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NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA
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September, 1979

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are approaching the climax of the ITCA year, the Specialty week-end in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. On Saturday evening, October 6, at the Holiday Inn at King of Prussia, we will hold our annual meeting, preceded by a social hour and dinner. We will elect our officers for the year and four new Board of Governors members for three years. The Board will hold afternoon and night meetings to work through a heavy agenda of Club business.

Then, Sunday, October 7, the Specialty show at the Temple University Music Festival Grounds at Ambler, PA. Two ITCA members will preside in the ring. John Best will judge the Sweepstakes, and Dennis Barnes will judge the main event, the regular classes.

You will find details about the week-end elsewhere in this Newsletter. It promises to be an interesting occasion. Come one, come all!

With regard to the exchange of correspondence between John Elliott and ITCA secretary Nancy Hetzel published in the May-June, 1979 Newsletter, ITCA member Janet Padilla wrote a letter dated June 25 to the editors of the Newsletter supporting the position of Mr. Elliott.

In the first nine months of 1979, the AKC Gazette announced the registration of 201 Irish Terriers and 72 Irish Terrier litters. Over the same period last year, the figures were 207 dogs registered and 43 litters.

The Board of Governors is inaugurating this year a more intensive effort to persuade members to pay their dues on time; namely, by January 1 of each year. Members will receive sufficient and timely advance notice, and later, if necessary, a warning. Those who have not paid by the final deadline will be dropped from the roster. After that, to regain membership they will have to formally reapply.

The American Dog Association, Inc., an organization with much good work in behalf of dogs to its credit, held its first seminar last July in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. One of the three principal speakers was ITCA member Bob Peters, speaking on "Restrictive Legislation--How to Combat."

George Kido

FROM THE SECRETARY

History of the ITCA Board of Governors Mail Votes Since October 1978 Meeting

The Board has approved 28 new members, and the secretary received all 15 vote sheets back on nearly all of these. In seven cases 14 vote sheets were returned, and those Board members missing were West (3 times--Ellis moved in the Fall and some mail went astray), Peters (1), Sayres (1), Best (1) and Welch (1). The secretary is not including her 16th vote in this, for the most part. The applications of four additional members are still in progress.

All Board members except Welch returned "yes" votes to accept the Irish Terrier Club of Chicago's proposal to "act as host for the 1980 ITCA Traveling Specialty at Chain O'Lakes, with Tom Gately judging."

All Board members except Peters returned "yes" votes that we assign judging slots to Joe Sayres, Tom Gately and Nick Calicura, the top three judge preferences in the members' poll.

All Board members except Barnes, Welch and Jim Wilson returned a vote sheet with majority affirmative on the president's proposed reply for the secretary to John Elliott's letter dated 3/27/79; affirmative that Joe Sayres be asked to judge Montgomery 1980; approval of treasurer's deposit of funds and checking account in the Pontiac State Bank; agreement that the treasurer need not be bonded; approval of George Kidd's suggested program for prompt payment of membership dues. (This appears elsewhere in this newsletter.)

All Board members except Kennedy returned a sheet in agreement that we have a Sweepstakes at Montgomery County 1979, with same conditions as in 1978. The Board suggested a total of 26 different names for Sweepstakes judge, and John Best was the winner with six votes. (Four other names had four votes each.)

All Board members returned a sheet with all but Kelley supporting ITCA preparation of comments on the Standard of the Breed for a proposed terrier symposium. The committee of Sayres (chairman), Best, Kidd, M. Honey, and Joyce Wilson was selected, although other names than current Board members were proposed, receiving less votes each. The majority agreed that 3/4 of the Board should approve the committee's proposed presentation.

All Board members voted to hold traveling specialties in 1980 and 1981, with west coast receiving most votes for 1980 (this has not worked out) and midwest for 1981 (which is where it will be in 1980 instead).

On the president's proposal that candidates for officers and Board submit a brief biographical sketch for dissemination to membership before election: Barnes, Hetzel, Kendrick, MacDonald, Peters, Sayres, Jim Wilson and Joyce Wilson voted "Required"; Honey, Kelley, Kennedy, Ritter, Welch and West voted "Urged"; and Best wrote in "Invited."

With 15 Board members voting, all but Kendrick and Welch voted "no" on possible ITCA use of AKC's proposed offering of a class for dogs (or bitches) over 12 months and under 18 months at Specialty shows only.

All 15 Board members approved Sue Griffiths as Show Chairman for Montgomery 1979 and Ed Worth for February 1980.

