places. A good effort is always a source of pleasure to me in a dog. And we know, Nicky, that you have put forth a good effort most of the time.

Your part in producing a good magazine has contributed a great deal to the pleasure of thousands of good dog people for many years. People have had many hours of enjoyable reading—whether it be on the throne, in the bed, or in the library. You should be deeply proud of the good you have done for Brittanies.

All of us have seen a good dog look back for a handling decision and found the rightful person to make the decision not doing his job. The good dog instantly makes the decision on his own. Sometimes he is wrong and ends up out in the wrong direction. Nicky, you have been forced, like the dog, to make decisions. If you were sometimes wrong, the fault is not yours alone. Next thing you know, people begin to yell like hell.

Maybe you got hard headed at times and chased a little. No dog is perfect all the time. But when we look back at the total picture, we know you have done a fine job as editor and run one hell of a race.

I can speak for hundreds of others when I say to you, Nicky, with warm hearted thanks, "Good dog! Well done!"

LOOK GOOD, JOY(?)

by Luther Lawrence

As editor it is breakaway time for Joy. You are starting out with such a nice name—Joy sounds good.

Many years ago I watched a little dog breakaway with a name like "Baby Doll". That name changed at least five times during one 30 minute brace. A flushed bird and a new name; a chase and another new name; refusal to handle produced another unprintable expletive. By pickup time it was, "Come here, you little S. O. B.".

Sure hope you will be called JOY at pickup time and all the way in between! Good luck.

THE

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TO

NICKY BISSELL

FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

TO THE A. B. C.

WE WILL ALL MISS HER

PEOPLE AND THE NATIONALS

by Joy Watkins

As a child you probably played the game Penny, Penny—Who's Got the Penny? This year several people played the game, but with a new twist—it was called Nicky, Nicky—Who's Got Nicky? Dicie and Maizda just simply could not understand how Nicky could miss anything as big as their "bus" sitting right outside the door at the airport for hours. By the way, she turned up the next day with that tall Texan that is infamous for latching onto females. The Holiday Inn knew she was coming though and had "Welcome, Nicky" on their marquee.

Stay in there pitching, girls! Four of the eight placements in the Nationals were bitches who carried off the honors with a real show of legs.

It was a first and it was great when Veteran Dog Hedgerow Happy went all the way to Best of Breed in the Specialty.

Distance is no object with Britfans as shown by Fred Williams who came all the way from Tokyo and Clyde and Dimi Poser who flew in from Hawaii. Clyde brought enough fresh pineapples to treat the Board to some real Hawaiian gratitude when they voted in the Aloha Club on a provisional basis. But poor Dimi, that sweet tropical flower, nearly froze being transplanted from all that warmth to the middle of an Oklahoma norther.

Sorry, Gary Peters—we can't print a picture of that CAUTION sign on the back of your camper, but all could read just what your camper was full of.

Too many enthusiastic wagon riders! Everything was OK when Al Langan climbed on, but when Dicie Speck joined him, it broke the tie rod and London Bridge came falling down.

The new quail feeders on the course seemed to cause some confusion as to purpose. Some of the more imaginative sex mistook their utility purpose for that of more conventional out buildings.

Ride 'em cowboy! Bill Gerrard had a real rodeo when his saddle slipped in the middle of the gallery causing his horse to panic and charge back and forth scattering riders until Eva Lewis gallantly retrieved the runaway.

Little Linda Norvell didn't quite make the rodeo buzzer either when her horse started pitching, causing quite a commotion. We'll call her Lucky Linda in the future. In the process Nolan Cathey lost his diamond ring, but sharp eyed Dorothy Lucas saved the day with a mere twist of the wrist in the endless grass and the lost was found.

Kent Lipsey, that mistletoe stuck in your hat the whole trial was not a very subtle hint. It beats me where you got a fresh piece every day, though.

Marvin Lewis must have done a lot of work as field trial chairman to make all those holes in his gloves. But the hardest work he was seen doing was boosting Kitty Murphy back on the gallery wagon.

Judge Crain's horse had obviously had enough of him and proceeded to roll over in the pond. That was one time that the whole gallery could tell the judge that he "was all wet" and not be a bit insulting!

Little Steven Gunner Johnson sent his regrets at not attending the Nationals, but he was too busy cutting teeth at the age of 3 months. Lyle will probably have him out shooting birds at 6 months.

Oh, incidentally does anyone know what Uncle Bud was doing when he drove smack dab in the middle of that mud puddle with the gallery wagon and got it stuck—plumb!?

Everybody gets a gold watch when they retire and Nicky was no exception—only thing is, hers runs backwards so she will only get younger!

Best Dressed Awards go to Warren Butler for his fiery orange outfits and Jim Cohem for his electrifying green garments.

Was that firewood Reggie Phillips was carrying, or was that log for his horse?

That poor little bunny! It was completely surrounded by some frolicsome fellows who gave chaotic chase. When the rabbit broke for freedom, Roscoe Staton rushed and made a fantastic body tackle flattening the cottontail into a pancake. Say, guys, does anyone's dog chase rabbits?

It was a toss-up whether the rabbit episode or scouting was Roscoe's best suit, for when

he went to scout, he found not one, but two dogs on point. Of course he did have Uncle Bud's help.

Speaking of Uncle Bud again, did you happen to see or hear about that funny episode when he was handling a dog on point? As he was attempting the flush the dog began to creep. He cautioned the dog and starting flushing again—again the dog began creeping. He finally turned around and addressed the dog, "Well, are you going to do this, or am I?"

All right, Francis Clasen, it was bad enough on the poop sheet, so I won't tell again where you were and what you were doing when the judge's horse ran away and you retrieved it! (Now everybody will be asking!)

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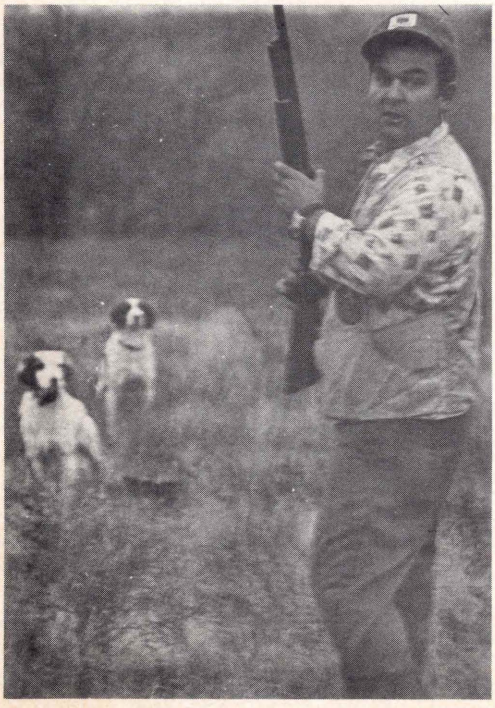
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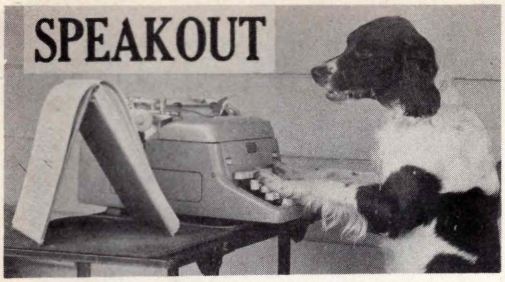
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To whom it may concern:

I am an owner of several fine Brittany dogs and I campaign them enthusiastically in field trials. However, I feel that an injustice exists today in the judging at the trials, so I am writing to ask your consideration in changing one of the existing practices. In my opinion the withholding of placements for the dogs—based on the judges ruling of a "below standard" performance for that day—is grossly unfair to the owner, the trainer, and to the dog.

I base my logic for this request by pointing to any competitive sport from the Olympic games right on down through all of the professional events—football, basketball, hockey, golf, swimming, horse racing and on down even to the Little League competitions. *Always* there is a winner for that particular game, meet or trial. Records might not be broken—standards might not have been met—but there are awards made for the Best Performance of the day. In the handicap flying competitions such as the Powder Puff Derby, many times the flyers cannot meet their handicap because of bad winds and all planes will finish with a minus score, but the ones with the lowest minus score are still just as proudly declared to be the winners.

Weather conditions certainly contribute tremendously to what determines an "up to standard" performance for a field trial. Rain, mud, blowing dust are as great a handicap to the dogs as headwinds are to the airplanes. Perhaps all the dogs will come in with a minus score, but there will always be the lowest minus score, and the next lowest, and four dogs can still be judged winners for that day.

We are all justly proud of our Brittany dogs. We believe in better breeding and strive to provide the best in training. By campaigning in the field trials we reap the enjoyment and thrill of watching our dogs win awards, at the same time knowing that a good show by the dogs will establish a better market for the Brittany. We are spending a lot of money on our dogs; the trainers are dedicated to turning out winners; and the dogs have a right to the award.

I will be grateful for your consideration of my request to make every Brittany field trial a competitive event in which four owners, and four trainers, and four dogs are judged winners for each event.

A Loyal Brittany Supporter,
T. E. (Gene) Mitchell

ANSWER TO GENE MITCHELL

Field Trial Champion is a title that has a very special shine. One of the ways the glow is kept is by the withholding of placements in trials where dogs have substandard performances.

The examples you cite of parallel activities are not valid in that you are merely looking for a "winner" in a pro football or basketball game, the same with a horse race. Those competing for championships in the Olympics and like events usually have to work their way to the top by winning qualifying events. In field trials each dog that places first is going to receive points towards a championship so any performance should be worthy of that title. The same can be said of the second place award because the AKC automatically moves up the second place dog and awards it points if the first place dog is disqualified for any reason. Do you have an answer to this—if all the dogs do badly how is the judge going to know that his first (or second) place dog is capable of doing a championship job on a day when conditions are right?

As a better example let's use the dog show. Here is another phase of dog activity that works in a similar manner to field trials. Dogs compete (on their looks rather than their working ability) and championship points are awarded. Judges are allowed to withhold awards due to lack of merit. Here the parallel ends as custom dictates that judges place the dogs in order of their quality with no regard to how bad the winner of the points may be. Talk to any judge and he will tell you of poor quality entries in certain breeds and poor quality champions in those breeds. Talk to any breeder of long standing and he will tell you it is possible to finish almost any dog if one goes to enough shows and hits the right judges, has

the right handler and chooses the correct area in which to show. Do we want this sort of picture representing our Field Trial Championship? You'll get it if judges become less choosy and award places for substandard performances.

The Brittany breed can be hurt in more ways than one by judges awarding ribbons for poor work. It seems innocent enough on the surface (and certainly kinder) when all the pups but one are mediocre to award first to the good one and fill out the placements with three other dogs. Suppose the first place dog is disqualified because he is overage, a poor second pup finds itself with points. This is not as serious as the effect on the owner of the dog. Whatever the placement awarded, the man with his first puppy is going to be enthused with his ribbon. He may spend much time and money toting the dog to a lot of trials after that in the vain hope of making a champion out of him. It would have been kinder in this instance if the placements of the mediocre dogs had been withheld for lack of merit and the poor owner hadn't been suckered into thinking he had a potential field trial dog.

Perhaps the award went to a sharp breeder, rather than to a novice. What happens then? The dog is used at stud and the ads say "pups sired by field trial winner Freckles". The unwary buy pups expecting that a field trial winner must be excellent quality and so will sire exceptional pups. Again disappointment!

In the early days of the Brittany trials there would seldom be 4 absolutely clean dogs in an adult stake. The breed was just getting started, trainers were not fully experienced (even the pros) and some leeway was allowed. Dogs who took three or four jumps at the flush or backed beside the pointing dog were awarded places. As the quantity of dogs in trials increased and as quality improved it became a not unusual event for 8 or 10 dogs to finish a stake clean. So the judges raised their standards. If the level of development of the breed has reached that point (and it has) judges would be lowering the standard to give places to dogs who make errors in adult competition.

I'll grant you it hurts when your dog does what you think is a pretty fair job and placements are withheld. But from the overall picture of what that judge did for the breed it is good. We must keep our standards high. Nothing remains static, it either goes up or down. Let's not do anything that will put the Brittany on the downward path.

Dear Nicky,

We keep reading about people being dissatisfied with big running Brittanies. Also that field trialers are going to eventually ruin the Brittany. A bird dog has the task of thoroughly searching the cover for birds, holding point, and retrieving. Depending on the grounds, he must have the ability and stamina to move out or hunt close. Almost any field trialer will agree that he can win or at least be in contention with a good bird dog with bird sense more than he can with the runner type dog.

If, as breeders and trialers, we consider "run" the main factor, we will ruin the Brittany. On the other hand if we breed good trainable bird dogs, we will improve the breed. Sure speed and range are important, but the dog must know how to handle the different objectives and bird situations he will face when he gets there. These things we try to improve on through breeding and refine in training.

A lot of our clubs must run their trials on a single course. Thus we have a back course and birdfield. This lends itself for a dog to run like hell for 20 minutes, then settle down and hunt a wide open field for birds. If you want to see the true bird dogs separated from the runners—try a course without a birdfield. This could possibly be the best change we could make in our trials. Also, we could make our gun dog stakes more realistic by making more of them shoot-to-kill stakes and place emphasis on handling and retrieving.

If we are not satisfied with our Brittany trials, then only we are to blame. It is up to us to become more involved in our clubs and more critical of our matings.

Ron Williams

25,634 ROAD KILLS

Surprisingly, more whitetails are killed by vehicles in Pennsylvania than are harvested by hunters in most other states. In 1973, Game Commission personnel removed 25,634 road-killed deer in the state.

THE ELECTRIC COLLAR

by Hal Hunter

One of the best of the newer inventions for aiding in dog training is the electric collar, IF it is used properly. An electric collar is one of the worst things to use on a dog if you do not know what you are doing, or if the dog is not temperamentally suited for its use.

The collar itself is fairly heavy. It consists of a wide leather collar and has a device on it that produces the shock. The device has two dull prongs that reach through the dog's coat and make contact with his skin. The collar is usually laced with rubber covered wires that act as an antennae. The shock produced is similar to what you would get if you put your finger in a light socket.

The collar is activated by a small box with an antennae that the trainer carries. Activation is accomplished merely by pressing a button. The amount of shock delivered is controlled by the amount of time the trainer keeps his finger on the button. The distance that the device will reach out is controlled by the model of the collar, the more expensive ones usually reaching much further than the less costly ones. Some will reach only ¼ mile while others are good for almost a mile. The terrain also governs the distance the device will reach as hills and other solid objects between trainer and dog will lessen the carrying distance. Sometimes the device will reach out a little further if the trainer points the antennae directly towards the dog.

If you are considering using an electric collar you should realize just what you are fooling with. If you don't know about the shock from electricity give yourself a little jolt and remember that jolt when you come to work with the dog. Never hold your finger down on the button because you have lost your temper. It can well ruin a dog's future performance.

The collar is not a training device. It's a device that will REINFORCE the training you have given and will teach the dog that you can reach him when he is out some distance from you. So your first action will be to teach the dog a command. Let's suppose the dog does not come when he is called. Put him on a rope and call him to you, hauling him in when he doesn't obey. Repeat and repeat until the dog comes readily at your command. When you are absolutely sure he understands the command turn him loose and if he persists on not coming at command when he is running free THEN put the collar on him. When he gets out a reasonable distance call him and, if he pays no attention give a very quick jab to the button. Normally you will see some reaction from the dog, like a jump straight up, or a quick turn of the head towards the place where the two prongs of the collar touch his neck. That will clue you that the collar is active. If he does not come repeat the command and hold the button down a bit longer. You will soon get the feel of how much shock it will take to make your particular dog behave.

The collar is very useful to teach a dog to come if he has gotten the habit of disobeying when he is out of reach. It also can be used to teach the dog to handle. But in both these cases let me repeat TEACH HIM THE COMMAND FIRST. Then use the collar.

The collar is excellent to teach a dog not to chase unwanted game, rabbits, deer, etc. Here you need no advance work, just put the collar on and push the button at every chase until the dog decides it is more painful to chase than to obey.

It is doubtful that the collar is much good to staunch a dog on point. It is more likely to make him blink birds. A few jabs on the button when he is in the vicinity of birds and he comes to associate the pain with the scent of birds and will avoid them. It can be helpful, sometimes, with the dog that has been taught to be staunch on point when he is close, but who runs up his birds at a distance. Here you teach him the command "whoa" and stop him as he goes in on a far-out bird.

The dog who will stay steady at the flush when close at hand and has gotten the habit of chasing when birds flush wild when he is away from you may be corrected with the collar.

In most of these cases the collar should be the last resort after you have tried the usual methods and they have failed. Most amateurs think a collar is the magic key to doing all the training. It is not. It is just the final method when regular methods fail.

Too many dogs cannot tolerate the collar and the amateur trainer is not knowledgeable enough to assess his dog and know if he can stand collar training. The pro can, and the collar is invaluable to him.

A dog that is nervous or high strung may go completely berserk when you push the button the first time. He may run away in terror to try and get away from the awful pain. He may run to you for protection and stand terrified and shaking beside you, refusing to go out and work further. He may run back to the car in terror and try to find a hiding place, again, refusing to work further. A dog with that kind of temperament is better off worked by other methods for your chances of making him hopeless are pretty good if you keep on with the collar.

The more solid, stable dog can be controlled in a very short time with the collar. The terribly stubborn dog that you can't get to any other way may come around beautifully with the collar.

