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The manufacturer not only wants to sell his product, he also wants the public to look favorably on his way of doing business all along the line. The truck driver who shows courtesy on the road is creating good public relations for the company his truck represents.

Each one of us in field trials is there because we think it's a wonderful sport, because we love dogs and the outdoors and we like the kind of people we meet and get to know through this most interesting of hobbies. And whenever anyone enjoys a sport or hobby he usually wants to have others come into it, too. We want the public to know about our trials, we want them to come to see our trials, like them and buy a dog and join the fun.

So, in a way, each of us does a public relations job for the field trials.

The person who attends a trial for the first time is there because he is interested. Otherwise he wouldn't be there. He comes to see what it's like . . . and if he likes what he sees we have another convert. When we have a gallery at a field trial we are before the public and that is where we create public relations . . . good or, unfortunately, sometimes bad.

At one of the trials there was the sorry sight of a man giving a sound thrashing to his dog in the bird field. The gallery sat in shocked silence at first, then there were rumblings of disapproval and disgust and several people left the grounds. What were the thoughts of the persons who were attending their first field trial? They can well be imagined.

We all know that a certain amount of disciplining goes with the training of a bird dog but a field trial is not the place to train dogs.

We are suggesting that some kind of ruling should be made so that anyone who puts on a training act at a field trial would be banned from trials for a set period of time. The North Jersey Brittany Club, at its May 6th meeting, went on record to that effect.

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Sept. 18-19

Sept. 25-26

October 2-3

October 8-9-10

October 9-10

October 15-16-17

October 16-17

October 22-23-24

October 29-30-31

November 5-6-7

November 13-14

1955

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February 4-5

Pacific Northwest

Central New England

Upper New York

Southern New England

Oregon

North Jersey

Michigan-Saginaw

Northern California

Ringneck

Michigan

California

Midwest

Pennsylvania

Missouri

Hoosier

Sooner

Ohio

Illinois

Old Dominion

Southeastern

IN MEMORIUM

BY WALTER KLEEMAN

You and I, and every owner of a Brittany Spaniel in the United States have suffered a great loss in the unfortunate passing of Alan Rutherford Stuyvesant. On February 8, while making one of his numerous journeys to France aboard the liner United States, he suffered a fractured skull, due to a severe accidental fall, and he did not recover consciousness thereafter.

Alan's manifold social and business responsibilities, as well as his heroic military service during the second World War, are well known to most of us,

Alan Stuyvesant was one of the foremost exponents of Brittany Spaniels for many years. Louis Thebaud is considered the founder of Brittany Spaniels in America, as he was the first to import a number of them into this country and maintain them. He succeeded in having the American Kennel Club recognize the breed. In 1937, Mr. Thebaud formed and became President of the Brittany Spaniel of America Club. Being in advanced years, Mr. Thebaud soon found the burden and problems of a young, new breed club beyond his failing strength. Fortunately, like Proteus of Old, Alan upheld the torch and added fuel to the feebly flickering interest in the organization by accepting the position of acting president; and when interest in the breed had reached to the height of creating the American Brittany Club, Alan, a stalwart of both organizations, was actually the motivating force that produced the merger of the two organizations, and through his efforts won recognition from the American Kennel Club of the American Brittany Club as the parent body.

Alan contributed mightily in time, effort and finance. He imported many splendid specimens of the foundation stock of France, and was most generous in bringing over top Brittany Spaniels for his friends. He bred and distributed many young dogs without recompense. His counsel was always available whatever the problem might be. No man in America was better qualified, by reason of his frequent trips to France, his participation on both sides of the broad Atlantic in field trials and

shows, maintaining as he did the basic, fundamental thought that the Brittany must ever be a dual dog, neither exclusively show nor exclusively field, but ever reaching toward that elusive characteristic of perfection both in the field and on the bench.

I, personally, feel poignantly the great loss that has been forced upon us. In March, 1936, Alan and I both obtained our first Brittany Spaniels. Pioneers as we were in the vast wilderness of dogdom, with a little known, and even less respected pointing breed, naturally we were drawn together. Correspondence, telephone calls, and later personal contact developed a warm friendship that endured and increased throughout the years.

Having enjoyed his society both in the field and by the campfire, we enjoyed a great many trips together. It was Alan who introduced me to the grouse and woodcock coverts of New Brunswick, and the Hungarian partridge shooting on Prince Edward Island. We exchanged puppies, argued breeding programs, and worked together in all of the affairs of the American Brittany Club. An excellent shot, he was a delightful field companion, and a raconteur of rare charm in the afterglow following a day afield.

I am sure that Howard, Hugo, Jack, Tom, Dick, Herb and Evelyn, as well as that myriad of other friends, who have known him intimately, will join me in a pause of silent devotion; and as the poet Omar has so aptly phrased it, "When the moving finger writes, having writ" our final summons, and having reached the gates of Valhalla, may we be assigned to that special niche devoted exclusively to Brittany Spaniels and their human companions.

Before us the plain sweeps majestically to the horizon, well populated with pheasants, quail, partridges and prairie chickens. To the left, a heavy marsh, where waterfowl trade back and forth, bringing offerings for water retrieving. To the right, hills and dales well covered with hardwoods, properly sprinkled with conifers, the tinkle of the location bell fades into silence, broken only by the whistling of the woodcock's wing and the thunderous rise of a ruffed grouse.

Alan, we miss you. Auf Wiedersehen!

PINEHURST FIELD TRIALS

By J. H. WILLIAMS

Once again we Brittany Folk find ourselves seated in the Dutch Room of the famed Holly Inn, anticipating another grand weekend of Pinehurst field trialing. Here, in the land of the long leaf pines, the hustle and bustle of city life has been left far behind. The holiday season, with its accompanying din and clamor, has come and gone and how else would one wish to pause and rest alongside the new year road of 1954 than to spend this weekend with old friends and talk dogs.

With an entry of 63 dogs we ran well into Monday, February 1st, but what with everyone enjoying themselves to the fullest, the time fairly flew by. As in the past, a door prize was given to the Trialer who had traveled the farthest to participate in the fun and this year Mr. W. C. Owen of Midwest City, Oklahoma, walked away with the loot. I might add that Mr. Owen, with the help of his fine dog, Bo Bo Lot, also walked off with the first place Amateur All Age and the third place Open All Age ribbons, but more of that anon.

Friday night your scribe, as would be expected, was tearing from room to room trying to get ready for the drawing, when suddenly he was summoned by Mr. Ray Machlett of New Canaan, Connecticut, to appear before the Southern New England delegation in the Dutch Room. Alas, I knew that something had gone wrong and I was to be banned from Brittany trials forever, but when I appeared before Ray and his constituents, I was presented with one of those Bavarian Hats that have received so much comment at our trials. I have been an admirer of these hats ever since I have been attending trials, and I am going to have to be pretty hard put to ever part with it.

Time and space do not permit the mentioning of everyone in attendance but as I sit here and feed this epistle into the typewriter, names and faces flash before my eyes. The Machletts, both senior and junior, from Connecticut; the Stevensons, the Birkmans, the Fosters, Ed Davis, all from Connecti-

cut; Sergeant and Mrs. Carroll Bell from Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Jim and Marcelle Bell from Florida; the Tom Stones and Bill Davies from Pennsylvania; the Owens from Oklahoma; Nils Neilsen, secretary of the newly formed South Carolina Club; Mr. J. S. Rennolds and daughter from Virginia; Mr. Ledbetter and Mr. Sales from North Carolina; the Ted Cwicks



At Old Dominion Brittany Club field trials, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Left to right. J. H. Williams, Lynchburg, Va., field trial secretary; S. B. Shore, Lynchburg, Va., judge and J. W. Tufts, Pinehurst, N. C., judge.

from New Jersey. Representing the Professional Handlers were Buck and Nicky Bissell and daughter, Betty, from New Hampshire; Jane Thompson from Michigan; Paul Dawson from Connecticut; Tom Cox and Lee Holman from Illinois; many, many thanks, Tom and Lee, for the assistance you gave with the dog wagon and motorized gallery.

Whoever was in charge of the weather did a bang-up job because this unpredictable phenomena was perfection itself. The appointments were as splendid as ever, and the machinery which makes a field trial click was kept in perfect working order by our Pinehurst host, Mr. James W. Tufts. The two horse surrey was in the gallery at all times and those who did not see fit to be a horse found it a highly delightful conveyance for following the braces. Our many thanks to Dr. Neal's "Fo' Acres' kennels which proved to be most satisfactory. Ideal mounts in sufficient numbers were available at all times, thanks to the

efficiently run Pinehurst Stables.

It is only a matter of a minute's ride to the starting point each morning and the courses are laid out so that they circumscribe the village of Pinehurst in such a manner that when the leashes are slipped back on the last brace of the evening you wind yourself almost back at our inviting headquarters. As was true all through the Southeastern part of the country, the extremely dry summer took its toll of the feed patches and it was rather hard to find old Bob except deep in the blackjacks. Other than the sparseness of the feed patches, the running conditions were highly suitable.

It was most regrettable that W. Dewey English of High Point, North Carolina, wrenched his back the day before the trial and was unable to serve as judge. However, Stuart B. Shore was faithfully on hand and with the help of Paul Dawson in the Puppy stake, Elias Vail of Gaines fame in the Amateur, and James W. Tufts in the Open Derby and All Age events, the judicial decisions were of the highest order.

The youngsters were run on one course grounds that fairly bristled with field larks and it was rare indeed that the larks got any rest that Saturday morning.

When Jodie, handled by Jane Thompson, was led back to the dog wagon, it was quite evident that this was the dog to beat. Hers was a snappy, consistent hunting race that kept your eyes glued to her the entire time. Meadowink Gretch, handled by Tom Cox, took second with a heat that could win under most conditions, but this particular day there was one that was just a little better. Juchoir's Lugar of Timberlake, handled by Sergeant Carroll Bell of Fort Bragg, N. C., accounted for a solid third with a race that spoke of bird dog potentialities. This was Sergeant and Mrs. Bell's first field trial and it was indeed a pleasure to see the expression on their faces when the winners were named. Runner up position went to Jet's Fancy, handled by Lee Holman. Checkers of Cherrystone, under the whistle of W. T. Davis, looked very good and on another day it might have been a different story.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

With a consistent hunting ground heat, Bo Bo Lot, handled by W. C. Owen, won this stake with a find that Elias Vail said almost took him out of the saddle. This was indeed an understatement, if anything. In capacity as secretary, your scribe was immediately behind the judges when the dog made his initial point. As we approached Bo Bo, he moved to relocate and when he froze again he really froze. His eyes could have been wiped off his face without ever touching his head. He really had that covey pinned. Holly Haven Dutchess, handled by Bob Machlett, took second with a good solid find in her second series. As she has already proven, this dog is a beautiful animal and she is proving herself to be a threat in field trials as well as on the bench. Carolina Queen came up with a well earned third and would have possibly impressed even more had she not been hunted so hard the week before the trial by her owner and handler, S. M. Ledbetter. Good ole Lexington Amherst Godefroi caught the runner up slot with a neat ground heat and a commendable find. I always get a kick out of Bob Machlett, who handled Lex in this event. When he finds Lex is in the winners circle Bob will generally beam and say "Good ole Lex, you have to watch him if you want to keep him from getting in the stake somewhere."

OPEN DERBY

Once more Ferdinand of Leeway, in Lee Holman's string, found himself in the top slot. His ground heat was one of the best and one in which there could be no question but what here was a top flight Brittany Derby performance. In his initial series he went birdless but on call-back with Dian of Edough, he had one nice find on a single and one stop to flush. This is indeed a fine dog belonging to a very fine gentleman, Mr. John Lee, from Indianapolis, Indiana. Dian of Edough, handled by Paul Dawson, accounted for second place by way of a very good ground heat and a stop to flush in a second series attempt with Ferdinand of Leeway. Jet's Ace whistled over by Lee Holman was right on Dian's heels. He is another derby that is a threat every time and his future is yet to be

written. If Jane Thompson had been about 15 yards in front of herself when Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire went on point, she would have been credited with a solid find. As it was, before, Jane got where she should have been, the birds got up and as a result no action could be credited to her dog other than as Bill Day, from Danville, Virginia, called it a "Something to Flush." Gypsy's ground pattern plus her contact with game earned her the runner-up position.

OPEN ALL AGE

It took a second series for Pat of Paradise, handled by Jane Thompson, to contact game, but with his second series find plus a noteworthy race in his initial attempt, Pat was named the winner of the stake. Pat's owner, Lt. Col. Coffee is at present on duty in Tokyo, Japan, and when he gets stateside he will have to make room in his gear for all the trophies that have been won by Pat during his absence. Juchoir's Martin, owned and handled by yours truly, won second place by virtue of a well rounded race with one find on which the birds got up just before his handler could get to him after calling the point. Bo Bo Lot, the Amateur winner, came back in this stake to annex the third place for his handler, W. C. Owen. While Bo's race was not of the caliber it was in the Amateur Stake, he still looked good enough and with acceptable work on one covey find, he wound up in the money.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

1st, Jodie, by Pontac's Hero x Nan-kay's Mitzi, Owner E. Mueller, handler, Jane Thompson.

2nd, Meadowink Gretch, by Avono Hapte x Meadowink Wanda. Owner Miss Gretchen Yant, handler, Tom Cox.

3rd, Juchoir's Lugar of Timberlake, by Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee x Juchoir's Martha. Owner and handler, Carroll R. Bell.

4th, Jet's Fancy, by Uno's Jet x Thais Du Roc 'Hellou, Owner, D. F. Olund, handler, Lee Holman.

Judges: S. B. Shore and Paul Dawson.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

1st, Bo Bo Lot, by Allamuchy Valley Warrior x Speckie Featherbroom. Owner and handler, W. C. Owens.

2nd, Hollyhaven Dutchess, by Aotrous Pepin x Hollyhaven Bonnie. Owner, Henry Hollyoak, handler, Bob Machlett.

3rd, Carolina Queen. Owner and handler, S. M. Ledbetter.

4th, Lexington Amherst Godefroi, by Lexington Cailsin Rexson x Lexington Glad. Owner, R. R. Machlett, handler, R. R. Machlett Jr.

Judges: Elais Vail and S. B. Shore.

OPEN DERBY

1st, Ferdinand of Leeway, by Pontac's Hero x Buttons and Bows. Owner, John W. Lee, handler, Lee Holman.

2nd, Dian of Edough, by Allamuchy Valley Uno x Patsy of Edough. Owner, Harry Crouch Estate, handler, Paul Dawson.

3rd, Jet's Ace, by Uno's Jet x Sleepy Hollow Tillie. Owner, D. F. Olund, handler, Lee Holman.

4th, Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire, by Pontac's Dingo x Yankee Girl 11. Owner, E. Mueller, handler, Jane Thompson.

Judges: S. B. Shore and James W. Tufts.

OPEN ALL AGE

1st, Pat of Paradise, by Jerry's Duke x Rose of Paradise. Owner, Lt. Col. Coffee, handler, Jane Thompson.

2nd, Juchoir's Martin, by Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee x Joyeux Jakqueline. Owner and handler, J. H. Williams.

3rd, Bo Bo Lot, by Allamuchy Valley Warrior x Spekie Featherbroom. Owner and handler, W. C. Owens.

Because of lack of all age work on birds, the judges felt it necessary to omit selecting a fourth place dog.

Judges: S. B. Shore and James W. Tufts.

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SECRETARIES HOLD RULES MEETING

On Monday, January 18, 1954 at the invitation of John C. Neff, Executive Vice President of the American Kennel Club, an historic meeting was held at the headquarters of the American Kennel Club, 221 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The following secretaries of recognized breed clubs which hold pointing dog field trials, and representatives of the American Kennel Club were present:

Pert Prince, English Setters;
George Penterman, Gordon Setters
Robert Finn, Irish Setters
John E. Tarrant, Weimaraners
Mrs. Ray Rodey, Pointers
B. R. L. Johnson, German Shorthaired Pointers
Walter B. Kleeman, Brittany Spaniels
John C. Neff, American Kennel Club
Alfred M. Dick, American Kennel Club
LeRoy Beardsley, American Kennel Club
T. W. Merrit, American Kennel Club.

For a number of years it has been felt that all pointing breeds holding field trials under the auspices of the American Kennel Club should operate under uniform rules for individual breed and mixed breed trials. This hard-working task force spent two full days ironing out points of difference, and composed the rules which go into effect and will govern all pointing dog field trials after August 15.

A close study and comparison of the new rules, which are printed on a separate leaflet enclosed with this copy of the magazine, will reveal that Brittany Spaniels, and German Shorthairs to a slightly lesser degree, provided a large portion of the current rule structure from the rules which had already been in force with these two breeds. We feel that Brittanies have been signally honored by the recognition which has been accorded the rules that we developed and under which we have been operating for a great number of years.

All championship points won previous to August 15, 1954, will be recognized and accepted under the rules in force up to that time.

Be sure to keep your copy of these rules for future reference.

FIRST SOUTHEASTERN BRITTANY TRIAL

For their first attempt the new Southeastern club did things up brown. Pres-Sharp and his busy wife, Saye, just seemed to be everywhere, keeping everything going. Seems like they each had 2 pair of hands. Speaking of things brown, you should have tasted those charcoal broiled hamburgers cooked by Mr. Jackson. They were out of this world. This was a one course event with a beautiful breakaway and big bird-field. The backcourse was a little difficult to show a dog on and many fell by the wayside there. Top flight judges were obtained in Allen Shore of Booneville, N. C., and George Crangle of Waynesboro, Georgia. Many celebrities were present including Elias Vail, Jim Bell, Al and Mrs. Weigel, Dr. Sam Black, Joe McCall and others, too numerous to mention. The Saturday night banquet in the Hotel in Spartanburg was a huge success.

Saturday morning broke bright and clear with just enough nip in the air to pep up the dogs but still warm enough for the pleasure of the gallery. Scenting conditions seemed excellent for after the first couple of braces most of the pups contacted game. Single quail were released.

In the puppy stake Jet's Fancy was the winner on a likable ground heat and two contacts with game. Pierre of Pacolet poked in every nook and cranny. His search met with success and he gave a merry chase. Meadowink Gretch proved to be a wide running, stylish dog. Juchoirs Luger of Timberlake, owner handled, accounted for fourth.

1st, Jets Fancy (Unos Jet - Thais du Roc Hellou) D. F. Olund, owner, Lee Holman, handler.

2nd, Pierre of Pacolet (Nipper - Rendezvous Annie) N. O. Neilson, owner, Lee Holman, handler.

3rd, Meadowink Gretch (Avono Hapte - Meadowink Wanda), Gretchen Yant, owner, Tom Cox, handler.

4th Juchoirs Luger of Timberlake (Pjerrot de Fontaine Vallee - Juchoirs Martha) Sgt. Bell, owner and handler.

The Olund-Holman combination did it again in the Derby. Jet's Ace hit every spot in the backcourse that could be expected of a gundog. It is doubtful if the pattern he laid down could have

been improved on. In the birdfield he held point and a stylish stand it was, til handler reached his side, when he jumped once to flush and take the bird far and away. Returning he bumped a second bird. Bracemate Wippys Ichabod of Oakleaf was a little more attractive in action but did not sustain his pace as well as the winner. His one find was a beauty as he hit hard on his entrance into the bird field and stayed til handler flushed. Flash was the bird finder of the stake. He had three contacts with game, two of which he pointed. He showed immaturity in his birdwork and lack of experience. Also worthy of mention was Tuxedo Joe who showed nice style on birds and an attractive way of going.

1st, Jets Ace (Unos Jet - Sleepy Hollow Tillie), D. F. Olund, owner, Lee Holman, handler.

2nd Yippys Ichabod of Oakleaf (Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault - Allamuchy Valley Woody) T. W. Cree, owner, Buck Bissell, handler.

3rd, Flash (Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee - Cheri of Whitehub), John Emerson, owner, Buck Bissell, handler.

4th Withheld.

Sunday morning was bright and clear again which took a load off the field trial committee's shoulders as rain in the red clay country would have been fatal. The temperature had dropped a few degrees which raised havoc with scenting conditions. One would think that the colder air would improve scent, but instead it made birdfinding almost impossible. Many a good dog went birdless or pointed so close to the bird he succumbed to temptation. Though the quality of the stake was low, as a whole, that could not be said of the winner. Amos of Edough triumphed with a splendid searching race and two pieces of birdwork. On the first bird that went over his head he turned to watch it go. The second was hit hard in midstride with positive location and worlds of style. He was rock steady on this one. This was the find of the stake. This win completed Amos' championship. Meadowink Buzz's race lacked the punch of the winner. In the birdfield he hit a single way out, which he held while the handler leisurely made his way to dog, to flush. Busher de Klemantor, on her home grounds showed them all how it should be hunted. Hers was the class race

of the stake. She worked a moving bird that the handler had a great deal of difficulty flushing. The Judges asked to see Tigre de Klemantor again but the quail still outfoxed him and Tigre went birdless again.

1st, Amos of Edough (Larrys Allamuchy Man - Lass of Casa Blance) owner E. S. Staunton, handler, Tom Cox.

2nd, Meadowink Buzz (Avono Jinx - Haymaker Molly) W. P. Yant, owner, Tom Cox, handler.

3rd Busher de Klemantor (Buck of Chippewa - Jule of Loufel) N. O. Neilson, owner and handler.

4th, Withheld.

In the Amateur, Tex of Richmond who had never seen his owner was loath to start around the course but once on his way laid down a good ground heat. He pointed close to gallery but the handler couldn't produce. Finally bracemate swung in and worked furiously til he put the bird to flight. Tex stayed under all this pressure. Viro's Brett also pointed by gallery but had no obliging bracemate and the handler couldn't produce. Bird later flushed wild after dog and the handler had left the vicinity. A find in the closing minutes on a cripple cinched the placement. Busher de Klemantor was third. Carolina Queen with beautiful tail action pointed two birds. Her desire to retrieve a poor flyer got the best of her.

