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PROPOSED
1961 SPRING FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULE

Date	East Coast	Central	Midwest	West Coast
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Feb. 25-26		Illinois		California
March 4-5			Missouri	N. California
March 11-12		Kentucky	Midwest	Golden Empire
March 18-19	Maryland	Buckeye	Sooner	Oregon
March 25-26	Susquehanna	Michigan Saginaw	Northern Oklahoma	Washington
Mar. 31, Apr. 1-2		Ohio		
April 1-2	Hudson Valley		Southern Kansas	
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April 29-30	Southern New England	Pennsylvania	Minnesota	

National Champion For 1959

Field Ch. Towsey



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Fld. Ch. Belloaks Gunner on point with backs by Trahpel's Helderberg Hildy and Dual Ch. Belloaks Ibbey. Photo courtesy of John G. Hemmer, Pinehurst, N. C.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

By Bill Brown

(Grizzly Island Game Management Area, March 5 and 6, 1960. Headquarters Fairfield Motor Inn.)

This club enjoyed several new features during their trial a new high of 29 puppies, a total of 98 entries, and an appreciated increase of Washington, Oregon, and Southern California dogs and their people. Regardless of the all too true forecast for overcast skies, wind, and rain, more judges were drafted and additional courses laid out to enable running two stakes at the same time. The ground cover was good with some native game, supplemented with planted pheasants furnished by the State Fish and Game Department.

Saturday morning found every one on time with their dogs. Bob and his crew had all under control for the count down, with the exception of the weather, that caused poor scenting conditions, and birds that would rather run for it than fly into the wild blue yonder.

After returning boots and rain gear all ears were cocked when Doyle Blagg and George Eddy announced that the Open All Age winners were:

1st—Seahurst Ripcroft, owner Dr. P. C. Wilde, Stan Aeck at the con-



**Lund's Trooper, 1st Amateur All Age,
Northern California Brittany Club.**

trols. Rips backcourse was good and snappy, covering the ground in fine form with an excellent find properly worked, a back on command, and perfect rabbit manners when on a long cast.

2nd—Jacque's Bon Ami, owner Bill Rodda, Elmer Flack setting the dials. A busy adequate race, hunting well, with three finds handled well, one under pressure from his brace mate.

3rd—Lancer of Richmond, owner-driver Jim Gosnell. Lancer put out long driving casts, fast ground work, and handled good. He was held from a higher placement by a short break on one of the three finds.

4th—Apple Hill Gigi, owner Glenn Helmer, Stan Aeck again at the controls. She had one good find and a back on command during a stylish busy race.

A short time later Ejner Lund and Hector Pratt Jr. came in looking like tired wet pups themselves. They announced the puppy winners to be:

1st—Juchoir's Bronze Bangtail, owner-driver Bill Summey. She ran a beautiful forward race, covering the course with a minimum of handling. She had a divided find and a chase.

2nd—Hel's Oklahoma Puff, owner Dr. Webb Burton, and chased by Nicky Bissell. This pup ran by far the biggest race of the trial, chased dicky birds, showed lots of enthusiasm and stamina but was hard to handle which detracted.

3rd—Mitzie of Cypress Hill, owner-handler Al Sequera. She ran a very nice race and was consistent with one find.

4th—Ferd's Rooster Robber, owner Mickey Macomber, his wife Skeeter, gathering the placement. He ran a good backcourse tho not as consistent as the third place dog. He had two good puppy finds, and true to his name, they were hens.

Back to the Motel for drying and demudding. Then to the judges dinner for cocktails, dinner, and awards. After this there was dancing, and the explaining of what the judges did wrong so that my dog could not win.

Sunday proved no better as to weather conditions. But again all were on hand to get the stakes off on time, and to find rain gear for their trip afield. Doyle Blagg and George Eddy judged the derby winners to be:

1st—Juchoir's Tam O'Shanter, owner-handler John Taylor. She ran a busy adequate race, was steady to flush near the breakaway, had one good find showing all age manners, then two more finds when she broke at flush.

2nd—Juchoir's Bronze Bigwig, owner Grant Chadbourne, cast off by Elmer Flack. This was the class race of the stake, covering a wide area very well. Two finds were pointed and chased. He showed good response to the handler. Was held from a higher placement by not having the finish on game.



Juchoir's Tam O'Shanter, 1st Derby, Northern California Brittany Club.

3rd—Gary's Beau Kiki, owner, and at the leash, E. L. Philips. He ran a steady, adequate race, hunting good, handling well. He showed all age maners on rabbits and then had two finds. This dog shows a lot of work on game.

4th—Deborah's Trojan Patrick, owner Phylis Scarbrough, run by her boy-friend Jim Scarbrough. He made some good casts and had nice range but checked in a little too often. He had one find that he pointed and chased.

Next came Stan Aeck and Jim Scarbrough, shaking their heads, to say they had two placements for the Amateur all age. And well they might for the wet, soggy birds smelled so good that all the dogs tried their best to catch them, or eat them.

1st—Lund's Trooper, owner-chaser Ejner Lund. This young one just one day out of derby, did himself proud, covering the ground well with wide casts. He handled well and had one find with perfect style and steadiness.

2nd—Beau Kiki, owner and handler E. L. Phillips. Ran a good course, showing good manners and handling perfectly. He had 3 flawless finds but on his fourth when he relocated he momentarily forgot his training.

We all had a very god time, including the dogs that could not refrain from following those running birds, no chasing you understand. But the highlights were the fine display of sportsmanship by all the doggone people there, and watching young Rocko Summey revel in the glory of his puppies trophy.