The collar is not an inexpensive item, and the amateur with only one or two dogs will not have use enough of one to justify the expense. It is quite possible that two or three lessons with the collar may cure your dog. Some professionals will rent you a collar, or some amateurs who have bought one and found they no longer need it will rent one. This is the best way to go, rather than purchasing one outright.

Remember, teach the dog what you expect of him first, then put on the collar and start with a light jab. Stop if the dog panics and you won't have any problems using an electric collar.

IMPERIALISTIC ASPIRATIONS

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THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

by John Culler

Editor's note: This is a story about a boy who had been told all his life by every adult that he was "shiftless, lazy, and no-account". By high school he was thoroughly convinced of his worthlessness and was failing English that he needed to graduate. Then his English teacher offered him a deal. If he would write a term paper and pass the exam, she would give him the best bird dog in the state for a Christmas present.

It was a low-down, no-account, dirty teacher trick. She knew how bad I wanted a bird dog, any bird dog, much less a good one. But she had never lied to me before.

I'm not going to say it was easy, because it wasn't. For someone used to tending to their business, it wouldn't have been so difficult, but for someone lazy, shiftless and no-account, it was tough. But it wasn't something I wanted to do, it was something I had to do!

I wrote a paper on Confederate cavalry weapons, because I thought at least it would be interesting, and it was until it got to be work, but I wrote it. Night and day for two days I researched, took notes and tried to remember the crazy way you had to do it. I handed it in Wednesday morning, footnotes and all. Two days to destiny.

I took the sample questions for the test, got the answers from the class genius who had a good laugh, and set out to imprint them on my brain. My family thought I had been moonstruck, but I stayed with it. By test time Friday I was a mental and physical wreck, but I knew those sample questions.

She told us she would have the papers ready late that afternoon, and the rest of the day I was as nervous as a rat being stared down by a snake. Finally the time came, but as I approached her desk her face contained no clues. She handed me my paper, and on the outside, in red pencil, was a big "87".

"I knew you could do it," she said, as pleased with herself as with me. "It was simply a matter of motivation."

"Yessum. When do I get the dog?"

"Come out to the house in the morning. You can get him then."

Mrs. Webb lived out in the country where her husband ran a dairy. That's the only reason I didn't get there before they got up. "My, you sure got here early," she said as she came out the kitchen door. "Thought I might go huntin'," I said. I didn't want to appear too eager.

"Well, there he is. His name is Lemon, and he's three years old." She pointed behind me to the backyard.

I looked back, and sure enough, there was a good looking orange and white Brittany sitting on his haunches, wagging his tail. And I swear, he was smiling.

"He's the best dog in the state," Mrs. Webb said. "Acts like he knows it too," I said, rubbing him on the head. I walked over and opened the car door. "Come on, boy. Let's go find a bird. Sure do appreciate the Christmas present, Mrs. Webb."

Lemon walked over, smelled around mama's old '48 Plymouth a couple of times, then jumped up on the seat.

As I drove out of the yard I couldn't believe it. Course I was still skeptical, and between Mrs. Webb's house and bird country I tried to explain to that dog just how I felt.

"Boy, I hope you're half as good as Mrs. Webb says you are, 'cause you cost me a lot of hard work. Not to mention my lost reputation — now I won't have anything to protect me from all them teachers."

Lemon just sat on the seat, looked down the road and smiled.

Well, at least he looks confident, I thought.

"Tell me, Lemon, in fifty words or less, how does a quail smell? And don't forget the footnotes!"

He seemed to be above my nervous chatter, and kept staring down the road wearing that silly smile.

I headed for my favorite place and I was pretty sure that even though the season was a couple of weeks old it hadn't been hunted. I watched for tire tracks as I drove down a little field road, but no one had been in there for weeks.

I stopped the old Plymouth in a clean place, so if the woods burned the car wouldn't, got out and fished out my old Fox double and my hunting coat from the back seat. Lemon never moved.

"Come on, boy," I said, and he jumped out and began running around, trying to sniff everything in sight. "At least he acts like a bird dog," I thought.

The place I had chosen for the big test was great bird territory. There were several small corn and pea fields, with plenty of cover around every one, and further over was a large peanut field with several hundred yards of bordering woods.

I had found six different coveys of birds here, and usually when they were flushed they would fly into the woods across the peanut field, but occasionally they would go on down the big field to a stand of planted pines, which was okay too, since the trees were only about two feet high. It was good shotting just about everywhere, especially if you could get two or three coveys scattered out either in the woods or the pines.

The double closed with a soul-satisfying thunk, and we started down the edge of the nearest corn field. It was just cold enough to feel good, and the sun had yet to melt all of the light frost off the corn stalks. The grass was still wet too, and I could see Lemon's trail as he coursed down the end of the field and started up an old fencerow. He ran easily, just a little faster than a jog, sort of a rocking gait. A ground-covering gait.

I saw a big hawk high in a tree down at the end of the field, but as I watched he flew, figuring we were getting too close, I thought. I looked back at the dog, and he was on point, his rear in the first row of the corn, his nose over the grass.

My heart pounded as I walked up fast behind the dog. "He sure points like a good dog," I was thinking, when suddenly the covey rocketed up, and I wasn't ready. I tried to fix on one of the birds flying down the edge of the field, but the Fox had a hair trigger, and I shot before I was set. There was another bird about five feet to the right, and when I snapped the second barrel at him he exploded in a cascade of feathers that seemed to just sit in the still morning air.

I turned to mark the covey down, and they flew on across the peanut field and went down in the pines. I had forgotten about Lemon, but he hadn't forgotten what he was there for, and he came trotting through the grass with the bird. "Atta boy!" I reached for the bird, but the Christmas present reared up on me, stuck his nose in my coat, and deposited the bird! I had heard of dogs being taught that trick, but I had never seen it.

I was in a state of shock as we went across the field to the pines. "Ain't no way this could have happened to me,' I thought. "Mus' be dreaming."

But I wasn't dreaming, and up ahead Lemon was trailing a bird, sneaking along like he was walking on eggs, moving one foot at a time and putting it down so easy a house cat would have been jealous. His chest was only a couple of inches off the ground, and he went down a pine row like that for twenty or thirty yards, getting slower and slower. Finally, he froze.

It was so wonderful I almost cried. Not so much for the way he trailed that single, but for all the singles I knew he was going to trail in the days and years ahead; birds that would rocket up out of the cover to challenge the Fox, birds that would roar around the pines as the trees grew taller, birds that would try every aerial trick in the quail flying book. We would go through life together, me and that dog. We were going to be a team — John the ex-no-account and a Christmas present named Lemon. It was the realization that something had finally gone right.

As I walked past the dog to flush the bird, there was only one thought in my mind: Thank God for English teachers!

Condensed from South Carolina Wildlife with liberty taken to change the pointer to a Brittany.

FROM THE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF 1947

It was suggested that a second place winner in an Open All-Age Stake be awarded one point in a three-point stake, two points in a four-point stake, and three points in a five-point stake. Voted yes 22, no 2. Note: This change requires an amendment to the AKC rules and will take considerable time to complete, *perhaps a year or more.*

LESSON FOR DOGS DON'T GIVE UP ON PEOPLE

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is reprinted from the Sportsman's Column in the Eau Claire (Wisconsin) Leader-Telegram with permission of the writer, Jim Fisher.)

Hello, everyone. This is your ever lovin' Brittany Spanial taking up the pen once more. Jim has gone off on some foolish fall fishing trip and has left me to tend the store. His last words were, "Brit, take care of things while I am away." With that sage announcement, out the door he went and as usual I am left to pick up the pieces and set things straight.

You may remember that I have been pretty discouraged with Jim in past years. He just never seemed to respond to my training and if I had not developed a sort of sentimental attachment for the old boy I might have ditched him for someone else.

Well, this year I am glad I didn't, for he finally seems to have come of age and is developing into a pretty fair hunter. And about time, too, I can't tell you how discouraged I was a good many days. Several times I just about gave up, but patience and perseverance finally paid off and I have got me a pretty fair country fellow at long last.

One of Jim's biggest problems, and this is a problem with most people, is that he thought he knew it all. His ways were the only ways and talk about "bullheaded," spell it with a capital B. It's hard to understand too when you realize that he can't smell a grouse if it flies up his nose and yet here he is trying to tell me how to hunt them.

Here is a fellow half blind, hearing only about a quarter of the sounds he should and smelling nothing; and still he thinks he knows more than I do. It was enough to make you want to chase rabbits or dig for field mice.

I was almost reluctant to go after woodcock on opening day. Sure, I had worked on Jim's training over the summer, but I hadn't seen much improvement. It certainly came as a surprise then to find he had changed for the better.

He no longer wandered off by himself, hollering and blowing his whistle like he had lost his buttons. Instead, he followed along behind me like a good hunter should, keeping close, but still not in my way.

The first time I pointed a bird he didn't wander off and yell at me to stop chasing squirrels. He just got the gun ready and walking in for the flush like he could smell the bird.

Every time I pointed, he believed me. If I followed some light scent to one side, he followed right along. Somewhere over the past year he had seen the light.

All this was gratifying to me for I have really put in a lot of work on this fellow. But it was even better than I could ever hope. For a change, he had been hitting the birds. I never could see how he missed so many easy ones in other years. After all, there isn't much trick in connecting with a flying bird when I have pointed out right where the bird is and taken all the element of surprise out of the flush.

Last weekend we hunted woodcock two days. There were not a lot of birds around and some of them were trying to run out from under my nose and hide, but I have too much savvy to be fooled by that. I just followed them until they held and there was Jim, right where he should be.

We got up 12 birds in those two days and believe it or not old Jim knocked down 10 of them. I like to lost my teeth in surprise over the performance.

I guess there is a lesson in this for most dogs. Don't give up on people. Have patience, be kind and remember that even the worst dud may turn into a winner.

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INTERNATIONAL BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP

by David A. Fletcher

Perry's Rustic Prince, 4 year old Brittany dog, owned by Lester May of Terrell, Texas, handled by Rick Smith, turned in a truly outstanding effort to capture his second consecutive International Brittany Championship over fine courses at S'no Fun Preserve near Watertown, N.Y., September 30 and October 1, 1974. Prince won this same title last year and this season his great ability to hunt, find and handle ringnecks put him again at the top of a field of 36 starters. There were at least a half-dozen others which might have taken the title another time, or most certainly could have been runner-up, but Prince put down an effort that stood alone.

It was a fine trial, staged under reasonable weather over a set of grounds that with each passing season become larger, and more appealing for dogs and game birds. Birds were more than plentiful thanks to the rearing program at Walker Heap's Preserve, and the liberating expertise of manager Jim Cowick. Cover was high and rank in some places, but not a detriment to the running. Several improvements had been made in the thick places by bulldozing hedgerows and strip mowing. It made for more room everywhere and a fine arrangement of two spacious courses. As part of the newly acquired lands, the preserve now boasts huge barns that are more than ample for the horses, dogs, and equipment.

There exists a dedicated group which puts on this trial from year to year and ensures that it is a well-run affair. Head honcho is Walker Heap who wears many hats, notably that of president, host, marshall, chairman, owner, handler, and seems to be everywhere getting things done. His right and left hand men were Jim Malia—marshalling, and Bill Cartmell on the dogwagon.

Judges were Robert Abric of Monroe, Conn., and your scribe, David A. Fletcher of Morrice, Mich. Bob Abric judged this event last year. His knowledge and background among bird dogs speaks for itself. Your scribe was to have served as reporter on this occasion, having judged this event on two previous occasions, but became a stand-in for Mike Benton of Louisville, Ky., who had last minute surgery.

Perry's Rustic Prince ran in the very first brace . . . early in the morning while the dew was on, and birds were feeding. Conditions were right, although the wind was already fiercely blowing. Prince's performance left a mark that could not be equalled or surpassed. The dog ran as wide as the terrain would permit, yet he turned, handled back across the gallery, and kept in touch . . . with independence. Independence was the key word in Prince's ease. It put him head and shoulders above a quartet of fine contenders with equally appealing performances.

Had it not been for the outstanding work of the new Champion, this stake would have eventuated as a bitter battle between a half dozen contenders. In order of appearance, there were some excellent challenges made for this title. Spartan Town Squire needed only a better finish to enhance his effort. Dan de Mille's Gus, with an unproductive needed only a trifle more footwork. Jacolet Blue and Dusty of Lakeview put on a fine display as bracemates, and with more independence could have been on top. Ringo de Britt and Augustus of Rivers brought up the rear in terms of the order of running. They had great birdwork but both could have reached a little more.

THE RUNNING

Monday morning was coolish with heavy winds. Birds were in the heavier coverts, moving only early and late in the day. Sunny skies prevailed all day as did the relentless wind.

Perry's Rustic Prince—Spartan Town Squire. Both jumped away quickly over long expanse of uncut hay and weeds. A pheasant came up almost immediately and we rode to find Prince standing. Both were out of pocket a quarter-hour. Prince stopped to honor a wild flush, than at 18 we rode to find both pointing at fencerow right on course. They were in great posture, Prince a little ahead. Squire cast left nicely after this work, and handled a pheasant in a hedgerow. They

went on boldly, and as the course turned away, Debbie Smith found Prince in a weedy field corner. It was a great cast, and the dog stood swelled on his tiptoes in black ragweed. Smith got pheasants up right in front: The work was impeccable. It was very windy, dogs could not hear, and both were wide and unruly. Prince came in front on his own after a huge journey, and soon handled two quail perfectly. Squire, in the interval slowed a notch, then stopped-to-flush on a trio of pheasants. In the final going, both ran well.

Christopher of Mesa-Majestic Jake. Chris was not in a running mood and handler took him up. Jake was making a strong running bid over expanse of cut hay and ran through a covey of Hungarians and was also taken up.

Milo-Chip Britt Jill. These had the bit in their teeth. Both were near wild flushing pheasants at 15, but no definitive work resulted. Milo disappeared and was not returned under judgement. Jill continued, but was bullish and did not find game under official observation.

W-Hume's Mike - High Spirit Shenandoh. These were sent away at 10:08. At three minutes both stopped-to-flush. The latter logged an unproductive at 8 on which Mike clearly missed an opportunity to back. Shenandoh had a stop-to-flush near half time, but was not putting his all into his running. Both were taken up shortly thereafter.

C-Killam's Sargeant Mike—Copper Creek Bob. The latter seemed in a mood to run, and hunt brilliantly, but on this occasion was lost. Mike offered a modest pattern, close and hard-driving, but the search never blossomed to what could be termed wide hunting.

Spinner de Gringo—S'no Fun Mischief. These went away boldly after lunch. Mischief was on her home grounds, completely in high gear, and literally flew. She corrected a point early, logged an unproductive, then was lost. Spinner could not muster sufficient ground coverage on this occasion.

Homer—Trooper Jill's Frenchman. These dug in right from the breakaway, with some impressive swings, but both committed a breach of manners and were taken up early.

Lad—Tyoga Mac. These were sent away at 2:32. Lad was impressive to begin, but closed his pattern in the latter portion. Mac hunted creditably with some fine swings, but pushed up a pheasant at the half, and was taken up.

Dan De Mille's Gus—Texas Air Man. Gus put down a smart, mature hunting race. He came back a trifle often in the early portion, but more than made up for this later. Gus pointed in heavy grass without results. Man came in, milled about without acknowledging his bracemate, then as we rode from the area someone spotted a cock pheasant legging it away behind the gallery.

Freck's Boy Pete—Jaybee's Tippy. The latter got away quickly and was gone an interval. Pete passed out of judgement early, and was never returned. Tippy was back in front later, a little out of breath, but not wound down enough to handle a pheasant.

Jacolet Blue—Dusty of Lakeview. These went away in the hush of evening. Blue handled a pheasant at 7, impeccably, went on strongly, then pointed along hill and scored cleanly again. Dusty had been going well in front, then was gone in heavy swale. Handler scouted, found him pointing 70 yards inside, and he had a hen pheasant pegged beautifully. Getting back, judge Abric reported an unproductive for Blue along strip of corn, then as we approached more corn strips Dusty handled a pheasant with remarkable style, location and manners. This had been a great brace. We had not seen the far, swinging running of the widest dogs in the stake, and they both could have used a few wider moments, but they certainly impressed with knowledgeable casts, heady points and flawless manners.

Pizzaz—Goldtone's Doc. A heavy frost greeted us on Tuesday morning; then changing to a mild fall day in the sixties. Nothing moved while the frost blanket endured. The former logged an unproductive, the only event in an hour of sound hunting. Doc's only incident was the correction of a point at time.

Brandy's Bullet—Ho Jo's Jake. They flew early . . . plenty of jump appeal and drive. Bullet had a pair of decent pheasant finds, then tried to lay his nose on another and pushed it up. Jake had a pair of stops-to-flush along hedgerows, then finished his hour with two clean contacts. Both had moments of brilliance in running.

Benfield's Cheyenne Sam—Star's Lucky XIII. Both made fine starts in ground

coverage. The first action came at 17 minutes. Sam stopped to flush, and beyond, across expanse of open grass Star pegged a ringneck. We rode up birds frequently the rest of the hour without further contact by the dogs.

Jeff—Ringo de Britt. The latter scored a dandy find at 15, after some fine running. Three minutes later Ringo handled quail, then he rolled well to the front showing some fine footwork. Jeff was plagued with a pair of unproductives, and two long relocations failed to turn up his birds. Jeff did not run widely on this occasion. Ringo rolled, made some far casts, stopped to flush at 50 and five minutes later handled a pheasant creditably in open grassland.