All Board members except Kennedy, Welch, and Jim Wilson returned comments on a proposal of Bob Peters' for selecting Specialty show judges. This matter is on the agenda for Board in October, 1979.

All Board members returned their statement of preference for time of October 1979 meeting.

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PROGRAM TO INDUCE ITCA MEMBERS TO PAY THEIR DUES ON TIME

- 1 November Treasurer to send statement of dues for ensuing year to each member-- payable before 1 January--warning that they will not be in good standing after 1 January if dues not paid by 1 January, and will be dropped from roster entirely if not paid up by 2 March (1 March in leap years).
- Early Nov. to All Newsletters published in this period to prominently display a late February reminder to members to pay dues promptly.
- 15 February Treasurer send letter to all delinquents, again informing them that they are not in good standing and will cease to be members unless they pay dues before 2 March (1 March in leap years); i.e., 60 days after 1 January.
- 3 March Treasurer inform Secretary who delinquents are. Secretary informs Board, asks Board if 30-day grace period, permitted by Bylaws, should be invoked. If Board invokes grace period, Treasurer informs delinquents of reprieve until 2 April (1 April in leap years).
- If Board does not grant grace period, delinquents dropped from roster.
- 2 April If Board has granted grace period, all members who have not paid by this date dropped from roster.
- Before end of Secretary publish an up-to-date-roster, sent to all members. April

Any person who is dropped for non-payment of dues can rejoin only through normal process: application, acceptance by Board, payment of application fee and current year's dues.

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IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BECOME EDITOR OF THE NEWSLETTER? If so, please contact Nancy Hetzel. Gary and Marie Johnson have done a really splendid job as co-editors of the Newsletter for the past several years, but perhaps it is time to give them a well-earned rest. Both Gary and Marie have assured the secretary that they will not feel slighted if someone else would like to take over this job!

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Maurice J. Kellogg
1111 Haysboro Road
Nashville, TN 37216

Mrs. Donald Vegher (Geraldine)
4712 S.E. 49th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73135
(Joined 1978)

Mr. Hampton A. Lyness
1428 Homestead Avenue
Metairie, LA 70005

Mrs. Eleanor G. Hillegeist
5305 Augusta Street
Bethesda, MD 20016

Reinstated: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Accurso (Christine)
59 Powell Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Correction on Roster:
Gloria Berube
Rt. 1, Box #74
Presque Isle, ME 04769

Change of Address:
Mrs. Florence Sexsmith
Box 64
Debec, New Brunswick, E0J-1J0
Canada

Resigned from Club effective August 20, 1979:
Mr. & Mrs. John Elliott, Jr. (Joan)

Nancy Letzel, Secretary

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Through Edna Sillavan, Hampton Lyness has sent the following:

The official mascot of the Notre Dame football team is our own Irish Terrier. At the last Homecoming game, they let their Irish Terrier romp out on the football field during half time.

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A few years ago at the Chicago International three of the group winners were named Flynn, Patrick and Ryan; and by coincidence, their handlers were also named Mr. Flynn, Mr. Patrick and Mr. Ryan, although I forget who handled which dog. One dog was an Irish Terrier, the others were an Irish Water Spaniel and an Irish Wolfhound.

The dogs live with their owners. The handlers are specialists and only handle dogs in their group.

Flynn (the dog) lives in Devon. The hound handler lives halfway between Devon and Westbury. Patrick cost exactly \$400. The hound handler's nearest neighbor bought one of these dogs as a pup and now charges exactly 1/3 his purchase price for stud service. Mr. Ryan borrowed the sporting handler's show lead last year at the Garden. The dog whose name is the same as the hound handler lives in Westbury.

Who handled the Irish Terrier?

In the last Newsletter a request from Joe Sayres was printed asking for critiques or questions on the standard. We thank Edna Sillavan for posing this question:

"With interest I read the "Editor's Comments" in our last Newsletter. Breed standards are always a debatable point, be you a judge, exhibitor or breeder. One such debatable point that I am most interested in having explained concerns that of "teeth." Does "strong and even" mean even spaced or does it mean an even or level bite?

Now, I have asked this question to several different people, judges, exhibitors, and breeders, and have received two different answers. What is your opinion?

My own opinion is that it means "even spaced." Irish terriers were bred to kill vermin. Seeing my own dogs in action, they do this not by biting the vermin to death but by a quick shake which breaks the vermin's back. I believe the scissor bite with its locking teeth to be the best for that type of killing.

Am I right or wrong?"

