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FIELD & SHOW



LUDLOVIAN TINY of HARDTHILL

Winner of Open All-Age Stake

at
Northwest English Springer Spaniel Club Field Trial

The Cover Celebrity

"TINY"

Ludlovian Tiny of Hardthill

This win of the Open All-Age Stake at the Northwest English Springer Spaniel Club's Field Trial, September 27th and 28th proves that fear and gun shyness can be overcome by the love, affection, and patience of a capable owner-trainer such as Lee Caya.

Not so many moons ago, we saw this timid little dog, just after she arrived by plane from the East, and anyone "making book" would have given odds that this was a lost cause! We who know and love Lee Caya offer our sincere congratulations and wish him continued success with Tiny, the Mighty Mite!

CHESTER W. EDGE

BY K. B. OGDEN

A REQUEST TO WRITE FOR BARK READERS SOMETHING ABOUT CHESTER EDGE FINDS ME POORLY EQUIPPED TO EXPRESS WHAT I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY. I WOULD CONVEY TO YOU. IF I HAD THE TALENT FOR SO DOING, MY CONCEPTION OF HIM AS A FRIEND, AS A PERSONALITY, AS A GREAT AUTHORITY WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO THE BREED WAS SECOND TO NONE, AS A SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN OF THE BREED, AND AS ONE WHO HELPED FOUND, AND LATER GAVE UNSTINTED SERVICE IN BUILDING THE ASSOCIATION.

OUR FRIENDSHIP SPANNED A PERIOD OF 21 YEARS. IN THAT TIME WE CARRIED ON A CONTINUOUS CORRESPONDENCE, CHIEFLY ABOUT OUR MUTUAL INTEREST, THE ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL. WHILE WE WERE BOTH ACTIVE IN THE ASSOCIATION, COVERING A PERIOD OF OVER 3 YEARS, WE HAD A CLOSE AND FINE ASSOCIATION IN WHICH CHESTER'S UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT AND HELP WAS INVALUABLE. NO ONE WHO PLAYED A PART IN THE ASSOCIATION'S FOUNDING AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT GAVE MORE TIME AND EFFORT, OR TOOK GREATER SATISFACTION IN THE SUCCESSFUL GROWTH OF THE ASSOCIATION THAN HE.

CHESTER, WHO WAS SINGLE, LIVED ON A SMALL RANCH OUT OF HEALDSBURG, CALIF. A RETIRED NAVAL OFFICER, HE FOUND THE TIME OVER MANY YEARS, TO STUDY BREED HISTORY. HIS COMPILATION OF BREED RECORDS GAVE HIM A FUND OF MATERIAL WHICH RESULTED IN HIS SERIES OF ARTICLES, "GREAT CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST", WHICH APPEARED IN THE BARK, AS WELL AS OTHERS OF LIKE NATURE. HE WROTE FOR OTHER PUBLICATIONS BEFORE THE BARK CAME INTO BEING. I AM SURE, COULD ONE PUT BETWEEN THE COVERS OF A BOOK, ALL THE BREED INFORMATION WRITTEN BY CHESTER, EITHER IN CORRESPONDENCE OR FOR PUBLICATION, ONE WOULD HAVE A WORTHWHILE COMPENDIUM OF ALL THAT IS PERTINENT TO THE BREED. COUPLED WITH HIS GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE BREED WAS THE SCHOLAR'S WILLINGNESS TO MAKE THIS KNOWLEDGE KNOWN TO OTHERS. LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FOR MANY YEARS HAVE SOUGHT AND RECEIVED MUCH INFORMATION FROM CHESTER. HE CARRIED ON A WIDESPREAD CORRESPONDENCE WITH PEOPLE ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

CHESTER, AS SECRETARY-TREASURER GAVE THE ASSOCIATION INVALUABLE SERVICE AT A TIME WHEN ITS RAPID GROWTH DEMANDED SOMEONE IN THIS OFFICE WHO COULD DEVOTE LONG HOURS TO ITS AFFAIRS. A COPY OF THE 3RD ANNUAL DINNER MEETING (1950) PROGRAM IS BEFORE ME AS I WRITE. IN IT ARE LISTED 140 MEMBERS, AND 173 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, LOCATED FROM MAINE TO CALIFORNIA! I BELIEVE I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE WHAT SUCH A MEMBERSHIP MEANT IN TIME AND EFFORT EXPANDED BY THE SECRETARY-TREASURER. AND THE COMPENSATING FACTOR IN ALL THIS TIME AND EFFORT WAS THE GREAT SATISFACTION CHESTER DERIVED FROM ALL THE LETTERS RECEIVED AND WRITTEN--ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO ASK SOMETHING.

UP BREEDING AND SHOWING DURING WORLD WAR II. FROM 1947-53 HIS GREATEST INTEREST AND TIME WAS DEVOTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND THE BARK.

HIS INTEREST IN THE BREED AS SCHOLAR, HISTORIAN, AND COMPILER OF BREED DATA CONTINUED UNTIL HIS DEATH. CERTAINLY THIS FRIEND OF MINE, OF SPRINGER PEOPLE EVERYWHERE, STAUNCH SUPPORTER AND GREAT CONTRIBUTOR TO BREED WELL-BEING THANKS TO BREED HISTORY IN THIS COUNTRY AMONG THE FOREMOST, IN UNSELFISH AND DEVOTED SERVICE. MAN OF CHARACTER WITH A DEDICATED MISSION IN WHICH HE SERVED SO WELL, HE SHOULD ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL'S GREATEST BENEFACTORS.

19th ANNUAL FIELD TRIAL

of the NORTHWEST ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB

Deer Island, Oregon, Sept. 27th & 28th, 1958

The Portland trial this year was blessed with lovely warm weather and luscious cover on the type of ground that allowed the dogs to "floor the throttle" and get into high gear. However, some of them ran out of gas. There were 26 excellent dogs entered in the Open All-Age Stake and everyone showed why he was in there. Performances were above average, and like a great automobile race, various ones fell by the wayside for this and that. Judges Merv Bailey of Salinas, Calif. and Harry Leeding of Portland, Oregon went through the job with an air that gave a feeling of confidence in their ability to see, assimilate and evaluate. The Awards given on Sunday after the Meet were:

- 1st. -Ludlovian Tiny of Hardthill -- Lee Caya, owner, handler.
- 2nd. -F. T. Ch. Tassajara Deuce --Harold Jones, owner. Bob Croft, handler.
- 3rd. -West Coast Overhead -- L. G. Fiske, owner, handler.
- 4th. -Randy's Little Ripple --Earl N. Cannon, owner. Roy Wallace, handler.

PUPPY STAKE

Twelve entries that showed real promise.

- 1st. -Moffitt's Magnum -- R. H. Moffitt, owner. F. M. Butler, handler.
- 2nd. -Silverpatch Pegasus -- Don Dull, owner, handler.
- 3rd. -Pam's Louey of Camden -- Leonard Fiske, owner, handler.
- 4th. -Pendleton Socks -- R. C. Bishop, owner. Roy Wallace, handler.

AMATEUR HANDLER'S STAKE (14 entries)

The judges commented that it was the greatest entry of amateur handled dogs that they had ever seen. The four that were picked for winners were closely pressed, although no CM's were given in any stake. Your editor felt the same way as the judges. Real Class! Winners lined up as follows:

- 1st. Caerlon Frill -- Ivan Brower, owner, handler.
- 2nd. Little Jazz of Avandale -- Robert Croft, owner, handler.
- 3rd. Duvon Prange II -- David P. M. Scott, owner, handler.
- 4th. Tippie of De-Len -- L. G. Fiske, owner, handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE (15 entries)

Six of the entries went to water where live pheasants were thrown for the handler - gunners. Four out of the six missed the birds resulting in only two placements.

- 1st. Inkby's Pete -- S. C. Inkby, owner, handler.
- 2nd. Mahogany Mike -- Ira Crooks, owner, handler.

The Portland Club is known throughout the Country for its great hospitality. Visitors on Thursday night were entertained by Dr. Harry Shroot at his annual Pheasant and Dumpling feed. Come one, come all -- plenty to eat and drink -- loosen the belt and fill up. What great Sportsmen these Portland people are!!! Friday night at the training grounds another good get-together was enjoyed by all who could attend. On Saturday night, of course, the usual Field Trial banquet came about, what with speeches and trophy awards. That lad, Joe Crooks, president, knows just how to preside as president and keep things going - never a dull moment. Top money in the hat pool was won by the Syndicate composed of Babe Sterling, Ralph Newton and Harry Boyle. (When you lads read this, don't let your wives know about the extra money.) Dr. Baldwin got 2nd and 3rd in the hat pool and 4th money went to J. Wimmer. On Sunday night after the final event a big special feed was held for the out of town guests. We will never forget the whole roasted turkey and the baked 50 pound salmon and all the salads and whiskey. Again we salute the Portland Club hospitality!

