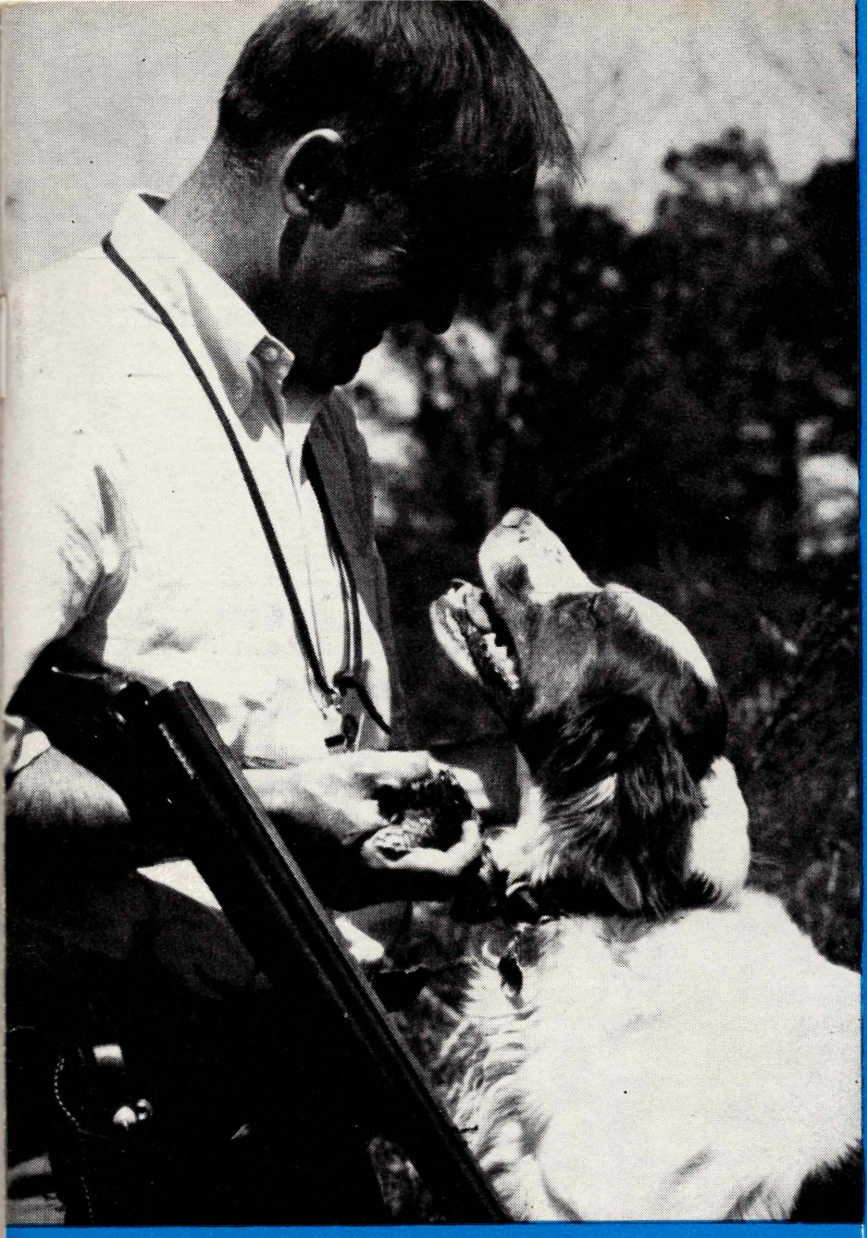
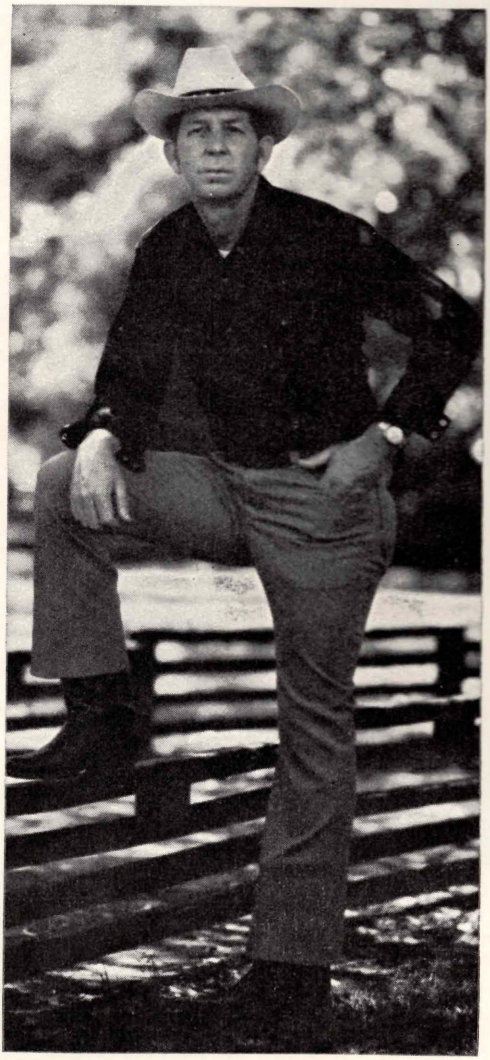


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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A giant THANK YOU to the guys and gals that keep right on "doing their thing" for the magazine, never missing a step in spite of the change of editors. Ted Parker with his analytical book reviews that show his brand of humor, Bob Humphrey with the accurate and time Action at AKC, George Geisler's cartoons that leave you in stitches, Jesse Dye's ratings, and all the contributing editors and regional reporters on whom we rely for articles, have really been doing a super job supplying informative, humorous, and thought-provoking material. I wish that each of you could feel the glow of pride that comes with each and every complimentary note, or phone call, or pat on the back. For I realize and am extremely grateful to each of you, that these compliments are for YOU!.

The **American Brittany** magazine belongs to all of you and it can only improve through your efforts. In spite of the tremendous job done by the aforementioned staff, the supply of material available is almost exhausted with the publication of this issue. If you have been thinking about sending in a contribution, please do it NOW! Consider a column of your own each month, send a cover picture, or make it anything you like—just grab that old type writer and start pecking! Quickly!!!!

That brings up another point: If you type please send your copy **double spaced** and paragraph it. This will save mucho time in retyping and preparing copy for the printer. But if you don't type, for goodness sakes, write it anyway! We'll manage. We need your contributions.

We have a volunteer for a column on Junior Handling, so send us the news about your junior handlers so they may be included.

The In Memoriam page, new with the March issue, will include only Champions, Field Champions, Dual Champions, high placing dogs of note, or persons of importance. The limit will be one page per issue, but these news items must come from you, the readers.

If your dog has finished his Dual Championship, he or she will be featured free of charge in Show Case. Please send in the write-up for your Dual Champion if finished since the first of the year. The records of wins and bloodlines as well as owners that have made it possible in the past for some of these features to be written by the editor are no longer available. Therefore, we must depend on you to do your own Show Case. We'll give the space for Duals in Show Case if you send in the information.

You may have noticed the 10th as the closing date for a couple of months. It didn't work too well—lost too much hair! So let's go back to the 1st of the month preceding the issue. Most of us are used to that now since it has been in effect for well over a year.

It is my sincere hope that we can eliminate Delayed Chase this trial season. Each of your clubs works very hard to put on field trials, and we want your trial to be written up so that everyone may read all about it across the country.

We receive many requests from people for samples of magazines that have a certain trial report in them because their dog placed in that trial. It is so sad to have to send them the magazine with the trial they asked for in Delayed Chase. I remember one man in particular whose dog finished his championship. He was so enthusiastic to read about his dog's performance and ordered copies of the magazine for the breeder, the trainer, and himself. Imagine the poor man's disappointment when all he could read were the winners' names in Delayed Chase.

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POINTING BREED FIELD TRIALS

Editor's Note: Each rule is stated exactly as will be published in the new rule book in June, 1975. Following each rule change will be a comment based on the history and reasons behind the change.



The Board of Directors has approved the following revision to a Definition appearing within the Pointing Breed Field Trial Rules to be effective July 1, 1975. This revision was recommended by the Pointing Breed Advisory Committee in 1974.

Definition of an Amateur Owner or Handler for Pointing Breed Trials.

Delete the present information which appears in italics within **Chapter 17, Section 2** and substitute the following:

An Amateur Owner or Amateur Handler is a person who, during the period of 2 years preceding the trial, has not accepted remuneration in any form for the training of a hunting dog or the handling of a dog in a field trial, and who at no time in the past has for any period of 2 years or more operated as a professional trainer or handler of such dogs.

No member of the household of a person who does not qualify as an Amateur Owner or Amateur Handler under this definition can qualify as an Amateur Owner or an Amateur Handler.

COMMENT

The present definition disqualified anyone from being an Amateur Owner or Amateur Handler who had accepted remuneration in any form for the training or handling of dogs in any form of dog activity. It was felt that the disqualification criteria should relate directly to the training of hunting dogs or the handling of a dog in a field trial rather than the broad criteria of having the disqualification apply to "any form of dog activity."

It was also considered important to disqualify as an Amateur Owner or Amateur Handler those members of the household of a person who does not qualify as an Amateur Owner or Amateur Handler under the definition. The lack of these disqualification criteria has been the cause of many arguments and phone calls to the AKC for interpretation.

As heretofore, Chapter 17, Section 2 of the Pointing Breed Field Trial Rules still leaves it to the judgement of the Field Trial Committee as to who are qualified as Amateurs under the Definition. The Definition is merely included within the Rules as a guide for Field Trial Committees in making their determinations.

The Board of Directors has examined and proposes the following, which was recommended by the Pointing Breed Advisory Committee in July, 1974:

Chapter 17, Section 3. Add the words, "provided that such stipulation has been printed in the premium list." to the end of the last sentence in Section 3 so that it will read in its entirety as follows:

However, at a trial at which a Limited Gun Dog or Limited All-Age Stake is offered, additional entries of particular dogs which first qualify at that trial for such a stake may be accepted and the drawing of that stake may occur immediately before the running of the stake provided that such stipulation has been printed in the premium list. • • •

Chapter 17, Section 6. Add a new Section 6 as follows:

A judge who has started to judge a stake may not handle a dog in another stake until the stake that he is judging has been fully completed.

Re-number the present Sections 6 through 10 as Sections 7 through 11.

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The Board of Directors has approved the following revision in the Field and Amateur Field Championship requirements for Pointing Breeds to be effective July 1, 1975. This revision was recommended by the Pointing Breed Advisory Committee in 1974.

Chapter 17, Section 6. Delete the wording of the first paragraph of the Amateur Field Championship Requirements which now appear in italics and substitute in italics:

AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

At present, a dog of one of the Pointing Breeds will be recorded an Amateur Field Champion after having won 10 points under the point rating schedule below in regular Amateur stakes in at least 3 licensed or member field trials, provided that it has been awarded 2 first placements in such stakes, one of which must be a first placement in a 3 point or better Amateur All-Age, Amateur Gun Dog, Amateur Limited All-Age or Amateur Limited Gun Dog Stake:

COMMENT

The requirements for a dog of one of the Pointing Breeds to be recorded an Amateur Field Champion states among other requirements that it need only have acquired one First Placement in one 3 point or better Amateur Stake. The proposed amendment will upgrade these requirements by providing that it must be awarded two First Placements, one of which must be a First Placement in a 3 point or better Amateur Stake.

The balance of the required 10 points may be acquired through 2nd or 3rd placements in accordance with the point rating schedule for an Amateur Field Championship already in effect.

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The Board of Directors has approved the following revisions in the Pointing Breed Field Trial Procedures to be effective July 1, 1975. These revisions were recommended by the Pointing Breed Field Trial Committee in 1974.

PROCEDURE 1-B. Delete the present wording of the third sentence and substitute:

If the handler is within reasonable gun range of a bird which has been flushed after a point, a shot must be fired.

COMMENT

This is merely a re-wording to obviate an obvious ambiguity where the sentence began, "Should birds be flushed after a point by handler—etc." This unfortunate sentence construction could mean that it is the handler who does the pointing!

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PROCEDURE 1-E. Delete the entire PROCEDURE and substitute:

BACKING IN GUN DOG, ALL-AGE, LIMITED GUN DOG, AND LIMITED ALL-AGE STAKES. A dog encountering its brace mate on point must honor. Failure of a dog to honor when it sees its brace mate on point must be heavily penalized, and a dog that steals its brace mate's point shall not be placed.

PROCEDURE 1-F. Delete this PROCEDURE in its entirety. Re-letter PROCEDURES 1-G through 1-J as PROCEDURES 1-F through 1-I.

COMMENT

In 1967, the breed representatives from the German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla and Weimaraner clubs at the first Pointing Breed Advisory Committee meeting voted that at AKC Licensed or Member trials held by any of these clubs, the first or second placed dog in the Gun Dog, All-Age, Limited Gun Dog or Limited All-Age stakes must have demonstrated backing. If a dog that is being considered for either 1st or 2nd placement has not had an opportunity to back, the Procedure provided that the judges must set up a brace or braces for this purpose after all the braces in the stake have been run. Procedure 1-F then describes in detail the test that must be set up in order to demonstrate backing or honoring.

Over the years, this test, plus the requirement that the 1st and 2nd placed dogs must have demonstrated backing, has grown into almost universal unpopularity because of its artificiality. Furthermore, in all too many instances, an important stake has been won or lost at the time of this "backing test", thus, placing far too much emphasis on backing or honoring. The original intent was that the requirements in Procedure 1-F would prevent the highly desirable backing trait in a dog from being lost.

At the 1974 Pointing Breed Advisory Committee Meeting, the representatives of the German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla and Weimaraner Clubs were instructed by their respective Parent Clubs to recommend the entire deletion of Procedure 1-F and to substitute for it a simple statement on the importance of backing or honoring as appears above. In other words, a dog encountering its brace mate on point must honor and its failure to do so must be heavily penalized. The recommended amendment to Procedure 1-E (above) does exactly this.