Lecar's Princess—Augustus of Rivers. It was 1:55 when we resumed after lunch. The first action came at 8. Princess stood in open grass, Gus backing and the affair was perfect. Both handled pheasants along hedge at 15, then at 20 Princess pointed, corrected, took a step too many and the bird came up. Gus took an edge nicely at the half, pointed and handled a pheasant, added another at time. His overall performance was admirable. Gus did not run to the limits, yet he made a tour of the good looking places and scored several times without a bobble on game.

Senator TJ—Bazooka's Gundy. The former was very wide, full of run, and on his first stand, handler got up no less than 8 pheasants. Near time Senator knocked a pheasant. Gundy was somewhat slow afoot after the early running, had a pretty find near half time, but never seemed to reach his stride.

Jacolet's Wandering Star—Chando's White Lightning. These went away well, settled down to hunting right away, neither going widely. Star lacked the sparkle and jump she exudes on most occasions and logged two creditable finds.

GAME DAUPHIN GUY

DAUPHIN COUNTY — During my career as a Game Protector, I have been called a Game Commissioner, a Rabbit Ruzz, a Forest Warden and a few more names that I can't mention here. But at a recent program I presented to a first-grade class, one of the youngsters came up to me and said, "You're one of those Game Guys, aren't you?"

—Pa. Game News.

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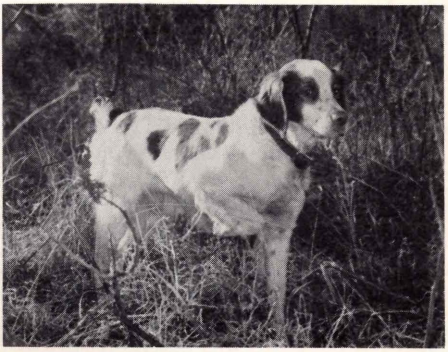
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1974

The 1974 Membership Meeting of the American Brittany Club was called to order on Sunday, November 17, 1974, at 8:00 P.m. in the Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma, by president Dr. C. T. Young. There were 60 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the February 1974 **American Brittany** with one member opposed.

The President announced there were over 20 reports to be heard and asked for a motion that reports be limited to five to ten minutes each. So moved, seconded and carried.

OFFICERS REPORTS

PRESIDENT, Dr. C. T. Young

In the past year I feel that the American Brittany Club has undergone the pains of any good, solid, healthy organization. The standing and special committees have worked diligently, for the most part, as I feel their reports to you will bear out.

Out internal problems have not been out of reason for this size organization. As a matter of fact there were even days when I felt satisfied and complacent with the progress being made.

I feel sure the greatest challenge these past months has been the splitting of the Futurity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many who have made these first ten months of my term a period of progress.

(The president then touched on membership increase, the financial situation of the club, the Classics, new clubs, the Futurity, the Summer Specialty and Project Search with the following excerpts from his report not being duplicated elsewhere in this report of the Membership Meeting.)

I feel that a concerted effort should be made to spread the Classics over a greater geographical area. All of the classics in 1974 were run in only two regions—these being the East Coast and East Central Regions.

Early in April I was informed by the Executive Secretary that a majority of the Board had voted to split the Futurity. The machinery was immediately set into action to accomplish this task. Bob Heinel, of course, was the Futurity chairman. Stakes managers were appointed. Proposed guidelines were sent to the Board and to the best of my knowledge approved unanimously. There was no ballot asking for approval, merely a statement saying in essence, "If you have no objections these guidelines will be followed by all the peoples involved in the Futurities." Due to the uncertainty of monies available to finance these Futurities, it was decided and stated in these rules that only two field judges be appointed for each Futurity.

The Project Search Committee has been searching diligently for a replacement for our executive secretary and editor. I must commend this committee on their outstanding efforts in the short period of time alloted them. I asked Board approval for this committee to remain intact to oversee an orderly transition of the physical properties now in Sherwood.

In conclusion, if I have seemed harsh to some of you, this has not been my intention. As President, I feel that it is my duty to guide the American Brittany Club to the satisfaction of its members, not necessarily to the satisfaction of individuals. Another point in summary, is that for several years I have felt it would be beneficial to the American Brittany Club to have a home; herein I mean a home for the National Open and Amateur Championships. I can understand where it would be difficult for the average member to understand the requirements in grounds and facilities that are necessary for the running of these events.

Again I would like to thank the many members who have made this year a success.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, Marvin Lewis

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to Dub Emde and Nolan Cathey, coordinators; Ejner Lund, Open Championship Stake Manager; Bill Cartmell, Amateur Championship Stake Manager; Marge Ayres, Field Trial Secretary; the field trial committee, Bud Epperson, the ABC officers and members for their support and assistance in the running of the 1974 National Stakes.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, Ronald G. Zollars

During 1974, there were 11 requests for information regarding the formation of a regional club of the American Brittany Club. This number compares with eight and 17 inquiries received in 1973 and 1972 respectively. The inquiries among the five regions were as follows: East Coast 3, East Central 0, Central 5, Midwest 2 and West Coast 1.

On the 11 inquiries Board action was recommended to grant provisional approval to Aloha Brittany Club and to Ozark Brittany Club. The Board acted upon the recommendation. No action was required at this time on the other nine inquiries.

Provisional approval was granted to Aloha Brittany Club as a regional club of the A.B.C.

Provisional approval granted to Hawaiian Brittany Club by the A.B.C. Board in November, 1972, has been terminated because of failure to reply to inquiries, failure to correct deficiencies in club by-laws, and failure to obtain A.K.C. sanction for either show or field events.

Provisional approval was granted to Northern Virginia Brittany Club as a regional club of A.B.C. in November 1973 and word has been received they may now make application for A.K.C. licensed events.

Provisional approval was granted to Niagara Frontier Brittany Club as a regional club of the A.B.C. by mail ballot and the Board notified on July 12, 1974 of the approval.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT, Dorothy Macdonald

The regional clubs have increased their show activity in the past year, particularly in conjunction with their field trials.

The National Winter Specialty Show was held last week and this year's winner was Dual Ch. Suzabob's Hedgerow Happy.

SECRETARY, La Reine Pittman

There are, to date, 2882 members joining through regional clubs on a full year basis, 248 on a half year basis, 276 joining as members-at-large on a full year basis, 82 on a half year basis for a total of 3488 paid members in 1974. There are 10 living Honorary Members. This is an increase of 200 members over 1973.

The following ballots were mailed to the Board to be voted on.

(1A) to confirm the President's appointments ..... 12 yes
late ... 1 yes

(1B) to authorize the President to submit names to AKC for the Pointing Breed Advisoty Council ..... 8 yes
4 no
late ... 1 no

(2) for the legal advisor to prepare the IRS supplementary form ..... 10 yes
late ... 1 yes

(3A) to split the Futurity in 3 regions in 1974 ..... 8 yes
5 no

(3B) to raise the final forfeit to $15 (field), $10. (show) ..... 6 yes
to switch August forfeit and final forfeit ..... 2 yes
to make no change in the fees ..... 3 yes

(3C) to split the base litter forfeits evenly among the three stakes and shows ... 6 yes
5 no

(4A) to accept Niagara Frontier as a provisional club ..... 14 yes

(4B) to withdraw approval for the Hawaiian Club. Several wished this held for discussion at the physical meeting in November which was done.

(4C) to accept Aloha as a provisional club ..... 7 yes
4 no

(Because this was tied in with 4B it was decided to hold approval of Aloha till the physical meeting before giving final sanction to the club.)

(5A) to adopt an Amateur Championship pin and an Obedience pin ..... 13 yes

(Colors chosen by majority choice were light blue for the Amateur pin and green for Obedience.)

(5B) to pay the extra magazine audit from the general fund ..... 9 yes
5 no

(6) to submit the by-laws to AKC without further discussion ..... 9 yes
4 no

(7) to amend the by-laws to raise the dues to $12.50 for a full year and $9.00 for a half year ..... yes
2 no

TREASURER, Ella Conable

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GENERAL FUND

1973-1974

INCOME

Dues—Regional	$9,919.00
—Associate	327.00
—At Large	2,246.00
Revenue from Dues	12,492.00
Recording fees	2,822.50
National Trials	17,613.99
Miscellaneous	.80
Measuring stand rental	5.00
Total Revenue	32,934.29

EXPENSE

Committment to magazine	8,850.00
Secretarial service	5,112.00
National Trials	16,517.36
AKC licenses	100.00
AKC delegate and B.D.	434.35
Advertising	396.00
Donations, Dues, Subscriptions	905.00
Insurance	370.00
Miscellaneous—current	561.28
—prior	207.75
Postage	1,066.47
Printing	622.88
Supplies	129.82
Telephone	492.90
Total Expense	35,765.81

ASSETS

On Deposit	8,967.56
1974 Futurity funds	4,652.77
1975 Futurity funds	4,475.14
A/C receivable	42.25
Equipment	974.33
Prepaid Expense	782.68
Total Assets	19,894.73

LIABILITIES

A/C payable—Book	345.50
—Reg. Clubs	(9.50)
Deferred Income nationals	325.00
Total Liabilities	661.00

FUNDS

General Fund	12,807.78
Y.T.D. Revenue	(2,831.52)
Adjusted (8-31-74)	9,976.26
1974 Futurity	4,652.77
1975 Futurity	4,475.14
James Bell Fund	129.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS	$19,894.73

1974 NATIONALS

INCOME

Open entries	2,800.00
Amateur entries	2,310.00
Specialty Show entries	992.00
Futurity entries	1,380.00
Winner's purse	,505.00
Catalog ads	135.00
Catalog sales	63.25
Patch sales	190.00
Trophy donations	442.00
ABC share of the Futurity	703.74
Horse rental	93.00
	17,613.99

EXPENSE

Show Judge	100.00
Futurity Judge	75.00
Judges travel	1,262.50
lodging	984.64
Marshall expense	190.46
Winner's purse	7,654.50
Horses	1,113.00
Dog Wagon	274.77
Judges' gifts	450.00
Misc meals	214.15
Show expense	127.13
Auctioneer	120.00
Patches	85.63
Badges	77.05
Printing	285.25
Phone	129.70
Quail	330.00
Insurance	102.40
Advertising	52.50
Trophies and ribbons	841.49
Travel & lodging Sec'y & Treas.	1,419.48
Misc	627.26
TOTAL EXPENSE	$16,517.36
NET REVENUE FROM TRIAL	$ 2,802.82

ANOTHER NON-CONFORMIST

The nighthawk perches lengthwise on a tree limb, not crosswise like most other birds.

MAGAZINE FUND
1973-1974

INCOME	
Dues—Regional	10,900.50
—Associate	167.00
—At Large	1,847.00
—Honorary	60.00
	12,974.50
From ABC (committment)	8,850.00
Comm. adj. from subscriptions	(84.00)
Subscriptions	225.00
Misc.	75.00
Advertising	8,685.80
Cuts	271.00
Booklets	586.75
Books	3,007.50
Interest	191.79
	34,783.34
EXPENSE	
Club share of dues to ABC	1,745.50
Addressing magazine	360.00
Misc-current	638.57
prior	439.10
Postage	1,664.00
Printing—magazine	24,956.95
forms	903.45
Supplies	188.36
Services	356.90
Telephone	302.23
Book royalty	831.50
Cuts	946.97
TOTAL EXPENSE	$33,333.53

EDITOR, Nicky Bissell

The sales of the book remain steady. A new edition is in the plans when this first edition is sold out.

On the magazine—Don't be mislead by the figures the treasurer just read. The magazine is not making a profit. We are trying to just break even by the end of the year on the magazine and accumulate enough in the book savings account to pay for the new edition. The figures given you are the cash sales and disbursements for the fiscal year and do not take into account the cost of goods (books) sold. It has been difficult to plan the magazine on a break even-basis for 1974 and the Board has voted that the magazine committment be raised from $6.00 per member to $6.50 in 1975.

At this time I'd like to express my personal thanks to all the clubs and individuals who have made the magazine possible by their financial support through advertising and to the members who have contributed material for the magazine. Without all of you there would have been much less of a magazine during the past ten years.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Nicky Bissell

The following actions were taken by the Board that will affect the general membership and will not be reported in this meeting by anyone else. A complete report of the meeting will be mailed to all regional club secretaries as soon as possible.

The 1975 Nationals will be held at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, starting November 28. No dogs may be trained on the grounds over which the trial is to be run for 30 days before the trial. Qualifications will remain the same as in 1974 with the exception that, if a stake is less than a 3-point major it will not be considered a qualifying stake. Added to the Open qualifications will that bitches which qualified in 1974 can extend their qualifying into 1975 if they whelp an A.K.C. registered litter during 1975 and if the whelping interfered with their campaigning. Added to the Amateur is the automatic qualifying of Amateur Champions. These qualifications still need A.K.C. approval. Dogs will qualify through the weekend preceeding the trial. Entry fees will be the same as 1974 but show entry fees will be raised to $10.00

Dr. Walker Heap was appointed to the OFA Breed Advisory Committee and Nicky Bissell as A.K.C. Gazette columnist.

A combined booklet of Classic and Futurity guidelines and rules will be printed as soon as a committee reviews the Futurity guidelines. Only 1974 membership will be required to run in the 1974 Futurity even though the West Coast stake will not be held until early 1975. Any Futurity money from places withheld will revert to the General Fund. The matter of rotating Futurity trophies was tabled until a future date. The Board decided against a winner's runoff for the Futurity to be held with the National Championships.

Payments for all officers and Board Members expenses to the National trials and meetings were eliminated.

The recording fee was raised from 25¢ to 50¢ per dog. Dues were raised to $12.50 for a full year and $9.00 for a half year.

CLASSICS, Len Rix

A report from Len Rix was presented that gave the winners, location and dates of the 1974 Classics. The 1975 Quail Classic will be held with the Texas Coastal Club as host. The other Classics for 1975 have not been awarded and clubs are urged to get their requests in at once. The Board granted the committee's request to try and get A.K.C. approval for a Chukar Classic for 1976.

LEGAL, Harold Brown

The legal advisor reported that he had, with the assistance of the treasurer and executive secretary prepared and filed the amended IRS report for the 1972-1973 fiscal year, and that, in September, he had received notice of their acceptance of the group exemption for the American Brittany Club and 35 regional clubs. The remainder of the clubs are urged to make request to be included prior to October 1, 1975.

FUTURITY, Robert Heinel

Robert Heinel's report for the 1974 stakes revealed that there were 74 eligibles for the field and 53 for the show in the Eastern. Their final entries were 52 field and 49 show. In the Central there were 117 eligible for the field and 44 for the show. The Western has 86 field eligibles and 64 show. The total number of dogs involved in this Futurity was 256 compared to 172 last year.

FUTURITY, Warren Montgomery

Warren Montgomery reported that there had been 366 first forfeits and 254 second forfeits and that the treasurer indicated there was $3,755.14 in a Certificate of Deposit and $728.72 in a savings account for this Futurity.

JUNIOR HANDLER, Douglas Birchfield

It was reported that the 1974 stake had been hosted by the Missouri Club and that a host club was needed for the 1975 stake.

FIELD TRIAL DATES, Bill Brown

It was reported that last year had gone smoothly, even with the addition of five new clubs, due to the excellent cooperation of clubs involved. More adjustments were in the offering for 1975 with the addition of more new clubs and the split futurity. Mr. Brown touched on the growth of trials from the spring of 1965 when there were 40 clubs with an entry of 72 per trial or about 2700 total to 1974 spring with 66 clubs, average entry of 101 or about 6200 total. He thanked his committee and all the clubs and people who had given their help and cooperation in setting trial dates. Included with Mr. Brown's report was his resignation due to ill health.

QUALIFICATIONS, Dan Buster

A report had been submitted to the Board for its study during the summer and the qualifications adopted at the Board meeting were based on this committee's recommendations.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE, Ken Jacobson

The grounds committee's report consisted of maps and reports on the various grounds as well as a poll. The results pointed to Camp Robinson as the first choice of grounds, Paducah second and Ardmore third.

TROPHIES, Joy Watkins

The highlights of Mrs. Watkins' report were that the trophy medallion had been accepted by the Board as the official seal of the American Brittany Club, that it would be limited to use on trophies in events of National stature (the Championships, Futurties, Classics and ABC Specialties), use on ABC letterheads and other official publications and that it will be copyrighted if possible. She thanked Benny Gatley, the winner of the design contest as well as all others who submitted designs and commended her committee for their assistance. She also thanked Ken Horn and John Sawyer for the beautiful new base for the Iron Dog. The trophies and ribbons for the nationals cost $588.35 and the medallions cost $250.00 for the die and $235.46 for the 70 medallions purchased.

POINTING BREED ADVISORY, Everett Metzger

No report was made but the Board spent one afternoon reviewing the proposals.

SUMMER SPECIALTY, Maidza Van Deusen

The 1975 show will be hosted by the Ohio Club and the 1976 show has been awarded to the Missouri Valley Club.

STANDARDS, Kitty Murphy

The committee has had two meetings to discuss clarification and simplification of the breed standard. We would welcome any ideas and comments from the membership.

MAGAZINE MANAGEMENT, John W. Lee

John Lee announced that he had submitted his resignation and had recommended to the president that he appoint Nicky Bissell to fill his position as chairman of the committee in the interests of a more orderly changeover of the magazine editorship.

INSURANCE, Richard Culbert

It was reported that effective January 1, 1975 on renewal, there would be a flat $70.00 rate for each regional that chose to participate. This rate would give coverage for all activities of the regionals such as fun trials, puppy matches, etc. as well as all licensed events. It would include liability coverage for gallery wagons and dog wagons used by the clubs. It would not include private automobiles.

A new policy replaces the accident policies that were provided for individual judges in the Nationals and Classics. A blanket policy with a premium of $100.00 represents a substantial saving to the club.

