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However, due to limited space we must keep it interesting to all members. News items are particularly desired, but the fact your dog pointed a bird or you killed your limit over him is not news to hundreds of other Brittany owners who are doing the same thing.

We will be glad to print the picture of your dog if he wins a trial, or completes his or her Championship. We also want articles on breeding, training, health, etc. Please furnish typewritten copy that we can turn over to the printer and not have to rewrite. You don't have to be an author to write interesting stories, in fact few authors have the experience to write the things we want. Just write it in your own plain way and I am sure our members will enjoy it, if its interesting or if its helpful.

If two or three of us must write everything that goes into the magazine, only our ideas and thoughts will be used, and thats all wrong. The magazine must be everyones thoughts and ideas to be successful.

CONGRATULATIONS AL ADY . . .

For completing the Dual Championship of your Aotrou MacEochaidh. Aotrou completed his Bench Championship in 1944 and the first place win at the New Jersey spring trial this year completed the Field Trial Championship, thus making him the second Dual Champion in American history.

A. K. C. RAISES RATING OF SHOW POINTS FOR BRITTANY SPANIELS

The championship ratings have been raised in Division I—East and North:

From—2 3 4 5 6

To—2 3 4 6 8

COMING EVENTS

Fall Field Trials and the Annual Specialty Show

The following dates have been approved by The Parent Organization, but application must be accepted by The American Kennel Club before the dates can be definite.

Michigan October 4-5
Athol, Mass. October 11-12
Lowell, Mass. October 18-19
Moncton, N. B., Canada October 25-26
Buffalo, N. Y. November 1-2
Pittsburgh, Pa. November 8-9
Allamuchy, N. J. November 15-16
Smithville, Ohio November 22-23
National Specialty Show and Field Trials,
Pontiac, Mich. November 28-29-30

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Whit of Loufel, 1st in the Open All-age.

MICHIGAN BRITTANY CLUB

A CLUB WHICH IS DOING THINGS AND GOING PLACES

By Kenneth Thayer

In November of 1946 Mr. Coy Conwell of Pontiac, Michigan decided that something must be done in regards to the Brittany situation in the State of Michigan. Here we have the largest number of owners of any section in the country, yet perhaps the least activity. Upon contacting some of the existing owners of Brittanys, it was decided to call a meeting at his home in Pontiac.

On January 4, 1947 at 7:30 p. m., twenty-one individuals representing a good cross section of Michigan formulated The Michigan Brittany Club as an affiliate of the Parent American Brittany Club. Mr. Conwell was elected President and Mr. Wade Dickerson of Farmington was elected Secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up a Constitution and By-laws to fit the needs of the club and come within the rules and regulations of the Parent Club. A general group discussion was held on plans to sponsor a Brit. spring field trial on April 12th & 13th, 1947 at the former Edsel Ford Estate, near Duck Lake, Michigan. Mrs. Kathryn Adams of Detroit was appointed as field trial chairman and in return appointed Mr. Frank Mowbray and Kenneth Thayer of Pontiac to assist her. Mr. Conwell reported the group had received an invitation from the Parent American Brittany Club to attend its board of directors meeting to be held January 18th at Cleveland, Ohio. It was decided Mr. Conwell should attend the meeting and represent this club. The meeting was adjourned with the understanding that the next meeting would be held at the Waldron Hotel, Pontiac, Mich., on February 1st, 1947.

At the February 1st meeting, dinner was served and greater percentage of the individuals who attended, thirty-eight in all, brought their wives or husbands with them. Mr. Dickerson read the new charter which the committee had drawn up and Mr. Conwell reported the Parent Club had approved it with a few minor changes which he read and after a brief discussion the changes were made and unanimously accepted by the club. Mr. Conwell reported the dates for the spring trial had been approved by the Parent Club, and Mrs. Adams reported on progress she had made in regards to the details of holding the trial. Mr. Conwell then

informed the club that the Directors of The American Brittany Club had sent best wishes for the success of the club and had offered to hold the National Trial and Show at Pontiac, Michigan with the co-operation of the Michigan Club. The dates were to be November 28th, 29th and 30th. Mr. Conwell then called upon the Michigan Club to make a strong showing at the spring trials to prove the Parent Club was not wrong in its confidence that this club could go places and do things. The coming all-breed dog show to be held in Detroit on March 1-2, was discussed and it was decided to try for a record entry of Brittanies.

The next meeting was held on March 8th at The Dearborn Country Club. Fifty-one persons attended the dinner and participated in the discussion afterwards. This meeting in particular showed the interest and enthusiasm which the club has aroused. Thirty-six Brits. were entered in the Detroit Kennel Club Show which proved to be the largest entry of Brittany Spaniels ever entered in an all-breed show held in America. The rest of the evening was spent discussing the details for the coming field trial. It was decided to hold the next meeting at The Old Mill Tavern, Waterford, Michigan on Friday April 11th, the evening preceding the trials.