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PROCEDURE 1-H. (re-lettered PROCEDURE 1-G) Delete the first sentence and substitute:

In any non-Retrieving Stake, except in Puppy or Derby Stakes as specified in Procedures 1-A and 1-B, a blank cartridge must be fired by the handler over any dog on point after the game has been flushed. .22 calibre crimps shall not be used, and if shotguns with blank shells are to be permitted, the premium list must so specify.

COMMENT

Because it has become increasingly prevalent for handlers to fire a shotgun loaded with a blank or "Popper" rather than a blank cartridge pistol in pointing breed trials, and because the AKC has received many inquiries as to whether the use of a shotgun with blank shells were, in fact, permitted under the Rules or Procedures, the AKC put this question to the Advisory Committee. The matter was discussed at length with the decision being made to recommend that if shotguns with blank shells are to be permitted at an AKC licensed or member field trial, this fact must be so specified in the Premium List for that trial.

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PROCEDURE 2-A. Delete the present wording and substitute:

Each stake must be judged by at least two Judges.

COMMENT

Just a year ago, the Board of Directors of the American Brittany Club petitioned The American Kennel Club to revise this Procedure so that three judges could be used at their National Open and National Amateur Championship Stakes. Upon receiving this request, we contacted the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America and their Board also agreed that they would like the privilege of having their two National Championships judged by three judges. The AKC Board agreed to this amendment in this Procedure.

AT the 1974 Pointing Breed Advisory Committee Meeting, it was recommended that the present wording be made less restrictive and that this Procedure be amended to state simply that "Each stake must be judged by at least two Judges." In spite of this recommended amendment, it is expected that almost all pointing breed field trial stakes will still be judged by two Judges because of financial considerations. However, this proposed recommendation will permit any prestigious stake at an AKC licensed or member trial to be judged by more than two Judges. Again, because of the considerable cost involved, (room, board and horses for each judge), it is highly unlikely and virtually inconceivable that a club would specify a stake to be judged by more than three Judges.

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PROCEDURE 4-D(1). Delete the present wording and substitute:

In case of a scratch or absentee, the bracemate of the absent dog shall be moved down and run with the dog in the next known incomplete brace. If there is no known incomplete brace, it may be run alone, but it must be run in the order drawn for its brace.

COMMENT

The present wording, while quite logical, was very hard to understand and contained far

too many alternatives and conditions as to how and where to run the brace mate of a scratched or absentee dog. Over the years, some clubs have handled this properly and others have simply thrown their hands in the air and done whatever they thought best. The result has been general inconsistency.

The recommended amendment is extremely simple and practical and will go a long way towards simplifying the already difficult job of Field Trial Committee Chairman.

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Add a new **PROCEDURE 4-F** to read as follows:

A listing showing the running order for each stake, giving the full AKC registered name of each starting dog and the name of its handler must either be available for each contestant or displayed throughout the running of the stake.

COMMENT

At every AKC licensed pointing breed field trial, there will always be made up some kind of listing showing the bracing for each stake. However, its format is not required to be consistent and some clubs will print up a rather formal catalog which incorporates the running order for each stake; others will produce a typewritten sheet showing the drawing orders; and others will post this drawing order on large poster boards and tack them to the wall of some building if it is available. In far too many instances, regardless of the format used, the dogs are not listed using their full AKC registered names. Instead, one-word nicknames or call names are used, and, by experience, this has been known to be the cause of the running of an incorrect dog in a brace.

Over the years, there has been considerable feeling that clubs should be forced to list the dogs with their full AKC registered names together with the name of the dog's handler in that stake, and that this information should be available for each contestant or displayed throughout the running of the stake. Unlike a dog show, the drawing for a field trial may take place, under the Rules, right up to the night preceding the running of the first stake. This, of course, makes it impossible to print any kind of formal catalog. It was, therefore, unanimoualy agreed at the Committee meeting that while the AKC could not require a printed catalog, it should, at least, require that some form of listing be available to each contestant or displayed throughout the running of the stake which gave the full AKC registered name for each starting dog and the name of its handler.

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PROCEDURE 5-A. Add new PROCEDURES 5-A (3) and (4) as follows and renumber the present PROCEDURES 5-A (3) and (4) as PROCEDURES 5-A (5) and (6).

(3) Multiple Courses With Bird Fields(s) consisting of more than one back course, each with a designated breakaway and each with either its own or a common bird field, with the back courses being used in systematic rotation. At a licensed or member trial, no less than two birds must be released in the utilized bird field for each brace in first series except the Puppy Stake. Additional birds may be released either in the bird field or on the back course.

(4) Multiple Courses Without Bird Field(s) consisting of more than one back course, each with a designated breakaway, which are used in systematic rotation. At a licensed or member trial, no less than two birds must be released for each brace at suitable places on the utilized course in all stakes except the Puppy Stake.

COMMENT

At the present time the Procedures specify that only three types of courses may be used at an AKC licensed field trial, namely:

Single Course With Bird Field
Single Course Without Bird Field
Continuous Courses

The reason for these two new additions is because the use of Multiple Courses as defined above has grown into common usage and have been used under the guise of "Continuous Courses." In other words, a specification for Multiple Courses should have been part of the Procedures all along.

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PROCEDURE 5-A (4). (re-numbered PROCEDURE 5-A (6). Delete the present wording and substitute:

A stake may be run without a bird field for the first series with additional series consisting of nothing but bird field work for the dogs, provided this is specified in the premium list. Birds for additional series shall be released as directed by the Judges.

COMMENT

The existing Procedure applied only to "Continuous Courses" and implied that *only* a second series could be specified. The amended wording removes both the course type restriction and the number of additional series that can be run, and stipulates further that the release of birds in additional series is at the discretion of the Judges.

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PROCEDURE 5-C. Add the words, "in which case it should be picked up." at the end of the Procedure so that it will then read in full as follows:

No released bird shall be removed from the course or from the bird field unless dead or crippled in which case it should be picked up.

COMMENT

As the Committee Members said, it really should be unnecessary to add these words to this Procedure because this action should be common sense in the first place. However, the Committee felt that this Procedure had been misinterpreted a sufficient number of times in the past to warrant this amendment.

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PROCEDURE 5-E. Delete the third, fourth, and fifth sentences so that the Procedure will then read in full as follows:

Birds should, if possible, be released in natural cover rather than artificially created cover. They should not be placed in holes nor in such cover as will impede their ability to fly or run. Birds may be rocked or dizzied but not to such an extent as to affect their ability to fly. Game stewards should wear gloves and should not hold birds against their bodies. Successive birds should not be released in or near the same spot.

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PROCEDURE 6-D. Add the word "out" after each reference to the word "time" so that this Procedure will then read in full as follows:

Time out shall not be called when a dog is on point in the bird field unless so specified in the premium list. If time out is called when a dog is on point in the bird field, its brace mate shall be stopped.

COMMENT

There has been a little confusion at some field trials (especially where the field trial committee has not been too knowledgeable), over the intent of this Procedure. This amendment is merely to clarify the word, "time" so that in this context, it positively means "Time out."

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PROCEDURE 6-H. Add the word "Irish Setter" following the words "German Shorthaired Pointer", in the 5th line.

COMMENT

The present Procedure specifies that in the senior stakes at a licensed trial held by a German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla, or Weimaraner club, that the handler is prohibited from controlling the dog by the collar at any time, and may not touch the dog in such a manner as to restrain or control it—etc. The Irish Setter representative at the Committee said that his Parent Club had voted to have the name of their breed added to those governed by this Procedure.

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PROCEDURE 6-I. Add the words "whether Amateur or Open Stakes" to the end of this Procedure so that it will read in full as follows:

A dog that works with a minimum of handling, or commands must be given credit in a Gun Dog, All-Age, Limited Gun Dog, or Limited All-Age Stake whether Amateur or Open Stakes.

COMMENT

This is merely an editorial amendment to clarify that this Procedure applies to all of the stakes listed "Whether Amateur or Open Stakes."

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PROCEDURE 6-L. Delete the present wording and substitute:

Any scouting for a dog shall be done by a

scout appointed by the handler of that dog. The scout shall be named prior to the start of the brace and shall act solely with permission of one or more of the Judges.

COMMENT

The present Procedure states that scouting shall be done only by a scout or scouts appointed by the Judges—etc. The amended Procedure calls for the scouts to be appointed by the handler of the dog to be scouted. This is completely logical because the purpose of a scout is to look for a dog which may have been lost from sight for an extended period of time. It is advantageous for that scout to know the habits of that dog so that he can search for it more efficiently than if the dog were a total stranger to him. It served no purpose whatsoever for the scout to be appointed by the Judges. The main caveat about scouting is that there be only one scout for each handler in a brace and that any scouting be done solely with permission of one or more of the Judges. Furthermore, because a scout usually rides at the head of the gallery, it is essential that all of the Judges know the identity of the two scouts in each brace prior to the start of that brace.

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PROCEDURE 6-R. Delete the present wording and substitute:

There shall be no training of dogs anywhere on the course until the trial has been concluded.

COMMENT

The present Procedure simply states "There shall be no training of dogs anywhere on the course during the trial." The amended wording expands this to include training of dogs anywhere on the course "until the trial has been concluded." This addition to the amended wording will clarify an existing ambiguity in the present Procedure which many had interpreted meant that training could take place on the course after the running for the day had been concluded. This interpretation had never been intended.

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PROCEDURE 6-T. Add the following sentence to follow the second sentence of the second paragraph of this Procedure:

The Judges shall control the pace, whether both handlers are on foot or both are mounted.

COMMENT

The present Procedure only specifies that the judges set the pace when one handler is mounted on horseback and the other is handling on foot. Some unscrupulous and unthinking handlers (mostly professionals) have construed this to mean that when both handlers are mounted on horseback, the judges do not set the pace for the brace. The addition of the proposed sentence which states that the judges shall control the pace, whether both handlers are on foot or both are mounted, will rectify this misconception on the part of many.

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PROCEDURE 7-A. Delete the present wording and substitute:

The premium list must identify any Retrieving Stake and must specify, for each stake in which birds are to be shot, whether the shooting will be done by official guns or whether handlers will be required to shoot their own birds, and the shooting for all braces in the stake shall be done in the manner specified.

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PROCEDURE 7-I. Delete the present wording and substitute:

Retrieving is required in all Retrieving Stakes and counts as an important part of a dog's performance. After the shot, the handler shall not command or signal the dog to retrieve until the dog's steadiness to wing and shot has been positively demonstrated. The dog must retrieve promptly and tenderly to hand. In a Retrieving Derby Stake, the dog must also retrieve, but steadiness to wing and shot and a finished retrieve are not required for placement.

If any dog that is being considered for placement in a Retrieving Stake has not had an opportunity to retrieve, the Judges must set up a retrieve for the dog after all the braces in the stake have been run. A live bird shall be planted and the dog allowed to establish point. The handler shall flush the bird and there shall be a back-up gunner.

COMMENT

During the last year or so, The American Kennel Club has received some serious letters

from both individuals and licensed field trial clubs asking that the term "Shoot-to-Kill" be amended.

This subject was made an important part of the Agenda for the 1974 Pointing Breed Advisory Committee and it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee Members that the "Shoot-to-Kill" term should be amended. After a lengthy and thoughtful discussion, it was proposed that the term be amended to "Retrieving Stakes."

Therefore, the amendments to Procedure 7-A and the amendment to the first paragraph of Procedure 7-I merely reflect the use of this new term.

The second paragraph of Procedure 7-I not only reflects the use of the new term, "Retrieving Stake", but also requires that *all* dogs being considered for placement in a Retrieving Stake who have not had an opportunity to demonstrate a retrieve, must do so.

Two additional references to "Shoot-to-Kill" Stakes exist in the italicized paragraphs of **Chapter 17, Section 6** in the description of the requirements for a Field Championship and an Amateur Field Championship. Because the Board approved the revisions to Procedure 7 above, the following additional "editorial" changes will need to be made:

Amend the third paragraph of the requirements for a dog of one of the Pointing Breeds to become a Field Champion to read as follows:

EXCEPT THAT a German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla, or Weimaraner, shall not be recorded a Field Champion unless it has won at least 4 points in Retrieving Stakes at field trials held by Specialty Clubs for one of these four breeds;

Amend the third paragraph of the requirements for a dog of one of the Pointing Breeds to become an Amateur Field Champion to read as follows:

EXCEPT THAT a German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla, or Weimaraner, shall not be recorded an Amateur Field Champion unless it has won at least 4 points in Amateur Retrieving Stakes at trials held by Specialty Clubs for one of these four breeds;

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The reason for the July 1, 1975 effective dates is because it is our plan to be in a position to distribute an amended version of the Field Trial Rule Book for Pointing Breeds, Dachshunds, Retrievers and Spaniels on that date. Furthermore, the July 1 date falls midway between the end of the Spring Pointing Breed field trial season and the start of the Fall Pointing Breed field trial season.

The American Brittany is indebted to Mr. A. Hamilton Rowan for this timely and informative report.

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1975 QUAIL CLASSIC

The first running of a Quail Classic in Texas started on a warm, overcast January 28th on the Texas Open Champion grounds at Spring Valley, Texas.

Blue Ribbon winner, Ringo de Britt, captured everyone's eye with a beautiful wild covey find. Chipp Britt Jill won second place with Goldtone's Doc third and Perry's Rustic Prince fourth.

Dr. Douglas Guthrie, our host, has put these 3,000 plus acre grounds together by buying up cotton farms of a bygone era. He has left many fence rows for cover and scattered throughout the grounds are a number of feed plots and feed lanes.