Any clubs having questions about the new coverage were requested to contact Richard culbert.

AKC DELEGATE, Lloyd Conable, Jr.

Mr. Conable spoke at length about the meetings that he had attended of the AKC delegates in New York and how he had voted on each issue.

PROJECT SEARCH COMMITTEE, Darrell Gaynor, Chairman

The committee is pleased to report that qualified candidates responded and applied for the position of Executive Secretary and Editor. It was the committee's opinion, after thorough and deliberate evaluation and review, that a number of applicants would have been an asset to the American Brittany Club and were qualified to take either or both positions. Many applicants had strong points in their favor and all seemed to have the interest and betterment of the Brittany Spaniel at heart.

Serious consideration was given to the splitting of the Executive Secretary and Editor positions, of using an Executive Director, and of trying to keep the American Brittany Club as we know it and feel that most people would like to keep it.

We hope the Board and Club Members will have confidence that this committee has given careful consideration to all applicants; that we have selected a capable, willing applicant and one in a position to take on the responsibilities of Executive Secretary and Editor of the American Brittany Club.

Project Search submitted the name of Joy Watkins to the Board for the joint position of Executive Secretary and Editor and she has been accepted.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE, Ronald Stevenson

Ten recommendations were presented to the Board of Directors for discussion. Those adopted were that the bulk of the general fund be put in a savings account, that the treasurer's and executive secretary's espenses at the nationals not be paid, that the futurity and national championship committees be provided a guideline for costs, that the entry fee for the Winter Specialty be raised to $10.00 minimum and that the recording fees be raised to $10.00 minimum and that the recording fees be raised to 50¢ per dog. A budget for the next year was accepted by the Board.

DONATIONS, Fred Murphy

As there was no profit there was no report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Ken Idol

Wayne Oliver reported that there were 851 ballots mailed to the East Coast, Fred Murphy was elected. Others receiving votes were Dicie Speck, Bill Cartmell, Harry Warshefski, James Dilliplane, George Edge, Peter Hilgarten, Harriet Marr and James White.

In the East Central 562 ballots were mailed and 257 returned. James Cohen was elected. Others receiving votes were Warren Montgomery, Larry Long and Dr. W. W. Wilder.

In the Central region 673 ballots were mailed and 313 returned. Wayne Oliver was elected. Others receiving votes were La Reine Pittman and Frank Chesky.

In the Midwest region 661 ballots were mailed and 237 returned. Harold Brown was elected. Others receiving votes were Gerry Jones, Darrell Gaynor and Ike Zamrzla.

In the West Coast region there were 650 ballots mailed and 214 returned. Dan Buster was elected. Others receiving votes were Jay Case, W. G. Thompson, Warren Butler, Ted Parker, A. L. Ho, Ejner Lund, Ken Jacobson, Ray Cox, Hiram Mathews and Helen Brown.

The following new officers were elected by the Board of Directors: 1st Vice President, Nolen Cathey, 3rd Vice President, Dorothy Macdonald, and Secretary, La Reine Pittman.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the reports of all officers and committees be accepted.

Under new business the President announced it had been called to his attention that the election of officers had not been done as prescribed in the by-laws for the past few years. He stated that, as he had not been president at the time or a director, that he did not know if the allegation was true but that he would investigate and the membership could be assured his investigation would be thorough. John Lee moved that, in view of the need of investigation being done there obviously could be no discussion at this time and that the matter be tabled. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no other new business the president asked the secretary to read any proposals for honorary membership. Proposals were read for Lee Holman and Nicky Bissell and both were accepted. Jim Holman accepted for his father. Both proposals had signatures from more than 30 regional clubs.

The president announced the running of the 1975 Nationals would be at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. He asked for a vote of thanks for Marge Ayres, field trial secretary for the 1974 Nationals, who had done the job so well.

As there was no more business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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TO THE POINT



by M. Ponaird

Can the articles appearing in this publication reporting field trials be improved? Would any such improvement have a beneficial effect upon this publication? Are too many articles a study in compounded redundancies? Is it too often the instance that desired information is being unconsciously omitted? I believe that a fair response to these questions is, "Yes," but what can be done about the problem? I, as a non-skilled writer, with average knowledge of the English language, have been faced with the identical problem which somebody in every local club is twice yearly following their trial. A couple of times the result was above average; on the other attempts the end product was notably deficient.

What is the purpose of a trial writeup? If your response is that it is to provide a historical record of your club's trial, then you and I think alike.

Several years ago I had the experience of trying to determine the trial that was a club's initial licensed AKC trial. Would you believe that from reading the account of such club's trials from its organization through the first two years as appeared in this publication, the reader could not identify fun trials from sanctioned trials, and sanctioned trials from licensed trials? Deficient reporting, I should think. Of course, there is always the possibility that the reporter didn't know the difference.

A trial write-up should set forth pertinent information which will be a complete, factual record of the event. the reporter should be knowledgeable of the requirements of class performers in all stakes of the trial. If he (she) has the ability to entertainingly set it all down on paper, so much the better.

What preliminary information is necessary? The answer to this question is obvious: the dates and location of the trial, with an evaluation of the weather conditions on each day and changes of weather which might have influenced the quality of a day's running. Any comments as to scenting conditions assists the reader in evaluating the winners.

The type of courses whether continuous or single course with or without birdfield and the nature of the cover should be mentioned.

The kind of birds and whether native or released, should be set forth.

The policy of this magazine is that two pages be given to each club semi-annually for its write-up, including photographs and the final list of stakes, winners, ancestry, owners and handlers.

There is absolutely no point in merely naming each placing dog and its placement and handler in the body of the write-up. The space would be much better utilized by giving an analysis of the stake as a whole. Single out and describe any unusual or superlative pieces of work. Give credit by name to any non-placing dogs referred to. Attempt to evaluate the hows and whys of each of the winners' performances and why the winner and placing dogs had it over the field. Always acknowledge those natural characteristics displayed by the placing dogs, i.e., loftiness on their stands, extremely pleasing manner-of-going, exceptional dispatch on any relocations.

I suspect that the trial write-up is considered a drudgery and is both relegated and accepted as some sort of unsavory duty. I know the empty feeling of sitting at a typewriter and hoping that somehow a string of words will appear to cover a blank sheet of paper.

Therefore, each club or trial committee should designate as their trial reporter a person who is knowledgeable, impartial and who will place in print an accurate record of their trial and the performances of noteworthy dogs on this day.

Should this system be followed for the next twenty years, by reading such trial write-ups a researcher could arrive at an accurate impression of a dog which appears as grandsire or great-grandsire in his dog's pedigree and so assist his breeding program.

Can the articles appearing in this publication recommending how articles appearing in this publication can be improved, be improved? Who dat say dat?

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TO BE A JUDGE

by Luther Lawrence

There is an extreme shortage of qualified judges. This is a very disturbing fact for the field trial sport.

Mr. Bartell of A.K.C. tells me there are about 30,000 field trials per year now compared to about 10,000 ten years ago. This means we need at least three times as many judges now.

The loss of judges each year due to old age, heart attacks, hemorrhoids, etc. only adds to our general problem of finding enough judges.

Bad horses add to the problem. In the last year I saw a judge's bridle fall off while his horse ran away; other horses have fallen in ditches, bucked, reared, and even fell over backwards. Poor horses tend to add to the judge shortage.

No doubt we need a crash program to produce new and better judges in ever increasing numbers. Let's consider some of the qualities a judge needs. First he must be an expert horseman to survive the animals offered for his transportation.

Next he must have a cast iron digestive system to eat such food as greasy roast beef and mashed potatoes with gravy for lunch. He needs to be able to wait up till eleven o'clock p.m. for an enormous dinner after a long day in the saddle. Then he must sleep a few hours with a very full stomach while a boisterous party goes on into the wee hours next door. Then at daybreak the fare is a doughnut and doffee to sustain one in the saddle another long day regardless of how bad the weather.

All judges should have good eyesight, a head full of common sense, and at least five years of bird hunting experience, so he can know exactly what the dogs are doing. These judges should also have trained and personally campaigned a dog in trials successfully.

Complete honesty is a must. Experience is important, yet impossible unless the man starts sometime.

Here's one solution to the short judge problem: If each field trial club will select at least one new judge to ride with an old experienced judge, we can begin to build the available list. Select a man completely honest, with years of bird hunting, and a good horseman. Next supply this prospective judge with an A.K.C. rule book, Standards of Judicial Practice (Gaines & Co.), and a copy of Hobart Ames description of a top bird dog known as the Amesian standard. Fun trials are another great place to train new judges.

A list of available qualified judges has been suggested, but this is a difficult thing to keep current because of the constantly changing situation.

Certainly the responsibility and the overall task of the judges' selection committee is not to be taken lightly. Their best efforts, often entailing many hours of work, can only help improve the field trial game in general.

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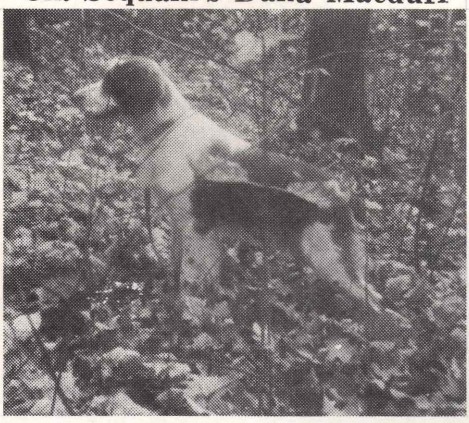
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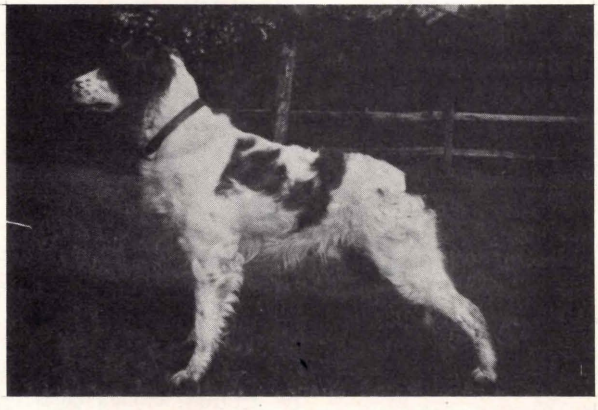


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YEAH, BOSS I LOVE YOU, BUT!!!

by Art Vest

That's what my Brittanies say; Slurp, Slurp!! I have two young Brits, and like most Brittanies, they are very lovable and devoted pets. They will do practically anything to please me. Yet, we have a communications gap, and they end up doing a "million" things that drive me crazy.

Despite my dogs' inclinations, I'm dual minded. That simply means that I hope my dogs are better than your dogs both afield and at the shows. So far, I haven't been too successful. SAM, (that's my oldest pup, age 15 months) has two fourths and a third in field trials; one first, one second and a reserve winners' dog in shows. So far we ain't got no points on either circuit.

Last spring SAM was running pretty good. At eight months of age, he garnered two fourths in puppy stakes, and he continued to improve (run bigger) throughout the spring. To keep him progressing, I put him with a professional for the Summer. Surely that would help him along, and I'd have a winner.

When SAM came home this fall, I had already mailed in entries for two trials. I just knew he'd be ready to capture his puppy points, and perhaps do well in derbies too. After being exposed to all those wild birds this summer, he'd be wild and wooley and ready to go, wouldn't he?

T'ain't necessarily so, I quickly learned. First time I turned him loose in a trial, he trailed terribly bad. He actually barked at his bracemate like he was chasing a rabbit. I should have picked him up at the breakaway, but with beginner's naivete, I didn't. Much yelling and scolding got SAM off the chasing kick, but then he just puttered along, stopping periodically to sniff, lift his leg, or whatever.

The next weekend was a new trial and a new location. SAM didn't recognize the situation as being different—he performed just about the same, only this time he was picked up at the one minute mark. No more of that for me! I'd just hold him out of trials until these shortcomings could be corrected.

A week later, I took him sage grouse hunting, figuring that his run would be just about right for hunting. Needless to say, SAM got his wires crossed again. Thinking that a few minutes of hard running in that heat would take the sting out of him, I did not attempt to control him when we started out. Two hours later, he was still making all-age casts, being over the hill and out of sight most of the time.

My hunting partners were good friends, but they are not avid dog men—that, of course, was a mistake on my part. They were upset about my dog running out of control, scaring all the birds out of the country. I don't know if SAM found any birds to scare, but if I could have caught him, I would have felt like kissing him.

Finally, about mid-day, SAM did begin to tire and while working close, he found birds. He actually pointed a covey of about 20 grouse and eventually we limited out, with SAM finding three cripples for us. By the end of the day, SAM had acquitted himself, and there were no hard feelings.

Meanwhile, he had done so well hunting, that we went back to the field trial game a couple of weeks later. In short, he hasn't set the world on fire although he did pick up a third with a pretty good run. I'm thinking of trying some reverse psychology, urging SAM to stay close—maybe that'll get him in the same frame of mind as when we were grouse-hunting. With my luck, he'll understand the commands perfectly and stay within shotgun range.

I guess I could pull out all the stops and order him to HEEL. Maybe he'd do what he tends to do at shows. That is to lunge blindly ahead, trying to drag me off my feet in his anxiety to get away and go hunting.

With that kind of logic, we'll never get off the ground. Guess we'd best stay with the basics and keep working until we overcome the faults and, win, lose or draw, enjoy each other. Even with its frustrations, trialing, training, hunting, or in simpler terms, bird dogging is fun.

BULGING ALIMENTANY POUCH

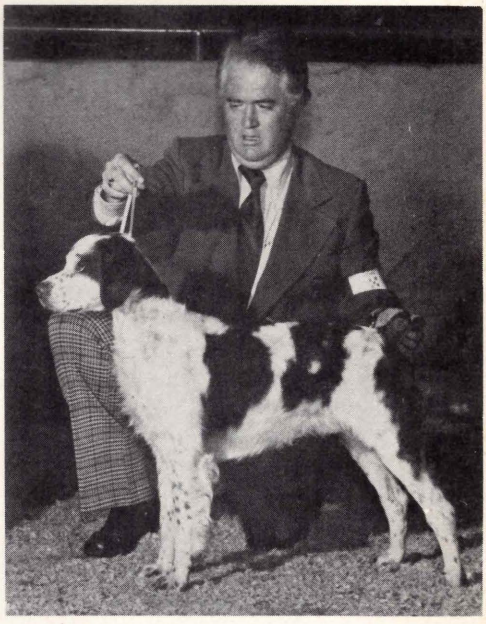
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FLEA ALLERGY DERMATITUS

by Lee Prescott

Flea allergy dermatitus is a skin condition of dogs that occurs in parts of the country where fleas are numerous. Like here! It is important to have a differential diagnosis of this condition from other allergic reactions and skin problems. Equally important is the necessity for the owner to learn the basic facts about flea allergy plus its control.

The flea bites themselves are usually hidden in the hair of the dog, but the lesion appears as the dog scratches, chews, scrapes, and tears at the areas he can reach. This sets up a chain reaction—the flea bites become red, moist, scaley patches. The lesions are primarily located at the base of the tail, across the lower back, posterior surfaces, and the pelvic area.

Management of this problem starts with a flea eradication program. Then systematic and topical therapy can alleviate the animal's distress. Consider the flea—the females lay some eggs on the dog and many others in cracks and crevices in the rug and furniture. One female flea can lay up to 500 eggs during her lifetime of 200 days. The eggs are oval, relatively large, opaque and glistening white and can be seen with the naked eye. The eggs hatch within 2-12 days, and small yellowish larvae emerge. The larva is very active and immediately begins to eat the fecal crusts which the adult fleas have generously produced. These crusts contain the hosts' dried blood, fecal material of the host, and the eggs of dipylium canium after they leave the segments, thus becoming the intermediate host of the tapeworm.

The larva can be seen with the naked eye. Under a microscope, it shows 13 segments and many bristles. Early the larva is reddish brown, molts twice and when mature turns opaquely white. This white larva stage occurs in 2-9 days and lasts up to 200 days. The larva spins a loose cocoon and pupates; this stage lasting from 7 days to one year. With varying climatic conditions, the flea's life cycle may be as short as 18 days or no longer than one year.

You can understand why it is necessary to make repeated concentrated efforts to control fleas on the dog plus his environment. Even if you kill all the adult fleas on the dog, newly hatched ones will continue to appear from well hidden larvae, pupae, and ova for over one year.

Effective control of fleas on the dog can be maintained by use of an aerosol spray containing 0.5 percent malthion. Flea powders containing malthion and rotenone are excellent plus other insecticides. Powders and sprays must be used at least once a week. Currently the flea collars which control fleas for 3 months seem to work well if properly used. Do watch for skin reactions to these.

Systematic therapy can include use by your veterinarian of Corticosteroids, antihistamines, unsaturated fatty acids in combinations or singly. Another possibility is use of flea antigen. This is sometimes indicated when fleas on the animal or the premises cannot be controlled with insecticides.

In most cases, systematic therapy and flea eradication measures are sufficient to permit recovery from the allergic dermatitis. Topical applications are useful when the skin is infected or chronically damaged. Various ointments, lotions and astringents are available. Medicated shampoos also help cleanse the skin surfaces, open plugged hair follicles and stimulate hair growth.

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A browning 12 gauge shotgun in Paris, France, costs 5000 French Francs or $1,045.00.

DOGS THAT WON'T GAIN WEIGHT

You will frequently find that a particular dog that will not put on flesh is a continual drinker of water. This is sometimes a nervous habit picked up because of boredom.

