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However, in order to have a magazine there must be copy . . . and there must be advertising to help offset the cost of printing and mailing . . . the cost to the American Brittany Club because the funds make the magazine possible come from the club's treasury.

Some members have contributed generously in both respects and we are very grateful for their support.

We hope that more members will take this as a plea to send in material. We cannot have articles of interest to print unless we receive them. Members like to know what other members are doing. They like to know what the various clubs are accomplishing, what has happened at the shows, the field trials, the meetings. They are interested in the views of other members.

If the magazine is to continue it must have the whole-hearted support of every member, of each regional club. Let's have your news and views . . . they are more than welcome . . . they will be the means by which the next issue of the magazine is made possible.

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ALLAMUCHY, NEW JERSEY

11th ANNUAL NATIONAL TRIALS



Winner of the Open All Age Stake: "Tennessee Luke," with Jack Mayer, judge; Howard P. Clements, Chicago, Ill., owner-handler; Reid Troutman, judge.

By RUTH L. LEE

The tone of the trial is often set in the very first brace run. So it was at Crab Orchard this year for the running of the Eleventh Annual National trials of the American Brittany Club.

Judges, horses, handlers, and dogs were ready and waiting to make a 7.30 breakaway on the nose. There was the usual air of expectancy that always accompanies the first brace of the first morning, but who was to know that in less than fifteen minutes three coveys of quail would be routed? Half way through that early morning brace the sun broke through scattering a few remaining clouds. Honkers took off noisily into azure blue skies, breaking the stillness of the morning. All that was needed was for a band to strike, "Oh What a Beautiful Morning," and the gallery riding the brace would have burst into song. It was a

beautiful morning, the Brittany trials were underway, and everyone was happy.

Somewhere back with the dog wagon and with the auto gallery, Howard Clements might have been whistling the refrain from "Oklahoma," too, but for him were destined the words "I have a wonderful feeling—everything's going my way." Tennessee Luke's way, that is, for Howard Clements, the hard-working Vice President (newly-elected President) of the American Brittany Club, who has been in charge of National trials at Carbondale for four years, ran his own dog, Tennessee Luke to fame and glory—winner of the Open All Age Stake.

But we are getting ahead of the story, for if the 6 days of trials ended in a great crescendo for Tennessee Luke, there were other high moments, other stars that stole the show along

the way. There were really three great moments, culminating the three big events. First, there was Belloaks Ginger, the Leading Lady, (or would it be more to the point to call Marcell Bell the leading Belle?) Anyhow, those two females rendered a dramatic interpretation of how an Amateur stake can be neatly wrapped up with four pieces of birdwork in the last six minutes of the last brace of the stake.

Then the next big moment came when Spot had the spotlight directed on him as he stanchly held a covey for Jane Thompson to come in and flush. In a second Series, Spot stole the show from all the others in the Futurity cast.

Two great moments—and then the third—the final, great crescendo when Tennessee Luke thrilled the gallery with a brilliant covey find. Some fans think the way he swelled up backing his brace mate was even more stylish than the way he looked on point. But they all agreed those two exhibitions constituted a sterling performance that justly earned him the crown.

This triad of events was a marked departure from previous National trials of the American Brittany Club. Heretofore there had been run, in addition, a National Derby Stake and a National Puppy Stake. However, entries in 1952 were so large that the National trial week at Crab Orchard was full to overflowing. So in 1953 the program was slimmed down to just three stakes, the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake (to be eligible dogs must have placed in a Regional Brittany Amateur stake), the Sixth Brittany Futurity, and the National Open All Age Stake. At that, it took six full days to complete the running, from Monday morning till Saturday afternoon, with no stopping for inclement weather. Brittanies are tough little bird dogs that can go out and hunt in snow, sleet, wind or rain, and Brittany folk figure if their dogs can take it, they can too!

The National trials at Crab Orchard culminate a full fall schedule of Brittany trials held by the various regional Brittany Clubs. They started the end of August out in the Pacific Northwest. Then Central New England, Southern

New England, North Jersey, California, Pennsylvania, Midwest (Kansas), Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Hoosier, Ohio, and the Sooner Brittany Clubs all held field trials. The last one, the Sooner Brittany Club trial, was held on November 14, 15th, so there was a two-week lull for handlers and dogs to rest up from being on the road and get in some work on native birds. Most contenders showed they were primed and ready for this ultimate in Brittany trials—standing up well under hour heats and displaying their ability to find and handle native quail.

The officers of the American Brittany Club, John Lee, President, Walter B. Kleeman, Secretary, E. W. Averill, Treasurer, and Howard Clements, Coy Conwell and Louis Tippet, Vice-Presidents, put in many hours of organizational work so that frictionless functioning of the American Brittany Club and its affiliated regional clubs goes forward. To each of them goes a share of the credit for the happy spirit exhibited at the Nationals this year.

Howard Clements, Chicago, Illinois, who is in charge of the over-all arrangements for the National trials, has many willing helpers. His local Carbondale standby, serving as a sort of Man Friday is Thomas W. Cox. Whatever needs doing, Tom does, from checking on details beforehand to riding with the gallery and assisting the marshal. And when the trial was over and everyone heading home, who was it giving the dog kennels a last clean-up, and seeing that everything had been left in good order? None other than Tom Cox.

To Mrs. James B. Bell Jr., as Chairman of the trophy committee was delegated the task of procuring suitable awards, and she was aided by Mrs. Walter B. Kleeman. Very lovely sterling bowls and ice-buckets were awarded to 1st and 2nd respectively in each of the three big stakes. In addition, Wedgewood pitchers, donated by Jack Mayer were awarded to the 3rd and 4th placed dogs in the Open All Age Stake. The winner of the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake has possession of the Ray Machlett trophy, and the large bronze statuette of a Brittany, donated by Alan

Stuyvesant is awarded to the Open All Age winner of the year.

Canadians, especially around Prince Edward Island, do a lot of hunting with Brittanies, and foremost of these folk is Jack Mayer of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. It is a long haul for Jack to come to judge the Brittany National trials down in Southern Illinois, but he made the trip two years ago, and returned again this year. He was indefatigable in the saddle, riding constantly throughout the six days of trials. His intimate knowledge gleaned from years of raising Brittanies, hunting woodcock, and judging trials in Canada, was the bolstering armor he needed to adjudicate the performance of 95 American-bred Brittanies. Jack's cohorts on the judging panel were a succession of pointer and setter men, with a lot of quail know-how, so the combination was hard to beat. They each judged specific stakes; Jack Mayer's counsel was rendered for all three stakes. What especially impressed was his mountie spirit to "finish in the saddle." The last brace ended quite a distance from the stables, but would Jack accept the proffered soft-seat of a car? No, by thunder, he would finish the job well. So hats off to our good Brittany neighbor to the north!

Brittany trials at Crab Orchard would really be a fiasco were it not for the local members of the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club. We can't name all of those who contributed time and effort during the year in maintaining the courses and other manifold duties, but we would like especially to thank those boys who served the Brittany people specifically. Starting off the week, Ed

Flener of Herrin, Illinois, served as judge for the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake, with Ike Brandon as marshal. Then W. A. Howell came on to judge the Futurity, and Carl Parsons marshaled. Reid Troutman finished out the week judging the Open All Age Stake, and part of the time acted as marshal besides. Then Ike Brandon was able to arrange things so he could come back and marshal the final days.

These Crab Orchard boys really "sell" their grounds. They know the courses backwards and forwards; they know from recent experience of running the American Field Quail Futurity, and their own Crab Orchard Open All Age Stake, just where the birds lie. They have taken time to observe Brittanies, and study the way they hunt, and so plan the courses accordingly. For each brace set down they see to it that somewhere along the way the dogs have a chance to show on birds. There were some braces that went birdless, but dogs on those same courses other days, under different conditions, found quail. Covies moved varied from a maximum of 22 (Thursday, the day of the downpour) to 11 on Wednesday. Total covey count was 99, or better than one covey per dog run, for 95 Brittanies took part in the 3 stakes. At the conclusion of the running hour heats in the Amateur stake, the Crab Orchard boys sat down and re-evaluated the course used, made a change here, an improvement there, so that the territory to be used in the Open All Age stake would be the best possible arrangement on the grounds available.

Admiration of Brittany people for

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the Crab Orchard venue has been welded even stronger by the warm reception accorded us by all the Crab Orchard people with whom we have contact. Top of the "personality" list, of course, is the man who, in a sense, created Crab Orchard, with all that it represents to field trial enthusiasts coming from all over the United States. Were it not for Eugene Crawford,



Officials: Carl Parsons, Field Trial Marshal, Mrs. Ruth Lee, Reporter; Reid Troutman, Open All Age Judge; Jack Mayer, Judge of all stakes; W. A. Howell, Futurity Judge.

Manager of the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, who plots provision for food, cover, and refuge for all manner of wildlife, sheltered therein, Crab Orchard would quickly lose its charm. Much of the beauty of participating in field trials at Crab Orchard is seeing wildlife close at hand. Brittany people were more conscious of deer than in years past, undoubtedly they must be on the increase. On the other hand, Brer Rabbit who has been quite a pest, seemed to be on the wane. Could it be the Brittanies of 1953 were just better schooled when it came to rabbits? National Brittany trials of '53 could also claim a hen pheasant, a possum, and a black snake as evidence of the variety of wildlife, but of course both in numbers and noise nothing can out-honk the geese. Walt Disney's wildlife films are a poor imitation of what individuals can encounter first-hand at Crab Orchard. Any field trial has its thrills, but here at any moment you can come face to face with a deer, or see spread before you thousands of grey-black birds with white under bellies, sitting demurely in a wheatfield. You can ride pretty close, and then there is a terrific clamor. The honking

black cloud, breaking into many pieces, sweeps upward, the geese have moved on. Yes, field trials at Crab Orchard hold a special magic for modern man; they help him slip back into the delightful world of make-believe.

AMATEUR

SHOOTING DOG STAKE

As if to bear out the well-worn cliché that no stake is over till the last dog in the last brace has run, Belloaks Ginger strutted her stuff in the last six minutes of the running of the Amateur event. Ginger had been doing a superb job of hunting, for her handler Mrs. James B. Bell Jr., of Palm Beach, Florida, ducking in and staying with the briars, searching through the briars, searching through the tough assignments without being urged by handler, yet staying to the front. Then almost as if she asked "Now?"



Judges of the Amateur Stake. Jack Meyer, Moncton, N. B., Canada; Ed Flener, Herrin, Ill.

she went boom, boom, boom, boom, three encounters with covies in honeysuckle thickets and a single in oak woods. That was that; that was enough, for all her finds were handled with finesse. Thomas W. Cox, Carbondale, Ill., is responsible for Ginger's development.

Ashurst Jerry set a very high mark in the first brace of the second day's running with a proud point on a covey find that he executed in masterly style. Jerry maintained a fast-moving, searching race, and was rewarded with another scattered covey feeding in weeds. Ashurst Jerry is owned and was



Winner of the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake: Howard P. Clements, Club President; Mrs. James B. Bell Jr., Palm Beach, Fla., owner-handler of "Ch. Belloaks Ginger."

handled by Louis Tippet, Portland, Oregon.

A. Leroy Magnuson's Jeffery of Argard, from Salina, Kansas, found favor with his wide-going, slashing race, and two covey finds, to place third in the stake.

Butch's Ace, with E. D. Waterman, handler-owner, put on a merry exhibition of quail hunting and found plenty of birds, albeit his was not the polished performance of the higher placed dogs.

At noontime, Tuesday, with Ch. Bell-

oaks Ginger, a bye dog, still to run in the 12th brace of the Amateur stake, the judges announced they would call back Juchoir's Martin, specifically for determining a dog for third place. For the benefit of speeding a decision, Mrs. Bell acquiesced to have Juchoir's Martin ("Mister") run under judgment with her dog, Ginger, instead of running sans brace-mate. Due to unfortunate circumstances and misunderstandings, however, neither Mister, nor his handler, James H. Williams of Lynchburg,

were on hand at the start of the brace. Ten minutes grace period elapsed, and then Ginger was cast off alone. What might have transpired had Ginger run



Place Winners, Amateur Shooting Dog Stake: Mrs. James B. Bell Jr., Palm Beach, Fla., owner-handler of "Ch. Belloaks Ginger;" Louis E. Tippet, Portland, Oregon, owner-handler of "Ashurst Jerry;" A. Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas, owner-handler of "Jeffrey of Argard;" E. D. Waterman, Kirkwood, Mo., owner-handler of "Butch's Ace."

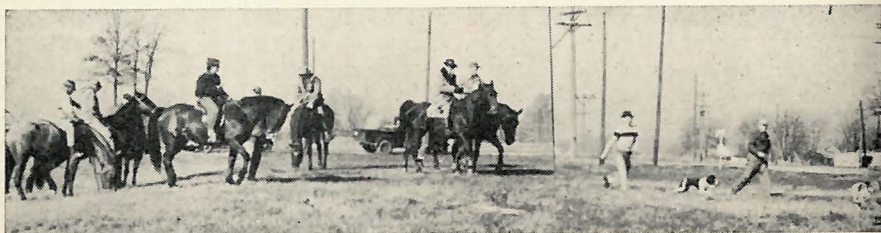
with a braced mate can only be chronicled in the realm of speculation. She might have had to share some of those covey finds . . . in which case . . . But we can only report what happened, and add that the incident, though regrettable, was accepted in a very cordial manner.

THE RUNNING

Mild temperatures, exceedingly dry conditions, were the order of the day for the running of the Amateur stake. Not much air was stirring, and when the sun came out strong at midday, it became uncomfortably warm. Water seemed a compelling factor, causing some casts to be made in search of water, not birds. Only in the early morning when dew or light frost was still on the ground was there relief from the dryness.

Butch's Ace - Ch. Avono Corky. Seven minutes after these two were put down, Corky was winding birds when three quail flushed. A minute later point was called for Ace; covey well located and Ace held at flush and shot. Ace kept going wider and looked more sure of himself as the brace continued. Corky required directing from handler. 7:47 Corky working in dense honeysuckle had a stop to flush, then remained on point for the residue covey rise. 7:54 Ace stop to flush on single the gallery riding up the full covey. 8:03 Ace on point; handler unsuccessful and dog somewhat relaxed, so sent on. At edge of field near woods, two quail flushed and Ace stopped at flush. At crossing of ditch, Ace determined to explore rise to left and made nice cast over hillside, winding birds all the way. His reward was a large covey of quail, but could not see definite birdwork established. 8:09 unproductive for Corky in honeysuckle. Ace working cedar tree thicket when covey flushed wild, and later on in oak tree fence-line had a stop to flush on hen pheasant.

Curt's Fanche Rip - Jeffrey of Argard. 8:34 breakaway. As both dogs were flinging out, quartering hilltop, a single flushed wild. 8:40 Jeffrey probed deep into thicket and through it to lake. Watered and refreshed he swung back hunting through heavy cover all the way. Jeffrey kept taking the "long way home" despite handler's efforts to return him quickly. In thicket below pine woods, he had been acting birdy for some time and finally stopped on point. Before handler could reach vicinity, covey flushed, but Jeff remained staunch as a rock as the birds took off. Back on course Jeff again elected elaborate coverage of weedy hillside. 9:00 Jeff on point, really



Breakaway in the Futurity Stake

slammed into it, his body stretched forward, very intense. Handler called, went in and flushed, Jeff solid as a rock; his head turning slightly as the birds winged off. Rip maintained a consistent forward pattern; Jeff's probes were deeper into heavy cover.

Buttons and Bows - Ft. Ch. Wippy de la Vallee Bourault. 9.42 cast off from water tower. As they emerged at cornfield edge, great quantities of geese arose. Cornfield alive with them. 9:55 covey flushed wild by railroad tracks, split seconds before Wippy would have crossed their path. At edge of woods Buttons stopped to flush on single, and remained on point, for good reason, the rest of the covey was still to be routed. Wippy had just checked the area. Across railroad tracks, near apple orchard, Buttons pointed again. Wippy stopped on command. Both dogs sent on, through orchard, and at far end Buttons again styled on point. This was the real McCoy—could the birds have run clear through the orchard? 10:25 Buttons disappeared in cast off to left, working a weedy draw. Her handler just started to go in and check when single, then full covey of quail boiled out from the vicinity. **Toward finish** both Buttons and Wippy showed tiring.

Nanette du Boise - Ch. Diane de Beauch. Breakaway was unimpressive. Diane kept getting stronger as she went along, made several independent, searching casts. Nanette had pleasing forward pattern, but did not show initiative. 11:00 point called for Diane as she stopped under hackberry tree. Sent on, she rendered more inconclusive, non-productive work. Meanwhile Nanette, ahead, jumped into thicket across road and stopped dead in her tracks. Handler called judge's attention; first a single flushed, then deeper in woods the full covey. 11:05 a large buck joined the brace, making quite a spectacle of himself as he cavorted along the road. 11:17 Nanette pointed in ragweed and handled admirably. 11:21 Diane stopped as though on point in draw. Nanette backed on command. Both dogs then went on when Diane's handler couldn't produce and this time both Diane and Nanette practically spit on the birds. A full mea-

sure of quail boiled out and Diane's handler exclaimed in disgust, "Hones' to, that is exactly where I walked." 11:34 deep in thicket, point called for Nanette, unproductive. 11:44 another covey find for Nanette, manners perfect.

Juchoir's Martin - Rendezvous Honey Girl. 12:48 breakaway through open to thicket at far end, both dogs cut out well. Mister lost to sight for awhile and when reappeared he was full of burrs. Then Honey Girl got lost in dense thicket. Handler and one of the judges crashed through the impasse to find her, but she was spotted ahead by gallery, having worked her way through. 1:21 Mister chased meadow-larks across cornfield. 1.42 both dogs worked deep in cover to side of newly planted wheat. Birdless brace.

Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanor - Tennessee Luke. 1:58 breakaway, Luke somewhat to outside in initial casts. Buccaneer ran edges of beanfield, but did not probe deep into thicket to right; Luke likewise had to be coaxed into briars, but when he hit the open

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he turned it on. 1:19 Buccaneer established point on hillside by telephone pole. She had elected, before crossing road, to hunt out hillside to right, heavy weeds. Handler tried in vain to produce, and Buccaneer was sent on. She moved straight ahead about 40 yards, and stopped as birds flushed. 1:21 Shot was heard in woods through



Some of the spectators: E. G. Stevens, John W. Lee, Mrs. Thomas Lee Holman, Paul Dawson, Bob Machlett.

which Buccaneer was emerging. Unable to see dog's action, and no point called; two birds winged from woods. About the same time Luke was observed on point at edge of beanfield. He was swelled up in fine style, but handler couldn't produce.

Ch. Helgramite Chip - Ch. Jeanette's Cookie. 3:02 sent off. Both worked tight and close. 3:45 in thicket Chip on point. Moved as handler came in cautioning him. Handler couldn't produce and Chip sent on for relocation. Meanwhile, Cookie had come in from the road side of thicket and both dogs were pointing the covey when it flushed. Both steady to wing and shot. 3:49 unproductive point called for Chip descending bank from road. 3:55 Cookie working slope north toward water tower began feathering about 50 yards southeast of tower. Point called, Cookie's tail kept a-wagging merrily, an engaging peculiarity of this little dog. First a single, then others of the feeding covey flushed. 3:57 Chip coming through the territory picked up another single and further on two more quail trailers.

Tuesday morning there was a heavy frost on the ground, and mist was rising from Crab Orchard Lake as we

drove out for the start of another day. But the sun sent long shafts of golden light flooding across the eastern sky, promising another perfect day. Gallery again marveled that the Weatherman had dealt another rare "June" day for the first day of December.

Ashurst Jerry - Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou. 7:36 fine breakaway with dogs casting wide across open country to cover at left. Jerry, especially worked out all thickets along the way. 7:43 Both dogs disappeared in heavy draw, Doc pointed. Handler couldn't produce and Jerry's handler found him on point, swelled up, standing high and proud on a rise just west of where Doc had pointed in vain. It was the covey, alright—a large one right under Jerry's nose, and he stood proud as a peacock as the quail boiled out. 7:53 a large buck broke loose in front of dogs, and cantered off invitingly, but neither broke. However, Doc was confused and pointed in spot where deer had been standing and Jerry backed on command. Jerry continued quartering broadly, searching the petticoats of cornfields as well as diving into fencerow thickets. On such a sortie into weedpatch, Jerry disappeared. Having failed to pierce the outer side, handler with judge went in to investigate. Single quail whirred up front of judge's horse, and there ahead was Jerry. He moved after single went out, but before he could show his find to better advantage, up rose the other 999. Jerry stopped at flush. From then on it was a case of trying to keep sight of Jerry's current investigation for no likely looking spot was omitted in his quest. Always he would reappear to the front. 8:12 Doc working a draw when covey flushed wild. 8:19 Jerry cast clear through soyabean field to cedar thicket. Hunted through it thoroughly, but brace-mate, Doc came closest to covey find there. Again, however, it was only a stop to flush.

Ami Chasseur - Ch. Bonair Doc. 8:50 breakaway, dogs friendly at first, but then Doc stretched out and away he sped. Doc's right front leg or foot was hurt—ran on three legs part of the time. 9:05 Chasseur deep in thicket. 9:30 beautiful big buck in thicket off to left espied by gallery. 9:37 Dogs

working draw; best, independent, far-reaching cast made by Chasseur. 9:41 Chasseur on point, head down, looking very intense, but then raised head as though changing his mind. Sent on for relocation, but nothing produced.

Ft. Ch. Lexington Amherst Godefroi - Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo. 9:56 broke away with Lex yipping two or three times in great excitement. Dingo cast wide to the right, quartering for all he was worth and giving the field a thorough going-over. Lex's range restricted in comparison; he preferred territory adjacent railroad, but gained momentum and became bolder in his explorations as time went on. 10:06 a deer was seen galloping up the railroad tracks. He paused, a covey of quail lifted in front of him and took off to the woods, the deer chasing happily like a young Derby bounding after flushed birds. Lex pointed in old orchard, Handler flushed; Lex behaving beautifully throughout. 10:20 Lex was de-burred and later given water. 10.41 Dingo was quartering methodically, but somewhat lackadaisically when point

called at side of road. Handler gave it up as a non-productive but split second later birds were seen to take off further up the road.

Lusann Declarke of Bienville - Ch. Meadowink Buzz. 10:59 Buzz "buzzed" out beautifully; Lou, too, showed a lot of spirit, but it was Buzz's lofty manner that caught the eye. There was something in his easy stride and thorough way of going that assured competence. Hence the utter dismay of handler and gallery when he went bird-hunting up the side of a hill and went right through a huge covey. 11:15 on ridge after crossing road, Lou drove in thicket and pointed. A single flushed. Buzz backed on command. Way off to left, the covey proper flushed out. Fired with quail scent, Lou reached wider; both dogs did a lot of good hunting, entirely independent of each other. 11:44 point called for Buzz who was stopped intent on fallen tree. Un-productive, but Buzz continued around the bend in woods, and again slammed into point. Buzz held for handler and judge to turn back and get into the



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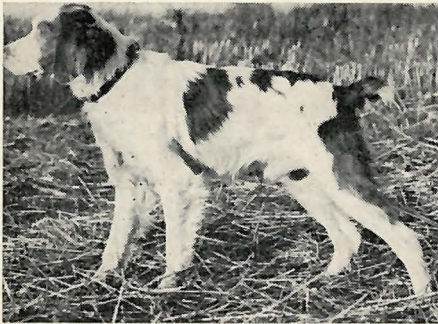
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woods and remained staunch while handler again tried in vain to produce birds.

Ch. Belloaks Ginger - Bye. 1:08 Ginger cast off through weed field. About two minutes out single quail flushed in open. Ginger worked diligently; dove into thickets without any direction from handler, hit all the birdy spots along the course. 1:45 Ginger down to lake for water, swinging back in wide cast. 2:02 Ginger on point in honeysuckle; marshal discovered her and called handler's attention. Large covey, nicely executed. Then across the ditch to side of railroad again she came on point. This time covey flushed way ahead before handler could get in, so she shot from away off. There was then about two minutes remaining before Ginger's sand would run out, and she made the most. Swinging back up the cornfield, she again styled up on point, and accounted for a third covey, following this up immediately by charging into oak woods and nailing down a single. Time called, and handler collapsed dramatically.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE

The Open All Age Stake at the Brittany National trials has always brought forth the mightiest and the most; the mightiest Brittannies competing in field trials all over the United States, and the most, because every all-age dog



Winner of the Open All Age Stake. "Tennessee Luke" owned by Howard P. Clements, Chicago, Ill.

would like the distinction of being winner of the National open stake. This year, 1953, found a record number, 43, dogs entered, and when all had run

their hour heats, there were two outstanding dogs that could be tops. There was Tennessee Luke, who flashed like a meteor across the sky adding luster to his brilliant covey find with a spectacular back. And there was Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, who laid down a near-perfect Brittany ground pattern, found and faultlessly handled two covies under difficult conditions, and did not blemish his record with indefinite location of a single. The decision boiled down to a question of quality vs. quantity, and the nod in a big Open All Age stake is for quality.

Tennessee Luke, as mentioned earlier, is owned and was handled by Howard Clements, Chicago, Illinois, with Lee Hoffman, of LaGrange, Tennessee, responsible for his development. Luke was in training with Lee Hoffman last summer on the prairies in Canada.

Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou was likewise handled by his owner, W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Connecticut. "Doc" has received all of his training from his owner, is the winner of many Open Stakes as well as Amateur Stakes. Doc epitomizes what most men want in a Brittany. He hunts well, he has a nose and uses it, and handles his birds with impeccable manners.

Tennessee Luke and Doc were in a special category, reserved seats in the front row, and then came Hero's Master Spot and Miste de Klememor.

Hero's Master Spot, owned by Dr. Harry Lee of Detroit, and handled by Jane Thompson, Farmington, Michigan, had already found fame and glory by winning the Sixth Brittany Futurity. The next morning in drenching rain and wind blowing full in his face, Spot cast wide up a hillside, found what he was looking for, and showed again he can handle quail in All-Age fashion, albeit he is not yet two years old! A Futurity winner placing also in the Open All Age Stake at the Nationals is not, however, unknown. Last year, Juchoir's Martin, winner of the Fifth Futurity, was named to 4th place in the Open All Age stake. Hero's Master Spot this year moved up a notch to 3rd place in the Open Stake. Will there ever be a bright and shining youngster that will crash the gates and

be a double winner? Pretty unlikely—but it might be done!

Miste de Klemanor, Walter B. Kleeman of Springfield, Ohio, owner, with Tom Cox handling, did a laudable job of hunting, running with Spot as brace-mate in Thursday's downpour, and was credited with two covey finds. Again



Professional Handlers: back row, Thomas W. Cox, Lee Holman, Jess Hayslip, Jane Thompson, N. Bis-sell; front row, Bill Kull, Paul Dawson.

as between 3rd and 4th placements, it was quality vs. quantity that gave Spot the nod and when he went out on an independent cast, over Miste's two covies. Miste de Klemanor was second place dog in the Fifth Futurity at Crab Orchard a year ago.

Ranking close with the named dogs was Jeffrey of Argard, handled by Jess Hayslip for A. Leroy Magnuson, owner, of Salina, Kansas. Jeff laid down a far-reaching, flashy-hunting backcourse that ranked close to the top, and exhibited much style on point.

Reid Troutman, Carbondale, Illinois, President of the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club, and Jack Mayer of New Brunswick, Canada, were the duo that handed down the decision in this final stake of the National Brittany trials. They were fully cognizant of all the factors involved, and their logical interpretation and determination to see that high quality be paramount, has advanced the cause of Brittanies in field trials. The decision acknowledged that a Brittany, like other bird dogs, can possess "style." To say the announcement was well received would be an under-statement. It was greeted with thunderous applause.

THE RUNNING

There was time for just one brace of the Open All Age Stake at the conclusion of the running of the Futurity on Wednesday afternoon.

Ronnie de Laurier - Ch. Bonaire Doc. 3:12 cast off through weeds, to left down fencerow. Sore foot on Doc bothered him quite a bit. At 3:32 dogs were working out pocket of woods when large covey flushed; both dogs in motion at the time. Because of Doc's lameness, handler requested permission to pick him up. Ronnie continued hunting half-heartedly for remainder of the brace.

Winter Wheat desperately needed rain, the dogs needed watering spots around the courses, and the water level of Crab Orchard Lake was way down, so no one cursed the elements when Thursday we were doused with rain. Sharp winds, encountered on Wednesday, increased in velocity all night long, and about 6 a.m. it began—a heavy mist at first, but by the time the first brace was set down in the morning, it was raining hard. To show the unquenchable enthusiasm of Brittany followers, however, let it be pointed out that all who could beg, borrow or steal rain-suits were in the saddle at the breakaway of the first brace. Saddles got soaking wet, so-called "rainproof" parkas let the water seep through, and at times when we had to face the wind and driving rain both, it was a little rough. The only compensation, however, was fairly mild temperatures—in the 50's, so though everything oozed water, one was not chilled to the bone.

Hero's Master Spot - Miste de Klemanor. 7:35 brace set down. Both dogs at the start seemed oblivious to the rain. Spot made wide casts; Miste laying down a more consistent, quartering pattern. After working cover near lake, dogs were running in open heading toward woods when point called for Miste. Covey arose way out, just on fringe of woods. Spot was stopped on command as covey flushed and remained steady till sent on. 8:07 point called for Miste under oak tree in fencerow. Obviously not positive, and sent on. While she was still trying to locate, a single quail was seen to take off further down fencerow to right.

Meanwhile other judge was riding hard to follow Spot who had cast up a hill and come on point. He had to relocate, moving on about 20 yards. Handler came in front of dog and covey broke further out. Dog steady at flush and shot. In the last few minutes remaining, dogs were swinging back toward pick-up point, Miste out on road swung sharply to the right and pointed into cornfield. Quail clustered under cedar tree flushed; Spot, down in cornfield, stopped on command. Miste showed slackening as brace neared end; Spot continued strong.

