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Jersey Jeff Wins National All-age Stake To Complete Championship



F.T. Ch. Jersey Jeff—1st in the National Open All-age

Jersey Jeff, owned and handled by Dr. J. F. Weisert of Morris Plains, N. J., won the National All-age Stake and 1949 Club Championship. The win enabled Jeff to complete his A. K. C. Field Trial Championship, thus making him the 9th Brittany to win a Field Championship in American history.



F.T. Ch. Allamuchy Valley Omar—1st in the New England Open All-age

Allamuchy Valley Omar Also Wins F. T. Championship in New England

Allamuchy Valley Omar, owned and handled by Al Meester of Prospect Park, N. J., also completed his A. K. C. Field Trial Championship by winning the New England Regional Trial at Lowell, Mass.

Tudor du Roc 'Hellou Wins National Specialty Show

Tudor du Roc 'Hellou, owned and handled by Alan Stuyvesant of Allamuchy, N. J., was selected as Best Dog in Show at the American Brittany Club's 9th Specialty Show at Allamuchy, N. J.



Tudor du Roc 'Hellou—Best Dog in Show

February 22, 1950

Alan Stuyvesant was elected President of the American Brittany Club at the winter meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio on January 21st and 22nd.

Coy Conwell was elected 1st Vice-president, in charge of Membership; Ivan Yoder was elected 2nd Vice-president, in charge of Field Trials; and Don Benjamin was elected 3rd Vice-president, in charge of Bench Shows.

It was decided to have separate officers for the Secretary and Treasurers post. Walter Kleeman was elected as Secretary and E. W. Averill was elected as Treasurer for the coming year.

E. W. Averill was appointed to the A. K. C. Delegate position he has held in the past.

The Election Committee for the 1950 year will be composed of Max McCluggage, Dr. H. C. Keister and Lou Ufford.

Other Committee appointments were: Brittany Futurity headed by John Lee; Publicity and Publications Committee headed by Edward J. McKernan, assisted by Evelyn Monte.

Illinois will open the Spring Field Trials on March 25-26. Ohio picks up their trials on April 1-2; moving into Michigan for April 8-9 dates. New Jersey winds up the spring session with their trials scheduled for April 22-23. No other Regional Club requested spring dates.

The Illinois Regional Club will be hosts for the National Show this year. A special treat is in store and more will be written on this later. Howard Clements, Director, was appointed Committee Chairman for this event.

The Fall Field Trial schedule will be of interest to all members. Watch for future announcements of this.

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The National Show and Trial

By Evelyn Monte



Thais du Roc 'Hellou—Best of Opposite Sex

Conceded to be a record entry and one of the largest gathering of Brittany enthusiasts that ever attended the National, this was indeed a banner event . . . the weekend of November 11-12-13 at Allamuchy, New Jersey, the home of the well known breeder and fancier who needs no introduction to the Brittany world. Indeed, it was a personal tribute to Alan Stuyvesant of Allamuchy, as well as to the North Jersey Brittany Club which sponsored the annual feature, that such a grand gathering of Brittany owners were in attendance.

The Specialty took place at the Allamuchy Schoolhouse on Friday night. The Puppy Stake was run on Friday morning and the Derby on Saturday morning followed by two braces of the All Age which was completed on Sunday. Despite chilling light rain and overcast skies, a large crowd attended the trial each day.

At the dinner on Saturday night, held at headquarters, the Clarendon Hotel in Hacketts-town, there were some 88 members and friends, possibly more, as it was difficult to count the surging throng.

Anton Rost, well known all-rounder judged the Specialty and gave the nod to Tudor du Roc' Hellou for Best of Breed and to Thais du Roc' Hellou for Best of Opposite Sex. These are litter brother and sister, by Sidi du Roc' Hellou—Siki du Roc' Hellou, brought over from France in 1946 by Alan Stuyvesant.

Allamuchy Valley Uno, a posthumous son of Kaer out of Evette La Rue, also owned by Alan Stuyvesant, won the dual award for most points in show and trial.

Fifty three was the show entry. Seventy two in the trial.

SHOW SUMMARIES

Puppies, Males — 6 to 9

First — Blasberg and Stuyvesant's Allamuchy Valley Tutops, by Tudor du Roc' Hellou, Miss Topsy. Second — R. R. Machlett's Helgramite Chippewa, by Chief of Chippewa, Lexington Jay Mahogany. Third—Edward Bell's Tico's Rusty, by Jud of Pasatrou, Tico's Linda. Fourth—R. R. Machlett's Vicomte d'Acajou, by Chief of Chippewa, Lexington Jay Mahogany.

Puppies, Males — 9 to 12

First—William P. Yant's Meadowink Jim, by Ch. Duffy of Belle Brit, Rihshie. Second—Walter Kleeman's Fantone de Klemanor, by Ch. Jeffrey de Klemanor, Avono Jerri de Klemanor.

Novice, Males

First— Don Thomas' Tom's Woodie Maldonger, by Liggett's Buster Tim, Ben's Suzette. Second—L. W. Soli's Burt's Buddy Fentress, by Allamuchy Valley Abe, Blossom's of Kaer. Fourth—James B. Bell's Belloaks Elmo, by F. T. Ch. Avono Hapte, Sue of Loufel.

American Bred Males

First—Alan Stuyvesant's Allamuchy Valley Uno. Second—David Clough's Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee, by Ch. Avono Jake, Ch. Suzanne de Beauch. Third—A. R. Stuyvesant's Allamuchy Valley Samba, by Ch. Allamuchy Valley Joe, Ch. Rumba de l'Argoat. Fourth—Walter Kleeman's Domino de Klemanor, by Foo Mac Eochaidh, Pamalie of Aotrou.

Open Males

First—Tudor du Roc' Hellou. Second—William P. Yant's Bonaire Dick, by Bonaire Bob, Freckles. Third—Alan Stuyvesant's Allamuchy Valley Vim, by Fr. F. T. Ch. Poilu du Droulet, Ch. Rumba de L'Argoat. Fourth—Walter Kleeman's Buccaneer de Klemanor, by Ch. Buck of Chippewa, Ch. Jule of Loufel.

Limit, Males

Dr. T. J. Talbott's Calatin Mac Eochaidh's Sam, by Calatin Mac Eochaidh, Lady Arminta.

Winners Dog

Tudor du Roc' Hellou. Reserve: Allamuchy Valley Uno.

Puppies, Females — 6 to 9

First and Second—R. R. Machlett's Vicomtesse d'Acajou and Helgramite Omeme, litter mates, by Chief of Chippewa, Lexington Jay Mahogany. Third—Helen L. Dall's Ponkapoag Chippewa by Ch. Buck of Chippewa, Ch. Jule of Loufel.

Puppies, Females — 9 to 12

Dr. Martin O'Veill's Rensselaer Sandy, by Spud v Rensselaer, Antionette de Basgard.

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The National Show and Trial

Novice, Females

First—F. A. S. Jones' Diana of Westwood, by Joe's Allamuchy 'Ubert, Juliet des Sapins. Second—Bennet Conqy's Sussex County Milly, by F. T. Ch. Allamuchy Valley Omar, Eddie's Lady. Third—Coy N. Conwell's Pontac Trena, by Dual Ch. Avono Happy, Ch. Diane de Beauch.

American Bred Females

First—L. D. La Fleur's Boots of Edough, by Alpha Mac Eochaidh, Yvette of Chippewa. Second—Guy de la Tournell's Buck's Allamuchy Julie, by Ch. Buck of Chippewa, Ch. Jule of Loufel. Third—Dr. Chas. A. Wry's Allamuchy Valley Flo, by Ch. Allamuchy Valley Joe, Ch. Rumba de l'Argoat.

Open Females

First—Alan R. Stuyvesant's Thais du Roc' Hellou. Second—F. A. S. Jones' Diana of Westwood, by Joe's Allamuchy 'Ubert, Juliet des Sapins. Third—Natalie Kinder's Melisande de Bretagne, by F. T. Ch. Allamuchy Valley Omar, Eddie's Lady. Fourth—Walter Kleeman's Busher de Klememor, by Ch. Buck of Chippewa, Ch. Jule of Loufel.

Limit Females

Dr. T. J. Talbot's Joyeaux Jacqueline, by Ch. Avono Jake, Monuet Sully.