The grounds offered plenty of running room for the Brittany with lots of objectives. A well patterned dog looks good on these grounds. There was plenty of water on the courses and, as the days grew warmer, the dogs and horses appreciated every tank and creek.

Texas hospitality was very visible. Not only did Dr. Guthrie ride and marshal many of the braces, his teenage son, Jay, always had the dog wagon in the right spot. Mr. Charles Royal was also a marshal and a gracious host. The Coastal Brittany Club hosted this 14th running of the Quail Classic under the chairmanship of Dr. John Webb and John Carey. These two did the pre-trial planning and organizing while Bob McLeish did the "every brace on a horse" hard work. Bo and Patty Norris, Judy Webb, J. H. Philmon, Paul Johnson and Bob Richardson all worked hard to make the Classic special. Ray Foster put the beautiful souvenir program together.

We Texans tend to sometimes over-do the boasting, and the weather was it this time. The judges, handlers and the gallery rode off the first morning clad in rain gear. Even though it did not rain hard the first day, the humidity was thick enough to cut and hampered the dogs. There were intermittent showers in the two and one-half days and as the winners were being announced the rain really started.

You really have to admire judges. Most of their reward comes from seeing really good bird dogs. Our judges, Bill McCoy, Dallas, Texas, and Jack Cash, Allentown, New Jersey, did see some really great Brittanies and we thank them for looking at them. There were 35 entries with 34 starters.

Ringo de Britt ran the first day in the last brace. He broke away with a good forward race and stayed to the front, finishing strong.

He was running hard, first over a knoll then down Rattlesnake Hill covered with mesquite and broke out in a weed field. He was running at top speed when he slammed into the class find of the trial. Smith flushed a wild covey with Ringo maintaining his intensity to wing and shot. He finished out the hour strong to the front.

Chipp Britt Jill gained her second place with a good, snappy forward race. She lacked some of the range the first place dog had. Jill was braced with Rustic Prince, and these two presented the best complete brace of the trial. They ran the first brace of the second day, both dogs way out to front in different directions hunting hard. Jill had two finds and one relocation. She was beautifully intense.



Dual Ch. Chipp Britt Jill

Goldtone's Doc ran the second day last brace. There was much talk before and during the trial about how far one could see and recognize a Brittany. You could never get two people to say the same distance much less agree, but everyone agreed that Doc ran a long, long way out. He ran the widest, fastest brace of the stakes, with a back to his bracemate and one find at 55. He finished strong.

Perry's Rustic Prince ran the first brace of the second day and had everyone thrilled with his wide forward run and three finds. Prince's

finds were always in thick cover with Rick crawling through barbed wire to flush the birds.

The gallery talk and their choices are always interesting: Hi-Spirit Shenandoah, Char-Lee O'Dee, La Pradalan, Hello Dolly Miss Kaer, Windy Knoll's Tinker's Pistol, Colorado Jumping Gypsy and Ban-Dee drew votes.

THE RUNNING

Ambrose's Budwiser (Lyle Johnson)—**Hi-Spirit Shenandoah** (Rick Smith). The first brace started off at 8:20 A.M. in warm humid weather. Bud could never get on tract and was picked up. Shan had a good start, hunting well and had a find at 45 minutes. He finished strong with no other bird contact.

Air Cargo De Britt (Tim Poling)—**Pizzaz** (Jim Holman). Cargo did not have his best range this day and after bumping a bird Dr. Poling elected to pick up. Zaz had a nice race. She pointed twice with no birds but where released birds were known to be.

Homer (Holman)—**Bazooka's Copper Jacque** (Marc Appleton). Both these dogs laid down good All Age races. Homer impressed the gallery with his snappy gait but went birdless. Jacque bumped a wild covey with no other bird work.

Fluke De Britt (Johnson)—**Holly Ilse Skip** (Holman). Fluke had an excellent race, covering the ground well, but birdless. Holly had a slower start but got stronger and hunted well but she too was birdless.

Char-Lee O'Dee (Johnson)—**Fusil De La San Malo** (Appleton). Char-Lee started off the hour with a find. He had a nice race but did not quite meet up to placed dogs this time. He had another nice find at 48. Malo laid down a good race, hunting well with two stops to flush.

Ringo De Britt (Smith)—**Dr. Scott's Tough Enough** (Appleton). Ringo's hour has been described above. Toughy ran a nice race, hunting well, but was birdless.

Perry's Rustic Prince (Smith)—**Chipp Britt Jill** (Holman). These two placed 4th and 2nd. After riding a brace like their's you are filled with enthusiasm and joy.

Copper Creek Bobb (Holman)—**Mac Ago Go** (Johnson). Bobb was picked up at 25 minutes after running out of contention. Mac acted as if the high humidity was bothering him and was picked up.

Albion's Blue Moon (Holman)—**Blue Sky** (Appleton). Blue Moon could not get on tract this morning, running to the side and back. Blue Sky was finding it rough going too and both picked up at 25.

Paul's Goldtone Whiskers (Lloyd Budd)—**Dan De Milles Gus** (Holman). This was not Whisker's Day. After he had a stop to flush, Budd elected to pick up. Gus broke away hard and fast. He was not handling well this day and was lost and out of contention.

C-Killam's Sargeant Mike (Appleton)—**La Pradalan** (Holman). These two were the first brace after lunch on the second day. Mike broke away good to the front with a nice find. at 25 but slowed as the hour progressed. The weather was full warm. La Pradalan had a good forward race, going from one objective to another. He had one find with nice manners.

Hello Dolly Miss Kaer (Johnson)—**Windy Knoll's Tinker's Pistol** (Appleton). These two were here to hunt. They both maneuvered through the gullies and thick cover with style. Both had finds and Dolly backed Windy.

Jacolet's Wandering Star (Smith)—**Goldtone's Doc** (Appleton). Even though Star lay down a good forward race with two finds, two unproductives, she was overshadowed by her bracemate. It will take a long time for Doc's run to be forgotten.

Majestic Jake (Holman)—**Freck's Boy Pete** (Appleton). After a nice break away with both dogs handling easily, Jake had undefined bird work and was picked up at 25 minutes. Pete completed the hour with a find under a tree and one unproductive.

Way Kan Taffy (Johnson)—**Country Joe A-Winnin'** (Appleton). We rode out on the first brace of this last day expecting bad weather and before the morning was over we were riding in the rain. Taffy had the much stronger start and stayed to the front to hunt; however, the birds were not hers today. Joe could never get on tract and was ordered up.

Pacolet Cheyenne Chip (Budd)—**Benefield's Appollo Blaze** (Holman). Chip had the stronger start but found a rabbit to his liking and gave chase with voice and was picked up. Blaze wasn't running a winning race and Jim picked him up.

Colorado Jumping Gypsy (Johnson)—**Ban-Dee** (Budd). Both dogs breaking strong and running hard. Gypsy took the "high road" and Ban-Dee the "low road" doing their own thing. Gypsy had a back to Ban-Dee early in the hour and stretched it out again. She had a nice find in a thicket and later an unproductive.

Ban-Dee was hunting hard and running strong. He had a covey find and made a wide cast for the windmill pond. He gave everyone some anxious minutes as he chose to swim the pond in thick reeds. Lloyd went after him and had to dismount as he and horse met the reeds. About that time, Ban-Dee hit the shore and mounted the dam. He had a non-productive on top of the dam and he and Gypsy finished the hour.



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3—Goldtone's Doc, by Goldtone's Duke ex Beth L. Taffy. Owner, L. and M. May; handler, M. Appleton.

4—Fld. Ch. Perry's Rustic Prince, by TuWay's Kaymore Flash ex Bard DeWitt. Owner, L. and M. May; handler, R. Smith.

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A COLD, COLD FIELD TRIAL

by Luther Lawrence

Several years ago Northern Kentucky Field Trial Club (not Northern Siberia) had a so called "spring trial." The brass monkey stayed by the fire.

Having agreed to help judge this trial in beautiful weather, I just couldn't chicken out. The thermometer hovered around 8° above, with a pretty stiff wind. One man said it was "colder than old billy hell." It took every stick of warm clothing I had. I even thought about taking the feather bed.

We waited for the sun to come out, but it didn't. They wondered why I refused to drink coffee or a beer. With all that bunch of clothes on the old bladder just had to last till noon.

Finally somebody suggested we try to run some dogs. I poked around putting on a ski mask, hood, scarf, mittens, and insulated coat pants and boots. We looked more like zombies than judges. It took a great effort, but we did manage to get on top of a horse.

It was amazing how well those dogs ran. Maybe they had to run to keep from freezing. One big pointer ran to the end of the tree line and looked back. I heard the most peculiar little squeak. Some man said, "Blow your whistle, Sam, yer dog's looking for a signal." Sam muttered a stream of cuss words, finished up with, "My damn moustache is froze up." I looked around and saw the funniest sight. Sam's breath had frozen in his moustache until it was a solid white cake of ice. He couldn't even close his upper lip on the whistle!

We were still laughing when in the next brace a rather rotund (better not call him fat) man's liver and white pointer slammed into a beautiful point. We galloped up to the point and my "round" friend tried to dismount in a hurry. The belt of his leather jacket hooked over the saddle horn. In no way could this poor man get either up or down. His feet kicked frantically a good foot from the frozen ground. He squirmed and struggled for several minutes while the entire gallery roared with laughter. Finally I asked, "Won't somebody please help this man out of his predicament? After all, his dog's on point."

The dog held staunch in spite of all the furor, ended up second. Another dog had a little more hunting, a little better handling, and some perfect birdwork. Like the old army general said, "The winner gets there firstest, with the mostest." But I'll never forget the day of the cold, cold field trial.

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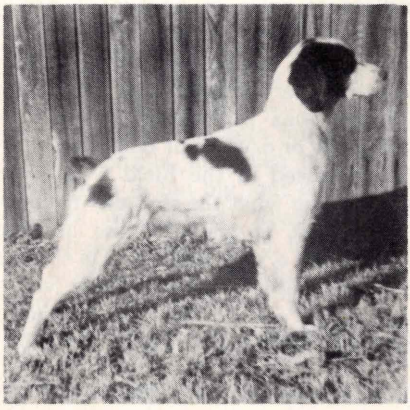
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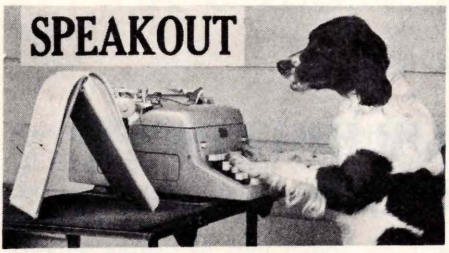




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2) Nat. Amat., Fld. & Amat. Ch. Hello Dolly Miss Kaer (Clasen)
—Lady O'Dee (Hannan)
3) Dave-O Neo-Valley Digger (Davis)—Flint's Dust Commander (Hannan)
4) Fld. Ch. C-Killiam Sergant Mike (Zamrzla)—Fld. Ch. Perry's Rustic Prince (Gaynor)
5) La Pitt Dave O'Duke (Davis)—Dual Ch. Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol (Gaynor)
6) Fld. & Amat. Fld. Ch. Magic Muff Heckle (Swaim)
—Fld. Ch. Jacolet's Wandering Star (Gaynor)
7) Fld. Ch. Fluke de Britt (Dawson)—Fld. Ch. Ringo de Britt (Gaynor)
8) Dual Ch. Hi-Spirit Laddie (Gaynor)—Dual Ch. Char-Lee O'Dee (Clasen)
9) Fld. & Amat. Ch. Lost River's Copper Diggins (Brown)
—Fld. Ch. Hi-Spirit Shenandoah (Gaynor)
10) Fld. Ch. Mac Ago Go (Dawson)—Bye



Do You Have A Color Hang-Up?

What color is a BRITTANY—orange & white, roan, liver & white? Well according to Brittany Standards & AKC all three colors have a right to be called Brittanies.

What really prompted me to write this article is color prejudice in our Judging. I really don't know what is worse, another breed Judge judging our dogs, who will tell you they really don't like Brittanies, or a color blind judge that judges our dogs before they ever cast off in a field trial as to a hang-up on color choice or lineage. I have overheard many prejudicial comments made over the past couple of years, and every time I look at a premium list and see these same Judges over and over again, I wonder to myself. Wow, some of these poor dogs have ten strikes against them before even being put down, always hoping the other Judge is open minded.

Believe me, we have more fair, open minded judges than color blind or lineage conscious judges, Thank God. But what I can't understand is why these selected few continue to accept the assignment of judging our breed when they know in their own minds they will only look at a dog if he is the right color, etc. The sad part of it is that most of these Judges are good knowledgeable, qualified men to do a good job judging, but their Hang Up is just too much for them to handle.

Just to mention a couple of the comments I have overheard—One Judge to the other Judge "I'll take the Brittany (meaning the orange & white), and you take the other thing", or "It will be the day you ever see me put up one of those liver - - - - -." Now how do you think it makes the handlers and owners who put down these BRITTANIES feel when they overhear such as this BEFORE they cast their dogs off?

Of course everyone has the right to their choice of color, lineage etc. If you prefer the orange/white, great; if its roan or liver/white that's great too. I personally believe color is far from being an important factor. I could care less what color or lineage the dog comes from, if its a good one and has Field Champion or Dual Ch. qualities.