Western Washington English Springer Spaniel Club formerly organized and operated by Fern and DeLancy Nicoll, has been revived and will operate somewhere in central Washington, again giving two trials on consecutive week-ends in nearby areas, i.e. Portland and Seattle. The Officers elected were: President, David Scott, Vice-Pres., Fred Ricketts, Sec.-Treas., Don Ashcraft, 21064 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, Washington. The modest fee for membership as set by Mr. Nicoll was \$5.00 per year. We are told that it will remain the same.

California Springer Championship

To be Sponsored by The
Stockton English Springer Spaniel Training Club

The California Springer Championship will be sponsored this year by our Club and we hope to see you there.

The English Springer Spaniel Club of Southern California who sponsored the trial last year were so successful in the first trial of this kind, and with their experience to guide us, we have high hopes of putting on the very finest trial ever held for Springers anywhere.

Qualifications for entry will be the same as last year, i.e., dog must have placed or received a Certificate of Merit in a Licensed A.K.C. Trial in the State of California during the year 1958. Dogs will run under modified judges' method and water series, and they will be lenient in overlooking minor infractions in the early series of the trial. Every dog will receive the fullest opportunity to show his best effort. Four land series and two water series will be held in the two day trial. There will be no bracing of dogs, each dog will run singly.

Entry fee will be \$27.50 and a qualification certificate will be sent to the owner as soon as his dog qualifies. Beautiful trophies and rosettes will be given to the four placing dogs, plus a \$100.00 cash prize to the First Place dog.

As this trial is not the individual venture of our Club, but a joint effort of all California Clubs and all participants in California trials we ask your enthusiastic support.

We will have entry blanks and field trial area directions to you in plenty of time for the trial, and this missive is sent with the hope you will not let anything else interfere at that time.

The date will be January 17, and 18, 1959.

V. J. Dervin, Field Trial Chairman
Cass Bequette, Field Trial Secretary



England Field Championship Trials

Arthur R. Eakin attended the England Springer and Cocker Championships and gives the following report: "Both stakes were held in heavy woods with undergrowth of briars and rhododendron bushes that made following the Spaniels very difficult and shooting most strenuous. The winds were 60 m.p.h. with gusts to 72, plus a driving rain the second day. Every bird went like a rocket and the English Guns told me to shoot before the bird 'curls' or you'll never get a shot. The entire kill for the two-day trial was 39 pheasants, 5 rabbits, 6 woodcocks, 4 snipe, 1 hare, 1 owl (the owl being small and retrieved by a cocker). There being 26 Springers in the Championship, followed by 12 cockers, this kill was not high, and there were very few birds missed. Incidentally, there were but four guns and we worked two full days with no relief. After the second day, a British gentleman asked me how I was enjoying the Championship, which I answered with enthusiasm except to the wind, rain and hail. He referred to the day as a 'real shocker'.

The trials were conducted the same as ours as far as procedure. The differences I noted were: first, that all types of game were shot; second, all game was shot whether flushed or moved by dog or gallery; third, the gallery screamed when game was flushed, sounding much

like a rooting section, "pheasant forward", "pheasant back", "woodcock back", "snipe", etc. The Guns would swing to find the game then shoot regardless of gallery. However, spectators were not considered under judgment for retrieves. The English are not dangerous shots - they know what their shooting assignment is and do it well. The judges confer on most retrieves and evaluate the worth of retrieve as far as judgment for either dog, and send either dog. If it was a runner or the dog failed, the other Spaniel was sent to find the bird. The judgment is at all times placed on the Spaniel's style and hunting ability, use of its own brains, and method in which the Spaniel best uses his natural abilities. The two series were much like our National, with no dogs being thrown out unless he has committed a cardinal sin. The third and last series was called the run-off. There were 8 dogs called back for this, and it was a comparison of dogs, the top dog running against the second places, etc., each being compared for judgment, some dogs moving up - others moving down.

Unfortunately there was no water work, which I missed, as there was a beautiful lake right on the grounds. No dogs pointed during the trial."

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Every Doc Has His Day

by Lee Caya

"Doc" Farrar, popular Past President of Central, really gave his compatriots a lesson in how to win at the Green Valley Summer Trial of August 19th held near Cordelia. He won the Open All Age with Margo, and loaned her to Jack Peterson for a 1st. place win in the Shooting Dog Stake, coupled with a Judge's Award of Merit in the Open with Waiterock Pegita (Peggy) and as if that weren't enough, he had his wife, Pat, win a Judge's Award of Merit in the Hunting Dog Stake with Waiterock Driftwood. The gallery greeted these awards with loud applause because Doc has worked consistently to promote the Springer Clubs.

The next highlight of the Meet was a first place win by 9 year old Christine Ludwig in the Junior Handling Stake. She handled Bracco of Avandale. The lovely little Miss handled with smartness and enthusiasm and Dr. Werner and I followed along behind this little pig-tailed blonde and had a barrel of fun watching her. Where this little gal ever got all the "know-how" is a mystery except that her Father doesn't need to take a back seat from anyone in handling. It also helped to have an invigorated, responsive pup.

With such a strong wind the pigeons were too much for two of the Guns so they chopped the shots real close giving twenty yard retrieves. However, Captain Ted Curle and Ted Werner turned in their usual good job of gunning and saved the day.

Compliments to George Sprague and his wife who worked hard to put on the "show" and also to Louis Boyle who handled the trophy procurement and the indoor sales of coffee and beverages. Judges were selected at the Grounds as follows:

Puppy Stake	Dr. Farrar and Remi Larrieu
Jr. Handling Stake	Dr. Farrar and Remi Larrieu
Hunting Dog Stake	Lee Caya and Val Dervin
Open All Age Stake	Jack Peterson and Harry Boyle
Amateur Shooting Dog Stake	Dr. Conklin and George Sprague

Official Results: PUPPY STAKE - 6 entries

*1st. Ruffy's Son Tim of Haven Bay - owned by Louise & Harry Boyle, handled by Harry Mitchell.

2nd. Royal of Avandale - owned and handled by Ralph Newton

3rd. Cataraman Pixie of Haven Bay - owned by the Boyle's, handled by Harry Mitchell.

4th. Dixie - owned and handled by George Sprague.

JAM. Tommy (cocker) - owned and handled by Betty Redman.

* Steady Puppy

JUNIOR HANDLING STAKE:

1st. Bracco of Avandale
 2nd. Dixie
 3rd. Dixie
 4th. Blondie

OWNER

Frank Ludwig
 George Sprague
 George Sprague
 Ray Voorhies

HANDLER

Christine Ludwig (age 9)
 Jim Sprague (age 9)
 Sam Sprague (age 12)
 Ray Voorhies (age 12)

HUNTING DOG STAKE:

1st. Royal of AvandaleRalph Newton, owner/handler
 2nd. Lanark Hill BuddieDr. A. Chappell, owner/handler
 3rd. Buckingham RockJohn Voorhies, Jr., owner/handler
 4th. Dots 'N'-Dashes Betty Redman, owner/handler
 JAM. Waiterock DriftwoodPat Farrar, owner/handler.

OPEN ALL AGE STAKE:

1st. A Bar D MariaDr. Farrar, owner/handler
 2nd. Ludlovian TinyLee Caya, owner/handler
 3rd. Spec of NormanDon Warth, owner/handler
 4th. Flip Bob Croft, owner/handler
 JAM Waiterock Pegita Dr. Farrar, owner/handler
 JAM Gibraltar Shadow Val Dervin, owner/handler

SHOOTING DOG STAKE:

1st. A Bar D MariaDr. Farrar, owner. Jack Peterson, handler.
 2nd. Waiterock GingerJack Peterson, owner/handler
 3rd. Buddy of Lanark Hill.....Dr. A. Chappell, owner/handler
 4th. Spec of Norman.....Don Warth., owner/handler
 JAM. Waiterock Melanita Ted Curle, owner/handler
 JAM. Ludlovian TinyLee Caya, owner/handler



Springer Spaniel Promotion

On Sept. 9, 1958, a demonstration of Spaniel work was held at the Lockheed Plant at Sunnyvale, Calif. The program was under the direction of Jack Peterson, who is an employee. Naturally it could not be a Spaniel Club function due to the time limiting factor (one hour between quitting time and darkness) and the security regulations of a weapons manufacturing plant. Jack's idea was to demonstrate:

1. Development of puppy interest in bird work.
2. Shooting Dog and Gunnery.
3. Bracing of dogs to show control and manners.