Winners Female

Thais du Roc' Hellou. Reserve: Diana of Westwood.

Among the Brittany celebrities who attended the show and trials were Walter Kleeman of Springfield, Ohio, president of the American Brittany Club, and the charming Mrs. Kleeman. The popular Coy N. Conwell of Pontiac, Michigan, first vice-president, was there, much to everyone's delight. James B. Bell Jr. and Mrs. Bell of Palm Beach, Fla. were faithful spectators and Lester L. Tice of Cincinnati, Ohio was another who made the trip to attend the Jersey event. Jack Mayer, Mrs. Mayer and their young daughter came from New Brunswick, Canada, and Stewart Jones of Prince Edward Island was on hand. Lou Ufford and Mrs. Ufford of Vermont, and Raymond Goland of Massachusetts were New England representatives. There was, of course, an enthusiastic crowd of local Brittany fanciers, members of the North Jersey Club and their friends.

After the dinner on Saturday night the annual meeting of the American Brittany Club took place.

There is a large undertaking involved in a recognized show and field trial and many details of great importance in conducting a program of this kind. Too much cannot be said in praise of those who helped along this successful achievement in having everything run smoothly and according to Hoyle and all the specifications.

Hugo Blasberg, field trial committee chairman should probably be named first in this respect, as he undertook the job of acting as field trial chairman and as secretary, along with Mrs. Natalie Kinder. Alan Stuyvesant acted as show chairman and also, as usual, behind the scenes handled a great part of the necessary chores of the trial. Dr. Charles Buvinger, president of the North Jersey Club, Harold Frantz, field marshal, Dr. J. F. Weisert, Dr. O. V. Wry, Fred Liggett, Don Thomas, Violet Meester, Martin Kracke are officials and field trial committee members who deserve credit for a job well done.

Horses for the judges and those who cared to ride the braces were furnished by Addison Bevans who gave excellent service, and had the horses on the line promptly. The Quaker Oats trailer and the luncheon truck of Troy Hills proved a boon to everyone, especially during those small hours of the early start. For such was the entry that a 7 a.m. start was made on the first day—on the second day at 6:30 every-one was on the line ready to go.

The course at Allamuchy breaks away through open fields, then into a deep wooded section, laced by small bogs and ditches. In this stretch grouse and pheasants were seen, many of the latter were found by the dogs at the edges where the woods merge into open fields. Another wooded area cuts into the approach to the bird field which is reached across a wide meadow. The bird field is large and conveniently situated at the base of a hill, with woods on one side and a row of tall cedars stretching along the edge which ties in with the back course. An extensive ditching and draining has made the former swampy area of the bird field an ideal spot with plenty of lush low cover to hold the birds.

It is always important to have judges of great experience and wide knowledge of bird dogs as Brittany judges and none better could have been found than those that officiated on this occasion, Henry P. Davis of Fairfield, Conn. and Raymond Hoyer of Andover, Mass. It is scarcely necessary to introduce Henry Davis, who for many years has been regarded as a criterion of the highest degree. Mr. Hoyer has had experience in judging both Brittany, pointer and setter trials, and is highly regarded in both fields. The decisions made were unquestioned in the hands of these two worthy experts.

Pheasants were liberated for all stakes.

The Brittany is a grand little bird dog. It is one of the remarkable features of a Brittany trial that there are few dogs that fail to find game. Even the puppies seldom fail to connect. The Brittany has become increasingly popular throughout the country. That so many have been able to score in open competition against pointers and setters in shooting dog stakes is ample evidence that he is able to hold his own against better know breeds. In range and bird finding ability he is no mean adversary. If he had a tail he would probably have done even better in open competition.

The Brittany is not necessarily a close hunting dog. Given wide country he usually adapts himself. The greatest fault we found in the handling of Brittanies when we first saw them a few years ago, was the fact that they are terrifically under-handled. Possibly this comes from the well-founded belief that a shooting dog should handle with a minimum of direction from his handler or that actual game hunting is necessarily quiet. Still, in a trial, much of the pattern of the Brittany's race could be improved if handlers would exert just that "handling." There has been a marked improvement along these lines, but there is still room for more. The tendency to run in pairs—or "trailing"—is still too evident. Cutting back to handler is another glaring fault that could easily be overcome.

Open Puppy Stake



Meadowink Jim—1st in Puppy

"Meadowink Jim," 10 months old puppy, owned by William P. Yant of Murraysville, Pa. and handled by Tommy Cox, rated the first spot in this event run on Friday morning. He displayed excellent application in a good ground race and had two contacts with game. On his second bird he established a definite point, moving and giving chase. "Fantone de Klemanor" was so badly interfered with by his brace mate that he was called for a second series but showed effects of bad bumping he had got and lacked animation.

"Spindle City Shorty," nine months old, owned by Howard Stanley, was given the nod for second. He ran a good hunting ground heat and in the bird field made game, roared to a flush and chased heartily. Buck Bissell handled.

"Belloaks Elmo," owned by James Bell, was third. His ground race was acceptable, not as strong as the others but he showed definite hunting ability and had a stop to flush on which he was steady to shot.

Fourth went to "Rensselaer Sandy," owned by Dr. Martin O'Veill of Rensselaer, Ind. This pup turned in a consistent race and had a find, giving chase merrily.

Others were: "Belloaks Ezra," James B. Bell; "Fantone de Klemanor," W. B. Kleman; "Duke,"

Russ Hardifer; "Allamuchy Valley Tutops," Blasberg and Stuyvesant; "Tudor's Allamuchy Mike," A. R. Stuyvesant; "Clipper," D. F. Olund; "Fisher's Freckles," Jack Fisher.

12 Brittany Spaniels

1st—Meadowink Jim. By Ch. (B) Duffy of Bellbrit—Rihsie. W. P. Yant, owner. Thomas Cox, handler.

2nd—Spindle City Shorty. By Dual Ch. Brit of Bellows Falls—Lady Margaret. Howard Stanley, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

3rd—Belloaks Elmo. By F.T. Ch. Avono Hapte—Sue of Loufel. James B. Bell, owner. Thomas W. Cox, handler.

4th—Rensselaer Sandy. By Spud v Rensselaer—Antoinette de Basgard. Dr. Martin O'Veill, owner. Tom Cox, handler.

Open Derby Stake

Down in the first brace on Saturday morning, Ashurst Jerry, a bustin', hard hunting, high wide and handsome individual less than two years old, took the laurels in this 26 dog field. Owned by Herbert Farnsworth of Andover, Mass., this sturdy little individual was handled by Buck Bissell. A slashing ground heat was topped by a lofty point in the bird field, with steady manners to the flush and shot.



Ashurst Jerry—1st in Derby

Allamuchy Valley Slim, fresh from his victory as winner of the Brittany Futurity, accounted for second. He is the property of Alan R. Stuyvesant and was handled by Lee Holman. His first find was made on the back course where he established a solid point and when the bird was flushed and went in a tree he turned on a hearty chase and "barked tree" for awhile. In the bird lot he had another find, handled with steady manners and another at the edge of the field where he gave a good chase. His ground race was not quite on a level with that of the first place dog but it was a good one, finished strong.

Third went to Murph's Tom Boy, owned by John Murphy of Sioux Falls, N. D., handled by Bill Kull. Tom Boy turned in a strong, hunting

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race and had two finds in the bird field. On the first she chased when the bird took wing. On the second, she stopped to flush, remained for the shot and then followed the bird into the woods where she remained for several minutes, finally returning to pour it on in the bird field to the end of her minutes.

Herbert Farnsworth's Ashurst Bonnie, litter mate of the winner, handled by Lee Holman, won fourth on class and an exceptionally good ground race. She bounced out a bird at the edge of the woods.

Ivan Yoder's Bobbie of Marvin was steady on a stop to flush, had a chase on another flush, and turned in a good derby heat.

Thomas Hawe's Peg of Wauregan accounted for a very good heat and had two contacts with game, one bird flushed in the woods and a second which she pointed with excellent style and manners.

R. R. Machlett's Helgramite Holly d'Acajou was steady on three finds but had no race that could be considered.

Herbert Farnsworth's Momentum was all over the country in a splendid ground race, hunting hard all the way. This looked like one hard to beat until she hit the bird field where she showed some confusion and was picked up.

