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SPRING TRIAL SCHEDULE 1963

(as suggested—and subject to change)

Date	East Coast	Central	Midwest	South Central	West Coast
Jan. 26-27—	Southeastern (Quail Classic?)				
Feb. 16-17				Volunteer	Northern Calif.
Feb. 23-24		Illinois		(Stillwater)	Central Calif.
Mar. 2-3				G. St. Louis	California
Mar. 9-10	Maryland	Kentucky	Midwest	Northern Okla.	
Mar. 16-17	(Old Dominion)	Buckeye	Iowa	Sooner	Golden Empire
Mar. 23-24	Susquehanna	Ohio	(Milwaukee)	Missouri	Oregon
Mar. 30-31	Hudson Valley	Pennsylvania	(Montana)	Southern Kansas	Washington
April 6-7	New Jersey	Michigan	Nebraska	(Tri-City)	
April 13-14			Easter Sunday		
April 20-21	U. N. Y.	Mich.-Sag.	Ringneck	(Abilene)	
April 27-28	C. N. E.	Hoosier	Skyline		
May 4-5	S. N. E.		Badger		
May 11-12			Minnesota		

National Champion For 1961

Field Champion Yankee Boy's Tommy



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COVER

The unleashed thunder of rising grouse is well depicted in this line drawing by Bill Blackmun, and presented here as a reminder to put the A.B.C. Grouse Classic at Gladwin, Michigan on your calendar for for this field trial season now!

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EDITORIAL

LET'S BE SENSIBLE . . .

by John Doak

Isn't it about time we started acting like sensible people on the question of horseback transportation? I have listened to and read all the arguments of the proponents and opponents on this controversial subject and the reactions from both factions appear to be that of the small school boy that took his ball and bat and went home because they wouldn't let him pitch. The temper of both groups is running high, the air is getting thick and a bit nauseating so let's act our age and resolve the question without further ado.

To set the record straight for those of you that don't know me, I am a foot bird hunter because I like to walk and need the exercise. And I should add I don't have a horse or a place to keep one if I did. Nevertheless, after about the second day of hard bird hunting I always welcome a horse, a mule or any suitable conveyance. And I have found out the hard way that field trials of more than one days duration are not for the leisurely old foot bird hunter.

Have you ever tried foot bird hunting on a 100,000 acre ranch covered with mesquite, Russian thistle, chaparral, buffalo grass and such? If you ever have you didn't see much of your dog unless it was one of the under-foot variety. In some sections there still are such areas available for training, hunting and field trialing. Can you honestly blame those from such areas that participate in our trials for insisting on horseback transportation?

How many times have those of you that have handled your dog from foot on the Crab Orchard field trial grounds turned to the judges or the marshal to inquire as to the location of your dog or have had some of the mounted gallery point it out to you? Wouldn't you have liked to have been on a horse where you could have seen your dog and have known what it was doing?

Granted that in some sections of the

country the large open areas for hunting and field trialing are fast closing in and that today such sport is restricted to relatively small fenced tracts of land. Even in the old days, however, a pair of side cutters and a couple of hanks of baling wire were standard equipment in the saddle bags to gap the fences so you could ride through and follow the dogs wherever they went.

Granted that the land owners in those days were more tolerant of people with class bird dogs than they are today and few objected to gapping a fence if you repaired same after passing through.

But times have changed! In the old days we followed the dogs. Now with the blast of a whistle or a swing of the arm we expect the dogs to follow us and stay on the prescribed but limited course. So what difference does it make if we are afoot or horseback?

Granted that a handler on horseback may crowd the handler on foot. But is that the fault of the mode of transportation or of those in charge of the trial? How many times have you foot handlers been crowded by a mounted gallery or by the marshal and judges? Let's don't blame the horses for human failures.

Granted that at the meeting last Fall the A.B.C. by a majority vote, disapproved of horseback transportation for handlers at trials sponsored by its member clubs. But how many of you know that an informal canvas of the delegates revealed that many of those that voted "no" on the question were passing on the majority opinion of their constituents even though such a vote was contrary to their personal view. Perhaps that is as it should be but could it be possible that we have got ourselves into this hassel by a majority vote of members that are not hard bird hunters or that are not too interested in field trials on a national scope? It would be interesting to know if the majority of the dissenting voters on the question of horseback transportation

train their dogs on foot or have them trained by a professional on horseback.

Our good President, Henry Holleyoak is in a most difficult situation. He must pull together two strongly opinionated, adverse factions on a highly controversial subject and my sympathy goes out to him. And moreover I fully appreciate the necessity of conforming to rules, regulations and legislation that have been established through democratic procedures. But sometimes the legislation is adopted by devious means that is contrary to the desires of the public (as it was with the Volstead Act) and should be repealed.

Henry has by necessity taken a stand that I sincerely regret even though it had to be done. The threat of discipline on a matter such as this is "for the birds" and if carried out could well drive a wedge through the heart of the A.B.C. at a time when we need more

solidarity on our objectives and more new members.

And speaking on the possibility of more new members let me say that if this area is representative there are for every member of the A.B.C. perhaps twenty Brittany owners that do not belong and are not interested. Is it because we are a snobbish crowd that discourages new members or is it because we can't reach an agreement on our objectives?

The future of A.B.C. is at stake. Let's be sensible and face the issue with due respect to our sectional differences. Let's come up with an amiable solution on horseback transportation that we all can live with.



PLEASE PUT YOUR REGIONAL CLUB AFFILIATION ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE AMERICAN BRITTANY. IT WILL HELP US PLACE YOU QUICKER.

BUCKEYE BRITTANY CLUB

FALL TRIAL

October 20 & 21, 1962 -- Hillsboro, Ohio

Entries Close Friday, October 19, 1962 at 7:00 P.M.

Drawing: Friday, October 19, 1962 at 7:00 P.M. at Headquarters

Information Re: Stakes—

**Judges: Dr. Bernard Schwartzel, Athens, Ohio and Roger Motley, Williamsburg, Ohio—Open Puppy, Open Derby, and Open All-Age.
Mike Benton, Lexington, Kentucky and Richard Hill, Hillsboro, Ohio, Amateur All-Age.**

**Open All-Age—Saturday, October 20, 1962..... Fee \$10.00
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Birds: Native game birds and liberated pheasants

Horses: Available on reservation with entries

Entry Information:

**Edwin P. Weik, Fld. Trial Sect'y
2106 Timberman Road
Hamilton, Ohio**

Headquarters:

**Stanforth Steak House
115 W. Main St.
Hillsboro, Ohio**

AN INTERVIEW WITH BILL BROWN

We are all cognizant of the fact that there are two major organizations that have to do with the registration of pure-bred dogs, and sponsor and regulate the activities of these dogs. These are the American Kennel Club (A.K.C.) and the Field Dog Stud Book (F.D.S.B.). Since Brittany trials are run under A.K.C. license most of us are somewhat familiar with this organization.