Let's take a look at one handler's experiences. He has been known for having many liver/white dogs in his string, but what people seem to overlook is that he also carries a bigger percentage of orange/white and roan. Out of over twenty Field Champions, only four are liver & white. He has several Show Ch. both l/w & o/w in his string now, close to being Duals. This same trainer, known for l/w has finished dogs or put points on them from such outstanding lineage as Bazooka's Brandy, Charlie O'Dee, Trooper, Way Kan, Magnum, Pacolet, Destry, Greenfield, Suzabob, etc. I could go on and on, but that gives you some idea—now would you say this trainer has a color hang up or does he just like a great dog, regardless of color or lineage? I personally know after being around this man, and watching him handle his string, that it is quality and performance that really counts. The judge that is looking at color, either prefering l/w or o/w is not doing his job when he is prejudiced in the Field Trial or Show Ring. I wonder what the Brittany thinks when the litter, out of one of these outstanding lineage, is half o/w & half l/w. Do they say to each other, "Sorry brother or sister, you're the wrong color," or do they even know. OR FURTHER MORE DO THEY CARE?

Come on now—to each his own. If we all liked the same colors or lineage, it would be a pretty dull world. The main thing is that we all own BRITTANIES. Let's hope we all get a fair shake in Judging and Judge the Dog not his color or parents. No one should have to give up on their dog, their hopeful potential Champion because they feel they have the wrong color etc, or hold it out of a trial because of a Judge.

Orange and White, Liver and White or Roan—Great Field Champions, Show Champions and Duals have come out of many breedings—due to the Judging of our Open Minded Judges. To the others, I say, give our Brittanies a break, put away your personal prejudices when you get in the judging saddle or in the show ring. You are looking at AKC Brittanies, not their parents, their handlers, or

their color.

Thank You.
Owner of Both Orange & White
& Liver & White Brittanies.
A.R. California

Is The Brittany The Dog We Claim It Is?

I think we are all agreed that the Brittany is the best sporting dog anyone could own . . . or are we?

We sit around the banquet after Saturday's braces and discuss the dogs that ran, some good, some not so good; and we look forward to Sunday. Present are pros and owners of Dual, Fld. and Bench Champions and many more with just high hopes . . . and a Brittany.

Trial after trial, brace after brace are re-run; and those really memorable moments of the perfect performance are re-lived by all. Nothing is missed, the Classics, the Opens, the Specialties.

As if a bomb dropped, a young man who has been listening anxiously and intently, awed by the promise of things to come, asks, "Why don't Brittanies enter American Field trials and run against the Pointers and Setters?"

A pro gives the young man just a glance. Another, older man, mutters something about those d..n longtails, and then it begins.

Those dogs run too big, out of control; the judges are prejudiced against anything without a tail; the Brittany is handicapped by his size; and, well, uh, that just isn't what a Brittany is supposed to be.

The young many asks innocently, "Why? . . . the Brittany is a pointing breed isn't it?"

Well, that's true, but . . . anyway there are Brittanies that have won American Field trials.

"Oh" . . . but still confused he asks, "are those the ALL Brittany trials held under American Field rules or real American Field championship stake trials?"

Seeing no hope for an easy out, a pro snaps . . . "Pacolet Cheyenne Sam put all those longtails to shame, and in a 3 hour endurance stake to boot."

Sound familiar? Maybe it didn't happen like this to you, but I'll bet the subject has been cussed and discussed.

Do we as Brittany owners believe in and support our breed, or do we just talk? Review your **American Brittany** and judge for yourself. Look for the American Field Championship title, signifying wins over All pointing breeds, not just Brittany trials held under A.F. rules. Not very many are there?

Some may feel that the Am. Fld. Championship means little, but I for one dislike having my Brittany considered second rate to any breed.

As a newcomer to dogs, trialing, and the Brittany, I may be ignorant of some facts known to those more experienced, but I'll ask the question anyway.

Why don't all those Dual and Fld. Champions invade the Am. Fld. Pointer and Setter trials and take some of the recognition for the breed?

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QUALITY NOT QUANTITY

by Tom A. Hawk

Now is the time for clubs to decide upon their criteria for the number of entries accepted at their trials. If the entries at recent trials are any example it is time for us to decide whether we want quality or quantity.

Perhaps it would be well to examine a club's reasons for accepting an overly large entry. Is it greed or just ignorance? There are a few (very few) clubs who are set up with the grounds capable of efficiently handling a large entry and to this type of club a large hurrah! Unfortunately the vast majority of clubs have been accepting large entries without being able to handle them in a manner conducive to a well run trial. Many of them finish their trials by the grace of God and the forbearance of their fellow field trialers.

This is not the way to make friends and influence people. It makes for shortened tempers and dissatisfied entrants.

A club that accepts 21 braces of Open and 22 braces of Derby on the same grounds are just asking for trouble. There are any number of ways a stake can be held up due to causes beyond the control of the field trial committee. What happens when a fog rolls in at dawn and lasts to 11:00 or the horses don't show until 8:30 and still need to be saddled, or a thunderstorm with hail in the middle of the afternoon, or the man who has dogs in 2 stakes that are running simultaneously, or on and on and on.

This does not even count those trials who have accepted too many braces for the available grounds, thereby having to shorten courses. Not to mention the added expenses to the club of judges and horses. In the spring extra birds are sometimes impossible to obtain.

All this provides a club with the reputation for delays and for having a trial that is a sure bet not being able to leave before 5:00 on Sunday. This especially tickles those trialers who have a 7-9 hour drive home.

As more and more clubs join ABC with the resulting conflicts of dates those trials who are not considerate of the entrants can count on those entrants going elsewhere.

Now let us examine the most important aspect of this issue—the Judges. In order for a club to hold a quality stake it must obtain quality judges. A stake is no better than the man judging it.

When a club asks a man to sit in a hard unyielding saddle looking at dogs from sunup to sundown it sure isn't doing him any favor. He is doing the club a large service.

The majority of judges are not persons who spend enough time in the saddle to harden the proper muscles. After a few hours the aches ache. It is awfully hard to concentrate on dogs when a lot of you is screaming with the pain. Maybe not so much on Saturday, but look out Sunday!

If these judges are limiting themselves to one or two judging assignments per season, which trials will they choose? The club who sets a reasonable limit of say 17 braces per day or one that expects him to be there at sunup and sit in the saddle until sundown. Especially when that poor man must get up for work Monday morning with all the aches still with him.

For the man who has just finished his first field champion the offer to judge looks very flattering. But one wonders if he will be so anxious the next time they ask him to judge after a marathon in the saddle.

It is up to each club to decide for themselves whether they wish a trial that is large on quality or long on quantity.

THE DYE RATINGS

by Jessee Dye

Sept. 74 - March 75 Show Results	Points
1. Ch. Ffynant's Happy Time	379
2. Ch. Ffynant's Revelation	179
3. Ch. Red's Revenge	97
4. Ch. Jacque's Prince Valiant	53
5. Ch. Sequani Goes Tuways	19
6. Ch. Gakenheimer's Chocolate Chip	18
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FLAT LAND MULE

by Rick Rickerson

It was the second beautiful day of the West Texas Brittany Club's spring field trial. Our hero was Johnny Brown—Sunland's club president had journeyed down from New Mexico to trial his running Derby dog.

Now field trialers have a lot of pride in their dogs, but as everyone knows they also like to show off their mounts. I arrived late and hurried to secure a horse for the next brace of dogs about to kick off. There wasn't a horse in sight. I caught Johnny's attention as he disappeared onto the course and he called back to me, "Saddle that mule in my trailer and come on out!" I'm no great horseman, and then I'm not old enough to claim that I've plowed with those things either. And one look into the trailer at that kicking, biting, screeching, bag of gray hair convinced me that the only way he would come out would be for me to exorcise the trailer. I declined.

After the brace Johnny calmly removed the little creature from the trailer, saddled him and mounted for the next brace. I tried not to show my disbelief. The only animals who seemed to be concerned about the whole affair were thirty dogs in the area, most of the horses in the gallery, and me. Fortunately due to the tension of the moment, the judges, handlers, and dogs in the brace had not noticed this activity.

This fine single course in San Angelo has a variety of terrin, not to mention a narrow, rather steep-sided dry creekbed which dogs and horses must negotiate twice before entering the birdfield. I rode beside Johnny as we followed the gallery around the course.

"All this little mule needs is ridin'." We made the first turn. "A good walkin' mule is smoother than any horse; look at my butt, it's hardly movin'." We approached the creekbed and Johnny fell back to the rear as we descended, then climbed out of the depression. "A mule is alot more sure footed than a horse, he took that draw like a goat." The dogs took on water at the edge of the lake. "A man could ride this animal all day and never feel a thing." The creek was coming up again as the dogs, refreshed, raced far out and across leaving the gallery behind. "The only thing wrong with this little mule is that he doesn't like to be in behind; he's rather get out in front of the horses."

My six year old son, who was riding double with me, held on tightly as we worked our way down the side of the bank and up the other. I could hear the little mule clambering down the steep descent. Then there was a moment of silence, followed by the sound of hooves coming down hard on firmly packed earth, and that was followed by another sound which did not register immediately with me. "Somebody stop that mule! He-e-e-y! Get that mule!" It all became clear to me rather quickly. I had already been assured that a mule was smarter than a horse, so why would a mule be stupid enough to walk all the way down one side and all the way up the other side when one good leap could get him across in half the time and with half the effort?

I got my horse in front of him and headed him down into an area where he wouldn't disturb the handlers and dogs in the birdfield. There the job began. Johnny, a bit disheveled but built to take it, collected his pride and joined us within minutes. After forty-five minutes of coaxing, scheming, and conniving, we still had not been able to capture the rascal. neither Johnny nor I could get within six feet of him on horseback or on foot. I could no longer deny, mules are smart. Finally with incredible ease my small son walked right up to him, picked up the dangling reins and led him to Johnny whose slack jaw expressed no less amazement than mine.

The only other comment I heard about the mule that day was, and I'm not sure but I think it was to himself, "He goes good in the open, he goes good down, he goes good up, but he just don't go good across! I think I'll be taking me a FLAT LAND MULE to the auction when I get home . . . !"

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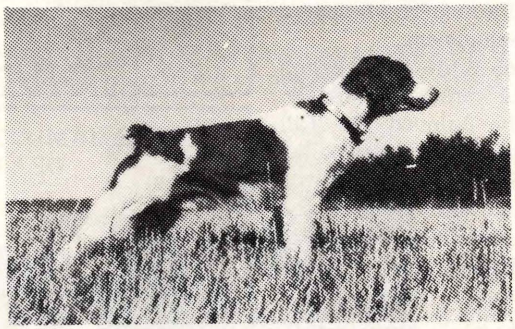
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THE MIRACLE

by Jim White

For those of us who attend the major circuit field trial events in our plantation quail country a great change has been taking place that a few of our Brittany owners ever observe. Just look at the reports in **The American Field**: 81 coveys in one day at the Masters Championship near Albany, Georgia; 81 coveys in one day at the Continental Derby Championship; 103 coveys in one day at the Georgia-Florida Invitational near Thomasville, Ga. and just this past January, 134 coveys in less than eight hours at the Continental Open Championship near Quitmen, Ga. That's right!!!!! One hundred and thirty four separate and distinct wild coveys in one day (see American Field, Feb. 22, 1975).

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Many of our regional clubs must depend on public lands and state run field trial grounds to conduct their local trials. None that I have seen are using the newest in management techniques that have been so thoroughly proven in the South. The poor populations of wild birds on most of these grounds bear stark testimony to this. Perhaps the time has come for our regional field trialers to demand action from local wildlife officials. Money is not always a good excuse. In many cases the newer methods are cheaper than methods now being used, but bureaucrats have a long history of resistance to new ideas. The techniques are proven. The information is free. The time to wake up is now.

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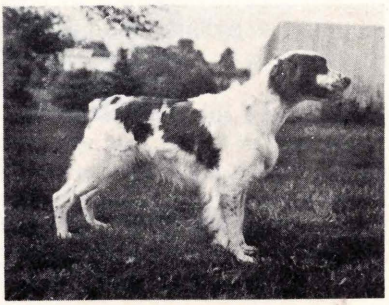
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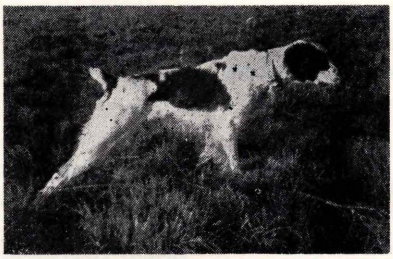
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HIP DYSPLASIA

by Dr. Robert T. Laughery, D. V. M.

The problem of hip dysplasia is now becoming a very common problem in the Brittany. As a veterinarian, I see the breed in a position of serious degeneration. Various studies of CHD in various breeds show that in some areas the condition affects from 25% to 40% of the Brittanies radiographed. Some of these studies have used in excess of 500 Brittanies as the basis of the study sample. I caution those people who have been lucky and have had sound or apparently sound Brittanies. Don't be lulled into a sense of false security, thinking the condition does not exist because you have not seen it.

It has been my observation as a practicing veterinarian that many of the dogs that are dysplastic are able to lead a near normal life if the dog is never worked. By virtue of his size, and in many cases very limited field work, many of the affected dogs never show pain. His owner assumes that the dog is normal and the stiffness after light work is "aging". The owner assumes that the dog is free of pain. If Ol' Britt is getting lame after a day's hunt, or if he is not running like he did as a puppy or derby, the subtile signs of hip dysplasia may be showing.

As a member of the ABC and the Idaho Brittany Club, I have come into contact with some of the West Coast's leading Trial enthusiasts. I have heard talk of dogs that looked great as puppies, only to shorten as derbies and finally be discarded before becoming all-age because of loss of fun. I have yet to hear one of these conversations mention CHD as a possible reason.

I have been shocked by the seemingly indifference of some of the owners and breeders of Brittanies who state, "So what if we have dysplasia in the breed and a dog is only able to hunt for two years. That is all he was meant to have anyway." "I'm not going to X-ray until I get a dog that will run." "Ol' Britt got his back hurt as a youngster, and that is the reason he's lame." "I can't afford to X-ray my breeding stock."