1st, Tex of Richmond (Allamuchy Valley Warrior - Soize Mac Eochaidh), N. O. Neilson, owner and handler.

2nd, Viro's Brett (Joe's Allamuchy Voyou - Jilos Lady Patricia), R. Hobe, owner, H. D. Sharp, handler.

3rd Busher de Klemantor (Buck of Chippewa - Jule of Loufel), N. O. Neilson, owner and handler.

4th, Carolina Queen (Spangraven Mickey Finn - Lynn of Leeway), S. M. Ledbetter, owner and handler.

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NATIONAL TRIALS & SPECIALTY SHOW

Starting Saturday evening, November 27th, with our annual Specialty Show, the American Brittany Club will again be guests of the Crab Orchard Field Trial Club at Carbondale, Illinois. Our National Amateur Stake will get under way Sunday and be followed by the Seventh Futurity and Open All-Age Stakes. The time of running will be the same as last year with the Amateur and Open running one hour and the Futurity, thirty minutes.

In moving the Specialty Show up to Saturday evening, it is hoped that it will attract more bench entries and enable more of the owners to be present at our annual dinner which will again be held at the Elks Club in Carbondale Monday evening, November 29.

Wide publicity has been given both the Crab Orchard Wild Life Refuge and our National Trials, but to be fully appreciated, one must attend. The physical assets include kennels for about three hundred dogs, stables for ninety horses, a clubhouse for headquarters and seven one-hour courses. Almost all species of wild geese are present in large numbers. Deer are frequently seen and, on occasion, try the patience of the best of handlers. Last fall, ninety-five coveys of quail were moved in a week's running and again this spring, the Illinois club under adverse conditions, moved sixteen in one day. This would appear to assure all entries of an opportunity to show on birds.

Each year, our trial has gained in prestige and is now considered among the important ones in the country. Also, the quality of our entries has greatly improved. Last year in the Open All-Age, out of forty-three entries, a big majority were dogs that had placed in our regional trials and, with a little luck, could easily have won.

Every effort is being made to secure prominent judges for both field trial and bench show. The trophies will also be comparable to last year when they were the most elaborate and desirable the club has ever offered.

With accommodations available in

the area to meet anyone's pocketbook, the National offers a fitting climax to the hunting and field trial season. Why not plan to be there?

OPEN LETTER

To the Officers and Directors
of the American Brittany Club
Gentlemen:

Again it is a pleasure to present for your approval another new club, to be known as the Northern California Regional.

I have checked their constitution and By-Laws and find everything is in order. Also, I have received Per Capita Tax for 46 new members and their membership list includes 5 members that have paid 1954 dues to the California Club and wish to transfer to the new club making a total of 51 members, the largest membership ever presented as a starter by any of our Regionals.

They list as officers: Pres. Dr. J. M. Sullivan, 1st vice president, H. H. Mac Donald, 2nd vice president Alphas Seabrough, 3rd vice president, J. M. Gerlach, secretary and treasurer George Monk and Recording secretary, Dorothy Gordon.

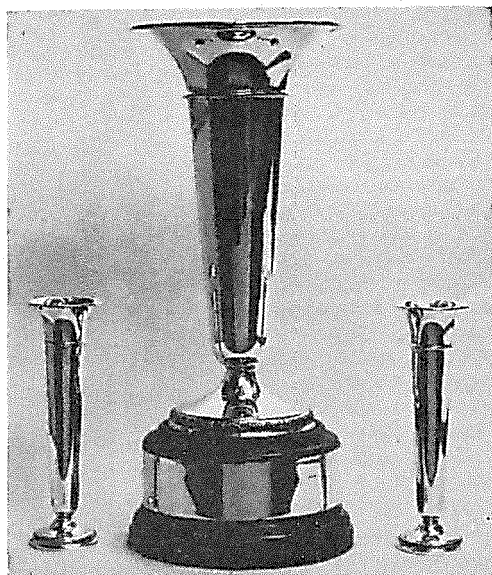
The line between the Northern Club and the California Club (or the Southern Club) is set forth as an imaginary line drawn across the state from the city of Madera on Highway 99 and King City on Highway 101.

This territory had heretofore been granted the Calif. Club. To make sure of a friendly relationship between the two clubs and also to protect the parent club in case there were some members that opposed splitting the State into two clubs I ask for a letter from the original club which I have received from Mr. W. M. Dalgleish, president of the Calif. Club, in which he states that this movement is in agreement with the officers and members of the Calif. Brittany Club.

I feel this new club will create greater interest in the breed in the far west and be an asset to the Brittany Club as a whole, and I join with the officers of this club in asking your acceptance of the Northern California Regional as a member of the A.B.C.

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It is always hard to lay down rules for the permanent disposition of such a trophy, so the Belloaks Kennel owners reserve the right to give permanent possession after 1960 to any woman who has done an outstanding job or whose name appears most often on the Trophy. In 1960 if the Trophy is not awarded definite rules will be set up.

We hope to see all you women out qualifying your dogs at the regionals this Fall and making the men really work to try and beat you in the National.

MARCELLE and JIM BELL

SOONER BRITTANY CLUB TRIAL

By MRS. DELMAR SMITH

Members of the Sooner Brittany Club chose the site for their four-stake spring trial to be Lake Carl Blackwell, west of Stillwater, Okla. The grounds for the multiple course trial were very well adapted for such. Beforehand the State furnished us with 150 quail to plant and the grounds boasted of many native birds. These fine grounds were obtained for us through the efforts of one of our judges, Elmer Townsend of Stillwater, for this service we are grateful. Our second judge was Bob Brown from Pawnee, Okla.

We were pleased to have two of the professional handlers attend our trials. They were Mr. Tom Cox of Carbondale, Ill. and Mr. Jess Hayslip accompanied by Mrs. Hayslip of Larned, Kan. Especially, we were glad to be able to see Tennessee Luke and Ch. Klemanor perform in the field to see how our Okla. dogs rated against them. This gave us a chance to see what was considered a good dog in the East. Our neighboring club in Kansas gave us great support and competition.

Our entries came from eight different states among them were Pa., Fla., N. J., Ill., Tex., Kan., Ohio and Okla.

We'll venture to say that no field trial was ever run in worse weather. The first day was windy with gusts of wind up to 65 miles an hour laden with dust. Saturday was cold with a strong north wind and snow flurries. This made hunting and scenting conditions difficult for the dogs but it separated the "men from the boys" so to speak. Dogs who contacted game and had good work on them are to be honored. As the old saying goes in Okla. "if you don't like the weather today, wait until tomorrow," if you can stand it. So on March 12 we began.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

(10 starters)

Bo Bo Lot - Buddington Prince: These two drawn for the first brace are littermates. These dogs later proved to be the first and third place dogs. Bo Bo earned the top honors with a

find and a stop to flush. Prince honored Bo Bo from behind. Both dogs were steady to wing and shot. At pick-up Prince was on birds.

Jacque De Cornouaille - Chief Jato: This brace produced no birds and Jacque called us to an unproductive on the separate occasions. Both dogs ran a fair race.

Suzzie Q. Happy - Rose of Edough II: The third brace ran acceptable races but had no game.

Yankee Boy's Tommy - La Vacillante de Verbontee (Flicka): Tommy was the second place winner. When we were about to think this brace would go birdless Flicka bounced into a large plum thicket and the birds winged out. As we came around the thicket Tommy was stacked up with his nose to the wind and pointing into the thicket. Birds went out again and Tommy was steady to wing and shot. Flicka, all the while remained inside the thicket and no one could see her. She stayed like so until being taken out. For this she earned fourth place.

Tennessee Luke - Towsy Marquis Copin: This was our first chance to see Tennessee Luke perform. But Towsey, one of our Okla. dogs, measured his stride with that of Tennessee Luke. Both dogs ran a classy race. They had no contact with birds.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

(10 starters)

Meadowink Gretch - Ka Gee of Richmond: Miss Gretchen Yant can be proud of her little Gretch. Gretch was placed first with a likeable race and a stop to flush. Ka Gee had a stop on birds

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but he was more interested in getting to know Gretch; he trailed.

Britt Bree's Sir Guy - Buckaroo Facker: Britt Bree's Sir Guy trailed and wanted to fight with Facker. Both puppies ran through birds but didn't point.

Mike - Tres Gae of Richmond. Both these pups hunted good and handled well. Tres Gae was a little out in front in showing her abilities so she placed third.

Meadowink Judy - Little Red: Judy received second for her efforts. She ran all over the countryside and showed a lot of get-up. Red kept up with her for about 12 minutes but the 20 minutes proved to be too much for him.

Dingo's Yankee Girl - Campbell's Precious Pardner: This brace was a hard decision for the judges to determine between the two for fourth place. They both had a nice race to their credit. Dingo's Yankee Girl won out.

OPEN DERBY STAKE

(12 starters)

On Friday with the dust so dense by



Owner and handler John Costelow, (left) is shown with Yankee Boy's Tommy, who placed second in open derby and second in Amateur all-age and owner and handler W. C. Owens with Bobo Lot, who placed first in Amateur all-age and second in Open all-age.

the finish of the Puppy Stake, it was decided to run the Derbies on Saturday. So with the strong north wind and the snow flurries chilling you to the bone; it was begun at 7 a.m. The dust was so bad from the day before that where ever a movement was made in the grass a trail of dust could be seen. By the time we quit on Friday the visibility was down to a quarter of a mile.

Puddles D - Yankee Boy's Tommy: The first starters of the day were the second and third place Derbies. Yankee Boy's Tommy ran a nice race and had a stop to flush. He was second place dog. Puddles' ground heat appealed and she finished strong. She was third. Puddles, belonging to yours truly, is a little 16 inch bitch with a desire to hunt that is bigger than both of us.

Hels Okla Chink - Tike of Rock Hel-lou: Chink was a little short with her race. Tike rated a good race and chased his birds but failed to point.

Husky Lot - Bret le Mirabeau: This pair hunted fair and were credited with unproductives.

Bret de Buster - Hels Okla. Belle: Brit de Buster chalked up a good race and flushed a covey to give chase. Belle ran too short. This marked Brit de Buster for fourth place.

Orange Grove Mark - Texette of Richmond: Orange Grove Mark ran a very good race and pointed a single. Mark was out front to show himself

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the winner of the Derbies. Texette ran a good race, too.

Sooner Ranger - Buckaroo Facker: Ranger and Facker started out good but finished slow.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE
(17 starters)

Enaudis Feather Broom - Do-Car's Vagabond Duke: Enaudis Feather Broom ran a beautiful race. She scored with a false point. Duke ran an acceptable race and flushed his game.

Belloaks Highflyer - Chief Jato. Highflyer turned out just a fair race and refused to back Jato. Jato had a false point but he honored Highflyer's unproductive.

Meadowink Jerry - Prince Britt: Jerry false pointed and refused to back. Britt had a good race but pointed a rabbit. Britt honored Jerry's unproductive.

Towsey Marquis Copin - Jacque de Cornouaille: These two dogs ran a good race. Towsey nailed himself a single and stayed for the shot. Towsey honored Jacque on an unproductive. Towsey won fourth.

Ch. Tigre de Klemanor - Buddington Prince: Buddington Prince came to the front with class to show what a broke dog is supposed to do. Buddy had two bevy finds and a single which he stood up on with style. He was steady to shot and wing, and his race was with purpose going to all the likely places that would harbor birds. All this made him the winner of the Open All-Age. Ch. Tigre de Klemanor ran a nice short race but failed to honor his bracemate.

Tennessee Luke - Fe's Jim Dandy: Tennessee Luke handled good and ran a nice race which was birdless. Jim



Buddington Prince, winner of open all-age and third in Amateur all-age is shown with handler Delmar Smith. Owner is Dan Huddleston of Oklahoma City. (Oklahoma Game and Fish Department Photo by Larry Gaffney.)

Dandy ran THE race of the trial. He pointed but it was unproductive and Tennessee Luke honored him.

Leeway's Price of Samoa - Luke's Lucky Doc: Lucky Doc and owner didn't show so Doc was scratched. Prince Samoa ran a race that was nice but refused to back his bracemate.

Tats Hellou de Britt - Tike of Rock Hellou: Britt had a covey find and a stop to flush with a fair race. This en-

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titled him to third place. Tike ran fair and refused to back.

Jeffrey of Argard - Bo Bo Lot: Jeffrey was credited with a good race and a flushed covey. This dog was lost on point for some five minutes. Some of the covey moved out and Jeffrey moved on. Bo Bo came in and pointed the remaining birds of the same covey. All this was concealed from the judges and the handlers, but was seen from the hillside by the spectators in the cars. Bo Bo's find had to be relocated and after doing so the handler flushed the birds. One of the birds came out over Bo Bo's head and he moved a few feet but was stopped on command. Bo was second place dog.



Ch. Do-Car's Flashy Showman, handled by Harold V. Hardin and owned by Earl H. Gray of 1046 Waverly Ave., Kansas City, is awarded trophies by Judge E. W. Averill as the Brittany Spaniel Best of Breed at a recent show in Tulsa, Okla.

42 ENTRIES AT NORTHWEST TRIALS

Forty two entries took turns on seven Grand Mound prairie courses March 13 and 14th. Bright, cool weather was ideal for scenting and running. More than fifty fans saw Brittanies scoot out across the wide open stretches of sparse cover searching out and handling paired up hungarian partridge.

Elmer and Bill Flack returned from California loaded with seventeen dogs

ready to repeat last fall's wins. Buck Bissell came back from New Hampshire with nine contenders intending to win. Dick Shoemaker was on hand grinning as though he could repeat the wins of his previous week-end at Corvallis with his seven entries. Various owner-handlers turned out ready as



Louis Tippett (right) appears pleased with the second place All-Age trophy won by his dog, Ashurst Jerry at Northwest Trials. Looking on, left to right, are Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Code, breeders of the three puppy winners, Judge Bob Larson (kneeling) and Everett Metzger, F.T. secretary.

usual, to show the pros. As judges on Saturday the club was proud to welcome Dave Gordon and Dr. M. Brown.

Three litter mates turned the Open Puppy stake into a picnic for breeder Ernie Code. Handling nicely for trainer Shoemaker, they were fast, powerful, independent bird finders leaving nothing to be desired. Mrs. Jean Seagrave's winning pup, "Pie" really grew up in his twenty minute spree of finding and pointing paired up "Huns." The luck of the draw thus left brace-mate little of interest on the course with which to claim fourth place.

In the Open Derby Stake, Ouragan Cutie, owned by Mrs. Hazel Yates and handled by Buck Bissell connected on the same course that afternoon for first place. Several staunch finds on long casts in full view of the gallery impressed judges Dave Gordon and Dr. Marvin Brown. Right in there for second place was Faulkner's Rip digging out to every corner of the course with dazzling speed and intense bird work. Belle Fille De Richmond owned by Joe Gerlock was called back in a second series to show on birds under handler

Elmer Flack for third place. Donald Rose piloted Mike Berger's "Skeeter" to fourth place.

Jacques de Ferncroft celebrated his return to trainer Shoemaker's handling after two years by winning the Open All-Age stake. Following the win of the previous week-end at Corvallis on pheasants and quail in close cover, "Snorke" demonstrated what a rugged, bird-wise gun dog can do with "Huns" in open terrain. Reaching to the far corners of the course, his three perfect finds set up a tough target for the braces to follow. Louis Tippet crowded Ashurst Jerry in to a close second with two stylish finds and a stop to flush. He handled the course thoroughly, finishing strong. Faulkner's Rip, placing third, promises to be hard to deny top placement under Shoemaker handling.



Northwest Puppy winners: Left to right, Jeanne Seagrove with "Pie," Dick Shoemaker with "Hi Di Butcher Boy" and J. H. McKie with "Nimpo Sam." All three dogs are from a litter of "Judy" de Ferncroft owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Code of Mercer Island, Wash.

His flashing casts quartering out along the easy breeze and back will long be remembered. Even more spectacular for the derby age fire-ball were his solid stands on two finds while the birds were busted from under his nose by brace-mate. Applehill Jacques, owned and handled by Dr. Glen Helmer, quickly found himself after an unfortunate skirmish with a couple of part-ride and proceeded to rack up a beautiful find following an excellent job of relocation. His ground work was bold and searching to cinch fourth place.

Judges Holcomb and Larson dupli-

cated last year's fine work with the All-Age contenders. The Luncheon crowd at the Violet Prairie Grange enjoyed genial "Bob" Larson's comments on his handling of Dick Seward's pointer in winning the National Quail Championship at Bakersfield, California.

Don Faulkner organized the trial and "MC'd" the banquet assisted by Treasurer, Mrs. John Lyon Jr., and Louis Tippet who auctioneered the Calcutta, after the usual introductions by President Ray Oliver.

Judges: Puppy and Derby, Dr. Brown and Dave Gordon.

PUPPY OPEN

1st Pie, female, owner, Jeanne Seagrove of Seattle, handler, Dick Shoemaker of Kirkland.

2nd, Nimpo Sam, male, owner J. H. McKie of Seattle, handler Dick Shoemaker of Kirkland.

3rd Hi Di Butcher Boy, male, owner, Dorothy Hill of Idaho Falls, Idaho, handler, Dick Shoemaker.

4th, Ouragan Mion Boy, male, owner, Ralph Kester of Monmouth, Oregon, handler, Buck Bissell of New Hampshire.

DERBY OPEN

1st, Ouragan Cutie, owner, Hazel Yates of Corvallis, Oregon, handler, Buck Bissell.

2nd, Faulkner's Rip, male, owner, Dr. Don Faulkner of Seattle, handler, Dick Shoemaker.

3rd, Belle Fille de Richmond, owner, Joe M. Gerlock of Albany, Calif., handler, Elmer Flack of Arbuckle, Calif.

4th, Mike's Skeeter, owner, Mike Berwin of Vancouver, Wash., handler, Donald Rose of Oregon.

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: Bob Larson & Robert Holcomb. 1st, Jacques de Ferncroft, male, owner, John Jarvis of Mercer Island, Wis. handler Dick Shoemaker.

2nd Ashurst Jerry male owned and handled by Louis Tippet of Portland, Oregon.

3rd, Faulkner's Rip, male, owner, Dr. Don Faulkner of Seattle, handler, Dick Shoemaker.

4th, Applehill Jacques, male, owned and handled by Dr. Glenn Helmer of Seattle.

Of general interest is the coming change in title of the Pacific Northwest Regional to the shorter Washington Brittany Club. With the formation of the Oregon Brittany Club, the regional nature of the club is less apparent and the new title a little more descriptive.

Following a membership drive this past winter, eleven new Brittany owners are joining us in boosting Britanias. We hope to swell the ranks even further as Fall approaches with another trial followed by the "real thing" in October. We hope to be followed by a fine pheasant fry.

M. Lyon, Sec'y.

CALIFORNIA FIELD TRIAL REPORTS

The California Brittany Club Field Trial held March 20-21 on the Firebaugh State Cooperative Hunting Area is a one course trial. The California Fish and Game Management supplied the pheasants. The judges were Mr. Pete Marker from Woodland, Calif., and Mr. Dick Jose who kindly substituted at the last minute for Frank King who was ill. This trial was the largest ever held with a total of 61 starters.

Mr. Louis Tippett and his daughter Peg were down from Oregon with some of his fine Ouragan Britts and Mr. Buck Bissell brought a few with him from the East. This was a real thrill for most of us who haven't had the opportunity to attend the Nationals. Mr. Bissell stated his dogs weren't accustomed to our type of course but they were certainly something to see in action. We were all very grateful to Mr. Bissell and Mr. Tippett for their attendance and hope they'll be able to make our trials again.

Saturday morning was overcast but the rain kindly held off till our puppies had run. We were about halfway through the Amateur All Age when the rain did come and it was a heavy downpour for about two hours. The Gallery, not being of the web-footed variety, quickly took to their cars, however nothing stops a Field Trial. We finished Saturday with 3 of the 9 Derby braces having run.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Mr. Sun was with

us along with a cold wind. The Derbys finished before lunch and the Open All Age with 8 braces finished around 4.00 p.m.

1st. Ouragan Mion Boy (Uuan de I Cornouaille X Ouragan Rusty) owned by Ralph Kester of Monmouth, Oregon and handled by Buck Bissell. A very promising pup. He ran an excellent race, one well handled find, hunted in fine style with head high.

2nd. Buena Vista Penny (Mac's California Rusty x Paul's California Traveler) owned by T. McWhorter Sr. and handled by Rod Cowan. She ran a good race with plenty of stamina. Very bidable. Found two birds, one she pointed and bumped the second.

3rd, Ouragan Doc, littermate to the first place puppy. Owned by Ralph Kester and handled by Buck Bissell. Doc ranged well and was a merry worker. Found and chased two birds.

4th, Rusty's Tim, littermate to the second place puppy. Owned by T. McWhorter Sr. and handled by Rod Cowan. He ran a restricted race though very birdie. Showed good style and finished with one point to his credit.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

(Total entry 13 dogs)

1st and winner of the Challenge trophy put up by Mr. T. McWhorter Sr. F.T.C. Torchy of Lionheart (Comando de Klemanor x Annette de L'Rac). Owned and handled by Marion Baker. Torchy ran an excellent race, with five well handled finds, throughout the course. His first find was three minutes

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2nd, Ch. Britt of Blaisy Bas (Pete's Tommy x Theme's Flash O'Britt, owned by Mary Sullivan and handled by Dr. Sullivan. Britt ran a good race, ranging well with lots of drive, had three well handled finds.

3rd Bucky Boy of Luke Kaer (Ch. Allamuchy Valley x Rose of Kaer) owned and handled by H. B. Griffin. Bucky ran a good ground heat with two well handled finds to his credit.

4th, Ch. Utramends Val'go Cracker (Pierre de Bayard x Tora de Cotignac) owned by Frank McHugh and handled by T. McWhorter Jr. Sport ran a restricted race though very birdy, made three points and two stop to flushes. This was Sport's second Field Trial and very little training has been given him as compared to his competition. Both dog and his handler were total strangers to each other at the start of the brace. Mr. McHugh has a right to be very proud of his dog, congratulations, Frank.