Taking advantage of a visit to Chicago, I stopped in at the offices of The American Field Publishing Co., and visited with Bill Brown, Editor of THE AMERICAN FIELD.

We discussed bird dogs in general, and field trials in particular, and Mr. Brown was kind enough to answer some pointed questions directed towards various controversial and troublesome areas in so far as the American Brittany Club is concerned.

The discussion was enlightening and of great interest to me. With the thought that it might also be of interest to readers of THE AMERICAN BRITANNY, some of the points that were covered are listed here.

Registration

Q. "Is there any advantage to F.D.S.B. registration of Brittanies, since our trials are run under A.K.C. license and dogs must eventually be A.K.C. registered?"

A. "Let me explain our registration system and you will probably decide for yourself that the answer is 'yes'. The F.D.S.B. has a system of cross files. When a dog is registered a card is placed under the owner's name and the dog's name, and the original application papers are filed by number. Notice of every registration is published, a true public record. The A.K.C. no longer does this. In the event of question, we can then find the dog from any one of the four—under owner's name, dog's name, registration number or publication notice. Should this dog place in a trial his name is placed on a card in another file in a section under his sire and another card in a section under

his dam. This is a very definite advantage to the breeder who is looking for a prepotent sire. We can tell him just how many winners the prospective sire has produced, and the same is true, should the producing qualities of a bitch be questioned."

Q. "Do you have any problems with conformation, color, etc.?"

A. "Occasionally a registration is requested for a black and white pointer puppy out of liver and white parents. This is not genetically possible, if both parents are liver and white, but where breeders insist no other dog was involved in the mating, we request a controlled breeding with the same sire and dam for the next season. Where this has been carried through, as yet no black and white offspring have resulted."

A. "In that way you protect the color standards of the breed and the breeder."

Q. "That is the purpose of our registration. As further example of this service, suppose someone buys a dog and wants to know if he has the correct dog. The F.D.S.B. registration papers have a diagram for the principal markings of each dog registered. We ask the questioning buyer to diagram these markings on the dog purchased, we then compare them with those on the original application papers, and can pretty well tell him whether he has the correct dog."

Championship

Q. "One major difference in the two major trial sponsoring organizations is in the manner in which a Champion is made. Our members are familiar with the point system of A.K.C., and often cite a distrust in a system that would allow a champion to be made on the basis of one win in one trial. Would you comment on this?"

A. "It is important, first of all, to know how a Championship Stake is determined. The field trial club that wants to sponsor a Championship is observed over a lengthy period of time-

often up to ten or fifteen years. The grounds must be of championship calibre. The judges used by that club, over this period of time, must be the best, so that we can be assured that the men chosen to judge will be truly looking for a champion, and will have the ability, judgment, and experience to find one. With these grounds, and these judges, this particular trial must also prove its ability-again over the years, to draw to it, dogs of championship potential. When all of these conditions are met, we then have the basis for a championship: on grounds of championship calibre, under judges who will look for and find a champion, who is competing against other potential champions, winners which have qualified with a prior placement. We feel that the possibility of a dog achieving a championship, who is less than a champion should be, is greater under a system where points are awarded per trial. There is always the possibility under this point system, of a better than average dog piling up points while

competing with less than average dogs, on grounds that are not sufficient to test a true champion."

Future

Q. "In all probability, the basic aims of both sponsoring groups, as well as The American Brittany Club are the same. We do have some problems in some areas working under our present arrangement. I am sure that problems are inevitable no matter how a thing is done, or who does it. Let me then pose a strictly hypothetical question . . . Could the American Brittany Club, with its present organizational structure, fit into the pattern of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America?"

A. "Certainly, we would, should this become a possibility, recommend that the present structure of A.B.C. be maintained. Our primary interest is the same as yours, a better bird dog. Our structure is broad enough, and non-restrictive enough to allow a great deal of latitude in your organization. The opinions of A.B.C. would be heard and respected, and the voice of A.B.C.

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would be one of four or five breed organizations, rather than one of more than 115, and so would be well heard."

Q. "Another hypothetical question then, of personal interest to me, but that could be asked by others. Would there be a conflict of interest with our present publication—THE AMERICAN BRITTANY, and THE AMERICAN FIELD?"

A. "Not at all. The two, like the two organizations, would compliment each other. Your publication would supply feature material, articles, club news, and material of particular interest to your members. It would also give THE FIELD material that would add to our scope. THE FIELD could help THE AMERICAN BRITTANY with news material and perhaps some advertising."

Editorial Comment

So went the salient points of this interview with Bill Brown. From this certain conclusions seemed logical, and some opinions apparent. These are offered as an Editorial comment only, nothing is suggested.

1. F.D.S.B. registration has much to

offer. This and A.K.C. registration has long been recommended by many, and in view of the facts presented, this dual registration would be an advantage to the breeder and owner.

2. True Champions can be named in more than one manner, and it is of interest to learn of both sides of the question.

3. It is quite certain that THE AMERICAN BRITTANY cannot be a news magazine. With a monthly publication date, it cannot 'scoop' a weekly paper. And nothing is more stale than last month's news.

The greatest potential for a breed publication of this type lies in its ability to disseminate information for the breed—as a forum for discussion, and ideas and a bulletin for club news and activities.

So in my opinion, the two would compliment — and not conflict with each other.

This interview was of great interest to me personally, and very informative. I hope that others will, through this means, also find it of interest.



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TIME: 7:30 a.m., October 10 and 11 to completion.

GROUND: The Gladwin Game Area Field Trial Grounds with continuous one-hour courses. Take M-18 north out of Gladwin to Meredith (about 16 miles), turn right and follow the Field Trial Arrows.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00

ENTRIES: Limited to the first 28 dogs entered, will close at 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 8, 1962, at 11625 Frost Rd., Freeland, Michigan.

DRAWING: At 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, at Greer Motel, Gladwin, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS: Greer Motel, Gladwin, Michigan.

KENNELS: Available at grounds headquarters—"Alibi Hall".

HORSES: Available by reservation only, at \$10.00 per day. A deposit of \$10.00 must accompany reservation. Limited stable facilities are available at the grounds headquarters—"Alibi Hall". Additional stables are available at the fairgrounds in Gladwin.

TROPHIES: Winner—The John S. Sweeney, Jr., Perpetual Rotating Trophy, plus silver tray. Second, Third and Fourth Places: Silver trays.