Jack's lovely wife, Lois, could not attend as she was caring for little Eric and preparing dinner for the invited contestants.

1. The puppy demonstration was done by Jack Peterson with his own puppy, on pigeons.
2. Shooting Dog and Gunnery was done by Lee Caya and Tiny on a cork pheasant.
3. Bracing was done by Dr. Lloyd Farrar and Harold Jones with Margo and Deuce. The gunning was done by Ted Curle and Lee Caya.

Perhaps the Lockheed employees will buy Springers after seeing what excellent work they can do.

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ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
FIELD DAY (July 20, 1958) By Joyce Hicks....

Our Summer "Field Day" was held at the Hidden Valley Ranch in Arlington, California. The Club would like to give special "Thanks" to Ivan Brower for the use of the grounds. As everyone knows good grounds are a big factor in the success of any trial. We could not have asked for better cover. The courses were in lush green alfalfa (no fox tails).

Our Field Chairman was Bill Hicks. This was his second "Field Day" and was as big a success as the first. Bill put in a lot of time and hard work in the event and gets a big vote of "Thanks for a job well done".

The attendance was great, with all three Southern California Clubs represented as well as some new faces. It was pleasing to see some new-comers bring their dogs and enter for the first time. We hope to see some new members from this group.

Everyone was prepared for hot weather, but a nice cool breeze came in early and lasted all day.

The gunning with Robert Sanchez, as Captain, Paul McClure, Ken McNeil, Jim Driskell and Jim Hicks was excellent. There were few pigeons that got away.

Something new was added. We had two puppy stakes... One for puppies under one year and the other for puppies up to two years. There were 11 entries in the under one year class with the youngest being four months. From watching this stake it looks like we will have lots of puppy entries in our coming Trials. The .410 was used to shoot over these puppies and each was given two kills. Some of these little fellows showed real promise for the future. The Judges had a tough time here. However, it turned out to be a fine stake and went over real big. The placings were as follows:

- 1st. Silver Patch Sigetta Owned by Kenny Morrison, handled by Eric Muller.
- 2nd. Breckantwink Chance..... Owned and handled by Robert Setron.
- 3rd. Blue Belle Owned and handled by Leonard Fiske.
- 4th. Sparkle Owned and handled by Ivan Brower.

The second puppy stake was for any dog under two years, which we called our "Puppy Open". There were five entries. The youngest was Velma Sterling's "Anniversary of Avandale", which was one month too old for the other stake. Velma was very proud of taking 3rd. place with this promising young dog.

1st. Place: "Bill's Cherokee Joy" handled by 13-year old Gary Hicks. This was Gary's first time to handle her and he was a little nervous. Everyone was anxious to see how he would do. He was given a lot of advice before he started, which he says he forgot the minute he was put on the line. He did a good job of handling.

2nd. Place: "Pam's Louey of Camden" owned and handled by Leonard Fiske. This is the English bred puppy that Leonard brought back with him from the Southern Michigan Trial. He is a hard running little dog.

3rd. Place: "Anniversary of Avandale" owned and handled by Velma Sterling.

4th. Place: "Duke" owned and handled by Edward Cullen of Riverside.

There were 15 dogs in the "Derby". Each dog was given two kills. The judges had a tough job before they finally placed the dogs as follows:

1st. "Tippie of Be-Len", owned and handled by Leonard Fiske.

2nd. "Steve's Sport Contender", owned and handled by Cliff Stephens.
(our new Club President)

3rd. "Junior Headliner", owned and handled by Cecil Gipson.

4th. "A-D Carmelita", owned and handled by Al Klein.

After a well-deserved lunch break for the judges, we started the Open All Age Stake. The Field Committee had wrinkled brows at this point... it was 2 P.M.... the 225 pigeons that we started with were dwindling... and we had 20 entries in the stake.

The first series was run braced with two kills for each dog. There were 11 dogs called back for a second series. Messers. Lane and Lawrence had their work cut out. The placings were as follows:

- 1st. Place: "F. T. Ch. Shooter's Expeditus", owned and handled by Don Shooter. "Expeditus" was in excellent form and did a beautiful job...he as usual is a hard one to beat.
- 2nd. Place: "Bill's Cherokee Joy", owned and handled by Bill Hicks. "Joy" was running hard and did a good job. In the second series her bird fell in back of the gallery for a long retrieve which she made nicely.
- 3rd. Place: "Caminos Red Rocket", owned and handled by Ivan Brower.
- 4th. Place: "A-D Pancho", owned and handled by Al Klein. We were glad to see Al and Dorothy could make it. It is not easy for them to get away from their ranch at this time of year.

We'd like to thank our Judges, Larry Lawrence of Van Nuys and Dick Lane of Los Angeles. With a total of 51 entries, they had a real work-out. They did a fine job and have a lot of credit coming for the fine spirit they showed in tackling a tough job.

Yours Truly was in charge of lining up the entries. With the fine help of the ever-willing Arvella Shooter, who served as Marshall and got the dogs up to the line on time, we made it.

After the Open we had a "Shooting Dog Water Stake". It was really two stakes in one.... Steady dogs and Un-steady. This turned out to be a lot of fun. Several of the members put on a real show. The wind came up and it was not easy to get a Jack retrieve. One member who shall remain nameless shot five times at one of his birds with a double barrell and got it on the fifth try. (That's not easy). Paul McClure consented to judge the fiasco and did a fine job. Here are the results: (There were 10 entries declared steady and 5 unsteady)

STEADY: 1st. - "Bandit", owned and handled by Swede Renick.

2nd. - "Lightning of Lynrod", owned and handled by Babe Sterling.

3rd. - "Junior Headliner", handled by 17 year old Donna Jean Gipson. Donna Jean was fourth up and made some real competition for those who followed. She had a little tough luck with her first bird which she hit the first shot but needed the second to bring it down.

4th. - "Lil Miss Rowdy", owned and handled by Swede Renick.

UNSTEADY: (Only two placements were given)

1st. - "Breckantwink Chance" (5 months old), owned and handled by R. Setron.

2nd. - "Sparkle" (litter sister of the 1st place dog) owned and handled by Ivan Brower.

Vivian Setron was our trophy chairman and did her usual fine job of coming up with nice trophies. A trophy Cup was awarded for first in the Open All Age, Wooden Plaques with bronze plates for first in the other classes. Ribbons were awarded for all placements.

No Field Day can be successful without the cooperation of all of the members, and the Committee wishes to thank everyone for pitching in and helping...whether they were asked to plant birds or police the grounds after the trial, everyone cooperated beautifully.

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NATIONAL ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION

NEWS -- COMMENTS -- CHATTER

My original plans called for this to be at least Bulletin No. 4, however, I feel extremely lucky to have enough information to get out poor old Bulletin No. 2. Because it has been so long since the last bulletin, I will repeat the following information.

DATES: NOVEMBER 21 - 22 - 23, 1958
PLACE: BUSCH WILDLIFE AREA, WELDON SPRINGS, MISSOURI
HEADQUARTERS: HOLIDAY INN HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
FIELD TRIAL CHAIRMAN -- Ernest W. Wunderlich

Almost all of the other pertinent information can be found by referring to Bulletin No. 1.

Fristoe Mullins, Chairman of the local committee, reports that because of a very wet Spring and heavy rains of this summer, the cover will be heavy and very good; mostly timothy and lespedeza with weeds mixed in. They have cut out some of the wooded area to allow us longer courses. Also, they are cutting some of the higher patches to 16 - 18 inches to allow the timothy to come in thicker.

Fristoe suggests that you make your reservations at the Holiday Inn as quickly as possible. I have enclosed reservation blanks to those of you that I know are anticipating going to the Nationals. To those of you who do not receive a reservation card, be sure that when you make your reservation you signify which trial you will be attending. Also with the reservation cards are maps of the wildlife area which will take you from the hotel to the trial grounds. Maps will also accompany entry blanks.

A Nominating Committee has been appointed to select the nominees for the National Offices for 1959. Mr. Roy French of Gridley, Kansas is Chairman with Messrs. Dean Bedford, Norman Brown, Cecil Gipson, and Tom Ford as Committee members.