DERBY STAKE WINNERS

(Total entry 18 dogs)

1st and winner of the Challenge Trophy put up for the first place at this trial by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hartman: Caprice (Yacko du Roc' Hellou x Arta du Val de L'Aune) owned by Dr. E. M. Taylor and handled by E. M. Flack. Cappy ran his ground well, made one nice point and broke to shot when the bird was flushed. He showed plenty of style and drive, very bidable.

2nd Ouragan Mion Boy (Unan de I Cornouaille x Ouragan Rusty) owned by Ralph Kester of Monmouth, Oregon and handled by Buck Bissell. This fellow ran an exceptionally good race pacing himself well. He had one point and broke to chase before the handler could get to him.

3rd, Berenda Creek Bobbie (Allamuchy Lukes Jerry x Berenda Creek Patti). Owned and handled by Mr. Wm. J. Burchard. Bobbie ran a good consistent race with three nice finds, broke and chased on all three. This little dog is her owner's first Brittany and she's doing her share of winning in the bench shows too. Nice going, Mr. Burchard.

4th, Torchy of Lionheart II (Torchy of Lionheart x Ginger Gill Mechere). Owned and handled by Marion Baker. Torchy Jr. was a merry worker and ran a fairly good race. He had two points and broke to chase.

OPEN ALL AGE

(Total entry 16 dogs)

1st and winner of the Challenge Trophy put up by the Chico Brittany Kennel's, F.T.C. Torchy of Lionheart (Comando de Klememor x Annette de L'Rac). Owned and handled by Marion Baker.



Winners - Open All Age: kneeling, left to right, Marion Baker with "Torchy of Lionheart," Reynell Dagleish with Reynell's "Allamuchy Mike," Buck Bissell with "Evergray's "Tic Toc Bobby," and Elmer Flack with Hartman's "Ike of El Monte." Standing are judges Dick Jose and Pete Marker.

Torchy ran a very good race, made five finds, four in the back course and one in the bird field, his manners were perfect in all five and was handled fine. He made one stop to flush without command and one back.

2nd, Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike (Ch. Tudor du Roc' Hellou x Allamuchy Valley Ultima). Owned by Reynell Dagleish and handled by B. M. Flack. Mike ran a good consistent race covering his ground with confidence. He had three nice points and one back which he handled to perfection.

3rd, Evergray's Tic Toc Bobby (Du. Ch. Britt of Bellow Falls x Ch. Peg B. of Loufel). Owned by E. G. Metzger of Oregon and handled by Buck Bissell. Though Bobby had only one steady find in the bird field he gave a beautiful example of a wide ranging Brit-

tany. He ran with his head high, driving all the way.

4th. Hartman's Ike of El Monte (Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike x Le Gras Jo-Ann). Owned by Henry D. Holt and



Champion (B) Evergray's Tic-Toc Bobby with owner, Everett Metzger of Portland, Ore. The dog placed third in open all-age at California Trials.

handled by E. M. Flack. Ike ran a good consistent race, with two well handled points, and two stops to flush being cautioned by his handler.

Last but not least a "Thank You" to our field trial committee, the hard working, almost forgotten men responsible for this very successful trial. Mr. T. McWhorter Sr., chairman and trial secretary, Mr. W. D. Plummer and T. McWhorter Jr., field marshals, and Mr. E. Ham, Dr. J. M. Sullivan and Mr. W. W. Dalgleish.

OFF THE RECORD

(The following is an article by Mrs. George Monk of Redwood City, Calif.)

Mr. Monk and myself both started out without experience to show our dogs by ourselves. I had the advantage of watching him show and finish his



Dubonnet de Colauzer, sired by Ch. Reynell's Allamuchy Mike x Cherie D'Oiseau, is shown with his owner and handler, Mrs. George Monk of Redwood City, Calif. At left is Sel Reese, the breeder, and at right is Judge Anton Korbel.

Champion Bourbon before I started on mine. It has been fun and a real thrill to know we've done it. We like many others got our dogs to hunt with and were persuaded to show them. We never fuss with them before a show except a bath and minor trimming around the feet and whiskers. We like the breed as unspoiled as it is and hope that it will always stay that way. I think Brittany owners are 100 per cent right in thinking constantly of their dogs field work, however its really fun to show at the shows if one doesn't take it too seriously. I wish more owners would give it a try.

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HOOSIER BRITTANY CLUB FIELD TRIALS

Hoosiers literally hugged the Indiana-Michigan state line for their Brittany Spring trial April 2-4, at Elkhart, Indiana.

Since a high concentration of Brittany fans reside in the northern part of the Hoosier state, and since that location draws from the wealth of fine Brittanies in Michigan, as well as neighboring Illinois and Ohio, the



R. G. Buick, owner, and Lee Holman, handler, are shown with Mandy of Edough, winner of the Open All-Age classification at the Hoosier Brittany Club Field Trials. The trophy is the Alan R. Stuyvesant Memorial Trophy.

Hoosier Brittany Club since its inception in 1950 has always run trials in that locale. This spring, with the Hoosier Club president, Jack Secor, residing just over the line in Niles, Michigan, it seemed only proper to keep straddling the line, running the trial in Indiana and enjoying the hospitality of Christiana Lodge in Michigan. Sounds confusing, but actually the only confusion was in time; Indiana, and hence the trials, ran on Central time; Michigan has Eastern time.

It was just a year ago that Jack and Ruth Secor joined the Hoosier Brittany Club, but they contributed so much to the fall trial they were drafted last December to serve as President and Secretary-Treasurer, when the Hoosier

club elected new officers for 1954. Enthusiasm, and boundless energy in its leaders spurts any club on to higher levels, and the overwhelming success of the Hoosier trial this spring was in large part due to the husband-wife Secor team. Bruce Secor, too, lent his youthful ardor to the trial!

Being neophytes to field trials, the Secors needed the guidance Bill Kull of Goshen, Indiana, could give on all details, and nothing was overlooked. Accommodations for all participants at Christiana Lodge in Edwardsburg, Michigan could not have been finer. The genial owners of this summer resort hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Dominik Krasovec, opened the lodge early this first weekend of April, just so the Brittany folk could all be together under one roof. The huge fireplace shedding warmth and cheer in the big lounge, the commodious dining room and excellent cuisine added much to the enjoyment of the trial. So tempting was the smell of bacon and coffee wafted upstairs, that at 6:30 a.m. nearly everyone answered the call to breakfast. No problem of late arrivals or sleepyheads; a full gallery was out at the trial grounds for the first braces on both Saturday and Sunday morning — quite a remarkable achievement.

There was a full slate of judges, which was fortunate, for with 81 dogs



Judges R. C. Sutton and G. L. Murphy pose for photo following recent Hoosier Brittany Club field trials at Elkhart, Indiana.

competing, it meant constant pushing from early Friday till late Sunday afternoon to give every Brittany his chance. Mr. R. C. Sutton of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mr. G. L. Murphy from Okemos,

Michigan, had the longest and toughest stint in the judicial saddle for they judged the Open All-Age and Open Derby events. Mr. Gene Fowler, Remington, Ind., and Dr. H. L. Fishler, Elkhart, Ind., teamed up for the Puppy Stake on Friday afternoon, and then Mr. Gene Fowler and Mr. John W. Lee of Indianapolis, passed on the merits of the dogs in the Amateur Stake.

Bird setters included Jack Secor, John Lee, Jay Allison, Dick Druart and Bill Shaw. The trial was pictorially chronicled by Bill Shaw who snapped the shutter not only out at the field trial grounds, but at Christiana Lodge Saturday night for the awarding of trophies after dinner.

"Spring" trial was a misnomer as far as the weather was concerned. Below freezing temperatures, and gusty winds from the west, shifting to northeast, left little doubt that Old Man Winter was still around. Woolens and wind-proof parkas could not keep the cold from penetrating, and the sun never really showed its face. It was the right kind of weather, though, to put zip in a dog's running—and none of them complained of thirst.

In fact it was an over-abundance of water that caused the one detraction from this otherwise fine trial. The area of backcourse running, was for the most part fields of sedge grass, liberally admixed with briars, surrounding a low-lying thicket. Thawing snows and rain had turned the low area into a swamp and the swamp into a lake, so much of the territory could not be used. This necessitated a tight picket midway of the course, and doubling back over some of the area formerly traversed. But the greatest detriment was an inauspicious approach to the birdfield through a scanty oakwoods. Once gained, the birdfield was of satisfactory size with good ground cover, but many a good dog got fouled up in that oak woods! There was too great a tendency for the wide-ranger to cut through the strip of woods and into the birdfield too soon. It was also a haven for birds flushed, presenting such fantastic pictures as pheasants greening themselves high up in trees, and quail dusting atop hummocks in a swamp! A little less land under water at the southwest approach to

the birdfield would have greatly enhanced definitive birdwork on the backcourse.

PUPPY STAKE

A goodly crowd turned out Friday afternoon to watch the puppies run. Dingo's Gala Gal owned by W. Caldwell of Farmington, Michigan, proved the most diligent, hunting consistent-



Hoosier Brittany Club Puppy Stake winners: from left to right, Dingo's Gala Gal with Jane Thompson; Uno's Rex of Paradise with Bill Kull; Holly Haven Doc with Dr. A. F. Dick, and Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire with Mrs. Chappel.

ly throughout and routing a bird in the birdfield. Gala Gal thus returns to her handler, Jane Thompson, the rotating Puppy Trophy which Jane Thompson presented in memory of Pontac's Demon, the promising pup that won a Puppy Stake two years ago at Winamac, and was killed two days later.

Uno's Rex of Paradise won second place laurels for his very commendable ground heat. Rex is owned by Jack Secor and was handled by Bill Kull.

Hollyhaven Doc, owned and handled by Dr. Dick was given the nod for yellow ribbon by virtue of his find and a good race, followed closely by Dingo Gypsy Wildfire.

Nielson's Pride, Reine D' Alta Vista, and Suzette's Rusty Amos showed much promise.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE

The first brace set a standard, but it took the final—the 13th—the last brace of the Open All Age stake to find a winner! It was Mandy of Edough, owned by R. G. Buick of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and handled by Lee Holman. Mandy's work on the backcourse was not spectacular; there had been others with more flash and those who

hunted wider, but she kept punching all the way. In the birdfield she had one good clean find, executed speedily and with finesse. Shortly thereafter



Hoosier Brittany Club Open All-Age winners: from left to right, Mandy of Edough with R. C. Buick; Robespierre of Leeway with Bill Kull; Aubaine Duche with Ray Fritts, and Pat of Paradise with Jane Thompson.

she pointed again. Deliberately, showing complete confidence in Mandy's steadiness, (meanwhile keeping the gallery in a high state of suspense), handler moved in, flushed the pheasant, and shot. Mandy stood erect and motionless; the collective gallery let

out its breath. Two perfect pieces of birdwork had won for Mandy not only 1st place trophy, but her name to be inscribed as the initial winner of the magnificent Alan R. Stuyvesant Memorial Trophy which the Hoosier Brittany Club offered in honor of Mr. Stuyvesant whose untimely death leaves a void in Brittany circles. Mr. Stuyvesant was the prime promoter of Brittanies in the United States, and it seemed altogether fitting and proper that his trophy should be retained first by another fine Brittany promoter, Bob Buick.

This All Age win finishes Mandy—already a Bench Champion—so she joins the illustrious ranks of Dual Champions. In fact we believe Mandy is only the second bitch so honored—the first being Patsy of Edough.

Robespierre of Leeway, a newcomer in the Brittany field trial circuit, put on a sterling exhibition, scuttling from one birdy objective to another as though driven by demons. At a turn at edge of thicket he stacked up on point, and though handler couldn't flush out the bird, Pete stood up stylishly through-



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out, then went on a-hunting. In oak woods at edge of birdfield, brace-mate encountered a pheasant which Pete humored at command. An unproductive, and delayed chase following brace-mate's break and chase in the birdfield, took its toll of luster so Robespierre had to be content with a red ribbon.

Aubaine Duche went hunting to the far corners, and accounted for two pheasants deep in thicket on the back-course. He had pierced the outer fringes of marsh area and was lost to sight when birds were seen leaving the vicinity. In the birdfield he was surely tried, first at flush of brace-mate's pheasant close by while Duke was on point himself, and then when handler did get to him, the running pheasant could not be routed into the air.

Pat of Paradise showed perfect manners on single encounter with game in the birdfield.

The allusion at the beginning of the report of a standard being set in the first brace, was the forward-driving ground pattern of Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy. In this he had no peer, but a premature encounter with game in the birdfield proved his undoing.

Hero's Master Spot's star shone brightly throughout his first encounter with game, but came tumbling down on his second.

Tex of Richmond did justice to another hard-to-flush pheasant, but was somewhat involved in brace-mate's chase.

Pontac's Hero showed a keen nose for birds, chalking up two finds, but suffered a bad combination of jealous brace-mate and running bird to interfere with the execution of his birdwork.

DERBY STAKE

The large entry of 26 in the All-Age stake was topped in the Derby Stake, and again suspense ran high. A lot of commendable birdwork was displayed by many of the young contenders in the early braces, but it was not until the tenth brace when Ferdinand of Leeway streaked out with such fervor that he summersaulted over his brace-mate at the breakaway, that the zenith in Derby races was reached. Ferdinand sustained the pace up to and all through the birdfield, and the question in everyone's mind was "would that slashing brace be

blessed with bird contact as well?" It was; in the closing moments Ferdy sped to the north fencerow and there



Hoosier Brittany Club Derby Stake winners, from left to right, Ferdinand of Leeway with Lee Holman; Susan's Heide with Dr. A. F. Dick; Uno's Rex of Paradise with Bill Kull, and Flash with R. H. Bissell.

slammed into point. Happily Lee Holman threw up his arm and sped to the spot. One of the rare moments that come just often enough to keep field trials thrilling—and again the gallery let out its suspended breath. Ferdinand is owned by John W. Lee, Indianapolis, Ind.

Susan's Heide, owned and handled by Dr. Dick of Wayne, Michigan was a close follow-up to the winner. Heide ran wide, and her casts were completed objectively for the most part. In the birdfield she had two finds, but was somewhat indefinite in nailing her first bird.

Ferdinand and Heide exhibited the exuberance and impetus desired in Derby contenders, and though the other placed dogs in the stake showed flashes, their over-all performances did not meet the momentum of the two top dogs.

Uno's Rex of Paradise, though but a puppy in age (he placed 2nd in the Puppy Stake), showed he could hold his own in Derby competition being awarded third place. Rex had a nice forward ground pattern and a find on the backcourse. Rex is owned by Jack Secor, Niles, Michigan, and was handled by Bill Kull.

Flash took advantage of a late afternoon brace when the quail released singly, began to covey up. He hunted assiduously and accounted for a covey—five or six quail together!

Blessed with bird sense a-plenty

were Tex Zipper, Sir Edward Skipper, Dingo's Little Mike, Man of Edough, Durwood de Alexander, Hunterhaven Dubonnet, and Jay's Pierre Vailee. Some of them had been gunned over to show a maturity seldom witnessed in a Derby; Tex Zipper, for instance, gave evidence of all-age manners on contact with game.

Britt de Buster was called to run



Hoosier Brittany Club Amateur All-Age Stake winners: from left to right, Ch. Pierret de Fontaine Vallee with Mrs. Ann Carr; Ch. Avono Corky with Charles Morse; Aubaine Duche with Ray Fritts, and Rem of Aotrou with Dr. R. H. Young.

with the bye dog in the 14th brace, but failed to capitalize on his second series running.

When Rusty Rambler hit bird scent in his last seven minutes down, he suddenly sprang into action and turned in one of the prettiest birdfield performances of the entire stake. What a shame his hunting zeal could not have been kindled earlier!

From first to last, the women were not to be overlooked at this Hoosier Spring trial. The first of the four stakes—the Puppy—was won with a woman, Jane Thompson, doing the handling. And the last of the four stakes—the Amateur—was won by a woman handler, Mrs. Ann Carr of Lima, Ohio, handling Ch. Dual Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee for the owner Mrs. Alice Clough of Erie, Penna.

Pierrot pushed the limits on the back-course and down in a swamp adjacent to the birdfield had his first find. On second, he was making game when the quail flushed wild; Pierrot stopped at flush.

Ch. Avono Corky, owned and handled by Chuck Morse of Euclid, Ohio, had a fair ground heat, and good man-

ners on single contact with game in the birdfield to net him 2nd place trophy and a bright red ribbon.

Aubaine Duche, piloted by Ray Fritts of Centerline, Michigan, likewise was credited with good work on the back-course. In the birdfield he broke slightly at first encounter, but redeemed himself with perfect manners on a second find that required location.

Rem of Aotrou showed superlative manners backing brace-mate, then went on to handle the marked down bird.

Once again, therefore, the Coy Conwell rotating trophy will add a new name, that of Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, to the list of Amateur winners. No single dog has yet repeated his win of this hotly-contested stake, but it has been rotated among nine top-named dogs. Whether it will keep rotating ad infinitum is anyone's guess, but it does show a wealth of new gun dogs are constantly being brought on by their amateur handlers. Better and better bird dogs, and

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more and more interest among amateur handlers is the best possible security for the future of Brittany trials in the Hoosier State. So the Amateur trophy is still in anyone's clutch — the best Brittany in Hoosierland is still to be decided!

PUPPY STAKE

1st, Dingo's Gala Gal by Dual Ch. Pontac's Dingo x Yankee Girl II. Owner, W. Caldwell, handler, Jane Thompson.

2nd, Uno's Rex of Paradise by Dual Ch. Uno's Jet x Price's Lady Kaer. Owner, Jack Secor, handler, Bill Kull.

3rd, Holly Haven Doe by Fld. Ch. Jersey Jeff x Holly Haven Bonnie. Owner, and handler, Dr. A. F. Dick.

4th, Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire handled by Jane Thompson.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

1st, Mandy of Edough by Hello Mike x Iolet of Edough. Owner, R. G. Buick, handler, Lee Holman.

2nd, Robespierre of Leeway by Robert of Leeway x Mimi of Leeway. Owner, Thomas M. Fitzgerald, handler, Bill Kull.

3rd, Aubaine Duché by Lucky de Rose vere x Albedo Valley Suzie. Owner and handler, Ray Fritts.

4th, Pat of Paradise by Jerry's Duke x Rose of Paradise. Owner, Lt. Col. Coffee, handler Jane Thompson.

OPEN DERBY STAKE

1st Ferdinand of Leeway by Ch. Pontac's Hero x F. Ch. Buttons and Bows. Owner John W. Lee handler Lee Holman.

2nd Susan's Heide by Holly Haven Dan x Susan's Bess. Owner and handler Dr. A. F. Dick.

3rd Uno's Rex of Paradise by Uno's Jet x Price's Lady Kaer. Owner Jack F. Secor handler Bill Kull.

4th Flash, handled by R. H. Bissell.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

1st Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee by Ch. Avono Jake x Ch. Suzanne de Beauch. Owner, Mrs. Alice Clough, handler, Mrs. Ann Carr.

2nd, Ch. Avono Corky by Dual Ch. Avono Happy x Ch. Fun Galore Louella. Owner and handler, Charles Morse.

3rd, Aubaine Duché by Lucky de Rose vere x Albedo Valley Suzie. Owner and handler, Ray Fritts.

4th, Rem of Aotrou by Foo MacEochaidh x Pamalie of Aotrou. Owner and handler, Dr. R. H. Young

FUN TRIAL HELD BY HOOSIER CLUB

Cold, rainy weather, reminiscent of March, greeted Hoosier Brittany folk the second weekend of May.

The occasion was a Sanctioned trial—a fun trial—held at the Tippecanoe River State Park, Winamac, Indiana. Howard Clements and Jack Secor judged the three events which were run off briskly.

Trophy for the winner of the Open All-Age event was taken home by Wilbur Ade's Britt 'N Dachs Navy Pilot, who showed flawless manners on his

find in the birdfield. Pilot stood head and shoulders above any of the other contenders in his class. Robert of Leeway, handled by Dick Druart, and Rex of Leeway, handled by Ruth Lee were named to second and third places respectively.

Far out ahead in Derby competition was Laughing Boy of Leeway, handled by Louise Druart. For his initial appearance in a Derby stake, and her initial appearance as an amateur handler, these two made eyes open wide.

Dan de Klemanor was the only contender in the Puppy Stake.

A bright roaring fire in one of the Park's shelter houses was very welcome, and all the folk gathered close to toast their backsides while a picnic lunch was enjoyed. For its first fun trial, the event was proclaimed an overwhelming success by all Hoosier Brittany Club members in attendance.

MISSOURI REGIONAL CLUB'S FIELD TRIALS

MRS. MAE BRASEL

The Missouri Regional Brittany Club held a sanction field trial near Lawson, Mo., May 8, 1954. It was a beau-



Missouri Regional field trial puppy stake winners: from right to left, Penny's Red Knight (Oltman), Marquis De Richelieu (Beck), Penny's Hi-Jinks (Oltman). Standing, Judges Merle Osborn and Earl Fizer.

tiful cool day so the dogs performed their duties with much pride. The judges, Merle Osborn and Earl Fizer, were on hand with their horses and as usual did a very efficient and excellent job of judging. The Field Marshalls, Alvin W. Chasteeh and Ralph Bunnell, were there ready to assist in their

friendly and helpful manner. The following is a list of the winners.

PUPPY STAKE

1st, Penny's Red Knight, owned and handler by Louis F. Oltman.

2nd, Maruis de Richelieu, owned and handled by Fred Beck.

3rd, Penny's Hi-Jinks, owner, Louis F. Oltman, handler, Mrs. Louis F. Oltman.



Missouri Regional field trial Derby winners: from right to left, Dwight's Halloween Spook (Williams), Desi-Lu (Brasel), Kay-Rit's Diamond Lil (Chasteen), and Brasel's K. C. Kitty). Standing, Judges Merle Osborn and Earl Fizer.

DERBY STAKE

1st, Dwight's Halloween Spook, owned and handled by D. W. Williams.