RIBBONS: Rosettes to all placed dogs.

JUDGES: Roy Strickland, Wellston, Michigan; Bill Brush, Mars, Pennsylvania.

RESERVATIONS: Write, phone or wire the Field Trial Chairman.

NOTE: Saturday morning, following the Classic, the Michigan-Saginaw Valley Brittany Club will hold its regular Regional Trial next to the airport at Gladwin.

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Area Code—517

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Area Code—517

DOG WRITERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Chairman Maxwell Riddle announces the rules and categories for the Annual Award Contest of 1962. These awards are doubtlessly the highest honor that can be bestowed for literary work in this field, and in recognition of this, and in the hope that this will stimulate more entries, the rules, categories, etc., are printed here in their entirety.

General Rules:

Contest period, November 1, 1961 to October 31, 1962. No entries to be accepted if postmarked after November 1, 1962. Award winning entries of last year not eligible, even though written during this year's contest period.

All entries to be submitted to Mrs. Lois Meistrell, 19 Locust St., Great Neck, New York.

No entry to be made in more than one class.

Responsibility for placing an entry in the proper category rests with the contestant, and the judges shall not switch an entry into another category. Contest is open to all, excepting that the chairman of the awards committee has disqualified himself.

CATEGORIES

Newspaper—

A. Best All Around Writing Job. Contestant to submit examples of news reporting, column writing, feature stories, editorials, and dog welfare promotions.

B. Best Column. To be judged as a balanced column, on the basis of a minimum of six examples.

C. Best News Report. One to six examples of reporting shows, obedience trails, or field trials, or other news events which demonstrate writing ability and reportorial excellence.

D. Best Single Feature Story. One to six examples to be submitted.

Magazines—

A. Best All-Breed Magazine devoted principally to dogs. At least four issues to be entered.

B. Best Article by a professional dog writer. May be a single article or a

series. A professional shall be considered to be one who writes regularly for pay, so that he makes all or a reasonable share of his living by writing about dogs.

C. Best Article by a non-professional dog writer. Can be a single article or series by one who does not write for pay, or who receives so little remuneration that he, or she, cannot be termed a professional.

D. Best Article appearing in a magazine not devoted primarily to dogs.

E. Best Column appearing in a national magazine. Can be a column devoted to a single breed, or a regularly featured column on dog care, or other subjects.

Club Magazines and Bulletins—

A. Best Breed Magazine, at least four issues to be submitted. Judges to take into consideration whether the magazines appear monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly.

B. Best Articles or Series appearing in an all-breed club magazine or breed magazine or bulletin.

C. Best Club Bulletin. Four issues to be submitted. Category is open to single national breed bulletins, area specialty club bulletins, and all-breed club bulletins.

Public Service—

A. Public Service Award to be made to a member of the Dog Writers Association of America. To be given for dog welfare work, such as legislative campaigns for better dog laws, general dog promotion work, and for promotions and editorials not submitted in other categories. It is intended that this category shall include work outside the writing fields.

B. Best Public Service Booklet published for the welfare of dogs by dog food, life insurance, or dog welfare societies, or other companies.

C. Best Film or other dog promotion programs by companies or organizations for the welfare of dogs.

Books—

A. Best Technical Book. This cate-

gory includes books about individual breeds, all-breed books, dog care, and or training books.

B. Best Juvenile Book. Fiction or technical books for readers up to 16 years old.

C. Best Novel. The chief character should be a dog, or the action should center around a dog or dogs.

AWARDS

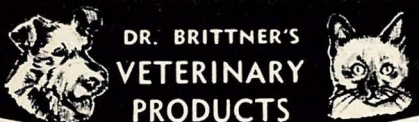
A. Awards will be announced at the annual banquet of the Dog Writers Association of America on Sunday evening, February 10th, Hotel Statler-Hilton, New York City.

B. Winners will be notified by letter well in advance of the dinner.

C. Awards will be engraved certificates suitable for framing.


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They will also have available some of the items that we are using in our attempt to raise additional money to support your magazine.

So that you will know them, they are listed here:

Richard L. Graves, Arkansas City, Kansas.

Lee Stewart, Wheatridge, Colorado.

Lois Wetherbee, South Acton, Mass.

Marjorie Ayres, San Diego, Calif.

Arthur Connolly, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Please make them welcome. Listen to their story, and tell them how we may make your publication mean more to you.

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THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB. INC.

NATIONAL TRIALS

Annual Specialty Show—National Championship
Fifteenth Futurity—National Amateur Handler's Stake
Crab Orchard Wild Life Area ,Carbondale, Illinois

November 24, 1962 until completion

Entries Close—12:00 Noon, November 13, 1962.

Drawing—8:00 p.m., November 23, 1962, at the Crab Orchard Field House.

Annual National Specialty Show—Crab Orchard Field House—8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 24, 1962.

Judge—Jerome Halle, Cleveland, Ohio

Show Chairman—Paul Bone, Princeton, Illinois

Show Secretary—Royce Curto

Fee—\$6.00

National Amateur Stake and 15th Futurity will be run simultaneously,
starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 24, 1962.

Stakes, Qualifications, Judges and Entry Fees . . .

National Amateur Stake—45 minute heats. Open to dogs having placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in an A.B.C. approved All Age Stake. Judges Lloyd Teas, Murphysboro, Illinois and Ray Barto, Seatonville, Illinois. Fee \$15.00.

Fifteenth Futurity—30 minute heats. Judges: John M. Hoover, Salem, Illinois and W. B. McMurtrie, Granite City, Illinois. Starting Fee \$10.00.

National Championship Stake—60 minute heats. Open to dogs having placed 1st or 2nd in an A.K.C. licensed Open All Age Stake. Judges: James V. Carter, Anderson, Indiana and H. O. Price, Arcadia, Ohio. Fee \$20.00.

National Field Trial Chairman—Earl Chappell.

Horses Available—Contact Lloyd Futrell, 604 Wall St., Carbondale, Illinois.
Direct inquiries and Mail Entries to:

Field Trial Secretary
ROYCE CURTO
1675 Rosemont
Berkley, Michigan.

Show Leads

WHAT'S A BRITTANY SPANIEL?

by Frank W. McHugh

One Judge said: "I never place a Brittany Spaniel in group because there are so many types, I don't know which is right."

Another Judge said: "Brittany Spaniels are such an inelegant breed and represent a hodgepodge of types that are difficult to compare with each other. There are so many elegant dogs in the Sporting Group, that they just don't belong."

Once in a while a Brittany gets a group placement. One went Best in Show. When this happens it's news, and it doesn't happen often enough to keep the Brittany name before the show judges.