Beaucoup Pete of Richmond - Butch's Ace. 8.40 nice breakaway, with Pete cutting far to the left working out hillside; Ace concentrating on fence-row cover to right. Good range and pattern on both dogs for the first half hour; they punched hard, cutting wide swaths. 9:25 after crossing ditch, and working up along cornfield, both dogs went deep into woods after deer. Wind and rain muffled the frantic whistles and calls of handler, but at 9:30 Beaucoup Pete decided to quit the chase and come back bird-hunting. Ace let his time run out, completely and then showed. Beaucoup Pete obviously had spent his "all" on deer, lacking fire for remainder of brace. Even contact with bevy of quail at 9:38 failed to kindle much of a spark.

Ch. Belloaks Ginger - Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo. Both started creditably; Dingo making the wider, but sometimes too much latitudinal flavor to his casts. Ginger had nice forward pattern, lacked enthusiasm for drive. Worked out broad expanse to right of railroad, then through opening in woods to right. On both sides were oaks sighing and swaying in the wind and rain—most anywhere one might expect to find quail. But none could be found though both Dingo and Ginger searched hard. At edge of orchard gallery saw deer standing, and then take off across open country for woods. Judges warned handlers, and Ginger was turned back to the spot where the buck took off, and at 32 minutes down, he did likewise. After Dingo left, Ginger down-hearted, acting as though this business of staying out in the rain looking for birds was silly. Judge's

horse was startled with single flushing right in his face (the horse's face, not the judge's) which set the rest of the covey in motion. Just at conclusion of this brace, gallery was treated to quite a sight of geese—thousands of them squatting in a field. They were reminiscent of Puritan maids—gray



Gallery

dresses with white petticoats—but of course when we startled them and they arose honking, they sounded like anything but prim little Puritan maids.

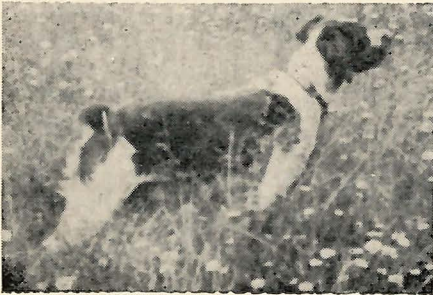
Albedo Valley Dingo - Ch. Belloaks Ezra. Prediction correct it "cleared before eleven." But wind still with us, remained violently strong all the rest of the day. Ezra, an impressive, powerful runner to the outside; little Dingo doing a nice job of hunting, punching all the way. Ezra had run clear down multiflora rose plantings, then came back to hunt hillside where he was joined by Dingo. What transpired no one could see, but after covey flush at 11:02 both dogs observed standing, steady to flush. Heading down fence-row after sharp right turn there was quite a bit of singles work. Judge rode up first single at 11:08; then at 11:09 Ezra had a point, and one minute later, another. On this last one he showed perfect work. About 3 minutes later Ezra was moving when another covey flushed. Cross the road, in open country, Ezra really turned it on, and with gallery, judges, handlers, to far right of field, he swung sharply on point along upper edge. Very intense as he hit scent, but before handler could get over, Ezra had moved around into thicket and single quail flushed from vicinity, Ezra moving. Handler picked Ezra up. Little Dingo continued working out in open when he styled into a beautiful point. Handler came running full speed, then slammed on her brakes, threw her hands up in the air and shrilled Eeeek—the kind of utterance any startled female makes at

something like a mouse or snake. But it was nothing so prosaic—it was a possum.

Curt's Fanche Rip - Ashurst Jerry. 1:00 breakaway unspectacular. 1:02 quail seen to rise ahead to the right. Jerry came on point at spot. Handler called it, thinking there might be some sleepers, but there were not. The sun came out bright and strong at 1:10, and remained out for the rest of the afternoon. Blue skies, but fast-moving, ominous clouds. 1:21 Rip pointed under redhaw tree. Sent on for relocation. Rip positive in several places along multiflora rose plantings, but no birds could be raised. While Rip was feathering in multiflora, Jerry cut out to right and chalked up two very positive unproductives. At 1:40 when Jerry elected to hunt out dense cover in field above lake, forces divided; Rip completed swinging down uncultivated strip between two wheat fields and on to end of course alone. Jerry had point on meadowlark, and just before pick-up, stopped at flush of covey in corner of cornfield near woods.

Leeway's Prince of Samoa - Ch. Amos of Edough. 2:05 both dogs wide-going at breakaway, with a bounce to their movement, bounding up so they could chart a course through high weeds. 2:07 Amos pointed stylishly. Prince coming into vicinity failed to back, even on command. Out went meadowlark. 2:21 Prince ran through a covey of quail, moving with them. Amos had already given that territory a casual going-over. 2:41 Prince winded birds and finally located them, but not in best bird-dog rendition. Stopped at flush. 2:55 Amos was startled at flush of single and stopped as full covey burst out before him.

Jeffrey of Argard - Ft. Ch. Lexington Amherst Godefroi. 3:15 breakaway; this was a "bifocal" brace. The dog in the distance usually was Jeffrey, and the close up was Lex, and both showed something worth looking at. Jeff almost ran into deer trouble, but responded to reasoning, and good he did, for right after that he styled up on beautiful point. Lex coming on the scene at 3:30 made just as pretty a



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back, and covey was well located, both dogs steady to shot and wing. Some of the quail pitched into fencerow down which the course lay, and therein lies another tale. Lex and Jeff hunted down fencerow, winding birds. Lex pinned a single down, handling it nicely. Jeff helped his single find on a little bit. At far end of draw Lex was on point when Jeff came in from the left, caught scent too, and practically fell on top of Lex as he, too, stacked up on point. Jeff was a bit late—the single had just gone out, and Lex, a little annoyed at being crowded, moved on about five steps, but stopped at command. Three more covies were seen before the brace was terminated, but on only one was there birdwork; Jeff stopping at flush.

Friday dawned clear and cool; the rain had washed the air of heaviness. Strong wind from the southeast kept up all day. Quail were fidgety. When dogs had to head into the wind, they evidenced a dislike for its blustery buffeting. If there were any doubt of the wind's velocity, all one had to do was watch geese trying to fly head-on; they practically marked time in mid-air.

Dual Ch. Allamuchy Valley Uno - Pat of Paradise. 7:29 breakaway, both dogs reaching moderately. Up on hill, Uno cast out to right. Pat, with shorter range, worked fencerow. 7:36 point called for Pat, unproductive. 7:45 Pat acting birdy in open weed field; feathering. Uno lost in thicket to right, then sighted as he went down to lake for water. Pat lost to sight for about 3 minutes, showed in deep briars. 8:07 point called for Uno. When judge got there birds flushed, Uno moving. Both dogs slowed toward finish.

Palomar de Boswell - Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou. At breakaway, started out slowly. Doc nosed around meadowlarks in middle of field; Palomar came charging in, meadowlarks flushed, Palomar stopped to watch. 8:45 Doc running wider, free and easy gait. Worked out pine strip jutting out toward lake, then swung and kept to thickets. 9:46 point called by Palomar's handler. Palomar had been winding birds for quite a while before point was definitely established. Handler shot as birds

flushed; Palomar took two steps. Only then was it discernible that Palomar was not alone. Doc was in there, steady as a rock, and had been on point even while Palomar was winding! Doc handled to perfection even though his handler was nowhere near the scene of action. 8:55 Doc and Palomar worked along hillside nicely. Between the two of them they quartered it thoroughly. Palomar winding birds in corner near woods. Before point was called by leaving the area. No more sleepers could be produced. 9:30 heading back toward water tower, a deer went out in front of Doc. Handler had a frantic moment when Doc started right out in same direction as though he might be trailing the deer. But Doc knew the difference; it was quail he was after, and he had a covey pinned so close to where the deer had run, it's a wonder they had not been flushed! Doc's handling was absolutely flawless. Working on through oak trees, dogs over to left when gallery flushed a covey. They pitched on down the horsepath, and Doc swinging back, caught scent, and pointed, crouched under oak tree, head turned a little to the right. Handler tried to produce in front, then ran around to left of oak tree, and sent Doc on for relocation. Doc birded on in direction of his handler had taken, to the left, and two singles flushed to the right.

Joie of Hunterhaven - Ch. Helgramite Chip. Set down at 9.43, breaking away from water tower. 9:47 Joie cast wide to right. Chip crossed over and worked area to left of railroad tracks, hunting in cover; Joie in cornfield. 9:59 while gallery and Chip maintained course winding through oak woods, Joie cast off to left, reappearing as gallery and handlers came out in the open. Joie wide to south of soyabean field toward weedy draw at far end. Completed his cast, then cast across to cover on north side. Joie down in deep thicket, lost from sight, when two quail were observed leaving the region. Judge tried, but it was impossible to penetrate with horses, so handler had to go in and bring dog on. Reported she flushed another covey on the way out of thicket.

Tennessee Luke - Ch. Meadowink

Buzz. 10:49 breakaway through field, taking in swale of lespedeza, across road and up multiflora fencerow. Luke cast out to left in soyabean field, then swung south working out fencerow all the way down. At the far end, in low-lying pocket by road, Luke styled up on point. He was high and mighty about it, Buzz backed. Luke's handler went ahead, trying to locate quail, when huge covey flushed out on the other side of the road! There was a ditch on either side; Luke caught scent though it had to be lifted up over the road and down. After initial covey burst, Luke was sent on, and two more birds took off, Luke stopping at flush. Both Luke and Buzz reached wide when they hit mowed field. Worked down along fencerow while handlers waited at field entrance; Luke doing the better job, going all the way down and completing cast before he turned back. 11:20 Joint called for Buzz. Luke was quartering the hillside, and the minute he caught sight of Buzz he swung afar off, and backed, pretty as a picture. Unproductive for Buzz, but stylish bit of honoring for Luke, and done independently of handler. At two minutes to go, Luke put on a last spurt, cast wide through lespedeza cover bordering corn.

Sparkling Sherry of Loufel - Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanor. 12:48 At breakaway both dogs cast to left, then to north end of field and deep into thicket before turning. Buccaneer came in at call quickly; Sherry swung wide and took in all the briars and thorns of the draw. That first wide cast was indicative of pattern Sherry set for the entire course. She was always bid-dable, but took the long way around, hunting everything out as she went along, yet always well to the front at the completion of a cast. Buccaneer returned all the way back to handler at end of cast, before he could be sent on. In high weeds Sparkling Sherry bounced high, like bubbles in a glass of champagne she rose up out of weeds to look around and get her bearings.

Buttons and Bows - Ch. Diane de Beauch. 1:54 cast off. Both dogs about equal in range and ground pattern; working to fore, but not much latitudinal exploration. 2:16 after cutting through draw and working up hillside,

Buttons was feathering, Birds went out in two installments; Buttons finally stopped on command. 1:16 Buttons working down in thicket when quail went out; Buttons in motion at the time. Almost simultaneously with flush, Diane came in and slammed into point where quail had coveyed. Diane's handler fired. 2:43 Diane again on point. Buttons came in from behind, to the left, swung in front of Diane and the quail went out. Diane's handler, out in front, came running back to Diane and didn't fire till he was right in front of dog. At long-delayed shot, Diane moved two steps. 2:52 Buttons and Bows picked up.

Dual Ch. Uno's Jet - Nanette du Boise. 3.07 breakaway. For about the first twenty minutes neither dog reached out, but Uno's Jet stretched in wheat field. His spurts were not consistent; he would run out, stop, then go out farther. Nan looked around furtively over her shoulder toward handler for direction, even in open country where normally a dog would range to his heart's content. 3:30 Jet on wide cast over to next hillside and swinging back to cross road, Jet got birdy in old orchard, spending considerable time birding through it slowly. Meanwhile, Nanette, across road had come on point, solid and positive. Handler called it, but nothing produced; Nan feathering as she went on. At crossing of road, just before heading back through last cornfield and finish of course, Uno's Jet stopped to water himself in mud-hole. Handler was in corner, small triangular weed patch left from plowing

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corn, when covey flushed. On second more, his thirst quenched, that covey might have been the property of Uno's Jet! In last second at far end of wooded fencerow, Jet swung into sharp point. As far as anyone in the gallery could see, the only bird raised was a blue jay that flew up in a tree to the left of the dog.

Elliott's Red Zipper - Lusanne De-clarke of Bienville. 7:26 breakaway. 7:35 Lu moved slowly through briars. Zipper, head down, went into heavy cover for a while. Lu, too, did a fair job of hunting out side thickets. Zipper and Lu birded out a hillside; finally called on by handlers. Zipper came down and out, to continue on course around lake. Birds were flushed ahead of Lu's handler and they came off hill. It was a clear, very still morning. There was a chill in the air, and at times during the morning the wind and mackerel sky, indicative of more rain on the way. 8:06 by cedar trees a covey went out; Zipper in vicinity was moving at the time.

Juchoir's Martin - Ch. Avono Corky. 8:29 Corky ran into Mister midway down the first field after the breakaway, and it looked for an instant as though there might be a spat; again at far left breakthrough Corky again jostled Mister. Mister swung to right over hill they sashayed through pines at left of beanfield. Corky thoroughly worked all around in cover to side of beanfield. Mister did a lot of running and stopping until he reached weedy hillside, quartering that in good fashion. In woods to left of corn Corky bumped a single, then stood steady as two more and then the rest of the covey of quail flushed out. Judges and reporter were making crossing at ditch when shot was heard fired for Mister in open field. Gallery reported Mister was in midst of large covey and stopped when they flushed and handler shot. No point was called.

Larry Lee Kaerson - Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee. Cast off from water tower. 9:53 Pierrot's handler had been walking gravel bed of railroad heading down to breakthrough of oak woods when covey flushed. Pierrot worked fringe area around open field, then swung across into next, hunting all

birdy looking country thoroughly. Larry Lee kept to the fore, but did not drive very hard. At 10:03 Pierrot, to the right of railroad tracks came on point. His head and body were pointing south; wind was strong and from east by southeast. Handler tried to locate birds in the direction the dog was pointing—to no avail. Pierrot was sent on to relocate, and was extremely birdy, working all around, and again



Place Winners, Open All Age Stake: Jack Mayer, judge; Howard P. Clements, Chicago, Ill., owner-handler of "Tennessee Luke"; Reid Troutman, judge; Wilbert E. Stevenson, Stamford, Conn., owner-handler of "Ch. Helgramite Howie D' Acajou."

he came on point. Very evident birds were there, but running. Single flushed out, behind Pierrot, and seconds later, a big full covey. Continuing through oak woods and on past old orchard, Pierrot started a single, then stopped to flush for covey. Working in weed field, both dogs were winding birds. Larry Lee was the first to point, Pierrot backed, both sent on for relocation and they worked for some time trying to locate. Pierrot gave up the attempt; Larry Lee stuck with it, not too vigorously, however. Ultimately he ran down to fallen limb of o'd apple tree and established point definitely. Handler came in and flushed; manners of dog perfect at wing and shot. Meanwhile Pierrot swung back near another railroad track and was charged with an unproductive.

Allamuchy Valley Rusty - Meadow-ink Jim. Nice breakaway. Jim, a large white dog ran with head thrust forward. Rusty scooted along on short legs, purposeful, looking as though he meant business. Both Rusty and Jim cast wide to left when they came to

end of multiflora fencerow. Swinging south, and working "bird alley," Jim came in contact with birds, stopping at flush. Rusty, about to come through fence, also stopped at flush. 11:25 Rusty's handler killed a blacksnake.

Ft. Ch. Wippy de la Vallee Bourault-Ronile Avant Coureur (Skippy). Skippy cut a way out to field beyond at turn of course after breakaway. Came through thicket, hunting all the way. Wippy cast to right of thicket, worked through it to corn, Wippy was watered, crossed ditch and made nice cast up hillside. Wippy worked down uncultivated strip toward honeysuckle thicket while Skip went over to the lake for water. Wippy found water in ditch for he came out dripping wet, and rearing to go. (It was oppressively hot that first brace after lunch—the warmest of any time during the week). After Wippy's cold dousing he cast along hillside to left of honeysuckle ditch, and was joined at far end by Skippy. No two dogs had hunted harder, or searched better for those elusive quail, than Skippy and Wippy. They cast up fencerow near road, and plied through the tangles of honeysuckle, finishing up around far corner of oak woods, but no birds could be raised.

Tex of Richmond—Ch. Holly Haven Duchess. Both dogs cast wide to right at breakaway. Tex came back, then out again—wide. Duchess swung out in cornfield; Tex cut back and forth covering a wide swath of fencerow growth. After crossing road and heading south from old home place, both Tex and Duchess cut clear across wheat field

to the west, then followed it around working back to draw; Tex a bit wider, but both hunting well. Tex worked out hillside with cedar trees and further on, in open, came on point. Handler hesitated quite a while before calling it; unproductive and Tex sent on.

LATE BULLETIN

"Belloaks Ginger," winner of the 1953 National Amateur Stake, was killed by a rattlesnake, while hunting quail in Florida with Jim Bell, husband of the owner, Mar-celle Bell.

The unfortunate little champion died despite all efforts on Jan. 16. She had been bitten on a blood vessel and the poison spread rapidly through her system.

ANNUAL MEETING

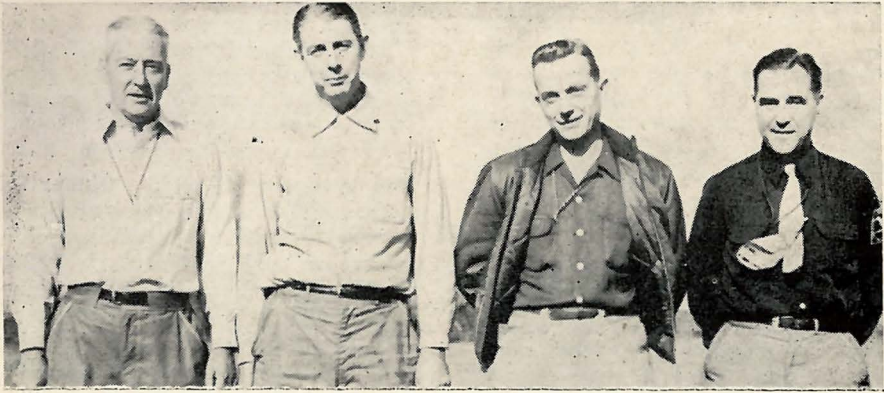
**American Brittany Club
Monday, November 30th**

With zesty outdoor appetites to do justice to the sumptuous turkey feast, Brittany members and friends gathered at the new Elks Club in Carbondale, Monday evening, November 30th. Only then was it possible to comprehend the truly national-character of this influx of Brittany folk from all parts of the United States.

Flying to Carbondale from Portland, Oregon, Louis Tippet, Vice-President of the American Brittany Club represented the vast interest in Brittanies out in the Pacific Northwest. The James B. Bells from Palm Beach, Florida, brought the Buck Baughers with them from the sunny sands. Downeasterners included the Buck Bissells of Central New England Regional, and the R. R. Machletts, Stevensons, Bob Machlett, and Paul Dawson were on hand for the Southern New England Club. Ohio this year, in addition to the hard-working Secretary of the American Brittany Club, Walter B. Kleeman and Mrs. Kleeman, was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Morse. The Hoosier delegation included Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Davis, the John W. Lees and Bill Kull. Illinois had a fine turnout supporting the Nationals, namely Howard Clements, the Ed Stauntons, La Fleurs, John Doaks, Dave Olund, the Lee Holmans, Mrs. Ethel Bowman, R. G. Buick, Eu-

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gene C. Huser, the Thomas W. Coxes, E. H. Watermans, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lamz. The newly formed Southeastern club was represented by Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Stringer from Atlanta, Georgia, and James H. Williams of Lynchburg, Virginia, brought greetings from the Old Dominion Club. The Sooner Brittany Club delegate, Mrs. F. H. Bryan of Altus, Oklahoma, was on hand, and a group from the Midwest Regional, namely the A. L. Magnusons, Jess Hayslips, Gerald Price, the Mike Burnhams and Luther Hoffmans. Many made the 600 mile trip from Michigan including Vice President Coy N. Conwell and Mrs. Conwell, Treasurer E. W. Averill, H. H. Crippen, the Otto F. Hulins, the Dick Woods, Jane Thompson, Mrs. Harry Lee, George W. Wilson, the Holleyoaks, and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stevens.

There were several notables introduced by Howard Clements, namely Congressman C. W. Bishop of Carterville, Illinois and Mrs. Bishop, Eugene Crawford, Manager of the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge and Mrs. Crawford, and Mr. Francis C. Gillett from Minneapolis who is Regional Director of the United States Wildlife Service. Mr. Clements also introduced Mr. J. L. Mayer, Brittany judge from Canada and his wife and daughter, Carol; LeRoy Beardsley, American Kennel Club representative from New York City, and Evelyn Shafer, official photographer for the trials, also from New York City.

Officers and members of the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club were on hand for this Brittany Annual dinner and meeting, namely. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Howell, the Reid Troutmans, Ike Brandons, Ed Flener, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith. Other Carbondale guests included Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis and Mr. and Mrs. James Stocks. D. R. Bruce of Korkwood, Missouri, representing Ken-L-Bis-Kit was also present.

President John Lee conducted one of the briefest Annual Meetings on record. Secretary Walter B. Kleeman, and Treasurer, E. W. Averill stated their reports would be published in the A.B.C. magazine. Coy Conwell, in charge of Regional Clubs, announced 1953 saw the formation of six new regionals. The Brittany family now encompasses 26 Regional clubs, with total paid memberships of more than 800.

Ed Flener of Herrin, Illinois, adroitly managed the auctioning of Open All Age dogs in the "Calcutta" and then W. E. Stevenson showed movies of by-gone Nationals and other Brittany trials. It was a gala evening of good fellowship, brought to an early conclusion. Late nights play havoc with early morning braces, so everyone was delighted short shrift was made of the business meeting. After all, the principal business at hand was getting along with the trials—so—let's on with the show!

ANNUAL REPORT — 1953

	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
Balance December 31, 1953			\$1,851.92
Dues Received in 1953:			
Michigan Regional	\$ 305.00		
Midwest Regional	232.00		
At Large Members	154.00		
California Regional	122.00		
Ohio Regional	105.00		
North Jersey Regional	74.00		
Illinois Regional	72.00		
Pacific Northwest Regional	70.00		
Sooner Regional	64.00		
Southern New England Regional	63.00		
Upper New York Regional	53.00		
Missouri Regional	52.00		
Hoosier Regional	51.00		
Michigan Saginaw Valley Regional	46.00		
Ringneck Regional	42.00		
Central New England Regional	36.00		
Southeastern Regional	32.00		
Old Dominion Regional	28.00		
Pennsylvania Regional	20.00		
Total Dues	\$1,622.00		
American Brittany Club Magazine	685.05	\$2,073.05	
Club Operating Expense:			
Stationery		101.15	
Election Committee		188.97	
Field Trial Standard		63.05	
A.K.C. Dues and Tax		30.00	
Miscellaneous		37.41	
Total Club	\$2,307.05	\$2,493.63	-186.58
			\$1,665.34
Expense and Revenue:			
Nationals	\$1,758.00	\$2,043.44	
Futurity Share	202.93		
30% on Calcutta	285.60		
10% on Futurity	147.84		
Totals	\$2,404.37	\$2,043.44	360.93
			\$2,026.27
Reserve for Additional Expense (Nationals)			34.65
Actual Balance in National Bank of Detroit, December 31, 1953			\$2,060.92

MEMBERSHIP

	Regular	Associate	Honorary and Service	Total
At large ..	19	2	6	27
California ..	47	3	—	50
Central New England ..	15	4	—	19
Hoosier ..	24	3	—	27
Illinois ..	35	3	—	38
Michigan ..	150	21	2	173
Michigan-Saginaw Valley ..	17	1	—	18
Midwest ..	100	20	1	121
Missouri ..	25	11	—	36
North Jersey ..	54	1	5	60
Ohio ..	50	—	—	50
Old Dominion ..	15	—	—	15
Pacific Northwest ..	35	2	—	37
Pennsylvania ..	10	—	—	10
Ringneck ..	22	—	—	22
Sooner ..	29	11	—	40
Southeastern ..	15	—	—	15
Southern New England ..	26	11	—	37
Upper New York ..	22	1	—	23
Totals	710	94	14	818

NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

By E. W. AVERILL

For the second time in four years, the judge of our National Specialty Show couldn't make it and one of our own members had to take over and do the job on very short notice. In 1950, Max Riddle had six ribs broken in an automobile accident and the AKC appointed your reporter to judge, though he had no license at the time. This year, we received the following telegram at 4 p.m., CST, on Saturday:

"Due to sudden business crises will be unable to fill my engagement, sorry writing. U. R. Fishel"

Since it was too late to telephone the AKC, or much of anything else, the committee checked around to find out who had a license, outside of your reporter, who had read the catalog

and thereby disqualified himself. We were very fortunate to find that Dr. S. Allen Truex of Jackson, Tenn., would be present and that he could judge. He has had an AKC license to judge Brittanies for several years and yet he was almost completely unfamiliar with the dogs to be entered.

When we say that Dr Truex did as well as Mr. Fishel could have, we are understating the case because he really put them the way we all like to see them placed—bird dogs, first, second and third. And he really had the courage of his convictions, too. Nine times out of ten, a judge will put the first place Open Dog, Winners Male and the first place Open Bitch, Winners Bitch. Not this kid—his Winners Male was a 6-9 months Puppy and his Winners Bitch was a Novice Bitch. That's the way he saw them and that's the



Best in Breed: Dr. Allen Truax, judge; Charles W. Morse, Euclid, Ohio, owner-handler of "Ch. Avono Corky."

way he placed them. And he drew a round of applause for his courage—and his knowledge of the breed.

When it came to Best of Breed, Dr. Truex was confronted by ten champions (count 'em - 10) and the Best of Winners. And, what champions. Not the kind that campaigned for two years to scrape up 15 points but the top Brittanies of the past several years, three Duel Champions, an International Champion, a champion with top group placements, another that took second in the best Sporting Group your reporter ever saw, another that — oh, well, they were ten terrific Brittanies in there—absolutely tops in the breed. Not one that you wouldn't mortgage your home to own. Dr. Truex sweated considerably over the deal but fi-



Best Brittany Spaniel and Best Opposite Sex: Charles W. Morse, Euclid, Ohio, owner-handler of "Ch. Avono Corky"; Dr. Allen Truex, judge; Henry A. Holleyoak, Wyandotte, Mich., owner-handler of "Ch. Holley Haven Suzette."

nally narrowed it down to three or four dogs and came up with:

Ch. Avono Corky, owned and handled by Charles W. Morse of Euclid, Ohio.

A powerful dog with marvelous legs, absolutely perfect, the best body we have seen since—mustn't mention any names—and an excellent head. Beautifully conditioned, beautifully marked, perfectly handled, marvelous temperament, well, just everything. This dog has done a lot of winning in Ohio and Michigan but Dr. Truex never saw him before and deserves a lot of credit for coming up with this one top specimen out of a group of excellent dogs.

Probably Corky's nearest competitor was a bitch that Dr. Truex put Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Holly Haven

Suzette, owned and handled by Henry Hollyoak of Wyandotte, Mich.

Suzette is the best bitch that these tired old eyes have seen in many and many a day—maybe ever—and she is tough to beat. Corky had an off day once and she beat him in a pretty big show. You can't be off even a little bit and beat Suzette, but Corky wasn't off in the Nationals and Suzette, or any other bitch, couldn't beat him then. She sure gave him a run for his money, though. Your reporter has never missed a National Specialty Show, he has won three of them, taken Best Opposite in another and judged another and, believe me, this is the BEST pair we ever saw go up.

To get back to the show, Winners Male was an 8-month old pup named, so help me, "Tigre par le Tigre de L'Argoat." With that handle, you might think that he would break down under the weight but he looks to be at least two years old and is a beautiful Brittany. What he will turn out to be is pure conjecture, but he could be a world-beater, the way he has started. He is owned by John Doak of Champaign, Ill., and was handled by Tom Cox. Reserve went to Dave Olund's "Holman's Yankee Traveler," handled by Lee Holman. Winners Bitch was "Sleepy Hollow Peggy," owned and handled by Luther Hoffman of Lebanon, Mo. She is a big rangy bitch with a lot of substance and character, a worthy winner, in our opinion. Reserve went to Walter Kleeman's "Sussanne de Klemanor," also handled by Tom Cox.

THE SUMMARIES:

Males: Puppies, 6-9 months, Tigre par le Tigre de L'Argoat—John Doak. Puppies, 9-12 months—Pacolet's Hellou Jet—Nils Nielsen. Novice—Meadowbrook Jerry—William P. Yant. American-Bred—Britt Bree's Hennessey—E. C. Staunton. Open—Holman's Yankee Travler—D. F. Olund.

Bitches: Pups, -9 months—Magre par le Tigre de L'Argoat—John Doak. Puppies, 9-12 months—Dingo's Dinah—Howard Crippen. Novice—Sleepy Hollow Peggy—Luther Hoffman. American-Bred—Sussanne de Klemanor—Walter Kleeman. Open—Buttons and Bows—George Wilsson.

Best of Winners—Tigre par le Tigre de L'Argoat.

Best Puppy in Show—Tigre par le Tigre de L'Argoat.

Best of Breed—Ch. Avono Corky—Charles W. Morse.

Best of Opposite Sex—Ch. Holly Haven Suzette—Henry Holleyoak.

SIXTH BRITTANY SPANIEL FUTURITY AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

Hero's Master Spot, the precocious Brittany owned by Dr. Harry Lee of Detroit, Michigan, with Jane Thompson as handler, won the Sixth Brittany Spaniel Futurity competing against 29 starters. Spot made his bid for topmost rung of the ladder with a magnificently handled covey find at the end of fifteen minutes running in a second series. His decisive birdwork and intrepid manner was evidence of a maturity unequalled by the other competitors. Indeed his was All-Age birdwork par excellence.