2nd, Desi Lu, owned and handled by Mrs. Mae Brasel.

3rd, Kay-Rit's Diamond Lil owned and handled by Mrs. Virginia Chasteen.

4th, Brasel's Kansas City Kitty, owned by Eugene Renfro, handled by Ralph Bunnell.



Missouri Regional field trial All-Age winners. from right to left, The Jack of Diamonds (Johnston), Ch. Skippy Alamuchy Luke (Ackerman), Ch. Penelope de Evanston (Oltman), and Aker's Cornouaille Flash (Akers). Standing are Judges Merle Osborne and Earl Fizer.

ALL-AGE STAKE

1st, The Jack of Diamonds, owned and handled by Dickie Johnston.

2nd, Ch. Skippy Allamuchy Luke, owned and handled by W. O. Ackerman.

3rd, Ch. Penelope de Evanston, owned and handle by Louis F. Oltman.

4th, Aker's Cornouaille Flash, owned

and handled by V. C. Akers.

The Missouri Club is only a little over a year o'd and is growing rapidly. We have planned activities throughout the summer such as picnics, fun shows and shooting matches. We feel that activity of this sort will attribute to the interest and growth of the club.

IN MEMORY OF LOUIS N. BRASEL

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we announce the death of Louis N. Brasel, Secretary of the Missouri Regional Club. He was killed in an auto-army transport truck collision February 4, 1954. Those who were acquainted with Louis know what an ardent and faithful worker he was in promoting the Brittany breed and Club activities. He was never too tired or busy to stop and talk with great enthusiasm about what a wonderful little hunting dog the Brittany was. His presence will be missed by many.

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A limited quantity of specially designed bronze pins, showing a head of a Brittany, modeled and signed by the French sculptor, Fath, and carrying the initials ABC for the American Brittany Club are still available.

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1500 WATCH MIDWEST REGIONALS

An estimated fifteen hundred spectators turned out to see the eighty-five dogs entered in the annual spring trial held March 5, 6 and 7. The event was held ten miles west of Topeka, Kansas, on Highway Ten. The field trial committee consisting of John Costelow as chairman and Carl Sewell, Victor Boutwell and Dale Johnson, did a fine job

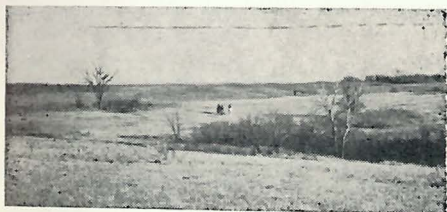


Photo shows the site of the Midwest Regional Brittany Club field trials on 350-acre Blue Stem meadow plum thickets - bird field is slope all along horizon.

of choosing the trial grounds. The back course had open grass, timber and brushy spots all the way around, while the bird field was big enough that the dogs had to hustle to cover it in eight minutes, and the handlers never quite had enough time to cover it all in that length of time.

Fifty people were present for the drawing held Thursday night at the Wanamaker school just west of Topeka. Since there are so many of us that can neither spell or pronounce the names of Brittanies each name was written on the blackboard as it was drawn, giving everyone present an equal chance to have a properly filled out program.

There were many Brittany fans and handlers from out of state. We regretted very much to receive word from Lee Holman that his wife was ill and he couldn't get here, he also had to scratch his entries. Bill Kull came from down south and he had rough driving for a couple hundred miles due to heavy snow in Missouri, but he came through on time. We would also like to express our appreciation to the other professional handlers that were present, Jess Hayslip, Larned, Kansas, Tom Cox, Carbondale, Ill. and Russell Fair, Trenton,

Mo. These are the fellows that make competition rough and entries big.

Mr. Byron Gourley the judge of the Amateur handlers and the puppy stakes that were run on Friday came back on Saturday and Sunday to watch more of the running, he was so interested in these fine little dogs. Mr. Gourley has also judged at the pointer and setter Nationals. He said that he has been around a large number of trials in his life, but there was more enthusiasm shown and this was the finest trial he had ever attended in his life.

We want to thank you, Mr. Gourley, for this very nice compliment.

The other judges, Mr. Jack Bowden from Overland Park, Kansas, and Mr. Cecil Corn of Topeka did a good job of judging and all decisions were well met.

We would also like to express our thanks to the Wanamaker PTA for having a truck on the grounds all three days and having coffee, rolls, sandwiches, pie and soda pop, their prices were so low that people actually told them to boost them, but they said they were making money so they left them as they were.

Quail were furnished by the Kansas Fish and Game commission, and a few pheasants were donated and planted by John Costelow.

There were several comical incidents that occurred in the three days, such as the secretary's wife was going into town, she started in the wrong direction and ended up on the back course, but after flushing a few quail she came back to the gallery with tears in her eyes, she found her husband and said "Ralph, how do I get out of here?"

Your reporter was unable to ride the braces due to a recent boil on the part of the body that comes in contact with the saddle, but after getting the information from the judges books here are the results.

The Amateur Handlers stake was started Friday morning at 9.00 a.m. with sixteen starters. Weather was crispy in the lower twenties.

Judges: Cecil Corn and Byron Gourley.

Suzzie Q Happy handled by Earl Day took first with a very good race all the way, she was staunch and steady to

shot and wing on her one find. She also handled well.

La Vacillante de Verbonte a so hand-



Midwest Regional Brittany Club
Spring field trial Amateur winners:
From left to right, Suzzie O'Happy,
1st, LaVacillante de Verbonte, 2nd,
Yankee Boy's Tommy, 3rd; and
Penelope de Evanston, 4th.

led by Earl Day took second place with two finds, two stops to flush and a good race all the way.

Yankee Boy's Tommy, owned and handled by John Costelow took third with three finds, steady but not too staunch, best race of stake.

Penelope de Evanston, owned and handled by Louis Oltman, took fourth

with two finds, one staunch and a good race.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

This stake opened with 21 starters. The first brace was put down following lunch Friday. By this time the temperature had risen to the upper thirties but was still cloudy. This was an unusual puppy stake with some real hunting prospects shown. The winner of this event was without a doubt the hardest running puppy that most of us have ever seen. The judges both said that this puppy couldn't be praised enough.

Judges: Cecil Corn and Byron Gourley.

First: Texas Merry, owned and handled by Gerald Price. Unusually good puppy race. Reached birdy places. Showed independence to other dog. Handled good. Finished as strong as she started.

Second: Meadowink Gretch, owned by Miss Gretchen Yant and handled by Tom Cox. Handled well on backcourse. Fine race all the way. Reached birdy places.

Third: Mystere de Klemanor, owned

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by Walter Kleeman and handled by Tom Cox. Good puppy race. Better than usual application. Reached birdy places. Didn't show to front enough.

Fourth: Mike, owned by Hosea Jett and handled by S. D. Campbell. Showed independence to bracemate. Fair application to birdy places. Handled well for a puppy.

OPEN DERBY STAKE

This stake started Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. with 24 entries. The weather was crispy again in the lower twenties and cloudy.

Judges: Cecil Corn and Jack Bowden.

First: Brit de Buster, owned by Sebastian Ventura and handled by Tom



Midwest Brittany Club trials Derby winners: Front left to right, Brit de Buster, 1st; Husky Lot, 2nd; Tyke of Rock Hollow, 3rd, and Yankee Boy's Tommy, 4th.

Cox. Ran very classy race. Hunted hard. Two finds. Staunch but broke on flush. Handled nicely.

Second: Husky Lot, owned and handled by W. C. Owens. Ran classy race. Hunted hard. One point, two stops to flush. Handled good.

Third: Tyke of Rock Hellou, owned and handled by Ralph Hesseltine. Had good range. Two stops to flush. Pointed but busted birds.

Fourth: Yankee Boy's Tommy, owned and handled by John Costelow. Good race. One find was staunch but broke to flush. One stop to flush.

OPEN ALL AGE

This stake was started at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning with 24 entries. Weather was in the thirties in the morning but got up around the fifties in the afternoon. There were some real all age performances in this event, and it was a hard one for the judges to make the placements in.

First: Tennessee Luke, owned by

P. Clements and handled by Tom Cox. Very hard running dog. One good point. Steady to wing and shot. Handled perfectly.

Second: Leeways Prince of Samoa, owned by Clarence Goering and handled



Midwest Regional Club tria's All-Age winners: From left to right, Tennessee Luke, 1st; Leeways Prince of Samoa, 2nd; Penelope de Evanston, 3rd, and Tudor's Yankee Boy, 4th.

by Jess Hayslip. Good race all the way. One good find, running bird, relocated. Steady to wing and shot.

Third: Penelope de Evanston, owned and handled by Louis Oltman. Good race. Three finds. Steady to wing and shot. Two unproductives.

Fourth: Tudor's Yankee Boy, owned by Elmer Gettys and handled by Bill Kull. Good race. One good find. Steady to wing and shot. One stop to flush.

SUMMARY OF WINNERS OPEN PUPPY

1st, Texas Merry by Tex of Richmond x Fantastico of Richmond. Gerald E. Price, owner and handler.

2nd, Meadowink Gretch by Dual Ch. Avano Hapte x Meadowink Wanda. Owner Gretchen Yant, handler, Tom Cox.

3rd, Mystere de Klemanor by Dual Ch. Bonaire Doc x Ft. Ch. Miste de Klemanor. Owner, Walter Kleman, handler, Tom Cox.

4th, Mike by Tat's Hallou de Britt x Tat's Lady de Lagroat. Owner, Hosea Jett, handler, S. D. Campbell.

AMATEUR HANDLERS

1st, Suzzie Q Happy by Jeffrey Mac Eochaidh x Hi Happy. Owner and handler Earl Day.

2nd, La Vacillante de Verbonte by Duffy of Jans Tavern x Rusty Lady, Owner and handler, Earl Day.

3rd, Yankee Boy's Tommy by Tudor's Yankee Boy x Kenmucky Kay's Lady. Owner and handler, John Costelow.

4th, Penelope de Evanston by Johnnies Pal x Ch. K. Havens Daisy May. Owner and handler, Louis Oltman.

OPEN DERBY

1st, Brit de Buster by Brit de Du Barry x Ninon de Lynor. Owner Sebastian Ventura, handler, Tom Cox.

2nd, Husky Lot by Son de Bretagne x Linda's Candy. Owner and handler, W. C. Owens.

3rd, Tike of Rock Hellou by Redrock

Hellou x Happy's Lady Katie. Owner and handler, Ralph Hesseltine, Jr.

4th, Yankee Boy's Tommy by Tudor's Yankee boy x Kehmucny Kay's Lady. Owner and handler, John Costelow.

OPEN ALL AGE

1st, Tennessee Luke by Smokey Valley Happy x Luke's Coquette. Owner, Howard P. Clements, handler, Tom Cox.

2nd, Leeway's Prince of Samoa by Dan of Leeway x Queen of Leeway. Owner Clarence J. Goering, handler Jess Hay-slip.

3rd, Penelope de Evanston by Johnnie's Pal x Ch. K. Havens Daisy May. Owner and handler, Louis Oltman.

4th, Tudor's Yankee Boy by Imp. Tudor Du Roe Hellou x Ch. Allamuchy Yankee Hirr. Owner Elmer V. Hettys, handler Bill Kull.

BRITTANY TAKES 1ST IN SPORT GROUP

For the first time in more than two years, a Brittany was placed first in the Sporting group, beating out several dogs with Best-in-Show wins. The winner of this unusual honor was Ch. Holly Haven Suzette, owned and handled by Henry Holleyoak of Wyandotte, Michigan. The show was that of the Huron Hills K. C. of Ann Arbor, Mich., and the judge was Gordon Parham, long a professional handler and now licensed by the AKC to judge Groups



Henry A. Holleyoak, owner and handler, stands by Ch. Holly Haven Suzette as Judge Gordon Parham gets ready to award the first place ribbon for the sporting group at the Huron Hills Kennel Club.

I and II. Suzette is no stranger to the winners circle, having won a large number of Best-of-Breed trophies and having finished Best Opposite in both of the last two National Specialty Shows.

Other winners at Huron Hills were John Adasek's Ch. Brit Afield Happy,

Best Opposite, Harry Chasteen's Chasteen's Loyal-en-Tout, Winner's Male and Weston William's Wearu's Britt, Reserve winners Male. The former is a puppy, by the way. Tom Melville's Delsigne's Mitzi took Winner's Bitch and Reserve went to Ann Erkfitz's Collette of Ellaire CDX.

The last Brittany to take first place in a Sporting Group, if our records are correct, was when Ed Staunton's Ch. Amos of Edough took the Group at Lima, Ohio. Before that, only one Brittany is recorded as having won a Group, so Sue becomes the third, as far as our records are concerned. If anybody has any record of a Brittany taking first place in a Sporting Group at an All-Breed licensed show, please let us know about it and we will correct our records. Until we hear of such, Sue will go down in our book as having won the toughest Group ever won by a Brittany.

SAGINAW VALLEY SANCTION TRIAL

The Michigan Saginaw Valley Brittany Club he'd their first sanctioned Trial January 25, 1954 at the Lapeer State Game Area in Lapeer, Michigan. The day was cold with a sharp wind and snow on the ground, but this enthusiastic new club had an entry of 48 dogs. The winners were:

Puppy, Frenchy, Owned by F. Cariler of Dearborn, Mich.

Derby, Dingo's Little Mike, owned by G. Wilson of Flint, Mich.

Open All-Age, Aubaine Duché, owned by U. Fritz of Centerline, Mich.

Our very capable judges were G. Wilson, B. Ball, D. Rielick, J. Scaffede, R. Reed and R. Phillips, who walked the entire course as it was too cold to ride. Myron and Vera Powell furnished their beautiful house trailer to serve the participants sandwiches, cake and hot coffee. This was certainly appreciated by everyone.

This new club now has a membership of 53 and seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. It has been recognized officially as a club only since January and has already held a regional trial under the license of the American Brittany Club with an entry of 95 dogs. We feel this is really a great start.

SAGINAW VALLEY FIELD TRIALS

The new Michigan Saginaw Valley Regional held its first licensed trial at Lapeer, Mich. on April 9, 10 and 11, 1954. This was held under the license of the American Brittany Club, but, by this fall, Saginaw Valley will have held its second sanctioned trial and will be operating under its own license. Formed only a few months ago as an off shoot of the Michigan Brittany Club (which had grown so big as to be un-



Saginaw Valley Puppy winners: Dutch, handler, Kull; Boots, owner and handler, Murphy; Uno's Rex of Paradise, owner J. Secor, handler, Kull; and Mr. Amos of Edough, handler, Holman.

wieldy) this club has grown to number 51 members, only 15 of which were ever members of the Michigan Regional and a great deal of credit must be given to George Wilson, June and Frank Stockwell, Otto Hulin and his wife and the other originators who made this club so big so fast. They must have done a lot of work and they certainly hit the nail on the head when they picked up Bert Ball and his wife, two of the top Setter people in the country. Bert is president of the club and is working as hard for Brittanies as he ever did for Setters. In all, 95 dogs were entered—quite a first trial entry! Weather for the trial was almost ideal. Bright sunshine most of the time but not too high a temperature for the dogs and a beautiful cross-wind for the whole three days. Location in the bird field was simple for the dogs and nearly every dog had some bird work. The course was rather difficult since, right after the breakaway, the dogs plunged into a deep woods and stayed there for near-

ly 20 minutes, emerging into a field about $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile wide and $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile long, the front half of which was the bird field. The gallery, which was very big, especially on Sunday, had an ideal location to watch the bird field and ample parking facilities.

The puppy stake was judged by George Wilson and Arnold Cocks (a Setter man from Flint) and they placed first a dog named "Dutch" owned by John Gagel of Kansas City and handed by Bill Kull. Because of the unexpectedly large entry, only pigeons were available for the pups (the other stakes used pheasant) and the trial had to be judged largely on "class," which is the proper criterion for puppies, anyway. The judges like Dutch's pattern best of any pup they saw and felt that he handled the woods perfectly, considering his age. Second place went to Albedo Valley Boots, owned and handled by G. L. "Pat" Murphy of Okemos, Mich. This pup put on a regular circus act and covered the whole joint like a tent but the judges felt that he used slightly less intelligence than the winner in selecting the places to go. Third was awarded to Uno's Rex of Paradise, owned by Jack Secor of Niles, Mich. and handled by Bill Kull. Fourth went to Mister Amos of Edough, owned by Bob Buick (who, strangely enough, was not on hand to see it) of Chicago, and handled by Lee Holman.

The derby stake was judged by Arnold Cocks and your reporter who found that out of the 24 dogs running, five stood out as really class performers. They hit the woods hard, handled, but just barely, and really cut the open places to ribbons. After discussing the purpose of a derby dog trial in the first place, we decided that it was a class stake and why not limit our winners to the really class dogs. So we did. Among the class dogs was Saxon of Fred Ann, owned by Dr. Fred White of Chillicothe, Ill. and handled by Lee Holman; this dog had an unusual piece of bird work in that, while he was on solid point, his brace mate raced past, nosed out the bird and jumped high in the air to catch himself a tail-feather. Saxon was steady all through this until the other dog's teeth clicked, when he could contain himself no longer. A perfect piece of

derby bird work, we felt. Second went to Rusty Rambler, owned by Hillery Garrett of Auburn, Ind. and handled by Bill Kull, third to Susan's Heide, owned and handled by Dr. A. F. Dick of Wayne, Mich. and fourth to Ragg's Freckles, owned by Joseph Landridge of Mishawaka, Ind. and handled by Bill Kull.

In the Open All-Age, judges John



Saginaw Valley Derby winners: Sax-on of Ferdann, handler, Holman; Rusty Rambler, handler, Kull; Susan's Hide, owner, Dr. Dick and Ragg's Freckles, handler, Kull.

Lee and G. L. Murphy awarded first place to Robespierre of Leeway, owned by Thomas Fitzgerald of Indianapolis and handled by Bill Kull. This dog demonstrated an excellent pattern, exceptional style and punched hard all the way. He had a perfect find on the back-course and a beautiful back in the bird field. Second went to Roni'e Avant Coureur, owned by Jerry Halle of Cleveland and handled by Tom Cox. This dog had as good a back-course as the first place dog and also had a perfect find. Third place was given to Beaucoup Pete of Richmond, owned by Clint Wood of Wichita Falls, Texas and hand-



Saginaw Valley All-age winners: Robespierre of Leeway, handler, Kull; Romile Avant Coureur, handler, Cox; Beaucoup Pete of Richmond, poised by Mrs. Secor and Tex of Richmond, handler, G. Wilson.

led by Bill Kull. This dog had the big-

gest back-course of the whole stake and had two perfect finds in the bird field. Why didn't he win, you say? Well, he had a somewhat questionable find in the back-course which led the judges to elevate the other two over him, they being almost perfect, too. Fourth place dog was Tex of Richmond, owned by Nils Nielsen of Pacolet Mills, S. C. and handled by Lee Holman.

In the Amateur All-Age, which was also judged by Messers Lee and Murphy, your reporter's 8½-year-old bitch, Can. & Am. Ch. Diane de Beauch, UD, took herself a few shots of vitamins and astonished us all by cutting the joint up pretty good and coming through with a rather spectacular back in the bird-field and a nice solid find a few moments later. They gave her first place. Second went to Lusann DeClarke of Bienville, owned and handled by E. G. Stevens of Detroit. She was as good as Diane, if not better, but she didn't have the opportunity to back. Third went to Dick Wood's Nanette DuBois, always a solid performer, with a big back-course, as usual, and a nice find. Fourth was awarded to Aubaine Duché, owned and handled by Ray Fritts of



Saginaw Valley Amateur winners: Dian de Beauch, handler, Averill; Lusan de Clark of Bienville, handler Stevens; Nannette Dubois, handler, D. Woods and Aubaine Duché, handler R. Fritts.

Centerline, Mich., with a performance virtually as good as the first three dogs. All in all it was a very nice stake with a large number of worthy dogs.

Most of the credit for the trial must go to George Wilson who did a marvelous job. He was good in Michigan but he's even better in Saginaw Valley. Quite a guy.

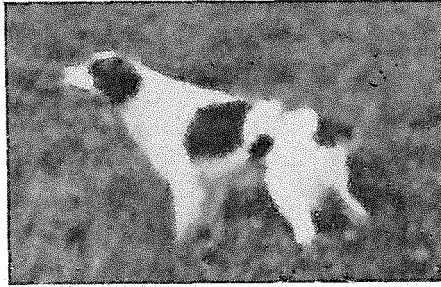
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3rd, Uno's Rex of Paradise (Dual Ch. Uno's Jet x Price's Lady Kaer), owner, Jack Secor, Niles, Mich., handler, Bill Kull.

4th, Mister Amos of Edough (Ch. Amos of Edough x Holman's Yankee Suzann), owner, R. G. Buick, Mt. Prospect, Ill., handler, Bill Kull.

OPEN ALL AGE

Judges: John Lee & G. L. Murphy.

1st, Robespierre of Leeway (Robert of Leeway x Mimi of Leeway), owner, Thomas M. Fitzgerald, Indianapolis, Ind., handler, Bill Kull.

2nd, Ronile Avant Coureur (Dual Ch. Avono Happy x Ronile Avono Moonray), owner, Jerome N. Halle, Cleveland, O., handler, Tom Cox.

3rd, Beaucoup Pete of Richmond (Allamuchy Valley Warrior x Soize Mac Eochaidh), owner, Clint B. Wood, handler, Bill Kull.

4th, Tex of Richmond (Allamuchy Warrior x Soize Mac Eochaidh), owner, Nils Nielsen, Pacolet Mills, S. C., handler, Lee Holman.

DERBY

Judges: E. W. Averill & Arnold Cocke.

1st, Saxon of Fred Ann (Paradise Beau Coureur x Nannette of Oakridge), owner Dr. Fred White, Chillicothe, Ill., handler, Lee Holman.

2nd, Rusty Rambler (Ch. Amos of Edough x Lady Lou), owner, Hillery C. Garrett, Auburn, Ind., handler, Bill Kull.