If this hasn't jarred your apple cart, try this. A French fancier said; "The Brittany is losing favor in France. We cannot sell them. Poodles, Longhaired Dachshunds, and Toys are taking their places in the kennels of fanciers. The Brittanies are running the alleys and are better than those I've seen exhibited in America. In Michigan I saw a judge put up a Cocker Spaniel type; in California, the same judge put up a Welch Springer type. Doesn't America have a standard type?"

Unfortunately, the answer is "NO". Our standard for the breed is too ambiguous. To quote the standard, "**General description**—(why not general appearance?).

A compact, closely knit dog of medium size, a leggy spaniel having the appearance as well as the agility of a great ground coverer. Strong, vigorous, energetic, and quick of movement, yet never heavy-boned and cumbersome. Ruggedness without clumsiness is a characteristic of the breed. So leggy is he that his height at the withers is the same as the length of his body. He has no tail, or at the most, not more than 4 inches."

"**Weight**—should weigh between 30 and 40 pounds."

"**Height**—17½ to 20½ inches—measured from ground to the highest point of the back, the withers."

"**Disqualifications** — Any Brittany Spaniel measuring under 17½ inches or over 20½ inches shall disqualify from BENCH SHOW competition. Any black in coat or nose so dark in color as to appear black shall disqualify. A tail substantially longer than 4 inches shall disqualify."

Then in conclusion, "**A Guide For Judges** — The points below indicates only relative values. To be taken also into consideration are: type, soundness, gait, spirit, optimum height, body length and general proportions.

Scale of Points:

Head	25
Body	35
Running Gear	40

Total100

After much verbage on "General Description", we end up with a scale that puts the emphasis on legs! Nothing wrong with leg emphasis, prefer the Atlantic City type myself. But to exhibit the "agility of a sound ground coverer, strong, energetic, quick of movement", etc., in a ring so small that the Brittanies have to be packed in with a pegging awl, under instructions to move at a walk, sure gives one the creeps! You sure can't say that the judge isn't putting the emphasis on legs.

But why all the emphasis on legs? Every dog has legs. The difference should be that the Brittanies legs should be attached to a very definite type of animal.

The Bench Standard Committee, that has been set up to change the present standards, proposes:

1. "Changing the weight from 30 to 40 pounds to 30 to 45 pounds, because a 20½" Brittany in decent show shape will weigh more than 40 pounds."

This is an erroneous statement. Weight is relative to type and bone formation, and not solely to height. A long bodied, heavy boned, low to the

ground skeleton will hold more weight than longer legged, short coupled skeleton—both heights being the same.

The present weight clause is an indication to the judge that a big cumbersome dog is less desirable than a more streamlined one, and does not need changing.

2. "Disqualify Tri-Colors." Why? The standard says, "Dark orange and white, or liver and white. Some ticking is desirable, but not so much as to produce Belton patterns. Roan patterns or factors of orange or liver shades are permissible. The orange and liver are found in standard **parti-colors** (definition, 'having various colors') or **piebald** (definition, 'having patches of different colors') patterns."

So long as there is no black, there is no disqualification. The so-called "Tri-Colors" have been around a long time in **parti-colors** and **piebald**, so why not attach a new name to these patterns and colors and disqualify it?

3. "Nose so dark as to appear black" to—"A nose that is darker than any part of the coat".

The standard means, Visible Black Nose. Genetically, black on the tip of the nose indicates a concealed black factor. This factor could cause black to show in the coats of subsequent generations. Since black in the coat is a disqualification, it would be irrational to use an animal that shows that it has this factor, by black on its nose, for breeding.

It might be well to reword this to: "Black on tip, or any part, or all of the nose is a disqualification."

There is another statement that should be deleted: "Any Brittany Spaniel measuring under 17½" or over 20½" shall be disqualified from Bench Show competition."

What do we do in the case of an unbenched show?

While we are deleting, strike out all of the instructions to the judges, and the scale of points. This paragraph is verbose, ambiguous, irrelevant, and confuses the issue of type.

General appearance can qualify type. The general appearance of a Holstein

distinguishes it from a Jersey; a leg-horn from a plymouth rock; and a Bull Dog from a Brittany Spaniel.

General appearance—TYPE—is of the essence. From this, a good dog judge begins to evaluate.

At about the same time that M. Enaud was working to develop the Brittany Spaniel in France a breed was being developed in Germany that today is in great favor as a show dog. Considered by many to be the aristocrat of all breeds, it is streamlined, tailor-made in elegance and nobility — the Doberman Pincher.

The standard for this breed states, "General conformation and appearance: The appearance is that of a dog of good middle size, with a body that is square, the height measured vertically from the ground to the highest point of the withers, equals the length, measured horizontally, from the forechest to the rear projection of the upper thigh."

The Dobie wins groups, goes Best in Show, and is rated elegant.

The Brittany standard calls for the same type and he goes begging for recognition.

Why? Because instead of staying with type, the standard wandered off to legs!

It's time for a change! Suggestion: change description to appearance; to read:

"General **Appearance**.—A closely knit dog of medium size, a leggy spaniel having the appearance as well as the agility of a great ground coverer. Strong, vigorous, energetic, and quick of movement, **with gay, noble, elegant, and intelligent demeanor**. So **compact** is he that his height at the withers is the same as the length of his body, **measured from the point of the keel at forechest, to rear of protrusion of thigh bone.**" (bold face indicates suggested changes).

With TYPE, the judge knows what is wanted. He has a constant that can be measured.

fooling around with legs gets people in trouble, and it has got your beloved Brittany in disfavor!

OREGON SPECIALTY SHOW

The Oregon Club held their Annual Specialty show in conjunction with the Dog Fanciers of Oregon at the Greyhound Racing Track in Fairview, Oregon on June 24. There was an entry of 21 dogs, about half of which came from out of state. The Browns, Barsuglias, F. McHugh and Dorothy MacDonald were present from California and the Westlunds from Washington. Judge was Robert McCandless of Los Angeles.



Doctor Frank McHugh with Mr. Frank McHugh. (Kneeling)

Best of Breed went to Frank McHugh's Ultra Mend Jacques nicely presented by Davidson. Best of Opposite Sex was Ch. Gaard's Jubilee owned and handled by Mrs. Elizabeth Odegard, who was responsible, with her daughter Margaret Smith, for most of the arrangements of the show. Winners dog was also owned by McHugh, and is known as Doctor Frank McHugh. We understand that this win finished this dog's championship. The winners bitch was also handled by Mrs. Odegard. It was the first time out for Juchoir's Gee Whiz owned by John Taylor.

Following the show a group met informally at Bissell's for a lunch and afternoon of fun. It was voted a very successful show and the committee is to be congratulated on their arrangements and on their lovely trophies.