Dian of Edough, owned by the late Harry Crouch of Detroit, Michigan, and handled by Paul Dawson, had a very creditable ground heat, with two covey finds which she handled Derbywise to gain second place.

Another "Edough" dog, Rose of Edough, showed a lot of class, and fairly sparkled—especially when she hit quail scent. To watch her relocate and style up on point was inspiring. A. Leroy Magnuson of Salina, Kansas, is Rose's owner, and Jess Hayslip piloted her to a substantial third place in the winners' column.

Fourth in the money was Jet's Ace owned by Dave Olund of Skokie, Illinois. Ace held a large covey of quail over the brow of a hill until his handler, Lee Holman called point then at flush Ace chased with joy and reckless abandon.

Five Brittany Spaniel Futurities have been run on the Crab Orchard field trial grounds, for the general terrain and abundance of native coveys of quail on



Winner of the Futurity Stake: Mrs. Harry E. Lee, Detroit, Mich., owner of "Hero's Master Spot"; Jane Thompson, handler; Howard P. Clements, Club President.

the multiple courses affords the opportunity, yet offers a challenge to worthy contenders. Older Brittanies, who have become bird-wise and know they must punish themselves by probing into thickets and briars to hunt for quail, chalk up a greater number of covey contacts. For instance, at the outset of Brittany trials Monday morning, 17 coveys were counted. It should be noted that on every course used in the Futurity, quail were seen. Everyone was convinced the opportunity was there should the dog manifest a prowess in hunting. Whether or not he could connect, whether luck would be with him as to scenting conditions and time of day, and whether the temperamental quail would sit tight or act skittish, all of these are factors that must be reckoned with. They all add to the suspense and the thrill of field trials, but they also have a bearing on the outcome. Brittany folk have the reputation at Crab Orchard of being fine sportsmen, of hearkening to Kipling's admonition . . . "If you can meet with triumph or disaster, and treat those two imposters just the same" . . . May it ever be so!

There is no need to reiterate that the Little Egypt district of southern Illinois, like vast areas of the country, suffered severely from the drought last summer. Lespedeza pastures burnt to a crisp were unsuitable for hay, burdock and other rank growing weeds took over in much of the uncultivated portions so that much of the time the Brittanies running were completely obscured. Skies were clear, temperatures mild, and when the sun was high overhead, just before and after lunch, the aridity seemed especially hard on the dogs. Many showed at times they were hunting for watering places instead of hunting for quail. The beauty of the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, however, is that under the Careful guidance of its manager, Eugene Crawford, quail propagation goes on regardless of the vicissitudes of Mother Nature. Coveys were large, and the birds nice and plump.

The American Brittany Club again relied heavily on the fine cooperation of directors of the host Crab Orchard

Field Trial Club. They count on this fine group of sportsmen to supervise the marshaling, kennel arrangements, dog wagon, horses, clubhouse for lunches at noon, etc. But this year at the last moment they really had a problem. One of the selected judges could not make it to Carbondale. Could the Crab Orchard boys somehow—some way—fill the void? Reid Troutman, Ike Brandon, W. A. Howell, Carl Parsons, and R. A. Scott put their heads together to solve the dilemma. W. A. Howell climbed into the judicial saddle for the running of the Futurity and Reid Troutman took over for the Open All-Age Stake.

Jack Mayer of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, came down to serve as judge for the Futurity and other stakes of the Nationals. Jack is wise to the ways of a Brittany, having run his Brittanies and judged trials on woodcock in Canada. Two years ago he was a judge at the Brittany National Trials held at Crab Orchard, and it was a pleasure to have him in the saddle again.

W. A. Howell, past president of the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club needs no further introduction. Though the Brittany Futurity, following on the heels of the 49th record-breaking National Quail Futurity, held on these same grounds, must have seemed to him like the whipped cream atop a sundae . . . a lot of froth and nonsense . . . he was most considerate in evaluating the merits of the dogs under judgment.

At the conclusion of the running of the initial 14 braces and a bye dog, Hero's Master Spot and Lady Patsy de Wayne were called back for a second series. Undoubtedly the judges were still looking for something they had not seen in the first series running—a wide-going, purposeful-hunting Brittany who could and would show well on birds. As is always the case, second series post-mortems, following the decision, disclosed divergent opinions. In this case there was some question as to the need, since at least three, possibly four dogs had already run creditable heats and shown on birds, and

although both of the dogs called back had themselves gone birdless, they had not run birdless courses. In both instances brace mates had contact with quail. And if a second series were deemed necessary, why was Ferdinand of Leeway who laid down a class heat in a birdless brace, omitted from the list of those given a second chance to show on birds? Despite the pros and cons (and these are included for fuel to spark the fireside talk all winter), Hero's Master Spot grabbed greedily at the bait, and was hauled in—prize catch of the day—Winner of the Sixth Futurity! Any dog that can make the most of an opportunity is a joy to handle and jubilant Jane gave him a resounding smack, for he really outdid himself on that second series, and made his initial bid vanish into thin air. He turned on the heat and burned up the country, hunting from one side to another of lespedeza field, probing ever covert. Swinging down a draw, Spot suddenly vanished though his brace mate could be seen making game. Jane sped swiftly, and sure enough, Spot had birds, pointing with all the confidence in the world. Although brace mate continued moving, Spot held as the covey flushed and shot was fired. This electrifying action occurred less than 15 minutes after the second series was set down. Not only did it terminate running of the second series, but it threw the stake wide open and Spot was named top dog.

As everyone knows, the work involved in a Futurity is not confined to the actual 1½ days it takes to run off the event. Breeders must begin planning two years in advance, and after the pups are whelped, owners and

handlers spend eons of time trying out their prospects to determine who is worthy of campaigning. Without doubt, the fellow in the American Brittany Club, with the real Futurity headaches, though, is the chairman, E. C. Staunton of Wauconda, Illinois. Ed has all the detailed record keeping—bitches nominated, forfeit fee paid, etc. It takes someone with broad shoulders and a genial disposition to undertake this task and Ed is very capable. How proud he must have been, riding and watching every brace run—for this Futurity is his Bē nourished along for two years!

Out of 58 litters enrolled in the Sixth Futurity, 44 dogs were entered and starting fees paid by August 1, 1953. This field was narrowed down to 29 starters, the drawing taking place Sunday night following the National Brittany Specialty Show. Ed Staunton reports that the gross Futurity purse is approximately \$1500—and after deducting expenses the remainder will be divided 40-25-20-15 for the four top dogs; two-thirds to the owners and one-third to the breeders of the placed dogs.

THE WINNERS

Hero's Master Spot is already a full fledged "general" having garnered two stars of prominence a year ago at the National Brittany trials. He was not only named National Puppy winner, but National Derby winner as well. At that time his trainer, Jane Thompson calmly announced Spot would be the winner of the Sixth Futurity. It was not an idle boast, it was merely a statement of fact, and anyone seeing the power, the purpose and the mature intelligence Spot displayed



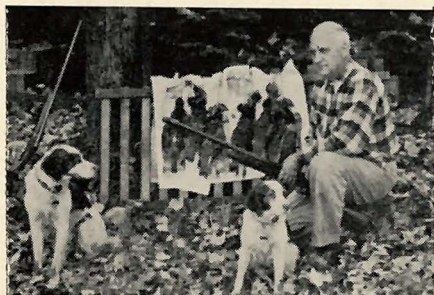
Breakaway in the Futurity Stake

then—when he was less than a year old—knew he could do it with the breaks in his favor. In Puppy competition Spot not only was top at the Nationals, but won the Puppy Stake at regional trials, fall of 1952, at Ohio and Indiana. In the Spring of 1953 he was campaigned as a Derby and won that stake in Ohio. Finished as an All-Age dog in early fall, he no longer competed with dogs his own age, but ran against seasoned All-Age dogs, and placed 2nd in both the Michigan and Illinois regional trials. That's a mighty enviable record—one never before achieved by a Brittany.

Hero's Master Spot was whelped February 21, 1952, sired by Pontac's Hero, winner of the Third Brittany Futurity. Hero is owned by Coy N. Conwell, vice-president of the American Brittany Club. Nankay's Mitzi, the

dam of Spot, is owned by Dr. Harry Lee of Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Lee has been Hero's Master Spot's avid fan and field-trial follower and she was present to witness this crowning glory of his already star-studded career—his winning of the Sixth Brittany Futurity.

No one attending Brittany trials has to ask twice who is the breeder of the "Edough" dogs, for R. G. Buick of Mt. Prospect, Illinois will have made that fact clear in his first sentence. Bob Buick has raised and campaigned many outstanding Brittanies, among them Patsy of Edough, a champion in the field and on the bench. Patsy is the dam of both Dian of Edough and Rose of Edough, 2nd and 3rd place Futurity winners, respectively. The sire of this Futurity nominated litter was Dual Ch. Allamuchy Uno. Patsy



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herself placed 2nd in the Second Brittany Futurity held at Crab Orchard in 1949, while her litter brother, Allamuchy Valley Slim was named winner of that event. There was Futurity blood flowing in the veins of all the three dogs named to top places in the Sixth Brittany Futurity—so the Futurity stake in Brittany trials has really come of age.

Dian of Edough was owned by the late Harry Crouch of Detroit, Michigan, who met an untimely death in an auto accident three months ago. Paul Dawson, her handler in the Futurity,



Place Winners, Futurity Stake: Jane Thompson, handler of "Hero's Master Spot," owned by Dr. Harry E. Lee, Detroit, Mich.; R. G. Buick, breeder of "Dian of Edough" owned by H. C. Crouch estate, Detroit, Mich.; Jess Hayslip, handler of "Rose of Edough II" owned by A. Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas; D. F. Olund, Skokie, Ill., owner of "Jet's Ace."

also garnered her 1st place in the Derby Stake at the New Jersey Regional Brittany trial, fall of 1953.

Rose of Edough, sister to Dian, is owned by A. Leroy Magnuson of Salina, Kansas, and is in the string of Jess Hayslip.

Jet's Ace, named in fourth place, has already established a reputation in Brittany competition. As a puppy he placed 1st at Pinehurst, N. C. (Old Dominion Brittany Club) and 1st in the Illinois Regional in the Spring of 1953. Campaigned as a Derby he was named winner in the Illinois regional in the fall of 1953. Jet's Ace is owned by Dave Olund, Skokie, Illinois and Lee Holman is responsible for his development. The breeder of this pup is Luther Hoffman, Lebanon, Missouri whose dam, Sleepy Hollow Tillie was

mated to Dual. Ch. Uno's Jet, also owned by Dave Olund.

Hence Dual Ch. Allamuchy Valley Uno could look with pride on the accomplishments of two daughters and a grandson in this Sixth Brittany Spaniel Futurity sponsored by the American Brittany Club.

THE RUNNING

At the conclusion of the running of the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake the Futurity got underway on Tuesday afternoon, December 1st. 30 minute braces.

Chassis Trailer De Luxe-Tuxedo Joe 2:15 turned loose in cornfield to thicket, across draw and up lespeveda hillside. Crossing road to bean field both stretched in open, Joe went reluctantly to thickets. At 2:35 just across railroad tracks Joe was stopped as though on point. Intent on watching him, just caught-sight of bevy flushing ahead and to the right where Chassis was working. Joe undoubtedly had pointed where the quail had been for he was standing nicely, swelled with pride.

Rusty Phes-Par - Buttons and Hero's Nan. Handlers spent about the first ten minutes keeping these two from being companionable, Rusty evincing a liking for Nan. 3:15 quail flushed out of multiflora fencerow. Rusty came bounding out as the gallery rode up. Nan still in fencerow, moving. Nan kept punching for the remainder of the brace; Rusty slowed toward finish.

Hilltop's Allamuchy Kaer-Huterhaven Dubonnet. Cast off through lespeveda, both dogs preferring to run horse paths rather than exploring deep in cover. Kaer trailed Debby some, but later worked independently. Debby was in heavy growth, a thicket down the hill to right when quail went out. Cover was so dense, the dog could not be seen, nor could handler get in, but shot at flush. Toward finish both dogs working well to front and hunting, but limited in range.

Nankay's Heatherbelle - Remarqueable of Algiers. 4:00 breakaway through lespeveda toward tall trees in fence row. 4:03 Heatherbelle picked up. Remarqueable spurted spasmodically, need-

ing encouragement to go hunting at start of brace. At 4:10 as we came out on beautiful vista of broad, brown, gently rolling fields, shadows on the hillside were lengthening. At that point Remarkable came to life, struck out boldly and on wide cast to left in lespedeza field was lost from sight. Handler waited for him to show, then went looking for him thinking he could have found a covey. Just as he was returned to course time was up.

This concluded the running for the day. Remainder of the braces were run on Wednesday. Conditions were practically identical, cool in early morning but hot and dry in forenoon and braces right after lunch. Wind from south by east increased in velocity as the day wore on.

Rose of Edough - Sandy Phes-Par. These two hard-going dogs cast off at 7:32. Rose had the grace of a ballet dancer, nice high front action, she seemed equipped with springs. Sandy trailed somewhat going up hill. At 7:40 they were making game on hill when large covey took off to other side of woods, and both chased. Sandy quartered area ahead in methodical manner. Rose darted from one birdy area to another maintaining a searching race, diving in and exploring thickets. At 8:01 in lespedeza field Rose of Edough on point; Sandy came in and pointed too. Both dogs moved on for relocation, Rose showing a lively interest. Finally the birds were located and pinned down, dogs standing side by side. Spectacular find occurred in the last minute of time.

Jitterbug of Leeway - Hero's Master Spot. Jitter worked in close at shooting dog range. Spot cast wide to right through weed field, reappeared up front running the horse path, then swung to left. 8:17 at creek bridge crossing Spot was again out of sight, came through with horses from behind. Up on the brow of hill both dogs dove into cedar thicket. Spot came out again quickly and out to open, Jitter kept combing the area and bumped a covey of quail. Jitter stopped on command. After watering Spot spurted and on long cast through thicket, went up hill far to left. 8:35 Spot nosing around where larks had gone out. Jitter slowed considerably toward end. Spot swung wide

through lespedeza working draw, then on to cornfield where they were picked up.

Rusty Rambler - Pacolet's Bonne Lynn. Set down at 8:42, Lynn bounced about while Rusty Rambler took to the far corners of the field running, but did not appear to be hunting intelligently. In open beanfield Lynn made some nice casts. Rusty seemed more intent on watching brace mate than doing any investigating on his own, and had to be continually sent on. 9:04 both Rambler and Lynn in thick tough briars. Rambler's quick high jumps got him out in the clear, but Lynn lacking the bounce had a tough time disentangling herself and when she finally made it her tongue was bleeding badly and her feet hurting, probably thorns. Handler requested permission to pick Lynn up with five minutes still remaining in brace. Rusty quite lackadaisical at finish.

Tuxedo Frank - Lady Patsy de Wayne. 9:15 sent away, Patsy cut way out to the left. Frank was slow to start but finally got going. Patsy down in woods and creekbed slashed through heavy cover magnificently, executing a nice piece of independent hunting. The minute she came out in open, Frank spotted her, and the two dogs traveled together for a time. 9:22 Frank followed at handler's heels through briars; Patsy cutting on ahead kept up a good pace considering the cover they were traversing. Patsy slowed somewhat at end, but maintained searching qualities. Gallery had crossed road and up bank when Frank vanished. A covey of quail flushed ahead up the road; whether or not Frank was in any way responsible is a matter for conjecture.

Man of Edough - Ouragan Sugar Cookie. 9:50 cast out through lespedeza field and alfalfa field. Cookie, limping badly, kept close to handler going through oak woods, but out in open country she stretched and seemed oblivious of her sore foot. Cookie and Man cut casts through cornfield nicely, heads held high as they headed into the wind which was coming up sharp and crisp. 10:00 Man made wide cast deep into cornfield, then Man, followed by Cookie ran straight down the telephone line, making a beeline for the woods. After crossing old railroad embank-

ment and ducking through oak woods, they hit open wheat field and for the first time stretched out and hunted independently. Worked along multiflora rose cover, then again into oak woods where they were picked up.

Dian of Edough - Hunterhaven Dixie. 10:28 breakaway with the dogs cutting it up nicely in dense tall weeds. It was impossible to see the dogs much of the time, but from the rapid strides of handlers it was obvious they kept moving along at good pace. 10:36 Dian pointed, almost simultaneously birds flushed, and she broke and chased, but she was seen on point and given credit for the find. Dixie was closer in and moving as the birds went out. Dian made wide cast through weed field, then swung along fencerow. 10.43 Dian given some water and a few minutes later the course led to open country for the first time. For nearly 20 minutes they had been traveling in territory where it was impossible to study their ground pattern and manner of going. Dian could now be seen to reach forward, Dixie following at times. After a cast Dian would sometimes cut all the way back to handler, but she showed a lot of forward drive. Her legs were like the wheels of a railroad engine, rolling her on and on ever forward. There was determination in every stride. 10:55 point called for Dian. A single got up right under her nose, then the whole covey flushed all around her.

Slamming Sammy - Jet's Ace. 11:03 cast off through corn with Jet pouring it on. Sammy cut back to the horses at start. 11:07 Jet probed a honeysuckle thicket, then reappeared up over a hill ahead. Sammy's range was good in open, but shortened considerably in higher cover. Both dogs were working along multiflora fencerow when covey was seen to rise way up ahead, darting to woods cover. When dogs hit the scene at end of fenceline, they became quite birdy and Ace made a long cast out in the direction the birds took. Turning south from woods and working "bird alley", the strong wind hit full force. Tough on the gallery, it must have been plenty tough on the dogs. Ace ran the road for a time at the crossing, seemed to be looking for water. Sammy probed the thicket by side of road. Ace ran the path. 11:25

Ace had disappeared ahead of handlers over hill. When found he was on point, pinning down a large covey that had taken refuge against the wind in a secluded pocket of the hillside. Almost as soon as he was spotted, and point called, the covey flushed, shot fired and Ace went chasing birds towards woods. Ace working strong at finish, quartering well.

Helgramite Poseidonna - Rex of Lee-way. 11:40 breakaway through high weeds, then on to corn. Out flushed a covey in weed patch to side of cultivated field where Rex was working, but no birdwork was displayed. At times Posey followed after Rex who appeared to be bird-hunting but generally lackadaisical. Hot, and very dry, both dogs moved cautiously through high cover.

Brit Bree's Amy - Poyre Pierre. Breakaway right after lunch at 1:10. Amy was somewhat wider at start, but both were limited in range. Several "friendly" greetings were exchanged; Pepper wanted to make friends but the lady would have none of it and yipped several expressive "No-No's". When she finally convinced Pepper of the fact that, like Garbo, she'd like to be alone, Amy cut out through cornfield, but her cast lacked objectivity. When Pepper's pursuit of the femme fatale was nipped in the bud, he lost interest and thereafter was content to trot along with handler for the remainder of the course. Rabbit was the only big game scared up, but Amy did have fun chasing a meadowlark.

Britt Bree's Ike - Ferdinand of Lee-way. 1:45 breakaway through corn. Ike latched onto Ferdy right from the beginning as they were going through cornfield. Though it was obvious to those who could distinguish these two dogs, both white and dark orange with almost identical markings, it was perhaps not apparent that the "friendliness" exhibited was in reality close trailing on Ike's part. No matter where he elected to go, or from whence he appeared after a long cast, and a great deal of acreage was burned up in this brace, Ferdy had a little shadow that went in and out with him. They were Independent working along an oak tree fence line for handlers worked opposite sides, but then Ferdy cut on over for the territory way out in left

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cornfield looked inviting. He was quickly joined by his constant companion. A little later on Ferdy shook Ike off in honeysuckle thicket where they repaired for water to ditch, and so was free to search out lespedeza hillside. This he quartered intelligently, and seemed intent on hunting when marshal indicated the course would turn right across ditch and work honeysuckle thicket to right. Handler had some difficulty turning Ferd, and gallery at pick up point later reported quail had flushed ahead of where Ferd was turned.

Beau Birchwood - Bye. Beau stuck pretty close to path, kept coming back for instructions from his handler. He executed some good probes into birdy spots, but for the most part showed limited range.

2:48 Hero's Master Spot and Lady Patsy de Wayne, who had impressed with ground heats, but lacked birdwork in their first showing were called back for a second series. The territory traversed was open for the most part, and Hero's Master Spot struck out boldly, displaying far more fire, range, and biddability than in his first series exhibition. Second series was culminated at 14 minutes when handler called point for Spot, who, with brace mate, had been working down a draw. Spot was holding tight despite the fact that Patsy was still moving about trying to locate the birds, too, and at flush was still steady.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT — SIXTH ANNUAL ABC FUTURITY

Receipts:

56 First Forfeit Fees	\$ 280.00
48 Second Forfeit Fees	240.00
Interest	8.40
44 Entry Fees Paid 8-1-53	666.00
29 Starting Fee Paid 11-29-53	290.00

Gross Purse

\$1478.40

Expenses:

10% of Gross Purse to ABC	\$ 147.84
National Trial Expenses	202.93
Listing - American Field	10.00
Printing Expense	25.50
Postage Mimeographing, etc.	21.25

Total Expenses

407.52

NET PURSE

\$1070.88

Placed Dogs:

1st—Hero's Master Spot	
Owner: Dr. Harry E. Lee (x)	\$ 285.57
Breeder: Dr. Harry E. Lee	142.78
Handler: Jane Thompson	
2nd—Diane of Edough	
Owner: Harry Crouch (x)	178.48
Breeder: E. G. Buick	89.24
Handler: Paul Dawson	
3rd—Rose of Edough	
Owner: A. Leroy Magnuson (x)	142.79
Breeder: E. G. Buick	71.39
Handler: Jess Hayslip	
4th—Jet's Ace	
Owner: D. F. Olund (x)	107.09
Breeder: Luther Hoffman	53.54
Handler: Lee Holman	

\$1070.88

(x) Entry Blank designated winnings to be paid to handler

SUMMARIES OF WINNERS

Eleventh Annual National Brittany Trials

Carbondale, Ill. - Nov. 30 - Dec. 5th

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE

1st—Ch. Belloaks Ginger, female, May 13, 1950. Sire: Ch. Buck of Chippewa. Dam: Ch. Julie of Loufel. Owner and Handler: Mrs. James B. Bell, Jr., Palm Beach, Fla.

2nd—Ashurst Jerry, Male, January 3, 1948. Sire: Dual Ch. Avono Happy, Dam: Mitzie of Loufel. Owner and Handler: Louis E. Tippet, Portland, Oregon.

3rd—Jeffrey of Argard, male, July 5, 1950. Sire: Jeffrey Dick. Dam: Lady Argard II. Owner and Handler: A. Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas.

4th—Butch's Ace—male, June 30, 1949. Sire: Butch's Lad, Dam: Cedar Lake Britsie. Owner and Handler: E. D. Caterman, Kirkwood, Missouri.

SIXTH BRITTANY SPANIEL

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1st—Hero's Master Spot, male, February 21, 1952. Sire: Pontac's Hero, Dam: Nankay Mitzie. Owner: Dr. Harry E. Lee, Detroit, Michigan. Handler: Jane Thompson, Farmington, Michigan. Breeder: Owner.

2nd—Dian of Edough, female, February 10, 1952. Sire: Dual Ch. Allamuchy Valley Uno. Dam: Dual Ch. Patsy of Edough. Owner: Harry G. Crouch Estate, Detroit, Michigan. Handler: Paul Dawson, Brewster, New York. Breeder: R. G. Buick, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

3rd—Rose of Edough II, female, February 10, 1952. Sire: Dual Ch. Allamuchy Valley Uno. Dam: Dual Ch. Patsy of Edough. Owner: A. Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas. Handler: Jess Hayslip, Larned, Kansas. Breeder: R. G. Buick, Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

4th—Jet's Ace, male, April 20, 1952. Sire: Dual Ch. Uno's Jet. Dam: Sleepy Hollow Tillie. Owner: D. F. Olund, Skokie, Illinois. Handler: Lee E. Holman, Whittington, Illinois. Breeder: Luther Hoffman, Lebanon, Missouri.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE

1st—Tennessee Luke, male, February 1, 1950. Sire: Smoky Valley Happy, Dam: Luke's Coquette. Owner: Howard P. Clements, Chicago, Illinois. Handler: Howard P. Clements, Chicago, Illinois.

2nd—Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, May 24, 1948. Sire: Chippewa Chief, Dam: Lexington Jay Mahogany. Owner: W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Connecticut. Handler: W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Connecticut.

3rd—Hero's Master Spot, male, February 21, 1952. Sire: Pontac's Hero, Dam: Nankay Mitzie. Owner: Dr. Harry E. Lee, Detroit, Michigan. Handler: Jane Thompson, Farmington, Michigan.

4th—Miste de Klemanor, female, May 14, 1951. Sire: Fantome de Klemanor, Dam: Ch. Busher de Klemanor. Owner: Walter B. Kleeman, Springfield, Ohio. Handler: Thomas W. Cox, Carbondale, Illinois.

SIDELINES AT THE NATIONALS

by
Ruth L. Lee

We knew this was a "singing" National from the way it all began. When the sky is blue, and the sun is warm, and you can be out all day enjoying the beauties of Nature, you've just got to sing.

But the theme song didn't present itself, really, until the very last day, when the last covey of quail had been counted, and staid Howard Clements was announcing the winners of the Open All Age. Then it struck—the "Theme Song of '53" . . .

**99 out of 100 want to get kissed,
Why don't you?**

The "99 out of 100," of course, was the total number of coveys of quail accounted for by the 95 Brittanies in the 6 days of National trials. And the "want to get kissed?" Well, just ask that old bachelor Howard! Whether he liked it or not, that was the greeting Howard Clements got from every last female present at the close of the trials! Embarrassed? Well, the movie cameras grinding away will tell the tale. We only hope it was colored film to record the various shades of lipstick smeared all over his face!

There has seldom been such a whoop of universal joy as greeted the announcement that Tennessee Luke was named top of all the 43 Open All Age dogs. Applause was partly for Luke, of course, for his was the sort of exhibition never to be forgotten. As Chuck Morse, novice to the Nationals, remarked, "That point was worth riding all week to see." (Chuck, incidentally, didn't miss a brace even though the downpour Thursday morning, and his enthusiasm for field trials at Crab Orchard was infectious). But mainly, the whoop of joy was because his friends knew how much Luke's win would mean to Howard. A reporter from a national sports magazine who happened on the scene to get pictures, said he had never seen such a happy crowd as the Brittany people. (He probably thought we were all slightly daffy!). Usually there is some one whose feelings are a wee bit hurt. But not so this time—or if there were—as fine sportsmen they

concealed those feelings. The jubilation was all for Howard; it was Howard's dog—Howard's win—Howard's trial—happy ending for Howard's year of work.

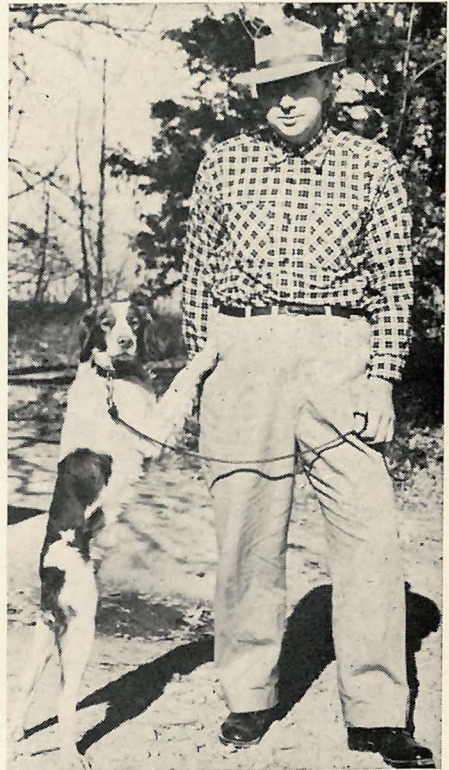
It was another prediction come true, for last summer we read a penciled P.S. to a letter "Look out, John, Tennessee Luke is going to make it tough on you boys in the Open All Age!" Just as Jane had a premonition Hero's Master Spot would win the Futurity, so had Howard gazed hopefully into the crystal ball. But for that matter, haven't we all? Hasn't everyone who journeys to the National trials thought how wonderful it would be if his dog . . .

Maybe that accounts for the fact that year after year, more and more Brittany people make the trip to Carbondale—and once you've been bitten by the bug, nothing can keep you away. The finest tribute to Brittany Nationals was paid by Elsa Kleeman and Ray Machlett, Two months ago, hospitalized, the trip looked hopeless for them. But no indeed—not for these two stalwart souls! Some of that lusty singing to Allie was also in appreciation of Ray, and the mighty effort he made to be with us all at Crab Orchard. Henry Holleyoak, too, found he could "take it easy" and make the Nationals.

Speaking of lusty singing, Alice Machlett's birthday party brought out some hidden Hoosier talent. We had already applauded Wee Willie's efforts at tripping the light fantastic, but that was nothing compared to his "Doodley Do." The entire Southern New England delegation put on a song and dance number that inspired others. One of these days every Regional may be called on for amateur talent—but it's more fun to see it burst forth spontaneously!

There were many more people in the horse gallery this year, and really that is the only way to watch the dogs perform. When you stay with the dog wagon in the auto gallery, you are conscious of roads, water towers, dumps, railroad tracks, buildings—not very beautiful, and the kind of things you see every day. But on a horse, riding behind the dogs, you escape from "civilization," conscious only of undulating fields and woods, lake and sky.

Lucille LaFleur became quite cocky about her horsemanship, jogging along and humming "How am I doin' Hey Hey?" And Nicky Bissell found that if she kept up a steady, polite flow of conversation with "Mabel," they would



John W. Lee (retiring president for 1953) with "Ch. Meadowink Buzz" owned by William P. Yant.