If your veterinarian cannot diagnose any ill, try limiting the dog's intake of water. Give him what you know is adequate, not depriving him to the extent that he will dehydrate or suffer because of hot weather; but in particular keep water away from him for a few hours after he is fed. It helps too, to crate him or confine him in quarters where he can't run and pace for this period. Hopefully, you will find his stools getting firmer and less in quantity, and he will soon begin to flourish.

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SPRING, 1975

*extra day by club	EAST COAST	EAST CENTRAL	CENTRAL	MIDWEST	WEST COAST
January 4,5					Sahuaro
11,12					Greater Phoenix
18,19					San Diego
25,26	South Eastern 24				
February 1,2	Edisto			Texas Coastal	Central Calif.
8,9	Greater Atlanta			Alamo	California
15,16			Volunteer	Lone Star 17	So. San Joaquin
22,23		Kentucky		Ft. Worth 21	Golden Empire
March 1,2	Tidewater		Illinois	West Texas	No. California
8,9	Tar Heel	Buckeye	Grtr. St. Louis	So. Kansas	Oregon
15,16	Maryland	Grtr. Indianapolis	Missouri	Sooner 17	So. Nevada Whid Isle
22,23	Susquehanna	Ohio	LaSalle	No. Okla. 21 Mo-Valley 24	Washington
29,30	So. New England	Hoosier		Top O'Texas	Idaho
April 5,6	No. Jersey	Mich.-Saginaw	Iowa Ozark (sanction)	Skyline Sunland	
12,13	No. Virginia	Michigan			
19,20	Upper New York	West. Michigan	Grtr. Milwaukee		
26,27	Cent. New England	Pennsylvania	Badger		
May 3,4	Hudson Valley		Minnesota		
10,11	East. New England			Nebraska 9	
17.18				Hawkeye	



Fenn's English Muffin, owned and handled by Wilson Fenn, was third in the Restricted Breed Amateur Shooting Dog stake at the Connecticut Amateur trials in November.

Two Britts placed in the Fort Wayne trials in October. **Desert Dust Tide,** owned and handled by R. W. Brown, won the Amateur Shooting Dog while **Yaucher's Rapa Lu,** owned and handled by John Lee was second.

Dave O Neo Valley Sandy, under the tutelage of his owner Herman Bonine was second in a good Open Shooting Dog stake at the OK 89er Shorthair trials recently.

J. V. Busch's **Atlas Red Raider** placed third in the Open Puppy at the Vizsla trial held in the Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Illinois in November.

Jim Stull placed his **JaDor's Scotch and Soda** first in the Member's Shooting Dog stake at the October Pennsylvania Bird Dog trials, judged by our own George Geisler.

At the Eastern New Mexico trials **Joker,** owned by James Craig and handled by Wayne Porter, placed second in a small entry.

Dean Campbell's **Cracker** was awarded second in the Amateur Shooting Dog at the Eastern Iowa trials.

Goldtone's Hillcrest Jill, owned by Paul Rockwell, won third in the Amateur Shooting Dog at the Sharptail trials.

The Big Cabin trials in August had 5 stakes for Brittanies only. Winning first place in their respective stakes were **Ringo de Britt, Brandy's Johnny Walker, Brandy and Brandy's Moustache.**

Sequani's Ginger Snipper was third in the Long Island Bird Dog Club trials. She was handled by her owner Kit Rowan, daughter of Hamilton Rowan.

Bert Jones placed two dogs in the Hamilton Country trials. His **Hyder of Three Rivers** won the Amateur Derby, while **Rogue of Three Rivers** was third in the Amateur Shooting Dog.

B's Sandy Valley Sassafras, owned by Robert and Barbara Youngs, won second in the Amateur Puppy at the Capital District trial in New York.

At the Canadian trial in Ontario, **Jaybee's Tippy,** owned and handled by Glenda Bradley topped the Amateur Shooting Dog

The Canadian Open Woodcock Classic held in New Brunswick in October found **Belle's Dominion October** owned and handled by F.T.R. Tufts placing third with four solid finds and exhibiting good manners on an unruly woodcock. The final stake of the trial was the Open Shooting Dog with **Alderwood's Dandy** placing second. owned and handled by R. J. Ashfield.

At the Texas Open Brittany Championship featuring 14 entries **Jacolet's Wandering Star** showed to be the winner with a really enthusiastic race and an extremely attractive find on a woodcock. **BanDee** was the Runner-Up with several hugh casts and a beautiful find on a single. **Star** was handled to the win by Rick Smith for her owner Paul Hinch, and **Ban-Dee** was piloted by Lloyd Budd for owner Wayne Oliver.

Fabulous Farkleberry Tart made her owner-handler happy when she placed first in the Open Derby stake at the Greater Pittsburgh Shorthair trial in Pennsylvania.

Placing third in the Amateur Puppy stake at the Acadian Club trials in Louisiana was **Acadian Cajun Pete** owned and handled by Dr. H. P. Dayries.

In the Pennsylvania Bird Dog trials **Cumberland Valley's Beaujack** won second for his owner-handler Gordon Robb.

Winning first in the Amateur Derby at the Franklin Co. trials was **MacBritt's Chico** owned and handled by J. R. McMurray. Also placing in the Amateur Shooting Dog was **Glenside Dolly** who took home second for Dr. Gale her owner and Larry Shifflet handler.

Sandy Valley Sassafrass won her proud owners the Robert Youngs in this 15 dog stake.

Placing first in the Sporting Group at the Lions Gate Kennel Club Show in British Columbia recently was Ch. **Ffynant Happy Time,** owned by J. Gilkey.

Kipper VI placed second in the Open Derby of the St. Croix Trial Association. This made the second time he placed at this trial as he also took third in the Derby in the Spring. Owners are Bob and Carol Heinel.

BOOK REVIEW

by Ted Parker

THE NICHOLAS GUIDE TO DOG JUDGING
Author: Anna Katherine Nicholas
Publisher: Howell Book House
New York, N.Y.
1970

SECRETS OF SHOW DOG HANDLING
Author: Mario Migliorni
Publisher: Arco Pub. Co.
New York, N.Y.
1973

Looking forward to the summer time brings to mind dog shows and mini skirts—one seemingly being an excuse for the other, and the advertising for these two books caught my eye. Neither of them are quite as presented in the advertising blurbs, but surprisingly, both are quite good.

Ms. Nicholas' book, while perhaps not a very detailed guide to aspiring judges, does give the reader an insight into what the conscientious show judge is doing when he or she directs some poor uptight handler about the show ring. Ms. Nicholas quite obviously takes her job seriously and has thought a great deal about it while she worked. She shares these thoughts with the reader in a straightforward and lucid manner which will certainly be of assistance to any newcomer in the show ring.

Of particular interest to the Brittany fancier are her remarks on how the serious judge reviews the standard of perfection for any given breed and the reliance they must make on breed publication information, such as illustrated standards put out by some breed clubs. With the Brittany being the plastic breed that it is, we may see a wider variety of "type" than many other breeds, and since very few judges looking at Brittanies really know very much about the breed it is no wonder that such a wide variety of dogs eventually make their championship. Lack of a general agreement as to type and the publication of such information forces the show judge to fall back upon basics. Here in this book these basics are clearly spelled out as Type, Balance, Style, Soundness, and Condition. While a detailed pictorial essay on Brittany "Type" was published in the Fall 1950 issue of **The Brittany Field and Bench** by Jack Whitworth, and another less detailed description of faults was published in the American Brittany in 1968 (later repeated in the "Blue Book"), it is extremely doubtful that many show judges are aware of them (which may be just as well, since there appears to be no general agreement among Brittany fanciers with Whitworth's exposition anyway). This means that the judge will most likely fall back upon the other basics mentioned, and assume "type" to be some sort of average of that which is before him or her that day, which again, is probably not all bad.

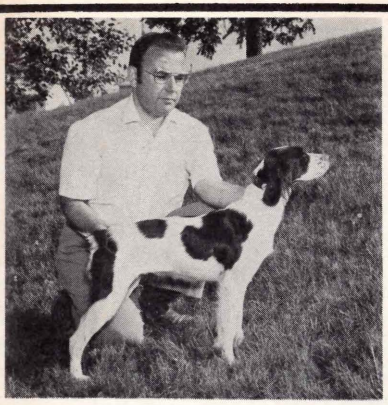
Another interesting portion of her book confesses the almost universal reliance of show ring judges upon McDowell Lyon's book on structure and gait which was reviewed somewhat critically in this magazine in October 1974.

All in all this book is recommended to anyone interested in showing their dog in the ring, as it appears to give an excellent insight into just what that judge "is looking for".

The other book is touted in the advertising as something mysterious, as though it will reveal at long last the tricky inside story of how to make a giraff look like a Chihuahua, or how the greasy pro slips one over on the poor but honest amateur. Well, Mr. Migliorni's book just doesn't live up to its billing in this regard.

But surprise! This book is an excellent beginner's text on show ring handling. No secrets, just good solid advice for anyone seriously interested in showing his dog to its best advantage. The cost of this book is a little less than the cost of one show entry, and for the beginner who is unable to attend a handler's class given by a good professional, this book should help put more points on a good dog than simply "giving it a bit of a go".

The book contains an excellent glossary of dog show terms, has sound advice on setting up your dog and even good advice on how to obtain some degree of comfort at the show itself. For any novice "do it your selfer" this book is highly recommended.



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PROFESSIONAL HANDLING BY THE AMATEUR

by J. A. Kaziny

Handling your dog in the show ring is not a difficult task if conditions in the ring and needs of the dog were considered separately; however, when the handler is confronted with varying problems in the ring and with the dog, it might be considered a rather complex operation.

Practice and knowledge of the breed are the difference between winning and losing. Exposure (time in the show ring) helps, but it is certainly not the deciding factor. Under competent judging, proficient handling and a reasonably sound dog will make for a winning combination, with the former greatly influencing the latter. Faults in varying degrees are obviously objectionable, and when the going gets rough, such faults may make the difference between winning or losing.

Let's begin with the mental attitude. Faint-heartedness won't win blue ribbons. It may come as a surprise that while you are readily identified by your friends as the handler of this or that dog, few spectators can remember or care what man or what woman handled what dog immediately after judging, even if the dog acted up badly. The nervousness before showing can be best translated as competitive blood flowing regulated by the desire to win and to do right by your dog. Once you enter the show ring and get to business that's at hand, your anxiety should dissipate. There are many aspects to be considered:

1. **RING AWARENESS**

Position in the Ring—There are certain factors that determine what your ring position will be. Going in first has advantages, depending upon the strategy of the handler. If he feels he has an outgoing, driving dog, perhaps it would be best to go in first because the judge might be using the first position dog as a reference of comparison with the others. He perhaps centers more attention on this dog because this is his starting and stopping point and, of course, this is the first one on which his attention is focused.

Reasons for not going in first include lack of drive on the part of your dog. This can be compensated by getting in behind a fiesty dog or bitch. If you have a close-coupled dog, it might be a good idea for contrast to get behind a long and/or soft backed one. These same situations apply when comparing heads or coats or movement. So get behind one that contrasts these features, depending upon which dog is favored. It is a good idea to look over the competition and attempt to locate your dog accordingly. Not going in first would give you more time to setup if you are new in the show ring or if the dog needs to be settled down.

Activity in the Ring—If you are showing for the first time, watch others in the ring and follow their example. But after a series of exposures, independent and immediate action is best. It is not necessary to constantly stare at the judge, but be aware of his position in the ring using your peripheral vision, and anticipate his directions. Practice putting your dog in a show position **as quickly as possible.** When gaiting, don't get too close to the dog in front of you and check to see that the dog immediately behind you has kept his distance.

Sometimes it may be advantageous to hesitate stacking your dog, allowing other handlers to do so first. The handler to the right or left of you may stack his forward of yours, covering up your dog. If not exaggerated, don't move, but if it is, quickly move your dog to a better position. Two handlers could move out in this manner, leaving you in a "boxed" position where your dog is almost completely covered. Simply move up on a line with them.

2. **HIDING FAULTS**

Personal opinions to the contrary, no one yet has bred or shown a perfect dog. In varying degrees of intensity, every dog has his faults, but there are ways to compensate for these faults, through proficient handling. These suggestions are to enable you to present your dog at his best possible advantage and are not meant to "fool" a competent judge.

Soft Back—When in a stacked position, poke the undercarriage of the dog. Or, backcomb the hair in the depressed region of the soft back and use a holding type hair spray.

Cow Hocked—When stacking, make sure the last thing you do is flip both hocks out. Move the dog on an oblique angle from the judge, or go at a great speed.

Eyes and Planes—If your dog has a loose eye, hold the head up and not level. This would also apply if your dog has poor planes. Tip the head up and slightly toward the judge. If possible, don't face a light-eyed dog into the sun or overhead light. For redness, use "Visine" or similar human product.

Too much throat—Use the little finger to gather in the excess, or keep the show lead tight around the throat at all times. If short necked, pull neck out of shoulders while judge steps back to look at the dog after examination.

Toe in—Toe Out—Compensate for toe in or toe out at the time you place the dog's feet in front. If the dog is out in the elbow, make sure the front ruff is kept as long as possible and when gaiting the dog, keep him on a very tight lead toward the judge. A knee in the dog's side, making him lead toward the judge will sometimes help.

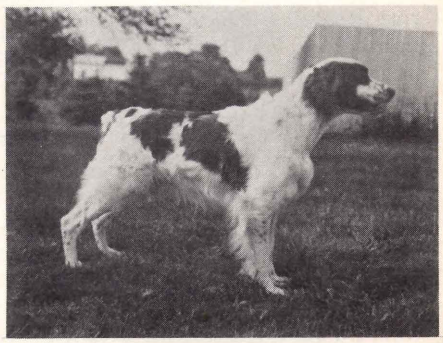
Miscellaneous—In the case of poor shoulders, hold the dog's head **down** as the judge goes over him. This moves the shoulder blades closer together. For poor rear angulation, place the rear legs on the judges side slightly forward of the other. For a long body or poor tail set, hold the tail in a raised position or hold middle section instead of tip. If your dog tends to lean back or "post" in a stacked position, gently pull him backwards off a crate a number of times by his tail. Afterwards pulling his tail in the show ring should make him lean into position. If the dog has the habit of holding his head down while gaiting, chuck him under the chin, especially when moving toward the judge.

Animation can be improved by chucking under the chin, talking to the dog, and baiting with cooked liver. Again, if he is not a driving mover, get behind a bitch or fiesty male. If he tends to relax after too long a time in the stacked position, go around to the front and slightly pull on his head. To get more slope to the top line, spread the rear legs apart more than usual. For a sensitive rear to inspection or a "spooky" attitude, by all means attend a handling class or expose your dog to groups in a shopping plaza, etc. Before going into the ring walk him around, practice stacking, and have people go over him. Remember to bring a handkerchief if your dog is a drooler.

Additional Considerations—In a large class, move your dog around in a circle so he doesn't get bored. If you are in a bad position such as low ground, advise the judge. Always keep the dog between the judge and you. If your dog pants excessively while in a stacked position, cup your hand over his nose and blow into it. This will temporarily remedy the situation. To sum up, awareness and practice are important factors on the road to the ribbons. Be aware of what is going on in the ring, aware of your dog's virtues and faults, and aware of your competition. If you have practiced so that you and your dog know what is expected, you can concentrate on the finer points, the points that mean the difference between a blue ribbon and those other colors!

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ACTION AT AKC

by Bob Humphrey

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FIELD CHAMPIONS

Chando's White Lightnin', by Ch. Count Jacques Le Magnifque x Dixie's Pennies Worth, owner Harry T. Warshefski

Christopher Of Mesa, by Ravenswood Copper Deacon x Sucre Poupete, owner Louis W. Gutierrez

Ch. Jacolet Pride, by Dual Ch. Pacolet Cheyenne Sam x Ch. Orange Marmalade De Triumph, owner Ken & Erin Jacobson.

Ch. Kidogo Sam Stacy, by Simba Sam x Rafiki Uno, owner Mr. & Mrs. Ernest F. Stacy, Jr.

Amtr. Fld. Ch. Rondo's Way Kan MG, by Dual Ch. Way Kan Jeff x Juchoir's MG, owner Ronald & Dorothy Stevenson

Way-Kan Bing, by Dual. Ch. Way Kan Jeff x Juchoir's Mg, owner A. L. & Mel Stavik.

AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPIONS

Field Ch. Big Valley Butch, by Junior Larry Lee Kaerson x Bo's Susie Q, owner G. Ronald Middlesworth.

Field Ch. Canaan Lake Rusty, by Carolina's Tic Toc Jacques x Ed's Au Revoir Tristesse, owner Brendan Marshall

Field Ch. Lecar's White Smoke, by Field Ch. Butch Dandy's Gunsmoke x La-Pitt Lisa, owner Rosco Staton

Pal Joey of Hampton, by Field Ch. Bruce of Hampton x Point Breeze Brenda, owner Joseph P. Rossi.

Rondo's Way Kan MG, by Dual Ch. Way Kan Jeff x Juchoir's Mg, owner Ronald & Dorothy Stevenson.

Field Ch. Second Chance, by Holliday Buck x Ch. Avalon's Chim Chim Cheree, owner Jerry R. Watkins.

Field Ch. Suzabob's Frisco Frannie, by Dual Ch. Tigar's Jocko x Leeway's Ferdine Penny, owner Gerald Supplee.

SHOW CHAMPIONS

Brougt Mars Jiver De Campo, by Dual Ch. Gringo De Britt x Ruske's Miss Sweet Pea Brown, owner Carol & Kellie Broughton.