ALL REGIONALS

Important decisions to be made. Be sure your Director is at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting.

SOONER BRITTANY CLUB

By M. F. Guest

Britton's Kippo, an orange and white female, completed her Championship by winning the Open All-Age Stake of the Sooner Brittany Club's spring trial on March 12-13. She had a good ground heat and was perfectly steady on three finds for her handler, Harve Butler of Allen, Oklahoma. Her owner is Harlan Wyrick of Indianola, Nebraska. Field Champion Towsey, Tom Black's perennial winner was second under the whistle of Delmar Smith of Edmond, Oklahoma. Butler placed A. L. Stavik's Punch of Paradise to third and J. H. Arbaugh's Slats Mr. Wimpy was fourth for handler Smith. Stavik and Arbaugh are from the far Northwest, Washington and Wyoming respectively.

In the Amateur Gun Dog Stake, the old pro, Field Champion Buddington Prince was first under the handling of his owner, Dan Huddleston of Oklahoma City. Dr. Howard Brown of Vernon, Texas placed his Pacolet's Captain Peck second. Nolen Cathey of Stillwater, Oklahoma handled Dick Noble's Prince Noble de Malibeu to third place and his own Susie's Warpath de Malibeu to fourth. Noble is from Guymon in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

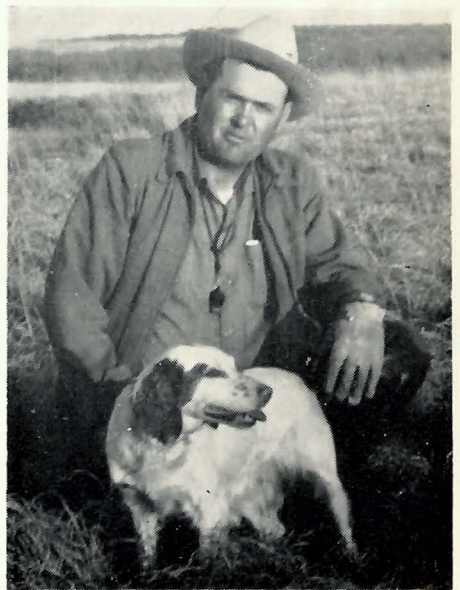
Another Tom Black owned dog was first in the Open Derby. Although it is not required of a derby dog, Towsey's Nubby was steady on one find on the back course and two in the bird field. Delmar Smith is his handler. Nolan Cathey's Susie's Warpath de Malibeu moved up to second in this stake. Another steady derby dog, Edandot Buzzer was third. Jerome Halle, his owner, lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Delmar Smith is his handler. Fourth place was Old Bones, handled by J. R. Horton for his father, W. A. Horton, both of Hollis, Oklahoma.

Harve Butler handled the first and third place puppies. Toujour Ila Pige of Farington's owner is Dr. A. W. Pierce

of Wichita Falls, Texas. Third place Lady of Edgewater's owner is Ernie Flowers of Lawton, Oklahoma. Warren H. Eakins of the Air Force and Altus, Oklahoma piloted his Rainbow's Sacramento Duchess to second place. Towsey's Captain Shine, another Arbaugh owned, Smith handled dog was fourth.

Mr. Fred Unruh and Mrs. Vern Le-Crone, both of Enid, Oklahoma were the popular judges of this event, which was held on the spacious grounds at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Sgt. Thomas S. Roberts of the Fort Sill Game Ranger staff was Marshall for the trial.

Very inclement weather in the weeks before the trial cut down our entry to some extent, but the quality was high and competition keen. The weather for the trial was quite cold, but there was no rain or snow, so good scenting



Fld. Ch. Britton's Kippo, 1st All Age, Sooner Brittany Club, with handler Harvey Butler.

conditions prevailed throughout the trial.

OPEN ALL AGE—14 Starters

- 1st—Britton's Kipo, female, S-697322, by Lird de Luke—Britton's Yule. Owner: H. H. Wyrick; handler: H. A. Butler, Jr.
- 2nd—Towsey, male, S-514195, by Paris MacEochaidh — Speckie Featherbroom. Owner, Tom Black; handler, Delmar Smith.
- 3rd—Punch of Paradise, male, S-818223, by Jacques de Ferncroft—Judy of Paradise. Owner, A. L. Stavik; handler, H. A. Butler, Jr.
- 4th—Slats Mr. Wimpy, male, by Jacques Bon Ami—Lu Lu Amo. Owner, J. H. Arbaugh; handler, Delmar Smith.

OPEN PUPPY—13 Starters

- 1st—Toujour Ila Pige of Farington, female, S-983846, by FCH Beaucoup Pete of Richmond — Verntex Su. Owner, Dr. A. W. Pierce; handler, H. A. Butler, Jr.
- 2nd—Rainbow's Sacramento Duchess, female, S-988507, by King Concho of Richmond — Hels Oklahoma Rainbow. Owner, Warren H. Eakins; handler, same.
- 3rd—Lady of Edgewater, female, S-12-589, by Punch of Paradise—Hels Oklahoma Daze. Owner, Ernie Flowers; handler, H. A. Butler, Jr.
- 4th—Towsey's Captain Shine, male, by Towsey—Chic de Klemanor. Owner, Tom Black; handler, Delmar Smith.