3rd, Susan's Heide (Holley Haven Dan x Susan's Bess), owned and handled by Dr. A. F. Dick, Wayne, Mich.

4th, Ragg's Freckles (Raggs x Collette De Rosette), owner, Joseph J. Sandridge, Mishawaka, Ind. handler, Bill Kull.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

Judges: John Lee & G. L. Murphy

1st, Can. & Am. Ch. Diane de Beauch, (Potic de Beauch x Bonnie Lassie), owner, E. W. Averill, Birmingham, Mich., handler, owner.

2nd, Lusann DeClarke of Bienville, (Gunners Mate of Cyrus x Ch. Fun Galore), owned and handled by E. G. Stevens, Detroit, Mich.

3rd, Nanette Duboise, (Ch. Toffie Idoc De Basgard x Penny Avec Moi), owned and handled by Richard D. Wood, Livonia, Mich.

4th, Aubaine Duche (Lucky - de - Rosevere x Albedo Valley Suzie), owned and handled by Ray Fritts, Centerline, Mich.

MICHIGAN BRITTANY SPECIALTY SHOW

The Michigan Brittany Club held its annual Specialty Show in connection with the Detroit Kennel Club on Sunday, March 7, 1954, at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit. Judge Adam E. Strauss of Chicago handled our breed and was universally praised for his selections. Your reporter did not enter a dog and sat by the ring watching all

of the judging and, from where we sat, we thought that his work was just about the most consistent we had ever seen, in view of the large number of dogs judged.

The big news of the show was that ninety-seven — count 'em — 97 — Brittanies were entered and only a few of them (all owned by Ohio people who were snowed in that weekend) were not on hand. In all, 48 males, 36 bitches and 10 Specia's faced Mr. Strauss and he did a very careful job on each one, having no other breeds to judge all day



Judge Adam E. Strauss of Chicago left holds ribbon he awarded Duck-erbird Sir Guy de Beauch for best of breed in Michigan Brittany Club's Specialty Show. Owner and handler C. A. Frank looks on.

We had hoped to round up an even hundred Brittanies but we just missed that. Even so, it was the largest entry of Brittanies at an all-breed show ever assembled in this country. Next year, we're going to shoot for 150.

Best of Breed was awarded to a class dog, Duckerbird Sir Guy de Beauch, owned and handled by C. A. Frank of Detroit, who, although he is not a champion himself, beat out ten very good champions on his way to the top. He is a big white, flashy fellow in perfect condition (he took fourth in the Open All-Age at the Michigan Fall Trials) and he was superbly handled by Charley Frank, the same Charley Frank who appears at Sportsmen's shows all over the country. This dog has been seen in action by well over 500,000 sportsmen

and isn't it lucky that he is such a good Brittany that he can win a show over 96 top dogs. He was sired by French and American Ch. Unan I de Cornouaille out of Canadian and American Ch. Diane de Beauch, UD. The picture shows him in a bad pose. He really has beautiful angulation and nice high ears. Best of Opposite Sex went to Henry Holleyoak's Ch. Holley Haven Suzette, who was Best Opposite in the Nationals, too. A beautiful bitch, indeed. Winners Male, of course, was Sir Guy and Winners Bitch was La Fran's Cookie, owned by Lloyd Hugo of Detroit and handled by Ken Holemo. She is a beautiful big white bitch that we haven't seen much of before. We should be seeing quite a lot of her from now on. Reserve Winners Bitch went to Paul Voilmar's Wild Haven Dottie and Reserve Winners Male was won by Warren Workman's Beau Jack of Bienville.

GOOD WEATHER AT MICHIGAN TRIALS

By W. E. AVERILL

Unlike so many spring trials in Michigan, we had pretty good weather this year. Last fall it was 80 in the shade and two years ago we had a foot of snow but, this spring, we got a little better cooperation. Not too hot, not too cold, not too wet, not too dry, not too windy, not too still. No doubt this is the best we will ever get in Michigan in mid-April so let us all be thankful. In all, 87 dogs ran in the four stakes and our old reliables connected for most of the wins. In the three stakes in which professional handlers may compete, 9 of the 12 placed dogs were handled by Tom Cox (4), Bill Kull (2), Jane Thompson, Buck Bissell and Lee Holman. When this gang makes a trial, they don't come without something to show us and their dogs were in perfect condition and were perfectly trained, as always. It certainly is a pleasure to get beat by this gang, because they really do beat you with better dogs and better-handled dogs and they are so modest about their accomplishments. We were all sorry to hear that Buck Bissell is going to the coast but wish him the very best of luck.

Ray Fritts was in charge of the trial

and he did a marvelous job. Everything moved along smoothly, everything was there that should be there, everybody did his job and Ray made it look so simple that we may be able to get some other sucker to take this back-breaking job next year. Ray knows what a job it was—as does anybody else who ever did it—but he accomplished the whole business without apparent effort. The judges were Coy Conwell and Tom Cox, Puppy Stake; Bill Kneppreth (Setters) and Paul Treadaway (Pointers), Open All-Age; Coy Conwell and Fred Martin (Setters), Derby; and Paul Treadaway and Ralph Bissell, Amateur.

In the Puppy Stake, John Gagel's "Dutch," handled by Bill Kull, repeated his win of the previous week at Saginaw Valley, giving a sparkling exhibition of ground-covering and merry



Michigan Trials Puppy winners: from left to right: Dutch, handler Bill Kull; Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire, handler J. Thompson; Uno's Rex of Paradise, owner Mrs. Jack Secor, and Holley Haven Doc, owner and handler, Dr. Dick.

bird-work. Second went to "Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire" owned by E. Mueller and handled by Jane Thompson. Bill Kull handled Jack Secor's "Uno's Rex of Paradise" to third place, also repeating his win of the week previous. Fourth was awarded to "Holley Haven Roc" owned and handled by Dr. A. F. Dick, secretary of the Michigan Brittany Club.

In the Derby Stake, the dogs had a great deal more running room than was the case the week before and they reversed their positions almost completely. First went to Orange Grove Mark, owned by M. F. Baugher, and handled by Tom Cox; second to Dingo's Little Mike, owned by Howard Crippen and handled by George Wilson, who

should have been too tired after his labors of the week before to have run a dog. George is a bear for punish-



Winners of Derby at Michigan Brittany Trials: from left to right, Orange Grove Mark, handler, T. Cox; Dingo's Little Mike, owner H. Crippen Jr.; and Britt de Buster, with Chuck Morse.

ment, it seems. Third went to Brit de Buster, owned by Sebastian Ventura and handled by Tom Cox and fourth to Jet's Fancy, owned by Dave Olund and handled by Lee Holman.

The Open All-Age, like the Derby, was a complete reversal of the previous week's results, not one of the dogs which placed the week before



Open All Age winner at Michigan Trials: from left to right: Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, handler R. Bissell; Belle Oaks High Flyer, handler Tom Cox; Aubaine Duché, owner and handler Ray Fritts, and Tennessee Luke, owner H. Clements.

showing up in the winner's circle this time. The considerable difference in the back-courses no doubt had something to do with this but the real reason, in our opinion, is the fact that we have so many really good, really well trained, really well-handled dogs in the Open that there are probably

dogs in each trial that could win—so it is no wonder that the winners aren't the same dogs week after week—too much top-flight competition. Anyway, first place was won by that spectacular old performer, Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, owned by Alice Clough and handled by Buck Bissell. His back-course was as good as they come and his bird-work was absolutely flawless. Second went to Belloak's Highflyer, owned by Jim Bell and handled by Tom Cox. He was just about as good as "Cur'y" but not quite, in the opinion of the judges. Third was won by Aubaine Duché, CD, owned and handled by Ray Fritts, who also won the Amateur, in addition to so capably fulfilling his duties as field trial chairman. What a man, this Fritts!

Fourth was awarded to Tennessee Luke, owned by Howard Clements, president of the American Brittany Club, and handled by Tom Cox.

In the Amateur All-Age, the indefatigable Ray Fritts topped off a week-end of hard work and much accomp-



Michigan Trials Amateur All-Age winners: from left to right: Aubaine Duché, owner Ray Fritts; Nanette DuBois, owner Dick Wood; Tennessee Luke, owner Howard Clements, and Ronile Avant Coureur, owner Jerry Halle.

ishment by taking first place with his Aubaine Duché, CD. Like a lot of us, all Ray needs now is that 3-point Open win. It won't be easy, Ray, but we'll all be pulling for you. As usual, "Duke" ran a grand back-course and his bird-work was letter perfect. Second went to Dick Wood's Nanette DuBois, always a threat. She is another one that needs only one more win. How she keeps knocking on the door week after week without opening said door is a mystery but she is bound to come

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through one of these days because she is a real bird dog. Third place was awarded to Tennessee Luke, owned and handled by Howard Clements and fourth was Ronile Avant Coureur, owned by Jerry Halle and handled by Chuck Morse.

FROM PET TO CHAMPION

By **LOUIS F. OLTMAN**
(owner of Ch. Penelope de Evanston)

In July of 1950 we started out to buy a dog for a family pet, and especially for our daughter, who was 9 at that time. She had a definite idea that a collie pup was what she wanted. During the process of looking at various litters of pups, we saw a litter of Brittany Spaniels. Never having seen or heard of a Brittany we asked what they were and for what they were used. On being told they made exceptional pets and very fine bird dogs (which we



**CHAMPION
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Whelped May 17, 1950, shown after she finished her Bench Championship February 14, 1954. PENNY made her Championship in three straight 5 Point shows — Topeka, Kansas, May, 1953; Wichita, Kansas, Sept. 1953, and St. Joseph, Missouri, February 14, 1954. PENNY is shown with ribbons and trophies won in both Bench Shows and Field Trials. She also has points on her Field Trial Championship. Shown and handled only by her owner.

LOUIS F. OLTMAN
North Kansas City Missouri

found very hard to believe, because we had always heard you couldn't make a pet of a good hunting dog) we decided to purchase the Brittany.

The next month we were invited to attend a meeting of the Midwest Brittany Club. After 2 or 3 invitations to club meetings I attended one, and the business of the meeting was in regard to a sanction field trial.

In due time the trial was held, and as luck would have it Penny was the first name drawn in the first brace. Penny had never seen a quail and I had never seen a field trial. To make a long story short, she placed fourth in the Puppy Stake, and I don't think we were ever as proud of a Bench Championship as we were of that little fourth place ribbon.

Shortly after that she placed first in two Derby Stakes, and the Oltmans were the proudest people in Kansas City.

When Penny was about two years old we bought another Brittany, and Victoria de Evanston has done quite well also.

Last year we raised a litter of pups from our Penny with the intention of keeping one or maybe two of the pups. But, alas, who can make up their minds which one pup to keep from any litter, so now we have five Brittannies, and every one (in our opinion) is the finest Brittany ever whelped.

It has reached the point where no field trial or show is too far away to attend if it is at all possible. I think ours is the usual story of numerous people who buy their Brittany to be kept as a pet or a bird dog.

Penny finished her Bench Championship in February, with three straight five point shows. She also has points on her Field Trial Championship and we have hopes of finishing out her Dual Championship during the next year.

This has all been done by her owner, Louis F. Oltman of North Kansas City, Missouri.

Her record may not be the best, but it is consistent. In her field trial wins her record is as follows:

One 4th place Puppy; two 1st place, Derby; one 2nd place Amateur hand-

lers; two 4th place, Amateur handlers; three 3rd place, All-Age; one 1st place, All-Breed Field Trial in April, 1954, with an entry of 22 pointers, 6 Brittanies, 2 English Setters and 2 Weimaraners in the All-Age Stake.

Champion Penelope de Evanston went Best of Breed at the Topeka, Kansas Bench Show on May 23, 1954. Then she went back in the sporting group in the evening and placed third, which is only the second time in our Midwest that a Brittany Spaniel has placed in this group. She was handled by her owner, Louis Oltman.

1st SANCTIONED TRIAL HELD BY OREGON CLUB

The newly organized Oregon Brittany Club held its first sanctioned field trial on February 7th at Camp Adair near Corvallis, Oregon. The weather man cooperated with an unusually warm day for that time of year. The field trial committee was headed by Louis Tippet and Everett Metzger was the secretary. Other members on the committee were: Lear Smith, Virgil Whitney, Treve Jones, Jac Huddleston, Dr. Clement Hayes, Gordon Von Abrams and Dr. Marlowe Dittebrant.

The club furnished sandwiches and coffee, with "Cokes" for the kids, free to the gallery for lunch. Special thanks should go to Mrs. Tippet and the Misses Patty and Peggy Tippet who made the sandwiches and coffee. Assisting in serving the hungry mob were: Grace Metzger, Irene James, Mrs. Jack Huddleston and Mrs. Clement Hayes.

Horses were furnished by Louis Tippet and Ben Gilmore and riding in the judicial saddles were Dean Gilpin and Al Evans of Portland, Ore. The judges did an excellent job and all the placements were well received.

The Puppy Stake had six starters as did each successive stake. Ouragan Maxie, owned and handled by Louis Tippet was first with four finds. Maxie showed an excellent nose with the ability to handle either pheasant or quail. Her first find was on pheasant, her second and third on quail, and her fourth on pheasant. Maxie pointed each find with nice style and had the man-

ners of an All-Age. Second place was won by Evergray's Rockin Rythm, owned and handled by Lear Smith. Rocky punched hard and ran a good ground race. She had two finds which she flash pointed and chased merrily. Third and fourth places were divided between Evergray's Rollickin Rythm, owned and handled by Virgil and Coquette of Grouse Hollow, owned by Mary Tanguay and handled by Ray Tanguay.

Ouragan Maxie came back to win the Open Derby Stake. In fact the only reason she did not win the All-Age was that Louie forgot to enter her in this stake. Maxie showed the same steadiness that won the puppy event and had two finds on pheasant which she pointed with pleasing style. Ouragan Beep, owned and handled by Treve Jones was second. Beep had a very good ground heat and two finds. Dr. Bert Hoeflick piloted his little liver and white bitch Sally Sue Sue to third place. Sue laid down a nice ground pattern and had one find on quail.

Ouragan Tippy made it a clean sweep for Louis Tippet's Kennels by winning the Open All-Age. Tippy ran a well paced ground heat covering every foot of the course and was rewarded with an exceptionally fine find on a covey of Bob White in full view of the gallery. Her handler lost no time in making the flush as her birds were already on the move when Tippy hit them. Paul's White Flash owned by Paul Robinson and handed by Ray Tanguay was placed second by virtue of one good find on pheasant and several stops to flush. Third went to Juchoir's Charcoal owned and handled by Jack Huddleston. Sniffer had one find on a running bird and one stop to flush.

OREGON BRITTANY CLUB TRIALS

The Oregon Brittany Club held its first licensed field trial under the auspices of the American Brittany Club March 6-7 at the E. E. Wilson Game Management area. The grounds, nine miles north of Corvallis and better known as Camp Adair, are under the supervision of the Oregon State Game Department. The cover was ideal for

the running of Brittany Spaniels and as always there was plenty of pheasant and quail to give each dog an opportunity to show on birds.

The two days running was favored by sunny skies and warm winds and the excellent weather brought out an exceptionally large gallery, Sunday's was estimated to have been the largest ever to follow a field trial in Oregon. Riding in Sunday's gallery was Jack O'Connor the well known writer and gun editor of Outdoor Life magazine.

The judges for the puppy and derby



Hi-Di Butcher Boy, winner of puppy stake at Oregon Trials, owned by Dorothy Hill, Idaho Falls, Idaho. At left is Louis Tippett of Portland, Oregon and at right is Dick Shoemaker of Kirkland, Wash., professional trainer.

stakes on Saturday were Dean Allen of Richland, Washington and Dean Gilpin of Portland, Oregon. On Sunday Al Evans and Dr. William B. Hare of Portland rode the judicial saddles for

the Open All-Age. The judges decisions were well received and popular.

The field trial committee with Louis Tippett as chairman and Everett Metzger as secretary functioned as a unit. Jack Huddleston and Virgil Whitney acted as field marshalls. A banquet was held Saturday evening in the Benton Hotel in Corvallis preceded by a cocktail hour.

Professional handlers attending the trial and contributing to its success were: Ralph Bissell of Keene, N. H., Elmer Flack; Arbuckle, California, Dick Shoemaker, Kirkland, Washington, Ray Tanguay of Eugene, Oregon, Donald Rose of Portland and Rance Niles also of Portland.

The Open Puppy Stake got away promptly at 8.00 a.m. on the number one course Saturday. Hi-Di Butcher Boy, owned by Dorothy Hill of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and handled by Dick Shoemaker, won first. Boy ran a wide even ground race and handled well. He had three contacts with birds which he pointed and gave chase when his handler made the flush. Second went to Ouragan Mion Boy, owned by Ralph Kester, of Monmouth, Oregon and handled by Buck Bissell. This pup is better known as Grumpy and he went bird hunting from the start and never stopped. His ground race could have been compared to that of a big going pointer pup. Grumpy proved rather hard to handle and was out of judgment for several minutes, but turned up out front on the course. When in sight he looked like a bird dog with two finds on pheasant. Nimpo Sam, owned by J. H. McKie of Seattle and handled by Shoemaker placed third. Sam was not as wide as the first and second place dogs, but he handled kindly and had one find on quail. Fourth place went to Ouragan Maxie, owned and handled by Louis E. Tippett. Maxie's ground race was rather restricted, but she showed an excellent nose and had two well located finds.

Other starters were: Evergray's Rock-in Rythm, Evergray's Rollickin Rythm, Ouragan Doc, Ouragan Buck, Madamoiselle Chi-Chi, Crepe Suzette, and Coquette of Grouse Hollow.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE (12 Starters)

1st, Hi-Di Butcher Boy, owner, Doro-

thy Hill, handler, Dick Shoemaker. By Stubby San Juan x Judith of Ferncroft.
 2nd, Ouragan Mion Boy, owner, Ralph Kester, handler, Buck Bissell. By Unan I de Cornouialle x Ouragan Rusty.
 3rd, Nimpo Sam, owner, J. H. McKie, handler, Dick Shoemaker. By Stubby San Juan x Judith of Ferncroft.
 4th, Ouragan Maxie, owner and handler Louis E. Tippett. By Unan I de Cornouialle x Ouragan Rusty.

On completion of the Puppy Stake, the



Faulkner's Rip, Derby winner, owned by Dr. Don Faulkner.

Open Derby Stake got under way. Faulkner's Rip, owned by Dr. Don Faulkner of Seattle and handled by

Shoemaker was the winner of this stake. Rip had two finds on pheasant and one on quail which he handled with approved style. He punched hard and laid down an excellent ground pattern. Second went to the little liver and white bitch, Belle Fille de Richmond, owned by Joe Gerlock of Albany, California, and handled by Elmer Flack. Belle proved to be very fast with an attractive way of going that had the gallery buzzing. She had one find on pheasant which she handled like an all-age. Ouragan Sugar Cookie, owned and handled by Louis Tippett was third. Cookie showed good nose and had two finds. Hi-Di she pointed with nice style. Her ground race was short. Hi-Di Butcher Boy, the winner of the Puppy Stake, placed fourth with a good ground pattern and one find.

Also in competition were: Sally Sue, Ouragan Cutie, Mike's Skeeter Pinto, Unan's Lady, Flash, Caprice, Dubonnet De Balauzer, Jeff, Mary's Jeff,



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OPEN DERBY STAKE

(16 Starters)

1st, Faulkner's Rip, owner, Dr. Don Faulkner, handler, Dick Shoemaker. By Baldy of Paradise x Sassy Judy of Klammath.

2nd, Belle Fille de Richmond, owner, Joe Gerlock, handler, Elmer Flack. By Allamuchy Valley Warrior x Soize Mac Eochaidh.

3rd, Ouragan Sugar Cookie, owner and handled by Louis Tippett. By Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee x Stinger Du Juchoir.

4th, Hi-Di Butcher Boy.

Promptly at 7:00 a.m. with the sun shining and the chill of early morning still in the air, this stake got away on the number one course. Despite the early hour a large crowd was on hand and this increased later in the day to the largest gallery ever to follow a



This picture was taken shortly after the Oregon Brittany Club held its first licensed trial recently. From left to right are: Judge Al Evans, Judge Dr. W. B. Hare, Trainer Rance Niles and Treve Jones with Ouragan Beep (3rd Open All-Age), Trainer Elmer Flack with Bing of Dingville (2nd Open All-Age), and Trainer Dick Shoemaker and John Jarvis with Jacques de Ferncroft (1st Open All-Age).

trial in Oregon. Dick Shoemaker piloted Jacques de Ferncroft, owned by John Jarvis of Mercer Island, Wash. to first. The winners circle is old stuff to Jacques as he is well known in shooting dog competition in the northwest. He ran a medium wide ground race and had two finds on quail. Jacques was not as intense on point as could be desired, but his location and manners was good. He was also credited with a stop to flush on a pheasant. Braced with the winner was Bing of Dingville who accounted for second place. Bing was handled by Elmer Flack and had a

ground heat equal to his brace mate. He had one find on a covey of quail and one on a single sitting in a low bush. Bing's manners were good, but he pointed with a flagging tail. Ouragan Beep, owned by Treve Jones and handled by Rance Niles placed third. Beep, who is still of Derby age, had two finds on pheasant which he handled with excellent style. However, his ground pattern did not equal that of the first and second place dogs. Fourth place was won by Paul's White Flash, owned by Paul Robinson and handled by Ray Tanguay. Flash had three finds on pheasant and two stops to flush, but had an in and out race that kept him from a higher placement. Ashurst Jerry looked like a sure winner in this stake with three perfects on pheasant and two on quail until he became involved with a cripple that could not fly. Juchoir's Charcoal also impressed until he hit a running rabbit. Completing the field were: Hartman's Michael of El Monte, Reynell's Allamuchy Mike, Faulkner's Rip, Nancy A. of Loufel, Evergray's Tic Toc Bobby, Ouragan Nouilles, Brit of B'aisy Bas, Ultra-Mend Tippie, Jacques Bon Ami, Flis de Valgo Cracker, Beau Gars de Pourseu, Ike of El Monte, Viro's Brit and Pirrot de Fontaine Vallee.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE (20 Starters)

1st Jacques de Ferncroft, owner, John Jarvis, handler, Dick Shoemaker. By Puget Sound Express x Rainey du Mont.