Bruce's Jet Star of Blue Ridge, by Dual Ch. Suzabob's Hedgerow Happy x Benfield's Gringo Mitzy, owner Bruce Dorrough.

Ffynant's Agitator, by Ch. Ffynant's Trouble x Ffynant's Lady Bird Junior, owner John W. Mattinson

Field Ch. Kipp's Trooper Rochambeau, by Dual Ch. Lund's Trooper x Ch. Coveymoor's Tigar Belle, owner Thomas F. & Pamela A. Tivnan.

Le Chien L'Oixeau, by Uno's Lucky Chief x Lad's Tinker Meg, owner William T. Anderson MD

Field Ch. Ricky's Torch, by Dual Ch. Black Butte Richochet Trooper x Mitzie VI, owner Wilson & Beulah Miars.

Suzabob's Miss Teed, by Ch. Suzabob's Bobo CD x Dual Ch. Faircrest Polyjet, owner Dr. David W. Groff

C.D.

Black Butte's Char O'Dee, by Dual & Amtr. Fld. Ch. Char-Lee x Ch. Black Butte's Dee-Lite, owner Sally J. Mahoney.

Buckshot Rebel, by Jacques Bergerac De Bleu x Kennedy's Chris, owner Larry Gilbertson.

Ch. Evansport's Star Of David, by Field Ch. Tyone De Malibeau x Cinnamon Sioux, owner Mrs. Paulann Evans.

Fritz Of Snow Gate, by Crow's E'Est Si Bon x Lucette Michelle, owner Joseph A. Bernier.

Ch. Julia's Cinnamon Girl, by Uno's Chief Blackhawk x Sher-Dets May, owner Donald C. & Lilah A. Dorsey.

Pretty Boy IX, by Palms of Justice x Scarlet of Sunny Plain, owner J. E. Barber.

C.D.X.

Penobscot Valley Dream, by Moment's Decision x Hunterlane Yankee Pacer, owner Lois S. McDaniel.

BEST IN SHOW

Ch. Ffynant's Happy Times
Owner J. N. Gilkey
Heart of the Plaines K.C., judge C. F. Hamilton.

GROUPS

Charley Debrett
Owner R. Tiedeman
3rd Topeka K.C., judge D. J. Glodowski.

Ch. Ffynant's Happy Times
Owner J. N. Gilkey
2nd Texas K.D., judge Mrs. G. E. Buttram
1st Heart of the Plains K.C., judge M.T.L. Downing
1st West Texas K.C., judge Mrs. C. B. Cass
1st Eagle Rock K.C., judge H. Cox
3rd Panhandle K.C. of Texas, judge A. P. Knoop
2nd Lizard Butte K.C., judge K. W. Mueller, Sr.
2nd Intermountain K.C., judge Mrs. T. Stevenson
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2nd Mt. Ogden K.C., judge N. L. Kay
2nd Chico Dog Fan. Assoc., judge V. G. Perry
1st Two Cities K. C., judge N. Kay

Ch. Ffynant's Revelation
Owner J. Coluccio & J. Mattinson
4th Sussex Hills K.C., judge J. R. Lawreck
4th Ramapo K.C., judge L. Ring

Ch. Gakenheimers Chocolate Chip
Owner V. A. & R. D. Gakenheimer
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3rd Rock Creed K.C., judge Ms. I. C. Khatoonian

Ch. Hedgerow's Cheyenne Buck
Owner R. A. & L. M. Larson
3rd Macon K.C., judge Mrs. J. M. Jones

Ch. Jacques Prince Valiant
Owner B. & C. Humphrey
4th Hoosier K.C., judge G. Plaga
2nd Licking River K.C., judge E. W. Tipton, Jr.

Ch. Sequani Goes Tuways,
Owner W. B. & T. D. Fessenden
3rd Town and Country K.C., judge H. Stoecker

ABBREVIATIONS IN COMMON USE

Ch.—Bench Champion
Fld. Ch.—Field Champion
Dual Ch.—Field & Bench Champion
Amat. Ch.—Amateur Champion
Nat'l. Ch.—National Open Champion
CD—Companion Dog Degree
CDX—Companion Dog Excellent
UD—Utility Dog

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Autumn Heir's Nicolette, E. Beard
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Domanni's Molly Malone, J. Miser
Highbrow's Sandy Red Kay Cee, E & L Facer
La Sammonette, L. Pugh
Miss Autumn Frost Salina, M & P Ratcliff
Raider's Blue Ridge Rocket, W & A Dorrough
Tate's Pan De Wesmar, E. E. Tate
Torbec Tag Day, Mrs. G. McIntyre

THE DYE RATINGS

by Jessee Dye

Sept., Oct., Nov. Show Results	Points
1. Ch. Ffynant's Happy Time	234
2. Ch. Ffynant's Revelation	103
3. Ch. Red's Revenge	77
4. Ch. Jacque's Prince Valiant	31
5. Ch. Gakenheimer's Chocolate Chip	16
6. Ch. Sequani Goes Tuways	10
7. Ch. Sequani's High Tor	10
8. Ch. Hedgerow Cheyanne Buck	9
9. Ch. Mok Deuce The Fierce	9
10. Charley Debrett	8

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Best of Breed (Specialty)	6	Group 3	7
		Group 4	5

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SPECIALTY SHOWS

SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY BRITTANY CLUB

by Theda Stell

Once again I have the honor of writing up the report of the Southern San Joaquin Valley Brittany Club's Specialty Show. This is the second time around for both of us, and once again I can say how wonderful the Brittany people are. Club members from other clubs who came early, worked side by side with out own members to help with the numerous details of setting up and cleaning up, to make this another successful Specialty Show for S.S.J.V.B.C. Whether I will be Show Sec. next year has not been decided, but I can say this, he or she will not lack of help and cooperation at a time when it is needed. Thank you all **very** much.

The total entry for our show was 32. Our very capable judge, Mrs. Helen Walsh had the show well in hand and did a beautiful job. The ring was large and gave her plenty of room to gait the dogs. The ring was brightened up by the beautiful Brittany place markers Jack Russell made for us. Mrs. Pat Neal painted them and each one was different. They really set the ring off. The S.S.J.V.B.C. also wishes to acknowledge Jack and Merle Russell for the beautiful Memorial Award in honor of their Ch. Zipp's Feather Merchant, to be presented to the Best of Breed each year. As luck would have it for the Russells, the award was won by Ch. Hedgerow Country Rambler, owned by Dan Buster and bred by the Russells. The Best of Winners was a Greenfield bred dog also, Greenfield Storm Cloud, owned by the Russells and Joseph Rodrigues. Our Best of Opposite Sex was a repeat from last year. Once again Ch. Danielle's Queen Christi, owned by Wes Christian walked away with this honor. The Best Puppy came out of the 9 to 12 Puppy Bitch Class, Sandbar's Pixie Belle, owned by Barbara and Sandy Weddell. Winners Bitch was a repeat for the owner, Deborah Ann Legler, only the dog was different. Robine's Little Bit O' Tina, took the honor for her young mistress this time. The class placements are as follows:

Puppy Dog

6—9 mo.

Greenfield Royal Lancer, Russell

9—12 mo.

Tuffy McMuchy, R. K. McWhorter

Bred by Exhibitor Dog

Greenfield Bold Venture, Russell

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Major de Bonne Aire, Edward Loebrich

Open Dog

1. Greenfield Storm Cloud, Russell & Rodrigues
2. Lutam's Big Dipper, Kathy Owen & Paul Bailey
3. Smokey McMuchy, R. K. McWhorter
4. Aka Bochi of Kurakawa, Tami & Thomas Kurakawa

Puppy Bitch

6—9 mo.

1. Greenfield Bewitched, Russell
2. Greenfield Easter Bunny, Ray & Jack Hoyal

9—12 mo.

Sandbar's Pixie Belle, Weddell

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch

1. Blanche Amie de Sandbar, Weddell
2. Greenfield Redd Rose, Russell

Open Bitch

1. Robine's Little Bit O' Tina, D. Legler
2. Robine's Not Quite Crickett, J. Legler
3. Greenfield Tumblewind, Russell & Rosanne Woelm
4. Antoinette d'Antonette, Weddell

Brood Bitch Class

Ch. Deborah's Cindy Girl of Polo, D. Legler

Best of Breed—Ch. Hedgerow Country Rambler, Dan Buster

Best of Winners—Greenfield Storm Cloud, Russell & Rodrigues

Best of Opposite Sex— Ch. Danielle's Queen Christi, W. L. Christian

Best Puppy—Sandbar's Pixie Belle, Weddell

Reserve Winners Dog—Tuffy McMuchy, McWhorter (9 to 12 mo. Puppy winner)

Reserve Winners Bitch—Sandbar's Pixie Belle, Weddell (9 to 12 mo. Puppy winner)

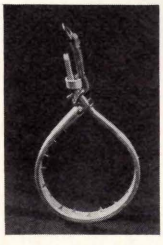
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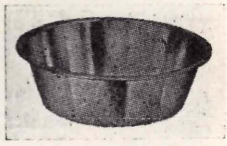
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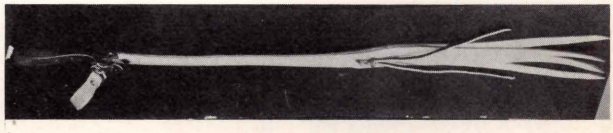
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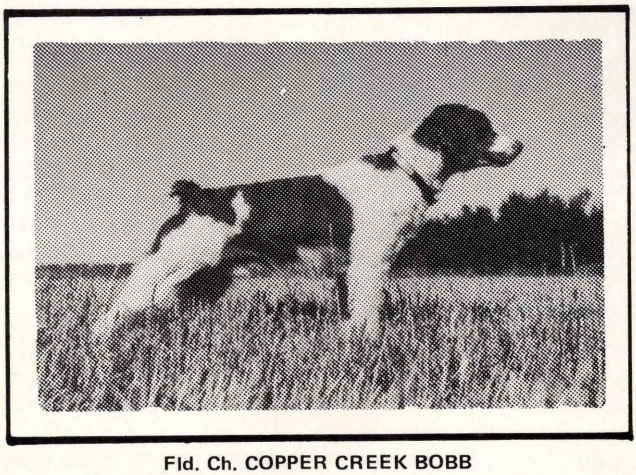
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FALL TRIAL

by John Carey

Our trial drew only 49 entries which made it a little easier on the field trial committee.

Harold Brown needed an Open All Age win and he was determined to have it. The Open All Age stake saw some mighty nice going away dogs, but the birds did not cooperate although they were out there. Lost River's Copper Diggins was one of the call back dogs and looked top notch as he handled his bird with immaculate manners. Harold Brown got what he came for—"the big blue".

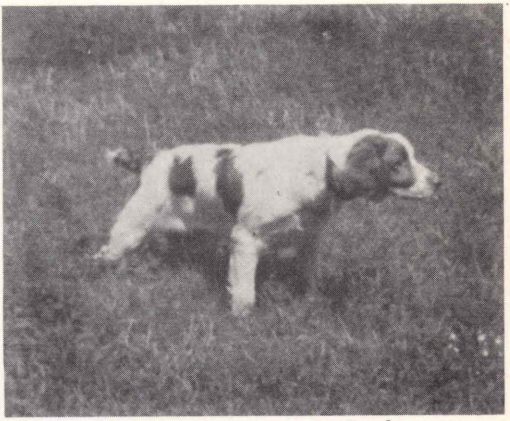


Lost River's Copper Diggins

The Derby stake was almost a duplicate of the All Age stake. The Derbies ran and hunted well but again the birds were not to be found. Call backs were again the order, and it seemed that Little Mike Bazooka of Tejas and Freckles Big Country Cowboy were to be fierce rivals on both days. The blue in the Derby was won by Little Mike Bazooka of Tejas with Cowboy going second. Linda Norvell did a find handling job and got Pollyandra around the course in good style. Linda and Pollyandra have good potential and bear watching in 1975.

The Puppy stake was a small one, only 6 entries. Cowboy and Little Mike were braced together. The two dogs broke away and put on an all age race for three quarters of the course. Both dogs applied themselves like seasoned veterans. Cowboy edged out Little Mike for the number one spot, with Mike going second.

The Amateur All Age and the Amateur Gun Dog stakes were small. Jerry Watkins was awarded the Best Amateur Handler as his four placements in the two stakes certainly deserved this honor. Second Chance won the Amateur All Age, and R. C. Phillips with his Kris's Dandy Magic Muff was first in the Amateur Gun Dog.



Freckle's Big Country Cowboy

Puppy Stake—6 Entries

Judges: John W. Anderson, John Boriskie

1—Freckles Big Country Cowboy, by Fld. Ch. Carey's Freckles ex Lady Kavanaugh. Owner, John Carey; handler, J. D. Fountain.

2—Little Mike Bazooka of Tejas, by Dual Ch. Mike Bazooka of Tejas ex Bambino. Owner & handler, R. L. Jones.

3—Ran-Bo's Steady Eddie, by Country Joe A'Winnin ex Big O's Dainty Meg. Owner & handler, R. L. Jones.

4—Happy



Two River's Lady Patsy

Derby Stake—8 Entries

Judges: Edward F. Bosse, O. W. Stanley

1—Little Mike Bazooka of Tejas, see above.

2—Freckles Big Country Cowboy, see above.

3—Ch. Bill's Ferocious Pharoah, by Dual Ch. Pacolet Cheyenne Sam ex Ch. Bi-Mar Diamond Lil. Owner & handler, B. E. Hughes.

4—Jason's Chocolate Muffin, by JJ of Richmont ex Milligan's Lady Bandit. Owner, Ray C. Foster; handler, J. D. Fountain.

Open All-Age Stake—15 entries

Judges: Edward f. Bosse, O. W. Stanley

1—Fld. Ch. Lost River's Copper Diggins ex Tres Centavo. Owner & handler, C. Harold Brown.

2—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Second Chance, by Holliday Buck ex Ch. Avalon's Chim Chim Cheree. Owner & handler, Jerry R. Watkins.

3—Dual Ch. Mike Bazooka of Tejas, by Fld. Ch. Holliday Britt's Bazooka ex Tip Top's Cinderella. Owner and handler, R. L. Richardson.

4—Withheld.

All-Age Stake—13 Entries

1—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Second Chance, see above.

2—Dual Ch. Mike Bazooka of Tejas, see above.

3—Kris's Dandy Magic Muff, by Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Magic Muff Heckle ex Jaylews Windy. Owner & handler, R. C. Phillips.

4—Am. Fld. Ch. Rupe's Susue Que, by Sonny Boy IV ex Cindy Lee IV. Owner & handler, Jerry R. Watkins.

Amateur Gun Dog Stake—7 Entries

1—Kris's Dandy Magic Muff, see above.

2—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Second Chance, see above.

3—Two Rivers Lady Patsy, by Goldtone's Duke ex Mandy's Two Rivers Freckles. Owner & handler, G. C. Jones.

4—Am. Fld. Ch. Rupe's Susie Que, see above.

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TOP O' TEXAS
FALL TRIAL

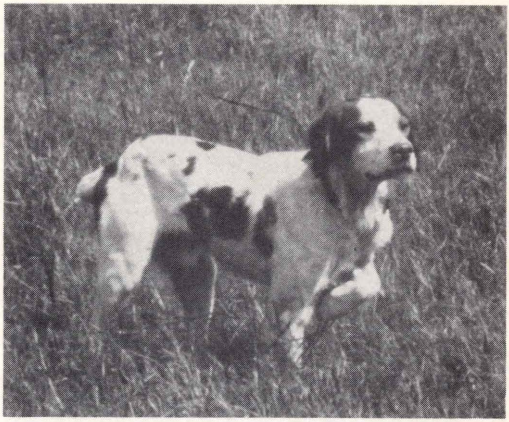
Forecast of freezing weather and snow failed to materialize and our fall trial was run on November 2-3-4, 1974 under ideal running conditions. An occasional sprinkle with cool breezes made ideal scenting conditions and an abundance of birds helped to make happy bird dogs and happy handlers.

Our entry of 112 dogs made this the largest trial of the Top O'Texas Brittany Club and made it necessary to extend the completion of our Derby stake into Monday. The Top O'Texas Club and all concerned appreciate the extra efforts of our judges, M. F. Guest, Carl Francis, Travis Fullwood, and George Miller, and our entire dog wagon staff and field trial marshals. Their willingness to give extra time made it possible to run all the dogs in the same relaxed atmosphere without the push, and pick-up that is often seen when everyone is trying to get away early. Our club was especially pleased by the attendance at our banquet Saturday night at the Harvester Bar-B-Que. We had approximately 100 people attend.

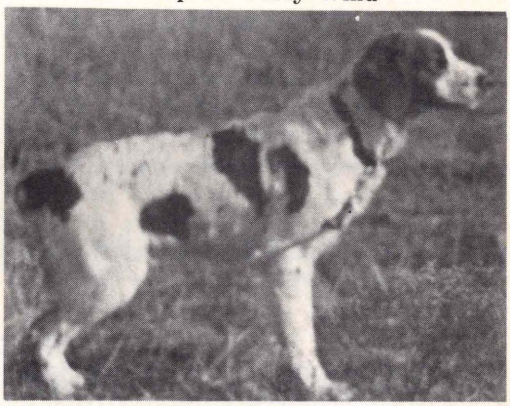
Second Chance, owned and handled by Jerry Watkins, captured the Open All-Age stake with a good all-age race and one excellent find. Lil' Brother Easy took second with a race which was perhaps a little shorter; however, he came up with excellent bird work, showing well on a single and two covey finds. Radar Rusty took third. He had one good covey find but was charged with an unproductive. Little Dude of A.C. was fourth with a medium race and one excellent well-handled find. The judges reported that Lively's Big Mike ran the class race of the stake but failed to produce birds. Two Rivers Lady Patsy was also in contention with a fine race but got in trouble on her second find.