OPEN DERBY—7 Starters

- 1st—Towsey's Nubby, male, S-957995, by Towsey—Jody T's Ginger Lou. Owner, Tom Black; handler, Delmar Smith.
- 2nd—Susie's Warpath de Malibeu, female, S-983938, by Carl's of Kay—Miselle San Queue de Malibeu. Owner and handler, Nolen Cathey.
- 3rd—Edandot Buzzer, male, S-944549, by Avono Hapte—Edandot Nanette. Owner, Jerome Halle; handler, Delmar Smith.
- 4th—Old Bones, male, S-992797, by Bo of Richmond—Cinderella IV. Own-



Fld. Ch. Buddington Prince, First Amateur Gun Dog, Sooner Brittany Club.

er, W. A. Horton; handler, J. R. Horton.

AMATEUR GUN DOG

- 1st—FCH Buddington Prince, male, S-510334, by Allamuchy Valley Warrior—Speckie Featherbroom. Owner and handler, Dan Huddleston.
- 2nd—Pacolet's Captain Peck, male, S-856055, by Tex of Richmond—Ruby of Edough. Owner and handler, Dr. W. H. Brown.
- 3rd—Hels Oklahoma Goldie, female, S-953552, by Ch. Hels Okla Chink—Hels Okla Dobie. Owner and handler, C. C. Luker.
- 4th—Susie's Warpath de Malibeu, female, S-983938, by Carl's of Kay—Miselle San Queue de Malibeu. Owner, Nolen Cathey; handler, Nolen Cathey.

Futurity Prospects

Whelped March 8, 1960

Dam

Duchess Demalibeu

Sire

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by

Dual Champion Tex of Richmond

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A. K. C.
(Dogdom's Quality Control Agency)

by W. E. Stevenson — A.K.C. Delegate

Owners of pure bred Brittanies will frequently find it necessary or desirable to use the services of A.K.C., and a better understanding of this organization's background, its aims and purposes, together with some knowledge of the nature and extent of the services it offers, is certain to be valuable information.

When the American Brittany Club elected to become a member of the American Kennel Club it was seeking an agency through which it could establish and control its breed standards and a reliable regulatory body to police its field and bench activities and maintain dependable records. In retaining such membership, the American Brittany Club is obligated to recognize and adhere to such rules and regulations as established by official delegates of all member dog clubs for administration by A.K.C. In turn, regional clubs, upon application for membership in the American Brittany Club and, by supplementary direct application, for membership in A.K.C., agreed to abide by these same rules and regulations. Now, to many of us, laws, rules and other regulations appear as a necessary evil and, if in cases of this sort we know nothing about the purpose or nature of the administrative organization, we are likely to overlook the necessity of such regulations and they then become an objectionable burden or inconvenience. For this reason alone, knowing A.K.C. and understanding its aims and purposes should be important to all of us.

The American Kennel Club was established in September 1884 as a non-profit organization primarily for the protection and advancement of pure-bred dogs. Its membership comprises more than 350 independent dog clubs throughout the United States and each club has voting privileges which can be exercised by a representative known as

a "Delegate". These delegates are the legislative body of the club, making the rules and electing the directors from among their number. The management of the Club's affairs rests with the Board of Directors operating under policies and with the aid of regulations that conform strictly to the rules established by the legislative body of delegates.

In part, the charter granted the American Kennel Club when it became a corporation under the laws of the State of New York gives as its objectives the following:

"to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing dog shows and field trials; to regulate the conduct of persons interested in exhibiting, running, breeding, registering, purchasing and selling dogs; to prevent, detect, and punish frauds in connection therewith; to protect the interests of its members; to maintain and publish an official "Stud Book" and an official "Kennel Gazette", and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of the purity of thoroughbred dogs."

Section 2 of this charter further states that "for these purposes it", The American Kennel Club, "shall have power to adopt a constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, and enforce the same by fines and penalties, which it shall have the right to collect and enforce by suit, or by suspension or expulsion from membership, or by suspension or denial of any or all privileges of said corporation".

The holding of dog shows at which pure-bred dogs may be exhibited and be given an opportunity to compete for prizes and thereby enable their breeders and owners to demonstrate the progress made in breeding for type and quality,

and the holding of obedience trials and field trials at which pure-bred dogs may be run in competition for prizes and thereby enable their breeders and owners to demonstrate the progress made in breeding for practical use, stamina and obedience have been found to be the best methods by which the progress which has been made in breeding can be shown.

A.K.C. publishes a "Stud Book" showing the ancestry record of every dog that has been registered since the Club's inception—now represents an enrollment of over six million dogs. In each issue of the "Stud Book Register" those dogs and bitches, whose progeny has been litter registered, is given, if not covered by previous issues. The gazette, officially known as "Pure-Bred Dogs—American Kennel Gazette", is an A.K.C. monthly publication which, in addition to interesting and informative articles, records a resume of the official actions of the club and the official awards at all dog shows, obedience trials and field trials held and licensed under A.K.C. rules and regulations. Standards which govern the judging of 113 or more breeds which are eligible for registration are published in "The Complete Dog Book". This publication also contains breed histories, breed photographs and authoritative information on the breeding and care of dogs written by Veterinarians. The American Kennel Club maintains a large library of 7,750 volumes on dogs, representing one of the most complete collections of its kind in the world; there are books and magazines written in practically all languages—some pub-

lished as early as 1576. A collection of famous prints and oil paintings by old masters and modern artists, as well as a unique file of pictures for the study of every known breed of dog is likewise available in this library, which is open for the public to enjoy Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We must all recognize that the American Brittany Club can hope to carry out its aims for the betterment of the Brittany breed, and gain a maximum associated pleasure for its membership, only if we demand the ultimate in quality and uniformity both with respect to the character of our bench and field events and the highest integrity in all who participate in the breeding of Brittanies. One of the best ways of accomplishing these objectives is by giving A.K.C. our fullest cooperation and support in their efforts to administer the rules and regulations which we, in conjunction with the other member clubs, have established.