On Friday April 11th at 7:30 p. m. the club members and their friends from all over the country gathered ninety-one strong for the chicken and fish dinner, followed by the drawing for the field trials. Much to the club's discomfiture, Mrs. Adams had been hospitalized during the month and was not able to attend the dinner or field trial. Mr. Conwell replaced Mrs. Adams and many remarks were heard during the running of the trials as to the smoothness with which the details were handled. Saturday, April 12th arrived with ice, frost, snow, and the thermometer crowding 30 degrees all day. The puppy stake with ten entries was run off in the morning. 1st place went to Abskaer A of Loufel, owned by Lou. H. Ufford of Vermont; 2nd, Aotrou's Daisy owned by Max Swann of Michigan; 3rd, Spud V. Rensselaer owned by Dr. R. C. Pavy of Indiana; 4th, Flashlight owned by George E. Gray of Minnesota. The Open derby also run on Saturday brought out some exceptionally good young Brittanies among the twenty-four entries. 1st place was won by Patricia Tops owned by Andrew Streitferdt of Michigan; 2nd, Bosbleu's Sandy of Loufel owned by Coy Conwell of Michigan; 3rd, Georges of Leeway
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Patricia Tops, 1st in the Open Derby.

ATHOL (MASS.) BRITTANY TRIALS

By C. J. Sullivan, Jr.

The second American Brittany Club New England all-Brittany field trial was held at Athol, Mass., on April 19-20, this event being sponsored by The Athol Orange Pheasant Club.

An entry of sixty-six Brittanys participated. From 7:30 A. M. till dark on both days, with very little intermission between braces, judges, handlers and gallery alike were kept continuously busy. No horses were used and the judges covered the route via shanks mare.

The Banquet was held at Liberty Hall on Saturday with 300 members and friends of both clubs in attendance. Official Master of Ceremonies was Dr. S. J. Glaser. Guest speakers were James F. Power, Walter Stobie, and Jack Mayer. Ray Goland, the guiding light in promoting the successful trial, Alan Stuyvesant and P. J. Erali also gave addresses.

The trials were held on the Cass Farm on Pleasant Street, approximately one half mile east of Athol. This farm vast in acreage, is decidedly advantageous for testing physical qualities of a field trial dog. The course is horseshoe shaped with the breakaway taking place in a large open field. On a side hill, the gallery has an unobstructed view of the bird field.

Raymond Hoyer of Andover, Mass., and C. J. Sullivan (your scribe) officiated in all three stakes.

A typical New England day was encountered on Sunday when a snowstorm piled up seven inches of snow and made the All-age Stake a decided hardship. It proved to be a day more suitable for sled dogs of Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition, than for dogs whose sole claim to fame is in locating upland game birds.

The Puppy stake brought out a classy group of youngsters that were well advanced in the art of finding and handling game.

Jollie Hill Britsie, owned by John McGovern of Lowell, Mass., looked exceptionally good in winning first place. Britsie showed a lot of drive and action in negotiating the course and covered the bird field thoroughly and on her one find she remained stanch at flush.

Lady Merri Mac A of Loufel, owned by Lou Ufford of Bellows Falls, Vermont took second place honors by virtue of a good honest race. Two finds were scored to her credit.

Flashlight, owned by Geo. Gray of Minn. and handled by Thos. W. Cox ran a fair race, handled well and went hunting every minute in his apparent endeavor to find birds, was placed third. One his one find, he moved in to flush the bird.

Abskaer A of Loufel, owned by Lou. H. Ufford, placed 4th.

The Derby got under way with perfect weather. A classy field showed in negotiating the course, which was lengthened for this event.

Luke's Allamuchy Terry, owned by Alan R. Stuyvesant of Allamuchy, N. J. and handled by Lee Holman placed first. Terry could not improve on his back course race, which was outstanding. On one of his casts, he was found



Ivy of Loufel, 1st in the Open All-age.

locked up on a hen pheasant. As shot was fired he took two jumps after bird, but halted at command. After entering birdfield, Terry pointed and had bird perfectly located, remaining steady to shot and flush.

Gwennec de Pasecy II owned by W. E. Thompson and handled by Bill Kull placed second. He ran a satisfactory ground race, finishing strong. His one opportunity came in the bird field where he rooded a cock pheasant to flush, remaining steady as handler fired.

Ivy of Loufel owned by Alan Stuyvesant and handled by Lee Holman placed third. She ran a satisfactory back course race and had one find in bird field.

Pamalie of Aotrou, owned and handled by Bill Kull was placed 4th.

The heavy snowstorm that had already blanketed Mother Earth greeted the first brace of all-age dogs which broke away Sunday at 7:30 sharpe. A fairly large gallery was on hand to watch the proceedings. The judges followed each brace afoot. Judge Sullivan (the writer) pulled up with a charley horse and was content to watch the efforts of the last three braces from within the confines of the bird field.

Rather drab performances seemed to be the order of the day in this All-age Stake. Weak flying birds enhanced by water-soaked wings, scenting conditions that were decidedly bad, footing that reduced style in running to a minimum, were all contributing factors in making this stake a little on the sub-standard side.

Ivy of Loufel who placed third in the Derby delivered an honest race and was placed first. She covered the course in approved manner. Shortly after entering bird field, her handler called point and as handler flushed weak flying bird, Ivy remained steady to wing and shot. On Ivy's second find, she chased a short distance, halting on command.