All Photos of National Trial
and Specialty Show taken by
Evelyn Shafer.

make it alright. Mrs. Bryan from Altus, Oklahoma, could be out only one afternoon, but nothing daunted, she too mounted a nag. Mrs. Magnuson found the trial had a lot more appeal from horseback than waiting in a car to be told how the dogs had performed. Ginny Morse and Marcell Bell, in the presence of witnesses, solemnly de-

clared "Be it resolved that this time next year we, too, will be in the saddle." (Note to Chuck and Jim: See to it such a statement heads the list of their New Year's Resolutions!)

The horses at Crab Orchard are an exceptionally patient lot, but they do have their personality problems, too. Ike Brandon's horse had a tickle spot—press the button and he would buck. Jack Mayer's horse had an affinity for wire. Maybe there was a magnet in her shoe for she never failed to get caught if wire were anywhere around. And though Dolly is a dear, your reporter would like to apologize for Dolly's Garbo-ish tactics—bumping others out of the way so she could be alone!

Horses reminds us we had a new assistant hostler this year. Bright and early every morning Jim Bell showed up at the stables and led one of the judge's horses across the lake to the starting point. And John Lee helped Tom Cox out this year by pounding on doors to rouse the gang at the Crab Orchard Courts at 5:45 so the first brace would get started on time.

Of course if there are goose hunters close by, there is no need for alarm clocks, Paul Reverses, or anything else for the slamming of screen doors, the raucous shouts back and forth, cars starting up, and car doors slamming is enough to wake the dead . . . and at four o'clock in the morning! It's a good thing the goose hunt took all day; it's also a lucky thing for Buck Baugher, Laffy LaFleur, Ed Lamz, and Curt Davis there was a "bit of Bourbon on the Bells" before the huntsmen put in an appearance. Even sweet and gentle Mary Baugher thought it an outrage that grown men could cause such commotion. Maybe, though, it was all part of the buildup to whet the appetite for the goose dinner, and by the time that succulent meat was finished off to the last fine sliver, all was forgiven.

We've talked before about the dryness—dog's dryness—that is, and there were various remedies. Sometimes if the course led near the lake the dog would wade out, lap to his heart's content, even swim around some, and come out shaking water in every direction. But if there was no watering spot on the course, some handlers used foresight, like Bob Machlett and Paul

Dawson, and provided a flask of H₂O in their hip pocket. Marcell Bell went a step further. Not wanting to be weighted down by a flask herself, she employed a "water boy." Ginny Morse hung a plastic bag filled with water round her neck and dutifully trotted along, ready to pass up a swig for Ginger should she need it. Lola Cox was also part of the entourage rallied by Marcell when Ginger ran the Amateur. Her role? Moral support. Such a cast—such props—such a stage director! Is it any wonder, then, that Ginger should rise to her full stature and make herself star of the show? With a gasp, Marcell flung herself to the ground when it was all over, and then Ginny's water proved a blessing—not for the dog, but for reviving the handler! With her head sopping wet Marcell posed, with Ginger . . . two stars who put on an awfully good show!

Well, we started out to say this was a singing National, but can everyone carry a tune? Weren't there some sour notes? Some, yes—for instance when a dog decided to go off chasing deer, the bellowing of handlers was anything but sweet. Even a two-time National winner of the Open All Age, Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo, was lured away from duty by a deer. Sheepishly Jim Bell tried to help out Buck Baugher by calling "point" for Bonaire Doc—but that big thing standing so high and mighty was not Doc—it was a deer! Now really, does Doc "swell up" to deer size when he comes on point?

Another sour note was that down-pour Thursday morning, but then you can always do a lot of "singin' in the rain." Steve Stevenson, seeing his sopping wet pigskin gloves had turned his hands yellow, wondered if the red rainsuit would likewise turn him into a pretty little pink baby? The wonder is that we managed to escape bad weather. There was a little sprinkling when the final announcement was being made, and then almost by signal, the heavens opened up, pouring down buckets. But by that time, Saturday evening, all field trialers who stayed till the bitter end had been greeted with good liquid cheer in the Staunton cabin, then on to the ruddy glow of the fire in the Cox home. Open-

house at the end, so enjoyed last year, again struck a responsive chord, for everyone could relax around the fire at the home of Tom and Lola Cox. It was a time for looking back on a full and glorious week, and looking ahead to another National trial next year.

Though it may seem a bit blunt for an ending to the extra-curricular doings at Crab Orchard, Ginny Morse brought out a point that many members of Regional clubs had the impression it would cost a small fortune to attend the National Brittany trials at Crab Orchard. Anyone with modest income can do so, and it will constitute one of the best vacations you ever hope to have. The Morses and the Lees kept check and found a couple's wants for food and shelter would amount to about \$100-\$125 for the week (and that included buying a "cheap" dog in the Calcutta!) If either husband or wife ride every day, all day, they should add \$35. And if both avail themselves of horses and do everything that's to be done, they can still get away with less than \$200. Compare that with a Dude Ranch vacation—which is what you can have at Crab Orchard—and you'll soon join the happy throng that leave their worries behind and head for a care-free vacation, with their Brittanies, at Crab Orchard.

DIRECTORS MEET

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Brittany Club was held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, December 1, 1953, at the Crab Orchard Motel near Carbondale, Illinois. President John W. Lee presided.

Regularly elected directors and representatives of the various regional clubs present were:

L. E. Tippet, Pacific Northwest; J. H. Williams, Old Dominion; H. H. Crippen, Michigan; George Wilson, Saginaw Valley; Leroy Magnuson, Midwest; Howard Clements, Illinois; W. E. Stevenson, Southern New England; John W. Lee, Hoosier; Chardles Morse, Ohio; Ralph Bissell, Central New England; Mrs. Loma Bryan, Sooner; Mrs. Ralph Bissell, Southeastern; E. W. Averill and

W. B. Kleeman, at large.

The tremendous interest by all the members attending the national events was shown by the attendance at this meeting. Practically everyone available attended and participated in the discussions. The motel dining room was entirely filled up.

Mr. E. C. Staunton, Chairman of the Election Committee, reported the results of the national election, and announced that E. W. Averill was elected as a director at large to serve three years.

A terse report of the treasury was given by E. W. Averill, showing that the American Brittany Club had a cash balance of over \$2,700.00. A detailed treasurer's report is included with these minutes.

As this was an organizational meeting Mr. George Wilson nominated the following slate, seconded by Mrs. Bryan:

Howard Clements, Pres.; L. E. Tippet, Vice-Pres.; Coy Conwell, Vice-Pres.; J. H. Williams, Vice-Pres.; E. W. Averill, Treasurer and AKC delegate and W. B. Kleeman, Sec.

There being no other nominations, Mr. H. H. Crippen moved that the entire slate be approved by acclamations. This was seconded by Mrs. Bryan, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Lee then appointed the nominating committee for 1954, consisting of W. E. Stevenson, Chairman, D. F. Olund and E. C. Staunton. Mr. Hugo Blasberg was named chairman of the publicity and magazine committee, after receiving some exceptionally complimentary comments, both from the Chair and the members throughout the meeting, for the wonderful job he has done in creating interest among the members through the very fine magazines which have been prepared semi-annually. An appeal was made to all the members present to give better support in getting in all the articles for publication as promptly as possible. As in the past, pictures and complete details were requested at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. E. C. Staunton reported on the progress and prospects for the 1953 Futurity, and explained the plan of the committee this year for the 1954

and 1955 Futurities, in that nominating blanks had been mailed to every member just prior to the annual meeting, and also stated that a similar blank would accompany each magazine to be mailed out in January. In this way it was felt that all the members would be reminded to enroll prospective litterers.

Upon motion of L. E. Tippet, seconded by George Wilson, a resolution was passed by the board, empowering the secretary to arrange schedules for field trial and show dates, both for spring and fall, which would be most advantageous to the clubs holding these events, and organized into circuits to enable these clubs to obtain the maximum number of entries.

Mr. Lee then called upon representatives of each of the regional clubs for reports and discussion of their plans and programs. Inasmuch as we now have eighteen active regional clubs this information was greatly appreciated by the assembled members, giving as it did an insight into Brittany activities all over the United States.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MICHIGAN TRIALS

By E. W. AVERILL

Sixty-five Brittannies were entered in the Michigan Brittany Club's fall trial which was held on the familiar Pontiac Lake Recreational Area course, near Waterford, on October 16th, 17th and 18th. Two full-grown pheasant were planted for each brace and somebody will have pretty good shooting there since most of them were cock birds that will be legal game at 10 a.m. October 20th. The birds were provided by the Michigan Conservation Commission without whose cooperation our trials would be all but impossible.

As usual, the Michigan trial attracted a number of out-of-state entries, although we missed Bill Kull and Lee Holman who have never failed to come before. However, on hand were Walter Kleeman, secretary of the American Brittany Club, from Springfield, Ohio; John Lee, president of the American Brittany Club, from Indianapolis, one of the judges; Jim and Marcella Bell from Palm Beach, Flor-

ida; good old reliable Bob Buick, from Chicago; Jack and Jean Whitworth, of Cleveland; Leo and Olive Gaebelin of Bedford, Ohio; Chuck and Virginia Morse of Euclid, Ohio; Harold Reed of Macedonia, Ohio; Tom Cox of Carbondale, Ill. and Buck and Nicky Bissell of Keene, N. H.

Judges were John Lee, George Roy Sharpe of Carrollton, Mich., and Ray Dahl of Pontiac. These fellows all know their dogs and their judgments were received favorably by virtually everybody. The weather, however, failed to cooperate properly. Normally, our out-of-state visitors at these trials complain that they freeze and soak at all Michigan trials and it has worked out in the past that anywhere from one inch to six inches of snow was to be found. Not so this year. It was over 80 in the shade (and no shade) every day, not a cloud in the sky and very little wind most of the time. Fine stuff for the shirt-sleeved gallery but mighty rough on the dogs. It really was too hot and dusty for them and the excellent growing weather this year had made the course deeper and denser than ever before, handicapping the handlers considerably.

To make matters worse, the dry bird field warned the pheasant of the coming of the dogs so that they got up and ran all over the place, making a positive find very difficult. Many a well-broke dog succumbed to the excitement. But, even so, there were more than enough good dogs so that the judges had no difficulty in finding four worthy dogs to place without any call-backs. The arrangements for the trial were handled very capably by George Wilson of Flint, who will be very sorely missed by the Michigan Brittany Club when he moves over to the newly-formed Saginaw Valley Regional next year. Field Trial Secretary was June Stockwell of Davison whose work was as perfect as it was last spring. She will be missed more than a little. Other members of the committee were Dick Wood, Coy Conwell, Ralph Gardner, Bill Szubielak, Pat Murphy and Ray Fritts. Your reporter was supposed to act as field marshal but his new hunting pants seemed to be made of the wrong material for horseback riding and the rest of the committee

shared his duties most of the time.

The puppy trial was held on Friday afternoon and attracted only six entries, all local. The outstanding pup was Copeau de Rallim, owned and handled by Ray Fritts of Centerline, Mich. This dog was less than nine months old but he scurried all over the course, found two birds, was steady on point but chased merrily when the birds were flushed. Second place went to Durwood de Alexander, a smooth-running pup owned and handled by Al DeBacker of St. Clair Shores, Mich. Third place was won by Little Mike, owned and handled by George Wilson of Flint and fourth by Dingo's Dinah, owned and handled by Howard Crippen of Dearborn.

Nineteen entries were received for the derby and 18 dogs showed up. Top spot was awarded to Reed's Skyline Dan, owned and handled by Harold Reed of Macedonia, Ohio. Dan really laid down a big back-course, just about the best of the whole weekend, and had a perfect find on a bird which he hit hard, held for a long while and only chased a short way after the gun was fired. He handled extremely well, for a wide-going dog, the judges said. Incidentally, this dog is a real show prospect and already has ten points toward his bench championship. Looks as though Harold has one of those expensive Dual Ch. naturals on his hands. Who minds the expense when he gets one of those, though? Second went to Hunter Haven Dixie, owned by Harold Crippen of Dearborn and handled by Jane Thompson. Her back-course was deemed not to be quite up to Dan's but was still very good and she had one perfect derby find, plus another find that was not handled quite so well. Third place was won by Ouragan Sugar Cookie, owned by Louis Tippet of Portland, Ore. and handled by Buck Bissell. Her back-course was not up to the other two but she did have an awfully nice find and outclassed the other 15 entries. Fourth went to Remarkable Britt, owned by E. Hutchinson of Providence, R. I. and also handled by Buck Bissell.

In the Open All-Age, 19 dogs were entered and ran. Your reporter saw quite a few of these braces from horse-back and can truthfully report that

quite a large number of them did very well indeed. In fact, we have placed high in trials with worse efforts than were shown by certain unplaced dogs. Right here, however, we were warned that we had better speak right out and say that our eight-year-old bitch wasn't one of them. She has been broke for



REED'S SKYLINE DAN

1st, Derby Stake. Owner and handler, Harold Reed, Macedonia, Ohio.

about five years, but she succumbed to a running pheasant and cut her throat from ear to ear. In fact, the television cameraman who was on hand to record the horrible event for posterity said that it was a triple dead heat between Bill, Diane and the pheasant. No damage, except to our feelings.

Anyway, first place in the Open All-Age went to Doc Yant's Meadowink Jim, handled by the old master, Tom Cox. Jim is a seasoned campaigner and he put on a grand back-course, needed practically no handling and topped it off with two absolutely perfect finds in the bird field. Tom is not certain but thinks that this win will finish Jim's Field Trial Championship. Second place went to Hero's Master Spot, a 20-month-old dog who had a terrific back-course, one good find, a stop-to-flush, and a back. Only a polished performance, such as Jim's could have

beaten him. Spotty is owned by Dr. H. E. Lee of Detroit and handled by Jane Thompson. Third was awarded to George Wilson's Buttons and Bows, who was her usual industrious, merry, self and ran her usual big back course. She had one perfect find but her other find was rather indecisive and the judges may have knocked her down a bit for that, although a wild-running pheasant may have contributed to it. Fourth place went to Duckerbird Sir Guy de Beauch, owned and handled by Charles Frank of Detroit. Charley is the same fellow who puts on those wonderful dog acts at sportsman's shows all over the country. This is his first Brittany and everybody thought that he would end up with a mechanical dog. This dog is far from mechanical, however, because he hunted all over the place and really cut the cover with a minimum of handling. His bird work consisted of a stop-to-flush on which he was steady for at least a minute before Charley found him. We will be hearing more from this dog, and from Charley Frank, before long, that's for sure. The judges also mentioned Amos of Edough, owned by Ed Staunton of Chicago and handled by Tom Cox. They said that he had the top back-course of the trial but he got crossed up with a running pheasant that tempted him too far. Your reporter also liked the work of Nanette DuBois, owned and handled by Dick Wood, but the judges felt that they had four better dogs to place.

The biggest thrill of the trial, as far as your reporter is concerned, was the Amateur All-Age, not because of his third place, but because it was won by a dog that has been known as a show dog, exclusively, up until now. The stake, which had 21 entries, 20 running, was won by Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanon, owned and handled by Walter B. Kleeman of Springfield, Ohio, long-time secretary of the American Brittany Club. Buck was a show dog, all the way, for a good portion of his early life and this reporter was privileged to place him Best of Breed at the National Specialty Show in 1950 and was thrilled a year later when Jack Spear also made him Best of Breed at the same show. Now, Jack Spear and your reporter always tell people that we are judging bird dogs, not show dogs, when we judge dog shows and it

was a real justification for us when Buck went out—in his second field trial—and took this four-point stake. We hope that Jack Spear gets a chance to read about this because he will get as big a kick out of it as we do.

Anyway, behind Buck came Nanette



MEADOWINK JIM

1st Open All Age, owner W. P. Yant, Murraysville, Pa. Shown with handler, Tom Cox.

DuBois, owned and handled by Dick Wood. Obviously, she would have won without Buck's peerless performance and it would have finished her Field Trial Championship but we will bet that Dick was as pleased as we were to have such an outstanding dog win the trial. Buck had a real big back-course (he found some devils pitchforks that no other dog in the trial picked up) and he had two perfect finds and a stop-to-flush that proved that Walter has got him really broke. And Walter took him off the bench just a short time ago to make him his house pet and personal shooting dog and he hunted him from Cape Breton Island in Canada to southern Illinois. That will make a bird dog, we all agree, but it doesn't often make a field trial dog, without further polish. Somehow, or other, Walter did it. Nanette, too, had

a slashing back-course and worked out two birds, one of them extremely difficult, with perfect manners. Your reporter's Diane ran her usual honest back course and had one good find to take third place. George Wilson's But-



CH. BUCCANEER DE KLEMANOR
1st place, Amateur All Age. Owner-
handler, Walter B. Kleman, of
Springfield, Ohio.

tons and Bows, always a steady performer, was fourth. The judges remarked that the class back-course of the day was run by Belloaks Ezra, owned and handled by Jim Bell of Palm Beach, Fla. However, he fell under the spell of a running pheasant and ruined his chances of finishing in the ribbons.

BRITTANY FEATURED

Jack Baird, well known dog columnist of the World Telegram and Sun, New York, features a "breed history" every fourth week and on August 28th, did the Brittany Spaniel . . . a three column heading with a large photograph of Wippy de la Vallee Bourral. This was nice publicity for the Brittany, a breed which isn't too often brought to the attention of the public in a metropolitan newspaper. We thought our readers would like to see the article and here it is:

THE BRITTANY SPANIEL

By JACK BAIRD

At the present moment it is doubtful if there is any less spoiled breed in the world than the Brittany Spaniel. Its owners guard the breed zealously lest too much publicity go out on it, and the Brittany be touted as another of the "wonder dogs."

They are serious folks who have the

Brittany and you must be equally so if you would buy stock for use and breeding. If you are a devotee of the field your credit toward purchase goes up. If you have a yen to make your pet an all-round dog, you are in.

It is unlikely that any breed in America at the moment has a higher percentage of dogs than the Brittany that can make good in the field, on the bench and in obedience. In addition, give them one, two or three of the fields and they'll make their way and still remain grand pets for young or old.

Officially, the breed came here around 1931, but records show that there were odd specimens here and there for many decades before. These were brought to the United States by sportsmen who were entranced by their efficient field work in their native France. No group was formed to promote them at all until just before World War II, and even now are brought along in a quiet, unspoiling way. There are 13 regional clubs promoting excellent field trials, and its easy for the national trials to bring out more than 150 entrants, all geared to go.

Where members of the breed have taken part in trials open to many breeds, they have more than held their own and were fresh when larger dogs were ready to fold. Those enthusiasts who hold their dogs merely for their own hunting pleasure, report full bags and complete satisfaction with their efficient companions.

The Brittany is no "Johnny-come-lately" for he has been proved back to the fifth century and possibly further. However, it must be admitted that

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some times lack of long range breeding programs, the breed went to pieces. Taus, like many other of our ancient ancestry breeds, we find that about the turn of the century, serious French breeders got together and mapped out a program. By 1907 the breed was restored to all its former glory.

The orange and white is the preferred color, and in France this color is judged separately from the liver and white, and the two are not bred to each other. Italian and other pointing breeds as well as setters were cut into the breeding programs that brought the Brittany back, and the characteristics may be seen.

The Brittany spaniel will run 30 to 40 pounds and should stand 17½ to 20½ inches at the withers. The coat is dense and never curly, and not as fine as other spaniel breeds. There are never heavy leg featherings to impede field progress. Their expression is one of alert intelligence as befits a sound gun dog that is readily trained as an excellent retriever.

In their native France, dogs with characteristics believed dangerous to Brittany type are discarded from both show and field trial awards. It is required that a dog be able to reach certain show standings before it is permitted a field trial championship. At the same time, a Brittany may not acquire its French show championship without showing field adequacy.

It is believed that American fanciers will appeal to the American Kennel Club to help establishment of a similar arrangement here, which would be all to the good of the future of the breed.

On the whole, the Brittany is likely the nearest thing to an all-round dog we have in America. Individuals of other breeds may make the all-round grade, but the Brittany has an overall picture of general utility, and stands today as unspoiled. Brittany owners are not overly boastful, they let the work of their dogs talk for the breed. Their performance payoff is high enough to impress everyone.

In line with "good public relations" a letter of appreciation seemed in order and our ever-alert and dependable secretary wrote to Jack Baird.

Mr. Jack Baird
New York World Telegram & Sun
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Baird:

Your Breed of the Month column featuring the Brittany Spaniel, which appeared on August 28, is greatly appreciated by all of us who are interested in Brittany Spaniels.

Your article expressed the feeling of most Brittany owners exceptionally well, particularly that part emphasizing the importance that all of us feel of maintaining a dual capacity for all Brittany Spaniels, maintaining the classic and attractive lines suitable for the bench show, and at the same time maintaining field ability in all individuals, thereby avoiding the unfortunate result of two types where one or the other is emphasized by the breeder. Many of us destroy recessive types rather than have them fall into the hands of individuals who may not have been fully informed as to the desirability of dual capacity, which should be present in every Brittany Spaniel.

Many thanks for your splendid article.

Sincerely yours,
American Brittany Club
WALTER B. KLEEMAN
Secretary

50 FANS ATTEND NORTHWEST TRIALS

Fifty Brittany fans rolled into the Ellensburg Valley for the Pacific Northwest Regional of the American Brittany Club, Inc. fall trial August 29, 1953. The late spring had produced heavy cover with a good hatch of wild pheasant and hungarian partridge.

The airport, just a few miles north of the town, is a vast flat area surrounded by distant hills and snow capped mountains highlighted by bright sun on both days. E. B. Code, an airline executive, arranged for its use. Dr. Don Faulkner, working closely with club President, R. A. Oliver and assisted by Dr. Glen Helmer, organized nine separate courses on which each brace raised wild birds.

Committee Chairman, Dr. J. O. Lasher, personally escorted the judges who seemed genuinely pleased with their treatment. Marjorie Lyons, club Treas-

urer, managed the finances deftly and in good cheer. Ken (L'Ration) Lewis furnished the public address system from his ranch wagon leading the caravan around the courses. He also helped committeeman John Lyons Jr. expert the movie projector for the showing of Remington's film "Point" which climaxed the banquet.

The Gun Club auxiliary ladies served a fine lunch on both days at the Headquarters building on the airport. Genial Louis Tippet did the honors of the trophy presentations. Everett Metzger added his voice of experience when needed. Game Commissioner Dick Seward, an ardent field trialer and conservationist, joined the gallery with the local representative of the State Game Department.

The care and interest of the judges in following each movement of dogs and handlers together with their brief checking of notes in the field after each brace quickly assured everyone that they meant to be fair and knew how to accomplish their task. Judges Larson and Holcomb own and handle winning dogs in breed trials as well as shooting dog competition. Dave Gordon has campaigned pointing dogs for many years, boasting a fondness for Brittanies since judging our first sanctioned trial. Enos Bradner, breaking in as an alternate judge on the puppy and derby stakes, is the leading sports news writer of the Northwest well known for honest, objective reporting.

The "grasshopper" stake for puppies, provided laughs for all on their special courses along and in full view of the road. Marlowe's Hi Jill started right out with some honest work pointing and rooting out a hen pheasant in the first three minutes. Handler Dr. Dittebrandt, had the pleasure of firing the first blank shot of the trial as a salute to her pup's chase.

Other Puppy Stake placements were: 2nd, Layton's Chuckar, owned and handled by John A. Jarvis, Mercer Island, Wash.

3rd, Nimpo Sam, owned and handled by J. H. McKie, Seattle, Wash.

4th, Pie, owned and handled by Mrs. Jean Seagrave, Seattle, Wash.

The first Derby brace was put down in "bird heaven." Point was called in the first minute for Jeanne de Ferncroft. Bracemate Ouragan Beep came

in on the performance before the flush. This shot touched off a close and bird studded race that earned Jeanne second place for an appealing and knowing way of handling the cover.

Dick Shoemaker's sterling support of the Brittanies in this area is indicated by the fact that he handled an entry in each of the seven derby braces including his son's pet, Mark's Little Jock, which kept out ahead with two finds to place third. Ouragan Cutie clipped along merrily to score two finds for fourth place. The whole tough series was dynamited into logical order by the last brace. Faulkner's Rip proved one of the fastest streaks ever unloosed in any bird field. He scooted across and ahead locating wild game readily and handling easily. His staunch, intense points were the more striking because they interrupted such a furious, all-out pace. Bracemate Condon's Brit moved the judges to recommend a Certificate of Merit for his strong enthusiastic way of going and pointing. Dr. Faulkner's dog needed less than his score of six finds to earn first place in the kind of competition that promises the highest of standards in the years to come.

An unusual incident arose when handler Shoemaker paused to ask a question of judge Larson who stopped beside him and replied before looking down a few feet to his right where Pete Hill's Babe had come up on point. Shoemaker's first step ahead flushed a pheasant. All three characters stood for a moment after the shot. When the dog was sent on. Larson laughed and exclaimed that this would long stand as the most intimate, closely judged perfect find of his career.

The Open All Age winner, Britt of Blaisy Bas, sang along with Elmer Flack to make handling three finds flawlessly look real easy. Mrs. Sullivan's dog covered the course thoroughly under perfect control. Bracemate Apple Hill Jacques ran well and looked good on two perfect finds, a back, and a stop to flush before taking off with a wily pheasant rooster.

Another one of the California nuggets which Elmer Flack's truck was loaded took second place. Ike of El Monte liked his calling and knew all about working out the cover, handling three pheasant finds perfectly. Bimbo

II handled well on five game bird contacts including a wise job of relocating a running hen pheasant. Neighbor's dog, only one point shy of bench championship at two and one-half years, likes to work with handler and breeder Matzen. They turned in a solid performance for third place. He was pressed in the brace by Nancy of Loufel's numerous finds on the inside of the U shaped course. Louis Tippet continued Ashurst Jerry's record of placements with a fourth.

Faulkner's Rip came again in the last brace with his dazzling speed called "The class dog in the stake" by the judges. Derby age showed in the immature handling of a close flushing covey of hungarian partridge to spoil a placement.

Ch. Evergray's Tic-Toc Bobby's luck in the draw meant a course where only one covey of "Huns" were yielded up to his bracedmate Jacques de Forns-croft's outside efforts. Birdy work was turned in by Oliver's Jotek III, Code's Lady Jennifer, and Matzen's Suzanne de Carnac.

OHIO CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL FIELD TRIALS

VIRGINIA K. MORSE

The Ohio Brittany Club held its annual fall field trial and specialty show at the Berlin Dam Area, November 6, 7 and 8.

As usual the weather man failed to cooperate with the Ohio Club. Though the sky was bright on Friday, the air was cold and the wind raw and penetrating. Saturday we woke up to a blanket of snow and Sunday it turned to a cold almost freezing rain. The most popular spot was inside of the tent around the charcoal burner. We consoled ourselves with the fact, that we were able to keep our promise to Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan of the California Club. They wanted to see some snow. We told them that we would have it for them and we produced.

The grounds were located at the Berlin Reservoir Area between Ravenna and Alliance, Ohio. It is very easy to see why this area owned by the Federal Engineers Dept. is a popular area for field trials. The cover is excellent, objective plentiful and there is plenty of space for the dogs to range. The course was laid out some-

what in a circular pattern with the break-away and birdfield fairly close together, thus eliminating waste time between braces. The dogs broke away to the left of the birdfield, worked straight ahead for quite a distance and then gradually kept working to the right until they reached the large birdfield in which the pheasants were released.

Judges for the puppy stake on Friday were B. S. Millar of Ashville, Ohio and Alex D'Atri of Hartsville, Ohio.



PUPPY STAKE

Left to right. 1st place, Nicolette de Rallim with Mima Millar; 2nd place, Jet's Fancy with Lee Holman; 4th place, Baksheesh with Lola Cox; 3rd place dog, Miller's Buddy, missing.

Alex D'Atri and Dr. Wm. Hartnell of Akron, Ohio officiated in the saddle for the derby stake Saturday morning. In the afternoon Millar and Hartnell passed judgment on the amateur all-age, also repeating in the open all-age on Sunday. These men really had their job cut out for them. Though the weather was uncomfortable for them, it seemed to agree with our little Brittanies and all turned in good performances with plenty of birdwork both in the back-course and the birdfield.

Nicolet de Rallim a flashy little orange and white bitch owned by George Millar and handled by his wife Mima, was top in the puppy stake. Nicky hunted hard all the way casting to all likely objectives. She flash pointed in tough cover in the backcourse and chased merrily when the bird flushed. In the birdfield she had a find of derby quality holding until the bird was flushed. Jet's Fancy, a fast moving little bitch owned by D. F. Olund and handled by Lee Holman nailed down the second spot. She covered the course well, hitting all likely cover. Her bird-

field find was really a commendable piece of work for a puppy holding steady until her handler flushed the bird, then gave it a good chase. Millar's buddy owned and handled by Harold Miller earned the third place spot by running the fastest brace of the stake. He hunted all likely cover but had no contact with birds. Fourth place dog was Baksheesh, owned by W. A. Howell and handled by Lola Cox. This smooth going little dog had a bad break in the beginning as he had quite a bit of interference from his brace mate. He finished fast and wide. Though he hunted hard he had no birdwork.

The little derbies proved that our Brittanies really have heart as they ran in the midst of a hard snow storm. Reed's Skyline Dan, owned and handled



DERBY STAKE

Left to right: 1st place, Reed's Skyline Dan with Harold Reed; 2nd place, Ferdinand of Leeway with Lee Holman; 3rd place Rusty Rambler and 4th place, Lady Patsy de Wayne, both with Bill Kull. Standing: Judges Hartnell and D'Atri.

by Harold Reed coming through in great fashion and nailed down the winning spot. Dan ran a consistent course out in front all the way, hunting hard at all times, never letting down for a minute. He covered the birdfield in excellent fashion, came up with two finds which he gave a whale of a chase.