I have watched many breeders of dogs, not only Brittanies, but also many breeds, obtain a correct diagnosis of a genetic disease from a veterinarian, only to go ahead and breed the faulted animals in spite of the recommendations given. In the case of known problems, why perpetuate the genetic or familial trait? Intense research at the biochemical level is looking for most answers to CHD. Surgery is able to solve the problem for most individuals affected by the disease. The answer to the problem is still a long way off, but until we get the answer let us use the tools of radiographic identification, certification, and selective breeding of free dogs to help keep control of the problem until we get the answer to complete control.

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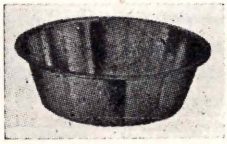
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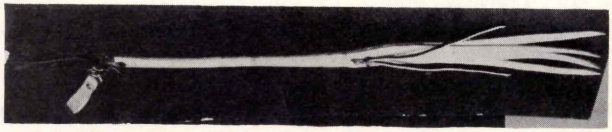
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by Dicie Speck

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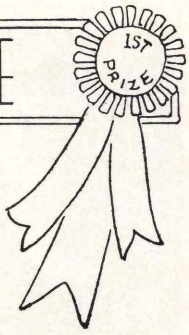
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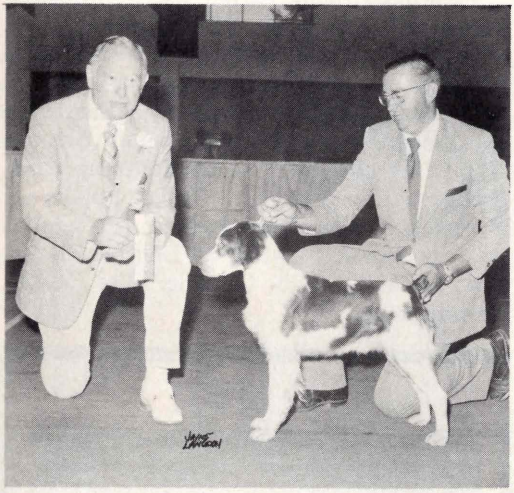
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19,20	Upper New York	West. Michigan	Grtr. Milwaukee		
26,27	Cent. New England	Pennsylvania	Badger	Ringneck	
May 3,4	Hudson Valley		Minnesota		
10,11	East. New England			Nebraska 9	
17.18	Del-Val			Hawkeye	

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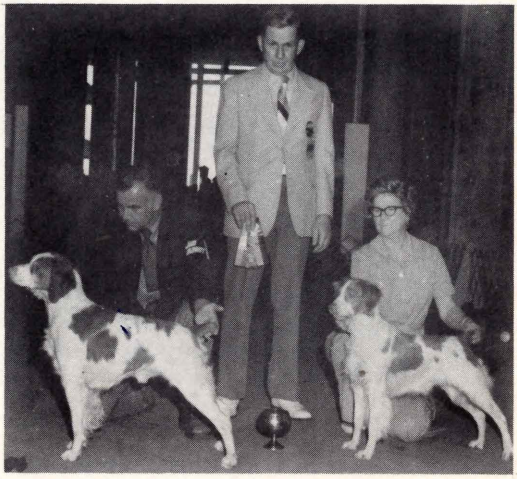


Ch. Raider's Blue Ridge Rocket, OFA SB811, shown winning his first major as Best of Winners under judge Everrett Metzger at Roseburg, Oregon September, 1974. Rocket has been handled by Frank Housky, but was assisted by Dave Schneider in this particular show. Rocky was finished in a little over two months, coming from the Open Class three times, competing against Specials, to take Best of Breed. He also went BOB at Golden Gate Kennel Club's benched show this February.

Rocky has had limited field trial experience, but has both Derby placements as well as Puppy points and placements. He was entered in six trials as a pup with five placements, two of them firsts. Hopefully he will be ready to compete in adult stakes this fall.

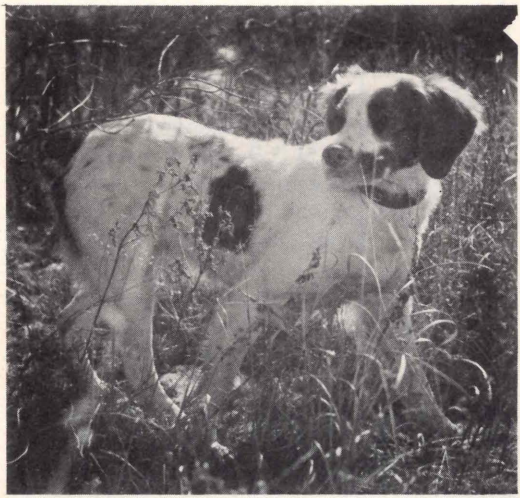
Rock is a pleasing combination of the "Trooper" and "Gringo de Britt" lines. Trooper was his paternal grandfather while Gringo the maternal grand dad.

We are proud to announce that **Field Ch. Nehls Little Bits** completed his Dual Championship on Dec. 1, 1974 at the Boardwalk K.C. show in Atlantic City, N.J. with a 4 point major and B.O.B. Of the 12 shows he was in, he took 3 majors, 2 B.O.B. and 3 Reserve Dog. His most outstanding win was a 5 point major on Oct. 4th at the Susquehanna Specialty Show, where he also took 1st place in the Field Trial Class. He was handled very successfully by Judith Tighe of Hope, N.J. an Amateur handler and very dear friend. Bits was OFA certified on Jan. 9, 1975. We hope to return him to the field in the Spring.



Ch. Redgy of Little Egypt going Best of Breed and daughter **Scarlet O'Hara** (20 Months) Best of Opposite to complete her championship at Clearwater, Fla., Jan. 10, 1975. Redgy had a nearly fatal attack of heart worms and was retired last June for 7 months after winning the breed at both Westminster and the International. He won 4th in group at

Wheaton 6/8 and 3rd at Michiana 6/9 before entering Purdue Small Animal Hospital on 6/10. Redgy was chosen by Dog World magazine as"the Ideal Brittany Spaniel" to represent his breed for their standards Issue in June of 1974. He was No. 4 on the Phillips rating system for the first six months of 1974 and No. 5 on the Kennel Review rating system for the entire year. He was only shown 4 months due to his illness. He was started out again on Jan. 4, 1975 at Agathon KC, Massillon, Ohio where he took the breed and 2nd in group. He has 7 Best of Breed wins this year and took 4th in the group at Muncie KC 2/2/75, which gives him 10 group placements.

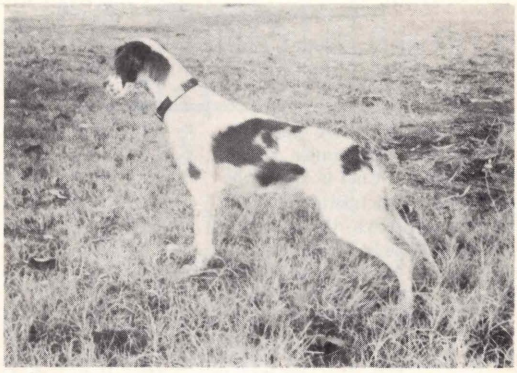


REGIONAL TRIAL WINS **SPRING, 1975**

Texas Coastal Brittany Club February 1,2, 1975	2nd pl. Amat All-Age
Lone Star Brittany Club February 22,23, 1975	2nd pl. Limited All-Age
Fort Worth Brittany Club February 22,23, 1975	1st pl. Limited All-Age
	2nd pl. Open All-Age
West Texas Brittany Club March 1,2, 1975	1st pl. Open All-Age
Southern Kansas Brittany Club March 8-10, 1975	1st pl. Open All-Age
	1st pl. Amat. All-Age

1st Place Wins—4
2nd Place Wins—3

These Are The First Five Regional Trials Dolly Was Entered In This Spring.



Millette's Orange Parfait was a consistent winner at the fall trials. She began with a 4th in Puppy in Oregon, again 4th in Idaho, 1st in Derby at Golden Empire, 1st in Derby at Northern California, 3rd in Derby at San Diego and 2nd in Derby at So. San Joaquin. She was "Dual Dog" for So. Nevada Brittany Club. Parfait is by Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks ex Millette's Painted Lady; trained and handled by Jack Brooks; owned by Don Girard and Bev Millette, 2399 Cascade, Las Vegas, Nevada 89122.

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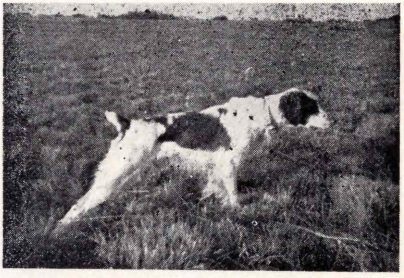
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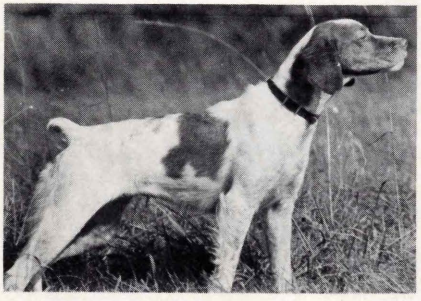
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1st—Open All Age—Midwest	56 entries
1st—Open All Age—No. Okla.	65 entries
1st—Open All Age—Ft. Worth	50 entries
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1974 Texas Open Champion
1974 National Championship—2nd
1974 National Quail Classic—2nd

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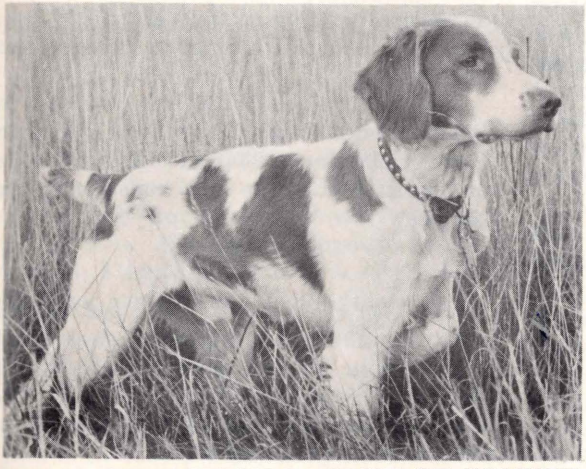
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Ed's note: We want to thank all the clubs who have sent in their bulletins, allowing us to glean the following happenings around the country.

NORTH JERSEY

The North Jersey annual Club Championship was held on Dec. 8, 1974. Jim Stull and Denes Burjan did yoeman duty judging in the pouring rain. They crowned Harry Warshefski's F.C. Chando's White Lightnin' the 1974 Champion. Second was F.C. Briarpatch's Dr. Zachary (Cash), third—F.C. Dakota Lawman (Stankewicz) and fourth was Ginger (Nehls). This will be a memorable stake for Jersey because out of ten dogs run there were three generations of Jersey bred and owned Field Champions. The winner, Lightenin', her dam, F. C. Dixie's Pennies Worth (Grauser) and her grandsire, F.C. Evok's Big Duffy (Murphy). Both Penny and Duffy had been previous Club Champions.

The Novice Stake, followed with six braces, first going to John Grauser's Candy, second to Murphy's Garfink'l, third to Bovich's Jill and Fourth to Ross' Samantha.

The climax of the day was a very jolly Powder Puff Stake captured by Audrey Cash running old Lucky Jester.

Dual Ch. Sequani des Collines won the North Jersey Dual Dog Award for 1974!

WASHINGTON

The WBC is unique in that emphasis is placed on involving the entire family. A good deal of this emphasis is placed on the youngsters and their skill in the show ring and field. Several years ago it was felt that the youngsters should steward their program and this year Rob Porter chairmaned the field and Chris Oppie handled the show duties. Competition is held at the May, June and July fun trials. Points are awarded based on placement and number of entrants. The final placements for the 1974 season are:

SHOW
1st — Chris Oppie
2nd — Robbie Porter
3rd — John Starkweather
4th — Pamela Oppie

FIELD
1st — Robbie Porter
2nd — John Starkweather
3rd — Chris Oppie
4th — Mike Sutton

DUAL
1st — Robbie Porter
2nd — Chris Oppie
3rd — John Starkweather
4th — Pamela Oppie

Congratulations to all of the youngsters who competed with special congratulations to the over all winners.

In the Northwest Field Trial Council's recent 1974 "Dog of the Year" Awards, Dual Ch. Way-Kan Bing, owned by Mel and Art Stavik ranked 6th, followed by Dual Ch. Jacolet Pride, owned by Ken and Erin Jacobson in 7th place. 4,762 dogs competed in all stakes for "Dog of the Year" in 37 trials held in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Canada.

Dual Ch. Jacolet Pride was awarded the Washington Brittany Club's Dual Dog of the Year title for 1974 based on points accumulated in shows and trials throughout the year.

TAR HEEL

The Tar Heel Brittany Folks got together on October 12 for their 3rd annual shoot-to-kill trial. In spite of a warm day at the R & R Shooting Preserve near Charlott, N. C., good scenting conditions existed as there was an abundance of good bird work.

This is a fun event primarily for the non-trailing dogs and handlers. Placements are given on the basis of the dogs the judges would most like to take hunting. A premium is placed on retrieving and on this day the dogs were working quail, chuckar and pheasant. Three stakes were run. The closed derby and the closed gun dog were for club members and Brittanies only. Only Brittanies with no prior

placements in licensed trial were eligible. The open gun was open to all breeds, members and non-members alike.

Our judges, who also served as gun barriers, deserve a special thanks. Mr. J. V. Robinson and Mr. Robert Sanders judged the closed Brittany stakes with Mr. G. W. Patrick and Mr. Shore Neal deciding the open event.

We are ever grateful to G. W. and Linda Clontz, Weston and Charlotte Brooks for the fine job they did in putting on this event. G. W. and Linda prepared barbecue chicken with all the trimmings thus lunch was one of the highlights of the day.