2nd, Bing of Dingville, owner, Wallace Montna, handler, Elmer Flack. By Appel's Mac x Le Gras Jo Ann.

3rd, Ouragan Beep, owner, Treve Jones, handler, Rance Niles.

4th, Paul's White Flash owner, Paul Robinson, handler, Ray Tanguay.

DEL MONTE SHOW HAS LARGE ENTRY

The Del Monte Show at Pebble Beach, May 30th, was the top show of the year for the Brittany Spaniels. The entry being the largest entry yet, total 21, in West Coast shows. Mr. Maxwell Riddle, our most competent and respected judge, finished two Champions by placing Cherie D'Oiseau, owned by Mrs. S. Roose of Mt. View, Calif., as winners bitch and Gallenacious Doc, owned by Isabelle and H. H. MacDonald of San Carlos, Calif., as his Winners Dog. Mr. Riddle went on to place

"Cherie" to Best of Winners and Best of Breed over two Champions with Best of Opposite Sex going to Champion Bourbon de Colauzer, owned by Mr. George Monk of Redwood City, Calif.

The biggest thrill of the day came when Mr. Riddle placed "Cherie", handled by George Monk, **FIRST IN THE SPORTING GROUP**. This group win bares out the fact that the Brittany Spaniel is truly a "Dual Dog."

The exhibitors, as a whole, were very pleased with Mr. Riddle's considerate and constructive comments. They felt his thoroughness, in going over their dogs, was indicative of his full knowledge of the breed.

Mr. Riddle said "The quality of the Brittanies on the West Coast is exceptionally good and could win if shown anywhere in the United States. The Brittany classes today were even in quality and conformed excellently to type. I was impressed too, with the hardness of muscle indicating good field condition. It gave me a real pleasure to "judge the breed."

Reserve WD, Newt of Boel, Robert Ellis of Concord.

Reserve WB, Valgos Tiberentia a de Ore, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Hansen of Lafayette.

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Mon Ami Michael, owned by D. Neitzel, Oakland.

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Gallenacious Doc - Newt of Boel

PUPPY BITCHES 9-12

Belle Filles Debbie, Walker Cunningham, Berkeley.

NOVICE BITCHES

Tipperary de Colauzer, Chas. A. MacDonald, San Carlos.

AMERICAN BRED BITCHES

Ultramend Susette Ace, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones, Oakland.

OPEN BITCHES

Cherie D'Oiseau - Valgo's Tiberentia de Ore.

NORTH JERSEY BRITTANY TRIAL

Everyone agreed that the late Alan Stuyvesant would have been proud and happy to see the way the club in which he had such a major part in founding and was so much interested in is progressing. As evidenced by its annual spring trial, held this year at Bevans, N. J., on April 24-25, it has a fine group of sportsmen at the helm who are united in thought, endeavor and goal! The trial was a good one, buoyed by the youthfully enthusiastic and competent field trial chairman, Ted Cwik;



North Jersey Brittany Club officers pose for photo following annual spring trial at Bevans, N. J. From left to right they are: Harold Frantz, president; Al Meester, vice president; Martin Kracke, treasurer, Sanford Vreeland, secretary.

by Harold Frantz, the president, Sanford Vreeland, secretary and John Carrigan, field trial secretary, all of whom went all out to make it a notable success.

Although a feeling of sadness pervaded the gathering, due to the recent passing of the Brittany "pioneer" from Allamuchy, N. J., so many wonderful

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tributes were paid to Alan Stuyvesant, so many warm thoughts expressed that his presence was felt and rather than a sadness of depressing nature it was uplifting.

At a dinner held on Saturday night at the Crown's, Cuvers Lake trial headquarters, Dr. Charles Buvinger, past president of the club, gave a splendid talk honoring Alan. On view was the beautiful memorial trophy, a large sterling silver bowl given by the club for the amateur all age stake and which carries a replica for permanent possession of the winner.

Ray F. Machlett who, with Mrs. Machlett, had recently returned from a European trip, told of attending a dog show in Cannes, France, where the best is show was won by a Brittany, a son of the Machlett's "Unan," imparted for them by Alan who would have enjoyed, as all in attendance did, Ray's humorous account of trying to explain, in English, that he owned Unan while the French fanciers kept repeating that "Unan is now in America."

The dinner was a delightful affair, and included many visitors from the newly-formed Brittany Club of Upper New York, the Southern New England Club and even from California in the person of the likable Dr. J. M. Sullivan and his charming wife.

The course at the Flatbrook Tract in Bevans has been described in previous accounts of trials there. In the spring there is a lack of cover on much of the area due to extensive farming over parts of these state-owned public shooting grounds. This spring it was especially barren in some of the back course

fields.

However, for the Brittany trial where, of course, the handlers walk, it was possible to take a shortened course without crossing the roads into the far fields and this avoided the main portion of the close-cropped area and worked out very satisfactorily.

One of the chief features of the Flatbrook course is its spacious bird field which leads off into a long reach of



Robert Machlett, handler, and Paul Dawson, trainer, pose with Holly Haven Duchess after the Brittany was judged the first winner of the Alan Stuyvesant Trophy at the North Jersey Brittany Club spring trial.

natural hunting terrain. By continuing to move the dogs through land beyond the central part of the bird field, after sufficient time there, into this thicket-



The gallery at the North Jersey Brittany Club's spring field trials gather in open field at the close of the event which was held in the Flat Brook area in Bevans, N. J. The trial was judged to be one of the best in the club's history.

edged territory produced some interesting work and an opportunity to show staying power. This maneuver was introduced by the popular judges, Carl W. Shattuck of Mountain Lakes, N. J., and Jules Marron, Owassa Lake, N. J. and apparently met with great favor. As Mr. Marron had to leave early on Sunday, Bill Kull took his place for the Amateur stake.

Cover on the back course was to be found in the form of long, bordering hedgerows and wooded drop-offs along the outside, all of which made a good test for a dog's enterprise and judgment in selecting objectives. Well patterned, bold ground work could be prominently displayed while the lesser individuals had little chance to hide a lack of initiative and hence suffered accordingly.

Altogether the work was of quite superior quality. In recollecting some of



Ted Cwik, field trial secretary for the North Jersey Brittany Club, presents the Alan Stuyvesant Trophy to Bob Machlett with Club President Harold Frantz looking on.

the early Brittany trials where the general impression gained was that too few dogs showed polish on game, on this occasion a lack of steady manners was the exception rather than the rule . . . and the number of worthy performances showed that competition today is of stern stuff.

The entry of over fifty dogs was not as large as usual at this event but could be accounted for by the fact that the Ohio trial was on the same date. The weather was fair, quite warm and humid.

The Jersey trial must hold some sort of record for completion of field titles and also for dual championships won

there. Only last year Pierre de Fontaine Vallee finished his dual championship at Jersey. This year Holly Haven Duchess, a picture of poetry in motion and with superb style and character on game, rose brilliantly to the top in both the open all age and the amateur stake to join the ranks of the illustrious Brittanies who hold dual titles.

Her field training was started after she had won show honors and in her short career she has established an enviable record of five major wins, among them a second at Jersey last year, and at Pinehurst. She won the all age at Southern New England in '53. She is owned by Henry Holleyoak of Wyandotte, Mich., and was handled in the open by Paul Dawson and in the amateur by R. R. Machlett Jr. "Bob" is fast becoming an expert handler.

Consistency seemed to be the order of the day for Britt of Blaisy Bas, owned by Mrs. Mary Sullivan and handled by Dr. J. M. Sullivan of Berkeley, Cal., placed second in both the open and amateur all age stakes. Both dogs gave superb exhibitions. Duchess' back course was the more outstanding and she exhibited extreme positiveness and classic style. She made every jump count in reaching to likely spots and in her swift, effortless gait she was tireless in eager seeking.

In the open stake she had two solid finds and a stop to flush. In the amateur she set a high standard in the first brace, surged over the countryside, taking every hedgerow to the end,



North Jersey Open All-Age winners: from left to right, Holly Haven Duchess with Paul Dawson, Britt of Blaisy Bas with Dr. J. M. Sullivan, Holman's Yankee Traveler with Lee Holman and Robespierre of Leeway with Mrs. Cwik.

reaching for the next objective and always to front at a powerful pace. In the bird field she had two finds, hit

hard, styled up rightly, with flawless finish to wing and shot. She also had a sight back to her credit and finished very strong.

Britt ran a level intelligent ground heat and exhibited exceptionally good drive in the bird area where he had a high class find and two backs. In the amateur he had an extremely meritorious find in woods at the far end of the bird field where she showed good



North Jersey Amateur All-Age winners: from left to right, Holy Haven Duchess with Bob Machlett, Judge Carl Shattuck, Britt of Blaisy Bas with Mrs. J. M. Sullivan, Jersey Jeff with Dr. J. M. Weisert, Judge Bill Kull and Helgramite Howie D'Acajou with W. B. Stevenson.

tensity and finish. On a previous find in a slough he stopped close to his bird and went down, remaining steady, when it was put up under his nose. Both individuals set a goal that was hard to match.

Holman's Yankee Traveler, owned by D. F. Olund of Skokie, Ill., handled by Lee Holman, won the third spot in the open stake by virtue of excellent ground work and two well handled finds. Toward the end of his time she showed fatigue.

Robespierre of Leeway, owned by Thomas Fitzgerald of Indianapolis, handled by Bill Kull, turned in a brilliant back course race and had two creditably finished finds to annex fourth.

Third in the amateur went to the consistent performer, Dr. J. M. Weisert's Jersey Jeff. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, owner-handled, as usual by W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn., was winner of fourth.

There were ten derbies in which there was outstanding work by Saxon of Fredann, owned by Dr. Fred Z. White of Chillicothe, Ill., handled by Lee Holman. This made the second win in 28

days for the youngster who was put with Holman this spring.

Susan's Heidi, owned by Dr. A. F. Dick of Wayne, Michigan, was piloted



North Jersey Derby winners: from left to right, Saxon of Fredann with Lee Holman, Susan's Heidi with Paul Dawson, Ted's Hilchen Villette with Ted Cwik and Pierre de Vallee with Mrs. Cwik.

to the second place by Paul Dawson. Third went to Ted Cwik's owner-handled Ted's Hilchen Villette from Clinton, N. J. Jays Pierre de Vallee, belonging to J. Allison of Couth Bend, Ind., handled by Bill Kull, was fourth.

Nine puppies competed, with first place won by Uno's Rex of Paradise, owned by Jack Secor of Niles, Mich. Gagel's Dutchman, owned by M. W. Gagel of Kansas City, Mo., was second.



North Jersey Brittany Club Puppy winners: from left to right, Uno's Rex of Paradise with Bill Kull, Gagel's Dutchman with Hugo Blasberg, and Pacolette's Atomic Lad with Lee Holman.

The handler of both individuals was Bill Kull. Third went to Pacolette's Atomic Lad, owned by Nil O. Nielsen of Pacolette Mills, S. C. with Lee Holman handling. Beau Jacques, a youngster from the Allamuchy Kennels of Harold Frantz, was handled by his owner, to fourth.

OHIO BRITTANY CLUB FIELD TRIAL

GINNY MORSE

The Ohio Brittany Club held their annual Spring Field Trial at Killdeer Plains, Harpster, Ohio, on April 24 and 25.

For the gallery the weather was ideal-bright and sunshiny with nary a breeze, though for some a little too much heat and many a person left with their first sunburn of the year. For the dogs the weather was a handicap. The heat, still air and wet conditions under foot coupled with new green undergrowth made scenting conditions practically nill. It was only late in the afternoon hours of each day when a slight breeze came up that there was any marked birdwork.

Neighboring states were well represented at our trial. Dr. and Mrs. Yant, Susan and Gretchen came from Pennsylvania. Michigan was well represented with Ruby and Earl Cappel (Little Dingo), Bill Averill, Jane Thompson (Queenie), Nellie and Ray Fritts, Dick Wood, Bill Szubielak and Dr. and Jean Dick. The Campells from Indiana were attending their first field trial and Ruth and Jack Secor made the long trip even though they had no dog to run. Of course no trial would be complete without Tom and Lola Cox from Illinois. Nicky Bissell flew in from New Hampshire to join Buck at the trial. We were all happy to see our National Secretary Walt Kleeman who attended both days even though it was necessary to make the long drive back to Springfield both nights. Of course we all missed Dr. Scott who due to illness was unable to run his two entries.

The grounds were located at Killdeer Plains near Harpster, Ohio. This is a new area purchased by the state which is ideally suited to field trial with plenty of room, good cover and an abundance of game. The course itself gave the dogs plenty of chance to show their wares. The dogs broke away to the south and passed thru a scrub oak field into an open stubble field which gave them plenty of chance to show their heels. The extreme right of this field was bordered by a ditch furnishing plenty of cover for native

birds to hide in thus giving the dogs plenty of chance to show real hunting ability. They then gradually swung to the west between two small woods again furnishing good objectives. Upon completing this swing the dogs entered a huge stubble birdfield of around 80 acres.

Judging the Open, Derby and Amateur were Bill Crooks of Kenton, Ohio, and W. Logan Case of Ravenna who so graciously substituted for Ed Staunton of Chicago, Ill., who was unable to attend. Tom Cox and Buck Bissell passed judgment on the puppies.

Field Ch. Hero's Master Spot, owned by Dr. Lee and handled by Jane Thompson nailed down the coveted first place in the Open All Age with a class performance. Spot ran high, wide and handsome hunting hard all the way. He had one excellent find in the birdfield on quail. The second place dog



Ohio Open All-Age winners: from left to right, Ch. (F) Hero's Master Spot with Jane Thompson, Dual Ch. Pierott de Fontaine Vallee with Nicky Bissell, Tigre de Klemanor with Tom Cox and Ch. (F) Ronile Avant Coureur with Lola Cox. In the rear are Judges Logan Case and Bill Crooks.

was Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee owned by Alice Clough and handled by Nicky Bissell. Curley really covered the backcourse hunting out every possible spot and his birdfield find was a thing of beauty. Nicky was quite a while getting to him but Curley never moved. Walt Kleeman's stylish little Brit, Ch. (B) Tigre de Klemanor copped third spot. Tigre was handled by Tom Cox. He ran a good fast ground heat and had one very stylish find. He required a bit more handling than the first two dogs. Tom Cox also piloted the fourth place dog Field Ch. Ronile Avant Coureur owned by Jerry Halle. Skippy really cut loose covering every likely spot. He had a find in the back-



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course but the birds flushed before his handler could reach him. Skippy showed perfect all age manners by remaining until ordered on. Meadowink Jerry, Reed's Beau Brummel and Ch. (B) Avono Corky had class back courses but the fact that they went birdless kept them out of the placements. Also impressive were Nanette du Boise, Pontac's Hero, Belloaks Highflyer, Tennessee Luke and Diane de Beauch.

Flash, owned by John Emerson and handled by Buck Bissell turned in a superb performance to nail down first spot in the derby. This wide going little brit was out there for one reason only, to hunt and hunt he did. He had birdwork in both the backcourse and birdfield—his total count three finds all handled in perfect derby fashion holding staunch until his handler flushed and then giving a merry chase. Close



Ohio Puppy winners: from left to right, Dingo Gala Gal with Jane Thompson, Holly Haven Doc with Dr. Dick, Stubby with Pa Kerkhoff and Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire with Ruby Chappell.

behind Flash in second spot was Reed's Skyline Katie, owned and handled by Robert Barteaux. This merry little bitch ran a fast heat and had a superb find on the backcourse on a native hen pheasant. Her brace mate Miller's Buddy, owned and handled by Harold Miller was third. Buddy ran a class ground heat and went birdless despite the fact he hunted all likely cover. Tom Cox piloted Orange Grove Mark, owned by M. F. Baugher to fourth spot. This slam bang little dog really cut the backcourse to pieces and flushed and chased a pheasant. Brace mates Wippy Ichabod of Oakleaf and Nicolet de Rallim were impressive. Their run was comparable to the winners but they went birdless.

Dingo's Gala Gal, owned by W. Cald-

well and handled by Jane Thompson won the puppy stake with a consistent race and one good find. In second spot was Hollyhaven Doc, owned and handled by Dr. Dick. Doc hunted very independently and had an excellent find. Third place dog was Stubby, owned and handled by P. A. Kerkhoff. This



Ohio Amateur winners: from left to right, King of Doneroven with W. LeMay, Dual Ch. Bonaire Doc with Gretchen Yant, Ch. (B) Avono Corky with Chuck Morse and Nanette Du Boise with Dick Wood.

wide going little gal ran the class heat of the stake but slowed down the last five minutes. Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire, owned by E. Mueller and handled by Jane Thompson nailed down fourth spot with a wide fast ground heat. Doc's Donne and Litt'e Doe were close behind the winners.

Brace mates King of Doneroven and Dual Ch. Bonaire Doc were first and second in the Amateur All Age Stake. King, owned and handled by Whit LeMay ran a medium ground heat and had four finds, Doc, owned by Dr. Yant and handled by his daughter, Gretchen, outranged his brace mate on the backcourse. He hunted hard all the way hitting all tough cover. His two finds really spelled class. Third place dog was Ch. (B) Avono Corky, owned and handled by Chuck Morse. Corky ran a fast wide ground heat casting to all objectives taking advantage of the slight breeze that came up. He had one find in the birdfield. Dick Wood piloted his little bitch Nanette du Boise to fourth place. Nan ran a fairly wide fast race hunting all the way. Her one find was a beauty relocating perfectly when the bird moved. Close behind the winners were Field Ch. Ronile Avant Coureur, Field Ch. Meadowink Buzz and Field Ch. Meadowink Jim.

Field Trial Secretary Chuck Morse wishes to thank all members for their fine support, his committee Robert Bartheaux, George Millar, Mima Millar and our genial president Harold Reed, the trophy committee Walter Rawlin, Gordon Telzrow and Hulick Greene. John and Margaret Schuckert, who were responsible for the fine entertainment Saturday night, Lucille Reed, who furnished the favors and Lee Gaebelein, who spent long hours making stakes for our tent.

PUPPY STAKE

1st, Dingo Gala Gal, by Pontac's Dingo x Yankee Girl 11. Owner W. Caldwell, handler, Jane Thompson.

2nd, Holly Haven Doc by Eld. Ch. Jersey Jeff x Holly Haven Bonnie. Owner and Handler, Dr. A. F. Dick.

3rd, Stubby by Duck de Bretagne x Suzanne de Mac Eochaidh. Owner and handler, P. A. Kerkhoff.

4th, Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire by Pontac's Dingo and Yankee Girl 11. Owner E. Mueller, handler, Jane Thompson.

DERBY STAKE

1st, Flash, by Dual Ch. Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee x Cheri of White Hub. Owner, John Emerson, handler, R. H. Bissell.

2nd, Reed's Skyline Katie, by Spang-

haven Skyline x Reed's Petite Fille. Owner and handler, R. H. Bartheaux Jr.

3rd, Miller's Buddy by Beaucoup Pete de Richmond x Bonnie Betsie. Owner and handler, Harold Miller.

4th, Orange Grove Mark by Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee x Cheri of White Hub. Owner, M. F. Baugher, handler, Tom Cox.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE

1st, Hero's Master Spot by Pontac's Hero x Nankay's Mitzi. Owner, Dr. H. E. Lee, handler Jane Thompson.

2nd, Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee by Ch. Avono Jake x Ch. Suzanne de Beauch. Owner, Alice Clough, handler, Nicky Bissell.

3rd, Ch. (B) Tigre de Klemanor by Ch. Buccaneer de Klemanor x Ch. Wanda de L'Argoat. Owner Walter B. Kleeman, handler Tom Cox.

4th Ronile Avant Coureur by Dual Ch. Avono Happy x Ronile Avono Moonray. Owner Jerome Halle handler Tom Cox.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

1st, King of Doneroven by Gar-Roux x Paw Paw Dasher. Owner and handler Whit LeMay.

2nd Bonaire Doc (Dual Ch.) by Bonaire Bob x Freckles. Owner W. P. Yant, handler, Gretchen Yant.

3rd, Ch. Avono Corky by Dual Ch. Avono Happy x Ch. Fun Galore Louella. Owner and handler, Charles Morse.

4th Nanette Du Boise by Ch. Toffee Idoc De Basgard x Penny Avec Moi. Owner and handler, Richard Wood.

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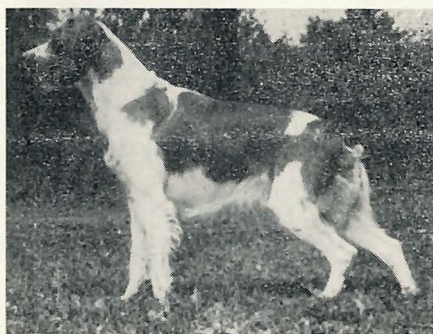
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FIELD TRIAL . . . DOWN MEXICO WAY

By EVELYN MONTE

It was in January that Alan Stuyvesant, Dr. Harold Ersig of Toledo, Ohio, and I arrived in Mexico, by invitation of the Mexican Kennel Club, to judge the first field trial held there in fourteen years. Many of our readers will remember Yves Besnier, a most likable young man from Mexico City, who spent some time here several years ago visiting Alan. Yves ran several Brittanies in trials and belonged to the Brittany Club and several field trial clubs when he was here and won many friends. Yves was chairman for the trial in Mexico and had planned to run the event in a similar manner to our one course trials with which he had become very familiar. It was a fine and interesting trial and we also had a delightful time on shooting trips and being handsomely entertained by our Mexican friends.