John Lee's Ferdinand of Leeway, handled by Lee Holman was second place dog. This fast moving Brit broke away beautifully, ranging far and wide. He let down ever so slightly midway but finished very strong. His find in the Rambler owned by Hillery Garrett and

birdfield was of top caliber. Rusty handled by Bill Kull captured third spot. This hard driving dog easily ran the best course of the stake, crashing through all types of cover, hitting every likely spot in the course. He had plenty of contact with birds, but seemed to enjoy flushing more than pointing. This dog is really tough competition in any man's language. Bill Kull also repeated in fourth place with Lady Patsy de Wayne owned by Gerald Price. This smooth going bitch laid down a terrific ground heat but was a bit difficult to control. She had several finds in the back course and one in the bird field but had no definite points. Other dogs that were impressive were Remarkable of Alger, Man of Edough, Reed's Skyline Katy, Susan's Heide and Miller's Buddy.

The Amateur-All Age Stake was won by Ch. (F) Meadowink Buzz, owned by Dr. Wm. Yant and handled by Susan Yant. Buzz ranged out well, hunting hard all the time, hitting every objective on the course. His two finds were par excellence, one of them on a running bird which he handled to perfection. He exhibited the perfect manners expected of an all age dog. Ch. (B) Avono Corky, owned and handled by Charles W. Morse was second place dog. He ran wide and fast, had a stop to flush on the backcourse and a good find in the bird field. Jerome Halle nailed down the third spot with

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Dam: Ch. Peg B. of Loufel

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his wide going, Ronile Avant Coureur. Skippy ran a terrific back course, hunting every single minute and hitting all likely cover, but the breaks went against him in the bird field. His brace mate flushed both birds out of the bird field, but Skippy proved his true merit by backing on sight and staying despite the fact that the other dog chased. Nanette Du Boise, a classy bitch owned and handled by Dick Wood, took fourth



AMATEUR ALL AGE

Left to right: Ch. (F) Meadowink Buzz with Susan Yant, 1st place. 2nd place, Ch. Avono Corky with Charles Morse; 3rd place, Ronile Avant Coureur with Jerome Halle; 4th place dog, Nanette Du Boise missing.

place ribbon. Nan was really out there hunting, covering every likely spot. She had excellent work on a runner on the back course, but went birdless in the bird field.

Ch. (F) Belloaks Ezra, owned by James Bell and handled by Charles Morse, ran the outstanding course of the stake and could easily been up there in the winners' group but he gave way to temptation when his brace mate interfered on his find. Dual Ch. Bonair Doc was also impressive.

The Open All-Age Stake was really a rough one to judge. With good work in abundance, Tex of Richmond owned by Nils Nielson and handled by Lee Holman, sewed up the coveted first place with perfection in both the back-course and the bird field. Tex took off beautifully at the breakaway, running wide and handsome, had a beautiful slamming find when out only a short time, handling it perfectly. He then continued on still ranging out and proceeded to have another find in a ditch showing perfect manners. He continued

running well and had another find of top caliber in the bird field.

Ch. (B) Belloaks Ginger, owned by Mrs. James Bell and handled by Tom Cox, was right close behind Tex. This fast moving bitch ranged beautifully casting to all objectives and hitting her game boldly. Ginger had two excellent finds and also honored her brace mate's point. Ken Holemo handled Bill Averill's neat little bitch Int. Ch. (B) UD Diane de Beauch to the third spot. Diane ran a good ground heat, had two unproductive and one terrific find on the backcourse. Her two bird field finds were excellent. Dr. Wm. Yant's Du. Ch. Bonaire Doc was piloted to fourth place by Tom Cox. Doc ran a wide intelligent race hunting hard all the way. He had one perfect find. Other dogs that were impressive were Ch. (F) Meadowink Buzz, Luzann de Clarke of Bienville, Amos of Edough, Ronile Avant Coureur, Pat of Paradise, Britt of Blaisy Bas and Ch. (B) Avono Corky.

Field Trial Secretary, Charles W. Morse, wishes to thank all members for

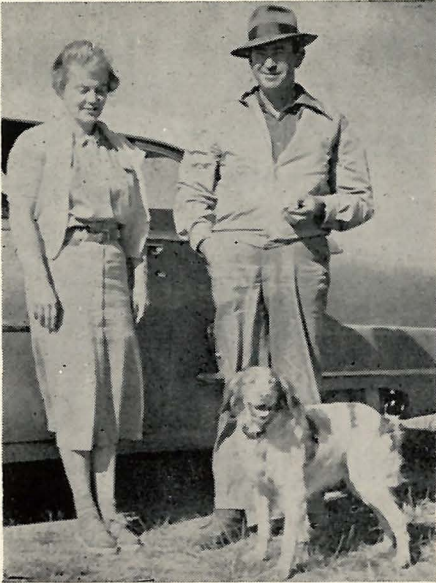


OPEN ALL AGE

Left to right: Tex of Richmond with Lee Holman; Ch. Belloaks Ginger with Tom Cox; Ch. Diane de Beauch with Ken Holemo and Dual Ch. Bonaire Doc with Tom Cox. Standing: Judge Hartnell.

their fine support, his committee, Mima Millar, Harold Reed, Logan Case and George Millar, for their wonderful help. Not only he but everyone at the trial owe a vote of thanks to Harold Reed and Lee Gaebelein for they are the boys who are responsible for the comfort of the tent afforded everyone at the trial. They spent all day Friday

despite freezing weather cutting stakes and putting the hugh tent up. Without the tent we would all have turned into icicles. Mr. Morse would also like to extend his thanks to the members of the other regionals who gave us such fine support.



BRITT OF BLAISY BAS

Male. Owner, Mary A. Sullivan, handler, J. M. Sullivan, Berkeley, California. The hard luck dog of the trial. After 20 minutes run, was kicked by one of the gallery horses and had to be removed from the race. Fortunately he was not seriously injured. Before the accident, this fine dog, lacking only two points for his field trial championship, had found, held steady and stopped to flush on a single bird.

SUMMARY OF WINNERS

PUPPY STAKE, 8 starters

1st, Nicolette de Rallim. By Buc le Roux of Doneroven x Candide de Rallim. Owned by George E. Millar, handler Mima Millar.

2nd, Jet's Fancy. By Du. Ch. Uno's Jet x Ch. Thais Du Roc Hellow. Owner, D. F. Olund, handler, Lee Holman.

3rd, Miller's Buddy. By Boucoup Pete of Richmond x Bonnie Bitsie. Owner and handler, Harold Miller.

4th, Baksheesh. By Belloaks Mike x Belloaks Holly. Owner W. A. Hewell, handler, Lola J. Cox.

DERBY STAKE, 18 starters

1st, Reed's Skyline Dan. By Spanghaven Skyline x Reed's Petite Filler. Owner and handler, Harold R. Reed.

2nd, Ferdinand of Leeway. By Pontiac Hero x Buttons and Bows. Owner, John Lee, handler, Lee Holman.

3rd, Rusty Rambler. By Amos of Edough x Lady Lou. Owner, Hillery Garrett, handler, Bill Kull.

4th, Lady Patsy de Wayne. By Ch. Amos of Edough x Lady Lou. Owner, Gerald Price, handler, Bill Kull.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE, 12 starters

1st Ch. (F) Meadowink Buzz. By Avono Jinx x Molly. Owner, Dr. Wm. Yant, handler, Susan Yant.

2nd, Ch. (B) Avono Corky. By Du Ch. Avono Happy x Ch. Fun Galore Louella. Owner and handler, Charles W. Morse.

3rd, Ronile Avant Coureur. By Du. Ch. Avono Happy x Ronile Avono Moonray. Owner and handler, Jerome Halle.

4th, Nanette Du Boise. By Ch. Toffee Idoc de Basgard x Penny Aven Moi. Owner and handler, Richard Wood.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE, 19 starters

1st, Tex of Richmond. By Allamuchy Vallen, Warrior x Suize Mac Eochardh. Owner, Nils Nielson, handler, Lee Holman.

2nd, Ch. (B) Belloaks Ginger. By Ch. Buck of Chippewa x Ch. Julie of Loufel. Owner, Mrs. James Bell Jr., handler, Tom Cox.

3rd, Int. Ch. Diane de Beauch UD. By Ponie de Beauch x Bonnie Lassie. Owner, Edgar W. Averill, handler Ken Holemo.

4th, Du. Ch. Bonaire Doc. By Bonaire Bob x Freckles. Owner, Dr. Wm. Yant, handler, Tom Cox

SPECIALTY SHOW

William B. Henry, well known sporting dog judge and breeder, judged the Specialty Show which was held at the Elk's Club, following an excellent banquet. He gave the nod to Ch. Avono Corky, owned by Charles W. Morse of Euclid for Best of Breed and to Olive Gaebelein's Ch. Truly Fair for Best of Opposite Sex of Bedford, Ohio. Winner's male was Reed's Beau Brummel, owned by Dr. John Schuckert of Brecksville, Ohio. Reserve male was Reed's Skyline Dan, owned by Harold Reed of Macedonia, Ohio. Winners Bitch and also Best of Winners was Nan-Brit, owned by Kenneth Holemo of Detroit, Mich. Reserve Bitch and also Best Puppy in the show was Botte de Rallim owned by Mima Millar of Cleveland, Ohio.

SPECIALTY SHOW

PUPPY DOGS, 6 mos. and under 9 mos.
1st, Spanghaven's Royal Heir. By Ch. Cramer's Duke of Paradise x Lady T. Es'reau. Breeder, Mr. R. Spangler, owner, Gordon A. Tetzrow, owner.

PUPPY DOGS, 9 mos. and under 12 mos.
1st, Spanghaven La Bo Bo. By Ch. Cramer's Duke of Paradise x Lady of Belle Brit. Breeder and owner, Spanghaven Kennels.

2nd, Majeur de Rallim. By Buc Le

Roux of Doneroven x Candide de Rallim. Breeder, George E. Millar, owner, Harry Rose.

3rd, Spanghaven La Dukie. By Ch. Cramer's Duke of Paradise x Lady of Belle Brit. Breeder and owner, Spanghaven Kennels.

AMERICAN BRED DOGS

1st, Buc Le Roux of Doneroven. By Gar-Roux x Paw Paw Dasher. Breeder, Dorothy A. Benjamin, owner Mima J. Millar.

2nd, Innominate Shootingstar. By Du. Ch. Pontac's Dingo x My Gracious. Breeder, Leo C. Carbelein, owner, Olive N. Gaebelein.

OPEN DOGS

1st Reed's Beau Brummel By Mack of Belle Brit x Reed's Petite Fille. Breeder,



BEST PUPPY

Specialty Show, Alliance, Ohio on November 7, 1953. Botte de Rallin.

Harold E. Reed, owner Dr. John Schuckert.

2. Reed's Skyline Dan. By Spanghaven Skyline. Ree's Petite Fille. Harold E. Reed, breeder and owner.

3. Jacques Du Boise, by Ch. Beau de Brookcliff, Nanette Du Boise, Richard D. Wood, breeder and owner.

Winners Mile, Reed's Beau Brummel. Reserve Winner, Reed's Skyline Dan.

PUPPY BITCHES, 6 MONTHS AND UNDER 9 MONTHS

1. Dingo's Diana, by Du. Ch. Pontac's Dingo, Cadillac Sue La Rue. H. H. Crippen, breeder and owner.

2. Bonnie Kay of Woodworth, by Int. Ch. Bononie Kay's Ricki, Nan Brit. Breeder M. K. Holemo, Don Frisch, owner.

PUPPY BITCHES 9 MONTHS AND UNDER 12 MONTHS

1. Botte de Rallim, by Buc la Roux of Doneroven, Candide de Rallim, breeder; George E. Millar, Mima J. Millar, owner.

2. Nicolet de Rallim, by Bux Le Roux of Doneroven, Candide de Rallim, George E. Millar, Breeder and owner.

3. Colette of Ellair, by Int. Ch. Bononie Kay's Ricki, Amber Kit of Ellair, Int.

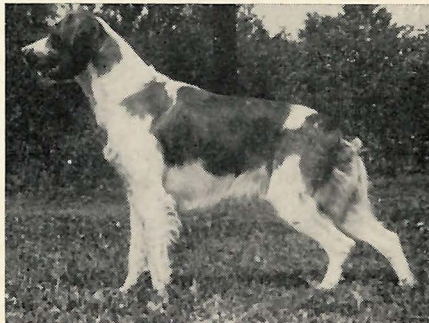
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OPEN BITCHES

1. Nan-Brit, by Brit de Du Barry, Nanette de Pleasant Ridge, Breeder R. D. Beck, owner M. Kenneth Holemo.

2. Heide-Belle of Strathmore, by Pontac's Hero, Nankay Mitzzi, breeder, Dr. H. E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell, owner.

3. Reed's Skyline Katy, by Spanghaven Skyline, Reed's Petite Fille, breeder,



CH. AVONO CORKY

Best of Breed at Alliance, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1953. Also second in Amateur All Age, same day.

H. E. Reed, Robert H. Barteaux, Jr., owner.

4. Meadowink Tess, by Du. Ch. Avono Hapte, Du. Ch. Buckeye de Klemanor breeder, Walter B. Kleeman, Dr. William Yant, owner.

Winners Bitch, Nan Brit.

Reserve Bitch, Botte de Rallim.

Best of Winners, Nan Brit.

Best of Breed, Ch. Avono Corky.

Best of Opposite Sex, Ch. Truly Fair.

Best of Puppy Classes, Botte de Rallim.

Best of Breed: Ch. Avono Corky, by Dual Ch. Avono Happy, Ch. Fun Galore Louella. Breeder, John Adasek; Charles W. Morse, owner.

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Truly Fair, by Reed's Beau Brummel, My Gracious. Breeder and owner, Olive Gaebelein.

DOG RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE

Nicky Bissell has available complete records of wins in the field at all AKC licensed trials since 1946 and would be glad to send copies to anyone on any dogs they might request for a small fee per dog (to cover postage and stationery).

For Mrs. Bissell's address, see inside back cover.

HOOSIER BRITTANY CLUB

By RUTH L. LEE

Hoosiers like to hunt, and for a preview of what hunting in Hoosierland could be like, if you own a Brittany, folks had only to wander out to the Brown farm, northeast of Syracuse, Ind., the weekend of October 30, 31, and November 1st, where the Hoosier Brittany Club staged its fourth fall field trial.

The Brown farm was typical of Indiana hog-grain farms. The breakaway of the one-course trial led off through hog pasture, through two cornfields recently picked and bounded by woods strip, then on through stubble fields seeded to clover. Some of the fencerows offered birdy objectives. The birdfield was ample, with sufficient ground cover so that the pheasant and quail stayed put when planted. It was bounded on the west by woods, and dense thickets to the east. The gallery, situated on high ground south of the birdfield could watch the dogs approach far to the north and contact game. Even the prevailing winds from the southwest favored the birdfield location, and the liberated pheasant and quail were fully-feathered, fine-flying birds that spelled clean-cut work on the part of the dogs.

For the fourth successive year, the owners from neighboring states to Hoosier Brittany Club invited Brittany come bring their dogs and join them in a 3-day trial. They welcomed American Brittany Club members from the two Michigan regional clubs, namely: George Wilson, Coy Conwell, Pat Murphy, Dr. and Mrs. Dick and Jane Thompson. The Illinois Regional Club was represented by Howard Clements, Dave Olund, the Stauntons, Arnolds, McBrides, Lee Holman and Tom Cox. From Ohio came Walter Kleeman, the Morses, and the Reeds. There were even two members of the California Brittany Club, Dr. and Mrs. Sullivan, and we were happy to have their Britt of Blaisy Bas earn a trophy in the Amateur stake to make their "Brittany" travels worthwhile. The Buck Bissells from New Hampshire, running among others, some dogs for an Oregon owner lent another note of nation-wide coverage. As for those Alaskan license plates, they seemed undisputed evi-

dence of the vast territorial interest in the Brittany. Actually, the James B. Bells merely stopped off in Indiana to participate in the Hoosier Brittany Club trial. They were enroute home to Florida after an Alaskan holiday.

Coy N. Conwell of Pontiac, Michigan, the "godfather" of the Hoosier Brittany Club, teamed up with G. L. (Pat)



Judges, Amateur All Age: left to right, Lee Holman, Dr. J. J. Fisher.

Murphy of Okemos, Michigan, to judge the Puppy, Open All-age and Derby Stakes. After being in the saddle Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday morning, they were happy to turn their mounts over to Dr. J. J. Fishler, Ekhart, Indiana, and Lee Holman, Whittington, Illinois, who judged the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Kull of Goshen, Indiana, ably served in the capacity of field-trial secretary, and the Kulls had seen to all the preliminary details and preparation for the trial. All Hoosier Club members in attendance lent a hand to keep things moving speedily. When 82 Brits had to run and be judged in daylight hours, it meant some hustling, and early morning rising. Barely had the sun risen before the first braces of the morning got underway. It was 6:40 on Saturday; 6:15 on Sunday. Even newcomers to the Hoosier Club, the Jack Secors, just across the border in Niles, Michigan, pitched in like veteran field trialers, to assist where needed. Another newcomer, Bill Shaw, assumed the duties of official photographer. The Hoosier Brittany Club members have always displayed a sense of camaraderie and believe

firmly that field trials are "family" affairs. There must have been at least 25 children in attendance, and they especially enjoyed the "hay-rides." For better back-course following of the dogs, there was a farm wagon equipped with bales of hay for seats and pulled by tractor.

Col. Millard L. Davis, public relations and circulation manager for "Indiana Conservation" was in attendance, and expressed an eagerness to help promote the Brittany throughout the state as ideal gun dog.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Of the eighteen young Brittanies running in this event Friday afternoon, King of Edough, owned by Dave Olund of Skokie, Illinois, and handled by Lee Holman was deemed top pup. King



Hoosier

Winners, Puppy Stake

Left to right: King of Edough (Dave Olund); Jay's Pierre D'Valle (Kull); Belloaks Jess (Bell); Jet's Fancy (Holman); Judges, Coy Conwell and G. L. Murphy in back ground.

showed diligent application to the job of hunting, but failed in his first fling to contact birds. Called back to run with a bye dog in the last brace, he flash-pointed a quail and chased merrily.

Jay's Pierre D'Valle was awarded 2nd place honors by virtue of his well-sustained ground coverage.

With a find on quail that he bumped and chased, Belloaks Jess, merited a place among the winners, followed closely by Jet's Fancy, who likewise had contact with a bird.

There was no disputing the fact that

Belloaks Jolly, owned and run by Mrs. James B. Bell Jr., was the birdiest young Brit of them all. Running in the last brace, as the evening shadows deepened into dusk, and the liberated quail started calling and coveying, Jolly chalked up four finds. Too bad he had failed to show any zeal on the backcourse.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE

From the quality over-all performance turned in by Beaucoup Pete de Richmond in the first brace, it was obvious



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Winners, Open All Age

Left to right: Beaucoup Pete de Richmond (Kull); Meadowink Buzz (Cox); Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee (Bissell); Belloaks Ginger (Mrs. J. B. Bell); Behind dogs, Buick and Judges Coy Conwell and G. L. Murphy.

this would be a high-caliber stake. Actually, 20 of the 23 contenders turned in acceptable work; there was a preponderance of perfect birdwork. It made the task of sifting out winners difficult indeed, but when all the chips were in, the high bid made early by Beaucoup Pete of Richmond could not be topped. This handsome white and liver Brittany is owned by Clint B. Wood of Wichita Falls, Texas, and his hand'er Bill Kull brought him around the backcourse in lordly fashion, and then flushed two pheasants which Pete pointed stylishly. Pete's manners were perfect at wing and shot.

Meadowink Buzz, owned by Dr. Yant of Murraysville, Pa., and handled by Tom Cox, emerged in second place. Buzz hunted intelligently, punching hard. In the birdfield he had difficulty nailing a moving pheasant, but when he finally pinned it down, solid, he did so

with the assurance and polish of a master of the trade.

Third and fourth places went to bracemates, Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee and Belloaks Ginger, respectively. These two, nearly all-white Brittanies, (both Bench Champions) came streaking into the birdfield. Ginger was the first to go down on point, but Pierrot, close beside, slammed into a stylish back, and the two together, frozen on point, was one of the prettiest sights ever witnessed in a trial. When the bird was flushed, both heads turned simultaneously to follow flight. Pierrot then chalked up another find on a running pheasant which gave him the edge on his bracemate.

The biggest, widest race run was by Miste de Klemanor whose rendition of back-course hunting far surpassed that of the placed dogs. In birdwork, however, her find, back, and stop to flush left some doubts as to absolute "finish," and the degree of birdwork perfection mandated by rival competitors was of the highest essence.

Another brace showing great expectations were Curt's Fanche Rip and Tennessee Luke. Either one, or both, but for the vagaries of Lady Luck in the birdfield could have changed the whole complexion of the stake.

DERBY STAKE

Just as soon as the last brace of All-Age dogs had run, and without waiting for the judges' decision of the outcome, the Derby event got underway on Saturday. Everyone had to wait until after a community dinner that night at the Bungalow Gardens in Goshen to learn the outcome. But the suspense was well-planned; it assured everyone got together, and good fellowship is an important ingredient at any trial. So is food, and how those steaks did go!

Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy climaxed an excellent race with a find that he executed in good Derby fashion to win the Open Derby event. Sammy is owned by the Toffee Idoc Kennels of Lima, Ohio and his pilot is Buck Bissell.

Dr. A. F. Dick, of Wayne, Michigan,

handled his own dog, Susan's Heide, and carried off the second place ribbon. Heide merrily covered the back-course assignment, and displayed a



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Winners, Derby Stake

Left to right, Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy (Bissel); Susan's Heide (Dr. Dick); Jet's Ace (Holman); Rusty Rambler (Kull); Judges, Coy Conwell, Pat Murphy. Chief Kibitzer, Bob Buick peering over their shoulders.

pleasing forward pattern. In the birdfield on contact with two birds, she established point, but did not tarry for handler to flush.

Jet's Ace ran extremely wide and styled up on point in the birdfield—holding for a while, but not long enough, however, for handler to come in and flush. On second contact with birds both Ace and bracemate, without semblance of point, heartily gave chase.

Rusty Rambler was named next in the winner's column for his wide-going race.

Close on his heels came Ferdinand of Leeway, who likewise hit the far corners on the back-course, and had contact with birds twice, but on neither did he clearly establish point.

Reed's Skyline Dan showed Derby manners on game twice in the birdfield. Apparently his first contact was with a moving quail for he swung sharply around 90 degrees after first hitting scent. On his second bird, he froze in a nose-dive position, making certain of location.

Ouragan Sugar Cookie had a nice location, and held point in birdfield.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

Eight hotly-contested amateur events have been waged for possession of the Coy Conwell Trophy, and eight different dogs have been declared winners, so it is still in rotation. This year it will head for Michigan to be inscribed with the name "Buttons and Bows."

Buttons and Bows had two absolutely faultless pieces of birdwork after turning in her usual hard-punching race on the backcourse. It was a top-notch performance, that no other competitor came close to rivaling, and loud were the cheers than rang out for Buttons and George when the decision was announced. George Wilson has worked and hunted hard over Buttons from the time she was a pup. She has been a favorite of the gallery for she is such a busy, happy, honest little bird dog and as a matter of fact it was not Buttons' fault that in the Open All Age Stake the day before that pheasant flushed right smack in her face and made her jump! So Buttons and George tried again on Sunday and this time they made it, and finished her as a field trial champion!

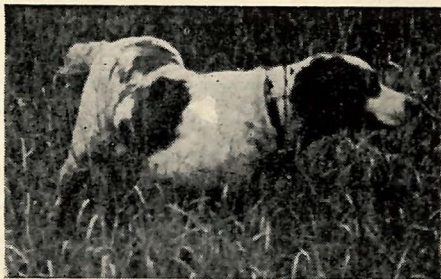
Rex of St. Joseph Valley (whose name is already inscribed on the trophy) handled by his owner Herbert L. Cramer, showed he is still a keen hunting bird dog and had two finds to his credit.

The third place trophy went to Britt of Blaisy Bas of Berkeley, California. Owned by Mrs. and handled by Dr. J. M. Sullivan, Britt shared a find with his brace mate Yankee Jiggs just as the two came into the birdfield. Britt was credited with a stop to flush. This encounter at the entrance, spurred Britt on to hunting hard, and his vigilant searching was rewarded when he winded and then came solidly down on point. Three quail were flushed; dog's manners perfect.

Curt's Fanche Rip owned and handled by the President of the Hoosier Brittany Club, R. Curt Davis, of Monticella, Indiana, hunted hard for his master but met his Waterloo in the birdfield. On his first encounter he took two steps, then stopped on command at flush. On second find he overran, then joined brace mate in

chasing the bird at flush.

If a trophy were to be awarded to the hardest-working amateur handler, Hillery Garrett of Auburn, Indiana, would like to lay claim for the tortures he experienced on behalf of Rusty Rambler. Thrice Rusty jumped a fence and got mixed up with hogs, and thrice his master bailed him out. Galloping



BUTTONS AND BOWS

Winner: Amateur Stake at the Hoosier Brittany Trials, November 1, 1953. Owned and handled by George W. Wilson. This win completed points so Buttons and Bows (out of Davore-Bill's Patricia) is a F.T. Ch.

like greased lightning, the dog was so far ahead of Garrett when the birdfield was reached that they couldn't capitalize on a nice find of quail. All Garrett could do was point feebly and gasp "Quail . . . judge . . . up a tree." where indeed they had flown by that time! Yes, another novice has learned there's nothing more fun than a field trial.

SUMMARY OF WINNERS

Hoosier Brittany Club - Syracuse, Ind.
October 30, 31, Nov. 1, 1953

PUPPY STAKE

1st Place to King of Edough, male. Sire: Dual Ch. Uno's Jet; Dam: Dual Ch. Patsy of Edough. Owner: D. F. Olund. Handler: Lee Holman.

2nd Place to Jay's Pierre D'Valle, male. Sire: Pierre De Bayard. Dam: Tora De Cotignac. Owner: Jay S. Allison. Handler: Bill Kull.

3rd Place to Belloaks Jess, male. Sire: Belloaks Mike; Dam: Belloaks Holly. Owner: James B. Bell, Jr. Handler: Thomas W. Cox.

4th Place to Jet's Fancy. Sire: Dual Ch. Uno's Jet. Owner: D. F. Olund. Handler: Lee Holman.

DERBY STAKE

1st Place to Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy, male. Sire: Calatin MacEochaidh's Sam. Dam: F. T. Ch. Joyeux Jakqueline. Owner: Toffee Idoc Kennels. Handler: R. H. Bissell.

2nd Place to Susan's Heide. Sire: Holly

Haven Dan. Dam: Susan's Bess. Owner: Dr. A. F. Dick. Handler: Dr. A. F. Dick.
 3rd Place to Jet's Ace; Sire: Dual Ch. Uno's Jet. Dam: Sleepy Hollow Tillie. Owner: D. F. Olund; Handler: Lee Holman.

4th Place to Rusty Rambler. Sire: Ch. Amos of Edough. Owner: H. C. Garrett. Handler: Bill Kull.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

1st Place to Beaucoup Pete de Richmond, male. Sire: Allamuchy Valley Warrior. Dam: Soize MacEochaidh. Owner: Clint B. Wood. Handler: Bill Kull.

2nd Place to F. T. Ch. Meadowink Buzz, male. Sire: Avono Jinx. Dam: Molly. Owner: Wm. P. Yant. Handler: Thomas W. Cox.

3rd Place to Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, male. Sire: Ch. Avono Jake. Dam: Suzanne de Beauch. Owner: Mrs. Alice Clough. Handler: R. H. Bissell.

4th Place to Belloaks Ginger, female. Sire: Ch. Buck of Chippewa. Dam: Ch. Jule of Loufel. Owner: Mrs. James B. Bell, Jr. Handler: Thomas W. Cox.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

1st Place to Buttons and Bows, female. Sire: Ko of Davure. Dam: Bill's Patricia. Owner and Handler: George W. Wilson.

2nd Place to Rex of St. Joseph Valley, male. Sire: Ch. Allamuchy Valley Mac. Dam: Amber of Paradise. Owner and Handler: Herbert L. Cramer.

3rd Place to Britt of Blaisy Bas. Sire: Pete's Tommy. Dam: Themes Flash O'Britt. Owner: Mrs. J. M. Sullivan. Handler: J. M. Sullivan.

4th Place to Curt's Fanche Rip. Sire: Lloyd's Fanche Spot. Dam: Bill's Birchwood Patches. Owner and Handler: R. Curt Davis.

ILLINOIS REGIONAL BRITTANY TRIALS

Dryness, which was the keyword for the entire midwest, was prevalent during the running of the annual Illinois Regional Brittany trial. The club again ran on the DesPlaines Wildlife refuge, and it offers as fine a grounds as is to be found in the Northern part of Illinois. The Illinois Dept. of Conservation gave their full cooperation. The only point that could stand improvement was the quality of the pheasants, which were of the poor flying department.

The gallery was large and consisted of many Brittany fans from other states. Everyone enjoyed the cool, crisp air, and received the decisions of the judges with applause.

All of the winners except in the Puppy Stake had excellent bird work, coupled with punching ground heats. The placements were made on quantity of birdwork as the quality was high throughout the stakes.