For general guidance and further details with respect to established A.K.C. rules and regulations, it is recommended that members obtain copies of the following two pamphlets:

"Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows" Amended to December 16.

"Rules Applying to Registration and Field Trials" Including Amendment to same of June 11, 1957.

(The latter includes rules and regulations applicable to the Brittany Nationals.)

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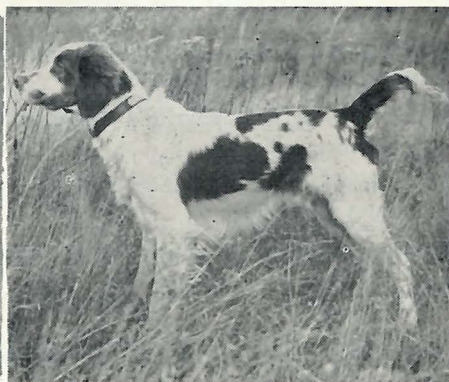
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- Bella Gals Bucky Boy . . .** by Freckles of San Diego ex Gil's Bella Gal of Bu-Can, owner Gladys Gilmartin.
- Juchoir's Some Shoveller . . .** by Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee ex Ch. Valfont Lorelei, owner, Don T. Fredericks.
- Marbob's Hiker . . .** by Ch. Fun Galore RePete ex Da-Val Golden Girl, owners F. R. and M. A. Watts.
- War-Ju Tim de Triumph . . .** by Ch. Warriors Duke de Triumph ex Juchoir's Beretta, owner C. Goering.
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- Happy Hunter's Rusty Boy . . .** by Happy Hunter's Buster Brown ex Pepsi of Parker, owner L. H. Hendrix.
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- Lund's Trooper . . .** by Dancer's Cover Buster ex Faisst Lady of Napa, owners E. and G. Lund.
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- Edandot Bonita . . .** by Dual Ch. Avono Hapte ex Edandot Nanette, owner E. M. Borger.
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MICHIGAN BRITTANY CLUB

By R. T. Curto

(Highland Recreation Area, Milford, Michigan, April 9 and 10, 1960.)

The Michigan Brittany Club conducted their 1960 spring trial on the usual grounds of the Highland Recreation Area near Milford, Michigan on Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10, 1960. A total of 77 Brittany Spaniels were entered and started in the four stakes. Liberated pheasants were used for all stakes. The All-Age and Derby stakes were run on multiple courses where as the Amateur and Puppy stakes were run on single courses.

The ever necessary judges were Messers. Jack Secor of Niles, Michigan and Ray Dahl of Pontiac, Michigan for the Open All-Age and Open Derby stakes. For the Amateur All-Age and Open Puppy stakes Messers. Amos Greer of Gladwin, Michigan and Jim Tolman of Farmington, Michigan were in the judicial saddles.

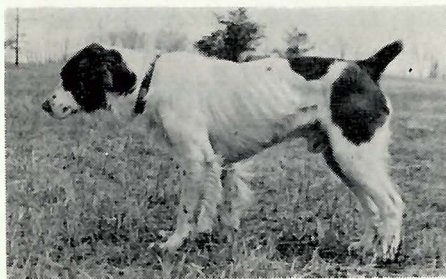
Weather conditions greeting the field trialers, at this spring meet. were not what one would call propitious. High winds, cold, snow flurries, and impassable roads were the unfavorable conditions dealt to us by Mr. Weatherman. Roads which were impassable for modern cars presented a transportation problem for the stakes using the continuous courses. This problem was

solved by Chappie who suggested we employ a tractor and hay wagon to traverse the mired roads. As a result a hay wagon loaded with dogs, handlers, shivering spectators and the much welcomed coffee pot could be seen traversing the spring damaged Highland Recreation Area roads. Leading the hay riding assemblage was the bird carrying jeep which was ably maneuvered by bird planters E. Chappell, J. Kern, and J. Freeman.

On Sunday, weather conditions improved with the sun showing its wel-



L'Etoile De Dingo, 3rd Amateur All Age—Michigan Brittany Club.



Fld. Ch. Benjii of LaRue, 1st Open All age—Michigan Brittany Club.

come face. However, high winds again prevailed so that good clean bird work was at a minimum on both days.

We of the Michigan Club and all those attending the trial thought the judges did a most excellent job under most adverse conditions and we wish to express our gratitude for their efforts. The trial committee, as always, performed their duties in an organized manner so as to produce a successful trial. Following are the placements for the Michigan Brittany Club Spring Field Trial.



Dual Ch. Dingo's Little Mike, 1st Amateur All Age—Michigan Brittany Club.

OPEN ALL-AGE—23 Entries

Judges: Jack Secor, Ray Dohl

- 1st—Fld. Ch. Benjji of LaRue, male, owned and handled by Carlton Plyler.
- 2nd—Beaguard's Billy Boy, male, owned by Grafton Moore and handled by Lee Holman.
- 3rd—Ferd's Flag of Leeway, male, owned by Earl Chappell and handled by Jane Thompson.
- 4th—Sir Mo-Lay, male, owned and handled by Dr. Carroll Conklin.