Lightning Mac Eochaidh, owned by A. C. Kelly, gave a brilliant exhibition of ground coverage in a slashing big race, difficult to handle at times and had no finds.

Don Thomas' Tom's Woodie Maldonger failed to impress in his ground race but had three finds on which he was steady to flush and shot.

Others were: Allamuchy Valley Flo, Dr. Chas. A. Wry, owner; Busher de Klemanor, W. B. Kleeman; Bonaire Dick and Bonaire Doc, Wm. P. Yant; Diana of Westwood, F. A. Jones; Melisande de Bretagne, Natalie Kinder; Cherrystone Jerry, Tom S. Stone; Loufel's Handsome Harry, Mrs. R. H. Bissell; Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee, David Clough; Wicky de Cotignac, M. F. Baugher; Paw Paw's Toffee, Dr. T. J. Talbot; Valley Brit Fan, Dr. Robert Boswell; Sans Souci of Leeway, John W. Lee; Boots of Edough, L. D. La 'Fleur; Frank's Laddie Boy, Frank Mowbray.

26 Brittany Spaniels

1st—Ashurst Jerry By Dual Ch. Avono Happy—Mitzie of Loufel. Herbert Farnsworth, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

2nd—Allamuchy Slim Brittany dog by Hellou Hunter—Ch. (B) Allamuchy Yankee Girl. A. R. Stuyvesant, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

3rd—Murph's Tom Boy By Brittany House Tommie—Gypsy of Brittany. John Murphy, owner. Bill Kull, handler.

4th—Ashurst Bonnie By Dual Ch. Avono Happy—Mitzie of Loufel. Herbert Farnsworth, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

Open All Age

Two braces of this stake were run off on

Saturday afternoon. At 6:38 on Sunday morning in a hovering mist and light winds that threatened rain, the third brace was off and in it emerged the winner, Jersey Jeff. There were 33 dogs in the stake. Jersey Jeff will be three years old next May. He has been developed solely by his amateur owner-handler, Dr. James F. Wiesert of Morris Plains, N. J., and was winner of the New England Regional Derby last year and has placed in open pointing breed trials. He gave a sterling exhibition to earn his newly acquired championship crown.

Altogether he had three finds, all spectacular, lofty and finished. On the back course he was found pointing in an open field, corrected and roaded to a hedge row where he nailed the moving hen bird. Whipping along the edge of the cover on the approach to the bird field he slapped in a point on a cock bird. He proceeded to work out the cover and swung across the open to the bridge into the bird field and stopped on the bridge and on point. His brace mate came alongside and pointed and when the bird was flushed, Jeff was steady as brace mate gave chase. All of his finds were steady and all very much under the control of his handler. Nevertheless his brilliant strong race, style and manners were topflight and worthy of a winner of a fine stake.

Close up in second place was Allamuchy Valley Uno, owned by Alan R. Stuyvesant, handled by Lee Holman. At the start of his race, Uno hit a small triangle of cover in the breakaway field and had a point. The bird was not put in the air but a cock was seen running out. In woods on the back course he was found tightly locked up at the ditch edge and showed steady manners on a cock bird here. In the open field on the back course he pointed a bird that was running in the open, roaded it to the edge and stopped to flush when another bird jumped ahead. Five more birds rose one after another, the dog remaining steady for the shot. In the bird field a bird ran out in the open ahead of the dog and he stopped on point, again showing steady manners. In his race he hit the cover and swung wide and strong and had there been a good clean find in the bird field, instead of the muddled work on the runner, the story might have been different.

Allamuchy Valley Ulysses, owned by Evelyn Monte and handled by D. W. Roe, was named for third. This is a big, rugged individual hard running fast and wide and a handful to turn on the back course. He disappeared for some minutes on a swing through the woods finally came to the front and had a stop to flush far ahead as he hit the bird field, remaining for handler to reach him for the shot. He hunted the bird field out in strong fashion and had an excellent piece of work on a running cock bird, handled with exemplary manners.

Fourth was won by Burt's Buddy Fentress, owned by L. W. Solt of Central City, Nebraska, and handled by Bill Kull. He worked his ground thoroughly, but without much range and had a

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Top: Judges, Nels Peterson and Russell Pentecost.

1. F.T. Ch. Gwennec de Pascey II, with J. Thompson.
2. Ch. (B) Angeliqve de Bretagne with G. L. Murphy.
3. Ch. (B) Mac of Paradise II, with Walter S. Oberlin.
4. Hillson's Duke with William Cox.

The Michigan Regional Trial

By E. W. Averill

The Michigan Regional of the American Brittany Club held its annual licensed fall trial on October 1st and 2nd at the Pontiac Lake Recreational Area, near Pontiac, Michigan, with a total of 72 dogs entered, 15 puppies, 29 derbies and 28 all-age, which is believed to be the biggest entry ever received for a Regional trial.

Judges were Mr. Nels Peterson of Midland, Mich., and Mr. Russell Pentecost of Saginaw, Mich., whose decisions were received with complete approval. Mr. Kenneth Thayer of Pontiac turned in a top job as field trial secretary.

The hot sun and dry course made it difficult for the all-age dogs which ran between noon and around four o'clock. All the winners came from the early morning and late afternoon braces. However, there were more than enough good work in every stake to suit the most exacting and the judges had a difficult job selecting four dogs that stood out above the numerous near-perfect performers.

The writer has seen virtually all of the Michigan Brittany trials over the years and has seen many other Brittany trials and never saw close to as many good dogs as he saw compete here. It was a heartening experience to note the great improvement, particularly in the All-Age, where at least half of the entries ran well enough to have won many trials held here in Michigan in previous years.

Thanks to the Michigan Conservation Commission, the club was provided with a perfect site, with about a square mile of unobstructed cover, including three attractive potholes, apple trees, alfalfa, heavy pasture and a beautiful variety of objectives on which to judge the dogs, and the Commission also provided 75 pheasants, two of which were planted for each brace of dogs. As is usual, these fall pheasants were not good flyers and proved very difficult for the dogs to handle. That so many of them did handle these young birds so perfectly bespeaks excellent training on the part of the numerous trainers who are concentrating on Brittanies this year.

OPEN PUPPY — 15 Entered

The Puppy Trial was dominated by the com-

bination of James B. Bell, Jr., owner, and Tom Cox, handler, with three entries, Belloaks Eli, Ezra and Elmo, all of which performed very well, the first-named being placed first, Ezra placing third and Elmo being unplaced but in the writer's opinion should have been right up there in the judging. Second place went to Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee, owned by David Clough and handled by Buck Bissell, who ran the biggest back-course of the stake but had no bird work. Fourth went to Valley Brit Fan, owned by Dr. Boswell and handled by Bill Kull.

1st—Belloaks Eli, male, by Ch. (F) Avono Hapte ex Sue of Loufel. James B. Bell, Jr., owner; Tom Cox, handler; James B. Bell, Jr., breeder.

2nd—Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee, male by Ch. (B) Avono Jake ex Ch. (B) Suzanne de Beauch. David Clough, owner; Buck Bissell, handler; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Clough, breeder.

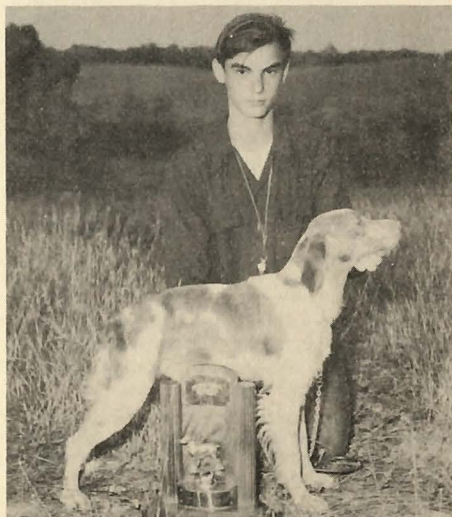
3rd—Belloaks Ezra, male, by Ch. (F) Avono Hapte ex Sue of Loufel. James B. Bell, Jr., owner; Tom Cox, handler; James B. Bell, Jr., breeder.

4th—Valley Brit Fan, female, by Burt's Buddy Fentress ex Jill of Bellebrit. Dr. Robert E. Boswell, owner; Bill Kull, handler; L. W. Solt, breeder.