OPEN PUPPY

Judges: L. D. LaFleur, Howard Clements
 1st—Pierre of Paolet Lee Holman
 2nd—Baksheesh Mrs. Tom Cox
 3rd—King of Edough Lee Holman

OPEN DERBY

Judges, E. Poundstone, W. McWhirter
 1st—Jet's Ace Lee Holman
 2nd—Ferdinand of Leeway .. Lee Holman
 3rd—Remarqueable of Alber, Lee Holman

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges Same As Derby
 1st—Miste de Klememor Tom Cox
 2nd—Hero's Master Spot Jane Thompson
 3rd—Albedo Valley Dingo, Jane Thompson

AMATEUR ALL AGE

Judges Same as Derby
 1st—Aubaine Duche Fritts
 2nd—Butches Ace Waterman
 3rd—Tennessee Luke .. Howard Clements
 L. D. LaFleur, Reporter

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND TRIAL

The Central New England Brittany Club held its 8th annual fall trial at Ringneck Roost in Keene, N. H. As there was a doubt of the handlers attending the Lowell Sportsmans Club who usually play host in the fall, decided to pass up this fall so the work fell on the shoulders of the loyal few. Carlton, and Mrs. Gardner, Howard Stanley (bird planter supreme), Evelyn Norwood and the Bissells. New faces among the workers were Mr. and Mrs. Burbank and Frank Wallace.

The weather for a change was ideal and the new bird field proved a paradise as birds flushed from one end to the other never leaving the confines of the field. So most all the dogs got a chance on 4 or 5 birds if the handler wished him to.

A new trophy was placed in competition to be called the Tom Talbot Trophy and to be won by the best amateur handled shooting dog prospect. First leg on this was won by Herbert Farnsworth with Dual Ch. Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee after a run off with Stevenson's Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie d'Acajou.

First stake to be run was the puppy with Carlton Gardner and Charles Bashaw in the saddle. The winner was Juchoir's Ginger Snap handled by Nicky Bissell. Ginger poured it on in the birdfield and really bounced the birds out. Second was Yankee Boy's Tote handled by Buck Bissell and owned by Frank Wallace. Tote had a nice level backcourse, better than the winner but did not sparkle as she did in the birdfield. Third went to Juchoir's Magnificent Maggie handled by Mrs. Bissell. Maggie braced with the second place dog, did not show the class or the

range he did. Bill Kull took 4th with Jay's Pierre d'Valle owned by Mr. Allison.

The open all age followed and the many birds proved the undoing of a lot of the dogs. Helgramite Howie emerged triumphant with several good finds. His ground heat was a class hunting race leaving no doubt in the judges' minds as to the winner. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee with two flawless finds could not match Howie in class this day and so garnered second. Third was a new comer to the winners' circle also handled by Bissell. Viro's Brett owned by Robert Hobe won the nod on a searching hunting ground heat that left no part of the back-course unsearched. He had one good find and on his second established point. Handler flushed bird well out from the dog and when the dog was sent on he took one jump and flushed another bird directly before his original stand. This kind of thing happened to many a dog but Brett had his good manners with him and stopped to flush. Bill Kull again took 4th with Ronile Avant Cour- eur.

A large derby stake was run on Sunday with John Dall and Bernie Callery judging. As these two were still recovering from a knee operation and an appendectomy respectively too many thanks can't be given them for coming forward and riding the number of hours they did. Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy owned by Toffee Idoc Kennel and handled by Bissell came off with the blue. He hunted to the limits of the course and had a staunch and steady find which he held while opposing handler walked up his bird. He then roaded a running bird into the far corner which he pointed several times. Second was the Machlett owned Helgramite Wippington. Tony as he is called had two finds coupled with a nice hunting race. Tony was handled by Paul Dawson. Rusty Rambler, a nice gaited dog, handled by Kull, was third. He is owned by Garrett. He found birds and then more birds but managed only to flashpoint. Dawson picked off 4th with Dian of Edough owned by Harry Crouch. Dian ran a fair race and was busy all the time.

The amateur, with about the same

entry as the Open, proved the best stake of the trial. Farnsworth was the winner with Dual Ch. Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee. Mark had a good ground heat, one nice find on a running bird on which he was asked to relocate 3 times and then a second find in the brush. Stevenson had to be content with second this time with Helgramite Howie for tho Howie was as classy as Mark he did not run quite as wide. A slight tendency to drop at flush also marred his performance. This was one of those cases when the judges had to get a magnifying glass on the two dogs performances to pick a winner as either performance was plenty good. Treading close on the toes of these two was Charles Norwood with Enfant du Juchoir. Boy, no new-comer to the winners' circle, really went on a birdfinding spree. When he was through we all had lost count of his finds but knew he was mannerly on them all even to the one where the bird got up and looked him right in the face. If his race had not been bothered by a tangle with his bracemate he would have upset the applecart. The judges went for class this day and gave 4th to Ft. Ch. Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault with one find on a running bird and an unproductive. Several other dogs had excellent birdwork but were not as eye-catching as the winners.

Following the amateur the runoff for the trophy was held and Saturday's winner Helgramite met Sunday's winner Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee.

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TRIAL TALK

By NICKY BISSELL

Another fall has passed with another batch of dogs showing their wares. Some have proved great, and others not worth their salt, but that is what makes the dog game fun. Several dogs have finished their championship this fall (subject to AKC confirmation of course). Cox finished *Miste de Klemanor* for Kleeman, his first homebred, and also *Meadowink Jim* for Dr. Yant. Dr. Yant now owns 4 field champions, a new record. Holman finished *Larry Lee Kaerson* in Kansas for Dr. Elliot. Bissell finished *Pierrot de Fontaine Valle*. This is the first time that one litter has produced two champions as *Pierrot* is litter brother to *Remarkable de F. V.* This also makes Ch. Avono Jake the only living sire of 3 field champions.

Among the outstanding all age winners this fall have been *Pierrot* with 8 placements and upholding the honors for the liver dogs, *Beaucoup Pete* of Richmond owned by Clint Wood of Texas and handled by Kull. Pete has placed nearly every week and has won two blues.

Among the big amateur triumphs was George Wilson's win with *Buttons* and *Bows* at Indiana. This completed her championship. Her son *Ferdinand* of Leeway has done all right in the derby too. Jimmy Williams scored another double on his only trip to a licensed field trial this fall. He and *Mister* got both the amateur and open firsts at Penna. *Mister* is racking up a phenomenal record with 7 firsts and a 4th in 14 times down. Two other dogs have also tied existing records. FT. Ch. *Lexington Amherst Godefroi* now has 7 firsts (all stakes) and F.T. Ch. *Torchy* of *Lionheart* has 5 all age firsts.

Among the better trials this fall was the trial of the Missouri contingent. Though this was their first effort they did things up with a bang and remembered all the little things that make for a good trial. This is something some of the older trial clubs have been lax about.

Here and there the fall always furnishes a good laugh. Andy Foster and Jacques gave us one at the Southern

N. E. trial. Jacques thought he had a bird and would tentatively point, then relocate. At each pause Andy would start to say point. It all came out as Put-Put-Put-Point. So if you hear something in the birdlot, that resembles a motor boat that is only Andy and Jacques. One of the most delighted owners we have seen to join the winner's circle this fall was Joe Rodriguez. When he piloted his *Helgramite Dieu de Beauch* to 2nd place at N. J. everyone was as pleased as he was.

Two Tom Talbott trophies are now in circulation both for amateurs and rightly for Tom was the big push back of the first amateur stakes. Yant has a leg on one with *Meadowink Buzz*, handled by his daughter, Susan. Herb Farnsworth has a leg on the other with *Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee*.

We were all glad to welcome Hugo Blasberg and his charming wife to the N. J. trial plus seeing Miss Topsy go home with a ribbon. It all proves that many of the old dogs can still hold their own with today's youngsters. Alan Stuyvesant just off the boat was also a welcome sight at Jersey. On looking over the American dogs Alan was of the opinion that today the dogs in America can more than hold their own with the French dogs. Another visitor we all enjoyed at Indiana and Ohio was Dr. and Mary Sullivan from California. Wish Doc would buy a new car every 6 months to give him an excuse to get East to all the trials.

This fall has seen some good derbies show their stuff. Among the consistent winners have been *Lady Patsy de Wayne* (2 firsts), *Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy* (2 firsts), and *Reed's Skyline Dan* (also 2 firsts). Also doing their share of winning, *Dian* of *Edough Helgramite Wippington*, *Rusty Rambler*, *Jet's Ace*, *Ferdinand* of *Leeway*, and *Susann's Heide*.

There are now 35 field champions. Of these only 7 are bitches. About half the 35 are Dual Champions.

Tat Campbell had the pleasure of finishing *Happy Duke Kaer* for Sgt. Hoyle in the Kansas Trial. Don't say you can't finish your dog because you only get to one trial a year. Duke won 2 Derby Stakes, an Open and an Amateur, all at the Midwest Club trials.

NORTH JERSEY CLUB

The North Jersey Club has two field trial sites which evidently meet with equal approval. One is the well known state public hunting and fishing grounds at Clinton, N. J., where this fall's trials were held on October 3 and 4 and the Jerseyites were glad to welcome a banner crowd of Brittany enthusiasts and the splendid entry of 21 all age and 18 amateur all age, 23 derby dogs.

It meant an early start each morning of the two day's running but, favored by good weather and the fine assistance of an able field trial committee headed by Ted Cwik, the diligent work of the officers and the cooperation of participants, all events were disposed of without running into nightfall.

On the Clinton grounds there is a small but very adequate club house and with excellent catering, breakfasts and luncheons were served there. The clubhouse stands on a high hill overlooking the far-reaching bird field and there was a fine gallery each day. Cover is heavy in the bird field area but this year's drought had impeded the growth considerably so that viewing was better from the gallery standpoint than in some previous trials held here. The back course lays through stubble and alfalfa fields bordered with high hedge rows and leading into the birdfield are wide fields high in canary grass. Bordering this part of the course there is a brook with thickets along its edges and timber beyond. It is a well known field trial course, being the location of many of the east's largest trials.

Tom Stone of Clearfield, Pa., judged the puppy stake with James I. Gray of Troy Hills, N. J. Evelyn Monte paired with Jimmy Gray for the derby stake. For the all age stakes, the club had the services of Frank Dickinson of Pompton, N. J. and Harry Graham of Middletown, N. Y.

Not being present for the puppy stake I can only give you the winners. First place was won by Price's Sunflower Gal, owned by Gerald Price of Wayne, Kansas. Juchoir's Ginger Pop, owned and handled by Mrs. Bucky Bissell of Keene, N. H. took

second honors and third went to King of Edough, owned by D. F. Olund of Skokie, Ill.

In the derby stake Diane of Edough took the eye from the moment she was sent off. She didn't break away as fast as some of the others but she showed very attractive action and from the first turn she began to pour it on and never let up in laying out a beautiful race. Swift of foot, snappy in style, she made wide swings with purposeful intent. She looked especially well in the big alfalfa field where she made a wide cast out to the far right of hedgerow ahead, swung down along its edges and dived into it. A bird was seen rising beyond the thicket and though it was too far away to make any deductions she evidently had something to do with it for she swung back from this territory, coming to front as we crossed a woods path. Here she closed in for a few minutes, again moving out in big sweeps beyond the road crossing. She was seen moving towards the brook and then was lost to sight.

Next seen she was in the wake of a big cockbird that rose from behind a high juniper bush in the bird field. This occurred as the judges were urging their plodding steeds across the creek leading into the bird field so no definition could be made. Back with handler, Diane worked all the country at the far end of the bird field and was still pouring it on when time elapsed.

Because of her powerful race in which she took country and cover not sought by any other dog in the stake, and her exceptionally strong finish, she was given a second series on game. Brought in short to the bird field, without backing she moved to the center of the field and as we rode up she was standing up tight in the high grass with her bird about five feet ahead. When it was flushed it went toward her and she turned and went along.

Diane was owned by the late Harry Crouch. She was handled by Paul Dawson who is acting as her agent for the Crouch estate.

Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy, owned by the Toffee Idoc Kennels, of Lima,

Ohio, and handled by Bucky Bissell, put on a whale of an effort for most of his race, looking particularly attractive in wide stubble fields where he made a fine big cast, came to front but looped several times before straightening out to take another big swing down the hedgerow to the left of the field. He cut around the bird field in good slashing style and had one well-styled point, steady to flush and almost steady to shot.

The third place dog was Tuck de la Vallee Onondaga, belonging to Reuben Jeffery of Syracuse, N. Y., handled by Bill Kull. This was a big, sturdy orange and white with attractive way of going. His application was not as well sustained as those placed above but he ran a forward race and displayed interest in cover. He had two finds which he pointed briefly. On one of his points he had two birds in the bush, which number however, had nothing to do with his placement.

Helgramite Alchemy, owner-handled by Bob Davis of Stamford, Conn., was fourth. Although a little too friendly in the first part of his race, Alchemy developed an independent pattern and got down to the business of hunting, reaching out well to objectives. He showed attractive style and action and had two finds. On one point he was stacked up handsomely for several minutes before his handler got to him. He showed the same high style and positive location on a second find.

Behind the winners there was Kansas Yank's Tommy Boy, a strong running dog that put on a noteworthy ground heat. He had two points in the bird field, only lacking in positiveness and definition.

Lady Patsy de Wayne turned in a good race. A fast mover she sought cover intelligently and proved her hunting quality by the way she dug up birds. Two or three were seen in her vicinity at the edges of the canary grass field and she had a point in the bird field, rather relaxed in style. Jet's Ace, beautifully gaited individual with a lot of punch and drive, hunted well, found a bird and went with it without pointing.

Ferdinand of Leeway and Helgramite Whippington missed a golden oppor-

tunity to reap a profit. During their brace about 16 or 18 pheasants were seen moving into the alfalfa field. In fact there were plenty of birds seen on the grounds all during the trial. On this occasion it was getting toward dusk and birds were evidently moving in to settle. Handlers were told to bring their charges in. The dogs had a great time putting these birds up but no definite work was at any time established. Ferdinand finished very strong in the bird field and his ground work was altogether quite impressive.

Rusty Rambler showed a nice gait, swift pace and lots of hunt, giving chase on a found bird. Marquis of Alger didn't cover enough ground, showed good style on the point before he moved in to punch.

Tad's Nilebrook Babette was restricted in range and went birdless, as did Ouragan Sugar Cookie. Tad's Hilchin, a 15 month old, showed inexperience, had one find and chase. Belle Tachete turned in a fairly good race and showed a pretty way of going. Jitter Bug of Leeway didn't reach out enough, had one find, gave chase at the flush, stopping at command. Tad's Rambling Ike showed attractive pace and gait and applied himself to hunting fairly well. Unan's Lady, braced with the winner, turned most of her efforts to keeping up. Tad's Princess Suzette, also a green youngster, had a pretty way of moving. Chatain of Juchoir also appeared to be very green at the business of hunting. Man of Edough appeared to be in superb shape to do

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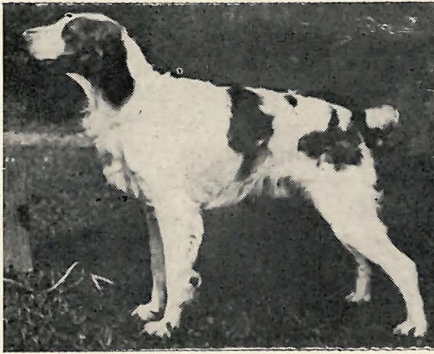
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a strong stint but put too much of his effort in being friendly.

With 21 dogs entered in the open all age and an amateur stake to follow it meant an early start and a day-long push to complete the program on the following day. The first brace got off at 7:30 a.m.

It was in the ninth brace that the winner appeared in a dog that clinched a dual championship. This was Ch. Pierrot Fontaine Vallee, owned by Mrs. Alice Clough of Erie, Pa., and handled by Bucky Bissell. With a pleasing way of going this dog accounted for an exceptionally good back course, taking wide swings and completing his carts with good purpose. In the bird field he still displayed plenty of jump and



Dual Winner

Ch. Pierrot De Fontaine Valle

had a good snappy find, well located with lofty style and finished with exemplary manners.

Holly Haven Duchess, owned by Henry Hollyoak of Wyandotte, Mich., and handled by Paul Dawson, took second spot. While her ground work wasn't of the spectacular variety she hunted hard and was rewarded with a find soon after entering the bird field. At the flush she took a jump, stopped at command and remained steady for the shot. After this episode she took fire and really dug in to have a second find, steady to flush and shot.

The third place winner was Beau-coup Peter of Richmond, owned by Clint B. Wood of Wichita Falls, Texas, handled by Bill Kull. In his application and way of going, Pete equalled the first place dog. In heavy cover in the

bird field he stacked up stylishly, took a couple of jumps as the bird was being put up, stopped to caution and was steady to shot.

May's Pond Skippy, owned by Ralph Perkins of Cleveland, Ohio, handled by Paul Dawson, ran a level race at restricted range and had a steady find in the bird field with acceptable style and manners to earn fourth.

Back of the winners there was Tex of Richmond which had the class race of the stake, covering all the big stubble and weed fields and reaching well for objectives. One unproductive on the back course was his score. Then there was Larrylee Kaerson who accounted for an exceptionally good and purposeful race but had to be scored with an unproductive after several attempts to relocate what apparently was a running bird in the area along the brook.

Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault showed a lot of snap and hunted the hedgerows adjacent to the corn fields and disappeared. Several birds were seen to run out but the dog wasn't seen. Handler went on and Wippy later appeared to zip into point in the bird field, then spoiled it by chasing at the flush. He was steady on a second bird, turned in direction of the flight and sat to watch the bird away.

Allamuchy Valley Rusty ran very well for the first half of the course, appeared to tire and failed to show on game. Lexington Amherst Godfroie had two contacts in the back course, the result of determined search in cover. Both birds flushed wild, the dog stopping to flush. Viro's Brit had a medium race, a chase after knocking a bird and a steady find in the bird field. Helgramite Chips impressed with his back course efforts but let down in the bird field and went birdless.

Both Tex and Larrylee would probably have been accorded a second series if the clock had not been weighing so heavily on the judges.

In the amateur all age, fresh from his triumph in the open stake, Pierrot de Fontaine elected to show that he could do it all over again, this time with Bob Hobe on the whistle, the first time Bob had ever handled this dog. An equally good race, topped by a well styled-up point, excellent man-

ners to flush and shot brought his second laurels of the day to Pierrot.

Helgramite Dive de Beauch handled by his owner, J. G. Rodriguez of Rowayton, Conn., was second. He hunted his way around evenly and had one solid find. His handler had difficulty in producing the bird from a heavy tangle of briars and the dog relaxed at repeated cautioning. His demeanor was good for the rise and shot. When sent on, the handler started the dog in the direction of the flight and as a result Dive followed in the wake briefly.

That consistent contender, Miss Topsy, handled by her owner, Hugo Blasberg, was accorded the third position. She displayed good application and drive through out her time. Working on a bird which ran out from heavy cover into the open path, Topsy pursued, stopped to flush when it rose. She redeemed herself with a second find which she polished off with faultless manners.

Fourth went to Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, owner-handled by W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn., Howie delivered a level race was charged with moving in and grabbing at his brace mate's bird, but stayed to caution when the other dog went with it. A second well executed find reinstated Howie to position for consideration.

Several other dogs had contacts with birds but all resulted in errors that could not be overlooked.

CALIFORNIA FIELD TRIAL

By MRS. GEORGE MONK

The California Brittany Club held its Fall Field Trial and Second Sanction-Specialty Show October 10th and 11th at Firebaugh, California. There was a total of 33 Field Trial Entries.

The Judges were A. F. Moran of Tarzana, California, and Adolph T. Kreuder of Los Angeles, California, for the Puppy and Derby Stake. The Judges were R. C. Gibson of Newhall, California, and Adolph Kreuder of Los Angeles, California for the Amateur All Age Stake. The Open All Age Stake was judged by A. F. Morgan and Adolph T. Kreuder. Their decisions were given after careful consideration and received with evident approval.

The puppy turnout was something to see with an entry of 12 promising youngsters. First place went to Babe of Baldwin Hills, owned by Mr. Victor Appel and handled by E. M. Flack. Babe started right off in good style, with a definite idea of the business at hand. Ranged well and had plenty of stamina, very bidable. Finished with 2 finds to her credit.

Second place went to Flack's Allamuchy Miss, owned and handled by 9 year old Gordon Flack. Miss turned in a good performance with good range and stamina. She was very industrious and with a little more experience on her handler this will be a hard combination to beat. She had 3 finds and really enjoyed them.

Third place went to Stacy's Allamuchy Mike who started a little slow but kept improving as he went along, developing more fire all the way. Tho he didn't locate any birds he certainly showed plenty of promise. He was handled by E. M. Flack.

Fourth place was taken by Jeffery of Turlock, owned and handled by Mr. W. D. Plumber. Jeffery was a happy worker and very birdy but also a little sociable.

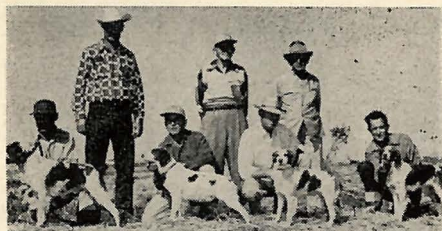
The Gallery was really given a treat when the third brace, Babe of Baldwin Hills and Flack's Allamuchy Miss, entered the bird field. Since the first two braces were birdless there were plenty of birds to be found. The two pups had themselves a field day. No sooner was one bird found and flushed when the other pup would be on one, totaling 5 finds between them. At that point it would have been hard to say who were enjoying it the most, the delighted Gallery or the pair of busy pups.

It might be interesting to note that the above pups placing first and second and the third place pup, Stacy's Allamuchy Mike, were littermates born, Feb. 1, 1953 and sired by Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike x Ch. Milady Patrice Avono. Congratulations to the breeder, Mr. Victor B. Appel.

The Derby Stake, with an entry of 4, was run Saturday afternoon. The weather which had been cool in the morning turned pretty warm, and a little sunburn was had by all. First

place was given to Cappy, handled by E. M. Flack. Cappy proved very industrious in spite of the heat, with excellent range for a derby. Paced himself very well and was steady on his find.

Second place went to Newt of Boel, owned and handled by Robert H. Ellis. He was braced with the winner and crowded him all the way. A little more experience and he should develop into



AMATEUR ALL AGE

Left to right: B. Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike, Bucky Boy of Luke Krer, Allamuchy Vally Jerry and Joli Tic.

a fine dog. This was the first Field Trial for Newt and his owner Mr. Ellis, and not satisfied yet, they went on to win the Best in Match at the Specialty Show that evening. Congratulations Mr. Ellis on a fine dog.

Third place to a nice birdy little dog, Brenda Creek Sue, owned and handled by Edgar J. Pitman. She was a little restricted in range but a merry worker. She had 1 point to chase. This little lady also showed her true merit by winning Best of Opposite Sex in the Specialty Show.

Fourth went to Lucky, handled by E. M. Flack. Lucky was in there pitching but a little close in range and no finds.

The Amateur All Age started at 8 a.m. Sunday morning and we were greeted with a lusty wind. Later the sun came out but the wind was cool all day. Our Charter member and Field Trial Chairman, Mr. Thurmond McWhorter Sr., donated a \$25.00 Challenge Trophy for this event that had everyone positively drooling. It was really a beauty with a sportsman, gun in hand, at the base and topped by a Brittany figure. There was an entry of 7 with

first place going to Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike, owned by Reynell Dagleish and handled by Mr. E. P. Hartman. Tho Mike finished with only 1 find and 1 honor it was handled to perfection. He showed terrific stamina, ranging well and he handled the field with confidence.

Second place went to Bucky Boy of Luke Kaer owned and handled by Mr. H. P. Griffin. Bucky was braced with Mike and ran him a good ground heat but didn't handle the birds in as stylish a manner. He had 2 finds and 2 he couldn't locate.

Third went to Mr. E. Ham's Allamuchy Valley Jerry, with Mr. Ham handling. Jerry was an eager hunter ranging out wide with lots of drive, but knocked himself out of a higher placement by crowding his bird out. He would have been hard to beat with a little more bird work.

Joli Tic gained fourth place with his owner, Mr. Rowland Pratt handling. Tic is a very nice working dog tho a little restricted in range. He had 1 point to chase and a stop to flush. This pair was another newcomer to our trials and most welcome. It's always heatrening to see new people competing for without them, any club would most certainly become stagnate.

The Open All Age had another beautiful Challenge Trophy put up by our Judge of last fall, Mr. George Higgs, and won by Torchy of Lionheart last year. There were 10 entries in the stake with first place going to Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike, owned by Reynell Dagleish and handled by E. M. Flack. Having won the Amateur All Age that morning, he worked even better in Open All Age in the afternoon. Mike, always a merry worker, meant business right from the start and made a fast but thorough search of the ground cover in the back field. He knew exactly what he was doing in the bird field, showing superb nose and control on his 2 excellent finds.

Second went to F.T.C. Torchy of Lionheart, handled by his owner Mr. Marion Baker. He set down a pattern in the bird field worth striving for and would have been hard to beat with more bird luck.

Third place to Hartman's Ike of El

Monte, owned by Mr. Henry Holt and handled by E. M. Flack. Ike was an



OPEN ALL AGE

Left to right: B. Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike, F.T. Ch. Torchy of Lionheart, Hartman's Ike of El Monte and Sutter Basin Sue.

eager fellow and set a good pace, tho only fair in range. He exhibited perfect bird work and steady on point. He did a beautiful job on backing and had 2 finds.

Fourth place was given to Sutter Basin Sue, owned and handled by Mr. R. W. Pearson. Sue was busy hunting

all the time, showing good stamina and fair range. She came up solid on point but let down a little on flush. She had one unproductive but redeemed herself later with a nicely handled find.

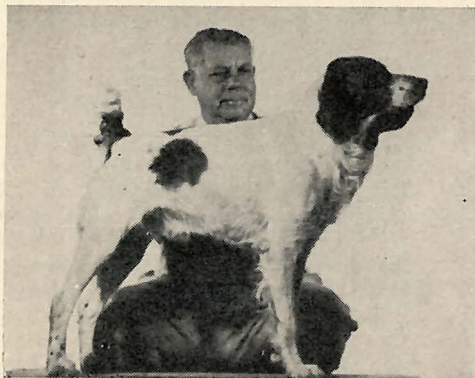
Ch. Britt of Blaisy Bas owned by Dr. J. M. Sullivan was given honorable mention. He had some tough luck in his first 5 minutes being in the rear of the gallery, but when he did go to work he laid down a perfect ground heat. He had 2 finds in the back field only to chase, but settled down he had three beautifully handled finds. It was a bad break for so deserving a dog.

SPECIALTY SHOW

Held Saturday evening, October 10th, at the Service Club in Firebaugh. Total entries were 24. Our very competent and exacting judge was Mr. Ray Owyong, of San Francisco. Mr. Owyong is President of the Golden Gate German Shepard Club, and has been a professional handler, (all breeds), Obedience and Field Dog Trainer, for

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a number of years. Ring Stewards were Mrs. E. P. Hartman and Mrs.



BEST IN MATCH

Left: Judge Mr. Fay Owyong and right, Newt of Bob, owner, Mr. Robert Ellis.

George Monk, with Mr. Monk at the microphone and camera.

PUPPY CLASS

1st, Pinto Pal, By His Nobs x Faison de Klememor. Breeder-owner Dr. J. M. Sullivan.

2nd, Navillas, Same as above.

3rd, Jeffery of Turlock. By His Nobs x Faison de Klememor. Breeder, Dr. J. M. Sullivan, owner, Mr. W. D. Plummer.

4th, Buena Vista Beau By Mac's California Rusty x Paul's California Traveler. Breeder, Paul Higgins. Owner, Mr. T. M. McWhorter Jr.

Trophy for first donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Monk. Trophy for second donated by Dr. Lloyd J. Harbaugh.

Trophy for third by The California Brittany Club. Fourth No. 1 Ultramend donated by Mr. Frank McHugh.

NOVICE DOGS

1st, Newt of Boel. By Ultramends Valgo Cracker x Francine of Karmoish. Breeder, Mr. C. L. Ackerman, owner, Robert Ellis.

2nd, Bucky Boy of Luke Kaer. By Ch. Allamuchy Valley Luke x Rose of Kaer. Breeder, Mike Burnham, owner, Mr. H. B. Griffin.

3rd, Tapageur. By Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike x Cherie D'Oiseau. Breeder, S. Roose, owners, M. J. Dumpf and J. R. Rizzo.

Trophy for first donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Monk. Second No. 1 Ultramend donated by Mr. Frank McHugh.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOGS

1st, Pinto Pal. By His Nobs x Faison de Klememor. Breeder-owner, Dr. J. M. Sullivan.

2nd, Navillas. Same as above.

Trophy for first by The California Brittany Club. Second No. 1 Ultramend donated by Mr. Frank McHugh

OPEN DOGS:

1st, His Nobs. By His Nibs x Cindy Sue. Breeder, Thelma Goaller. Owner, Mr. W. D. Plummer.

2nd, Joli Tic. By Rocky de la Whiffney x Lady Cynthia. Breeder, Richard Konigsmark, owner, Mr. Rowland H. Pratt.

3rd, Jerry. By Ch. Allamuchy Valley Luke x Rose of Kaer. Breeder, Mike Burnham, owner, Mr. E. Ham.

4th, Frenchie. By Pete's Tommy x Themes Flash O'Britt. Breeder, O. Redford. Owner, Mr. George Cook.

Trophy for first donated by Mary Sullivan. Trophy for second by The California Brittany Club.

3rd, No. 1 Ultramend donated by Mr. Frank McHugh.

PUPPY BITCHES

1st, Ultra Mend Susan Ace. By Ultramends Valgo Cracker x Ultramend Suzie. Breeder, Fran McHugh, owner Mr. R. Pratt.

2nd, My Gal Sal. By Ultramends Valgo Cracker x Francine of Karomish. Breeder, C. L. Ackerman, owner, Virginia B. Ellis.

3rd, Dubonnet de Colauzer. By Ch. Reynells Allamuchy Mike x Cherie D'Oiseau. Breeder, S. Roose, owner, George Monk.

4th, Babe of Baldwin Hills. By Ch. Reynells Allamuchy Mike x Ch. Milady Patrice Avono. Breeder-owner, Mr. Victor Appel.