There will be no Calcutta held this year, but Kenny Williams will be in charge of the Hat Pool.

We have received a permit from the Missouri Conservation Commission for the trial which also covers the pre-trial training period beginning November 17. No other special permit will be needed for the Gunners.

I have been asked to mention that Mr. Albert F. Winslow, P.O. Box 188, Goshen, N.Y. is now the Secretary of the Parent Club (English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.) and letters for application and approval of the various club licensed field trials must be written to him, along with a marked catalog of each trial. Mr. Winslow replaces Mr. James Dodson.

Field Trial Committee will visit the trial grounds at Weldon Springs, Missouri again sometime this month. He has been receiving very good reports on all details from Fristoe Mullins. I will include their findings in the next bulletin.

Dr. Gilbert N. Haigler, St. Louis and Dr. L. N. Atkinson of Kirkwood, Missouri have been appointed as official veterinarians for the trial. One of them will be available on the grounds at all times during the 3 days of the trial.

One of my secret reporters tells me that midwestern springer blood has been enriched

by the importation of new dogs belonging to Ed Porges, the Armours, Ken Hunter, and Ernie Wunderlich, respectively. Bun Genty has a couple of good dogs in training, either of which might go all the way, and the word is out that "Ruffy" Eakin has a "dark horse" to add to his present fine string.

This is news all of us will be happy to hear -- Jim Dodson has five new springer pups which he will be able to work in his back yard when he moves to his new Barrington, Illinois home. He has two others in training with Elmo Chick, one of which is his new Canadian import which he acquired from Chevrier; so you can see that Jim is "returning to the wars" loaded for bear!!!

Jim Driskell, Chairman
National Bulletin Committee



Field Trials

Site of the 1959 National Springer
Bench Show grounds of the Lake
Forest Academy, Lake Forest,
Illinois. Photo by Moffett Studio.

Our National Specialties

(Written expressly for the Bark...by Mrs. R. Gilman Smith)

I think it can be said that we Springer people are engaged in a pioneer enterprise in the procedure we are developing for our National Specialty Shows. We've had three Nationals to date - each one delightful in a different way, each with a considerable dash of local color, each a contribution to good-will. What is more - our Nationals have given us an unlooked-for bonus in the attention and admiration they have elicited from the dog world in general. The beautiful brochure announcing our Third National Show, the handsome 86 page catalogue, the splendid entries at each of our three Nationals, the style and quality of the shows themselves have not gone unnoticed by other breed clubs, AKC officials, judges, and the public that follows doggy affairs.

Most of you know that in February, 1956, at its annual meeting, the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, our Parent Club, gave the Association's Bench Committee the go-ahead light on a dream we had for Springers. It was a lovely dream and a brave one for which we, as a committee, had small preparation for the problems involved. But the important thing was the possession of the dream itself - and the will to work hard to make that dream a reality.

The 1958 National at Ridgefield, Connecticut, still fresh in the minds of many, brought us closest to the goal with which we started in 1956. But without the two previous Nationals and the interest they had built up there never could have been that wonderful Connecticut week-end in June 1958, with its inspiration to so many breeders from all over America. Before the Springer Fancy could have, not just a one-day National Specialty Show but instead a full three days for enjoyable activities, there had to be a Grosse Pointe Specialty and a Colorado Specialty. It took those two Nationals to prove that a one-day occasion was insufficient for all the things we had to say to each other when we met - insufficient for the renewal of old friendships, the cementing of new ones, insufficient for the discussion of our mutual problems, for exchange of experiences, for seeing each other's dogs, and for all the stimulating dog talk so dear to the hearts of breeders everywhere.

So now that there has been a Connecticut National that started Friday and extended into Sunday it appears that this is the pattern we Springer people really want; and I am glad to be able to report that our host club in 1959 plans to follow a similar pattern.

But may I take you back again to 1956 and try to explain what I mean by saying that we are "pioneering" our way so far as our Nationals are concerned. First, we actually are doing something unusual and something difficult - but also something very desirable - in holding our Nationals each year in a different locale with a different club serving each year as host. The reason I say very desirable is easy to explain: it is simply a matter of fairness to the greatest number. By moving from year to year, east, west, mid-west, etc. eventu-

ally everyone, everywhere, has a better chance to participate without travelling too great a distance. Moving the Nationals distributes the responsibilities as well as the benefits and the inspiration that a National engenders.

The reason I say that moving each year is "difficult" takes a longer explanation. To begin with - moving each year requires decisions as to where to move, as to which club is ready and willing to take the responsibility of serving as host, which has the necessary leadership, the financial stability, which can provide an attractive site for the show with nearby motels or inns where exhibitors will be comfortable and feel at home with their dogs. There are many factors to be considered. It is important that successive Nationals be well separated, geographically. We should not have two in succession in the same or adjoining areas. All in all, the Bench Committee (certainly the writer as chairman) did not realize what a big and complex assignment we were taking on when we blithely proposed making each of our Nationals a joint affair, put on by the Parent Club and a host club, said host to be selected each year by our Committee.

Thus far, we of the Bench Committee have been most fortunate in our choice of hosts. Each year there has been a friendly spirit of cooperation. And cooperation, as we have learned from experience with three Nationals, is absolutely imperative to the success of the formula we are following at present. That formula - to elucidate a bit - is roughly as follows: the host club takes over the on-the-ground management of the show. The Parent Club as the official show-giving body, applies to the AKC for permission to hold the show, requests date, site, and approval of judging panel. As viewed by the AKC, the Parent Club is the official show-giving club, therefore is responsible for a show run properly, in conformance with AKC rules. If any mistakes are made the Parent Club is answerable for them. So while the Bench Committee, as the representative of the Parent Club prefers to give all possible authority to the host - nonetheless there must be understanding all the way. There must be willingness to consult one another, harmony and complete rapport. Without this singleness of purpose the joint effort certainly would break down and our Nationals if they were to continue would have to do so as the full responsibility of the Bench Committee - without the invaluable help of host clubs. This I feel would be a backward step. And herein lies the need for making our present formula well understood. All concerned must have clear understanding of the responsibilities of the Parent Club and the responsibilities of the host. One point on which we need general understanding is the selection of judging panel. From the first, and I think rightfully, the host club has been asked to make suggestions or nominations. The Bench Committee then is consulted and if the nominations are acceptable to the majority of the committee the rest is easy. If not, further nominations may be in order.

In this matter of selecting judges - and it is one of the most ticklish problems confronting any show-giving body - I would like to pass along the procedure followed by Eastern Club, our host in 1958. There was a meeting of officers and directors to which I was invited to represent the parent organization. The Eastern board, before voting on nominees, set up a set of rules for themselves. They said in effect: we do not want a judge who is a member of our own club. We do not want one that is an intimate friend of any exhibitor. We prefer not to have a judge that has judged an important Springer show in the area within the year. We must have a judge experienced in judging large classes and large numbers of dogs. An inexperienced judge is inclined to be too slow to get through the show.

And it was necessary to call a second meeting and start all over again! And my western colleagues were right as was demonstrated not long afterward. You know the old saying, two heads are better than one. I am sure that in addition to it being the proper procedure for the Bench Committee representing the show-giving club to approve all judges - this procedure also is the wisest and most of the time will assure better choices. I say this because the Bench Committee collectively is a good cross section of the entire country and thus has

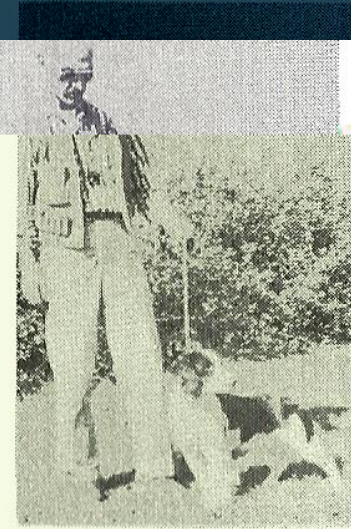


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Joe Crooks with Mahogany Mike
2nd in Shooting Dog Stake
President of Northwest English
Shooting Dog Club

Sam Inkley with Inkley's Pete
1st in Amateur Shooting
Stake



Donald M. Dull with Silver Patch
Pegasus, 2nd in Puppy
Stake

Mesdames Meador-Johnson-Butler-
Hayes-Leeding-Shay-Bishop-Dittebrant-
Crooks & Moffit and they all seem so
happy.