OPEN DERBY — 29 Entered

The Derby was notable for one thing in particular, the handler of the first place dog. In all, there were eight amateur handlers who handled nine dogs and nine professionals who handled a total of 63 dogs, making 17 handlers in all.

By far the youngest and least experienced being 16-year-old Dayton L. Prouty, Jr., whose Antoine de Rosevere was awarded first place in the Derby. He ran a good big back-course and handled two finds in the bird field with manners that were almost of All-Age caliber.



16-year old Dayton Prouty, Jr., with his derby winner—Antoine de Rosevere.

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Second place went to Domino de Klemanor, owned by Walter Kleeman and handled by Bill Kull, who had a terrific back course but did not show on birds.

Third place went to Ch. (B) Loufel's Handsome Harry with a big back course and one good find.

Fourth place went to Ashurst Jerry, owned by Herbert Farnsworth and handled by Buck Bissell, on a good ground heat and a fair find on a difficult bird.

1st—Antoine de Rosevere, male, by Lucky de Rosevere ex Bonne Lassie. Dayton L. Prouty, Jr., owner and handler; D. L. Prouty, breeder.

2nd—Domino de Klemanor, male, by Foo Mac-Eochaidh ex Pamalie of Aotrou. Walter B. Kleeman, owner; Bill Kull, handler and breeder.

Ch. (B) Loufel's Handsome Harry, male, by Ch. (B) Buck of Chippewa ex Ch. (B) Jule of Loufel. Mrs. Ralph H. Bissell, Jr., owner and handler; L. H. Ufford, breeder.

4th—Ashurst Jerry, male, by Dual Ch. Avono Happy ex Mitzie of Loufel. Herbert Farnsworth, owner and breeder; Buck Bissell, handler.



Top: Judges, Nels Peterson and Russell Pentecost
Lower: Domino de Klemanor with Bill Kull.
Ch. (B) Loufel's Handsome Harry with Mrs. Bissell.
Ashurst Jerry with Buck Bissell.

OPEN ALL-AGE — 28 Entered

The All-Age went to that seasoned campaigner, Ch. (F) Gwennec's de Pascey II, owned by W. E. Thompson and handled by Mrs. John Thompson. Taking the back course in a big way Pascey hit every objective on the course and handled in absolutely flawless fashion. He had two good finds, perfectly handled.

Second place went to Ch. (B) Angelique de Bretagne, owned by L. L. Tice and handled by G. L. Murphy with a bigger race than Pascey's but one less find.

Third place went to Ch. (B) Mac of Paradise II, owned and handled by Walter Oberlin, with an exhibition only a touch less perfect than that put on by the two dogs above, plus two well handled finds.

Fourth place went to Hillson's Duke, owned by Roy Hill and handled by Bill Cox, and he, too, had just about as good a run as the other three.

The writer would like to mention that he saw four other dogs that the judges must have also considered since they ran as well as the four placed dogs and exhibited good manners in the bird field. These were Ch. (F) Avono Hapte, owned by Jack Whitworth and handled by Pat Watts; Calatin Mac Eochaidh's Sam, owned by Dr. Talbott and handled by Buck Bissell; Ch. (B) Buckeye de Klemanor, owned by Walter Kleeman and handled by Tom Cox; and Ch. (B) Kaerson of Loufel, owned by Lucien H. Ufford and handled by Lee Holman.

We would like to point out that, as usual, bench champions won their share of the honors in the trial. As the years go by, it looks more and more as though our club is succeeding in its efforts to promote the breed as a "dual dog" since the really good specimens keep right on winning field trials, year after year.

1st—Ch. (F) Gwennec's de Pascey II, male, by Gwennec's Pascey ex Fifi D'Orsay. W. E. Thompson, owner; Jane Thompson, handler; Iris D. Barber, breeder.

2nd—Ch. (B) Angelique de Bretagne, female, by Tore de Klemanor ex Puchyan Peggy. L. L. Tice, owner; G. L. Murphy, handler; L. D. Patterson, breeder.

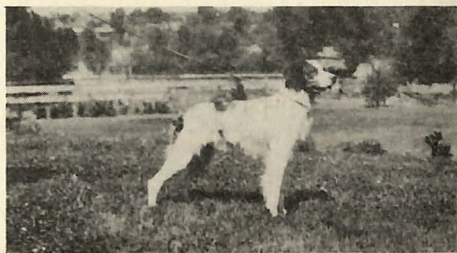
3rd—Ch. (B) Mac of Paradise II, male, by Ch. (B) Allamuchy Valley Mac ex Ch. (B) Queen of Paradise. Walter Oberlin, owner, handler and breeder.

4th—Hillson's Duke, male, by Bobby Larue ex Spotty of Milenz. Roy A. Hill, owner; William Cox, handler; William Milenz, breeder.

Visitors From California Regional

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Sullivan of Berkeley, Calif., ran their show champion Ch. (B) Brit of Blaisy Bas in several of the fall trials and took home a prize. We enjoyed having you "Doc" and "Mary" and sorry we did not get a picture.

A California Bench Champion



Ch. (B) Morrie's Brit of Redding, owned by
C. E. Morrison of Redding, California

The New England Regional Trial

By Jack Whitworth

The New England Regional held a trial on the grounds of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club at Lowell, Mass. on October 8th and 9th. Since we were not present, and no report of the trial was received, we cannot tell you much about it, except to say that Allamuchy Valley Omar, owned and handled by Al Meester of Prospect Park, N. J. won the open all-age to complete his Field Trial Championship.

The results were as follows:

Puppy Stake—11 entries

- 1st—**Rensselaer Sandy**. By Spud v Rensselaer—Antionette de Basgard. Dr. Martin J. O'Veill, owner. Thomas W. Cox, handler.
- 2nd—**Spindle City Shorty**. By Dual Ch. Brit of Bellows Falls—Lady Margaret. Howard Stanley, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.
- 3rd—**Miss Paradise Mac**. By Ch. (B) Mac of Paradise—Princess of Paradise. Dr. P. W. Greene, owner. Bill Kull, handler.
- 4th—**Fantone de Klemanor**. By Ch. (B) Jeffrey de Klemanor—Avono Jerri de Klemanor. W. B. Kleeman, owner. Thomas W. Cox, handler.

Open Derby Stake—28 entries

- 1st—**Boots of Edough**. By Alpha MacEochaidh—Yvette of Chippewa. L. D. La Fleur, owner. Lee Holman, handler.
- 2nd—**Patsy of Edough**. By Hellou Hunter—Ch. (B) Allamuchy Yankee Girl. R. G. Buick, owner. Lee Holman, handler.
- 3rd—**Busher de Klemanor**. By Ch. (B) Buck of Chippewa—Ch. (B) Jule of Loufel. W. B. Kleeman, owner. Thomas Cox, handler.
- 4th—**Ch. (B) Brit of Blaisy Bas**. Dr. J. M. Sullivan owner and handler.

Open All-age Stake—25 entries

- 1st—**F. T. Ch. Allamuchy Valley Omar**. By Kaer de Cornouaille—Cozette. Al Meester, owner and handler.
- 2nd—**Ch. (B) Avono Jake**. By Kaer de Cornouaille—Bonne et Belle. D. L. Benjamin, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.
- 3rd—**Meester's Pal**. By Ch. (B) Allamuchy Valley Joe—Miss Topsy. Al Meester, owner, handler.
- 4th—**F. T. Ch. Jersey Jeff**. By Ch. (B) Allamuchy Valley Joe—Miss Topsy. Dr. J. F. Weisert, owner and handler.

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NOTE: We have just learned the Illinois trial date may be changed to sometime in May. Also, Indiana is planning a trial for April 15-16.

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Age Limits For Puppy and Derby Field Trial Stakes Changed

At the January meeting of the Directors of the American Brittany Club, Inc., it was voted to change the age limits on puppies in field trials from 12 months to 18 months, and to change the age limit on derbies from 24 months to 30 months.

Beginning with the spring trials, a puppy can compete in Puppy Stakes until he is past the age of 18 months or 1½ years old. A derby dog can compete in Derby Stakes until he is past the age of 30 months or 2½ years old.

The Directors felt this change would provide older and more experienced dogs for our trials and naturally result in a higher class puppy and derby stake. It also should help the All-age Stakes by keeping the young untrained derby dogs in the derby where they belong. But, perhaps the most important thing is the changes may result in saving good young dogs from being pushed too fast. It is commonly known that many outstanding puppies have been burned out before they were a year old and completely ruined by the time they were two years old.