Trophy for first donated by Mr. George Higgs. Second by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Plummer. Third by The California Brittany Club. Fourth No. 1 Ultramend by Mr. Frank McHugh.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCHES

1st, Babe of Baldwin Hills. By Ch. Reynells Allamuchy Mike x Ch. Milady Patrice Avono. Breeder-owner, Mr. Victor Appel.

Trophy for first donated by The California Brittany Club.

OPEN BITCHES

1st, Berenda Creek Sut. By Allamuchy Luke's Jerry x Berenda Creek Patti. Breeder, E. Ham, owner, E. J. Pitman.

2nd, Le Gras Jo-Ann, C.D. By LeGras Skipper x Baubettes Rio Rusty. Breeder, Wallace LeGras, owner, E. P. Hartman.

3rd, Berenda Creek Bobbie. By Allamuchy Luke's Jerry x Berenda Creek Patti. Breeder, E. Ham, owner Mr. W. J. Burchard.

4th, Sutter Basin Sue. By Ch. Britt of Blaisy Bas x Gingembre of Brittmooore. Breeder, L. C. Shaver, owner, Pearson.

Trophy for first donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Plummer. Trophy for second by The California Brittany Club. Third No. 1 Ultramend donated by Mr. Frank McHugh.

Best in Match went to Newt of Boel, owned by Mr. Robert Ellis of Concord, California.

Best Opposite Sex went to Berenda Creek Sut, owned by Mr. Edgar J. Pitman of Madera, California.

Trophies for the Best in Match and Best Opposite Sex were generously donated by Dr. K. F. Terwilligher of San Francisco.

CHAMPION PARADE

Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike, owned by Reynell Dalgleish of Van Nuys, California. By Ch. Tudor du Roc Hellou x Allamuchy Valley Ultima. Breeder, Harry C. Keister.

Ch. Britt of Blaisy Bas, owned by Dr. J. M. Sullivan of Berkeley, California. By Pete's Tommy x Themes Flash O'Britt.

Breeder, O. Redford.

Ch. Bourbon de Colauzer, owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Monk of Redwood City, California. By Buddy du Juchoir x Ginger Landy. Breeder-owners.

Ch. Ultramends Valgo Cracker, owned by Mr. Frank McHugh of San Francisco, California. By Pierre De Bayard x Tora de Cotignac. Breeder, Harriet H. Belcher.

Upon conclusion of the Specialty Match, Mr. Owyong, in an interview stated, "This combined Field Trial and Specialty Show has proven one thing to me which perhaps has been overlooked by many in the Breed. The Brittany is one of the few, if not the only, Bird Dog with the necessary combined qualities to win Conformation, as well as in the Field." He believes our Breed Standard is beyond any further correction.

Your reporter, having spent considerable time around the All Breed and Obedience shows, wishes to state: "It is gratifying to observe the Noticable True Sportsmanship shown among Brittany owners." And for your information, recent comments from the Bench Show Judges have been that they have noticed an improvement in the quality of the Brittannies being shown.

Humorous Observation

Ernie Hartman tenderly stroking each bird on its way out to be planted.

Helpful Observation

Mr. Owyong, as well as judging the Specialty Show Saturday evening, spent considerable time Sunday, (on call) in assisting the Brittany owners in "faulting" their dogs. This type of constructive criticism keeps breeders from becoming "Kennel Blind," and brings about a better understanding all around.

HARRY CROUCH DIES

We are sorry to have to report the death of Harry Crouch. He was fatally injured in an accident with a trailer truck this past summer. Harry will be remembered as a loyal Brittany fan and the owner of Futurity winner Guy of Pasatrou and several other winning dogs. His youngest prospect Dian of Edough did some fine winning last fall and again this fall.



Ch. Waldorf's Oscar, May 3, 1951 by Pierre De Bayard and Tora de Cotignac. Breeder, owner, Mrs. Harriet H. Belcher. Pictured when he finished, Oct. 18, 1953, at the Sacramento Kennel Club Show under Judge Anton Korbel. He was handled by Marjorie Hanson.



Ch. Ultramends Valgo Cracker, May 3, 1951, by Pierre de Boyard and Tora de Cotignac. Breeder, Mrs. Harriet H. Belcher, owner, Mr. Frank McHugh. "Sport" finished Oct. 4, 1953 at the Eden Kennel Club Show under Judge Robert Waters. Pictured: Judge Louis Murr, handler Milo Hanson.



New California Bench Champions Ch. Bourbon de Colauzer, Jan. 24, 1951, by Buddy du Juchoir and Ginger Lady. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. George Monk. Pictured when he finished, Aug. 24, 1953 at the San Joaquin Kennel Club Show under Judge Edward G. Neale. He also placed 3rd in the Sporting Group. He was handled throughout by Mr. Monk.

ADVOCATES LICENSING

Jerome N. Halle of 445 Hanna Building, Cleveland, Ohio, has sent in a letter in which he takes strong exception to the fact that field trial judges of AKC field trials are not required to apply for and earn, as a show judge is, a license to judge. He states, in part, "I am only one of many licensed judges to secure an AKC show judging license. In applying, at least three references of well known dog show personalities were given, together with a detailed account of my dog interests, activities and opinions of the breeds applied for. Since then current applicants are required . . . to officiate as apprentice judges under two different judges at licensed shows. Now, what is required to judge a licensed AKC field trial?"

"While at the AKC offices a couple of years ago, I inquired of the two AKC

officials then active, what they know of four judges who had officiated at a trial where I had had some of my dogs. Neither had ever heard of these judges . . . Now I am not submitting this as any criticism of the AKC but only protesting against the proper regulations that permits such conditions to exist.

Mr. Halle then cites the department clause of the official AKC rules for judges and stewards and suggests that possibly an adequate code of ethics and suggestions for field trial judges and marshals, along with the licensing of field trial judges and professional handler, as required in dog show circles, would "clarify our field trial conduct and go a long way towards eliminating the use of incompetent judges, much criticism, and growing discontent at field trials." He asks how anything can be done "about this that has been advocated by so many for such a long time by field trialers in all various breeds" . . . and suggests that clubs have it discussed at meetings and that club secretaries write the AKC the feelings of the members concerning it. He adds, "Any well meaning capable field trial and professional handler should not only be in accord with these views and suggestions but should advocate and work for them."

(Editor's Note: Whether licensing would do away with incompetence in judging, inconsistent analyses, etc., is a matter questionable. It has not done away with the complaints of show exhibitors.)

PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL

By WILLIAM P. YANT

The Pennsylvania Regional Brittany Spaniel Field Trial was held on October 10 and 11, 1953, on the grounds of the Pittsburgh-Butler Airport, Graham Field. These grounds, which are conveniently situated approximately six miles south of Butler, consist of a combination of unfenced cropland, grown-up abandoned fields, scrub growth, and old orchards that give ample open space and variety of cover for bird dogs to show their range, their fortitude for negotiating brush and brambles, and their zeal to hunt and

search birdy objectives. The gently rolling terrain provides good opportunity for seeing the dogs in action, yet is not too difficult and tiresome for members of the gallery and handlers to follow on foot, as is the custom for Brittany Spaniel Trials. The Club is grateful to William J. Graham, owner, and Kenneth W. Shoulter, manager of the airport, for the continued privilege of using the grounds.

A total of seventy-three entries of Brittany Spaniels from seventeen states scattered between New England and Oregon and Texas and Florida competed in the four-stake program. They included many Field Trial winners and several Field Trial Champions. Owing to the large entry to be run during the two day Trial, it was necessary to begin early, keep on a well-timed, rigid schedule of braces, and continue until darkness was imminent. This was accomplished, thanks to the good cooperation given by the handlers and to the smooth, efficient supervision and execution of details by Field Trial Secretary, Elias Ritts, Marshall Claire Plaisted, and Trial Committee Members Gene Caughey, Arlen Jones and Chauncey Carr.

The trial was run on pheasants, native birds being frequently found on the back course and two being planted in the bird field for each brace. Owing to rain which occurred two days before the Trial, and to the frosty mornings, the tinge of coolness that existed throughout the days and the late afternoon dew, the running and scenting conditions were good. There were very few braces that did not find birds either on the back course or in the bird field, with opportunity to show their training and manners.

Bright, clear, cool weather prevailed throughout both days. This, together with the beginning of the colorful Fall landscapes of Pennsylvania made the occasion an enjoyable and pleasant one to be afield. The Club was privileged to have many prominent out-of-state owners of Brittany Spaniels as its guests; also to have the good support of professional handlers Bucky and Nicky Bissell; Tom and Lola Cox; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dawson; Lee Holman; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kull and

daughter, and Jane Thompson.

One-half of the pheasants released were furnished through the courtesy of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. The assistance of Paul R. Miller, Game Protector, Butler, Pennsylvania, in making the arrangements is gratefully acknowledged.

The judicial assignments were handled by R. C. Sutton and Charles S.



Jim Williams with Juchoir's Martin,
Dual Winner

Shauck of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Bud Walker, of Butler, Pennsylvania. They did a fine, conscientious job of following the dogs and judging their performance as they saw it.

The Trial was characterized by an abundance of good bird dog performance and competition for placement was keen. In most instances it was necessary for the judges to make their selection of winners on only shades of superiority between those placed and other dogs that had exhibited very commendable performance.

WINNERS

OPEN PUPPY STAKE—

6 Brittany Spaniels

Judges: Charles E. Shauck and
Bud Walker

1st, Miller's Bud. Brittany Spaniel dog by Beccacoup Pete Richmond—Bonnie Betsie. Harold Miller, owner and handler.

2nd, Jet's Fancy. Brittany Spaniel bitch by Uno's Jet—Thais du Roc Hellou. D. F. Olund, owner; Lee Holman, handler.

3rd, Jay's Pierre D'Valle. Brittany Spaniel dog by Pierre de Bayard—Tora de Cotignac. Jay S. Allison, owner; Bill Kull, handler.

4th, Price's Sunflower Gal. Brittany

Spaniel bitch by Nipper—Rendezvous Annie. Gerald E. Price, owner; Lee Hollman, handler.

OPEN DERBY—35 Brittany Spaniels
Judges: R. C. Sutton and
Charles E. Shauck

1st, Lady Patsy De Wayne. Brittany Spaniel bitch by Amos of Edough—Lady Lou. Gerald Price, owner; Bill Kull, handler.

2nd, Britt Bree's Hennessey. Brittany Spaniel dog by Amos of Edough—Sally Blu. E. C. Staunton, owner; Thomas Coy, handler.

3rd, Susan's Heide. Brittany Spaniel bitch by Hollyhaven Dan—Susan's Bess. Dr. A. F. Dick, owner; Paul Dawson, handler.

4th, Jet's Ace. Brittany Spaniel dog by Uno's Jet—Sleepy Hollow Tillie. D. F. Olund, owner; Lee Hollman, handler.

OPEN ALL AGE—23 Brittany Spaniels
Judges: Charles E. Shauck and
Bud Walker

1st, Juchoir's Martin. Brittany Spaniel dog by Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee—Joyeux Jakqueline. J. H. Williams, owner and handler.

2nd, Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee. Brittany Spaniel dog by Avono Jake—Suzanne de Beauch. Mrs. Alice Clough, owner; Nickey Bissel, handler.

3rd, Pat of Paradise. Brittany Spaniel by Jerry's Duke—Rose of Paradise. Lt. Col. Coffee, owner; Jane Thompson, handler.

4th, Bonaire Doc. Brittany Spaniel dog by Bonaire Bob—Freckles. W. P. Yant, owner; Thomas Cox, handler.

AMATEUR HANDLERS STAKE—

8 Brittany Spaniels
Judges: Charles E. Shauck and
Bud Walker

1st, Juchoir's Martin. Brittany Spaniel dog by Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee—Joyeux Jakqueline. J. H. Williams, owner and handler.

2nd, Bonaire Doc. Brittany Spaniel dog by Bonaire Bob—Freckles. W. P. Yant, owner; Gretchen Yant, handler.

3rd, Bell Oaks Ginger. Brittany Spaniel bitch by Buck of Chippewa—Julie of Loufel. Mrs. James B. Bell, owner and handler.

4th, Avono Corky. Brittany Spaniel dog by Avono Happy—Fun Galore Louella. C. H. Morse, owner and handler.

SPECIAL ENTRY

During the drawing for the North Jersey Brittany trial on the evening of October 2nd, the following "entry," typed on the official American Kennel Club entry form, was received: Enter in Stake. Puppy. Name of Owner, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Williams. Owner's address, Rt. 5, Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia. Name of handler, both grandmas. Name, Susan Lynn Williams. Date of Birth, September 26, 1953, 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Breeder, the Williams'. Sire, James H. Williams. Dam, Francis J. Williams.

This entry was read to the as-

sembled crowd and everyone got a tremendous kick out of the good news and the novel form of announcing it.

It was a happy thought of the Williams' to send in that "entry," we know you all join the editors in congratulating Jimmy and Frances Williams on their "special entry" and the unique method they used to announce the birth of Susan Lynn.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

By HARLAND HENSLEY

Unseasonable hot dry weather made the going rough for dogs and handlers alike at the Midwest Regional Brittany Club's fall field trial. There were 81 starters in the four stakes held Oct. 16, 17 and 18. The trial grounds were located a half mile south of U.S. Highway 24 on 118th Street, west of Kansas City, Kansas. The setting for the trial was in quail country with crop land bordering timber and pasture.



OPEN ALL-AGE

Left to right: Larry Lee Kaerson, Beaucoup Pete, Ronile Avant Courer and Tat's Nellou Brit. Standing are Judges Fair and Peterson.

Water on the course was a welcome sight to the dogs and this gave the handlers a chance to cool off their charges before entering the birdfield.

Judges for this trial were well chosen and their decisions were well met. Mr. Hillmer Peterson of Brandon, Minn. and Mr. Russell Fair of Trenton, Mo., represented many years of training, handling and evaluating class gun dogs. John Gagel was field Marshal.

Quail were furnished by the Kansas Fish and Game Commission and the

ladies of the Mission Creek School PTA served the lunches.

The field trial committee, composed of co-chairmen Carl Carlson and Earl Gray, Neil Kelly, Bob Madl and James Garlet did a fine job of arranging this trial and everything was well handled.

The stakes and the order of running are as follows.

AMATEUR ALL AGE 16 STARTERS

This was the hardest stake for the judges to determine the winners be-



Amateur Handler's All-Age
Left to right: Happy Duke Kaer, Pat's GiGi, Victoria de Evanston, and Butch's Ace.

cause there was no stand-out dog at the end of the running. Happy Duke Kaer was given the nod at the end but not until the judges had called back two other dogs to show on birds. These two being Butch's Ace and Yank's Rebel. After Ace pointed and flushed his own bird both dogs were ordered up and Ace was placed fourth. Happy Duke was placed first on a good back course and then a point and relocation on a bevy that his bracemate also pointed. With this win Happy Duke finished his AKC field trial championship. Second went to Pat's Gi Gi, who had one point at flush. Third was given to Victoria de Evanston, who had a nice race and one find she held until the flush.

1st, Happy Duke Kaer. Owner, Sgt. Hoyle. Handler, S. D. Campbell. Duke of Kaer x Laura de L'Argort.

2nd, Pat's Gi Gi. Owner and handler, Walter Taylor. Johnnie's Pay x Khaven's Daisy May.

3rd, Victoria de Evanston. Owner, Diane Oltman. Handler, Louis Oltman. Jeffrey Dick x Luke's Freckles Windem.

4th, Butch's Ace. Butch's Lad.

OPEN PUPPY 16 STARTERS

Do Car's Junior Showman topped the field of pups to win this stake. He had two solid points he held for some-

time before bouncing in and taking them out. Next in line was King of Edough with a nice back course and a flush and a chase in the birdfield. Puddle's dee was next in line and then came Jay's Pierre de Valle.

1st, Do-Car's Junior Showman. Owners, Dorothy and Carl Carlson. Handler, Earl Gray.

2nd, King of Edough. Handler, Lee Holeman.

3rd, Puddle's Dee. Handler, Delmar Smith.

OPEN DERBY 25 STARTERS

Prince Britt with two finds handled perfectly with all-age manners won this stake. A bit restricted in range but industrious. Second went to Ferdinand of Leeway, who had a fine derby ground course with a find he chased in the birdfield. Tyke of Rock Hellou was third with a hard driving, hunting job with one find handled with derby manners. Next in line was Brit le Mirabeau.

1st, Prince Britt. Handler, Jess Hay-slip, Jeffrey Dick x Lady Argard II.

2nd, Ferdinand of Leeway. Owner, John Lee. Handler, Lee Holeman. Pontac's Hero x Buttons & Bows.

3rd, Tyke of Rock Hellou. Owner and handler, Ralph Hesseltine. Red Rock x Happy's Lady Katie.

4th, Bait Le Mirabeau.

OPEN ALL AGE 23 STARTERS

Larry Lee Kaerson handled five



OPEN PUPPY

Left to right, Do-Car's Jr. Showman, King of Edough, Puddles Dee, Jay's Pierre de Valle.

finds without a flaw in addition to a voluntary back to win the nod and the coveted all-age win. He needed a good number of finds because the dogs that placed behind him were knocking at the door. Beaucoup Pete of Richmond was next with 3 perfectly handled finds and a back in addition to a class ground heat. The third place dog Ronile Avant Coureur was braced with Larry Lee and had work that would have won most stakes but did not have the number of finds that the dogs placed above

him had. Tat's Hellou de Britt had two finds that he executed with finished manners and he also pointed several times on a crippled bird that could not fly well. He finally caught it and that ended that.

There were numerous dogs that could have been in the winners circles except for small transgressions that the judges deemed undesirable in an all-age performance.

1st, Larry Lee Kaerson, owner Dr. E. S. Elliott, handler, Lee Holman, Kaerson of Loufel x Luke's Lena de Joyde

2nd, Beaucoup Pete of Richmond, owner, C. B. Wood, handler, Bill Kull. Allamuchy Valley Warrior x Soize of Mac EochAidh.

3rd, Ronille Avant Coureur, owner Jerome Halle, handler, Bill Kull. Avono Happy x Ronille Avono Moon Ray.

4th, Tat's Hallou de Britt, owned and handled by S. D. Campbell. Tudor du Roc Hellou x Bob's Star.

NOMINATIONS TO 8th ANNUAL FUTURITY STARTS

To All Members:

Nominations to the Eighth Annual Brittany Spaniel Futurity will start with bitches bred on or after October 30, 1953. The Futurity event has grown to the point where it is fast becoming the most important of all our trials and the prestige that goes to the winner of his classic is well worth going after. The purse has increased each year and the owner and handler of the winner will be well repaid for their initial investment.

If you are planning to breed the coming season, we urge you to make use of the enclosed blank and nominate your bitch. Puppies from Futurity nominated litters carry a greater sale value.

The rules of the Futurity are printed on the reverse side of the Entry Blank. However, if clarification of the rules is required, please address your letters to:

E. C. Staunton, Futurity Chairman, 330 South Wells Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.

WICHITA KENNEL

Best of Breed: Penelope de Evanston, owner Louis F. Oltman, breeder, Carl V. Carlson. By Jonnie's Pal - Ch. K. Haven's Daisy May.

Best of Opposite Sex: Do Car's Flashy Showman, owner, Earl N. Gray, breeder, Carl V. Carlson. By Jonnie's Pal - Ch. K. Haven's Daisy May.

Handlers: Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Hardin.

Flashy Showman also went Best of Breed at Lubbock, Texas and Best of Breed at Plainview, Texas.



DO CAR'S FLASHY SHOWMAN

Sire - Johnnie's Pal

Dam - Ch. K. Haven's Daisy May
Owner, Earl H. Gray, Kansas City, Kansas; Breeder, Carl V. Carlson; Handler, Harold Hardin. Awaiting Championship Confirmation from AKC.

SOONER BRITTANY

The Sooner Brittany Club's first AKC licensed point trial, held at the Army Reservation, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, November 14-15, 1953, was the highlight of this club's fall activities. Entries in the event numbered 51 Brittanies, the largest turnout in the club's history. Four Stakes, the Amateur Shooting Dog, Puppy, Derby and Open All Age were included on the program. Brittany owners, handlers and the gal-



Amateur Shooting Dog Stake
Left to right: W. C. Owens, owner & handler of Bo Bo Lot, 1st place; Leroy Magnuson, handler of Ray Olson's Solomon Valley Mikki, 2nd place; Clyde Daniels, owner and handler of Jato, 3rd place; Paul Fast, owner and handler of Towsey Marquis, 4th place.

lery were well pleased with the performance and results of the trial which was helped by excellent weather and a plentiful supply of quail. Ample distribution of short and tall grass, thin and heavy cover, timber and numerous small creeks provided a fine test for the dogs working abilities. Heavy dew each morning of the trial produced good ground conditions.

Officials responsible for the smooth programming of the trial were Judges Earl Jackson of Lawton, Oklahoma and G. L. James of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.; Field Trial Secretary Dan Huddleston of Oklahoma City; Field Trial Committeemen Delmar Smith, Harold F. Smith, Clyde Daniels and R. V. Lowry; and Field Marshal J. W. Bland of Lawton, Oklahoma, who with the aid of A. E. Morris put in a lot of time and hard work in laying out and preparing the courses for the trial. The trial sit on the military reservation at Ft. Sill was made available through the

courtesy of Colonel Stratton of Ft. Sill.

The club's 1954 officers were elected the evening before the trial. They are W. C. Owens, President; Dan Huddleston, 1st vice-president; Clyde Daniels, 2nd vice-president; A. E. Morris, 3rd vice-president; Paul E. Fast, secretary; and Mrs. Paul E. Fast, treasurer.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG TRIAL RESULTS

1st. Bo Bo Lot, owner and handler, W. C. Owens, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Covered the ground very well. Handled perfectly on two finds. Stopped once to flush.

2nd. Solomon Valley Mikki. Owner, Ray Olson, Glasco, Kansas, handler, Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas. Three finds. Chased on one. One unproductive. One steady on single.

3rd. Chief Jato. Male. Owner and handler, Clyde Daniels, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Worked well. Stopped to flush.

4th. Towsey Marquis. Male. Owner and handler, Paul Fast, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Covered ground well. Failed to honor brace mate's point.

PUPPY STAKE

1st. Freckles Faker. Unregistered. Male. Owner, R. E. Miller, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Handler, Delmar Smith, Edmond, Oklahoma. Ran a good wide casting race. Strong at finish.

2nd. Puddle D. Female. Owner, Mrs.

EPPERSON'S KENNELS

DELMAR SMITH

Training and Boarding

RT. No. 3

EDMOND, OKLAHOMA

Delmar Smith, handler Delmar Smith, Edmond, Oklahoma. Very good run.

3rd. Indiscrete De Malibeu. Female. Owner, Neal W. Pritchard, Hutchinson, Kansas. Handler, Jess Hayslip, Salina, Kansas. Ran well at start. Slow at finish.

4th. Toro De Malibeu. Male. Owner, Neal W. Pritchard, Hutchinson, Kansas. Handler, Jess Hayslip, Salina, Kansas. Ran a good race. Cut back frequently.

OPEN DERBY STAKE

1st. Prince Brit. Male. Owner, R. P. Coupland, Tribune, Kansas. Handler,



Left to right: 1st place, Freckles Faker, owner R. E. Miller, handler Delmar Smith. 2nd place, Puddle D., owner, Mrs. Delmar Smith, handler, Delmar Smith. 3rd place, Indiscrete De Malibeu, owner, Neal W. Pritchard, handler, Jess Hayslip. 4th place, Toro De Malibeu, owner, Neal W. Pritchard, handler, Jess Hayslip. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard with 3rd and 4th place dogs.

Jess Hayslip, Salina, Kansas. Ran a good hard working race. No finds.

2nd. Solomon Valley Buddy. Male. Owner and Handler, Ray Olsen, Glasco, Kansas. Good race. Hunted well in heavy cover.

3rd. Texette of Richmond. Female. Owner and Handler, R. C. Busted, Canyon, Texas. By dog. Gave a good run. Found no game.

4th. Yankee Boy's Tommy. Male. Owner and Handler, John A. Costelon, Topea, Kansas. Good race. Hard working.

Open All Age Stakes

1st. Jacque De Coronville. Male. Owner, Paul Dalrymple, Oklahoma



OPEN DERBY

Left to right: Prince Britt, Ferdinand of Leeway, Tyke of Rock Hellou.

City, Oklahoma. Handler, Delmar Smith, Edmond, Oklahoma. Excellent run. Steady on one find.

2nd. Bo Bo Lot. Male. Owner and Handler, Pim R. Knight, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Chased on flush. Steady on one find. Backed good.

3rd. Jeffery of Argard. Male. Owner, Leroy Magnuson, Salina, Kansas.



Open All Age Winners

Left to right: Jim Knight, with Son de Bretagne, 4th place; Jess Hayslip, handler, Leroy Magnuson, place; W. C. Owens, owner handler, Bo Bo Lot, 2nd place; Delmar Smith, handler, Paul Dalrymple, owner, Jacque De Coronville, 1st place.

Handler, Jess Hayslip, Salina, Kansas. Good race. Made one find. Moved on flush.

4th. Son De Bretagne. Male. Owner and Handler, Jim R. Knight, Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma. Chased on flush. Steady on one find. Backed good.

A FINE PRESIDENT

On the eve of Nov. 20th, at Epper-son's Kennels, Delmar and Jeanne Smith were host and hostess for an appreciation party in honor of our out-going president, John Knight. A surprise party, by the way. Our new president, Mr. W. C. Owens and his first lady, Charlene, were co-host and hostess.

The Sooner Brittany Club are proud to have had Jim as our president for 20 months. I guess anyone could tell this because we are 20 months old and Jim has been our only president. The one reason he is not president for another term is he refused to be nominated.

Jim Knight organized the Sooner Brittany Club and has taken us over the tougher spots. Now, we have our first point trial behind us. It was at Lawton, Okla., on Nov. 14th and 15th. Everyone had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to an even better time for all at our next trial. Speaking of trials, we take this opportunity to extend invitations for everyone to our spring trial.

Those who attended the party were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huddleston and boys., Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dalrymple and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Owens and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith and boys. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Laury of Rooston, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fast of Okla.

City, were unable to attend but were represented by gifts.

We didn't get much done but brag about our dogs over our coffee and cake, which is quite normal when "dog people" are together. Of course, each one had the best dog ever turned in a field to hunt.

That was about all. Thought you might be a little interested in knowing what we in Okla. are doing from time to time. Better yet, come on down in the spring and see.

Hope to see you at our spring trial.

Jeanne Smith
Sooner Brittany Club

H. D. SHARP ELECTED HEAD OF NEW CLUB

H. D. Sharp of 202 Penn Avenue, Greenwood, S. C., was elected president of the newly formed South Eastern Brittany Club when the club held its organizational meeting at Pacolet Mills, S. C., on Oct. 4.

Other officers elected were:

1st vice president, Mrs. R. H. Missell, Route 3, Fairfax, S. C.; 2nd vice-president, Mr. W. K. Stringer, 456 Hurt Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. S. Sharp, 202 Penn Avenue, Greenwood, S. C.; Sec.-Treas., Mr. N. O. Nielsen, Pacolet Mills, S. C.; Director, Mr. J. H. Crocker, West Wayne St., Woodruff, S. C.; Director, Dr. C. A. McMahan, 2926 Ashley Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama; Director, Mr. A. C.

AT STUD - TEX OF RICHMONT

A proven sire of hard hunting pups. Tex has s'x all age placements, including three firsts, two seconds and one third. Fee \$65 with return privileges.

FUTURITY PUPS EXPECTED THIS SPRING

Three litters sired by Tex out of excellent bitches. One litter sired by Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee. From \$65 to \$90 at three months, including free shipping crate, permanent shots, etc.

Pacolet Kennels, Pacolet Mills, South Carolina

Seawright, 979 Beverly Drive, Rock Hill, S. C.

The club filed application for membership with the parent ABC with a membership of 15.

The club plans to hold its first field trials the week after the Britt Trials at Pinehurst.

1953 WAS GREAT YEAR FOR BRITTANY

1953 has been a great year for the Brittany and the Brittany club with 5 new regionals added and a 6th awaiting the approval of the Directors.

The latest new clubs organized and not showing on the membership list sent out this past Fall are, the Michigan Saginaw Valley Regional, the South Eastern Regional, this club lists members from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, but most of its members are in the State of South Carolina, the Ringneck Regional, this is a South Dakota club and ready for acceptance is the Oregon Regional.

The Oregon regional should give our breed a great boost in the far West, with 3 clubs representing the Brittany in this territory. These clubs are the California, the Pacific North West and now the Oregon club. The Pacific Northwest club members come mostly from the State of Washington.

With three field trials and more activity in shows our breed should do well on the West Coast and will stimulate interest in the club.

With a club in Oklahoma (this club also embraces Texas) one in Virginia (added this year) and last the Southeastern club, this not only gives us a foothold in the deep south but it places our breed in a position to make a name for itself in a territory heretofore considered exclusive Pointer territory.

As you can see by the location of the various regional clubs the Brittany is very well represented with 19 regionals covering most of the United States, with members from North Dakota on the North and Florida and Texas on the South, and from Maine on the East and California on the West.

With 19 Regionals representing our breed you may feel that we have reached the limit of our expansion but

this is not true because as the breed grows in popularity many of the clubs have been granted more than one State to their territory will find it to their advantage to have their neighboring States organize. It is much easier to hold the interest of members if you can bring the club closer to them and also it gives more owners an opportunity to take an active part in club affairs and these are the ones that are doing most for our breed and for the club.

Then there are States that already have club that may wish to divide their territory as Michigan did recently, with almost 90 per cent of its members living in the Detroit area it was necessary to hold the club meetings in this area, this caused the out of State members to feel they were being left out and the results were that we lost out of State members as fast as we got new ones. The original club lost about 10 or 12 members in this move but the new club has now reached a total of 45 members in two months, this has added about 35 members in the State of Michigan which is good for the breed and for the club as a whole.