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THE LITTER BASKET

Mary Roberts is our new puppy referral person for the ITCA. Listed below are the litters Mary has heard of, with apologies if yours is missing. If you do want to be included in this service, send details of your litter to:

Mary Roberts
10503 Cheddar Street
Norwalk, CA 90650
(213) 864-5080

Jean Hall
1460 Bird Street 5M, 3F
Birmingham, MI 48009 8/79

Diana Martin
189 San Luis Road 5M, 4F
Sonoma, CA 95476 6/25/79

Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan ex.
Ch. Hornpipe's Promises, Promises

Gloccomara Muzak Master ex.
Daradeen Sheila, C.D.

Rod Umlas
32 Marvin Street 2M, 4F
Clinton, NY 13323 8/8/79

Mary Welch
127 Great Road 6M
Acton, MA 01720 7/14/79

Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan ex.
Ch. Braymore's Eire Borne Madah

Ch. Glenworth's Minute Man ex.
Ch. Renvyle's Bridey Flynn

Phil Smith
308 Grove Court
Barstow, CA 92311 9/79

Marie and Gary Johnson
Route 1, Box 48
Altamont, NY 12009 1M, 1F

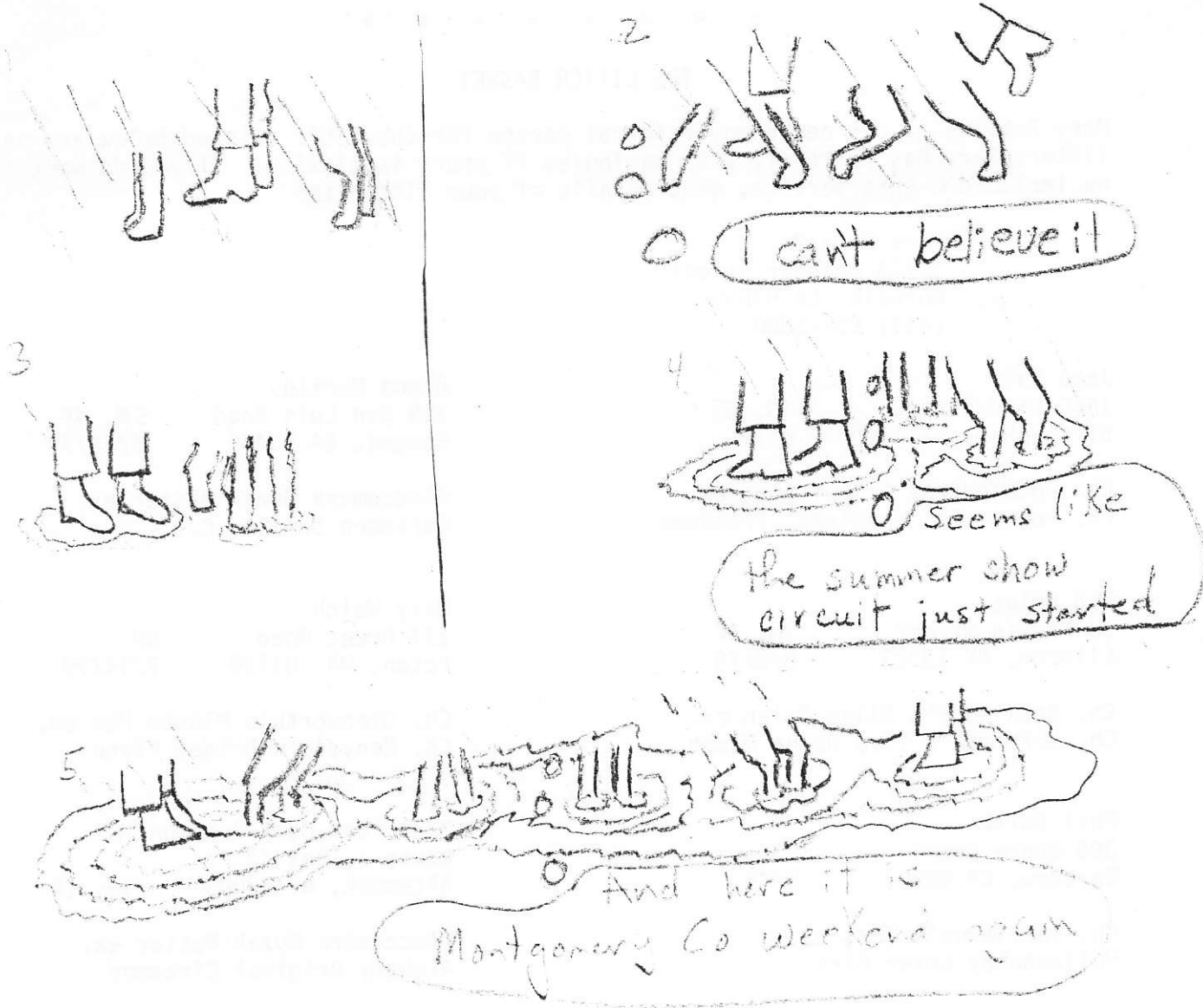
Ch. Rockledge's Goss ex.
Mullaghaboy Cover Girl