Your Directors fully realize that the changes may create a little confusion this spring due to a few dogs that are past the old age limits of last fall, being able to compete again this spring, but there is nothing they can do about it. The same conditions would prevail regardless of what year the changes were made. They ask those who are affected this spring, to please play along and by fall the conditions will be back to normal.

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PUPPY STAKE—Top: Judges, J. C. Tallmadge and R. C. Sutton. Lower:
 1. Bellocks Ezra with Tom Cox. 2. Spindle City Shorty with Buck Bissell.
 3. Meadowink Jim with Bobby Yant. 4. Miss Paradise Mac with Bill Kull.



DERBY STAKE—Top: Judges, R. C. Sutton and J. C. Tallmadge. Lower:
 1. Allamuchy Slim with Lee Holman. 2. Remarkable de Fontaine with Bill Kull.

The Pennsylvania Regional Trial

By R. C. SUTTON

The Pennsylvania Regional was host to the American Brittany Club, Inc., on October 15 and 16 with entries from fourteen states, some of which were accompanied by owners from California, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Michigan. The Tri-State Area was well represented by many fanciers and owners of the breed. We cite this as an indication of the enthusiasm and keen interest of those who are exerting a determined effort to promote and perfect the Brittany as a counterpart to up-land game shooting in this country.

The Duffy Farm at Saxonburg, Pa., was the venue for this event with Elias E. Ritts, of Pittsburg, handling the secretarial duties assisted by a very able field trial committee composed of R. H. Cribbs, C. Dorencamp, W. P. Yant, Clair Plainsted, Margaret Stanford, Gene Caughey, C. Carr and Fred Turrill. Our hat is off to these men on the efficient manner in which they conducted this trial. Everything moved with clock like precision and when they announced that the first brace would go down at 7 A.M. each morning, they meant just that. Each dog was down the allotted time and it was only by perfect timing and able management that thirty braces of dogs were disposed of in the two days.

Drawings were conducted at the Suncrest Restaurant and here a most enjoyable banquet was held for the field trial party on Saturday evening.

Judging assignments were handled by James C. Tallmadge of Jeromesville, Ohio and Van A. Marretta of Conneville, Pennsylvania, assisted by your reporter. Both Mr. Tallmadge and Marretta are thorough sportsmen with long experience in pointing breeds. They were alert, very observant and worked tirelessly to earn the praise of handlers, owners and spectators. Their decisions were popular and well received.

Ideal field trial weather prevailed and an exceptional amount of bird work was witnessed. The frequency of contacts with game, especially on the course prompted a review and analysis of our notes which revealed that from the sixty contestants there were forty five contacts with game. In the art of bird finding the Brittany will match the best of the pointing breeds and although we formed the opinion that the Brittany is woefully over handled we observed some who could and did ramble in a fashion comparable to our high class gun dogs of other breeds. The frequency of breaking up intelligent casts to likely objectives was appalling. This tendency was so pronounced that handlers of second series dogs were instructed to permit the completion of casts.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Bellocks Ezra gained top honors by virtue of a good forward race which produced results by exploring good objectives. Ezra cast to standing corn routed a bird which he chased, returned and put another to flight. He continued with ample puppy range and searched diligently all the way.

Spindle City Shorty did not start well but improved continuously as his race progressed. He finished strong, worked the bird field with precision where he pointed then chased a pheasant a considerable distance. He refused to return to the bird field, relocated his bird and routed it for a second chase.

Meadowink Jim delivered a level consistent heat, not as wide as those placed over him but just as thorough in his manner of hunting. He was credited with two singles on one of which he showed excellent manners.

Miss Paradise Mac, diminutive female has a most graceful, bouncing gait and a good turn of speed. She was in the first brace down and found two native birds which she quickly put to flight. She was faulted somewhat for relying on handler for directions.



utton and Van A. Marretta. Lower:
 2. Busher de Klemanor with Cox.
 3. 4. Patsy of Edough with I. Yoder



ALL-AGE STAKE—Top: Judges, J. C. Tallmadge and R. C. Sutton. Lower:
 1. Georges of Leeway with John Lee. 2. Ch. (B) Avono Jake with Bissell.
 3. Burt's Buddy Fentress with Kull. 4. Luke's Allamuchy Terry, Holman.

The other starters were: Danielle of Leeway, Fisher's Freckles, Rose of Edough, Daisy Bell of Windycrest, Spindle City Rusty, Fantone de Klemanor, Folette of Sarver, Honest Abe, Belloaks Elmo and Rensselaer Sandy.

OPEN PUPPY — 14 Brittanys

Judges: James C. Tallmadge and R. C. Sutton

- 1st—Belloaks Ezra, male, by F. T. Ch. Avono Hapte—Sue of Loufel. J. B. Bell, owner; T. W. Cox, handler.
- 2nd—Spindle City Shorty, male, by Dual Ch. Brit of Bellows Falls—Lady Margaret. Mrs. Howard A. Stanley, owner; R. H. Bissell, handler.
- 3rd—Meadowink Jim, male by Ch. (B) Duffey of Bellbrit—Ritsie. Dr. W. P. Yant, owner; T. W. Cox, handler.
- 4th—Miss Paradise Mac, female, by Ch. (B) Mac of Paradise—Princess of Paradise. Dr. P. W. Greene, owner; Wm. Kull, handler.

OPEN DERBY

Allamuchy Valley Slim scored a decisive win in a second series performance by duplicating his first series ground heat coupled with a bird score on the course and fringes of the bird field which exceeded that needed to win. Slim is an ambitious Brittany with good range and application. He repeatedly executed wide sweeping casts and consistently showed at the proper spots.

Busher de Klemanor was brought back for a second series with the first place dog after a highly acceptable first series effort marked by good ground working pattern and two finds in the planted area. While his place was well earned he failed to match the winner in ground coverage and application.

Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee was awarded third. Braced with the fourth place winner, Patsy of Edough, they were very evenly matched. They each delivered laudable heats and each had two finds. Remarkable was placed over

Patsy by a slight margin in their ground working ability.

A number of the following made strong bids for placement: Paw Paw's Pappy, Sue Special of Loufel, Potic II de Beauch, Pierette de Fontaine, Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, Pontiac's Trena, Chou Chou Taffy, Boots of Edough, Frank's Laddie Boy, Turchester Rockett, Cherrystone Jerry, Paw Paw's Toffee, Ashurst Jerry, Lightning MacEochaidh, Valley Britt Fan, Murphy's Tom Boy, Chaso Vagabond Valerie, Britt of Blaisy Bas, Duke of Dearborn, Bonaire Doc and Bonaire Dan.

OPEN DERBY — 24 Brittanys

Judges: Van A. Marretta and R. C. Sutton

- 1st—Allamuchy Valley Slim, male, by Hello Hunter—Ch. (B) Allamuchy Yankee Girl. Alan Stuyvesant, owner; Lee Holman, handler.
- 2nd—Busher de Klemanor, male, by Ch. (B) Buck of Chippewa—Ch. (B) Jule of Loufel. Walter B. Klemanor, owner; T. W. Cox, handler.
- 3rd—Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee, male, by Ch. (B) Avono Jake—Ch. (B) Suzanne de Beauch. David Clough, owner; R. H. Bissell, handler.
- 4th—Patsy of Edough, female, by Hello Hunter—Ch. (B) Allamuchy Yankee Girl. R. G. Buck, owner; Lee Holman, handler.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

Georges of Leeway, very capably handled by his owner, John W. Lee of Indianapolis, triumphed over twenty two of the nation's best with sterling bird work and an industrious ground working exhibition which carried him to every likely objective. Ten minutes after he was cast away Georges worked a running bird and pinned it under most trying circumstances. Before handler could arrive to flush, his brace mate took the honor with Georges displaying perfect manners in awaiting the shot. In the bird field he had one find handled faultlessly.

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The Pennsylvania Regional Trial

Ch. (B) Avono Jake was awarded second by virtue of a level heat with ample gun dog range, a stop to flush on the course and two finds well handled in the bird field. The incident on the course was not clearly defined. Whether Jake pointed the bird is not known but he was observed standing and awaiting the shot with the bird in the air some distance away. Aside from the fact that good manners are displayed, but little value can be placed upon a stop to flush and by the same token it could be an indication of lack of nose. In this instance Jake was given the benefit of the doubt.