Allamuchy Vally Addie owned by Alan R. Stuyvesant and handled by Thos. W. Cox ran a good race and had one find on which she was steady, to win second place honors.

Aotrou MacEochaidh owned by A. H. Ady of Detroit took third. Aotrou favored the easy going whenever possible. He had two finds in the bird field on which he was reasonably steady.

Avono Jake, owned by D. L. Benjamin of Cleveland, Ohio, placed fourth.



Aotrou MacEochaidh, 1st in Open All-age.

NEW JERSEY BRITTANY TRIALS

By Evelyn Monte

The second New Jersey All-Brittany trial was held at Bevans, N. J. on April 26-27 by The North Jersey Brittany Club, a Regional Chapter of The American Brittany Club. Not yet a year old, this enterprising Chapter has held two very successful trials and plan a third for November 15th and 16th.

The membership is composed of such enthusiastic fanciers as Steve Wyckoff, President; Edward Breeze, Secretary; Hugo Blasberg, Vice-president; Ben Liggett, Committee Chairman, Fred Liggett, Albert Meester, Edward Kinder, Herman Deiser and Alan Stuyvesant.

All seemed to share the feeling that it was the close co-operation between the Parent Club and its Regional Chapters that make it possible to pull so many entries from other districts, thus making almost every trial a known success before it is scheduled. However there is no slepers in this outfit. They go out and work and accomplish wonders.

The course at Bevans made an ideal one on which these sturdy little bird dogs could show their wares. Essentially cover dogs, they use up a lot of space in the open fields in reaching for cover and looked mighty snappy in the doing. There were plenty of objectives to go to. There were a few Derbies that took in so much country that, in the words of a dyed-in-the-wool pointer man, "They sure could make some of the best pointers sweat." Not that we have any idea of making comparison, for the Brittany can stand on its own as a bird dog par excellence. Whether it is universally true or not, we don't know, but surely in those we have seen, they seem to perform miracles of bird finding even under very adverse conditions. This is singing pretty high praise, but it can't be otherwise when one has watched these merry hunters perform.

S. F. "Sixty" Howell, of Troy Hills, N. J., renowned as a criterion of class bird dogs and who has ridden the judicial saddle in many a pointer and setter trial, braced with Jules Marron of Bevans, long Brittany trial experienced, to select the winners in the Puppy and Derby events. Marron and Jean Barbeau of Pompton Lakes, N. J., combined to pick the winners in the all-age. They gave expert attention to the contenders, and the decisions were very well received.

A large gallery attended the trials each day and enjoyed the delectable luncheons served

by the ladies of the Walpack church in the clubhouse at noon. Headquarters was established at Flo Jo Inn, nearby country hotel, which furnished comfortable quarters and was the scene of a large dinner party Saturday night. Ed Breeze, a skillful master of ceremonies, presided, entertaining movies were shown and whale of a good time was had by all.

Although it is mandatory for handlers to walk, a brisk business was done by the teenagers of the surrounding countryside who brought their horses for the use of judges and gallery. They were excellent mounts and many of the gallery rode the braces for the two days. It was cold, windy and cloudy but, with the exception of a hard squall late on Sunday, no rain fell.

Pheasants were released for the puppies, as well as in the other events, and in view of that it might have been agreed that bird work should have figured prominently in the placing of the winners. In fact, there were some in the gallery that, failing to see the overall performance, thought that Abskaer A of Loufel might have been first because of two definite points. However, the decisions of the judges were accepted in good part as being based upon observation of the complete exhibition, and in the light of the potential qualities and class of the puppies as shown over the entire course, rather than in the few minutes in the birdfield.

Catalin Mac Eochaidh's Sam, owned by Dr. John Talbott of Lima, O., went to the top by virtue of his excellent ground coverage and evident desire to hunt. He ran a searching heat every foot of the way and was very independent. He had no birds, but hunted out the birdfield and showed strong finish.

Nancy A of Loufel, owned and handled by Lucien Ufford of Bellows Falls, Vt., an eight month-old bitch, ran an excellent, strongly sustained race and had two birds to her credit, which she flash pointed and chased merrily, to win second place honors.

Spud v Rensselaer, owned by Dr. Robert Pavy of Rensselaer, Ind., showed pleasing gait and action and turned in a strong, searching heat, for third place.

Failure to hunt the course acceptably dropped Abskaer A of Loufel to fourth place winners, although he appeared to advantage in the birdfield and had two finds, showed nice style on point and chased merrily.

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Bobby Sox, 1st in the Open Derby.

A REQUEST FROM YOUR PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Your Publicity Committee is in need of pictures of Brittany's in action, on point, retrieving, backing, etc., good puppy pictures also. The negatives should be sent in so that enlargements can be made. The negatives will be returned to you. (Pictures sent in to Brittany Field & Bench, need not be negatives), but on all you send us, please send negatives.

If you have a good movie, black and white or color, let us hear about it. We would like to get some footage together to make up a reel for loan to sportsman's groups, conservation meetings, etc. Prints will be made and the original returned to you. Whatever you send in should have complete data, such as dog's name, breeding, age and owners name.