So, for a little while, let us travel to that land of the Montezuma quail and the brave bulls, of ducks flying in clouds against azure skies over the wide, shallow waters of lagoons while, in the distance the snow-capped peaks of twin volcanoes glowed a deep rose in the rays from a sinking sun. Let's listen to the soft ripple of the water as the broad-hatted Mexican boys poled our flat-bottom boats against the purple shadows of the "charros." And then let us go to the field trial held 'mid maguey plants under time-scarred cliffs on the grounds of a gun club outside Mexico City. The course lay in a deep valley, pasture land for an assortment of cattle, burros and goats, which were driven out of the way by small boys perched perilously astride their horses. A tiny, barefoot girl with a little stick in her hand, quietly and unhurried, softly "sh-sh'd" a small flock of turkeys up on a hillside. It was a beautiful spot.

Alan and I had arrived by plane two days before the trial. Dr. and Mrs. Ersig had driven down earlier and were with the group which gave us a wonderful welcome at the airport. Yves and his family were there, his beautiful wife and his charming mother. There was Senor Casenueva, president of the Kennel Club or, properly, the Associa-

tion Canofila de Mexico, also the handsome Miguel Gamboa who had pioneered field trials in Mexico for many years and who had a great deal to do with the success of this one. He is affiliated with a newspaper and the trial had splendid advance publicity with headlines and pictures of the visiting judges



The late Alan R. Stuyvesant and Evelyn Monte (on horse) mark their scorecards during a field trial down in Mexico. Background shows terrain and cover of the Mexican course.

and lengthy rite-ups and pictures of the winners after the trial.

As we whirled away in the night from the airport in an open-top car, driven by Yves brother, Sergio, we were told about the plans for duck shooting and for quail shooting on a bull ranch, one of the oldest in Mexico, where the young bulls are raised for the fights . . . how there were "so many" Montezuma quail in the fields where the young bulls ranged. "It", said Yves, "would be a wonderful place to hold the trial." Just as I was wondering what we were supposed to do about the bulls and whether I could learn a little bull fighting technique beforehand, Yves added that it had, however, been decided to have the trial near the city so that there would be a bigger gallery, their idea being to get more people interested in field trials.

A difficulty appeared to be birds for "planting" in the birdfield such as we do here in one-course trials. They had managed to get some quail for the trial but they were young birds and

not very good flyers. Yves had heard of a place in Cuernavaca where it might be possible to buy quail and, in hopes of improving on the quality of the birds, we would drive there early next morning. It was a beautiful trip through wild, rugged country on a road like the New Jersey Turnpike . . . Mexico is like that, a fascinating combination of old world antiquity and the most modern.

It was a grand trip, but we were unsuccessful in obtaining more birds. We were, however, able to get back to the city in time to change for a duck shoot.

It wasn't for us to reason why one would expect to find ducks flying on a warm, sunny day and only thirty-some minutes from the city limits. Infact, it wasn't for us to reason or make a decision at any time. Our Mexican friends had every minute planned and couldn't have been more hospitable and kind. We just went where we were toted and as for that siesta one hears about, there "just warn't" any such thing.

The "chaos" are wide waters, shallow and with narrow strips of land breaking through in a haphazard pattern. Senor Casanueva had a Labrador along. I wondered why there weren't more dogs. The Mexican boys, the "muchachos," carried our guns, our shells and the decoys. We walked out, far out on the land strips. We came to a wider place where there was a stone hut and more boys to join us. The usual number of mongrel dogs found with every Indio family, growled a little at the Lab but were not hostile . . . evidently there is a caste system among them.

Flat bottom boats, poled by a boy, carried each of us and our gear to a designated blind. Even before we reached the blinds, ducks were flying . . . many teal, pintail, some canvas-back . . . no mallards, they say, on these grounds. The boys act as retrievers. They are good markers and very skillful at wading after and capturing divers. They stow the ducks in the boats. As the sun dropped behind the hills we left the blinds, the boy poling us back to the landing and carrying our stuff to the cars. Then they squatted in a circle and cleaned the ducks in just about the time it took for us to

pull on jackets against the cool of the evening.

They understood about the lack of dogs to be used as retrievers. Until there is a dog which will carry your gear, man the boats and clean the game, the "muchacho" will never be replaced.

Quail shooting is something else. For that they need, and do use, a great many dogs. These were the dogs we had in the field trial. It could easily be seen that they are good shooting dogs.



Field Trial in Mexico: Judges Evelyn Monte (third from right), the late Alan R. Stuyvesant, second from right), and Dr. Harold Ersig (right) watch presentation of trophy to Jose Herrero during a field trial in Mexico. Making presentation is Senor Casanueva, president of the Mexican Kennel Club and at the left is Miguel Gamboa. The dog is "Judy Sun Valley," a German pointer which took second place in Open All-Age.

There were Pointers, German Shorthairs, Brittany Spaniels and English Setters. A Gordon Setter, the only one in Spain and imported by his owner, Senor Carlos Alonso, won the shooting dog stake. In the open all-age the winner was a Pointer which would do credit to any of our major amateur all-age stakes. Named Catrin, he was handled by his owner, Senor Jorge Hussein, an Egyptian, now living in Mexico. Senor Jose Herrero's German Shorthairs, Tosca and Judy, placed second, respectively in the shooting dog and all-age stakes. Senor Alonso Zamora, who showed several excellent dogs, placed his Pointers, Queen, third in the shooting dog

and Dan, fourth in the all-age. Perla de Puebla, a very fine working Brittany bitch, owner handled by Yves Besnier, was third in the All-age.

Perla also won the trophy which Alan put up for the best Brittany in the trial. She is really a lovely worker and beautifully trained by Yves. When we went quail shooting . . . yes, on the bull ranch, some hundred miles south of Mexico City . . . she really shone, had many good finds, beautifully pointed, and retrieved.

Although there appeared to be a preponderance of short-coated dogs in Mexico, pointers and German shorthairs, there are quite a few Brittanies and it seems to me that they are quite ideal for that country, because of size, easily transported on the long treks to the hunting territory and their coats just heavy enough to be protection against the harsh cover. They are hardy, rugged enough to stand the heat and so adaptable, both for land and water.

The judges had excellent mounts, Mexican Army horses brought by uniformed cavalymen. I might add that they arrived about two hours late each day but no one seemed disturbed by that and we just walked the first few braces. The first day I was dressed to the teeth in my neatest-fitting breeches and shiniest riding boots; the next day I wore trousers and walking boots.

We didn't have any language difficulties. Most of the Mexicans spoke English. If they didn't, Alan spoke enough Spanish so that we managed. For half a day we wondered just when some dog would cast up the hillside and discover the flock of turkeys, and sure enough, it happened. Two shorthairs were down and they gamboled along up the hill. That was it. How the big Tom ever flew to safety across a ravine I'll never know. Only one small, very skinny turkey was killed but there was bedlam for a while. The handlers were yelling, we were shouting, but that was nothing to the screams from the entire family of Indios who came running out of their small adobe shanty.

The handlers seemed quite unconcerned and Alan opined that we might as well continue and then explained to Yves so that the field trial committee would pay for the fowl. Dr. Ersig, a kindly gentleman, laid back, trying to

explain to the excited Indians, but as he spoke only English and sign language and the Indios understood neither, he finally gave up, caught up to us and we went on to the bird field.

We had hardly reached it, when an entire delegation trounded into the field from the sidelines. There was an old man, a woman carrying the dead turkey, and a whole flock of children, each one clutching either a puppy or



Yves Besnier poses with his "Perla de Puebla" and a whole raft of elegant Montezuma" quail. The dog placed third in the all-age classification and won the Stuyvesant trophy for being the best Brittany in the trials.

kitten or chicken. And who was the object of their threats and tears and shrill lamentations? None other than Dr. Ersig, a good old "Uncle Sam," who had tried to do his best to right someone else's wrongs and only got the blame. There he sat, bewildered, his horse surrounded by the Indio family, the woman gesticulating wildly and evidently demanding that he pay for their great loss. The owner of the dog that did the damage, it might be added, strode regally off the field, completely aloof. Although the turkey was paid for after considerable bartering, that wasn't the end of it. Every once in a while during the day, the family would suddenly appear and again begin to give Dr. Ersig "why for," or else they stood on the sidelines and glowered at him.

He, the most innocent, was the culprit as far as they were concerned. Finally, after a few more pesos had been added to the price of the turkey, they drifted away. Alan and I had a good laugh and a great deal of fun kidding Dr. Ersig. But when the all age stake came along, the others had a good laugh on me!

Senor Husseim came out to the starting line with a fine looking pointer. Just to look at the dog, you knew he was a good one and you a so knew he could run and that he'd had some experience in trials. I remarked that this looked like a dog that might have been in trials in the United States and Senor Husseim replied that as a matter of fact, he had bought the dog from a trainer in the Carolinas but he added "he is so funny, he just runs and runs and he pays no attention to me, he runs "way off." Good we thought, that's what we'd like to see. Well, the dog started, fast and strong in a sweeping big cast that carried him out across and turned toward the bird field. Senor Husseim laughed loudly, "See?" he said, "just as I told you, he just runs wild." "Blow on your whistle," I urged. "keep blowing." I was sure that the dog only needed a little handling. Sure enough when I finally got the Senor to stop laughing the dog turned, came to the front and laid out a beautiful big race. All he needed was to hear that whistle once in a while. He came into the bird field, had two good finds, steady to wing and shot and we had a good first place dog.

In the next brace Senor Husseim appeared with a German shorthair and this dog just ambled along at very close range. But the good Senor blew on his whistle. He blew hard and long and so much that his brace mates dog who was, his handler said, quite unaccustomed to a whistle, began to show the effects. The other handler became angrier and angrier. He complained angrily to Alan. I kept telling Senor Husseim that he didn't need to blow on his whistle this time but he had learned to use that whistle and by gosh, he was having a good time with it. Alan began to laugh at my efforts to keep my Senor quiet. "It's all your fault," Alan said, "you told him to blow on that whistle and nothing is

going to stop him." Nothing did.

Thanks go to the good planning and hard work of the committee for the trial appeared to be a huge success. At least everyone seemed quite happy about it. These are a happy and most polite people and surely everyone seemed to have a good time. The weather was warm, June-like, but the altitude prevents any sticky humidity.

The trial finished on Sunday afternoon — it ran two days — in time for us to go to the bull fights.

We eventually made the trip to the bull rancho and had some wonderful shooting. We had with us Perla and Senor Zamora's pointer Dan and a couple of other dogs which had been in the trial. Perla and Dan did some beautiful work. The rancho was a fabulous place, an ancient hacienda, one of the few that survived the revolution, with great corrals and stone barns and thousands of acres of glorious country rolling off into distant hills.

Yves said that the bulls rarely noticed one, that they are usually in a herd and when all together that way are "very happy." Only if one may be separated, he might get angry, he added. "And what," I asked, "do you do then?"

"Run and climb a tree," was the answer. The trees, with very few exceptions, were all very small cedars so I wondered about that but as it happened, we were not put to any test of our sprinting ability. Anyway, you go along for a short way and soon there is a dog on point and the rise of a great covey and you forget all about the brave bulls.

After this trip I returned to the States. Dr. Ersig went on to Vera Cruz and Alan stayed over for snow goose shooting at a hacienda north of Mexico City. He had, he said, always looked forward to seeing the snow goose flying and had never had that experience. It was his last hunting trip.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor

American Brittany Club Magazine
Dear Sir:

The application of the science of

genetics, especially in the fields of poultry and dairy cattle breeding, has produced some wonderful results. The application of this science to the breeding of dogs presents a new approach in the development of new strains or specific characteristics.

Our School of Agriculture and Division of Adult Education are contemplating a meeting of from three to five days duration in which the science of genetics would be related to the field of dog breeding. The first meeting, being short, would present the possibilities of a scientific procedure. A later meeting of longer duration is contemplated in which the techniques as applied to dogs would be studied.

The subject of animal behavior, from a psychological point of view will also be included in the original meeting. This is being included for its value in training dogs.

So far as we know this is the first attempt to organize a meeting of this kind. We felt that it offers great possibilities to breeders. Would you please give us your reactions?

In establishing a date for the meeting we find that December 13-17 and February 16 to 19 are available. Do you see any conflicts with these dates?

Cordially yours

Merle M. McClure
Assistant Director
Purdue University
Lafayette, Indiana

SOUTHEASTERN CLUB ATTENDS GREENVILLE SHOW

The members of the Southeastern Brittany Club turned out to support the entry at the Greenville Kennel Club show on April 10th. Judge was Mrs. Alf Le Pine and she was faced with the largest entry yet assembled in this area. Best of winners and Best of Breed went to Juchoir's Glamorous Gertie, owned and handled by Nicky Bissell. Best of opposite sex was won by Nils Nielsen with his Pacolet's Hel-lou Jet. Reserve winners dog was Hal Sharp's Blanc du Juchoir ably handled by Mrs. Sharp. Reserve winners bitch was Ruby of Edough, owned and handled by Nils Nielsen.

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND BRITTANY CLUB TRIAL

As usual the Central New England trials were beset with bad luck weatherwise. Though Saturday started off beautifully before the weekend was over it had turned cold and the heavens had let loose many times. Scenting conditions went from bad to worse particularly in the derby. The judges



Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Ac-ajou was winner of the Amateur All-Age stake by a wide margin during the Central New England Brittany Club trials.

took it all well though they must have been chilled to the bone at times.

The drawing took place in the clubhouse on the Woburn grounds, the new locale of the trials. Drawing in total darkness can be very confusing as we all found out but the light company didn't get the lights fixed till Saturday.

Everyone was pleased to see Charlie Doherty again in the saddle. He judged the first Brittany trial ever held in New England and gave the first Britts in New England many a break in pointer competition. His 'Saddle Partner' was James Finn, Irish Setter enthusiast. The winner was the strong running and hard hunting Gagel's Dutchman handled by 'Willy' Kull. Dutch is no stranger to a blue ribbon and earned it well this day. His litter mate, Uno's Rex of Paradise, also in Willy's string accounted for a second. On this day not as strong running as his mate, he still went hunting all the way and impressed with his future potentialities. Lee Holman piloted the third place winner Pacolet's Atomic Lad. But the dog that got the cheers from the gal-

lery was the 4th place winner, a local pup, Oakridge Rouille, owned, bred and handled by Jim Hutchinson.

The open all age followed with Charlie still in the saddle but this time accompanied by brother Bob Finn. The winner came from the brace of two liver dogs, Tex of Richmond and Beaucoup Pete. They were nip and tuck on entering the bird fie'd with Pete having a slight edge on the ground-heat. A nice find on the far side, which handler had difficulty producing and on which dog stood with beautiful manners about guaranteed that Pete was the winner. But never count on a dog til' you hear the call 'Pick em up.' Tex went down on a bird right in front of the gallery. As handler Holman picked up the bird and tossed it out Pete crossed in front going the same way as the bird. It was too much for Pete and he was last seen entering the brush in full pursuit. We hear he even caught up with it much to Willy's dismay. Tex in the meantime had another find which wrapped the stake up. These two really laid down a class ground heat. Dr. Sullivan, a welcome visitor from the west got the red. That ribbon is getting to be a habit with Britt he says. Britt laid down a nice hunting groundheat in the unfamiliar terrain. He had two finds and on the first Doc had difficulty getting his gun to fire but Britt stayed through it all. His second find was perfection. Third place went to the consistent winner Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee handled by Nicky Bissell. On his first find, one of those soaking wet birds that landed like a dead one ten feet from the dog's nose, Curly took one jump. The second he pointed, brace mate stole the point, opposing handler to be on the safe side tried to pick up the bird from under his dog's nose, bird ran in little circles, both handlers endeavoring to flush, but dog was mannerly through it all. Fourth went to Mandy of Edough with two flawless finds. If her ground heat had been of the same sterling character the results would have been different, but she picked this day to do some loafing out back.

Sunday morning with its intermittent downpours, raised havoc with the dog

work. Practically all the derbies either circled their birds or dived in to pick up soaked quail. The weather didn't help the backcourse efforts and too many dogs ran the trails or just put-tered along. The only two consistent ground heats, dogs that hunted from the first jump were the first and second place winners. They were called back in order to see them on birds again as Toffee Idoc Redde had gone birdless in his first attempt and Man of Edough had been suspected of pulling off a bird. In this second attempt Redde found both birds and his manners were almost of all age caliber being staunch and steady on his first and having a delayed chase on his second. Man's conduct was all right so he was given second slot. Third went to Tennessee Stormy Sue who had a fair ground working effort and one good find, hard hit and another that she danced around on as most of the dogs did that day. Fourth went to Jay's Pierre de Vallee who had the best bird work in the series but only a half hearted ground heat. Impressive in his work was Doc Joe of Kaymore owned and handled by Phil Morehouse. Doc, when he started did a good consistent job of hunting all the way. He gave a rabbit a fast merry chase on the back course and in the bird field had a nice find that he held though handler had difficulty finding bird. Doc went in to help. Also called back in the second series was Wippy Ichabod of Oakleaf, a flashy red dog but he failed to better himself the second time round. Saxon of Fredann ran a big ground heat but went birdless.

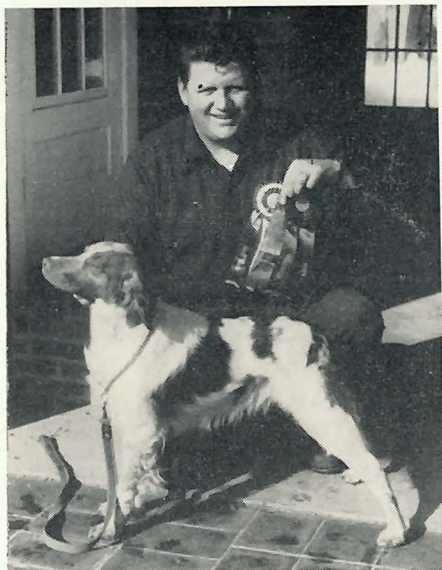
The amateur all age wound up the trial. Winner by a wide margin was Helgramite Howie d'Acajou. He had a find on entering the birdfield, followed by several others and ending with a divided find on a big covey near the woods. Doc was the dog in this stake. The others trailed far behind. Remarkable Britt laid down one of the best groundheats a dog could have on that course. He was all over the country but showing in front just often enough. He pointed a poor flyer in birdfield and retrieved. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, this time handled by

Frank Wallace was third. A hidden quail had Frank buffaloeed so Curly reached down and picked it up for him. His other finds were OK. Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee accounted for fourth. Along with his good finds he also had a partial retrieve that he spit out at command. At least this amateur stake proved that Britts are good meat dogs.

The winners:

PUPPY STAKE

1st, Gagel's Dutchman, owner, Gagel,



Tom H. Ryan Jr., owner of Oxbow Kennels, Norway, Maine, is shown with Ch. Oxbow Vandy Van who finished for Ch. Feb. 21 and 22, 1954-

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2nd, Uno's Rex of Paradise, owner Se-
cor, handler Kull.

3rd, Pacolet's Atomic Lad, owner Niel-
sen, handler, Holman.

4th, Oakridge Rouille, owner and hand-
ler, Jim Hutchinson.

DERBY STAKE

1st, Toffee Idoc Redde, owner, Toffee
Idoc Kennel, handler Bissell.

2nd, Man of Edough, owner Bob Buick,
handler Holman.

3rd, Tennessee Stormy Sue, owner Dr.
Truex, handler Kull.

4th, Jay's Pierre de Vallee, owner Alli-
son, handler Kull.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE

1st, Tex of Richmond, owner Nielson,
handler Holman.

2nd, Britt of Blaisy Bas, owner and
handler Doc Sullivan.

3rd, Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, owner
R. H. Bissell, handler Nicky Bissell.

4th, Mandy of Edough, owner Bob
Buick, handler Holman.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

1st, Helgramite Howie d'Acajou, owner
and handler, Stevenson.

2nd, Remarkable Britt, owner and
handler, Ed Huntington.

3rd, Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee, hand-
ler, Frank Wallace.

4th, Remarkable de Fontaine Vallee,
owner and handler, H. Farnsworth.

ALL PUPPIES WERE SAVED

In Veterinary Medicine Joseph D. Leaming, V.M.D., of North Wales, Pa., gives the detail's of his immunization procedure which resulted in bringing through without mishap three litters of 15 Pointer and Beagle puppies born and raised in a distemper contaminated environment where three months previously 18 out of 60 dogs of all ages had died of distemper. The puppies were prophylactically treated with canine distemper and infectious hepatitis antiserum administered subcutaneously at the rate of 1 cc. per lb. of body weight, at one week of age, and at weekly intervals thereafter for a total of three injections. At five weeks of age, each pup recieved 2 cc. canine distemper vaccine, modified live virus avianized, and 0.5 cc. per lb. of body weight canine distemper and infectious hepatitis antiserum by subcutaneous injection. A second subcutaneous injection of 2 cc avianized distemper vaccine was administered at three months of age. At three and one half to four months of age, all puppies are reported in excellent health. (Reprinted from the Gaines Dog Research Progress).

SO. NEW ENGLAND SPRING FIELD TRIAL

The 300 acres which have come to be known as Hellgramite Hollow played host again this Spring to visitors and members of the Southern New England Brittany Club.

Comprised of the adjoining estates of Mr. R. R. Machlett and Dr. F. W. Birkman the area, which lies south of Pawling and north of Brewster in southeast New York State, must be adjudged unique among the field trial grounds over which the Brittanies compete, for both in scenic charm and personal hospitality, Hellgramite Hollow has been richly endowed.

However, as must inevitably happen at even the best regulated field trials, the weatherman reserved Saturday and half of Sunday to replenish the lagging water supply in this, the New York City Watershed area, for rain was the order of the day on Saturday as eager Puppy owner and handlers congregated atop the gallery slope.

Seven pups with seven soggy coats collected at about 10:00 a.m. to hear how, in the opinion of Judges Elias Vail of Staatsburg, New York and William Gladwin of Brewster, New York, they had fared, but it was not until the noontime break that Uno's Rex of Para-



Southern New England Puppy Stake winners, from left to right, Uno's Rex of Paradise with Bill Kull, Gagel's Dutchman with Betty June and Pacolet's Atomic Lad with Lee Holman.

dise, owned by Jack Secor, Niles, Michigan, was declared winner of the stake. Displaying a sincere desire to hunt despite the raw day, this merry little Brit topped the honors for his hardy handler, Bill Kull, of Goshen, Indiana. Bill's

joy was further heightened when Gagel's Dutchman, owned by John W. Gagel, Kansas City, Missouri, was pronounced runnerup, but total victory was not for Bill as Pacolet's Atomic Lad, owned by Nils G. Nielson, Pacolet Mills, South Carolina, and handled by Lee Holman of Whittington, Illinois, earned a close third place.