Burt's Buddy Fentress down in the first brace on Sunday morning cast to a bean stubble where a native flushed wild some twenty five yards ahead of the dog. He stopped promptly and when ordered on he cast to a thorn thicket where he was found pointing. It was necessary to dismount and some time was required in getting to the dog. Unable to produce, the handler sent Buddy on and he promptly relocated. Again great difficulty was experienced in flushing the bird but the dog was mannerly. His foot work was rated as fair, being somewhat deficient in punch and animation. In the bird field he had one find to his credit.

Luke's Allamuchy Valley Terry delivered a short but industrious heat coupled with two well handled finds to gain the nod for fourth.

Four dogs stood out impressively with their hunting prowess, range and speed. Allamuchy Valley Uno ran a brilliant heat with well executed and unrestricted casts. He took all cover in stride but had the misfortune of failing to show on game. Jersey Jeff is a slashing Brittany which literally gets out and digs up game. He was wide and industrious from start to finish but eliminated himself by improper manners. F. T. Ch. Avono Hapte was credited with an excellent ground heat marred by a chase at the end of breakaway. Ch. (B) Buckeye de Klemanor rated highly in her efforts on the course but failed to contact game.

Allamuchy Valley Uno and Buckeye de Klemanor were brought back for a second series. Down only a few minutes, racing over a stubble field a bird flushed and their competitive spirits proved disastrous. They were promptly ordered up.

Other entries were: Biddy of Loufel, Luke's Allamuchy Valley Chesta, Henri of Leeway, Toffe Idoc de Basgard, Calatin MacEochaidh's Sam, Domino de Klemanor, Rouge Kaer de Klemanor, Schutsie B, Brit of Blaisy Bas, Lloyd's Job Britt, Suzanne de Beauch, Bourbon II, My Gal Sal and Kaerson of Loufel.

OPEN ALL-AGE — 22 Brittanys

Judges: James C. Tallmadge and R. C. Sutton

1st—Georges of Leeway, male, by Rouxidoc of Richmond—Cherie De Raou. John W. Lee, owner and handler.

2nd—Ch. (B) Avono Jake, male, by Kaer de Cor-

nouaille—Bonne et Belle. D. L. Benjamin, owner; R. H. Bissell, handler.

3rd—Burt's Buddy Fentress, male, by Allamuchy Valley Abe—Blossoms of Kaer. L. W. Solt, owner; Wm. Kull, handler.

4th—Luke's Allamuchy Valley Terry, male, by Allamuchy Valley Luke—Rose of Kaer. Alan R. Stuyvesant, owner; Lee Holman, handler.

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find in the open field leading to the bird lot. Here was a row of small clumps of swamp grass and before handler reached him he corrected and moved on to nail his bird in tight style, finished with manners to match.

D. L. Benjamin's Avono Jake had a good consistent race, hit the cover and had one good find in the bird field and one unproductive.

A. W. Dunn's Merry Michael of Dunmont hunted consistently, displayed excellent style and manners on a find in the bird field and had a point in woods on back course where he moved in and put up several birds. Georges of Leeway, John W. Lee, owner, had a good race, two stops to flush. Al Meester's Pal had a well handled find in the bird field and a stop to flush, one unproductive in woods on the back course. Hugo Blasberg's Miss Topsy ran a sparkling race had two stops to flush on which she was steady.

Every dog in the stake had contact with game, some with a good find or two or more followed by an error somewhere along the line to spoil the picture.

Others were: Foo Mac Eochaidh, Andre Cornu, owner; Buck's Allamuchy Julie, Guy de la Tournelle; Coverdale Iva, Thais du Roc Hellou, Biddie of Loufel, Luke's Allamuchy Terry, A. R. Stuyvesant, owner; Angeliqye de Bretagne, Lester L. Tice; Buckeye de Klemanor, Domino de Klemanor, W. B. Kleeman; Lexington Amherst Godefroi, R. R. Machlett; Joyeux Jacqueline, Calatin Mac Eochaidh's Sam, Dr. T. E. Talbott, Kaerson of Loufel, Lucien Ufford; Basbleu's Sandy of Loufel, Coy N. Conwell; Rem of Aotrou, Dr. R. H. Young; Bourbon II, Dr. Robt. Boswell; Joyce B. of Loufel, L. W. Solt; Avono Jack, Wm. P. Yant; Deepdale Rock, Charles P. Hoffman; Luke's Allamuchy Chesta, A. R. Stuyvesant; Jollie Holl Britsie, Raymond Goland; Rain in the Face, Schutsie, Elias Ritts; Buster Tim, Fred Liggett.

33 Brittany Spaniels

1st—F. T. Ch. Jersey Jeff Brittany dog by Ch. (B) Allamuchy Valley Joe—Miss Topsy. Dr. James F. Weisert, owner and handler.

2nd—Allamuchy Valley Uno Brittany dog by Kaer de Cornouaille—Evette La Rue. A. R. Stuyvesant, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

3rd—Allamuchy Valley Ulysses Brittany dog by Jilo—Bobette La Rue. Evelyn Monte, owner. D. W. Roe, handler.

4th—Burt's Buddy Fentress By Allamuchy Valley Abe—Blossoms of Kaer. L. W. Solt, owner. Bill Kull, handler.

The Illinois Regional Trial

By L. D. La Fleur

The Illinois Regional Brittany Club held its annual fall field trial at Crab Orchard Game Preserve, the host being the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club, a club of most co-operative members.

Saturday, October 21, started the open puppy stake. The day was clear and cool. As it had rained Friday, the course was very muddy.

PUPPY

The judges for the Puppy, Ike Brandon and Evan Mansell rendered a popular decision in naming a hard driving Brittany, Belloaks Ezra, handled by Tom Cox and owned by James Bell, the winner. Ezra was wide and showed plenty of chase and push.



Belloaks Ezra—1st in Puppy

Spindle City Shorty, handled by Buck Bissell and owned by H. A. Stanley, was second. Shorty was a strong runner and had a covey bump and chase.

Third place went to a fast and snappy little bitch, Miss Paradise Mac, a medium ranger with a point and chase. She is owned by Dr. P. W. Greene and handled by Bill Kull.

Fourth place was Jack Fisher's, Fisher's Freckles, a merry going dog with plenty of drive and a strong finish.

1st—Belloaks Ezra. By F. T. Ch. Avono Hapte—Sue of Loufel. James B. Bell, Jr., owner. Thomas W. Cox, handler.

2nd—Spindle City Shorty. By Dual Ch. Brit of Bellows Falls—Lady Margaret. Howard Stanley, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

3rd—Miss Paradise Mac. By Ch. (B) Mac of Paradise—Princess of Paradise. Dr. P. W. Greene, owner. Bill Kull, handler.

4th—Fisher's Freckles. By Larry's Allamuchy Man—Allamuchy Chiming Bell. Jack Fisher, owner. Lee Holman, handler.

DERBY

The Open Derby started on Saturday, October

21, and finished Sunday, October 22.

The judges, Hugh Fleming of Johnson City, Illinois, and Evan Mansell of MacLeansboro, Illinois gave top honors to A. C. Kelly's liver and white dog Lightning MacEochaidh, handled by Bill Kull. Lightning showed good running and good bird work, had two covey bumps, one stanch find and one single.

Second went to Antoine de Rosevere, owned by Dayton Prouty Jr. and handled by John Thompson. Tony had a good covey find, was steady with good manners and a good ground heat.

Third with the outstanding ground heat was Busher de Klemanor, handled by Tom Cox and owned by Walter Kleeman. She had one covey bump.

Fourth, through virtue of her bird work, was Chou-Chou Taffy. She had one covey find and one single, and good manners on both.

Others with outstanding work were Boots of Edough, Tom Boy, Patsy of Edough and Ashurst Jerry.

1st—Lightning Mac Eochaidh. By Iota Mac Eochaidh—Queen Elizabeth. A. C. Kelly, owner. Bill Kull, handler.

2nd—Antoine de Rosevere. By Lucky de Rosevere—Bonnie Lassie. D. L. Prouty, Jr., owner. John Thompson, handler.