OPEN DERBY—12 Entries

Judges: Jack Secor, Ray Dohl

- 1st—Dixie of Pacolet, female, owned by Robert Seger and handled by Lee Holman.
- 2nd—Hadsell's Pete, male, owned by Philip Hadsell and handled by Jane Thompson.
- 3rd—Cheyennes Elizabeth, female, owned by C. A. Smith and handled by Jane Thompson.
- 4th—King Star, owned by Arthur Knowles and handled by Carlton Plyler.

AMATEUR ALL-AGE—19 Entries

Judges: Amos Greer, James Tolman

- 1st—Du. Ch. Dingo's Little Mike, male, owned and handled by George Wilson.
- 2nd—Ch. Brits Tic Toc Bobby, male, owned and handled by Howard Crippen.
- 3rd—L'Etoile De Dingo, male, owned by James Freeman and handled by Oline Freeman.
- 4th—Zu-Bee's Moochie, male, owned and handled by Bill Szubielak.

OPEN PUPPY—23 Entries

Judges: Amos Greer, James Tolman

- 1st—Northlands Doc, male, owned by Homer Collins and handled by Lee Holman.
- 2nd—Tex's Little Luke, male, owned by Robert Seger and handled by Lee Holman.
- 3rd—Stem Winding Robert, male, owned by T. S. Gray Jr. and handled by Jane Thompson.
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THE MINNESOTA BRITTANY CLUB'S FIRST SANCTIONED TRIAL

by *A. L. Connolly*

The Minnesota Brittany Club held their first sanctioned field trial on the 19th and 20th of March at North Oaks Kennels. We were a little worried about our Minnesota weather so early in the year but the temperature stayed in the thirties and it was clear most of the time. It was still Minnesota though and the coffee business boomed at the chuck wagon. We want to thank the wonderful gang from the Badger Brittany Club, Cliff Kittelson from the Ringneck Brittany Club and all who entered for their fine support. With so much help and support we feel that our first venture was a success.

For awhile we thought our report would have to read like the report on the national trial as we had several deer go through the bird field but the bird planters managed to rout them with a few well aimed snowballs. All



Puppy placements—1st to 4th, left to right—Minnesota Sanction Trial.

in all only one dog chased and he remembered his manners and returned shortly. Due to some very spirited horses there were a couple of tumbles and some tender spots among the club members but everyone seemed to enjoy it very much. Glue and pillows will be standard issue with each horse at our next trial.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

12 Brittanies

Judged by Robert Lalor and Del Precht

- 1st—Tearraway Broccho, owned and handled by Dr. A. B. Kores.
- 2nd—Dan of The Autumn Wind, owned and handled by John Anderson.
- 3rd—Spreekle's Brett, owned and handled by Pat Wendtland.
- 4th—Sir Lancelot, owned and handled by George Hunter.

OPEN DERBY STAKE

10 Brittanies

Judged by Robert Lalor and Del Precht

- 1st—Tammi of Eldridge, owned and handled by Warren Hanson.
- 2nd—Laddie of Queen, owned and handled by Robert McGowan.
- 3rd—Havapal Petie, owned and handled by Larry Rehberg.
- 4th—Tearraway Broccho, owned and handled by Dr. A. B. Kores.

OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

17 Brittanies

Judged by Al Frush and Robert Lalor

- 1st—Princess Bonnie Susan, owned and handled by E. A. Hutchinson.
- 2nd—Fld. Ch. Teka of Sioux Land, owned and handled by Cliff Kittelson.
- 3rd—Kickapoo Sue LaRue, owned and handled by Rand Constalie.
- 4th—Rap's Chucker, owned and handled by Robert Jordon.

AMATEUR GUN DOG STAKE

8 German Shorthairs

2 Weimaraners

2 Brittanies

Judged by Al Frush and Robert Lalor

- 1st—Big Island Dancre G.S.P., handled by George Ruediger.
- 2nd—Islmount's Ringo G.S.P., handled by Del Precht.
- 3rd—Almar's Sam V. Dusseldorf G.S.P., handled by Harvey Young.
- 4th—Big Island Recs G.S.P., handled by Duane Petit.

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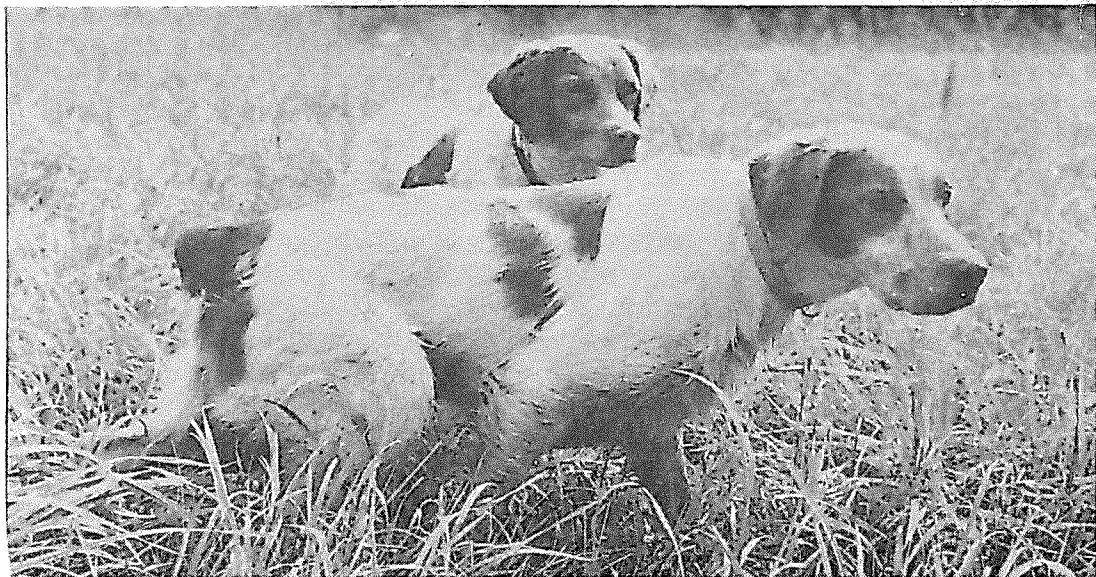
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83. PRIDE OF LONG FORD—BOB'S DEBONAIR—3/2/60—1 male, 3 bitches; Rev. Thomas M. Riley, St. Mary's Church, Florence, N. Y.
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- Nos. 74, 75, 78, 79, 86, 96, 97, 130 will not be completed—failed to whelp.