Ivan Brower with Caerleon Frill
1st in Amateur Handler

Fran Butler Trainer and Harry
Byrne, Jr. with Freckles the
Great



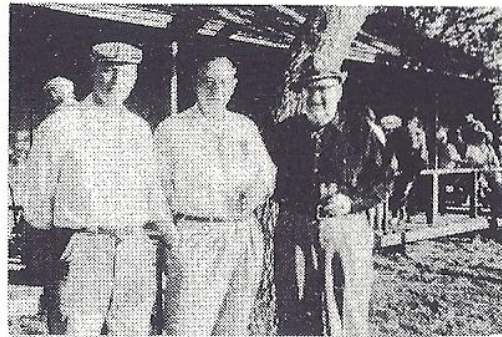
Leonard Fiske with West Coast Overhead
3rd in Open All Age.....



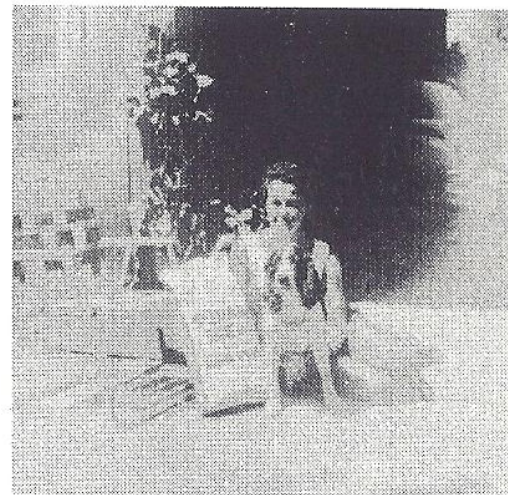
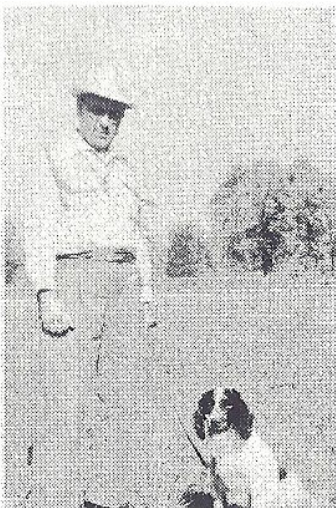
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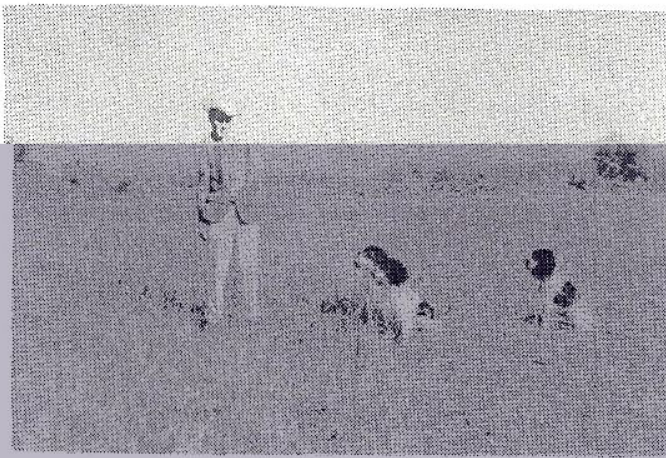
R. H. Moffit with Magnum Winner of the
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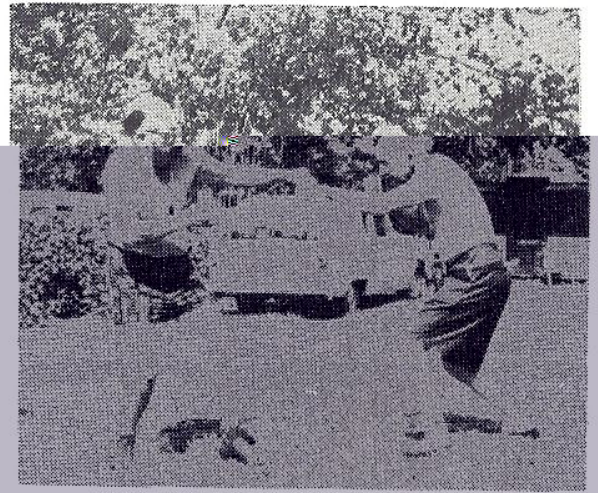
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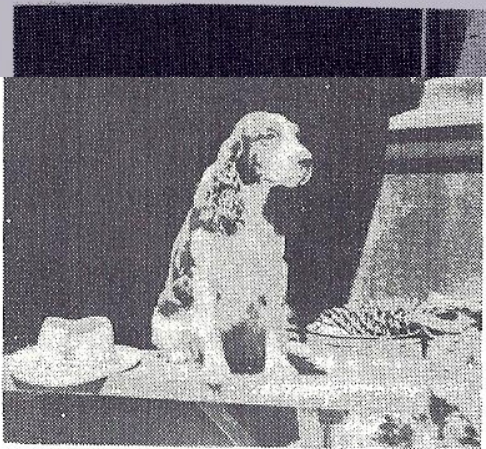
Lois Peterson with Waiterock Wisdom
"Lady Handler" at the Stockton Picnic
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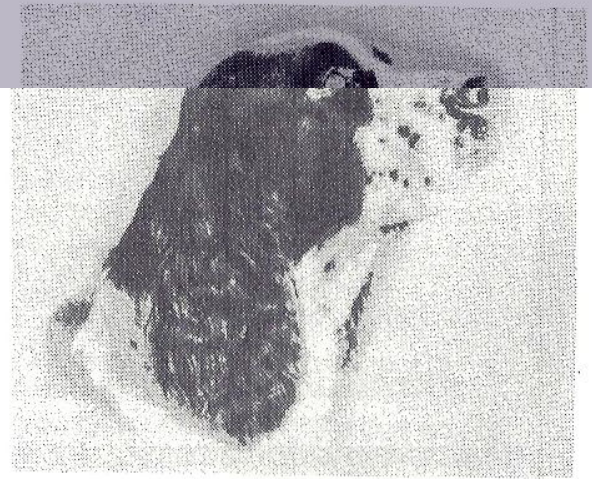
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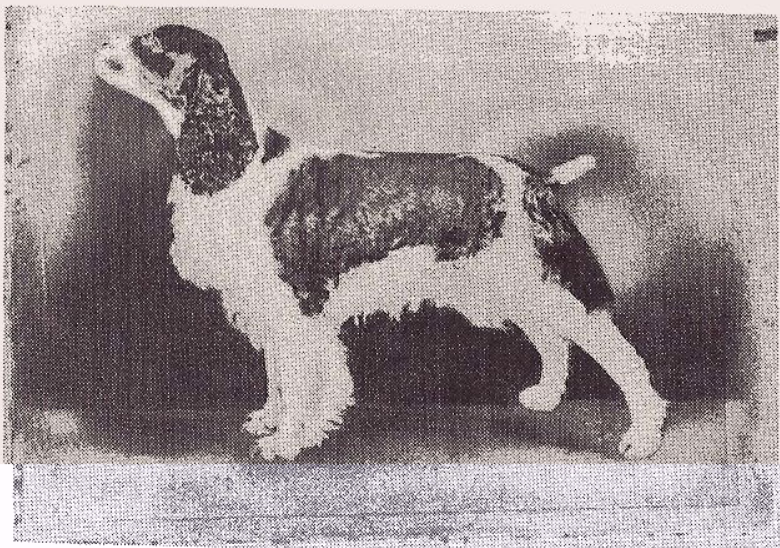
LEE CAYA AND "DOC" FARRAR DECIDING
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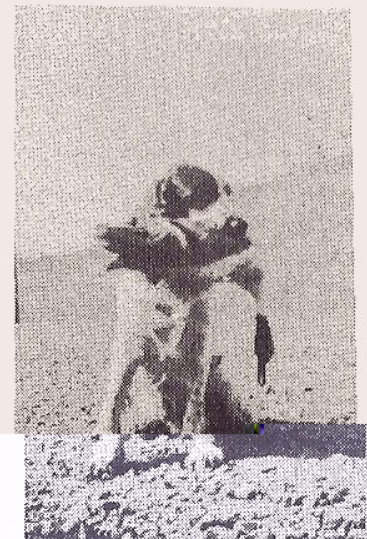
MARGOT "WINNER" AT STOCKTON & GRASS
VALLEY TRIALS. "Doc" says his hat takes a
Better Picture.