3rd—Busher de Klemanor. By Ch. (B) Buck of Chippewa—Ch. (B) Jule of Loufel. W. B. Kleeman, owner. Thomas Cox, handler.

4th—Chou-Chou Taffy. By Duffy of Jan's Tavern—Rusty Lady. M. E. McCluggage, owner and handler.

ALL-AGE

The All-Age followed the finish of the Derby Sunday.

The classic race of the day was run by the winner, Allamuchy Valley Uno, handled by Lee Holman and owned by Alan Stuyvesant. Uno ran a big searching race without bird work, was called back for a second series and ran another sparkling ground heat with two finds and two backs with perfect manners, reached out hunting all the way and finished strong.

The second place was Lucien Ufford's dog, Kaerson of Loufel, also handled by Lee Holman. Kaerson did not run as big but hunted every jump, had outstanding bird work with two coveys and three singles all handled perfectly.

Number three was Walter Oberlin's Mac of Paradise handled by the owner. Mac showed good manners on his one find, had one back and ran a big searching race.

Tom Cox handled the fourth place dog, Buckeye de Klemanor, owned by Walter Kleeman. Buckeye hunted hard with plenty of style and had one covey and one single with good manners, range and speed hunting to cover.

Outstanding dogs were Luke's Allamuchy Terry, Burt's Buddy Fentress and Biddie of Loufel.

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The Ohio Regional Trial

By H. E. Reed

The Field Trial was held November 5th and 6th on the Tallmadge Pheasant Farm, four miles east of Jeromesville, Ohio, and 1½ miles south of route No. 30. The drawing was held at Hotel Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, at 9:00 p. m., November 4th, 1949, with seventy-three (73) entries.

The morning of the 5th broke with a cold rain, turning to sleet and snow, and a raw west wind driving the storm. However, the Judges, Field Trial Committee, and Handlers were at the field and ready to start at 7:00 a. m. When the first puppies were taken from their warm crates and cars and put down in the raw wind and rain, it was rugged and rough but did not seem to slow them up. The gallery began to arrive about 8:00 a. m. and by 10:00 o'clock there were about 75 cars.

The Field Trial Secretary and Marshal provided a quonset hut where the gallery took turns warming up and drinking hot coffee with delicious doughnuts served by some of the ladies. The writer is only sure of the names of Mrs. Ivan Yoder and Mrs. Jim Tallmadge, but we do wish to thank all who helped with the serving, for without the coffee I know we would have been chilled to the bone.

There was no time lost between braces as the committee saw to it that the braces were ready and the running went very smoothly. There were birds for every brace and the dogs put on a good show. The competition was keen and the judges, Dr. L. K. Firth, Selby Price, Coy Conwell and Tom Cox, did a good job in their selections.

The trial grounds provided just about any type of cover one could wish for. Meadows where third crop had been left, open wheat and picked corn fields, woods, weed fields about four feet high, pasture fields and the bird field in a wheat stubble field about a foot or 15 inches high, with grass and clover, which made the planting of the birds easy. It also gave the birds good cover. The gallery showed much interest, and last but not least, a tractor with hay rigging attached, gave rides to anyone who wished to follow the dogs over the course. This plan caused much favorable comment and was greatly appreciated by the gallery and owners of the dogs, as they were able to watch the dogs work in the back fields as well as the bird field. This was by far the best trial the writer ever attended with everything moving along smoothly and everyone in a happy mood, thanks to Jim Tallmadge, Ivan Yoder, Bob Spangler, Don Benjamin, etc.

We had visitors from Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York.

Open Puppy Stake

The puppy stake showed real class for these youngsters and we will be looking forward to their return as derbies.



Meadowink Jim—1st in Puppy

The first and second place puppies was a very hard decision for any judge and could have gone to either puppy as the work was so close.

Third and fourth place dogs were very good and only the breaks that go with field trials prevented them from going higher. Many of the others did remarkable work and their owners have a right to be proud of them even though they did not win.

The winners of the puppies were:

1st—Meadowink Jim. By Ch. (B) Duffy of Belle Brit—Rihsie. W. P. Yant, owner.

2nd—Fantone de Klemancr. By Ch. (B) Jeffrey de Kemanor—Avono Jerri de Klemancr. W. B. Kleeman, owner.

3rd—Belloaks Ezra. By F.T. Ch. Avono Hapte—Sue of Loufel. James B. Bell, Jr., owner.

4th—Belloaks Elmo. By F.T. Ch. Avono Hapte—Sue of Loufel. James B. Bell, Jr., owner.

Thomas W. Cox handled all four of the winners in the puppy stake.

Open All-age Stake

This stake provided very close competition and only for some mis-step or accident, not the fault of the dogs, but the breaks of the game, placed the winners over dogs that were not mentioned, but ran wonderful races. Yours truly would have liked very much to have seen some of them called back, as their work was outstanding.



Ch. (B) Angelique de Bretagne—1st Open All-age

The Open All Age winners were:

- 1st—Ch. (B) **Angelique de Bretagne**. By Toro de Klemanor—Puchyan Peggy. L. L. Tice, owner and handler.
- 2nd—Ch. (B) **Kaerson of Loufel**. By Kaer de Cornouaille—Oged de la Casa Blanca. L. H. Ufford, owner. Lee Holman, handler.
- 3rd—Ch. (B) **Toffee Idoc de Basgard**. Dr. J. E. Talbot, owner. Q. L. (Pat) Watts, handler.
- 4th—**Domino de Klemanor**. By Foo MacEochaidh Pamalie of Aotrou. W. B. Kleeman, owner. Bill Kull, handler.

Open Derby Stake

This stake showed much class and plenty of good dogs missed by a point or so. More luck next time.



Ashurst Jerry—1st in Derby

The Derby winners were:

- 1st—**Ashurst Jerry**. By Dual Ch. Avono Happy—Mitzie of Loufel. Herbert Farnsworth, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.
- 2nd—**Lightning MacEochaidh**. Iota MacEochaidh—Queen Elizabeth. A. C. Kelly, owner. Bill Kull, handler.
- 3rd—**Murph's Tom Boy**. By Brittany House Tommie—Gypsy of Brittany. J. S. Murphy, owner. Bill Kull, handler.
- 4th—Ch. (B) **Loufel's Handsome Harry**. By Ch. (B) Buck of Chippewa—Ch. (B) Jule of Loufel. Mrs. R. H. Bissell, owner. Buck Bissell, handler.

Amateur Handler's All-age Stake

Last but not least was the stake that all owners loved; where they could get their hands on their dogs and make them "strut their stuff" for the glory of their owners. We all enjoyed this part of the trial and hope for an even bigger entry next time.

In this stake—the Amateur All Age—perhaps Mrs. Reed had the most fun with her dog Friday, who must have thought she was "Robinson Crusoe"! "Friday" heeled at her side all the way around the course. To quote Mrs. Reed, "You'll have to admit that I ran a good race, but I just couldn't find a bird!!!"

However, do not be mis-led by this pun at the expense of my wife. While we did have fun, and some of the dogs did lack field trial training,

it was never-the-less a high class stake in which most of the dogs that had competed on Saturday in the open all-age, also ran in this stake. The only difference being in this stake, the dogs had to be handled by an amateur. All professional handlers were barred.

The Ohio Club has been trying to popularize this stake for the past two years and this was by far their most successful attempt. Nineteen dogs were entered and some very good bird work and running was seen. In fact, more finds were made by the dogs in the amateur stake than in the open all-age run the day before. But when it came to handling, I am afraid the professionals can still show the owners a thing or two. Tommy Cox and Coy Conwell judged, and Cox in particular, was most helpful in pointing out to the amateurs just where they made their mistakes in handling. More than one handler killed his dogs chances of winning through dumb handling, but for once they had no one to blame except themselves. The other professionals, Holman, Bissell, Kull and Watts, all followed the braces riding in the hay-wagon, offering plenty of distraction but damn little help to the owners of the dogs they had trained.

It was all good clean fun to the handlers and owners but in spite of them the dogs put on a very good show for the gallery.



Domino de Klemanor—1st in Amateur All-age

The winner, Domino de Klemanor, ran a very beautiful back course and had a spectacular find on top of a hill which he had to hold for fully five minutes before his winded owner could catch up.