RESULTS:

Closed Derby
1st — Charlie Nicolet—Jack Sipe
2nd — Randy Beau Tye—Bill Daniels
3rd — Knox Sampson Pride—Leighton Todd

Closed Gun Dog
1st — Hoss Brandy—Jack Sipe
2nd — Brande Holley Haven—George Knox
3rd — Buff—Norman Melton

Open Gun Dog
1st — Tad-pointer—J. V. Robinson
2nd — Bob-pointer—Jack Hainey
3rd — Scott-Brittany—Norman Melton

ILLINOIS

Neven's Cheyenne Sue did quite well at the Illinois Fun MMatch on Sept. 29. She was Best Young Puppy (under 6 mos.). Best Puppy in the Show, and Best of Opposite Sex. She was only 5½ mos. old at the time. She is owned by Gene Salmons of Liberty, Illinois.

MINNESOTA

This was the first year the club gave awards to the top dogs of the club. The Best Junior Handler went to Karen Heinel for her work in all three fields of dogdom.

Top show dog was Ch. Skipper's Saxon Missy owned by the Juuls. Missy accumulated over 1300 pts. by finishing her title and then making 14 BOS and 2 BOB. The Juuls also own the top field dog, Ch. Jacques Tinkerbelle who accumulated over 200 pts. with her six trial placements this year.



Karen Heinel — 10 yrs.
Nor Star's Rendezvous Annie

MO-VALLEY MIDLANDS INTERNATIONAL CHICKEN CLASSIC

by Nick Piper

The Midlands International Chicken Classic, sanctionned by The American Field, was held on September 3-4, on the James Taylor Ranch at Burwell, Nebraska. Some of the courses extended onto the Floyd Taylor Ranch, giving us a total of nearly 32,000 acres to run. The weather was superb, the Chickens were in abundance, the grounds were almost unbelievable, and the hospitality extended by the Taylors will not soon be forgotten. Mrs. Taylor prepared some fantastic meals, that were served picnic style on the course. Special thanks should go to Lloyd Budd, who spent many hours working out the courses, making all the arrangements with the Taylors, and acting as tour guide in an area where 30 minutes on horseback puts you out of sight of anything that reminds you of anyplace. Another hearty thanks to our Judges, Yogi Barthólomew of Ainsworth, NNebraska, and Ben Parr of Pratt, Kansas.

The Judges, the Professional Handlers, and all the gallery were most impressed with the grounds, and the fact that we moved nearly 200 birds in thirteen braces. We feel that we have the potential for one of the truly fine trials in the country.

WINNER: Suzabob's Razzle Dazzle
Handler—Marc Appleton
Owner: S. M. Stapinski
RUNNER—UP: Greg's Tigre Britt
Handler—Lloyd Budd
Owner: Greg Henrey

BOOK REVIEW

by Ted Parker

PART II — BOOKS ON TRAINING FIELD TRIAL POINTING DOGS

This is the second part of a two part review of several of the books now in print concerning the training of pointing dogs. The first part dealt with some books obviously dedicated to the training of hunting dogs only. This part deals with those books more appropriate for field trial training.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION OF THE POINTING DOG
For Hunting and Field Trials

Author: J. A. Sanchez Antunano
Publisher: American Field
Chicago, Ill.

This is a very old book, almost a classic. The author obviously knows his dogs, and for this alone, the book is worth while. The author popularized the spiked collar, which is often referred to as the J.A.S.A. Collar, and is still manufactured by the Hulan Leather Co. If you like pointing dogs, you should read this book. If you really intend to try to train a Brittany as described, be prepared to go through a lot of dogs, as few will be able to take the pressure. In addition, the author utilizes a command for control which could cause a lot of trouble in today's trials— the "drop" command. There simply must be the strong probability that if used, the dog will some day lay down on the job, so one would be advised to use this book for background information only as far as the Brittany is concerned. In that context, however, it is good reading. In addition, some of his training suggestions could be modified for use with a softer dog and could be of value. His explanation of the force retrieving process is detailed and thorough and would probably work, although there are better instructions on this method in other books.

HOW TO TRAIN HUNTING DOGS

Author: William F. Brown
Publisher: A. S. Barnes & Co.
Cranbury, N. J.
1942

Mr. Brown is a real authority on pointing dogs and for years has been the editor of **The American Field**. Basically, this is a good book to read very thoroughly, to think a lot about, but, outside of the field covering and patterning training, is not the best book available for training the Brittany. The value of this book to the novice in particular, is the generally well written comments and descriptions spread throughout the book on what a good pointing dog is supposed to do, and what he is supposed to look like while he is doing it. In the beginning of this series of reviews on training books, the opinion was expressed that a very important problem for the beginnner was to firmly establish what he wanted as an end product before setting out to create it. It is in this area that this book is exremely valuable to the novice field trialer. In addition, the detailed discussion of the curing of certain faults will be of value when pondering many of the strange problems which must certainly come about during the training process. In summary, this is an excellent background book; but it is not a very good cook book training aid for the Brittany owner.

TRAINING YOUR OWN BIRD DOG

Author: Henry P. Davis
Publisher: G. P. Putnam's Sons
New York, N. Y.
1969

This book is in much the same class as the book by William Brown. While it has a lot of old timers' reminiscences, and Mr. Davis really is an old timer in field trials and a very respected one at that, it does contain a lot of good things to think about and makes for interesting reading. It also is a good reference book when confronted with a problem, but again, a dog training cook book for the novice it is not.

POINTING DOG TRAINING
Especially for the Continental Breeds

Author: Nicky Bissell
Publisher: B. B. Supplies
Route 3, Box 14
Sherwood, Oregon

If you are new at the field trial or pointing dog game, you need this book. This book will get you off to a good start with the minimum of difficulty. It is outstanding in the early training department, while it lacks a bit in the details of the final breaking process. The important thing about this little book is that it was written by a person who knows the Brittany and the field trial game and has thought a great deal about it, annd unlike the other books discussed above, is unlikely to get the novice into such difficulty as to seriously inhibit the development of the dog, which it turns out, is quite easy to do. Through chapter five, dealing with the young dog, this is the best book this reviewer has seen for the Brittany. In fact, this is the only book the novice will really need until his dog is around eighteen months old; then he should buy the next one mentioned, if he already doesn't have it.

ALL THE ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT TRAINING POINTING DOGS

Author: Paul Long
Publisher: Capitol Bird Dog Enterprises
Slingerlands, New York
1974

The title of this book is rather all encompassing, and as stated at the outset of this two part review, this reviewer hasn't the background to ask many of the questions; however, with the possible exception of the earlier field experiences of the young dog which are covered very well in Nicky Bissell's little book, and the deliberate exclusion of detailed force retrieving methods, there is an excellent possibility that the title is very close to being correct.

There are simply a lot of fine points which only experience can provide, which are difficult for the novice to pick up rapidly. Many of these points are of the type which, after learning the hard way, one feels so stupid in not realizing right at the start; therefore, I cannot say, "if I had only thought of that in the first place, I would have saved a lot of difficulties", because one cannot tell just how much experience is required before the obvious is really obvious. But that is the way this book strikes this reviewer. Except for the part on the use of the electric shocker and the use of a dummy dog for backing training, by personal experience the techniques described in this book work and work well. The two parts mentioned probably do also— I just haven't tried them.

Mr. Long, by the way, is credited with developing Britt of Bellow Falls as well as many well known pointers and setters, and everything in this book has the ring of experience and practicality. This book is developed in the question and answer form consistent with the title, and there are few questions which are not answered about training a dog to be steady to wing and shot.

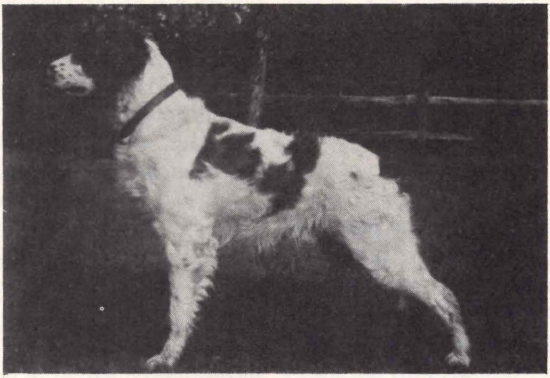
IN CONCLUSION

There are a lot of books available on the subject of training the pointing dog. Of the books surveyed by this reviewer only two are recommended as training aids, the two paper backed books by Nicky Bissell and Paul Long, respectively. There are many opinions with regard to training which can be very confusing to the novice, and many words of advice which might be appropriate had the novice sufficient experience to read between the lines, which naturally he doesn't. In the opinion of this reviewer, nothing is as important as getting a firm idea of what the ideal ennd product should be before embarking on a training program. This means simply, ride a lot of braces, ask a lot of questions, and develop a discerning eye for a good dog.

WHAT DID HE SAY?

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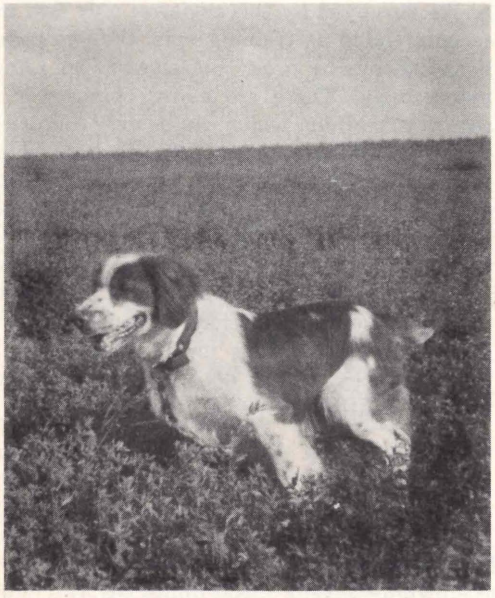
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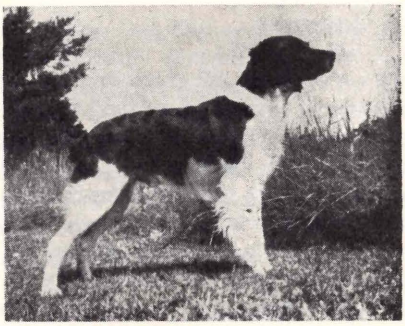
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Dam: Tres Bon de Summit

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SAHUARO
SPRING TRIAL

by Rob Grote

There's always an air of excitement on the first day of the season's first field trial as the old favorites are challenged by a new crop of talent, and nobody knows what to expect from the showdown. With temperatures in the teens overnight, this year's inaugural event started on a cold note. We found ourselves lighting fires under the water truck and dumping two inches of ice from the dog pans. It soon warmed up though when ol' Sol beamed his bright and welcome face over the horizon. We had ninety-three entries to run over the two Fort Huachuca courses, which seemed easy enough after considering we drew exactly one hundred more than that in August.

The first big showdown came in the Open All-Age where two young upstarts had the nerve to face off against Ricochet Trooper and Scipio Spinks—both veterans of some stature. This time it was a clearcut victory for youth. Friar Tuck's Maid Marian sizzled around the course, showing just often enough to prove she was out front, then disappearing over the next hill. When she reached the birdfield she settled down to the business of finding a bird, and that she did with perfect manners to clinch the Blue. This was a big and long awaited victory for club member John Webb, and it was a special treat to win at his own trial. Jack Brooks handled Mary and the second place upstart Kiley to edge out Ejner Lund's Ricky and the everpresent Scipio.

In the Open Gun Dog Jack scored another big one—this time with Ch. Britt du Blanche Happy defeating "Father Time" Faulkner's Reddy. These two were braced together, and both put on a fine show of Gun Dog expertise. Jack and Ejner were at it again as Brandy got the nod over Ejner's new threat, Kaycee's White Flash.

The judges could find only two dogs worthy of placement in the Amateur Gun Dog, and both were in contention for first. In the end, it was Little Dude of A.C. narrowly defeating Bobby Day's Friar Tuck. Al Strawn was pleased with this win, as it put Dude one point away from both his field and amateur titles. Bobby Patterson could take solace in his victory at the Friday night Specialty, which made Tuck Arizona's first (pending AKC confirmation) Dual Champ.

The Puppies showed their usual amounts of youthful energy combined with inexperience and immaturity. Overall, this was an especially young crop of pups, and the winner, Clowdy, was no exception. This was her first trial, and her proud owner, Bob Till, was ecstatic over winning points this quickly. Gene Spires handled the number two dog Barnaby Jones, while Jack Brooks took third and fourth with Cheri and Foxy.

The Derby stake was the last to finish and ended in a three dog callback for birdwork. The solid winner was Earl's First Socrates handled by Al Strawn. Socrates was the only placed dog that had birdwork during the course of his run. Dan, Penny, and Mag all responded with points in the callback series to earn their respective places.

In closing, we'd like to thank cast and crew for helping to stage another successful trial at Fort Huachuca; As usual, the Fort's Rod and Gun Club did a great job with the food concession, and for this alone they merit a lot of thanks. More importantly, we thank our judges Dorothy, Jim, Bruce and Wade for taking the time and effort to watch our dogs and pick the winners.

Puppy Stake—14 Entries

Judges: Bruce A. Ludwig, Wade Worrell

1—Big Valley's White Cloud, by Dual Ch. Bandee ex Gringo's Hot Too Molly. Owner & handler, Bob Till.

2—Barnaby Jones III, by Ch. Reynold's Sir Lancelot ex Trixie Anna. Owner, Emmert Rowland; handler, Gene Spires.

3—Beaujaw's Dublanche Cheri, by Ch. Britt Du Blanche Happy ex Patti Running Deer. Owner, Ted & Janet Parker; handler, Jack Brooks.