Should any of you have a good hunting story or experience to tell in which Brittany's play an important part, and you feel the urge to write, write it and send it in. We may be able to get it published for you. Do it now as the magazines will be making up for Fall soon.

Field Trial Secretaries please send us all data regarding your trials well in advance of mailing the entry blanks.

Remember your Publicity Committee is dependent upon you for information. Without your help we cannot get along.

Joe Sprague, Chairman,
Publicity Committee,
Sheldon Road,
Honeoye Falls, N. Y.

PETERSON AFTER BEAR IN ALASKA

Hilmer Peterson (the Swede from Minn.) is trying his hand at bear hunting in Alaska. We have not received any word from Pete in over two months—perhaps he found one??? However, those who know him would not expect a letter any oftener than that, so we think everything is ok.

He's due back in late June.

STUYVESANT IN FRANCE

Alan Stuyvesant of Allamuchy, N. J. made a flying trip to France. We do not know if its to bring back some Brittany's, or whether its "Paris in the Spring".

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Brittany breeders believe these faults too important to be excused and have made them disqualifications in the standards for the breed.

Judges do not always disqualify such a dog unless we enter a protest. Some may suspect a dog is oversize or undersize, but without a measuring device he cannot be certain. Nor can he be certain that a nose or coat that appears black under artificial light, might not be a deep purple or liver and rather than do an injustice to some exhibitor, he may let the dog pass.

Actually, most judges will welcome your questioning the color or height, because in this event he can call in the committee for a ruling and not put himself on the spot. But enter your protest to the judge as soon as the dog in question enters the ring. If you wait until the dog has been placed over your dog to protest, this places you in the spot of being a poor loser, also does not make the judge feel any too kindly toward you.

For your guidance the following was taken from page 51, Chapter 19 of The American Kennel Club Rules.

SECTION 11. In any class where there is a limit of weight or height or a division by color or markings, the person in charge of a dog entered in such class may claim of the bench show committee the right, at any time after the opening of the show and before the judging of its class, to have the dog weighed, measured, or its color or marking determined, and the results shall be recorded and hold good at the time of judging at that show.

Any competing exhibitor or handler shall have the right, during the judging of the class, to demand the weighing, measuring or determination of color or markings of any dog whose record has not been registered officially.

The bench show committee must appoint official weighers and measurers and judges of color and markings and provide scales and standard for that purpose.

If a dog shall be weighed or measured out of its class or if its color or markings shall be determined not to be the color or markings required by the conditions of its class it shall be considered to have been wrongly entered in that class and cannot be transferred to any other class.

Any mature dog which shall so be measured out of its class or whose color or markings shall be determined not to be the color or
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DOG BREEDING

Selection is the important part of all breedings.

By J. L. Whitworth

Dog breeding is something too much is written about that too few understand. Many of us had genetics in school and we know about the birds and bees, but many of the books written on breeding are too deep and confusing to some of us. After reading them we get the idea the way to produce better puppies is through inbreeding, linebreeding or by outcross. Any of these methods properly applied might produce excellent results, but the sad part is some of us would not recognize a good puppy after we saw it.

How many of us are qualified to judge our own breed? How many of us can fault a dog? How many of us have ever even seen Brittanies other than our own? How many of us know what faults we should breed out and what good qualities we should intensify in our own dogs? What are we trying to do? What plan do we have in mind? Yet we call ourselves breeders?????

Many of us seem to think if our puppies are sired by some big name winner, they just have to be good. This will under certain conditions produce good results, but only if our bitch is good and her faults are not the same as the sires' and we know what we are looking for. If we know the faults of the dogs named in a pedigree, a pedigree can mean a lot. But a "Ch." in front of a dog's name does not mean he is faultless, nor does it mean our bitch is suited to whelp a litter of puppies sired by this particular dog.

Our bitch is just as important as the sire, some breeders think she is more so. Yet we often hear a breeder say "she is no good on the bench and she does not have it in the field, but she has the bloodlines and will make an excellent brood-bitch." While this does work out in a few cases, the odds are all against it. If our bitch is worthless herself, she usually produces puppies of the same value.

We all are interested in dogs of good type. If you don't think so, just watch how quick a bench show hater will look up the date of the next show after his dog won the last one. But whether we hate shows or not, we must remember that nose and a certain energy that drive our dogs to birds are passed down from sire and dam to their offspring and are in almost all cases linked with type and physical construction. We also know that proper angulation and straight legs, sloping shoulders, short straight back, right kind of coat and good feet may make the difference between our dog being able to hunt all day, or for just an hour or so.

We know from genetics, whether we fully understand it or not, that the law of heritage holds true in all breedings, be it dog, human or otherwise, and regardless of what rose-colored picture we may have in mind, we cannot change the elements the sire inherited from his ancestors and will pass down at least a part to his offspring, nor the ones the bitch

inherited from her ancestors and will pass on down to her offspring. If either sire or dam carry elements for sway backs, crooked legs and setter heads, some of our puppies are going to have sway backs, crooked legs and setter heads, regardless of how many shows and trials their parents may have won.