Central California Brittany Club's newest champion: Ultra-Mend Rusty owned by Jim and Carolyn Shivley shown completing his championship at the Golden Gate Kennel Club Show, Saturday, June 30th under judgement of Mr. Chris Shuttleworth and handled by Carolyn Shivley. (Bennett Associate photo)



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How Wide Is Wide

By Nicky Bissell

PART VIII

An interesting topic of conversation lately seems to be how wide is wide, and are we making race horses out of our Britts. Are we making too wide a separation between our field trial dogs and our gundogs.

At the time the rules in the AKC red book were formulated the ABC published a sheet with these rules plus additional rules for Brittany Spaniels only. We were told these rules were to be enforced the same as the red book. It was in these rules that horseback handling and no handler being obliged to handle more than two in a row are mentioned.

These rules state 'A Brittany is neither Springer or Setter and must not be judged entirely under either standard. He should never be a slow methodical plodder and neither should he be wider than the course permits. He should adjust himself to the type of cover to be hunted. His pace must be fast and his range wider than the flushing spaniels require, but always with an objective. He should reach for birdy cover but whip running as sometimes experienced in the big pointer and setter circuits should be severely penalized as undesirable in a good gundog. Major points to be considered are . . . energy displayed in searching, going to and working birdy cover, efficiency of ground work, use of wind, and speed, stamina, and control.'

I believe that this states the case for the gundog fairly well. It definitely points out that, if there are objectives, a dog should reach for them and not go out of the country. It is further suggested in the red book that if a dog is gone for more than 5 minutes it shall be cause for non-placement of the dog. There you have placed one limit on his range.

Let us analyze 'Neither a Springer

or a Setter.' A Springer should (and I quote the red book) hunt the designated cover within gun range. Therefore we must conclude that a Brittany should hunt wider than gunrange. As he is a pointing dog we should get no argument there. Nor is he a Setter. This was probably meant to express the thought that he should not range as wide as the Setter, as the bit on 'whip running' suggests. 'Never a slow methodical plodder.' This is a plain statement discouraging the placing of mechanical, under-the-feet dogs even though they do find a multitude of birds. 'Neither should he be wider than the course permits.' You may conclude from this that the course will have the greatest bearing on whether the dog is too wide. A dog that is too wide in New Jersey can well be too close in Kansas. If the terrain is open a dog can range much wider than in the grouse woods.

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A Britt being essentially a foot gundog, adapting himself to the course means something different than for a horseback gundog. I want to hunt birds, not hunt my dog. If he is so wide that he is out of sight to me on the ground I must spend a good deal of time looking for him. If he is out of sight most of the time how can I hope to locate him on point? I prefer a gundog that keeps track of me. If he does disappear it should be for such a short period that, if he does not reappear I know he is on point.

It is on this point that we are in danger. Other breeds have split into field trial and shooting dogs. Other breeds find suddenly that their greater popularity is in shooting dog stakes for the average man's dog rather than wide going horseback handled dogs. We should take heed from the statistics in the American Field. They are finding great popularity in shooting dogs and there seems to be a slight trend for the average man's shooting dog to replace the rich man's racehorse type dog. Let's not breed ourselves right out of our market. The Brittany is popular as a small, close ranging foot gundog. Let's keep him that way and not try to make a miniature Setter out of him.

Fast, yes, for what fun is it to watch a ground prowler or snuffer at work on a running bird, when you can see that old rooster legging it out a country mile ahead. But out of the country 'Oh No.'

To me the range of the Brittany should be this. Close enough so that the handler on foot does not lose sight of the dog for any lengthy period, reaching out to the extent of the cover that he is in. But not so wide that the handler must keep asking 'Where is my dog judge?'. I do not mind more range and lack of control than this in a pup but I want him hunting, not just running for the fun of running. I want him to show evidence that he is using the wind, reaching for some objectives and showing an interest in things that fly and run. A derby I would like to see more range than a pup, but show evidence of desire to point, but still class and style at this age and not an over-broke plodder.

Let's keep the Brittany what he was at the start, a good keen-nosed shooting dog, the poor man's gundog. Let's stop the trend before it gets out of hand of putting up the dog that ranges the widest just because he ranges.

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In an effort to make the charts of field trial placements more meaningful, and at the same time to conserve space, they have been condensed as much as possible, and will run in successive issues—one region in each of the next four issues.

† means Bench Champion, § means Field Champion, and * is Dual Champion. The first column contains the dogs name, his owner (handler). Next are his sire and dam. Dogs will be listed in the region in which they were principally campaigned. In all age dogs the next number is the number of previous wins. (Not mentioned in puppy-derby chart). The last column has S-for spring, and F-for fall. This is followed by the placement, the club and the number of entries in the stake. Long names are misspelled to shorten.

1961 WINNERS — WEST COAST — PUPPY and DERBY

Most of the spring 1961 winners will be found in The American Brittany issue of June 1961, pages 26 through 29.

Alvidons Pat D. Fredrickson (Ack)	Faulkners Rip § Alvidon Dusty	F-4 Der. Ore. (21) 1 Der. Wash. (12)
Bigwigs Vallee Pierre (G. Chadbourne)	Juchoir Bronze Bigwig Melanie of Montclair	F-1 Pup. Ncal. (8) 1 Pup. Gemp. (5) 1 Pup. Cal. (10)
Chancellor Chauncey Chaser The Westlunds (Woodward)	Sovereign de Klemanor Roxanne St. de Brevic	F-1 Pup. Wash. (11)
Cindy of Bellflower L. Davidson	Royal Prince of Dukebird Sandy of Beelflower	F-2 Pup. Cal. (10)
Enumclaw Holliday Britt H. McSldowney (Ack)	Joes Pat Penelope de Karen	F-2 Pup Wash. (11) 2 Pup. Ore. (8)
Greenfield Rocket The Russells	Pauls White Flash * Tinker Belle II	S-4 Pup. Sne. (13)
I. W. Harper S. Warren	Bonny Slip of Texas Freckles Cyn	F-3 Pup. Cal. (10)
Juchoir Chocolate Candy L. Prefontaine (Bissell)	Pierrot de Fontan Valle * Juchoir Shady Lady	F-1 Der. Ore. (21) 3 Der. Wash. (12) 2 Der. Ncal. (16) .2 Futurity (81)
Juchoir Mistrs Missy A. Burton	Juchoir Militry Mite Juchoir Gee Whiz	F-1 Pup. Ore. (8)
Juchoir Tuffy The Rookards (Bissell)	Juchoir Rusty Boy Babe of Norkenzie	S-3 Pup. Sne. (13) F-2 Der. Wash. (12)
Legionarie D. Buster	Juddwick of Lionheart Light of my Life	F-4 Pup Ncal (8)
LeTiche de Coray S. Higgins	Pauls White Flash * Tommy Yankee DeMoney	F-4 Der. Gemp. (16) 3 Der. Cal. (16)
Mike of Hawthorne II H. McSldowney (Ack)	Mkie of Hawthorne Penelpoe de Karen	F-4 Der. Wash. (13)
Mitzie J. DeVenney (Woodward)	Mike of Hawthorne Penelope de Karen	F-3 Pup. Ore. (8)
Nancy France F. Hutchinson	Tigger Too Patricia Elizabeth	F-3 Pup. Wash. (11)