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	First Enroll- ments	Com- pletions
Midwest	44	19
Central N. E.	17	10
Sooner	15	7
Illinois	8	3
Michigan	8	2
South Eastern	7	3
California	6	4
At Large	6	1
Ohio	6	2
Nebraska	5	2
Pennsylvania	5	3
Ringneck	5	3
Saginaw	5	2
Upper N. Y.	5	1
Kentucky	3	2
Badger	3	
Southern N. E.	3	
Hoosier	2	2
Buckeye	1	
Minnesota	1	1
Missouri	1	1
Oregon	1	1
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REPORT ON THE NORWEGIAN BRITTANY CLUB

The following letter was recently received by W. E. Averill (Michigan Brittany Club) and forwarded for publication.

Dear Mr. Averill and Mr. Holleyoak:

It is no easy task to start this letter. I can assure you that I have had bad conscience every day for not writing you, and actually there is no excuse, except that I have passed the 70 years and there fore am not as willing to write as I used to be.

There must be some 70-80 Brittanies in Norway now, spread over the whole country. Four have been exported to Sweden and Denmark is now starting to ask for pups.

Several of the Brittanies have been to shows during this year; a few have been awarded 1st prize, quite many 2nd prize, and a few 3rd. None have been rejected.

We have been rather handicapped, as most of the judges had never seen a Brittany before they came to the show, and were reluctant to give first prize in order not to commit themselves.

We have tried to spread the percentage as much as we could and we were glad for the Fench male to help thinning the blood. Unfortunately, this dog has been overrun by a car, and got too fat and was unable to perform the act. It sounds perhaps strange, but I am getting the impression that the youngest able dogs we have now, are better than the pups from the first litters, so I believe that the race now is getting acclimated to the Norwegian conditions of hunting.

Mrs. Isdahl has a male born 1-6-58, which she started to train last summer and had a field trial for young dogs, in beginning of September, before a shot was fired over the dog Sonny Boy (Nicknamed Goliath as he was the very biggest in the litter), but the result was not good. Mr. Aarstad has been twice to woodcock trials, also without result,

but this was his own fault, as the dog (Holly Haven Major) was not enough trained, as his owner.

I have now a sister of Goliath—father French, mother daughter of your Diana and Major. A very lively and promising dog, from Mrs. Isdahl's Kennels. I started training her on the first day—August 20th—we are allowed to train, without shooting. This dog has spirit and speed, and turned out excellent on leming with less interest on ptarmigan.

We had an unbelievable invasion of leming this year, which spoilt practically all the young dogs of any race. In the autumn the main roads were simply slippery by killed leming. The leming fight anything they see, dogs, humans, or cars—they sit on their hind legs ready to defend themselves. The animals were also nuisance during the shooting in September and distracted the young and also some old dogs terribly.

We have a Brittany Club here, where we have asked our members to report about the last season and we have got some very good reports—and the Brittanies must be popular here as three owners, who have got their Brittanies killed in the traffic, have ordered new ones of this race.

Regarding show judges, we have now succeeded in getting authorized Mr. Sigurd Skaun, Skien, and hope to get educated more—but that takes years.

On the whole I have the impression that all owners of Brittanies are very pleased with their dogs, both as shooting dogs and family dogs.

The gentleman who imported the French dog is considering to get another male from France, and I hope he will do it, so that we can get more new blood to the race.

. . . I am greatly relieved that I have composed this letter to you and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hugo Mowinckel Nilsen,
Bergen, Norway.

M. LeJAB

Mon Pere was not the equal of Aesop, but he also was a teller of Fables. One fable that he told often concerned Alfonse Allevaire who was enamored of a young lady and in the hope of gaining her favor brought her flowers on each visit. He desired greatly to please her and so travelled far and wide to procure for her the rarest and most beautiful of flowers. He soon became an expert on flowers, and so interested in them was he that he forgot the mademoiselle. "And so", Mon Pere would chuckle, "he became the outstanding single horticulturist in all France." The moral of Mon Pere's fable is, "Don't get lost in the daisies when seeking two-lips."



I must hope that this is not happening to the breeders of the American Brittany. The ideal of all of the serious breeders of the **Breton** is to consistently produce the best in Brittany type and ability.

Since the individual breeder is human, the goal primary is sometimes forgotten. One has a dog that has proven his ability, so this dog becomes the sire of each breeding. If the breeder does look from his own kennel, he is likely to choose a stud dog from his immediate part of the country.