Each parent has an element in his and her chemical make up and this element alone will determine the color and shape of head and nose, the disposition, coat, back, legs, feet, etc., and these elements can be wrong as well as right when they are joined together and produce our litter of puppies.

Some dogs are dominant for certain good and bad qualities and others are recessive. The dominant element usually over-comes the recessive element, but it may not always be good, because at times the bad qualities may out-number the good.

Some really great dogs never pass down their greatness, while others who are only fair have passed down winning bloodlines.

If we could just reach in and select the elements we wanted from the sire, and the ones we wanted from the dam, dog breeding would be so simple. Unfortunately when we mate our dogs together and the female receives the million or more elements from the male to combine with her own and produce our litter of puppies, its like playing picture dice. We place the dice in a box, shake them up and roll them out. What we get, no one knows until we see them. Each roll is different, some high, some low. The only way we can get a high score every roll is to discard all the low numbers on the dice. The same is true in breeding our dogs. If we want high scores we must eliminate the faults. We know if we placed all six's in our dice box, we can roll six's on every roll. That would mean each dice would have to be exactly the same. If we want a perfect litter of puppies at each breeding then we know that each element carried by our sire and dam must be perfect and exactly the same.

Few of us want to go that far, but it can be done through selective linebreeding over a period of years. Linebreeding without selection will never produce good puppies. In fact it is foolish to attempt it unless you have something you wish to keep in the way of outstanding qualities and are able to select the material to keep. Linebreeding will never correct faults, it intensifies them, makes them worse, but it also intensifies the good qualities too. However, a single fault can be linebred until it becomes so dominant that it will spoil an otherwise almost perfect strain. Linebreeding will not cause shyness or timidity in your puppies unless such faults are present in the elements of the strain. But if they are present, and we intensify those faults, they certainly will become much worse.

If we wish sound, well-balanced puppies, we must breed only sound, well-balanced parents. Some breeders believe if they have a small undersized bitch and know she is dominant for small puppies, they should out-

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cross to a big oversized male from a strain dominant for big dogs. This sometimes works, but more often we end up with puppies who are part of the dam and part of the sire. They may have the sire's head and the dam's body. Or the sire's legs and the dam's head and body. I have even seen puppies who seemed to have the sire's upper-jaw and the dam's lower-jaw. We often see long bodied dogs with short legs. Then if a puppy does get part of his body from his sire and part from his dam, and we want those parts to match, it is easy to see why they must be related or carry related elements.

We can change a strain and keep it in balance if we make those changes gradual. Through selection we can either breed our strain true to type or change it into another breed entirely. we can change it to look like bull dogs with their crooked legs and big heads, or dachshunds with long bodies and short legs.

Selection is the important part of all dog breeding. We can't improve until we find out what is wrong. We can't find out what is wrong until we test. We can't test without comparing it with others of the same kind, and we can't compare it with others if we are afraid of getting beat.

Actually a good beating is what we all need. It might clear the kennel blindness from the eyes of those who know better and certainly it will help us who still have much to learn.

Michigan Brittany Club

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owned by John Lee of Indiana; 4th, Allamuchy Boots owned by Ken Thayer of Michigan. Walter Kleeman and Al Ady acted as judges and did an exceptionally fine job considering they sat on their horses for ten straight hours in the type of rough weather encountered.

Sunday, April 13th, arrived not quite as cold, no snow or rain, a beautiful day in comparison to the preceding one. The open all-age was run with twenty-three entries in all. A crowd of approximately five hundred attended and the different braces brought many a fine remark from the gallery. It was known the judges were going to have a hard time selecting the winners as so many dogs had outstanding heats. 1st place was awarded to Whit of Loufel owned by Lou Ufford; 2nd, Ch. Aotrou MacEochaidh owned by A. H. Ady of Michigan; 3rd, Ch. Angeliqne de Bretagne owned by Lester L. Tice of Ohio; 4th, Ch. Avono Happy owned by Jack Whitworth of Ohio. The Judges were Arthur C. Irwin and Porter G. Colby.

The reaction of the attending gallery was more than worth the time and effort spent to make the trials a success, remarked Mr. Coy Conwell, President of the Michigan Club, and he wishes to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the help he received from everyone and especially the ladies who so capably handled the refreshment concession, Mrs. W. Dickerson, Mrs. C. Conwell and Mrs. K. Thayer.

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AVONO BRITTANY KENNELS (REG.)

Jack L. Whitworth,

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REGIONAL CLUBS AND WHAT THEY MEAN TO OWNERS AND BREEDERS OF BRITTANY SPANIELS.

When The American Brittany Club was first organized in 1942, it was the anticipation of the organizers to have a club which would further the interests and perpetuate the breeding of Brittany Spaniels in America. Very early in the organization's life, the dogs were few and scarce, and we did not know who the other owners were in our close but loosely knit area. I for one, was surprised to find Brittany Spaniels owned within a few blocks of my home that I did not know existed. You will find this is the case throughout the continent of North America.

The breed has spread and taken root in such a large area, that it is now impossible for The American Brittany Club as a single unit to do justice to the owners, breeders and handlers, therefore, it is necessary to form regional clubs throughout North America.