Rangers Johnny Ringo W. Thompson	Randys Ranger Lady Robin	F-2 Der. Ore. (21) 4 Der. Ncal. (16) 1 Der. Gemp. (16) 4 Der. Cal. (16)
Reno Diablo C. Percell	Pauncho el Toro Speedy Lady Hayhurst	F-3 Der. Ore. (21) 1 Der. Ncal. (16) 1 Der. Cal. (16)
Richmont Prairie Rambler M. Macomber (Bissell)	Samson of Richmont Poulette of Richmont	S-1 Pup. Skan. (25) 1 Pup. N.Y. (37)
Speedy the Duke The McConnells (Johnson)	Duke del Duval Pacolet Suisun Valle Sue	F-3 Pup Cal. (8)
Tietjens Red Ranger The Tietjens (Lund)	Randys Ranger Bielars Pink Lady Sue	F-2 Der. Gemp. (16)
Tigars Jocko J. Munson (Phillips)	Honeys Tigar Petit Femme de Bois	F-2 Pup. Gemp. (5) 4 Pup. Cal. (10)
Tipcos French Rebel B. Cappell (Cook)	Pauls White Flash * Tommys Yankee Demoney	F-3 Der. Ncal (16) 2 Der. Cal. (16)
Tipcos Prince Michael B. Cappell (Cook)	Pauls White Flash * Tinker Belle II	F-3 Der. Gemp. (16)

1961 WINNERS — ALL AGE — WEST COAST

The spring winners will be found in The American Brittany, issue of June 1961 on pages 29 through 32.

Apple Hill Gigi § G. Helmer (Ack)	Dr. Lashers Derby Dr. Lashers Honey	20 F-3 Amat. Ore. (15) 2 Open Ore. (19) 4 Amat. Wash. (21)
Beau Kiki § L. Phillips	Beau Gars de Rousseau Mitzy of Alameda	46 F-2 Amat. Ncal (18) 3 Open Ncal (23) 1 Amat. Gemp. (15) 2 Open Gemp. (25) 2 Amat. Cal. (19) 3 Open Cal. (22)
Casey Jones R. Haines	Petar of Edough Duval Petite Femme Allamuchy	7 F-4 Amat. Gemp. (15)
Chasseur Breton H. Pratt	Count Jo Duchess of Lionheart	14 F-2 Amat. Ore. (15) 4 Open Ncal. (23) 4 Open Cal. (22)
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Faulknres Rip § D. Faulkner	Baldy of Paradise Sassy Judy of Klamath	27 F-1 Open Wash. (19)
Gal in Naceous Supremus A. Ewing	Ouragan Britt Pheasant Lady	2 F-4 Open Ore. (19)
Garys Beau Kiki § L. Phillips	Beau Kiki § Queen of Lionheart	11 F-1 Amat. Ncal (18) 3 Amat. Gemp. (15) 1 Open Cal. (22)
Jojo B E. Keefe	Faulknres Rip § Centimes	18 F-2 Amat. Wash. (21)
Juchoirs Bronze Bigwig G. Chadbourne (Flack)	Pierrot de Fontan Valle * Juchoir Shady Lady	6 F-3 Open Gemp. (25)

Juchoirs Light Lodestar W. Stein (Bissell)	Pierrot de Fontan Valle * Juchoir Shady Lady	9 S-3 Open U.N.Y. (23) 2 Open N.J. (13) 4 Open Sne. (13)
Juchoir Some Shoveler D. Fredricks (Bissell)	Pierrot de Fontan Valle * Valfont Lorelei †	5 S-3 Open N.J. (13)
Lunds Trooper * The Lunds	Dencers Cover Buster Faisst Lady of Napa	24 F-1 Open Ore. (19) 1 Amat. Ore. (15) 1 Amat. Wash. (21) 3 Open Wash. (19) 4 Amat. Ncal (18) 2 Open Ncal (23) 2 Open Cal. (22)
Petes Rock n Rye Duval P. Barsuglia (Cook)	Petar of Edough Duval Honeys Sugar Plum	9 F-4 Amat. Cal. (19)
Randys Ranger † The Lunds	Lunds Randy of Troy † Lunds Dubroc Duval	23 F-3 Open Ore. (19) 3 Amat. Ncal (18) 1 Amat. Cal. (19)
Robb Roy of Douron D. Carlson (Pearson)	Sir Ted § Laurents Poudreux	5 F-4 Amat. Ore. (15) 2 Amat. Gemp. (15) 3 Amat. Cal. (19)
Sputnik E. Keefe	Faulkners Rip § Centimes	6 F-4 Open Wash. (19)
Sutter Basin Happy R. Pearson	Rhodes Lucky Sutter Basin Sue	3 F-1 Open Gemp. (25)
Suzanne de Ferncroft § B. Heinz	Stubby San Juan Judith of Ferncroft	16 F-2 Open Wash. (19) 3 Amat. Wash. (21)
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Dear Sir:

What can be done with a male Brittany almost 2 years old who acts like a tyrant at dog shows? By that I mean barking and growling at old ladies and little children? And trying to start a fight in the ring? At home he is his gentle, sweet self but only obeys his master and is strong minded. He is of the best quality and is easy going outside of this. Also, he won't let people touch him, so it is difficult when in a show ring. I will be looking for your answer in the next issue.

Dear Sir:

If you are a true lover of the breed you will realize that you have an im-

portant problem. Dog shows and field trials are the showcase for the breed. It is here that non-doggy people get their first glimpse of the breed. You are doing Brittanies in general an injustice by letting people see a fighting, growling, snapping dog. He is not a true representative of the breed and should not be shown in public till he learns to be a better representative of Brittany Spaniels. I address this part of my answer not to you, who realize you have a problem, but to those who unheedingly show their dogs and let them fight and growl, outside the ring, and let them snap at the judge in the ring. Leave those dogs home until they are better mannered. Don't let the general public see them and draw the conclusion that all Brittanies are mean. A well known all-round judge surprised me once by saying he dreaded judging Britts as many had bitten him! We know that is not a true picture of the breed.