Ch. Woodelf of Breeze - dam of 6 champions -
one a Dual Champion - all in one litter by Ch.
Rufton Recorder. Owner - Betty Buchanan,
Orchard, Colorado



Ch. Tahquitz Solita - dam of five champions
in one litter by Ch. Melilotus Royal Oak,
Oscar Winner of 1958 as Top Producing dam
of Champions. Owner - Juanita Waite Howard.



CH. WAITEROCK STRONGBOW
1945 ----- 1952

And now for a quick look at progress to date. Our first National with the English Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan as host took place August 18, 1956 on the shore of lovely Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, Michigan. There was an entry of 100 dogs from 14 States and Canada. A most attractive catalogue contained 14 pages of breeder advertising and about 5 pages from other sources. The Michigan people with Julia Gasow as Show Chairman put on a show that was a model of perfection, each detail carried out with originality and good taste.

In 1957 we moved to Colorado Springs where the Rocky Mountain English Springer Spaniel Association proved that a Club, lacking in years and small in membership, nevertheless makes an excellent host - provided the membership includes a few such splendid workers as Deede Blankenship, the Show Chairman, Ann Wadley, Kitty Pick, Russel Eddy, the Stengals, and an inspiring influence like that of Betty Buchanan in the background. At the Colorado Springs show there were 58 Springers - an extraordinary entry in that country of vast distances - and here again there was the National flavor in that 14 States and Canada were represented with entries; and breeders from 13 States took advantage of advertising space in the Show catalogue.

The 1958 National - our best one thus far - brought out 141 dogs from 19 States and Canada in the regular classes; 83 in the National Sweepstakes; 6 in the non-competitive Veterans Parade. Fifty-three breeders from 19 States and Canada took advertising space in the Show catalogue as did a number of breed clubs. In fact, one new and heartening phase of the 1958 National was that all but two of the 17 Springer Clubs concerned with bench activities either took advertising space or donated trophies - thus indicating their interest and willingness to support the National. This was another of the goals your Bench Committee has had in mind. To make our venture truly a National Show, we need the support of all our organizations. Thus we can assure our breed the marvelous promotion that a true National supplies.

The Bench Committee is delighted to report that our fourth National is well underway. The Great Lakes English Springer Spaniel Breeders Association is to be our host - and this most enthusiastic group has succeeded in obtaining a perfectly beautiful site for the show; the grounds of the Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois. Here we not only will have our show, our annual banquet and our judging forum, but those who make early reservations will be able to live on campus in one of the fine dormitories. The Show Chairman is Peter Maher, a hard-working, loyal and capable young man that many of you know and that everybody likes. Jack Whipple has agreed to serve as Publicity Chairman - Jack is bright as a new silver dollar and a most successful advertising man. So look for Glessba' announcements - they will be irresistible. On the Show Committee with Peter are Jack Ross, a capable and gracious person; Becher Hungerford and Chauncey Eaton, tried-and-true workers with vast experience in previous shows in the Chicago area; and finally myself who will serve as a sort of advisor "emeritus".

You will hear shortly about the other committees - and you can start right now to look forward to a lovely week-end, early in August, at Lake Forest, Illinois. There will be the National Sweepstakes again with Julia Gasow in charge; there will be another Judging Forum on the lines of the 1958 experiment, plus other delightful extras that Glessba is sure to think up. I hope to see many of you there. And although 1960 is a long way off - I hope I'll see you then as well - in 1960 our host will be Gateway Cities Club and the locale - California! Long live our Nationals!

Beatrice Smith, Bench Chairman
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assoc.
Parent Club for the Breed



ON THE BENCH

by

Mrs. R. T. Ebert

Just filling in until a permanent Bench Show Chairman is appointed. As we are now building a new home and will soon be putting our present home on the market, I know I would not have time to do justice to this column.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. & Mrs. John Fletcher on their Spennymoor Apache finishing for his Championship at Golden Gate Summer Show under Mrs. Marie Meyer.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Margaret Farley on her young bitch Farlsdale's Sweet Clover who not only got two points at Oakland Summer Show, but finished her C.D. in three straight shows. I believe she also was highest scoring dog in Novice A at Oakland.

Only have fine shows to report at this time.....

VALLEJO KENNEL CLUB - JULY 20, 1958

Judge Charles M. Siever, with an entry of 15 for 3 points in dogs, 2 points in bitches, chose as his B.O.B., B.O.W., W/D and 2nd in Sporting Group. TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ebert.

Best Opp. WB went to WAITEROCK TALION owned by Mrs. Juanita Waite Howard.

Res. Dog was WAITEROCK RIPPLE owned by Premo & Selma Baldacci.

Res. Bitch was BRIGHT STAR OF SPENNYMOOR owned by Mrs. John Fletcher.

In the Puppy Dog (9 - 12) Class, 1st place winner was WAITEROCK IKE owned by George C. Biagini.

Novice Dogs were 1st MAR BURS KING MICHAEL owned by David & L.B. Burnley and 2nd to WAITEROCK CHEER owned by Robert D. Tripp.

American-Bred Dogs 1st place to WAITEROCK RIPPLE and 2nd to WAITEROCK COAL FIRE owned by Elfrida Brown and Juanita Howard.

Open Dogs 1st TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR and 2nd WAITEROCK MR. VALENTINE owned by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart.

Novice Bitches 1st to WAITEROCK AUTUMN OAK owned by James W. Hohe and 2nd to WAITEROCK MIRA owned by Mrs. Howard.

American-Bred Bitches 1st WAITEROCK TALION and 2nd to MAR-JONS PASKUDNIK owned by John Bold and Margery Brown.

Open Bitches 1st BRIGHT STAR OF SPENNYMOOR and 2nd WAITEROCK FIRE FLARE.

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OAKLAND K. C. SUMMER SHOW - AUGUST 16, 1958

Judge: George H. Higgs - Entry: 9 - Points: 2 in Dogs - 1 in Bitches

B.O.B., WB, B.O.W. went to FARLSDALE'S BANNER ON HIGH owned by M. Farley.

Best Opp., WD was WAITEROCK RIPPLE owned by Premo & Selma Baldacci.

Res. Dog to TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ebert.

Res. Bitch to WAITEROCK FIRE FLARE owned by Juanita W. Howard.

The Classes were as follows: American-Bred Dogs (1) WAITEROCK RIPPLE, (2) WAITEROCK CLOUDY WEATHER; Open Dogs (1) TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR, (2) WAITEROCK FIRE BLADE, (3) SALLYN'S OVATION (John F. Oviatt); American-Bred Bitch went to FARLSDALE'S SWEET CLOVER; Open Bitches (1) FARLSDALE'S BANNER ON HIGH and (2) WAITEROCK FIRE FLARE.

SAN JOAQUIN KENNEL CLUB - AUGUST 17, 1958

Judge Forrest N. Hall, with an entry of 3 for 1 point in dogs, no bitches, selected as his Best of Breed CH. WAITEROCK BRAW BONNET owned by George and Mary Coulson.

Best Opp. WD went to TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR.

Bred by Exhibitor was Mrs. John Fletcher's SPENNYMOOR JACK O'DIAMONDS.

Open Dogs (1) TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR, (2) SALLYN'S OVATION.

EDEN KENNEL CLUB - SEPT. 7, 1958

Judge: George W. Hall - Entry: 8 - Points: One in Dogs, Two in Bitches.

CH. KENLOR LUCKY CHARM goes Best Of Breed under Judge Hall. Owned by Chas. R. Whitney.

Best Opp., B.O.W., WD went to TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR.

Res. Dog to WAITEROCK RIPPLE - Res. Bitch WAITEROCK FIRE FLARE.

Winners Bitch was FARLSDALE'S SWEET CLOVER.

In the Classes, American-Bred Dogs 1st went to WAITEROCK RIPPLE, 2nd to MAR BURS KING MICHAEL; Open Dogs 1st TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR, 2nd WAITEROCK CROSSBOW; American-Bred Bitches 1st FARLSDALE'S SWEET CLOVER, 2nd WAITEROCK TALION; Open Bitches 1st WAITEROCK FIRE FLARE, 2nd FARLSDALE'S BANNER ON HIGH.

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MARIA OBISPO KENNEL CLUB - SEPT. 28, 1958

Judge C. Brian S. ... with an entry of 8, giving 2 points in dogs, 1 in bitches, chose as B.O.B., B.O.W., W.D. TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR.

Best Opp., WB went to LEWIS ELMS MISS TAMARA owned by Marion & George Nelson.

Res. Dog was CHIEF EAGLE OF OAKHURST owned by Silas & Violet Mattingly.

Res. Bitch was SIR ROBIN'S GORGEOUS GIRL owned by K.R. & Hazel McCoid.