There is no question but what the breed needs a guiding hand. There is no better way for that guiding hand to be exemplified than thru organization. Organization is the life of all projects, and any project that does not have a good organization sponsoring it is short-lived. Your merchants have their merchants associations, labor has their union, lawyers have their bar, and professional men have their various associations. Virtually every city and village have their Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Clubs to further the interests and improve conditions of their towns.

The Brittany Spaniel needs a better and more closely knit organization than we have at the present time. The only way that we can accomplish this feat is by forming regional clubs throughout North America and have their elected delegates present at the annual officers meeting of The American Brittany Club.

It is our future hope and plans that these delegates will act as directors of the Parent Club. In that way, the responsibility in developing this fine breed of dogs will not rest upon the shoulders and judgment of just a few individuals.

On my recent tour of field trials, I found without question of a doubt, there are two different types of hunting conditions. The terrain of the Mississippi Valley, where they hunt mostly quail and pheasant, calls for a moderately wide going shooting dog, the New England and New Brunswick area, where the principal game is woodcock and partridge, calls for a close working cover dog. The Brittany will give you either of these dogs with a minimum of training, but we must provide for both conditions in our rules.

What The American Brittany Club wants to do is to have representatives from all areas meet with the officers and explain to us their requirements so that rules and regulations can be formulated to cope with the situation in their localities. The only way we can have this representation is by having delegates from the different regions present at the meeting to aid and assist us.

At the present time, there are two regional clubs in the U. S., namely, Michigan and New Jersey. Pennsylvania, New England States, New Brunswick and California have all asked for aid in organizing regional clubs in their territory.

In the next issue of Field & Bench, I will explain the requirements necessary to form a regional club in your territory. Anyone desiring information before the next magazine is issued, please write me direct and I will be pleased to assist you in any manner possible to get your club started.

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markings required by the conditions of its class cannot again be entered in any show until determination of its height, color or markings, as the case may be, has officially been determined by The American Kennel Club in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of this chapter.

SECTION 12. If any mature dog should be measured out of its class or its color or markings should be determined not to be the color or markings required by the condition of its class in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of this Chapter the owner may apply to The American Kennel Club for an official measuring or on official determination of color or markings of such dog, as the case may be.

Such measuring or such determination of color or markings, as the case may be, shall be done by some suitable person appointed for the purpose by The American Kennel Club and in the presence of a committee appointed by The American Kennel Club. If such dog should then again be measured out of its class or if its color or markings should again be determined not to be the color or markings required by the conditions of its class, that fact shall be noted on the official card at the offices of The American Kennel Club and said dog thereafter shall not be entered in any class from which it has been measured out or from which it has been barred because its color or markings do not conform. If the dog should then be measured within the limits of such

class, or if its color or markings should be determined to be the color or markings required by the conditions of its class, The American Kennel Club will give the owner of the dog an official statement of that fact, which will permit him to show the dog thereafter in all classes within the limit of height or in accordance with the color or markings shown on the official statement, but the measuring out or determination of color or markings by the Bench Show Committee in accordance with provisions of Section 11 of this Chapter will stand as official for the show at which it was made.

Any person who is doubtful as to the height, color, or markings of his or her mature dog may apply to The American Kennel Club at any time for an official determination in the same manner as hereinbefore provided, although no question as to height or color of the dog has been raised before and The American Kennel Club will give the owner of the dog an official statement of its findings.

EDITOR'S NOTE:—During the past few months we have had a number of black noses protested which upon examination proved to be a deep purple. Our standard reads "any black in the coat or a completely black nose shall disqualify the dog from competition". So a purple nose is not a disqualification as our standard is now written. Perhaps it was our intention to disqualify any nose that appeared to be black in color, but we did not state this in our new standard.

I am not suggesting that this be corrected in our standard, but I am telling you it can be corrected if enough members think it should be, and demand it be changed.

Greetings and Best Wishes from an "Old-Timer"
ALLAMUCHY VALLEY LUKE



New Jersey Brittany Trials

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Other starters were Ben's Suzette, Kaer's Allamuchy Uno, Lady Merrimac of Loufel, Joe's Allamuchy, Hubert, Luke's Allamuchy Bellegosse, Bunker A of Loufel, and Joe's Allamuchy Unter.

The open derby brought out some sparkling exhibitions. Bird work was evidently adjudged as the deciding factor in the placements.

Bobby Sox, thirteen-months-old, a sprightly little orange and white bitch, placed 1st. Handled by her owner, Steve Wyckoff of Paterson, N. J., she did not range as wide on the back course as many of the others, but showed remarkable bounce and zest for hunting and cut up the birdfield industriously, earning three beautifully finished finds and one stop to flush. She had her birds well located and really smacked into point stylishly. She had steady manners on all. Her third find was at the far side of the field and, as she sailed along she swung end-to on point, in thrilling style. She finished away with vigor.