This is not to be condemned, for it represents pride and loyalty—however in the approach to the primary it is not good.

Like M. Allevaire, the breeder becomes so interested in the flowers that he forgets the lady.

To examine the converse — What would be the best way to win the lady, the mythical ideal Brittany??

There can be only one true way, and

that is by selective critical breeding. The dam and sire must be the best—not the handiest.

The local breedings may in time produce a local type that would not be consistent with the breed. It may even thin the blood and bring out faults. And if no one sees Brittanies from other places, they may think that theirs is the ideal type and know no better.

There is a thing which happens to breeds which are unfortunate enough to become popular. This I will call '**Breed Dilution**', and it occurs as follows.

Let us suppose that there are a total of only 100 dogs of one breed. Of this 100, there are 2 outstanding dogs; 10 good dogs and 88 mediocre dogs. Now by simple mathematics if the number is increased to 1000, it should mean that there will be 20 outstanding dogs; 100 good dogs BUT 880 mediocre dogs. The increase in the outstanding and good dogs is fine, but the increase in the mediocre dogs is frightening.

It is even more frightening when one considers that these mediocre dogs will probably belong to those who will not know enough or care enough to attempt to improve the breed by refusing to breed second best dogs or by culling puppies.

The salvation of the Brittany Spaniel, as with any breed, depends then on the most interested people in the breed—in our case, the members of the American Brittany Club. You are the people—the breeders—the sponsors of the Brittany Spaniel who must protect the breed from dilution and deterioration.

It is a basic truth that the breed will deteriorate when the interested breeders stop using the shovel. Although this sounds to be without heart, it is truly necessary. If we, the sponsors of the breed allow second best dogs to get into the hands of those less

interested, there will be no way to stop these people from breeding the poorer dogs. There will be no way to cull these pups, and poorer representatives of the breed will certainly result.

So, it becomes then, of the greatest importance that the serious breeder breed to only the best where ever the best can be found. Ideally the puppies from the resulting litter, should then be culled as the pups grow older until only one or two pups are left. This I know, is not practical nor possible. However if it is kept in mind, the goal may be approached if not actually reached.

If we are reminded often enough of what should be done, we will probably come closer to doing this as time goes on.

This was the theory of Mama, and I know it will work if given enough time—for did I not see Mon Pere sit with eyes straight to the front—at age 96—as a pretty nurse walked by??

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TRAINING THE ALL-AGE

by Dwight H. Williams

Every dog has a personality much the same as a person. You will find the bold extrovert, and the sensitive introvert, in the same breed—even in the same litter. The successful trainer must completely understand his pupil—he must know what makes the wheels go around. When he reaches his second birthday, he becomes an all-age and it is up to his trainer to complete his education so that he will become a valuable property.

The all-age, being an animal is handicapped by not being able to fully understand the wishes of his teacher. He is born with certain instincts, some of which are a help and others that are a hindrance in becoming a fully trained bird dog.

Training the all-age can be likened to the college training of a student. This training can be easy if the dog has had proper puppy or grade school and derby or high school education. However, this is not always the case, as often the dog is expected to go to college without any grade or high school experience.

The ideal situation. The weather is perfect for a field trial. A large gallery is waiting for the break-away, two competent judges are ready to look at the next two Brittanys. Our all-age is feeling fine, ready to go. He has every confidence in his handler and he is sure of what is wanted. He knows that mice and other furry game is taboo—he knows that he is to use the wind to advantage and all casts are to be to the front. He is to hunt likely cover independently and when he finds game birds he is to point them with style and intensity. He is to be staunch on point and not move when the birds are flushed and the gun fired. Should his brace-mate find game he is to honor with style on sight and remain until sent on by his handler. How does he arrive at this pinnacle? Only one way. Through

countless errors, each one corrected, over and over again, covering many months of hard and sometimes discouraging work.

Our all-age is much above average. He has had some trial experience as a puppy and derby. He is eager to hunt and find game. He points but usually takes the birds out before his handler gets to him and chases them far over the hill.

The don'ts outnumber the do's in training a bird dog. Much of what is wanted comes naturally and the natural is what an alert judge is looking for, not the mechanical.

There are two important things to be done before much can be accomplished in the training of the all-age. First, the dog should be completely broken to the word "Whoa" or any similar word. This should be done in the yard at an early age, but it must be complete and the dog is to respond under any and all circumstances. The trainer can use the feed pan system to keep the Brittany on his toes and keep him impressed with the importance of stopping in his tracks on command and staying until released.

The second is the rabbit problem. Most trainers have their own system for making unattractive. The most common is probably a good sound thrashing for chasing and a showing of displeasure when you are sure the dog is working rabbit scent. Once the dog is broken from hunting rabbits they seldom seem to bother much with them again.

Some dogs have a keen desire to point most any kind of scent, such as mice, rabbits, stink birds and terrapins being the most common. They will usually give themselves away, however, with some little quirk such as a flagging tail. When the trainer learns what it is, the best thing to do is merely walk away and leave the dog on point

without saying a word. In other words completely ignore this action. If the dog persists probably the bean-shooter will have to be brought into play.

A good trainer will have in mind what he wants the dog to do and he must never relax and fail to correct every mistake. If he does he will lose ground and have to redouble this efforts to regain it.