In Puppy Dog (9 - 12) Class 1st place was KENLOR TOM FREDNA owned by Fred Herman.

Open Dogs were as follows: (1) TOPROCK TROJAN OF SPENNYMOOR, (2) CHIEF EAGLE OF OAKHURST, (3) SOUTH PONDING TAMARLANE (Mr. & Mrs. John Breslin), (4) HARVESTER OF MERRY-L (Mr. & Mrs. Earle Cole). Open Bitches went to (1) LEWIS ELMS MISS TAMARA, (2) SIR ROBIN'S GORGEOUS GIRL.

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Dual Type Springers

Words from Mrs. Betty Buchanan of the famous "Breeze" Kennels, our Patroness of the Springer Spaniel - well known for her fifty years of successful breeding - are these:

"I believe in and fought for "Dual Type" -- insisted that the potentiality for field work should be proven before title be granted -- never showed a Springer of my own until satisfied he'd be capable of decent field work. My goal: Top Field Springers that could be shown with pride and satisfaction. Time was there were more Dual Champions in our breed than in any other. Where is the ambition for that record now? Many times I fostered or joined campaigns to require proof of at least field instinct before title be granted."

From the Springer National Show Catalog of 1958: "These great dogs (pictured) of yesterday have one thing in common - a heritage of hunting instincts combined with the necessary good looks to win in the bench shows of their day. Some also won in Field Trials or became Dual Champions - Bench and Field Trial.

Springers have been fortunate in that so many of those who owned them in the days when the breed was new in America, not only hunted over their dogs, but ran them in Field Trials and exhibited them in the show ring.

Today percentage-wise, there are fewer breeders and owners dedicated to the dual ideal - of utility and beauty - as called for in the Standard.

To Betty Buchanan (and others of similar vision) a tribute for their part in perpetuating the Springer as a true Sporting dog, respected for his working qualities, admired for his handsome appearance, and above all - loved for his Spirit, his Gentleness, his Sterling Character."

Recent Whelping

RECENT WHELPING!!!

As if you don't know! But if you are in doubt THE reason Harold Jones is strutting these days is the arrival last August 1st (1958) of one six pound bundle of Joy at the Carmel Hospital to Harold's lovely wife, June, and it was a B... I mean beautiful little girl named Annelle who has already been introduced to the sound of shot and shell at the Northern California Field Trial Club at the recent field trial at Hollister.

COMING EVENTS

Show & Obedience....by Rita Blaker

AKC CONFIRMED DATES FOR THE COMING SHOWS AND OBEDIENCE TRIALS.....
The star (*) preceding a show date indicates that an Obedience Trial will be held in conjunction with the dog show.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Nov. 2 - Vallejo Dog Training Club (Obedience Trial), Solano Co. Fairgrounds.

Nov. 9 - Mensona Kennel Club, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa.

Nov. 29 - Redwood Empire Kennel Club, Kenilworth Fairgrounds, Petaluma.

* Nov. 30 - San Mateo Kennel Club, San Mateo Co. Fairgrounds.
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* Jan. 17-18 Golden Gate Kennel Club, San Francisco.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

* Nov. 2 - Glendale Kennel Club, Glendale Civic Auditorium.

* Nov. 16 - Riverside Kennel Club, Fairgrounds, Hemet.

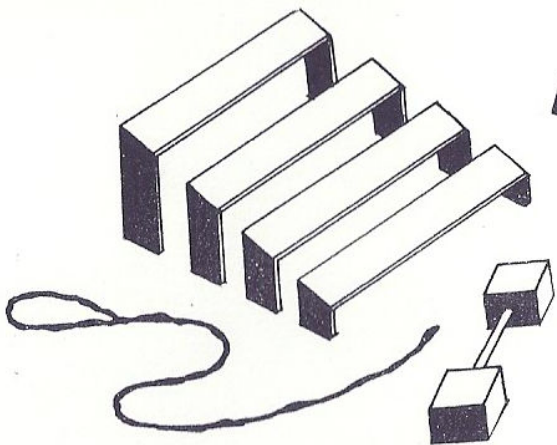
* Nov. 23 - Sequoia Kennel Club, Tulare Co. Fairgrounds.

* Dec. 7 - Imperial Valley Kennel Club, Holtville.

FIELD TRIALS - Nov. 21, 22, 23 - National English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assoc., Busch Memorial Wildlife Area, Waldor Spring, Mo. Mr. Phillip D. Armour, Jr., Sec., 231 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois.

IN THE OBEDIENCE RING

BY MARY GALE



Honorable mention and high honors for this issue go to Marguerite Farley's liver and white girl, FARSDALE'S SWEET CLOVER. CLOVER made her C.D. Degree in her first three shows: Oakland Kennel Club Show and Obedience Trial under judge Ruth Davis she scored 194.5; Deep Peninsula Dog Training Club Obedience Trial under judge Margaret Downing she scored 180; and Eden Kennel Club Show and Obedience Trial she scored 194.5, winning First Place in Novice A and 2 points in confirmation by a first place in Winner's Bitch Class. Congratulations to a splendid dog and her gracious owner. It is nice to hear that HOWDY will be shown again in Utility Classes after a period of retirement. HOWDY is one of the few Springers to be a Champion C.D.X.

David Burnley is also on the congratulatory list by winning two trophies at the San Joaquin Dog Training Club Obedience Trial - High Scoring Dog Show By Boy Under 16 and High Scoring Dog Show By Boy Under 18, with MAR-BUR'S KING MICHAEL. Davie and KING were awarded the High Scoring Springer Trophy at the Vallejo Dog Training Club Obedience Trial with a nice score of 180 thus giving KING his second leg on his C.D. Degree.

Vallejo Dog Training Club's Obedience Trial marks the end of the 1959 season so best of luck and good showing in 1960 to all the Springers and their patient handlers.

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The past two issues of THE BARK I have used information found in early issues of our magazine which were written by Mr. Mesnard. This information was adaptable to whether your dog was in Field, Bench or Obedience and if the fundamentals are mastered then you have done well and have been successful in putting the ideas over to your

During the past few months I have closely observed dogs in Obedience Rings to see if I could spot wherein I have erred and have come to the conclusion that in most cases the dog knew the work but the handler did not - that is the show ring. Even though the dogs do well at home and in class it seems as though the minute they step into the show ring, the handler seems to fall apart at the seams and all of the teaching and practices take leave. The handler's voice hits a high, shrill note and strange body signals develop. As we know, the voice should be low but commanding and only the arm signals described in the A.K.C. Obedience Booklet should be visible. I have been through all of this myself and in some cases have been reminded - in a tactful nice way - that I used too many body signals which were not known to me until reminded. My voice would take on a high note which did nothing but confuse my dog and believe me it is hard to break such habits and takes a bit of conscientious concentration.

I was told that one well-known exhibitor in the area, Dr. E. N. Gregg was just about the best person to consult because his knowledge and teachings were based on 13 years of showing his own dogs. I have talked with Dr. Gregg and believe me he can do wonders and is most generous and gracious about sharing his hard earned knowledge.

According to Doc, more points are lost in heeling than any other exercise. Heeling is the basis of all obedience work and if you can't have a well-heeling dog then you had better get busy. Doc starts in by demonstrating, without a dog, the fine art of footwork comprised of left turns, right turns and abouts with halts. Heaven help the handler with "two left feet" but even those falling into this category have been straightened out and the chief offender in this class is a lady who has developed into one of the best in Doc's class by winning High Score in Show and numerous first places.

In executing a left turn the left foot is used as a moderated pivot while the right foot crosses over in a gliding motion thus giving the dog a chance to follow the left foot without getting bumped. The right turn is made by the right foot taking a short step and the left foot crossing over which lets the dog follow the left foot. An about turn, according to Doc, must be made with tact and discretion by bringing the right foot up to the left foot, crossing the left foot over, turn and execute a short mark-time step to give the dog a chance to catch up before proceeding on the straight path. The halt should be made in such a manner as to give the dog a chance to get the idea that a halt is in order by a slight slowing down of the left foot before the right foot is brought up along side the left foot preparatory to the halt.

Of course, the foregoing is best practiced and mastered by your own two feet before putting your dog to the test. With practice in mastering this footwork, you will be surprised and pleased with the results and your pet will more than appreciate your new-found skill.