The Derby stake was captured by Lively's Big Mike's Ruff who ran an outstanding Derby race with a find of a covey close to pick-up. Dottie West had the best bird find of the stake and was found on point. Her race was close to that of the first place dog. Lost Rivers Tyke O'Bonny Doon and Gallant Spot took third and fourth with good races and finds.

Radar Rusty won the Amateur All-Age and a leg on our revolving tropy with perhaps one of the best all-age races of his career. He was credited with one clean find and a stop to flush in the bird field. The Hawkins Rebel with a good race and three clean finds was second. Speed Dusty Wind



Speed Dusty Wind



Fall Oaks Bar Solerio

ran a medium race and had four finds for third place. Al's Ruff & Reddy took fourth with one well-handled find.

Our Puppy stake was run on single course and this year we had our largest entry. The judges reported that the four placed dogs all showed the hope-for qualities of future Derby and All-Age contenders.

The Top O'Texas Club sincerely appreciated the interest in our club and grounds from our many visitors from far away. We regret that we were forced to limit our entry due to the unusually large amount of entries received. We hope that anyone who was turned down will try to be with us next time.

Puppy Stake—22 Entries

Judges: George Miller, Travis Fullwood

1—Tall Oaks Bandolero, by Am. Dual Ch. Ban-Dee ex Princess De Sandra. Owner, Leon York; handler, Marc Appleton.

2—Derringer, by Am. & Dual Ch. Hi-Spirit Bazooka ex Ch. McDowell's Kaw River Lady. Owner, Mark Shrompshire; handler, David York.

3—Sam Bass, by Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks ex Frenchman's Cimarron Cindy. Owner, Justin D. Denman; handler, Paul Bailey.

4—Casa de Britt King, by Am. & Dual Ch. Gringo De Britt ex Ch. Rebels Banner Britt. Owner, Georgene Butler; handler, Warren Butler.

Derby Stake—26 Entries

Judges: M. F. Guest, Carl Francis

1—Lively's Big Mike's Ruff, by Lively's Big Mike ex Tip Top's Jillette. Owner, L. V. Lively; handler, Frank Roach.

2—Dottie West, by Holliday Buck ex Melot's Lucky Lady. Owner & handler, Edd Manning.

3—Lost Rivers Tyke O'Bonny Doon, by Fld. Ch. Country Cousin Lost River ex Tres Centavo. Owner, Louis E. Johnson, Jr.; handler, Warren Butler.

4—Gallant Spot, by Danson Bobby ex Shanna De Tradean. Owner & handler, Barry Caswell.

Open All-Age Stake—38 Entries

Judges: M. F. Guest, Carl Francis

1—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Second Chance, by Holliday Buck ex Ch. Avalon's Chim Chim Cheree. Owner & handler, Jerry Watkins.

2—Dual Ch. Li'l Brother Easy, by Dual Ch. Pacolet Cheyenne Sam ex Ch. Bi-Mar Diamond Lil. Owner, Kathryn S. Owen; handler, Paul Bailey.

3—Shardee's Radar Rusty, by Tip Top's Rusty Britt ex Tip Top's Plain Jane. Owner & handler, Dee Nix.

4—Little Dude of A.C., by A.C.'s Red ex A.C.'s Jocko Jan. Owner & handler, Al Strawn.

Amateur All-Age Stake—26 Entries

1—Shardee's Radar Rusty, see above.

2—The Hawkins Rebel, by Am. & Dual Ch. Gringo De Britt ex Boettcher's Sweet Miss. Owner, M. W. Hawkins; handler, Al Strawn.

3—Speed Dusty Wind, by Hurri-Cain Dusty ex Jaylews Windy. Owner & handler, Richard Loughridge.

4—Al's Ruff N Reddy, by Dan De Dan ex W & W's Pinto Bean. Owner & handler, Barry Caswell.



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NORTH JERSEY
FALL TRIAL

by Dr. R. I. Robison

As a fitting finale to the 1974 Eastern Extravaganza, the North Jersey Brittany Club fall trial was held on October 11-13 over the storied Assunpink Tract, Clarksburg, New Jersey. The event was characterized by a full program, beautiful weather, and keen competition. Nature's riot of fall colors was spreading over the surrounding hills and many flights of geese were seen on their way south. It was a wonderful time to be afield.

Due to a scheduling conflict with another trial, the usual courses could not be used; however, adequate ground is available on this 3,000 acre venue to provide for fair tests of class dogs in a variety of stakes. The hard-working field trial committee ran off 125 dogs in three days over three separate courses with room to spare. The difficult field trial secretary's role was handled by Kitty Murphy with competence and good humor. Jack Cash made local grounds arrangements and dispatched many other details efficiently while Audrey Cash headed up the kitchen detail in a most effective fashion. Tom Tivnan marshalled the All-Age and again grilled steaks and tossed salads for the judiciary on Saturday night—topped by a fine burgundy. Howard Tutton, the genial field trial chairman from Upper New York, came to run his good dogs but stayed to help van horses and shuttle dogs. Thanks again, Howard! Another with a large role was Ron Ross who wrangled horses and marshalled. Others with a hand in the effort were Zeke Zerener, Harry Warshefski, Fred Murphy, Art Waller, and Joe Stankewicz. Walking horses were furnished by Dale Bartley. The club used flight-conditioned quail brought up from Maryland by our good friend, Bill Bandy. These were excellent, hawky birds which would not sit still for crowding by dogs, as a number discovered.

A most important aspect of any trial is the judiciary. We were fortunate to obtain six well-qualified and experienced men who stayed alert, rode hard, and rendered decisions which were logical and well received in most cases.

The Open Limited All-Age started Friday with Jack Cash as the stake manager. This stake featured cash prizes instead of trophies, most of which went straight out to Kansas. Hello Dolly Miss Kaer ran a far out race, started with a limb find on a covey, and finished with two more quail finds, all described as excellent. Second was Mac AgoGo who really scoured the course to come up with three finds on his own. Suzabob's Frisco Frannie was third with a race of excellent all-age dimensions and one find. Jerob's Timothy O'Dee rounded out the placements with a race which steadily improved—he was flying at the end—and one steady find. Closest to the winners was Pin Oak Rusty Roy with two good finds and a medium race.

The annual Specialty Show was held at the Peddle School on Friday evening, capably arranged by Dave Spring, and will be reported elsewhere.

Saturday morning brought another golden October day and two good stakes with standout winners. Hello Dolly Miss Kaer made it back-to-back as she topped the Open All-Age Stake. Dolly had an outstanding race with excellent handling on a new course and had two good quail finds. Second was Benfield's Cheyenne Sam with a somewhat shorter race than Dolly but had two good covey finds, one requiring a smart relocation. Mac AgoGo took third for his second placement for the weekend. Mac had a good forward race and two nice finds on quail. Rondo's Way Kan MG was fourth with a forward race, good application and one steady find.

In the Open Puppy, Oakenshield's Tina Champagne, the Eastern Futurity winner, had a bold and independent class race and a wild pheasant find. She was fast, consistently forward and went to the right places—a tough performance to beat. Kay Cee's Cat Ballou impressed as a fine prospect, with fine range and application but was less forward than Tina. Third was Suzabob's Wing Ding with a shorter race, desire and an attractive gait. Rounding out the placements was Edward's Jezebel with a wide, classy race which was not always directed forward.

After finishing the All-Age, the group

retired to "the barn" for a gala hour organized by Joe and Terry Stankiewicz and featuring abundant delicacies prepared by the ladies of the club.

The Open Derby broke away Sunday morning on the All-Age course. Rondo's Ruff and Ready had a top race, hitting all birdy objectives, and came up with solid finds on quail, pheasant, and a woodcock. A really fine prospect. Ray's Sargeant Buttons, hunting every jump and handling birds beautifully, was second, ran well, and handled well on one quail find. Third went to Riske's Waited for Him with a good race and two quail finds. Way Kan Frittsie had an extra good race, near the top of the stake, with one quail contact.

In the Amateur Gun Dog, Briarpatch Gaston laid out a textbook gun dog race and had a sharp relocation on a running single in hedgerow, showing style and brains. A jubilant Bob Murray collected quite a bit of hardware with this win, including the Stuyvesant trophy. Happy Alpine Jig-A-Rum had a race comparable to the winner's with a nicely handled birdfield find. Third was Chando's White Lightnin with a busy but short race and three stylishly handled finds in the birdfield. Briarpatch Dr. Zachary had an average race and a steady find on a quail in a tree on the edge of the birdfield. A number of others pressed the winners.

Puppy Stake—16 Entries

Judges: Seymour Green, Wm. Ullery

1—Oakenshield's Tina Champagne, by Dual Ch. Hi Spirit Bazooka's Pistol ex Bayou's Evening Shadow. Owner & handler, Mark Wright.

2—Kay Cee's Cat Ballou, by Fld. Ch. Kay Cee Bandit ex Amie's Bowman Woods Kate. Owner & handler, Richard Mullen.

3—Suzabob's Wing Ding, by Ch. Suzabob's Land Rover ex Dual Ch. Suzabob's Hum Dinger. Owner & handler, Robert E. Young.

4—Edward's Jezebel de Menard, by Ch. Jamie's Lightning ex Ch. Copper Jill of Edwards. Owner & handler, John Maynard.

Derby Stake—20 Entries

Judges: Dr. Frank Freer, Neal Munch

1—Rondo's Ruff and Ready, by Dual Ch. Rufus Rastus Johnson Brown ex Susitna Lady. Owner, Dave Ellsworth; handler, Ron Stevenson.

2—Rays Sargeant Buttons, by Fld. Ch. Augustus of Rivers ex Rays of Mo Kan Ginger. Owner, Larry Laswell; handler, Lyle Johnson.

3—Riske's Waited for Him, by Ch. Mechant of Bretons Lightning ex Ch. Ricke's Joyful Opening Day. Owner, Gary & Peg Blackstone; handler, Lyle Johnson.

4—Way Kan Frittsie, by Dual Ch. Way Kan Fritts ex Tres Douce De Britt. Owner, Marge Johnson; handler, Lyle Johnson.

Open All-age Stake—35 Entries

Judges: Dr. Frank Freer, Neal Munch

1—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Hello Dolly Miss Kaer, by Dual Ch. Char-Lee O'Dee ex Fld. Ch. Fisty Miss Kaer. Owner, Lester May; handler, Lyle Johnson.

2—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Benfield's Cheyenne Sam, by Dual Ch. Pacolet Cheyenne Sam ex Trooper's Little Cindy. Owner & handler, Mike Stadick.

3—Fld. Ch. Mac A-Go-Go, by Stupendous ex BoNine Birdy Star. Owner, D. W. Dawson; handler, Lyle Johnson.

4—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Rondo's Way Kan MG, by Dual Ch. Way Kan Jeff ex Juchior's MG. Owner & handler, Ron Stevenson.

Amateur Gun Dog Stake—31 Entries

Judges: Seymour Green, Wm. Ullery

1—Briarpatch Gaston, by Springhill Doctor ex Briarpatch Holy Smoke. Owner & handler, Robert Murray.

2—Happy Alpine Jig A Rum, by Fld. Ch. Happy Alpine Tag ex Chip of Columbia. Owner & handler, Ted Swierczynski.

3—Fld. Ch. Chando's White Lightning, by Ch. Count Jacques Le Magnifique ex Fld. Ch. Dixie's Pennies Worth. Owner & handler, Harry Warshefski.

4—Fld. Ch. & Am. Fld. Ch. Briarpatch Doctor Zachary, by Springhill Doctor ex Briarpatch Holy Smoke. Owner & handler, Jack Cash.

Open Limited All-age—19 Entries

Judges: Jack Fitzpatrick, Harold Manns

1—Fld. Ch. & Am Fld. Ch. Hello Dolly Miss Kaer, see above.

2—Fld. Ch. Mac A-Go-Go, see above.

3—Fld. Ch. Suzabob's Frisco Franny, by Dual Ch. Tigar's Jocko ex Leeway's Ferdline Penny. Owner & handler, Gerald Supplee.

4—Fld. Ch. Jerob's Timothy O'Dee, by Duke O'Dee ex Susitna Lady. Owner, Gary Beasley; handler, Lyle Johnson.

GREATER ST. LOUIS

FALL TRIAL

by Ray Trimble

Panic reigned supreme just prior to the running of the Greater St. Louis Brittany Club 1974 Fall Trial at the Busch Wildlife Area, Weldon Spring, Mo. Our horse wrangler got his dates mixed up and took off to another field trial, taking his horses with him. Try and find eight horses twenty four hours prior to a trial! Anyway, after a few hours of frantic phone calls horses were located and showed up on time Saturday morning. But who wants to hear my problems—with the high price of dog food nowadays we've all got problems of our own, so on to the battle.

The battle started about 7:40 AM Saturday, 26 October, with 103 entries ready to go. The weather was on the mild side, and for this time of the year, the continuous courses at Busch Wildlife were in the best shape they've been for a long time—true there were some wooly areas, but they were a minority.

The blue ribbon all age dog was Coveymoor's Bomarc, running in the 13th brace, and handled by Lee Holman. Marc negotiated a tight brushy course, with a good run, nailing a wild covey at 25; manners excellent. The second and third place dogs, called back to show on planted chukars were Lancelot, handled by Gene Spires and Outlaw, handled by Kay Cox. Lancelot had displayed a good forward ground heat, while Outlaw showed consistent gun dog application. Don Juan, running in the first brace of the morning, and handled by his owner, Frank Chesky, was awarded fourth on the basis of good relocation on a single. Juan, recovering from a heart worm seige, suffered some saggy spots during his heat. The class race of the stake was laid down by Crab Orchard Spook, who blew a trip to the Nationals, by being charged with an unproductive on his call back.

The Puppy stake got underway Saturday morning also, and utilized a single course with room to run and some nice edges to attract the more mature. Duchess, handled in the last brace by Lee Holman, found the course to her liking, and displayed flying heels to emerge the standout winner.

Our Shoot-To-Kill Open Gun Dog stake, running on a single course, was also completed on Saturday. While the entry was very small, three dogs were able to handle the chukar partridge acceptably. Herman Bonine piloted Skipper Cy to first place and Sandy to third. Dale Kirkham managed to break up Herman's monopoly, taking second with Speck.

The last brace of the All-Age kicked off Sunday morning at 7:20 AM, with the Open Derby following over the same continous courses. All four placed Derby dogs were called back to show on planted birds on the strength of their initial heat. The winner, Dierberg's Copper Britches, owned and handled by Dr. Bill Dierberg, ran a wide independent race and handled kindly. Tragedy struck in the third brace, when Fritz, handled by Jeff Ray, darted through a hole in the multi-flora fence and was instantly killed on the blacktop by a truck. The Club extends sincere condolences to owner Stan Lehman.

The Amateur All-Age was conducted Sunday over a single course with bird field with many interested viewers. The back course presented handling challenges as well as room to run and hunt. Star's Lucky XIII handled and ran the course to near perfection, and topped his effort with a single stylish find in the bird field, to walk off with the blue ribbon. This reporter finally got the job done with Lucky after several previous "seconds". Speck picked up his 2nd, second place, for owner/handler Dale Kirkham; Russ was third with David Kenny handling; and fourth was Dingo, handled by Dave Capstick. Dingo out birded the other placed dogs with three bird field finds, but due to being under the weather on Saturday, had only a fair back course.

A special thanks to our fine judges, who suffered somewhat on horses not "adjusted" to field trials. These four have raised, trained and trialed Britts. No trial can make it without a hard working field trial committee, and I had a good one. Thanks guys.

Puppy Stake—18 Entries

Judges: Fred Wade, Louie E. Miller.

1—La Duchess de Bay Arbor, by Dual Ch. Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol ex Bayous Evening Shadows. Owner, Barbara Wade; handler, Lee Holman.

2—Callac Princess, by Fld. Ch. Bazooka's Brandy ex Callac Miss of Highlands. Owner & handler, John M. Sellitto.
3—Bo-Nine Ginger, by Dual Ch. Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol ex Ch. McDowell's Kaw River Lady. Owner & handler, Herman Bonine.
4—Allair's Chocolate Ripple, by Bette's Bowman Woods Lucky ex Allair's Nicky B. Owner, Douglas Wiesner; handler, Gene Spires.

Derby Stake—28 Entries

Judges: Don Hensley, Charles F. Felgenhauer.
1—Dierberg's Copper Britches, by Ch. Dierberg's Copper Strike ex D—K's Freckle Dee. Owner & handler, Wm. C. Dierberg.
2—Way-Kan Frosty, by Dual Ch. Way-Kan Fritts ex Tres Douce de Britt. Owner & handler, Tony Ramspott.
3—Holleberries Miss Fortune, by Don Juan de Britt ex Holleberries Hussie. Owner, Peggie Andros; handler, Frank Chesky.
4—Flint's Lucky Sandy, by Flint's Smoky Joe ex Lady Cocoa. Owner, George W. Skinner; handler, Gene Spires.