Gwennec de Pascey II, owned by W. E. Thompson of Ferndale, Mich., turned in a well rounded race. Showing a spirited gait and plenty of drive, he ranged over the course in an impressively wide pattern. In the birdfield he had a find near a brook, pointed in nice, high-headed style. The hen jumped before handler could get there, and the dog broke a few steps, but stopped at command, remaining for the shot, was placed 2nd.

3rd place was earned by Stylish Dawn, owned and handled by Albert Magee of

Lionshead Lake, N. J. Her ground race lacked range but she showed verve and applied herself diligently in the bird area, coming up with two finds. On the first she broke, stopping at command, but showed steady finish on the second.

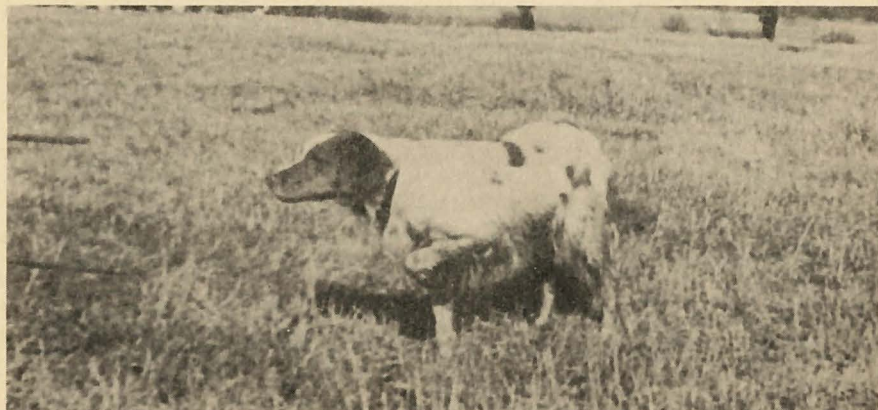
4th place went to Bosbleu's Sandy of Loufel, owned by Coy Conwell of Pontiac, Mich. He laid down a truly magnificent ground race. He sought every far corner of the course in beautiful long casts. He was swift as lightning and had unusual hard driving pace. He hit a bird running in the open in birdfield, and swung in a flash point, went in and chased it up.

Shaticoate Henri, very competently handled by his lady owner, Mrs. S. E. Alford of Cornwall, Conn., turned in a creditable race and displayed attractive style, had one point, went in and punched and chased out of judgment. Patricia Tops, owned and handled by A. Streitferdt, fairly skimmed over the ground in a light, airy pace and accounted for a wide searching race, well applied, and had one bump and chase. Ivy of Loufel, owned by Alan Stuyvesant, showed promise with a lot of snap and style and a most attractive way of going, with one stop to flush.

Other starters were Haledon's Hermays lane, owned by Herman Deiser, Brittany House Happy, Tom Cox; Judy, Ben Liggett; Georges of Leeway, J. W. Lee; Leda of Loufel and Hopp of Loufel, Lucien Ufford; Pamalie of Aotrou, William Kull; Pal, Albert Meester; Pasatrou's Rex, A. H. Ady; Luke's Allamuchy Terry and Foo Mac Eochaidh, Alan Stuyvesant.

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NORTH JERSEY BRITTANY CLUB'S OUTSTANDING DOG OF 1947



Bobby Sox, owned by Stephen Wyckoff, Paterson, N. J.

New Jersey Brittany Trials

Strong winds greeted us Sunday for the all-age and continued to sweep the course all day. At the end of the eighth brace, it swirled like a cyclone; during the ninth, the birdfield was a cauldron of blinding wind, leaves and grass and in the tenth and eleventh, the tempest culminated in a heavy downpour. Scenting conditions were certainly unreliable and there was a lot of trouble with running birds. Nevertheless, there was hardly a dog that went birdless, but many were faced with the problem of the runners.

Aotrou Mac Eochaidh, seven-year-old, white and orange, made Brittany history when he triumphed here. He has been campaigned on both the bench and in trials by his owner-handler, A. H. Ady of Detroit, Mich.

The quality of a champion was apparent in this rather large and handsomely built dog, with more of a tail than the average Brittany. Several inches of flickering appendage gave added animation to his way of moving which was as undulating as a wave and as well collected as a dressage horse. His ability to get out and hunt was displayed in a consistently

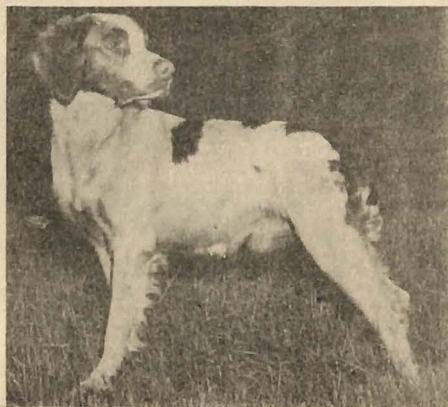
ordered ground heat, and in the birdfield, on his one point, he showed precision and high-headed style and intensity. His bird was well located at a good distance, and his manners to wing and shot were perfect.

Gwenec de Pascey II again came through in fine fettle. He seemed stiff at the start and failed to get out well in the first ten minutes. Limbered up, he struck out in his usual form and showed wide range, marvelous tractability and excellent style. One nicely negotiated find, with exemplary manners, and one independent back on which he was steady while brace mate gave chase, completed a sterling performance to win second place.