Doc is more than patient with handlers who are willing to be criticized in class when they are caught in the act of wrong-doing and who can take it gracefully. The only way to learn is to be given good, constructive criticism followed by good instruction. Doc believes in teaching the footwork before trying it out with the dog - why get the dog all mixed up by a crazy, mixed up handler? Straighten out the handler and the dog will follow suit. Of course if the handler doesn't make errors then he isn't doing anything. Doc's pupils are easily spotted by their splendid footwork and snappy heeling dogs.

Now take the "Signal Exercise" in Utility - that is a spot where dogs do plenty of goofing. Another of Doc's theories is to give your dog every advantage in the ring. Put the dog's back to the sun and you face that round ball of fire. Remember that the dog's vision is different and you must use movements which will first of all - catch his attention, so put plenty of snap into your arm and hand signals. The only thing which will reflect light is the shiny white palm of your hand, so hold that towards the dog. You have "stood" your dog with a stand signal which is the hand passing in front of his eyes and a good firm stay - palm held flat. Turn and face "Fido" with the left hand behind your back and right hand, palm held toward Fido - put up your hand and arm as though it was being pulled up a flagpole, palm toward Fido - that will get his attention and if he hasn't gone down you still have your "insurance" as Doc calls it, by letting your arm down deliberately, describing an arc and coming to rest at your side. To get Fido's attention again, hold your hands in front of your body, palm flat and snap the hand and arm out to the side and slowly bring it up to shoulder height. The signal to come in is executed by one hand - arm - snap it out similar to the sit signal and describe an arc toward your body.

motions - first to snap it to get the attention and tell Fido what is coming followed by the actual signal. If this sounds complicated see Dr. Gregg - he can demonstrate and tell you in a few minutes - and, reasons why he does so back up every motion.

Another of Dr. Gregg's theories is lots and lots of praise for Fido - praise for everything for work well done and for corrections. Put plenty of play and fun into the class and daily routine, but remember your manners in the ring - no false motions. Gentleness tempered with firmness, if needed, is another of Doc's ideas to get a willing worker. Yes, Doc has had his dogs goof with the best goofers but he has had more than his share of winners - High Scoring Dog In Show, first places and run-offs which were won because of the splendid heeling on part of his dog. Doc is continually telling his class members to be a gracious winner and a gallant loser because we are judged by others for the manner in which wins and losses are taken. If your dog does too much goofing then do try to analyze the situation and find out wherein you are at fault and start to correct yourself with help from your friends or a person like Doc - a sympathetic trainer, and you will be surprised at the results. And, again, thanks, Dr. Gregg for your fine work in instructing and helping so many obedience fans.



NORTHERN HOLDS FIELD TRIAL

The Northern California Field Trial Club held its 23rd Annual AKC Licensed Field Trial at the Cienega Shooting Preserve at Paicines, California on October 25th and 26th, 1958. Mr. Earl Pierson and Mr. Mervyn Bailey, both of Salinas, were very able and capable judges. The weather conditions were good and the permanent pasture provided excellent cover for the birds.

The Cocker Open Stake was run Saturday morning. It had an entry of six. After the third series, the judges awarded placings as follows: WILDACRE HIGH GUN, owned by Betty and Leonard Fiske, handled by Leonard, was first; FIELD CH. VERDUGO STAR, owned and handled by Herb Perrin was second; FIELD CH. WILDACRE LIVERACIE, owned by Richard Lane and Paul Ruddick, handled by Paul, was third; VERDUGO SCAMP, owned and handled by Vivian Setron was fourth.

The Puppy Stake, opened to both Cockers and Springers had sixteen starters. Without doubt, it was the best stake of the Trial. The quality of so many puppies speaks well for the future Open All Age Stakes to come. After two series, the judges awarded the following places: First to ROYAL FLUSH OF AVANDALE, owned and handled by Ralph Newton; second to LITTLE JAZZ OF AVANDALE, owned by Sandy McKay, handled by Robert Sanchez; third to KIP, owned by Richard Lane and handled by Paul Ruddick; fourth to KING BENCH GUN SPARK, owned by Virgil Phillips and handled by Robert Sanchez. Certificates of Merit went to BRECKONTWINK CHANCE, owned and handled by Bob Setron and PAM'S LOVEY OF CAMDEN, owned by Betty and Leonard Fiske and handled by Leonard.

The Amateur Trained and Amateur Handled had an entry of seven. First place went to ROYAL OF AVANDALE, owned and handled by Ralph Newton; second went to CLEOPATRA LYNROD V, owned by Betty and Leonard Fiske, handled by Leonard; third to FIELD CH. VERDUGO STAR, owned and handled by Herb Perrin; fourth to TIPPIE OF

BE-LEN, owned by Betty and Leonard Fiske, handled by Leonard.

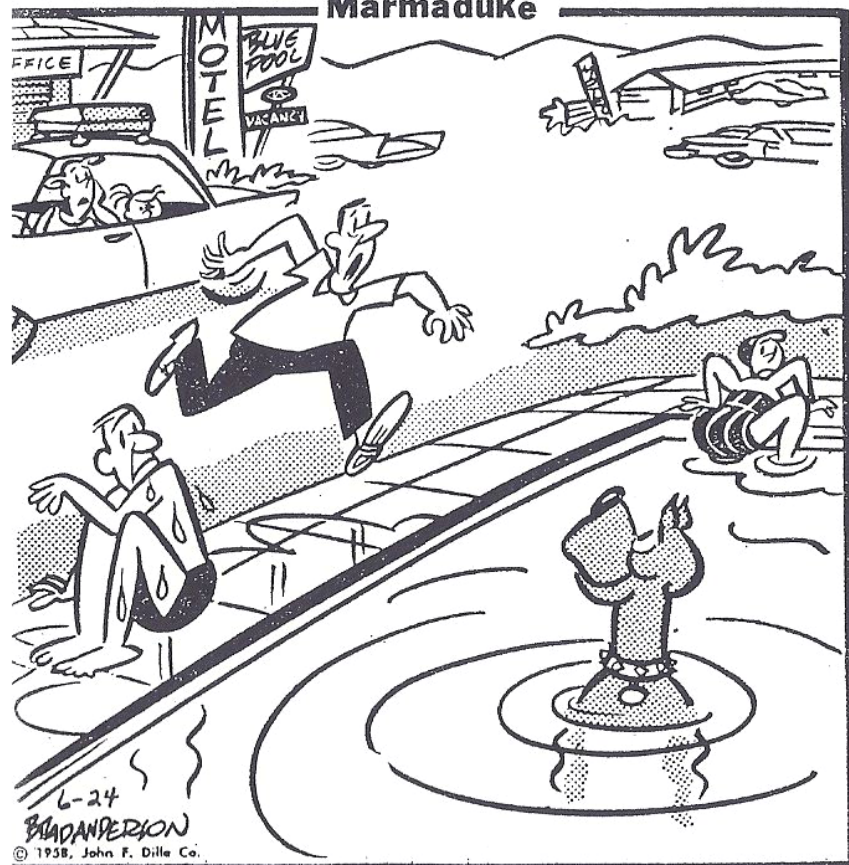
The Amateur Shooting Dog Stake was unusually small with an entry of six. However, the calibre of all six dogs and the shooting ability of the six handlers promised to make the stake a notably contested one. The work of the dogs proved better than the shooting of the handlers and the judges were only able to award two places. First to FIELD CH. TASSAJARA DEUCE, owned and handled by Harold Jones and second to GIBRALTAR DIGNITY, owned and handled by Val Dervin.

The Springer Open All Age Stake had an entry of twenty-one. With fourteen dogs going back into the third series, it looked as though the Trial was going to be a long one. However, some of the dogs got into trouble and the judges awarded four places and five Certificates of Merit at the end of the series. First went to FIELD CH. SHOOTER'S EXPEDITUS, owned and handled by Don Shooter; second to NAT'L FIELD CH. STUBBLEFIELD ACE HIGH, owned and handled by Bill Gibson; third to REILLY'S REDDI, owned by John Reilly and handled by Robert Sanchez; and fourth to SPICE OF HAVEN BAY, owned and handled by Dr. Conklin. Incidentally, this was both Doc's and Spice's first Open and they both acted like veterans. We salute you both. The Certificates of Merit went to KEESDALE'S FLASH OF PERFECTION, owned by Bill Kees, and handled by Robert Sanchez; SISSY ANNE, owned by Bill Dixon, handled by Robert Sanchez; SIR BOOMER OF BOGHURST, owned and handled by Bob Setron; ORM'S LOU ELLEN, owned and handled by Orm Bequette; DUKE OF HAVEN GULCH, owned by Kenny Williams, handled by Paul Ruddick.

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