Open All-Age Stake—30 Entries

Judges: Don Hensley, Charles F. Felgenhauer.
1—Dual Ch. Coveymoor's Bomarc, by Dual Ch. Trooper's Little Frenchman ex Dual Ch. Juchoir's Trooper Jill. Owner, Alfred J. Langan; handler, Lee Holman.
2—Ch. Reynolds Sir Lancelot, by Tex's Little Mike of Jeffrey ex Sandy Sue Hunter. Owner, Ray Reynolds; handler, Gene Spires.
3—Ch. La-Pitt's Mokan Outlaw, by Fld. Ch. Heady Skip Britt ex La-Pitt Lisa. Owners, Ray & Kay Cox; handler, Kay Cox.
4—Don Juan de Britt, by Dual Ch. Gringo de Britt ex Fld. Ch. Julia Tyler. Owner & handler, Frank Chesky.

Amateur All-Age Stake—20 Entries

Judges: Fred Wade, Louie E. Miller.
1—Fld. Ch. Star's Lucky XIII, by Stupendous ex Bo-Nine Birdie Star. Owner, Edgar R. Hartt; handler, Ray Trimble.
2—Ch. Bonine Speck, by Ch. Dave-O-Star Speckles ex Ch. Dave-O-Sandy Kandax. Owner & handler, Dale R. Kirkham.
3—Fld. Ch. Kate's Elias Russ, by Sweet Rendezvous Elias ex Dusty's Terimaed Kate. Owners, David & Wanda Kenney; handler, David Kenney.
4—Molly's Prince Dingo, by Dual Ch. Shenango Valley Dingo ex Miss Crab Orchard Molly. Owner, Joyce Capstick; handler, Dave Capstick.

Open Gun Dog Stake—7 Entries

Judges: Fred Wade, Louie E. Miller.
1—Ch. Bo-Nine Skipper Cy, by Fld. Ch. Rendezvous Skipper ex Fld. Ch. Bo-Nine Towsey Sandy. Owner & handler, Herman Bonine.
2—Ch. Bo-Nine Speck (see above).
3—Dave-O Neo Valley Sandy, by Ch. Dave-O Star Speckles ex Ch. Dave-O Sandy Kandax. Owner & handler, Herman Bonine.
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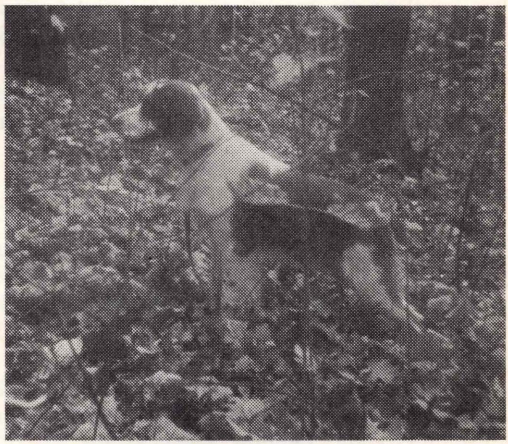
The Tar Heel Brittany Club held its'74 fall trial, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1, 1974, at the Spratt Farm, in Ft. Mill, C.C.

Ever since the freak snow storm we all suffered in Atlanta in the spring of '73, we Tar Heels have been trying to come up with a natural disaster to top theirs. Well, we finally did it! Bitter cold and driving rain so bad, that we actually had to cancel the Amateur Gun Dog stake in our trial. After three horses drowned while attempting to cross the flats on Saturday, we attempted to run our dogs out of a rowboat. On Sunday we broke out the ice skates.

The puppies, fortunately, were run before the monsoon rains came. There were 17 in all, and competition was keen. Looks like we've got a good crop of youngsters in the making. Placements were as follows: first place went to Sulaine Senator, owned by William Spivey and handled by Terry Cleary; another Cleary dog took home second, that being Sting of Quarter Oak owned by W. C. Summers; third was McRyan's Charlie of LeCar, with owner Harold McDaniel; fourth went with Goldtone's Rebel Dan, handled by Lewis Scott.

The All-Age got under-way with gray skies and ended in a deluge. There were 15 starters in all, and we really put them to the test. First went to Am. Ch. Secret De Britt, owned and handled by John Edwards. Secret finished her Fld. title with this win. She was awarded first for a nice forward race, and her usual perfect manners on game. Congratulations John! Second place went to American and Bermudan Ch. Sequani's Dana Macduff, handled by John Ivester. Duffy added another field ribbon to his show collection with this placement. While his race was a little less forward than the first place dog, he covered the edges and had two nice finds, with escellent manners. Third went to Ed's Buck O'Rue, again with John Edwards. Buck had an adequate race, with a back and a nice clean find. Ch. Harmony Lane's Cinnamon Ho-Boy, took home fourth, with Dave Clarke handling. He had an excellent run and one clean find. Had he not suffered a minor error on game, he would have placed higher.

The derby stake had 26 entries with 25 starters. Any dog carrying home a ribbon in this stake, had a win to be proud of. Competition was tops! Way Kan Rascal took home the blue, handled by Bob Larsen. Rascal ran the extreme limits of the course and showed excellent Derby manners on game. Second went to Suzie MacRyan handled by Harold McDaniel. Third was Nor-Mel's Tar Heel Trucker, with Norman Melton, and fourth was Doctor Hannibal Max with his owner-handler Thomas Cumming. (Incidentally the third and fourth place dogs are littermates.) They all did great.



Sequani Dana MacDuff

Many thanks to our very capable judges, Dave Mullis, Murray Watkins, G. W. Warren, and our own pinch-hitter Norman Melton, for doing such a fine job under very adverse conditions.

Puppy Stake—17 Entries

Judges: Murray W. Watkins,
Norman M. Melton, Jr.

1—Sulaine Senator, by Dual Ch. Hi-Spirit Bazooka Pistol ex Fld. Ch. A Little Bit of Tess. Owner, William H. Spivey; handler, Terry Cleary.

2—Sting of Quarter Oak, by Fld. Ch. Perry's Rustic Prince ex Fld. Ch. Hello Dolly Miss Kaer. Owner, W. C. Summers; handler, Terry Cleary.

3—McRyan's Charlie of LeCar, by Fld. Ch. Britt of LeCar ex Tripp De Britt. Owner & handler, Harold A. McDaniel

4—Gold Tone's Rebel Dan, by Fld. Ch. Goldtone's Duke ex Beth L. Taffy. Owner, Lewis & Edith Scott; handler, Lewis Scott.

Derby Stake—26 Entries

Judges: Dave Mullis, G. W. Warren

1—Gringo's Way Kan Rascal, by Am & Dual Ch. Gringo de Britt ex Tip Top's Jean. Owner, Robert & Linda Larsen; handler, Robert Larsen.

2—Suzie MacRyan, by Fld. Ch. Britt of LeCar ex Dinah's Image. Owner & handler, Harold McDaniel, Jr.

3—Nor-Mel's Tar Heel Trucker, by Dr. Scott of Guilford ex King Britt's Little Buff. Owner, Mark A. Melton; handler, Norman M. Melton, Jr.

4—Doctor Hannibal Max, by Dr. Scott of Guilford ex King Britt's Little Buff. Owner & handler, Thomas Cummings.

Open All-Age Stake—16 Entries

Judges: Dave Mullis, Murray W. Watkins

1—Am. Ch. Secret De Britt, by Fld. Ch. Butch Dandy's Gunsmoke ex Early's Patches De Britt. Owner & handler, John L. Edwards.

2—Ch. Sequanis' Dana MacDuff, by Ch. Bonnie Kay's Duke of Sequani ex Dana's Jody of Kaymore D. C. Owner, Sequani Kennels; handler, John Ivester.

3—Ed's Buck O'Rue, by Doctor Bon Chance ex Ed's Rendevous Sue. Owner & handler, John L. Edwards.

4—Ch. Harmony Lane Cinnamon Ho-Boy, by Fld. Ch. Augustus of Rivers ex Ch. Harmony Lane Bird's Eye Mable. Owner & handler, R. David Clarke.

Amateur Gun Dog Stake

Amateur Gun Dog stake was cancelled because of severe weather conditions.

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PENNSYLVANIA
FALL TRIAL

by Marty Horn

October 12, 1974 marked the beginning of the club's fall trial held on their own grounds in Venango County, Pennsylvania. The running commenced at 7:30 a.m. on courses prepared and manicured by too many selfless members to be mentioned in such a short report. Climatic conditions were well above average for the dogs as well as the large gallery.

The club in past years has been trying to arrange their stakes so that each dog may be given a better chance to show on birds and produce the minimum required all age race. This year through the knowledgeable efforts of our Field Trial Committee, the club hosted as close to a perfect trial as could be obtained. Inauguration of the new all age course omitting the encumbrance of a bird field, yielded an average of 28 to 31 minutes run without retracing the grounds. Derby and Open Gun Dog bird fields were located in different sections of the course, thereby relieving the possibility of unproductives caused by too many birds being planted in the same area.

The puppies were run through a bird area where the handler had an option to slow his dog and take advantage of bird contact, or allow them to run and prevent possible confusion of a young dog within a confined area. This innovation did cause some problems. However, the results were basically good and I hope we see more of this in the future.

Prior to the running of the adult dog stakes, coveys of birds were placed at likely objectives throughout the course. For whatever good or evil this may have caused, it allowed 90% of the dogs to produce multiple finds and many opportunities for that long sought after chance to back.

Gallery participation and manners were excellent. No one pressured either dog, handler, or interferred with their chances. I feel that these very desirable trial results are directly responsible to our field trial chairman, Mr. John Sawyer and his committee; Messrs. Wheeler, Seger, Marx, Lamoree and Williams; who amply assisted him in incorporating all of these successful changes.

Thanks to ALL.

Puppy Stake—15 Entries

1—Pacolet Cheyenne's Babe, by Am. Fld. Ch. Benfield's Cheyenne Sam ex Ja-Dor's De-na-Jet. Owner, Gene & Sherry Stewart; handler, Gene Stewart.

2—D & J's Maxie Cheyenne Bobbie, by Cox's Maxie Schultz ex Tanque Verde's Cheyenne. Owner, Dorothy & James Hoffman; handler, Dorothy Hoffman.

3—Benfield's Cheyenne Sultan, by Am. Fld. Ch. Benfield's Cheyenne Sam ex Bi-Mar Cheyenne Kit. Owner, H. S. & Pearl Ramseur; handler, Doug Ramseur.

4—Mar-Holly Exfolleated, by Ch. Jamies' Lightning ex Me & Bobby Magee. Owner & handler, Kenneth D. Horn.

Derby Stake—17 Entries

Judges: Shirley Uhlman, Juanita Benton

1—Pacolet Cheyenne's Babe, see above.

2—Ch. Fabulous Farkleberry Tart, by Dual Ch. Pacolet Cheyenne Sam ex Ch. Bi-Mar Diamond Lil. Owner, Leslie & Dr. William Kirk; handler, Dr. William Kirk

3—Seven J's and One P, by Ch. Jamies' Lightning ex Ch. Copper Jill of Edwards. Owner, James E. Cohen & John P. Sawyer; handler, John P. Sawyer.

4—D. and J's Maxie Cheyenne Bobbie, see above.

Open All-Age Stake—20 Entries

Judges: Shirley Uhlman, Juanita Benton

1—Ch. Mechant of Breton's Lightning, by Breton's Lightning ex Penny's Copper Kid. Owner & handler, Gary H. Blackstone.

2—Fld. Ch. Jacco's Cutty Sark, by Fld. Ch. Jac Pierre's Pride ex Jocko's Pawnee Maid. Owner, James Cohen; handler, Gerald E. Cohen.

3—Ch. Joel's Happy Hooligan, by Fld. Ch. Rusty of Highbrow ex Ch. Joel's Jacques Jill. Owner, John & Ellyn Lee; handler, John Lee.

4—My Sunny Boy, by Ch. Joel's Happy Hooligan ex Ste Ave Bar's Tara of Ragall. Owner, Robert & Carolyn Unger; handler, Robert Unger.

Open Gun Dog Stake—20 Entries

Judges: Shirley Uhlman, Juanita Benton

1—Am. Ch. Steele's Haven Zip, by Ch. Holley Haven Naxtra ex Steele's Silver Star. Owner & handler, Neil R. Mackey.

2—Whoa Babe, by Rolicking Rocky ex Gretel II. Owner & handler, William E. Kirk.

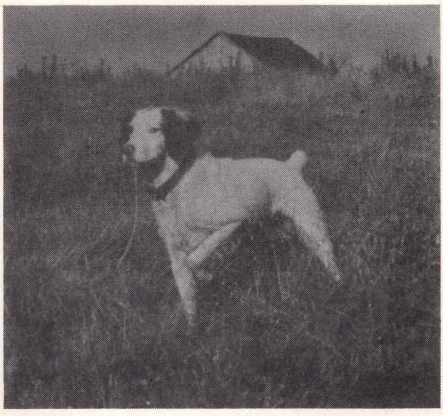
3—Am. Ch. Pricetown's Peppermint Sue, by Dual Ch. Joel's Copper Jaques ex Liberty Ann. Owner & handler, John E. Sakas.

4—Ja-Dee's Michele, by Fld. Ch. Tearaway Broccho ex Gun Creek Fanny. Owner & handler, James W. Longwell.

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FALL TRIAL

by Lou Johnson

Arthur Smith's Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks, handled by professional Jack Brooks, proved to be the top dog in CCBC's fall trial all-age stake. Scipio garnered the first-place ribbon largely on the strength of his ground race. This well-known liver and white male was later on a single chuckar on call-back and displayed good all-age manners.

Second place, in what proved to be an unusual all-age stake, was Trooper Jill's Mach. Jill, owned by Washingtonians Fred and Jean Williams, and handled by Jack Brooks, put down an adequate ground heat and showed some excellent birdwork on two released chukers. This dog's staunchness and style on point is a pleasure to see, and when coupled with some sparkling casts proved a worthy candidate for the second-place trophy. El Rey Shanna, also a part of Jack Brooks' string of fine dogs, took third largely on the basis of a good to strong, if somewhat erratic race, and one find. Shanna, whose owners are Dan and Camille Lauder of La Canada, displayed some excellent far-reaching casts, but did not have the consistency of the first and second-place dogs. Dual Ch. Li'l Brother Easy, handled by Paul Bailey, nailed fourth, largely on some excellent bird work, which, coupled with a fair ground race proved to be worthy of a placement in this stake.

The All-Age stake began Saturday morning at the Fort Ord Field Trial grounds, Fort Ord, California. The stake, under typically cool Monterey Peninsula weather, lacked the usual quality these grounds have produced in the past. Few dogs had true all-age races and those that did had no birdwork, or mishandled opportunities presented to them. Dogs, other than those placed, that did show ground heats well enough to interest judges were Wyomna Paul Willey, handled by Warren Butler, Tates' Country Gentleman, handled by Jay Case, and Friar Tuck's Maid Marion, under the guidance of Jack Brooks.

Only 12 starters were put down for the puppy stake. The judges felt that only two dogs displayed sufficient maturity to warrant placements. Sam Bass, orange and white son of Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks, was awarded first place on a mature, well-patterned ground heat. Sam, who is owned and handled by CCBC member Doug Denman, has been the puppy-to-beat this year on the West Coast. Part of a litter that has produced three good trial dogs, Sam showed maturity and good bird sense for his age. Ed Bartlett's Diamond Jack took second place. Jack showed flash and range this season.

The Derby stake did not get started until Sunday morning and all placements awarded were based on potential and future gun-dog candidates. Tuffi's Tiger Diablo, owned by the Ayers of San Diego and handled by Jack Brooks, took first-place honors. Since game is the name of this game, acceptable bird contact becomes of primary importance in Derby stakes. Tuffi, following these rules, displayed good bird work coupled with a strong gun-dog race sufficient for top honors.

Sam Bass nailed down his second trophy of the weekend for his owner-handler, Doug Denman, with an adequate ground heat and two bird contacts. Third place went to Misty's Speed Racer, handled by Jack Brooks, while Apopeka Wendy, handled by Carl Percell, took the fourth-place ribbon.

The two Derbies that the judges felt had the best all-age ground heats of the day were Lost Riber's Tyke O'Bonny Doon and Scipio's Big Tipper. Lack of bird work, coupled with rough handling, kept them from receiving a placement.

Only one dog proved to be acceptable to judges Joe Thiel and Don Luiz in the always tough Amateur Gun-Dog stake. West Coast's premier gun-dog, Faulkner's Reddy, owned and handled by Ejner Lund, proved to be the only "clean" bird-dog. Reddy, as usual, had a strong ground race, two birds, and a retrieve for the first and only placement.

Again CCBC wishes to thank its guests for their attendance. We look forward to seeing you at our spring trial in February, 1975.

Puppy Stake—12 Entries

Judges: Joe Thiel, Dom Luiz

1—Sam Bass, by Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks ex Frenchman's Cimarron Cindy. Owner & handler, Doug Denman.

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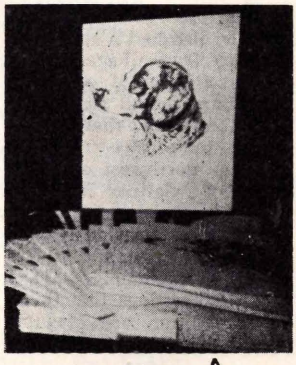
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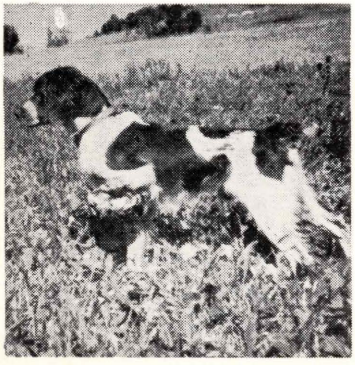
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