4—Scipio's Foxy Lady, by Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks ex Friar Tuck's Wish. Owner, Orelin DeHegy; handler, Jack Brooks.

Derby Stake—24 Entries

Judges: Wade Worrell, Bruce A. Ludwig

1—Earl's First Socrates, by Damson Bobby Rebel ex Miss Mini-T-Rebel. Owner, Earl Richardson; handler, Al. A. Strawn.

2—Al's Trikki Dan, by Dan De Dan ex Old Jax Ginger. Owner & handler, Al A. Strawn.

3—Bright Copper Penny, by Dual Ch. Buster Boy IV ex Elaine's Little Misty. Owner, J. R. McLaughlin; handler, Gene Spires.
4—Bluish Mags, by Fld. Ch. Jacolet Blue ex Friar Tuck's Wish. Owner & handler, Rob Grote.

Open All-Age Stake—26 Entries

Judges: Dorothy Macdonald, John J. Levy
1—Friar Tuck's Maid Marian, by Dual Ch. Bobby Day's Friar Tuck ex Magnum's Little Bet. Owner, John D. & Rachel Webb; handler, Jack Brooks.
2—Kiley, by Dual Ch. Killey ex Frenchman's Cimarron Cindy. Owner, Justin D. Denman; handler, Jack Brooks.
3—Dual Ch. Black Butte Ricochet Trooper, by Dual Ch. Lund's Trooper ex Ch. Star Raiser. Owner, Ejner & Gilda Lund; handler, E. Lund.
4—Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks, by Fld. Ch. Bazooka's Brandy ex W-Hume's Holliday Cindy. Owner, Arthur D. Smith; handler, Jack Brooks.

Amateur Gun Dog Stake—14 Entries

Judges: Bruce A. Ludwig, Wade Worrell
1—Little Dude of A C, by A C's Red ex A C's Jocko Jan. Owner & handler, Al Strawn.
2—Dual Ch. Bobby Day's Friar Tuck, by Dual Ch. Destry ex Ch. Mitchell's Delaine. Owner & handler, Bobby Day Patterson.
3—Withheld.
4—Withheld.

Gun Dog Stake—16 Entries

Judges: Dorothy Macdonald, John J. Levy
1—Ch. Britt Du Blanche Happy, by Dual Ch. Whimpy Du Blanche Happy ex Uno's Chief Embrheights Jewel. Owner, Janet R. & Ted C. Parker; handler, Jack Brooks.
2—Dual Ch. Faulkner's Reddy, by Dual Ch. Lund's Trooper ex Ch. Cindy of Bellflower. Owner, Ejner & Gilda Lund; handler, E. Lund.
3—Ch. Jeff's Tic Toc Brandy, by Dual Ch. Way-Kan Jeff ex Juchoir's MG. Owner, R. W. & S. Keely; handler, Jack Brooks.
4—Kaycee's White Flash, by Dual Ch. Faulkner's Reddy ex Ch. Kaycee, C.D. Owner & handler, Ejner Lund.

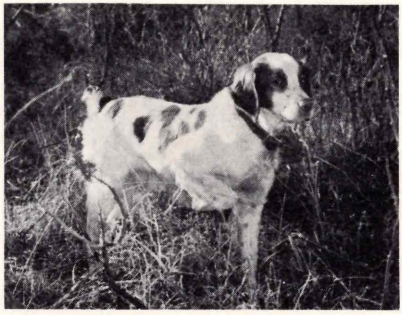
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SAN DIEGO

SPRING TRIAL

by Margaret Charles

The San Diego Brittany Club broke tradition and held their spring trial at Camp Pendleton. The weather was great! The mornings were frosty but by 10:00 o'clock the long-johns were being shed. It was down right hot by afternoon.

It would seem that the F.T. secretary's map left much to be desired. Lew Peck ended up calling for directions from a pool hall in Oceanside, while it took a military police escort to rescue and guide Jack Brooks to the site.

We finally got the show on the road at 7:30 a.m. Events ran smoothly, though two of our handlers bit the dust when their horses spooked. Luckily, only a few bruises resulted. Charlie Ayres was thrown by a spooky camp chair and hurt his dignity.

Our judges, Dan Buster, Jesse Wells, Rod Almstrom and Mike Kuykendall had their work cut out for them with 113 dogs to judge. But as usual, they carried on with their usual competence. Dan Buster announced the winners in the Open All-Age and gave a run down on each dog's performance. However, our other judges were less eloquent and left the announcements to the F.T. secretary.

The female members of the SDBC (who else?) kept trialers supplied with lunch both Saturday and Sunday while Don Gordon kept the coffee pot full and plenty of doughnuts to dunk.

The SDBC hosted a cocktail party Saturday evening followed by a steak dinner. I didn't think it possible, but George Granlee's steaks went from superb to superlative.

The Open All-Age kicked off at 7:30 a.m. Saturday with 13 braces. First place went to Chieftan's Little Dingo who had the hardest going performance and a perfect all-age run and range. Second place went to Black Butte Ricochet Trooper with 4 stylish finds in the bird field. Trooper had excellent range and handled superbly. Christopher of Mesa placed third with above average range and superb style on his one find. Fourth place went to Friar Tuck's Wish who performed with good application and had 2 stylish finds.

The Puppy stake which opened with 9 braces was a delight to watch. All four placements ran consistently all the way. Tex of Tucson, who placed first, just ran a little better and hunted more than his fellow placements. Scipio's Foxy Lady placed second, Zepplin's Almanac came in third with Honee de Britt placing fourth.

The Open Derby (12 braces) placements all had good strong runs. Their bird work was the determining factor. Beauchamp's Tache de Son, first place dog, was "all over the place", and had 1 good find. Bluish Mags placed second with 2 birds. Third place dog was John's Tag Along Too with 1 bird and Rocky Road placed fourth.



Christopher of Mesa

The Open Gun Dogs (11 braces) ran and hunted like the seasoned dogs they are. Big runs, solid finds and superb handling was the order of the day. First place went to Heidi Von Greiwe, second place to Blick Von Shinback's Shawn, Faulkner's Reddy placed third, with Kaycee's White Flash placing fourth.

The Amateur All-Age with 13 braces saw many of the same dogs competing. There was nothing amateurish about the way they ran or handled their bird work. From where I stood they all looked great. Blick Von Shinback's Shawn took first place, Kimball's Star Jack placed second with Rebel's Banner Britt placing third and Sir Skeeter of Nye coming in fourth.

A word of congratulations to Sal Satallante who finished Skeeter the following weekend with a first in an Open Gun Dog Stake, subject to AKC approval.

Our thanks to our judges, participants and the many willing hands who helped make the trial a success.

Open Puppy—18 Entries

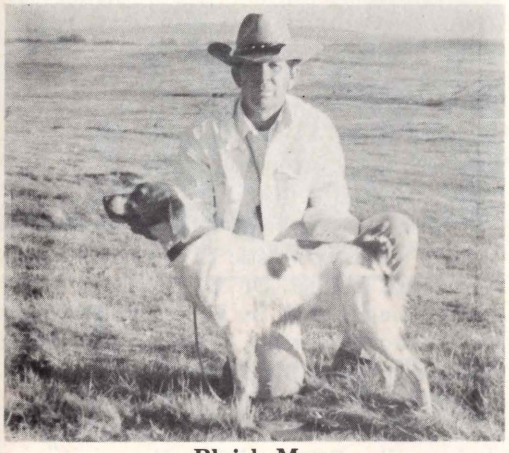
Judges: R. Almstrom, Michael Kuykendall

1—Tex of Tucson, by Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks ex Friar Tuck's Wish. Owner, Charles & Marge Ayres; handler, Jack Brooks.

2—Scipio's Foxy Lady, by Fld. Ch. Scipio Spinks ex Friar Tuck's Wish. Owner, Orelin De Hegy; handler, Jack Brooks.

3—Zeppelin's Almanac by Dual Ch. & Amat. Ch. Gringo de Britt ex Russ-Boys Dandy Duchess. Owner, Mike & Debbie Banks; handler, Mike Banks.

4—Honee De Britt, by Dual Ch. Gringo de Britt ex Ch. Rebel's Banner Britt.



Bluish Mags

Open Derby—24 Entries

Judges: Rodney Almstrom, M. Kuykendall

1—Beauchamps Tache de Son, by Running King ex Roni of Bellflower. Owner James H. Bivins; handler, James H. Bivins.

2—Bluish Mags, by Fld. Ch. Jacolet Blue ex Friar Tuck's Wish. Owner, Rob Grote; handler, Rob Grote.

3—John's Tag Along Too, by Tag Along V ex Cavaliers Tinker Bell. Owner, John Morrison; handler, John Morrison.

4—Rocky Road, by Chien Lui ex Ch. Dahlheim's Christy CD. Owner, Gene & Sue Dodge; handler, Gene Dodge.

Open All-Age—25 Entries

Judges: Jesse Wells, Dan Buster

1—Fld. Ch. Chieftan' Little Dingo, by Chief of Diamonds ex Damita De La Cazaria. Owner, Isaac E. Vigil; handler, Jack Brooks.

2—Dual Ch. & Amat. Ch. Black Butte Ricochet Trooper, by D. C. Lund's Trooper ex Ch. Star Raiser. Owner, Ejner & Gilda Lund; handler, Ejner Lund.

3—Christopher of Mesa, by Ravenswood Copper Deacon ex Suere Paupefe. Owner, L. O. Peck; handler, L. O. Peck.

4—Friar Tuck's Wish, by Fld. Ch. Boddy Day's Friar Tuck ex Magnum's Little Bet. Owner & handler, Bob Grote.

Open Gun Dog—22 Entries

Judges: Jesse Wells, Dan Buster

1—Heidi Von Greiwe (GSP) by Seagraves Dutch V. Chayne ex Sierra V. Greif. Owner, Donald R. Ridler; handler, Donald R. Fidler.

2—Blick's Von Shinback's Shawn (GSP).

3—Dual Ch. & Amat. Ch. Faulkner's Reddy by Dual Ch. Lund's Trooper ex Ch. Cindy of Bellflower. Owner, Ejner & Gilda Lund; handler, Ejner Lund.

4—Kaycee's White Flash, by Dual Ch. & Amat. Ch. Faulkner's Reddy ex C. Kaycee CD. Owner & handler, Ejner Lund.

Amateur All-Age—26 Entries

judges: R. Almstrom, Michael Kuykendall

1—Blick Von Shinbacks's Shawn (GSP).

2—Fld. Ch. Kimball's Atar Jack by Edandet Corkey ex Leeway's Ferdline Penny. Owner & handler, A. K. Marsh.

3—Rebel's Banner Britt by Dual Ch. Colorado's Yankee Timber ex Brandy Anne. Owner, Leslie Young & Warren E. Butler; handler, Warren E. Butler.

4—Sir Skeeter of Nye, by Chip of Sharam ex Nicollet Dona Diego. Owner & handler, Sal Satallante.

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SOONER
SPRING TRIAL

by Bo Guest

We missed a number of our friends at our spring trial on March 14-16, but truthfully, it was quite a relief to run it without a continuous hurry, hurry. It rained, as usual, but only one day. The grounds were wet enough to bog a snipe, but not us intrepid field trialers. We just went slishy sloshy, and found some birds.

Marc Appleton sort of made a shambles of the Derby stake, leaving only third place open for Dr. Young, and in addition to that, he tooted the whistle over Tall Oaks Bandolero for a first place which tied the record of 11 first places by a puppy, and with several trials left, the record looks very insecure. Tina Champagne had by far the best bird work of the stake and enough race to lock it up. The other dogs had more like a "hesitation" on their game. Lots of race, though.

Perry's Rustic Prince and Mac Ago Go had keen competition for the All-Age stake. Mac had a dandy find, deep in the brush at the lake's edge, but Prince's one find and a fine race gave him the blue. Each placed dog had one find.

Way Kan Taffy's almost perfect race and a good find put her on top of the Amateur. B.B's Miss Frittsi had a find and a back in the heavy cover on the back side for the second spot. Speed Dusty Wind had a good race and one find.

The Puppy stake was a real good one, which is fine stuff, for it looks like the breed is still improving.

It was over all a good trial. Just a small break here and there, and the results could have been very different, for some dogs with top races went birdless, or handled them poorly. No less than twelve in the All-Age could have shook it up, with four or five Derbies, and most of the Amateur dogs just needed a little luck, or a little bird.

Some forty-one guests attended our Saturday night dinner, and we were honored to have ABC President Dr. C. T. Young, and his First Lady, Linda, and ABC Sec. & magazine editor, Joy Watkins, and her First Gentleman, Jerry. Maybe it should be "her only gentleman, Jerry."

Puppy Stake—22 Entries

Judges: Jim Palmer, Ike Zamrzla

1—Tall Oaks Bandolero, by Bandee ex Princess de Sandra. Owner, Leon York; handler, Marc Appleton.

2—Sam, by Goldtone Duke ex Tip Top Susiana. Owner, J. E. Leverich; handler, Frank Roach.

3—Chapin's Ragin Sage, by Dusty's Shining Chevalier ex Gypsy Serenada. Owner, Henry Ruth; handler, Lyle Johnson.

4—Ace High Heckle, by Perry's Rustic Prince ex Hello Dolly Miss Kaer. Owner and handler, Ralph J. Swaim.

Derby Stake—22 Entries

Judges: Don Wood, Gary Reid

1—Oakenshield's Tina Champagne, by Hi Spirit Bazooka's Pistol ex Bayou's Evening Shadow. Owner, Mark & Margellen Wright; handler, Marc Appleton.

2—Tall Oaks Bandolero, see above.

3—Son D's Jinny Gin Ginger, by Paul of Leeway's Red ex Mystic II. Owner, Young & Carpenter; handler, Dr. C. T. Young.