There has been some discussion in Ohio of forming another club in Southern Ohio with this club to embrace Northern Kentucky.

It has been the practice of the Parent club to grant territory by State but we have at times granted more than one State to a club in order to help get a club started in a territory where there had been little or no Brittany activity, but always with the understanding that whenever one of these States wished to form a club of its own they were free to do so.

There are States now that have enough Brittanies and Brittany owners to support a club but are still not incorporated in any of our present regionals.

I have tried everyone I could think of in Wisconsin and Minn. to find some one willing to take the lead in forming a regional in one or both of these States but have had no success, however I am not giving up. Both of these States have the dogs to support a good club, I feel there should be an owner in one or both of these States inter-

ested enough to start the ball rolling.

With the 6 new regionals and the continued growth of the other regionals we have come close to doubling our membership in 1953, it truly has been a banner year for the club and the breed we represent, but 54 can be a greater year if we all get out and get members, it should be easy for each of us to get at least one new member, this alone would double our membership. Let's do it.

Again I wish to remind the older members of a statement I have made many times and at the same time let the new members know that each and every member is also a member of my committee. (I do not believe in small committees).

Getting new members is not a one man job, it is something for all to work at and I am counting on each and everyone to help me out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all that have worked so hard for the club this year and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COY N. CONWELL
Chairman
Membership Committee
(A.B.C.)

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND BRITTANY CLUB'S FIELD TRIAL

Held at Brewster, N. Y.,
Sept. 26-27, 1953

Judges, T. H. Faile, W. Gladwin,
C. Clark, Jr.

Puppy, 1, Juchoir's Ginger Snap,
Mrs. R. H. Bissell, Jr.; 2, Yankee Boy's
Tote, F. Wallace; 3, Doc, J. A. Coste-
low.

Derby, 1, Patsy, G. E. Price; 2, Hel-
gramite Wippinton, A. M. Machlett;
3, Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy, Tof-
fee Idoc Kennels; 4, Dian of Edough,
H. Crouch Estate.

Open All-Age, 1, Halley Haven Duch-
ess, H. Hollyoak; 2, Beaucoup Pete of
Richmont, C. B. Wood; 2, Pierrot de
Fontaine Vallee, R. H. Bissell, Jr.; 4,
Helgramite Chip, Mrs. W. E. Stevenson.

Amateur All-Age, 1, Lexington Am-
herst Godefroi, R. R. Machlett; 2, (Fld.
Ch.) Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, W. E.
Stevenson; 3, Pierrot De Fontaine Val-
lee, Mrs. A. Clough; 4, Helgramite Chip,
Mrs. W. E. Stevenson.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

The Brittany Club of Upper New York was organized last summer. We were a little slow in getting into operation. Our first activity was to get five dogs entered in the dog show at Ithaca, Brittanies of course. Mr. E. W. Averill was there. We received much information from him. He showed the best of the Brittanies and won fourth place with him in the sporting group.

Our next effort was to secure eight entries for the Onondaga Kennel Club's show here on November eighth. Pete Raleigh, one of our members, had never been to a dog show before and won "best of breed" with his "Capture's Dainty Lady," her first appearance.

On the twenty second of this month we had a "fun" Field Trial at the Three Rivers Game Management Area. Twenty two Brittanies were entered. We ran puppy, derby and open all age stakes. We had six puppy, six derby, ten open, but two open had to be scratched due to the fact that the ladies were indisposed! Our judges were Dr. C. D. Ebertz of Auburn, N. Y. and Carl Beattie of Fulton. In addition we had two other field trial judges who spent the day there. One of them had come to the area to hunt rabbits with a beagle but spent the day with the Brittany group. We estimated there were over 100 spectators. We had hoped to have made this a sanction match but, by the time we got around to

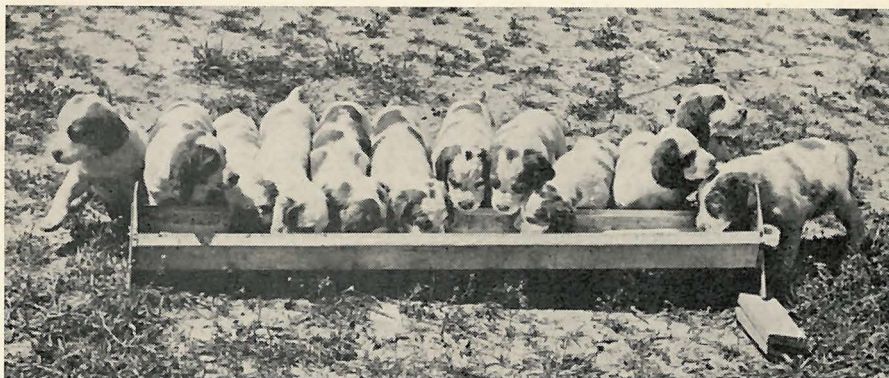
AT STUD Topper of Richmont Liver & White

Sire: Allamuchy Valley Warrior
Dam: Soize Maceochaid

Plenty of Range and
Loves Quail

W. K. STRINGER

BOX 222
ATLANTA, GEORGIA



A New Record?—It May Well Be. Pictured above is the latest litter of a Brittany spaniel owned by Carl V. Carlson, 3005 N. 62nd St., Bethel, Kansas. The first litter was 10, the second, 12, the third, 12, and the fourth an even dozen again. Can you top this?

complying with the 30 day rule of the AKC, it would have been too late in the season.

We have made tentative arrangements with the State Conservation Commission for a field trial the third week-end in May and for one in the fall, subject, of course, to the approval of the American Brittany Club. We feel that in the spring the week after the Northern New Jersey trials would be ideal for us as weather conditions should be favorable. In the fall it would be all right to have it the week before the Central New England. This would be contingent upon our ability to secure the use of the "area."

Ted Cwik and his wife from the North Jersey Club were here several weeks ago and looked the "area" over. However, Ted spent most of his time watching "Nancy of Onondaga," a Brittany pup owned by Perl Trumbull, custodian of the area, perform in the field. He said she was better than any pup he had seen in any field trial this year. His judgment was substantiated by the fact that she won "first" in our field trial puppy stake.

Two weeks later the Stevensons and the Fosters from Southern New England came up with their dogs and looked the area over. They expressed the opinion that the area was good so

we hope someone will sponsor our having a couple of field trials on the circuit next year.

My wife and I enjoyed your trials at Clinton, N. J. immensely. Everything was delightful and exceptionally well managed. We hope to get down there this spring. The Brittany Field Trial bug has certainly bitten us.

Reuben Jeffery,
Sec. Brittany Club
of Upper New York.

Dear Sir

As a member of the American Brittany Club, I receive the American Brittany Magazine and enjoy the articles and pictures very much. I believe I have an article which might be of interest to you.

Last summer, my Brittany Bitch whelped her first litter which was 12 pups. I raised all of them. She whelped her second litter last Sunday, which was twelve pups again. They are all doing fine.

HAYDEN G. JAMES



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hugo Blasberg
184 Warburton Ave.,
Hawthorne, N. J.

Dear Mr. Blasberg:

The above photo shows a batch of 15 pups by Jori. This is the second litter this year, the first litter being 12 pups.

We advertised for a "Wet Nurse Dam" immediately and had offer of 2 such dogs and other offers to take one and two pups into smaller litters and raise them for us. We chose the Wet Nurse route. She was a fox terrier that had weaned her pups at 5 weeks. We obtained good use from her from about the 5th day until the 26th day, when we judged her dry. The fee paid was \$2.00 per week or \$6 total.

During the first week the Fox Terrier would not take the pups but was willing to let them nurse. By the end of the first she took over completely the 15 pups and took care of them in an adjoining pen until she went dry. We did some hand feeding from the 3rd to the 6th day at which time we found the Fox Terrier. Hand feeding or saucer feeding was then started on about the 20th day. This litter was born without any pup being noticeably smaller than the others and now at 6 weeks the only real difference is between the males and females as a group.

I thought you might be interested

in this exceptional litter and how we worked out the problem.

HAROLD H. MILLER
430 No. 61 St.
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Blasberg

Received my June issue of "The American Brittany" and want to congratulate you on doing a fine job. I just wait for each issue to come so I can pour thru them. I practically memorize each one of them.

I notice on your cover of the last issue you have a nice looking pointing Brittany, but think I have a much better one which I'm enclosing in case you might want it for a future issue. Of course I wouldn't expect the name on it, but I do think it is a good picture. I took it in a Neb. corn field and I could see both dog and quail. The dog is Queen of Oak Leaf and if she had had her chance would certainly have hit the top as she is really a dream on quail. She was my first bird dog so what few faults she has I take the blame for as I didn't know anything about bird dogs when I got her. She has certainly taught me plenty about birds. You're probably thinking there's another crackpot who thinks he has the best Brittany ever, well personally I think anyone who doesn't think that about his dog doesn't deserve to have one.

T. W. CREE

MISSOURI REGIONALS

By LOUIS N. BRASEL

The Missouri Regional Brittany Club held their sanctioned Trial November 7th, 1953, on the V. C. Akers Farm near Kansas City, Mo. It was a cold cloudy day with snow on the ground, but this did not stop the trial. Our very capable judges were Wood Hutto of Hickman Mills, and Merle Osborne, Grandview, who came ready to go with their own horses. Virgil Akers furnished a mule for anyone wanting to follow the trial. The ladies of the Club served hot sandwiches and coffee.



MISSOURI REGIONAL BRITTANY
FIELD TRAIL, NOV. 7, 1953
ALL AGE STAKE

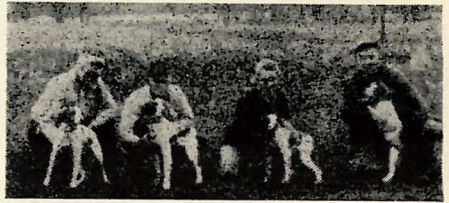
Left to right: 1st, The Jack of Diamonds, owned and handled by Art Surface, Kansas City, Mo.; 2nd, Aker's Carnaille Flash, owned and handled by Virgil C. Akers, Independence, Mo.; 3rd, Princess Pat de Humbolt, owned and handled by Ritchie Johnson; 4th, Ch. Luke's Luna's Julie Mae, owned and handled by Bill Ackerman, Grandview, Mo.



MISSOURI REGIONAL BRITTANY
FIELD TRAIL, NOV. 7, 1953
DERBY STAKE

Left to right: 1st, Dutchman de Ruichelier, owned and handled by

Alvin W. Chasteen, Independence, Mo.; 3rd, Akers Cannonville Flash owned and handled by Virgil C. Akers, Independence, Mo.; 4th, Uno's Dingo De Kaer, owned and handled by C. J. Rice, Kansas City, Mo.; 2nd place dog, Dixie Jill, owned and handled by Richard M. Ivyman, Knobmaster, Mo., was not available when picture was taken.



MISSOURI REGIONAL BRITTANY
FIELD TRAIL, NOV. 7, 1953
PUPPY STAKE

Left to right: Desi-Lu, owned and handled by Mrs. L. N. Brasel, Kansas City, Mo.; 2nd, Kansas City Reuben, owned and handled by Louis N. Brasel, Kansas City, Mo.; 3rd, Kay Rito Diamond Lil, owned and handled by Mrs. Virginia M. Chasteen, Kansas City, Mo.; 4th, Princess Dot De Kay Rit, owned and handled by Ritchie Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.

WANTED

An Orange and White Blaze Faced Male Brittany, under 5 Years, Thoroughly Trained on Quail. Send full particulars in first letter.

R. Z. SMILEY
2911 West 69th Street
Kansas City 5, Missouri

THE FIRST YEAR GUN DOG

By John A. Jarvis

FOREWORD

The call to assemble, record, and offer an idea on a subject such as this presumes a deeply critical departure from existing practices and texts. Frankly, the treatment accorded many dogs calls more for sympathy than this wishful attempt to influence it towards common sense.

Reverence is due the wise words of Lytle, Brown and others. This effort is toward rearrangement, shift in emphasis, simplification of many of their views.

Hoary anecdotes about "Old Snorkel" and some wonderfully odd characters indulged through my short but intensive experiences will be omitted.

Training techniques will be relegated to dog trainers. Adequate professionals are now at hand equipped to handle this intricate task at a cost of depending more on the understanding and capabilities of the owners than anything else. This brief is for fewer half-baked owner-trainers and for more and better owner-handlers. With such fine dog potential available, we can guarantee the person who conditions his pup as here recommended, a fine shooting dog on terms easily afforded.

SPORTING HOBBY

The gamut of sports play has held such a prominence that we can almost say it is taken too much for granted. Suckers rush into one over-sold sports fad after another until successive frustrations rob them of enthusiasm for another try. Sooner than they think, hard-won leisure arrives to find them without a hobby, an invigorating interest, a way to play at a sport.

IF our real urge is only for tinkering (cast-off alarm clocks are the proper challenge).

If our need for psychiatric treatment is being confused with dog ownership, (a dime store teddybear is easier to beat and it will sit-stay perfectly when first acquired).

If planning future leisure occasions is somehow always sabotaged by an uncontrollable urge to wave a partly emptied glass at one or more other

wretches yammering vacuously across the room.

If our honest desire for an outdoor sport is not worth a moderate amount of serious thought, physical exertion, and hard earned cash, keep dubbing along at croquet.

Choosing sporting dogs as a hobby, a sport at which to play, involves weighing its benefits as against other activities available to us. Extremes of physical exertion are not required. This sport is closely correlated to shooting, nature study, photography, etc. It may be indulged with or without other persons or organizations, although clubs, competitive events, trainers, hunting areas are readily available.

No animal with such a complete freedom for instinctive movement can be observed so readily as a gun dog in the field. Here we can share a boundless enthusiasm in the search for whirring wings. We can begin a relationship limited only by what we may make of it.

ACQUIRING A PUPPY

Bench shows are held so widely and frequently that we may suspect them to be a part of a large scale scheme to promote sales by the exhibitors. In any event we can there rush past the rows of "benches" to view the best LOOKING sporting dogs. Since we will be seeing the dog in its inactive postures for the greater parts of its life, we must search our prejudices carefully as we go along the stalls and watch the judging.

The American Kennel Club, through the licensing of organizations in our communities, defends a large part of the dog world from chaos with very exacting rules and standards. The American Field Publishing Company handles the Field Dog Stud Book. Both exercise control over dog registrations as well as Field Trials sponsored by local clubs. There are differences between these two arbiters, but no question as to the integrity of both in furthering the ultimate interests of the pointing breeds. No opinion of even slight consequence supports the acquisition or propagation of a sporting dog without registration through one or the other.

Anyway, we will insist on obtaining properly executed registration documents for our pup. There is no other way to be assured that its descendants will look and act like its ancestors.

Our next step is a visit to a competent pointing dog trainer. There we state our wish for a good hunting dog of one or the other variety and arrange to go out to where he is training several of the breeds mentioned. Here we see pointing dogs in their natural habitat at their appointed tasks. We watch them hunt and note their gaits and movements on wild game in the field.

At the same time we develop an acquaintance with the trainer. There is no more important influence on our future with pointing dogs than this acquaintance. However extensive our past experience with dogs, we are certain to require the assistance and guidance of a competent professional. Having selected him with care, we will follow his counsel in full confidence and pay his charges promptly. He is the best friend our best friend will ever have. Because his bread and butter depends on pleasing us in the first place and keeping us happy thereafter, he is the logical one to find our puppy.

Few persons of experience claim any knowledge of picking the outstanding pups of a litter for hunting qualities. Some of us suspect that subsequent differences arise mostly from environmental influences. Practical considerations may lead us to prefer the lighter marked, (easier to see) shorter coupled, balanced gaited pups. Many prefer the more responsive, quicker minded, easier handling females. We keep our fingers crossed on this or another hypothesis and resolve to restrain our affections for at least a year lest ours turns out to be that surly, stupid mutt such as so and so finally had to get rid of.

HOME LIFE

Before accepting delivery of our pup, one more vastly important step must be taken: providing for its living quarters. The kennel need be no larger than fifteen feet by four feet. Exterior grade masonite sheets do nicely for the sides. A cover of sturdy fencing material will reduce the height required and simplify the whole secur-

ity problem. An overhead shelter from sun and rain plus a wooden barrel rigged with entrance shelter is easily provided. The cement floor is well sloped towards a sanitary drain for daily flushing. The five inch deep section of eight inch diameter tile sealed at the bottom with concrete insures an untippable supply of fresh water.

When we pick up the puppy with its registration documents we make sure to find out what shots it has had, when they were given, and how recently it may have been wormed. We also note what it has been fed and how often. We place it in the cardboard box provided for the purpose and drive directly to the licensed veterinarian in our neighborhood. We give him all of the information and make clear that we want our dog carefully examined and treated for worms, fleas, lice, ear-mites, etc. to whatever practical extent he recommends. Then we work out a program for further visits and an interim diet. Thus forearmed our pup arrives at its home and is left in its kennel with its first meal. We solicit the patience of our neighbors at the initial whining and howling almost sure to follow. Extraction from litter mates and familiar surroundings could hardly result otherwise. We make sure the temperature and bedding conditions correspond to those to which the pup is accustomed.

Next morning we invite our puppy to explore the yard. After a few minutes we return it to the kennel with breakfast. The short evening romp is the same ending back in the kennel at supper.

After a few days we pick out the name, "Roxy," preparatory to work on the first lesson. "Quiet, Roxy, quiet." We repeat the words banging our hand with a rolled-up newspaper. Banging Roxy's rear is required before we win. Surely enough, quiet is restored to our kennel and neighborhood. Freedom from the inane yapping of neighboring canines should be an early amendment to the Constitution.

Roxy wags and dances up to us as a loveable friend for sure. As we bend over for petting, she rolls belly up in ecstasy. Nope! At once petting ceases, not to resume unless she stands beside us on all four legs.

Our pup has commenced a simple

regime as an orderly individual secure in private quarters.

GETTING AROUND

Within a couple of weeks or so a return visit to the veterinarian is in order. Again we resort to the cardboard box which can be thrown away when soiled. Avoiding trips directly after meals is another wise precaution. Both vision and balance develop slowly. Car orientation is sooner or later apparent. With this stability achieved, we shift Roxy to the trunk compartment making sure there is ventilation free of monoxide exhaust fumes without an excess of heat. A box in a station wagon would be a workable equivalent. Curled up there our puppy rides with us rather than we with her. Thus the going is simplified and the arrival refreshed.

About this time the morning romp is complicated by arrival of the milk truck up the driveway. Whew! It missed, but, we had better have a collar and a leash. We rig up a choke chain collar fitted with split rings and a solid metal segment stamped "Reward Phone Ad1953 Lakeside, Pa." omitting her name so that response to a finder will not be tempting. A leather handled chain leash ending with a swivel and snap completes this part of the gear.

We snap the leash on the collar and walk off. If Roxy doesn't follow, we say "Come, Roxy, Come" at the same time pulling forward firmly. When there is a rush forward, we pull the pup back to heel saying "Heel, Roxy, Heel." In no time we are getting around the neighborhood safely and comfortably.

Up to four months, the clumsy navigation of our pup over the ground is notable principally for humor. So what! Puppy is funny. Good!

Oops! "Get out of that pansy bed. Get down off those nylons!" Now we learn "Get———" as determined, mandatory commands requiring prompt obedience. Used only where necessary, our commands must be followed as promptly as circumstances permit without dallying, or else—we spank.

Reducing our needs to the adequate minimum, we select the following vo-

cabulary. 1. Quiet! 2. Come! 3. Heel! 4. Get———! 5. Whoa. (Introduced under professional guidance).

We teach the vocabularily patiently as situations requiring the various commands arise. We are going to avoid the tricky obedience problems in this first year. After all, puppy must play most of the year away to be strong physically and emotionally. Gradually the free indulgence of the hunting desire will displace the greater part of this puppy play.

Several afternoons we are unable to get home at the usual feeding time. Last Sunday morning we stayed in bed quite late to find Roxy expressing acute distress about the delay in breakfast. There is merit to sufficient variances in regime to amount to regular irregularity. We try jumbling up the schedules, diet, etc. to a common sense extent and find it paying off on hunting trips and vacation feeding arrangements. Old wives tales to the contrary, let's face the advantages of eating and sleeping anytime, anyplace and getting along with other dogs and other people.

THE FIELDS

At this point Roxy is perhaps half grown, but not even half smart. However, time is a'wastin'. Where are the birds—Not the robins in the ash tree or the coots on the beach. We want the wild game birds in the fields.

Off we go to the closest fairly open pasture. We wrestle Roxy through the fence, unsnap the leash, and stroll away. She bloops around behind and ahead looking pretty silly. Up aways we spot some killdeer or blackbirds. We try to approach them up wind slowly. There! They fly without Roxy noticing. Next time, attracted by their movement and cry, she pauses, head and ears up, to watch in fascination. Before long she'll be off after them losing interest in such trivial ground-scent distractions as clover-blooms, grasshoppers, or bird droppings. We stick to fairly open pastures and fields until we are sure Roxy is attracted to birds and is beginning to associate them with their direct body scent. By about six months of age we contrive for Roxy to stumble onto game birds. Then we see a chase and back for more of that smell of smells. Good luck brings

another bird from the area. Again the chase. Now whoops! Roxy is really zipping away after more with an exhilarating speed we hadn't thought possible. Back to the car still eager but tired is the rule from the first clear through to the last of Roxy's decade of sorties into the fields.

A trainer will put down two dogs at a time occasionally for any of several reasons. We will be better advised to run our pup alone most of the time to build independence and keep away from any tendency to play or trail in the field.

Although we have obtained a whistle, our contributions to the game are so far limited to "Get 'em, Rox" as we turn her loose accompanied by two short toots. Our role as a friendly presence contributes directional guidance when we stroll along occasionally whistling the two short notes of encouragement for her to get on up ahead. A long whistle with the call, "Come, Roxy, Come" ends each interlude of exercise.

By this time we begin to understand that we are witnessing the awakening of Roxy's instinctive urge to play the music of the fields. With luck and close attention we may learn our harmonious part to the distinctive melody gradually patterned by the puppy on Nature's keyboard. For the development of this latter phase in the art of handling we are wise to seek professional guidance.

We reflect that the most compelling note, the direct body scent of game birds, is beyond the sensory perception of humans and most of the other animals. If dogs hear the sound of a clock at forty feet, see no colors, continue responsive to faithless stapes like ourselves, their world must be strange indeed.

Yet, we will be in communication with our dog. The clarity of these expressions depends upon the simplicity of the dog's motivation. Let us not clutter this sensitive channel of communication by which our awareness is being projected beyond its normal perception into the dog's instinctive discoveries of the hunt.

Leave her free to follow the natural drive for finding game birds.

So with Roxy our preliminary sport is hunting game birds. PERIOD! We

accept the plea to avoid any and all tendencies to interfere with the fullest possible development of her instinctive drive in this direction. We try to strengthen the hunting desire by eliminating all other influences and by minimizing the few other essential interests including too much attachment to ourselves. We recognize that our pup is not another spouse, parent, child, or other beloved relative. We are the source of food, morning and evening romps, and companion of the hunt. If this program does not solidify into permanent feelings of admiration and respect, would it be strengthened by tidbits from the table and bedding down together? Some of us see more contempt than confidence arising from the latter types of familiarity.

LEARNING TO HUNT

If a dozen or so ventures into likely fields by the eighth month of age have not brought forth active hunting tendencies coupled with enthusiasm about the direct body scent of birds, we must consult our veterinarian friend. If he establishes the pup's health to be normal, we should consult the trainer to confirm that we'd better transfer our affections and efforts to a likelier prospect.

Having escaped this misfortune, we find Roxy beginning to demonstrate the meaning of that old phrase, "Busier than a bird dog." We are getting used to her ways in the field—the way she runs up wind towards birdy objectives, darting over into likely cover, turning out to search across another swath of the area ahead, pausing to flash-point before busting in to flush and chase the wildly whirring wings.

Such fun as Roxy has these days in the fields lends warmth to the feelings of confident companionship developing between us. Rushing away preoccupied with the hunt, she loses us, returning in panic only to find us strolling slowly ahead ready with two reassuring toots of encouragement. Thus begins the habit of orienting her hunting pattern to the tempo and direction of our course through the fields. We notice her quicker and easier response when we wear a white cap or white raincoat, continuing to move while we whistle her around. Yes, her visual focus devel-

ops slowly and responds best to light-reflecting surfaces in motion.

The nesting period provides about four months of rest from the fields. Roxy shares our haunts to non-public swimming spots and mountain stream or ocean beach fishing activities. We are careful not to force any issue of her security around water even refusing the urge to encourage her by throwing sticks to retrieve. Mother Nature will take her child swimming in her own time and way. We may be delighted to see Roxy jumping off the dock and paddling out to join us on the float. We take care that no instance of panic attend the experience. Every companion of the hunt must fearlessly handle herself along, in, and across water.

At the conclusion of the nesting season we are out again in the fields. Hunting season is in the offing with many ramifications to be worked out as to dogs, etc. In any case, Roxy gets to go. Having settled that, we indulge the cool hours of mornings and evenings whetting her into sharp physical condition. The laboring of the lungs in excessive fatigue must be avoided lest the all-important nose function of sifting the breeze for news be impaired to lessen the intensity of that point-commanding message about game birds. Roxy is soon rushing pell mell through briars and alfalfa dripping with dew or heavy with dust engrossed in the hunt. "Here's the birds, Boss, here we go."

Until now the gun sound has not been introduced. Last Fourth of July we brought the pup into the house during the loudest sessions of explosions and managed to avoid mishaps from pranksters. Now we buy a thirty two caliber blank starting gun with cartridges. Next time Roxy flushes birds at some little distance away, we shoot a blank or two into the air. She is too busy with the excitement of the chase to notice the sound. We repeat the process until Roxy merely looks up on the alert at the sound. While at rest in the kennel or car she scarcely bothers when we work out our shotguns on targets preparatory to the first real shooting.

This first season with our puppy may be one of the best. We reserve the first hour or so for our companion's more experienced hunting dog. Roxy gets

her turn along the ditches and heavy cover where she can flush out chance shots. Here the finished pointing dog should not be used because it cannot be seen on point. Surely enough, our chance comes to bring one of Roxy's birds down. She rushes to it ahead of us. What a thrill! Wait! Is she starting back towards us with that big bird in her mouth? "Come, Roxy, Come,— Good Girl." After watching us stow the bird in the game pocket, she has little time for our joyous petting. Away we go again, this time floating across the field with an entirely new slant on living. Now we know an unbounded energy, a keen alertness, an intimate bond with Mother Nature manifest through the untainted instincts of what certainly must be one of Her noblest creatures.

While in a celebratory mood we rush after Roxy into the inevitable "bird heaven" situation to learn a sobering lesson. Drove of lush game birds running over a wide area under heavy cover pull Roxy out of gun range into a cloud of whirring wings. More birds flush as she chases through the spots we had hoped to hunt. Frenzied, she rushes around at top speed ignoring our equally frenzied calls and whistles. We must relax. It was ever thus. We are, after all, just another once proud now worried owner of a pointing puppy. We have seen some promise in our dog. No more. No less. More restraint plus help from our trainer friend will in due time solve the problem we have just seen all too clearly.

As a puppy running for the most part close in, we have been within shotgun range of numbers of these birds. However, she must ultimately be broken of the chasing and steadied on the point so staunchly that it will be held firm until we arrive to flush, shoot and come back around to send her on.

Now that she is getting her growth and strength to run the field, we notice a new independent type of stability in her bearing. Well, puppy days are giving way to the "derby" period, the second year of age. Most of the final phases of training are brought forth in this period. Our restraint has so far allowed Nature to build up a maximum potential. Now we must allow the trainer to influence that potential towards a useful maturity without dis-

placing the basic enthusiasm with abject fear.

About this time we notice male dogs frequenting Roxy's kennel. It dawns that she is coming in heat. We take her to the trainer's where she will be secure while getting oriented to his routine. Most trainers will work out a program in stages wherein the second interval is used for completion of yard work on Come, Heel and Whoa. The third interval at two years of age would finish the initial training with the dog steadied to wing and shot.

Roxy returns home bounding with joy. As she thrusts her cold nose into our hands, we realize her worth to us.

UP AHEAD

An endless variety of experiences spreads before us. We'll join the trial club or breed-sponsoring organization. Ultimately we will become experienced enough to evaluate the performances of our dogs as well as others' without too much dependence on the trainer's opinion. It is more than likely that he will share our viewpoint, accomplishing tenfold for us what he can do for the pseudo-sports who want the cake of hunting desire and bird sense after having gulped it down in early excesses of obedience.

Competitively we may find a winner stud "getting there fustest with the mostest (perfect finds)" under what

we consider too little control. How much control can be maintained without impairing bird sense and hunting desire?

There are those who temporarily become resigned to watching their hesitant pet waver timorously around toward bird scent into a crowling point. Then we'll always have those who photograph baskets of dead game birds flushed by robot dogs plodding to and fro on master's apron strings under range of his magnum.

But most of us will go on dreaming of how and when we will take off after the vigorous initial casts of our well-conditioned gun dog taking note of wind and likely cover. What strength and joy she will show in hunting! She will progress from this likely area to the next in a swift, knowing fashion. Sometimes we'll wonder whether she is sinister or merry as she bores across the wind searching head up. Look out there! Around she'll come into the breeze. Now, the point! "Whoop," we'll yell, noting the whole body frozen intently in one of those priceless poses. Then, we'll hurry along trying to appear calm. Gun readied, we will flush back across towards her. "Whirrrrrr," will go the wings. "Wham, Bang" the gun will answer as the birds rise. Finally back to where our gun dog stands with a lively glitter in her eyes. "Good girl!—allright, let's get 'em."

SCHEDULE OF FIELD TRIAL DATES

Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Feb. 6-7

Feb. 27-28

March 12-13-14

March 12-13-14

March 20-21

April 2-3-4

April 9-10-11

April 16-17-18

April 24-25

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