Avono Jake, the second place dog also ran very good. One good find on a covey of quail which his owner thought were song-birds (not knowing Ohio has just placed them back on the game list). Jake taking a few steps at flush, but on a later pheasant find was steady all the way.

The third place dog, Georges of Leeway, ran his usual good back course and had a good find with perfect manners.

Avono Hapte, who placed fourth, had a terrific back course, but after his owner stumbled over a bird, Hapte became discouraged and left to look for his regular handler.

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The Midwest Regional Trial

By E. N. Kelly

The first Midwest Regional field trial was held on December 10th and 11th. Despite the late decision to hold a trial and the very adverse weather conditions at the time of the trial, it was a most successful event.

36 Brittanies were entered and 34 started, which speaks very well for our first attempt.

Judges were T. A. Prier of Butterfield, Mo. and B. F. (Dutch) Epperson of Edmond, Okla. C. M. Wagner of Salina, Kansas filled the duties of Field Marshal, and yours truly acting as the Field Trial Secretary. The judging was very good and very fair. Mr. Wagner did an excellent job as Marshal.

Quail were liberated in the bird field for each brace and 3 or 4 native coveys were also found on the back course.

Personally, I think the derby was the class event of the trial. More birds were found by them and the winners harder to select as all ran well and did outstanding work.

The all-age was a bit below par, due mostly to bad weather and a high wind on Sunday. Very few birds were found by dogs other than those who placed. The winners deserved their wins, but others may have looked a great deal better had they contacted game.

Open Puppy Stake

- 1st—**Amos of Edough.** R. G. Buick of Chicago, Illinois, owner. Lee Holman, handler.
2nd—**Duke Avono Happy.** Roy C. Mannen of Chanute, Kansas, owner and handler.
3rd—**Cinderell of Havendale.** H. C. Stayton of Kansas City, Mo., owner and handler.
4th—**Tana Kay.** Dr. H. C. Keister of Kansas City, Mo., owner and handler.

Open Derby Stake

- 1st—**Avono Happy Duke Kaer.** M. G. Hoyle of Junction City, Kan., owner. S. D. Campbell, handler.
2nd—**Allamuchy Valley Slim.** A. R. Stuyvesant, owner. Lee Holman, handler.
3rd—**Marguette of Paradise.** Dr. L. A. Kunkel, Wichita, Kansas, owner and handler.
4th—**Dagwood.** K. L. Honaker, Humbolt, Kan., owner and handler.

Open All-age Stake

- 1st—**Kay's Patrice de Cornouaille.** R. Kimerling, Humboldt, Kansas, owner and handler.
2nd—**Shawnee Duke.** Geo. Meier, Topeka, Kan., owner and handler.
3rd—**Princess Betsy.** S. F. Argerbright, Shawnee, Kansas, owner and handler.
4th—**Clair de l'Argoat.** Wm. A. Gragg, Junction City, Kansas, owner and handler.

The Ohio Regional Trial

Amateur All Age Winners:

- 1st—**Domino de Klememor.** By Foo MacEochaidh—Pamalie of Aotrou. W. B. Kleeman, owner and handler.
2nd—**Ch. (B) Avono Jake.** By Kaer de Cornouaille—Bonne et Belle. D. L. Benjamin, owner and handler.
3rd—**Georges of Leeway.** By Rouxidoc of Richmont—Cherie de Raou. John W. Lee, owner and handler.
4th—**F. T. Ch. Avono Hapte.** By Dual Ch. Avono Happy—Tess of Chippewa. J. L. Whitworth, owner and handler.

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Do We Want Long-tailed Brittany Spaniels ? ? ?

By Jack Whitworth

While this subject has been discussed and rejected several times in the past, it still seems to pop up at every large gathering of Brittany owners.

I wasn't there, but have been informed it came up again unofficially at the last National. This time a couple of sporting dog writers and judges took part in the discussion and agreed the breed would show much better in pointer and setter competition if it had a tail. A short time later, I received a proof of an article that is supposed to appear in a national magazine, also the report of the National trial carried a brief mention on the subject.

I think most of us will agree that a dog of any breed does have a better chance of winning in pointer and setter competition if he has a long merry tail. But failing to cut a Brittany's tail will not necessarily make it merry. Nor will it make a rat-tail grow a plume.

In the September, 1949, issue of *Brittany Field & Bench*, Alan Stuyvesant in his excellent article, "True Brittany Type," wrote about long-tailed Brittanies as follows:

Aside from the traditional fact that Brittanies almost always have been short-tailed, and that, despite the influence of long-tailed setter ancestors, more than half of our pups are still born almost tailless.

A Brittany's tail, if, and when, allowed to grow is not very attractive. I do not know whether the tails were docked because they were ugly, or whether they are ugly because most of the dogs are now born tailless.

Theories have been propounded for both opinions, and statistics found to fit most theories, but most of the long tails I have seen have varied considerably, all being pretty unfortunate in one way or another. Many resemble the rat-tail of the Irish water spaniel which, though it may be very useful in the water, looks pretty foolish, on point, on dry land.

There may be a Brittany here and there who might have a nice long and plumed merry tail, if he had a long tail at birth and it was permitted to grow. But, frankly, I have never seen one. The two or three I did see that were run in trials, did not place or even receive favorable comment.

It is true that a great deal of importance is placed on tail-action in a big-time pointer and setter trial. But tail-action is by no means the full requirements for a placement. A dog must range out at least twice as far as our widest going Brittanies, and any cutting back, or hunting to the gun results in immediate elimination.

When I speak of big-time pointer and setter trials, I refer to the trials where dogs are handled from horseback and heats last from one to three hours, and definitely not the pointer and setter stakes where dogs are handled on foot.

In these latter stakes, the Brittany has done very well against all types of competition, but it will take more than a tail to make a Brittany a threat in big-time mounted stakes.

Aside from the fact that all long-tailed sporting breeds continually suffer from tail injuries and the injured parts have to be removed surgically, I still fail to see how the Brittany breed as a whole could possibly benefit by growing a tail and asking to be judged under the stupid rules of "range, style and tail-action," instead of bird work, which is the Brittany's strong point.

Do we want our breed judged by his nose and bird handling ability or do we want him judged by how far and fast he can run and how beautifully he carries his tail?

At the present time, we do run into a judge here and there who refuses to place a tailless dog, but these judges are rare. As a rule, most judges give the tailless Brittany, German short-hair or Weimaraner the benefit of a doubt, but severely penalize a dead-tailed pointer or setter.

My own ideas on the subject are that as a rule the pointer and setter are used more in open country, while the short-tailed gun dogs were developed more for briar and brush hunting. I do not mean to say that a Brittany cannot be used in open country or that he won't range out fairly well. Nor do I say a pointer or setter cannot be used in brush and briars. But I do say that a long tail on any sporting breed is purely for looks. No dog ever found a bird with his tail.

The Illinois Regional Trial

- 1st—Allamuchy Valley Uno. By Kaer de Cornouaille—Evette La Rue. A. R. Stuyvesant, owner. Lee Holman, handler.
- 2nd—Ch. (B) Kaerson of Loufel. By Kaer de Carnonaille—Oged de la Casa Blanca. L. H. Ufford, owner. Lee Holman, handler.
- 3rd—Ch. (B) Mac of Paradise. By Ch. (B) Allamuchy Valley Mac—Ch. (B) Queen of Paradise. W. S. Oberlin, owner and handler.
- 4th—Ch. (B) Buckeye de Klemanor. By Ch. (B) Buck of Chippewa—Ch. (B) Jule of Loufel. W. B. Kleeman, owner. Thomas Cox, handler.

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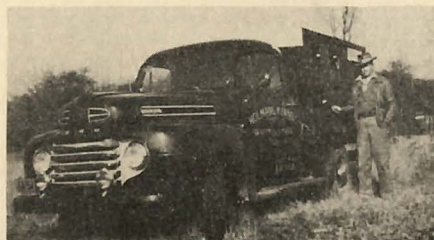
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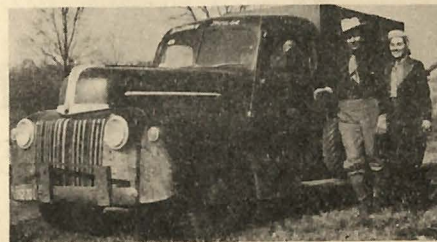
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