I may be wrong but I doubt if many bird dogs have been trained without a lot of scolding and goodly amount of the un-spared rod. The ultimate error is for the trainer to lose his temper and become brutal. Many dogs have been completely ruined and even killed by kicking and using clubs for discipline. I have heard of trainers actually shooting their dogs with a shotgun for various mistakes. The only answer to this is that it is just too bad the dog cannot shoot back. A switch or a light piece of leather that will sting, but not bruise, applied to the hind quarters while holding the dog by the collar will get results, providing the dog knows what he is being disciplined for. Never, under any circumstances, fail to "make-up" with the dog after he has been corrected. A kind word, or a little petting will not take away the results of the lesson he has just learned, and will put you back into his good graces.

You will occasionally see a dog point with intensity and style and the trainer start toward him and the nearer he got the more the dog relaxed until all

character had gone. In some cases the dog might go so far as to lie flat on the ground by the time the handler reached him. This comes from too much training pressure, and will eventually lead to blinking, which is leaving game rather than face the chance of discipline for making an error. Care should be exercised to avoid making the dog shy away from game.

In training make the sessions of short duration. If you are fortunate to have a good piece of work, show him that you are pleased and pick him up. If a mistake is made, correct and continue until acceptable work is performed, then give the reward and pick-up. In other words do not persist until both the dog and trainer are completely worn out.

Probably the most important and the most difficult phase in training the all-age is the "breaking" or becoming steady to shot and wing. The dogs natural instinct is to try to catch the bird and curbing this becomes strictly a matter of breaking or training.

There are various ways to break to be steady to shot and wing, none of which are easy. It is more or less a gradual process, although in some instances dogs have been known to break completely in one day, while others take many months and then are apt to chase under certain conditions.

The trainer must know the disposition of the dog he is working and how much pressure he may apply without



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injury and when to let up if the pupil shows signs of wilting. He must remember that it is a game to enjoy as far as the dog is concerned, but when it ceases to be fun he may decide to call it quits. He may be forced into continuing but will lose his eagerness and natural style and once gone it may never return.

In breaking it is better to work the dog alone so that full attention may be given, or if braced with another it should be a completely broken dog and not with another trainee. In this manner if anything is learned from association it will be in the right direction.

If the dog is staunch on his birds, in other words if the trainer can get to him while on point, he can work without a check cord. The cord can be snapped on while the dog is on point if necessary. If wild birds are being used and they do not flush it is well to style the dog up and stroke him, pushing him gently towards the birds so he will react by pressing back. After a few times you can even pick the dog up completely and put him back down while on point. This gives him confidence and reassures him that he is doing the correct thing. Do not be in a hurry to flush the birds, since it may be several days before you can get just the right situation again to handle your dog on point.

When you are ready to flush the game caution the dog by repeating the word Whoa. When the birds go out, fire the gun. In the beginning the dog will undoubtedly go with them. Mark the exact spot where the dog made his original stand with your cap, call him

in and return him unceremoniously to that spot. You may even carry him at least part of the distance, and stand him back, again repeating whoa, but it is not well to punish—only show your displeasure so he will know that he has made a mistake in chasing the birds. This part of the training will have to be done over and over again. That is why most professional handlers go to Canada and South Dakota to work their dogs on young chickens and pheasants, since they are able to get just the right situation over and over again. These young birds are numerous and will hold for the dog, allowing the trainer many opportunities to handle the breaking dog.

Many trainers use a check cord successfully. This is a must if the dog is not holding his birds until the handler can get to him. A light but strong rope is better than nylon since it is not prone to tangle. Attach to the dogs collar and allow it to drag. When he stands game locate the end and work up hand over hand if alone, or even better, if you have help, allow the

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helper to handle the check cord and you may give your entire attention to the dog. To avoid rope burns be certain your helper wears gloves. Upsetting the dog when he breaks to chase gets better results than merely restraining him therefore the party who handles the rope should step forward so there will be plenty of slack to be taken up. When the dog reaches the end of the rope, the handler should jerk back vigorously, thereby upsetting the dog violently. He should then be picked up and returned to the original stand, and again repeating whoa. It is not recommended that a dog should be punished in any other way since he has pointed game birds and his only fault has been in chasing when the birds flushed, and that, as stated before is just his natural reaction.

Many judges have been pleased with a natural, on sight, stylish, intense back. Some bird dogs will honor another dog's point instinctively. A stylish point, and a beautiful back is something to remember for a long time and no problem, but then again you may have a dog who delights in rushing by the dog on point and flushing the birds for a merry chase. When this happens in a trial, usually both dogs will go and you are in the dog-house with the other handler. This can be corrected in short order with the check cord and a good steady brace mate. Keep the dog being trained on the check rope until the other dog establishes point, bring the trainee up behind until he is sure to see the other pointing dog, but not close enough to get scent, restrain him

and have a helper flush the birds ahead of the other dog. If he breaks, have your distance figured so that when he reaches the end of the rope and before he gets past the other dog, and then proceed to really upset him. You can be rougher on him in this instance than in breaking him of chasing birds from his own points. Do not allow him, under any circumstances, to steal another dogs point or take another dogs birds out without punishment. This is a bad fault and can be very embarrassing, so should be corrected promptly.

Many trainers make the mistake of cautioning the dog whenever he indicates the nearness of game. It is much better to let the dog be the judge and avoid taking the dog into a premature stand which may be unproductive or a stand on something other than birds. If the dog has the good strong body scent of the game birds he will point surely and positively and there will be no question in the mind of the handler. It is therefore better to just wait for the positive location. This will also prove to the judge that you have confidence in your dog's nose and in the training you have given him.

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