Pamalie of Aotrou, owned and handled by Bill Kull, might have shown greater range on the back course, but in the birdfield she breezed. Backing her brace mate at long distance, when both dogs were sent on after unproductive, she went out about forty yards ahead and located the bird. She could hardly be censured for point-stealing, since the opportunity was even. It was a nice display of relocation. A second back with steady manners wound up her exhibition for 3rd place.

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PASATROU KENNELS ARE PROUD TO PRESENT TO THE BRITTANY WORLD DUAL CH. AOTROU MAC EOCHAI DH



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New Jersey Brittany Trials

Allamuchy Valley Addie, owned by Alan Stuyvesant, and handled by Tom Cox, was placed 4th. She glides over the ground and hits her birds with rare intensity and style. Down with Kaerson of Loufel in the difficult wind of the ninth brace, this pair was probably the most evenly matched and best in their ground work. Both ran well and showed lots of hunting ability. Addie had one find with steady manners to her credit and one unproductive.

Deserving of top mention was Allamuchy Valley Omar, owned and handled by Albert Meester. After a well-applied effort on the back course, he showed distinguished style in the bird area on two points. His handler underestimated the distance and the first was counted as unproductive, but the bird was there and later produced. On the second, the dog displayed excellent manners to the flush and shot.

Many of the birds ran out in the open. This was particularly true during the heavy rain in late afternoon. In view of this, Merry Michel of Dunmont, owned by R. J. Dunn, is especially worthy of credit for an excellent ground race and two finds, both birds running out in open, dog stopping at command after taking a couple of steps each time.

J. L. Whitworth's Avono Happy and Lucien Ufford's Whit of Loufel rate a well merited word. Both turned in excellent heats, Happy with the edge in hitting birdier objectives. Both showed rare class and a most attractive way of going. Happy had two chases on running birds, while Whit had one, stopping at command.

De Sacy Bill had fairly good ground work and looked very fine in the birdfield, which he hunted industriously, and had one back with steady finish.

Allamuchy Valley Flo, owned and handled by Dr. Orlin Wry, had a creditable race and showed nice high-headed style on point. Broke at the flush, and stopped at command.

Other starters were, Valentine's Mac Eochaidh, owned by M. J. Axtell; Allamuchy Valley Maude, Herman Deiser; Bobby Sox, Steve Wyckoff; Eddy's Lady, Edward Kinder; Ivy of Loufel, and Luke's Allamuchy Terry, Alan Stuyvesant; Broad Arrow of Richmond, R. C. Busted; Alpha Mac Eochaidh, R. G. Buick; Jan of Loufel, Lucien Ufford; Pepper of Loufel, Ray Goland.

**COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE MUST BE
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We are trying to get on our regular schedule and we must have your co-operation. Forms absolutely will close on August 15th. Long feature articles and stories must be sent in at least two weeks before that time to make this issue as we cannot wait until the last day to lay-out the magazine.

We are sorry we could not run the pictures of all the winners in the spring trials, but we can't print things you do not send us. We hope in future trials each Field Trial Secretary will appoint a committee to get pictures and write-up a detailed running of the trial for the magazine. We will not again publish any report or story that we have to copy from another publication.

Brittany Field & Bench is the permanent record that all Brittany owners will retain and cherish for years to come and unless we are able to give our readers things they cannot get from other publications, we might as well stop now.

All of you have written in during the past four years since we discontinued the publication in 1942 and asked that it be started again. Many of you promised your support through advertising and promised to help us find things to print. Are you doing it? Now let's face the facts, two or three of us are not going to do all the work, finance the magazine and write all the things that go in it. It is no more our responsibility than yours. The time has passed for a lot of talking, it is now yes or no, and I for one will tell you if you don't support the magazine this time, that's all. No more.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:—Peterson who is now in Alaska "bear-hunting", said in last issue to watch this space —**YOU MAY GET A LAUGH.** Perhaps the laugh could be the fact that since he has contracted for this space for the year, it's going to cost him \$40.00 with nothing on it. If that is not funny enough to all of Pete's friends, we might add that we received word he is going to advertise next issue that he has the only Brittany's in America that will track and chase bear.—**SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CHIPPEWA KENNELS.**



HILMER PETERSON (The Bear-hunter from Alaska)

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In our drive for members to strengthen the American Brittany Club, and help promote this grand new magazine—that we've been talking about and "hoping for" during the the past few years—we are considering every club member as one of the membership committee.

When you sell a Brittany Spaniel, **please encourage the new owner to join the A.B.C., AND SEND ME HIS NAME.** I will see that he receives an application for membership at once.

Moreover if you will send me names of all the people to whom you have already sold dogs, I will send them applications. We believe we can obtain more active members if the applications are sent to them at once, rather than waiting for requests for them.

We do not want to compete with the new Regional Clubs for members, but members of those organizations will please notify us of all sales outside your boundaries, and your own club of all local sales.

We can only be successful in this effort with **YOUR** help.

IVAN R. YODER, Chairman of Membership Committee,
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