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are frightened. If your dog is timid or shy start taking him everywhere with you. Let him get used to strangers. First walk him down back streets on lead where there are few people. Ignore the people. When he takes this in his stride post a friend that the dog does not know down the street. Stop and talk with the friend and let him handle the dog. Set the dog in show pose and let your friend go over him. Take him on more crowded streets till you can take him in the middle of the hustle and bustle of downtown without bothering him. Let strangers pet him as he gets more used to it. Take him to fun shows and fun trials. If his trouble is fear he will gradually become used to the confusion. If he doesn't, better just leave him home and forget dog shows as there is no use making him frightened and unhappy.

Perhaps your dog is just trying to protect you. He may be growling at other dogs and people to tell them to stay away from his master. Show him you are displeased when he does this. Again set up a situation on a side street

where you can correct the dog. If he growls at a strange dog, or an old lady scold him and let him know you don't like it. Or if he is tough use whatever method you have to make him understand you are displeased. A jerk with a choke collar, or a whack with a newspaper may do the trick. Just make him understand you don't want him to do this. When you can control him in a set-up situation venture into a more crowded area. Fun shows and trials are good places to do any training of this manner and other dog people are always glad to take a minute and go over your dog if you explain your troubles.

If some previous bad experience is the cause you must ferret it out and show the dog that experience can happen again without hurting him.

Last, plenty of training will help. Teach him to stay motionless when you say "whoa" and he will stand for examination. Teach him to lead at heel and ignore what is going on around him. You don't do this in a few minutes or a few days but good manners will pay off for the time spent to get them.

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OBITUARY

There is an empty run in my kennel and an empty place in our hearts. Dual Ch. Pierrot de Fontaine Valle, or Curly as he was known to his friends, is no longer with us. He died lacking just a couple of months of fourteen years of age. For many years he was our house pet as well as our favorite gundog. Curly was bred and owned for the first years of his life by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clough. He was campaigned for them to his bench championship by Lee Wade, picking up a couple of group placements along the way.

He began his field training at three years of age. Up till then he had no knowledge of birds or what to do about them. But he picked it up rapidly and finished his championship under the ownership of Alice Clough, trained by the Bissells. It was a matter of pride with us that he would handle for anyone. I well remember one amateur who brought him in after a successful run and handed over the leash asking "What do you call him? I forgot to ask." He won that day. He would lay sleeping all day on the top of the dog crates in the station wagon with the windows all open and all the confusion of a trial outside. But just step up to the car and say "OK Curly" and he was out and ready to rip the course to ribbons.

For many years he ranked second in the all time records for number of wins. Unfortunately he was not campaigned much in his later years due to a shoulder injury suffered when he ran full tilt into a concealed cement post. He excelled as a gundog and sold the breed

to many a new gunner. He sensed the difference in an all day hunt and a field trial and adjusted himself. He was a fine retriever. Probably his excellent disposition, his keen nose and his brains were his biggest assets.

He holds many records. Only dog to win under 15 handlers. He was one of three studs who held field championships and multiple group placements. He was a member of the original Sports Afield Team. He was not used extensively at stud and many of his pups went to "just gundog" men. But he still ranks number two on the list of field winners. He sired 6 bench champions as well.

My most memorable experience with the "Old Man" was in a California trial. They were running in new cut rice. The fields are cut up with banks of earth running about 30 yards apart. The straw had been raked in the field but on the banks or "checks" it was laying as it had been mowed. Curly pointed a runner in the field. He had



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to be sent on and he drew straight up to the check and when he got on the top of it he pinned the bird. The judges had insisted that no handler was to pick up a bird and throw it. The straw was nearly knee high and very heavy. I kicked the straw but my 100 pounds did not do much toward moving it. I kicked and kicked. Then I got so weary of trying to kick on the sloping sides that I sat on the ridge and tried kicking the side straw sitting down. It worked pretty good as far as the gallery went for they were in hysterics watching all this straw flying head high. I finally reached down and felt the bird just in front of the dog but the judges would not let me pick it up. So I gave one last mighty kick and moved all the straw away from in front of him. And you know where that cotton pickin' bird went? Right under the dog's belly. "Please judge can't I pick it up? I can never kick it out from there." And the answer was still no. So I circled the dog and reached my foot gently under his middle and gave an upward push. The dog had not moved a muscle in all this con-

fusion which had taken his complete eight minutes in the birdfield. And he stood while the bird boiled out at last, hitting him in the side on it's way. To top the whole deal I had to leave for home immediately and spent the whole 850 miles wondering how the stake came out. It was the following Wednesday before I received a card to the effect that the fiasco had won him another first. It's memories like that will live still though Curly is gone.

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SHOULD THE TAIL WAG THE DOG?

by Bob Burbank

I have been reading with interest the articles and comments on limiting the dogs eligible for field trials to those dogs that are not disqualified in the show ring, and I am wondering if in doing this, we are not committing the same error experienced in other breeds, by stressing the bench standards with priority to excellence in the field.

We are an organization dedicated to improving the Brittany as a field dog. They will only be improved by breeding to the dogs that most capably perform in the field. The bench show has a duty to perform, but only to keep the breed as a recognizable breed.

Why should a top performer be disqualified from becoming a field champion just because some veterinarian had unknowingly left too many vertebrae when he cut the tail?

A few years ago, if my memory serves me correctly, one of the high placing dogs in the Futurity was minus several toes or parts of several toes due to frostbite when the dog was very young. This dog would be disqualified as a cripple under AKC rules governing all breeds, as I understand the rules. In stressing a point, I have always hesitated to name a dog or person in order to keep an article as impersonal as possible, but in this case, I think the name of the dog, Du. Ch. Pacolet's

Cheyenne, lets us more fully realize the importance we should attach to the disqualifications. Although Cheyenne was made a bench champion as well as a field champion, had the fact that she was not a complete dog been brought to the attention of the show judge, she should have been disqualified, which would have further disqualified her from becoming a field champion by the proposal now under consideration. Her value as a brood bitch is a matter of record. It is true she could have been used as a brood bitch regardless, but there is little doubt that her litters would have been so readily accepted had she not have had her previous record. In neither of the above cases would the faults that disqualified the dog have the slightest bearing on the quality of the offspring, and by no stretch of the imagination could they be considered congenital.

Breeders of cattle found a long time ago that they were most likely to get a calf who would be a high producer of milk by breeding a bull from a line of high milk producers to a heavy milk producing cow. Poultry breeders use only those lines in breeding that produce the most eggs, and the same logic should be used in the breeding of dogs.