4—Shooting Star II, by Lecar's White Smoke ex Goldtone's Sukey. Owner, Dr. David Flesher; handler, Marc Appleton.

Open All-Age Stake—41 Entries

Judges: Jim Palmer, Julian Noland

1—Perry's Rustic Prince, by Tuway's Kaymore Jack ex Bard de Witt. Owner, L. L. May; handler, Rick Smith.

2—Mac Ago Go, by Stupendous ex Bonine Birdie Star. Owner, D. W. Dawson; handler, Lyle Johnson.

3—Lost River Copper Diggins, by Country Cousin Lost River ex Tres Centava. Owner and handler, Harold Brown.

4—Le Car's Way Kan Lil, by Way Kan Fritts ex La Pitt Lisa. Owner, L. L. May; handler, Lyle Johnson.

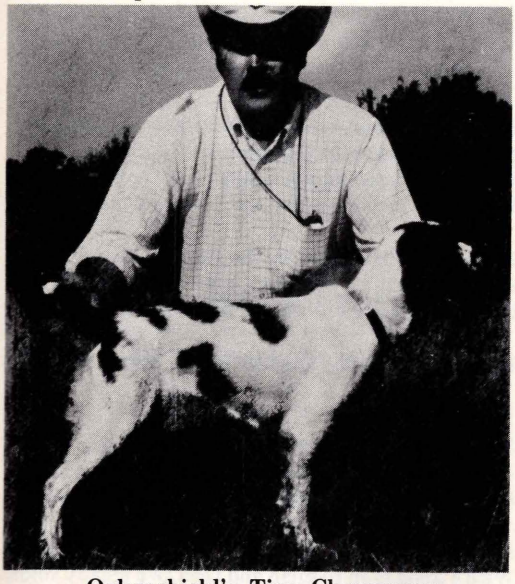
Amateur All-Age Stake—20 Entries

Judges: Don Wood, C. A. Springfield

1—Way Kan Taffy, by Rusty O'Dee ex Big Prairie Jill. Owner, Gary Beasley; handler, Francis Clasen.

2—B.B's Miss Frittsi, by Way Kan Fritts ex Trooper's BB. Owner & handler, Tom Fife.

3—Speed Dusty Wind, by Hurri Cain Dusty ex Jaylews Windy. Owner and handler, Richard Loughridge.
4—Kris's Dandy Magic Muff, by Magic Muff Heckle ex Jaylews Windy. Owner and handler, R. C. Phillips.



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LONE STAR SPRING SAGA

by Carol Brown

Howdy, partners, set a spell
And listen at us while we tell
You all about this here spring trial
As it was held with mucho style.

For three whole days in February
Native and liberated quail had nary
A mite of sleep. Now, this is true
Cause five whole stakes came passing thru.

Club members' faces looked sure nuf lean.
No end to the number of entries wuz seen.
Them L.B.J. Grasslands are mighty durn spacious.
But, 143 dawgs! My goodness. My gracious.

This here Texas weather could sure boost a kite,
Two days blowin' cold and then one jest right.
All six of them judges 'peared downright willin',
And the competition proved a tad might thrillin'.

Come Saturday morn' them broncs were sure pitchy.
The first braces down wuz gettin' right itchy.
So, let em all rip! We're settin' on go
To tell the true tale of this here dawg show.

The Open All-Age done hit the chute.
Mac A Go Go didn't need no boot.
Found standing by scout, his relocation was true,
Then he rolled through that cover to take the big blue.

Digger took second and hunted with guile.
He had two nice finds that he handled with style.
Star found them quail all over the place,
And Muff had his bird and an outstanding race.

The big puppy stampede wuz fired up and bold.
Tall Oaks Bandolero was a sight to behold.
He 'bout ran plumb off that lil' single course,
And, bless be Marc's heart, he hollered hisself hoarse.

Sandy Lee lassoed two with a race that was snappy.
This spunky little filly lit round there right happy.
Trooper Will took the third with plenty of dash,
And fourth went to Sandy's brother,
that busy Jack Flash.

The Derbies wuz ready all hell bent for leather.
Again Bandelero had it all put together.
That brush popping youngster with the spirited run
Wuz called back on a bird and jest took number one.

Here comes Hi Flyer in the number two spot.
Bucking hard to the front, this feller's right hot.
Brandy's Moustache tickled all with the big frontal run.
Holly Des Collines cinched fourth and the Derby wuz done.

Now, that Amateur winner took his flings to the front.
Heavy cover, birdy draws, all them things he did hunt.
Muff then hits the birdfield and sure nuf unwinds
With a good stop to flush and then two steady finds.

Momma Chan ran 'round good, found two birds and wuz "showin."
Cinderella pegged a couple, had a nice way a-goin'.
Bonine's Speck stopped to flush and nailed three birds with glee,
And the best Amateur handler went to our J. B. Lee.

The Limited romped last with a whoop and a holler,
Rustic Prince set a pace that no other could foller.
Had a dawggone good find and never did tire.
He burned up those grasslands like a prairie brush fire.

Hello Dolly won the red with the bit in her teeth,
She shared a divided find to her handler's relief.
Ringo finished clean, a nice effort he did make.
Lloyd's Ruff had a class find to finish this big stake.

Stoney's field trial committee's done wore out and beat.
Most of the gallery wuz rubbing their seat.
The judges agreed with what did the best,
And the sun was a settin' way out in the west.

So's time to unsaddle them weary old plugs.
Now's the right time to pass 'round them jugs,
To close weary eyes, and let's all pretend
There ain't another saga comin' up next weekend.

Puppy Stake—28 Entries

Judges: David Andrews, Jim Falkner

1—Tall Oaks Bandolero, by Bandee ex Princess De Sandra. Owner, Leon York; handler, Marc Appleton.

2—Stanacres Sandy Lee, by Perry's Rustic Prince ex Hello Dolly Miss Kaer. Owner, S. M. Stapinski; handler, Marc Appleton.

3—Ravera's Revel Trooper Will, by Dual Ch. Gringo De Britt ex Bon Coeur Cher of Jock & Jill. Owner and handler, Raymond V. Morris.

4—Jack Flash, by Perry's Rustic Prince ex Hello Dolly Miss Kaer. Owner, Lester May; handler, Marc Appleton.

Derby Stake—20 Entries

Judges: Jon Anderson, Ray L. Roberts

1—Tall Oaks Bandolero, see above.

2—Hi Flyer, by Lecar's White Smoke ex Lady O'Dee. Owner, Stanley Stapinski; handler, Marc Appleton.

3—Brandy's Moustache, by Fld. Ch. Bazooka Brandy ex C-VA Bien Muchy. Owner, James F. Gormeley; handler, Rick Smith.

4—Sequani's Holly Des Collines, by Amat. & Ch. Sequani Dana Macduff ex Ch. Somnet Des Collins CD. Owner, Diane M. & J. Bruce Bedstrom; handler, Lyle Johnson.

Open All-Age Stake—44 Entries

Judges: Jon W. Anderson, Jerry R. Watkins

1—Fld. Ch. Mac Ago Go, by Stupendous ex Bo Nine Birdie Star. Owner, D. W. Dawson; handler, Lyle Johnson.

2—Dave-O-Neo-Valley Digger, by Ch. Dave O Star Speckles ex Ch. Dave O Sandy Kandy. Owner, Margie A. Davis; handler, Gene Spires.

3—Jacolet's Wandering Star, by Nat. Ch. Pacolet Cheyenne Sam ex Ch. Jocko's Fordot. Owner, Paul Hinch; handler, Rick Smith.

4—Fld. & Amat. Ch. Magic Muff Heckle, by Dual Ch. Char-Lee O'Dee ex Fld. Ch. Fisty Miss Kaer. Owner and handler, Ralph Swaim.

Amateur All-Age Stake—20 Entries

Judges: David Andrews, James C. Falkner

1—Fld. Ch. & Amat. Magic Muff Heckle, see above.

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



Cinderella of Lafayette

3—Ch. Cinderella of Lafayette C.D.X., by Fld. Ch. Juchoirs Choctaw ex Ch. Suzette De Brentwood, C.D. Owner, Bobby & Sue Armstrong; handler, Bobby Armstrong

4—Ch. Bo-Nine Speck, by Ch. Dave-O Star Speckles ex Ch. Dave-O Sandy Kandy. Owner and handler, Dale R. Kirkham.

Open Limited Stake—34 Entries

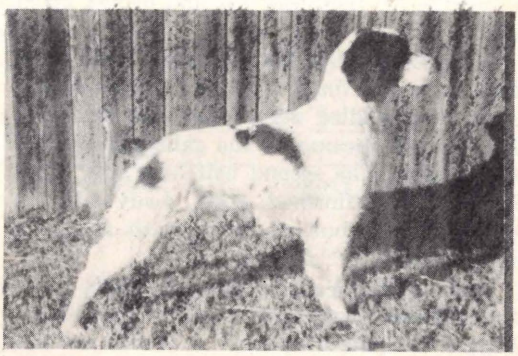
Judges: Jon W. Anderson, Carl Francis

1—Fld. Ch. Perry's Rustic Prince, by Tu-Ways Kaymore Jack ex Bar De Witt. Owner, Lester May; handler, Rick Smith.

2—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.

3—Fld. Ch. Ringo De Britt, by Dual Ch. Gringo De Britt ex Cyndee Deville Pekato. Owner, Paul Hinch; handler, Rick Smith.

4—Lloyd's Ruff, by Tip Top Jambo ex Lloyd's Ginger. Owner, Ken R. Rogers; handler, Frank Roach.



Magic Muff Heckle

TEXAS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Third Annual running of the Texas Amateur Brittany Championship was held at the Panhandle National Grasslands on February 22.

Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol was declared the new champion by the capable judges: Carl Francis and Richard Graves. Their decision was well accepted.

Pistol, in winning the championship, had a tight course and showed an outstanding demonstration as a brush dog. Pistol at all times handled well to the front with one stylish, high headed, outstanding find on a wild covey at 59 minutes. Pistol also had one unproductive but decided right quick they weren't there and moved out sharply to the front without dilly dallying around. Pistol's finished going away strong.

The runner up was Magic Muff Heckle who had three finds and a back along with a good consistent forward race that was somewhat shorter than the champion. On one find Muff was pointing down the side of a draw almost standing on his head. Muff's bird work was supreme and his finish was very strong.

THE RUNNING

An-Arc's Janet—Shardee's Radar Rusty. It was not these dogs' day. Janet was picked up at 30 after larking too much. Rusty had an unproductive then was lost and picked up at 45.

Hello Dolly Miss Kaer—Lady O'Dee. Dolly had two clean finds with good intensity and style but handled very rough the first half hour, almost keying on the gallery instead of the handler. The second half hour was much better. Dolly finished good. Lady had an excellent race but no birds, with a strong second half.

Dave-O Neo-Valley Digger—Flint's Dust Commander. Dusty had birds at 10 but chased. Digger was picked up at 24 as it was just not his day.

C-Killiam Sergant Mike—Perry's Rustic Prince. Mike had one fine, had a let down in the middle but finished strong. Prince had a good race but showed the effects of a strange handler. Prince went birdless.

La Pitt Dave O'Duke—Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol. Duke had a backing problem. Pistol, see above.

Magic Muff Heckle—Jacolet's Wandering Star. Muff, see above. Star had one great find out on a limb but at flush moved sideways and gave indication of trying to chase. Star's race was somewhat erratic, probably due to a strange handler.

Fluke De Britt—Ringo De Britt. Both dogs had a class race but went birdless.

Hi-Spirit Laddie—Char-Lee O'Dee. Both dogs were having to be pushed by their handlers and were picked up at 30.

Lost River's Copper Diggins—Hi-Spirit Shenandoah. Diggins was lost and found on point out of contention. Shen had a brilliant forward race but bumped birds at 58.

Mac Ago Go—Bye. Mac took a long time getting started; he had a find at 45 but went with the birds.

Texas Amateur Championship—19 Entries
Judges: Carl Francis, Richard Graves.
Winner—Dual Ch. Hi-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol, by Holliday Britt's Bazooka ex Princess Shaborr Rocaro. Owner & handler, Darrell Gaynor.
Runner-up—Fld. Ch. & Amat. Ch. Magic Muff Heckle, by Char-Lee O'Dee ex Fisty Miss Kaer. Owner & handler, Ralph J. Swaim.

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CORRECTIONS:

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La Salle Fall Trial—3rd place Derby was Rustic Ridge Char-Lee O Too, owned by Rob & Pat Saltzgaber.

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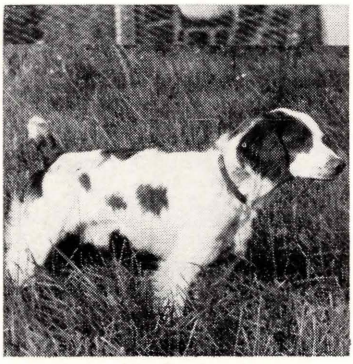
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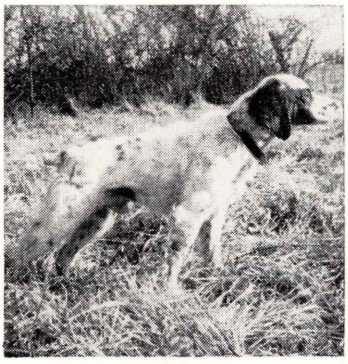
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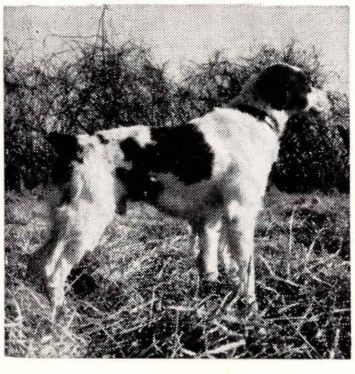
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