Bill Kull, in this four-point stake inspired by his earlier victories, guided Robespierre of Leeway, owned by T. M.



Southern New England Open All-Age winners, from left to right, Robespierre of Leeway with Bill Kull, Mandy of Edough with Lee Holman, Dual Ch. Holly Haven Duchess with Paul Dawson and Ch. Helgramite Chip with W. E. Stevenson.

Fitzgerald, Indianapolis, Ind., through a stylish and consistent ground race and into a quail-studded bird field. Here, Robespierre turned on the heat to win handily with a perfect find and a flawless stop-to-flush.

Mandy of Edough, owned by R. G. Buick, Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and handled by Lee Holman, took the second place honors, displaying very nice manners on two birdfield finds, and turning in a near flawless back course race.

Operating, so to speak, in his own back yard, formerly of Wayne, Michigan, and presently of Hellgramite Hollow, demonstrated the proficiency of Dual Champion Holly Haven Duchess, owned by Henry Holleyoak, Wyandotte, Michigan, in a rip-roaring birdfield performance which earned her third place in the stake.

Ch. Helgramite Chip, owned by Daisy Stevenson and handled by W. E. Stevenson, Stamford, Connecticut, president of the Southern New England Brittany Club, was credited with fourth place.

Sunday proved, contrary to all local weather reports, to be as wet and dismal as Saturday — at least until 2:00 p.m., at which time, the leaden skies

cleared and old Sol smiled down upon a grateful gallery. Let it be said here that the chill, raw weather inspired one amateur handler to inform Judge Vail that he, being a judge, had at least the advantage of a "nice, warm horse."

DERBY STAKE

Judges Elias Vail and Blair Crowell of Chappaqua, New York, agreed that Susan's Heide, owned by Dr. A. F. Dick, Wayne, Michigan, and handled by Paul Dawson, handed in a class race and bird work which were not to be excelled in the derby stake. An intense hunter, showing speed and wide range afield,



Southern New England Derby Stake winners, from left to right, Susan's Heide with Paul Dawson; Saxon of Fredann with Lee Holman; Jet's Fancy with J. M. Sullivan, and Tad's Hillclin Jillette with Ted Cwik.

Heide ("Pico") proved the outstanding winner of this stake.

Saxon of Fredann, owned by Dr. Fred Z. White, Chillicothe, Illinois, and handled by Lee Holman, proved a controversial runner-up as there were those who opined (as there always are — for field trials thrive upon differences of opinion) that Saxon's work was at least equal to that of Heide — but Lee was content to move into second place, for he also retired the third place ribbon with a keen little dog named Jet's Fancy, owned by D. F. Olund, Skokie, Illinois.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

The highly prized objective of all contenders in the Amateur All Age Stake, (and there were 19 of them) was the new Dean S. Edmonds Trophy — a gleaming silver vase worthy of display in any proud Brittain owner's den. Needless to say, the competition to obtain the first leg of this trophy was of the keenest, and when Judges Vail and Crowell announced Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou, owned and

handled by W. E. Stevenson, the winner, many congratulations were forthcoming. Three excellent birdfield finds and a consistent backfield race proved sufficient to earn (temporarily at least) possession of the trophy for the Stevenson family.

A real gun-dog, Britt of Blaisy Bas, owned by Mary H. Sullivan, Berkeley, California, and handled by J. M. Sullivan, came as close to first place honors as is possible with four beautiful finds and a single stop-to-flush. Gallery "oohs" and "aahs" came thick and fast as Britt vacuum-cleaned the birdfield thereby earning for himself second place honors.

Two steady finds and a non-productive pulled F. T. Ch. Wippy de la Vallee Bourrault, owned by R. R. Machlett of Helgramite Hollow, and handled by R. R. Machlett Jr., New Canaan, Conn., into the third place position, and Andrew J. Foster, Stamford, Conn., owner and handler of



R. R. Machlett, host at Helgramite Hollow presents the Dean S. Edmonds Trophy to W. E. Stevenson, president of the Southern New England Club. The winner of the trophy is Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou.

Helgramite Jacques snagged fourth place with a creditable back course and a single birdfield find.

Saturday night's festivities, held at the Hollywood Inn, were most delightful with Mrs. Ted Cwik officiating at the piano and songs provided by the "Hoosier Minstrel." A roll call revealed

representation from virtually the entire country, to wit:

Massachusetts, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Wiegel; New Hampshire, Mr. Philip Moorehouse; Vermont, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haddon; South Carolina, Mr. Nils O. Nielsen; Syracuse, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Jeffery; New Jersey, Mr. Sanford Vreeland, Dr. Buvinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cwik; California, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Sullivan; Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holleyoak.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE STAKE

1st, Dual Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Ac-ajop, owner and handler, W. E. Stevenson, 2nd, Britt of Blaisy Bas. Owner, Mrs. J. M. Sullivan, handler, Dr. J. M. Sullivan.

3rd, F. Ch Whippy de la Vallee Bourraut. Owner, E. R. Machlett handler, E. R. Machlett Jr.

4th, Helgramite Jacques. Owner and handler, Andrew J. Foster.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

1st, Robespierre of Leeway. Owner, T. M. Fitzgerald, handler, Bill Kull.

2nd, Mandy of Edough. Owner, R. G. Buick handler, Lee Holman.

3rd, Dual Ch. Holly Haven Duchess. Owner, Henry Holleyoak, handler, Paul Dawson.

4th, Ch. Helgramite Chip. Owner, Mrs. W. E. Stevenson, handler, W. E. Stevenson.

DERBY STAKE

1st, Susan's Heide. Owner, Dr. A. F. Dick, handler, Paul Dawson.

2nd, Saxon of Fredann. Owner, Dr. Fred Z. White, handler, Lee Holman.

3rd, Jet's Fancy. Owner, D. F. Olund, handler, Lee Holman.

4th, Ted's Hilclim Jillette. Owner and handler, Ted S. Cwik.

PUPPY STAKE

1st Uno's Rex of Paradise. Owner, Jack Secor handler Bill Kull.

2nd, Gagel's Dutchman. Owner, John W. Gagel handler, Bill Kull.

3rd, Pacolet's Atomic Lad. Owner, Nils O. Nielsen, handler, Lee Holman.

UPPER NEW YORK SPRING TRIALS

On May 15 and 16 the Brittany Club of Upper New York held its first Spring Trial at the very famous Three River Game Area in Baldwinville, N.Y. The trial was a great success and much credit must be given Ruben Jeffery who has done much for promoting the Brittany Spaniel in this part of the country. Perl Trumbull, custodian of the area, should also be given a lot of credit for the manner in which he kept things going at the trial and also for furnishing the birds.

Blue skies and very warm weather brought out a grand gallery of at least

300 people. The field trial grounds were in excellent condition with the exception of the bird field where the cover was short. Both quail and pheasants were used.

Judges were Chick Laidlew of Syracuse, N. Y., Gail Hamilton of Seneca Falls, N. Y. and Monty Loss of Fulton, N. Y.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Gagel's Dutchman ran a very good consistent ground race and had one contact with game and chased. Uno's Rex of Paradise had as good a race as the first place winner, but did not look as good in the birdfield. El Uno Tosco, third place inner, ran wide but did not handle easily.

OPEN PUPPY

Judges: Chick Laidlow, Gail Hamilton
1st, Gagel's Dutchman. Owner, John Gagel, handler, Bill Kull.
2nd, Uno's Rex of Paradise. Owner, Jack Secor, handler, Bill Kull.
3rd, El Uno Tosco. Owner, H. Kelly, handler, C. R. Haggerty.

OPEN DERBY

Tad's Hilclim Jillette had a very good back course and never stopped hunting for one second. She had a very good find and held although the handler had a job locating the bird. Finally it was located over a little knoll and Jill was steady to shot. Brit de Buster, second place dog, had a good back course and a good find but chased. Tad's Lufo Addey ran a good back course and had one find. Nancy of Onondaga, owned and handled by Perl Trumbull, custodian of the Three Rivers

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Game Area, ran a good back course and was called back on second series.

OPEN DERBY

(16 Dogs)

1st, Tad's Hilclin Jillette. Owner and handler, Thad Cwik.

2nd, Brit de Buster. Owner and handler, Sebastian Ventura.

3rd, Tad's Lufe Addey. Owner and handler, Thad Cwik.

4th, Nancy of Onondaga. Owner and handler, Perl Trumbull.

OPEN ALL AGE

Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee ran a good consistent race, handled very easily covering every part of the back course and had one excellent find. Ch. Lexington Amherst Godefroi had one good find, but his pace did not equal that of the first place winner. Robespierre of Leeway had a very good wide race equal to that of the first place winner, but dropper off point. Tex of Richmond had a good back course and was called back in second series, but his find did not compare with that of the other winners.

OPEN ALL AGE - 17 Dogs

Judges: C. B. Laidlow, Monty Loss

1st, Dl. Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee. Owner, Ralph Bissen, handler, Nicky Bissell.

2nd, Ch. Lexington Amherst Godefroi. Owner R. R. Machlett, handler, Paul Dawson.

3rd, Robespierre of Leeway. Handler, Bill Kull.

4th Tex of Richmond. Owner, Nils O. Nielson, handler, Lee Holman.

AMATEUR ALL AGE

Dl. Ch. Helgramite Howie D'Acajou owned and handled by W. E. Stevenson of Stamford, Conn., ran a good back course and had two good finds to capture first place. Ch. Lexington Amherst Godefroi had a good back course and had one good find. His running was not equal to that of the first place winner. Ch. Helgramite Chip had a good back course and a good find but his style was not quite up to the other two. Fourth went to Tuck de la Vallee Onondaga owned and handled by Ruben Jeffrey. Tuck ran a fair back course and had a good find.

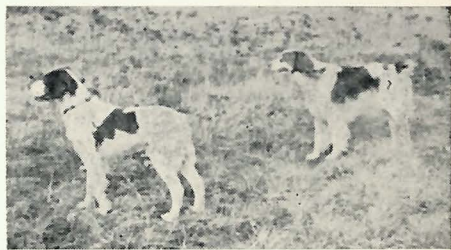
AMATEUR ALL AGE

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2nd, Ch. Lexington Amherst Godefroi. Owner, R. R. Machlett, handler, Robert Machlett Jr.

3rd, Ch. Helgramite Chip. Owner and handler, W. E. Stevenson.

4th, Tuck de la Vallee Onondaga. Owner and handler, Ruben Jeffrey.



Couvergne de Klemanor pointing Hungarian partridge at Grand Mound, Wash. Owned by Ken Matzen of Botbell, Wash. Ch. Bimbo II, backing. Owned by Roy Neighbor, Seattle, Wash. Ch. Bimbo II has since passed on due to undetermined cause. His loss will be keenly felt in the Northwest as he was an outstanding dual type Brittany.

TRIAL TALK

By NICKY BISSELL

More trials and more trials, a total of 16 for this spring from coast to coast. We would like to thank all those who have helped with gathering information for this column, especially Tom Cox, who has kept us posted on most of the trials we couldn't attend. If your dog has done something trialwise that merits mention in this column we will be glad to include it if you will let us know about it.

The consensus of opinion was that the early puppy stakes this spring showed a great deal more quality than the past few seasons. Entries ran as high as 16. Gerald Price is accumulating quite a string of winning bitches. Remember his Lady Patsy last fall and now this Spring Sunflower Gal with two first and Texas Merry who won the Kansas puppy stake. 'Tis said Merry is one of the best seen in a long time.

The man from Oklahoma (Mr. Owens) showed the seasoned campaigners a real quail dog when he brought Bobo Lot to Pinehurst. His work in the amateur stake was top performance.

Four new clubs with trials this spring, Southeastern, New York, Oregon and Saginaw Valley. We will see a definite split into East, Midwest and Western circuits if this trend keeps

up. Perhaps the day of regional winners stakes is closer than we thought, when it was mentioned at the National last fall.

The new Kansas grounds by far the best seen in quite a while. As usual a big entry and an estimated gallery of 750 on Sunday. An unexpected contestant in the person of the Old Gray Plymouth. Seems Allene 'Wrongway'

Hesseltine was leaving the grounds but turned up following the complete back-course and ending in the birdfield. Tell us, have you got the car trained steady to wing and shot yet?

Dick Shoemaker managed to take all three blues at Oregon, which is an unusual feat for a handler. And speaking of handlers Jane did it again at Carbondale with Hero's Master Spot's assist-

THREE KANSAS BRED BRITTANIES



YANKEE BOY'S TOMMY
and
JEFFREY OF ARGARD

YANKEE BOY'S TOMMY, a roan, 2 year old Brittany shown with his breeder, LeRoy Magnuson. Tommy is a rugged hard running Brittany with a superb nose and lots of stamina. Tom has never been shown in a bench show. He has placed 8 times in the midwest trials. He placed second in the Missouri Trial Derby Stake last fall, second in the Oklahoma Derby Stake this Spring, Second in the Oklahoma Amateur Stake this Spring, Second in the North East Kansas Shooting Dog Field Trial with all age finished dogs mostly Pointers and Setters, Third in the Kansas Spring Trial running in the Amateur Stake and Fourth in the Derby of this same Field Trial. Tom is not broke to shot and wing as his owner did not want to chance cramping his tendency to range out. He ran on pheasants last summer with Bill Kull in South Dakota and will be sent back to South Dakota with Jess Hayslip during July, August and September. Owner, John A. Costelow, Topeka, Kansas.

JEFFREY OF ARGARD is shown being posed by Jess Hayslip. He is an-

other fast running Kansas Brittany with a well known reputation as a very wide ranging gun dog. Jeff has Field Trial experience with 3rd in the National Amateur Shooting Dog Stake at Carbondale to his credit as well as a First at Newton, Kansas, Third in the Oklahoma and Third in the Missouri Open Stakes last Fall. He is bred and owned by LeRoy Magnuson of Salina, Kansas.



YANK'S REBEL

An orange and white 3 year old Brittany with 10 points toward his Bench Championship. He was shown at the Wichita, Kansas, show and won Reserve Winner last fall, and Harlan Hensley's wife Georgina showed him at the Kansas City Show this spring and he went Best of Winners, then he was shown at Tulsa this spring by some one else and went Reserve but at the Topeka Spring Dog Show Georgina handled him again to Best of Winners. Yank's Rebel (Patty Boy) also placed Second in the Amateur Stake of the Missouri Brittany Trial last fall. Besides having a Bench Championship possibility Patty Boy is a fast smooth running field dog. His nose is excellent. Yank's Rebel was bred by Mike Burnham.

ance of course. They seem to be an unbeatable combination on those grounds. This win finished Spot. Jerry Halle's Ronile Avant Coureur finished at the same trial with an amateur win.

An Carr must have had a day of it winning the amateur at Indiana with 'Curly.' At least the winners picture shows her proudly accepting the trophy in her bare feet. A gay time had by all though it was confusing when the horses arrived on Eastern time, the trial started on Central time, you sleep on one time and run on the other.

High praises were heard from Coast to Coast on the food at Saginaw Valley. And speaking of coast to coast, the Sullivans made it again and went home with a bunch of ribbons. Mary says even if her favorite color is red she wishes Brit would forget it long enough to win that blue for her. Coastwise, too, this spring, it was Buck Bissell who saw both oceans in his trip.

Ohio was blessed for once with beautiful weather. Loads of old timers were there, Yoder, Whitworth, Kleeman, Doc Talbott, Averill . . . all in their winter longies, with 85 degree weather. But never in all their combined memories had Ohio had trial weather like that.

Henry Holleyoak got a once in a lifetime thrill. On one weekend he won the group with his Suzette and the next week finished her full sister Dutchess in the field. Dawson has been handling the new 'Dual.' Henry came east to S.N.E. to see her perform.

Scads of cars at North Jersey on Saturday. But seems when going home time came the cars stayed right there, being the property of the avid trout fishermen who were opening the season on the brook that goes by the bird-field.

The new New York Club turned out in full force to support their trial and all four derby places went to amateurs. That's an excellent start. Southeastern came through with a good gallery and some of the big going pointer men who had come to scoff were right pleased with the little bob-tail Britts. With so

many trials it is natural that quite a few more dogs should have added the prefix F. T. Ch. to their names. Besides those mentioned elsewhere in this column were Amos of Edough, Tex of Richmond and Mandy of Edough.

Outstanding winners this spring. Puppies — Littermates Gagel's Dutchman and Uno's Rex of Paradise accounted for more than a dozen places. Littermates Dingo's Gala Gal and Dingo's Gypsy Wildfire also racked up a good total. Dr. Dick did all right with his Hollyhaven Doc (while Paul Dawson was putting places on his Susan's Heide). And on the west coast Ouragan Mione Boy and Hi-De Butcher Boy.

In the derby Ferdinand of Leeway added more first to his big record. Orange Grove Marks accounted for two firsts while his litter mate Flash, also won. Saxon of Fredann also had two firsts. Tads Hilclin Jillette and Jay's Pierrot de Vallee round out the derby winners of note.

John Costelow picked up several places with Yankee Boy's Tommy in derby and all age competition.

In the all age the honors were divided between an old faithful and a couple of newcomers. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee was tops in number of places followed closely by Robespierre of Leeway and Aubaine Duche. Duche is amateur trained and handled. We hear Ray Fritts won a new station wagon for a trophy. What trial was that Ray? Helgramite Howie, now with 9 firsts, seems about to break most all the existing records. Other top winners were Ronile Avant Coureur, Tennessee Luke, Mandy of Edough, Hollyhaven Duchess and Bobo Lot.

There is a rumor going around that one of the better known handlers is moving from New Hampshire to Oregon for good. Looking around me at the trunks piled knee deep in the living room, I can't imagine who it is but if you want to contact us about this column write to the Bissells, Box 81, Route 3, Sherwood, Oregon.



Ashurst Jerry

OURAGAN KENNELS

The record of Ouragan dogs in the Pacific Coast spring trials speaks for itself.

We usually have a few good prospects in pups and started dogs for sale.

We presently have a litter from Ouragan Tippy sired by Ashurst Jerry — a litter from Ouragan Sugar Cookie sired by Unan — a litter from Ouragan Rusty sired by Unan. The last Unan Rusty mating with 3 pups accounted for 8 placements in Pacific Coast spring trials.

For information on above write to 5240 S. W. Humphrey Blvd., Portland, Oregon.

TOFFEE IDOC KENNELS

A few pups of the same breeding as our Toffee Idoc Redde, derby winner, for sale and also some older dogs ready to hunt this fall. See these at the kennel on RR 2, Lima, Ohio.

Our Field Ch. Joyeux Jakequeline, the dam of Juchoir's Martin and Slamming Sammy is producing again. This time a litter by Pierrot de F. V. Available for field trial prospects only. With a record of 5 winners from her first 10 pups these pups would be a good gamble. Contact Buck Bissell for information.

JUCHOIR BRITTANIES

ARE MOVING

After July 1st contact Buck Bissell at R3, Box 81, Sherwood, Oregon, for training or information on any dogs in this advertisement. Our winter address remains the same, RR3, Fairfax, S. C.



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OUR MOTTO: A LITTLE CORRECTION



Dual Ch. Pierrot De Fontaine Vallee

AT STUD

DUAL. CH. PIERROT DE FONTAINE VALLEE

Pierrot now has 22 field wins, 2 show group placements. He added four 1sts to his record this spring including a first in a pointer and setter stake. His daughter won first in a derby stake.

TOFFEE IDOC SLAMMING SAMMY

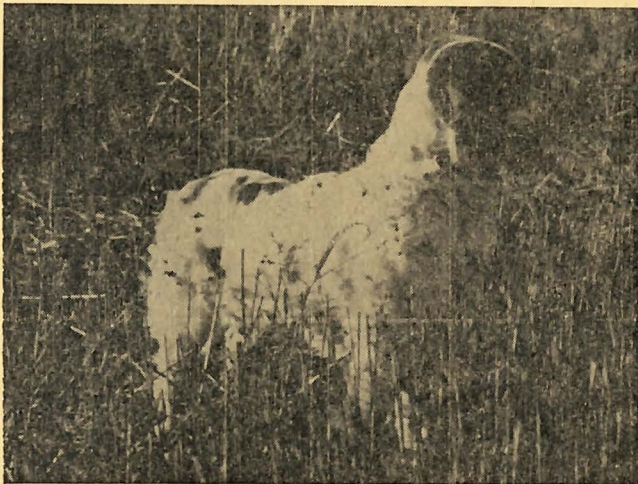
Sammy has 15 championship points—a total of 8 places and 4 firsts. Though not yet two years old he has been impressing in all age competition this spring. For brains and plenty of desire to point try him.

ASHURST JERRY

Jerry, with 21 wins, is in the top bracket of winners. A classy hard hunting bird dog who has had hundreds of birds shot over him. Jerry, a son of Dual Ch. Happy sires nicely marked, dark orange pups.

FRENCH & AMERICAN CH. UNAN I DE CORNOUAILLE

Though used a limited number of times Unan is one of the 5 top sires in the country for field winners and his son was best of breed in Detroit, with 97 entries. He is the true Brittany type and sires pups with class and fire.



Toffee Idoc Slamming Sammy

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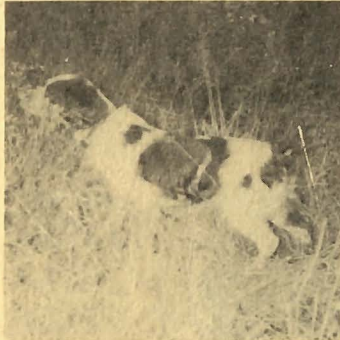
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