Field dogs are judged by what they can do. They must have a nose, pointing instinct, and ability to take training.

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These are intangible qualities that can only be judged in the field, and I might add, are highly sought after in breeding. Then there is soundness, the ability to get there through all kinds of cover with plenty to spare. Far too few show judges recognize this type of soundness, and when they do, don't realize its importance with relation to other parts of the body.

One of the pointing breeds in the Sporting Group that not so long ago was able to give a good account of himself in all types of field competition, was completely dominated by the show standards for several years. He now is very cumbersome in the field, running with a pounding, very tiring gait, and also is lacking in the above mentioned intangible assets.

We are all aware of still another pointing breed that became divided by one group of breeders stressing just show, and the other group breeding to just field dogs. The show group has produced a line that is certainly a fine looking dog when seen on a leash or lying in front of a fireplace, but if you

want to see one of this breed slashing his way through fall cover hour after hour with no letup, then you have to turn to the field strain. (Incidentally, the field strain is much the smaller of the two.)

These two cases are all too well known to the not-to-old bird dog men, and I only mention it because it could happen to us.

This brings home the matter of size, which seems to be one of the causes of this controversial proposal. In both of the above cases, the show judges placed a premium on the larger dog. Both the dog that is all show and the show dog of the split breed have developed into a larger dog that is very cumbersome in the field, whereas the field strain of the split breed has had a tendency to get smaller, to the extent that it is scarcely, if any, larger than the Brittany. This should lead to the conclusion that there is no danger the Brittany will become oversized to any extent from breeders interested in breeding top field dogs. I do feel that they have to be near the top limit in order to be able

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to handle natural bird cover in the fall. In order to get dogs of this size consistently, some in most litters, no doubt will be oversized. Males are apt to run larger than females and it is conceivable that the males in a litter could all be oversized, when at the same time, the females of the same litter be within present standards. Possibly a slight variance in the standards that would allow the males to be slightly larger than the females would be the answer, but I would like to see the height standard set at a range between 19 and 20½ inches, with no disqualifications on size, but rather make it a fault, the severity to be governed by the amount of variance from the proposed target area. There are far too many factors that are necessary to make a good breeding, to let a minor fault like a fraction of an inch in height rule out an otherwise top dog.

According to the original French standards that are shown on page 17 in "The Brittany in America," the height was 19½ to 22 inches with no disqualification in height. This gives some indication that the French felt a good field dog should be close to our top limit. I know some readers will immediately dispute the need of raising the lower limit and promptly name one whose height was below 19 inches that has given a good account of himself in the field. I concede this but they are so few in number they must be considered the exceptions where heart has made up for lack of size.

The French standards further insisted that a bench dog had to pass certain field tests in order to qualify

for his bench championship. It would seem to me that this indicates that they felt the field dog qualifications should always be the controlling factor for the bench standards, rather than the reverse.

If you will think through the list of breeders who are consistently producing top field dogs, you will find a large percentage of them show little, if any interest in bench shows. I take this to mean that they feel the bench standards are not consistent with the requirements of a field dog. It would be interesting to hear from some of them on this.

Most of the hue and cry for this innovation has come from that portion of the club that has done little or no breeding of their own and are unaware of the problems involved in making breedings that consistently produce the type of gun dog we want.

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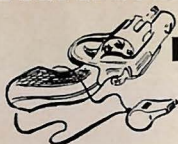
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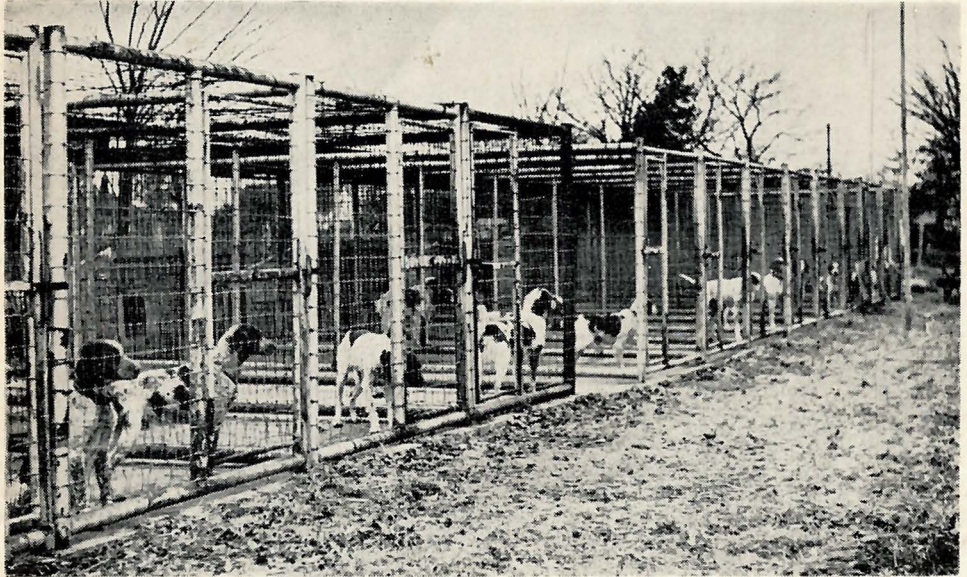
FALL TRIAL SCHEDULE 1962

Date	East Coast	Central	Midwest	South Central	West Coast
Sept. 5-7—PHEASANT CLASSIC (Host, Washington Brittany Club)					
Sept. 8-9	Hudson Valley		(Montana)		Washington
Sept. 15-16	U. N. Y.		Minnesota		Oregon
Sept. 22-23	C. N. E.		Badger		Golden Empire
Sept. 29-30	S. N. E.	Penn.	Ringneck		Northern Cal.
Oct. 5-6-7	Maryland	Michigan	Skyline	Southern Kansas	California
Oct. 10-14—GROUSE CLASSIC (Host, Mich-Sag.)					
Oct. 12-13-14		Mich.-Sag.			
Oct. 13-14	North Jersey	Ohio	Nebraska		(Central Cal.)
Oct. 19-20-21		Buckeye			
Oct. 20-21	Susquehanna		Midwest		
Oct. 26-27-28		Illinois			
Oct. 27-28			(Milwaukee)	Missouri	
Nov. 2-3-4		Hoosier			
Nov. 3-4					
Nov. 10-11	(Old Dominion)	Kentucky		Sooner	
Nov. 16-17				Volunteer	
Nov. 17-18			Iowa (sanction)	Northern Oklahoma	
Nov. 24-25	NATIONALS				
Dec. 8-9				(Tri-State)	
Dec. 15-16				(Abilene)	
Jan. 30-31, Feb. 1	Southeastern				

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