Gloccomara Muzak Master ex.
Alchemy Original Cinnamon

Although the gasoline situation has eased somewhat and as of this date New York City is off odd-even rationing, you may wish to check into fuel availability in the area if you are planning to drive to Montgomery County or rent a car when you get there. The following numbers may be of help: The gasoline "hotline" number for Montgomery County is (215) 275 4636, 24 hr. a day. The number for New York is (800) 342-3717. The number for New England, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. is (800) 888-3456.

Information on the Montgomery County weekend is found in the President's Column and at the end of this Newsletter in the notice for hospitality arrangements. This weekend grows each year as more and more Club members attend the festivities. There are always new faces along with the familiar--we hope yours will be among them!

We'd like to be among the first to say THANK YOU to those people who have volunteered their time and talents to make sure that we all enjoy the weekend at Montgomery: Show Chairman, Sue Griffiths; hospitality chairman, June Kennedy; advertising chairman, Frank Kennedy; and Jim Reed, trophy chairman. Your hard work is appreciated!



This article was submitted from the special commemorative issue of the "Daredevil Messenger," the publication of the Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit. (Copies may still be available--contact editors Jim and Ann Kelly.)

THINGS SOME EXHIBITORS DO . . .
THAT DISTRACT FROM THE TOTAL PRESENTATION OF THE IRISH TERRIER.

1. Forgetting to clean the teeth and ears.

Uncleaned, discolored teeth don't contribute to the dog's health. Dirty ears, full of wax and hair, are unpleasant and can lead to problems.

2. Forgetting to clean the feet and keeping nails short.

Both can cause problems. Caked dirt and hair between the pads will affect the gait and eventually damage the feet. Long nails will force the dog back on its pasterns resulting again in bad feet and poor gait.

3. Ignoring skin condition.

The Irish Terrier's coat may be nice and shiny and in full bloom but all kinds of objectionable conditions may lurk underneath. These can range from dandruff to sores, cuts or a rash. None of these will impress the judge!

4. Failing to reasonably exercise the dog before going in the ring.

This reflects on the handler--not the dog. It indicates that insufficient attention has been paid to the dog's comfort.

5. Failing to get to the ring in time and causing a delay.

(Judges like these people.)

6. Failing to pay attention to the ring procedures and not following the judge's instructions.

(Now you really are establishing a good relationship.)

7. Stacking and stretching the dog out so that the top line looks bad and the stifles appear to be straight.

8. Overhandling and constantly trying to hide a fault (such as straightening the hocks.)

9. Gaiting at a pace that prevents the dog from moving properly.

If the handler has done his homework properly, the dog can be gaited at a reasonable pace that will let it use its reach and drive (if it has these) without running

10. When the placings are announced, go to the number you are awarded.

If your Irish Terrier is not awarded a prize, leave the ring gracefully. . . .
Accept your ribbons and prizes in a pleasant manner.

Dennis Barnes

To ITCA Members:

The ITCA annual meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday, October 6, at the Holiday Inn, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:00.

Dinner reservations should be sent to:

Mrs. June Kennedy
29 Skyline Drive
Brookfield, CT 06804

and should reach her by October 1. The cost of the dinner, including tax and gratuities will be \$19.50 per person, and checks should be made payable to the Irish Terrier Club of America. As in past years, there will again be a raffle featuring some unusual Irish items. And, Saturday afternoon and evening the Club will host a hospitality room at the Holiday Inn. Beverages and munchies will be furnished, but anyone wishing to make donations in the form of refreshments can certainly do so!

Many Club members will be staying at the Holiday Inn, Valley Forge, which for the past several years has been the "headquarters" for the ITCA. However, there are a number of motels in the area. Make your own room reservations directly with the Inn. The telephone number of the Inn is (215) 265-7500, and the address is 260 Goddard Boulevard, King of Prussia, at Exit 24 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Remember: Mail your ballots early--mail your dinner reservations early--and make your room reservations early!

See you there!

Enclosed is \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations for dinner at the Holiday Inn Saturday, October 6.

Name _____

Others attending _____

Please mail to June Kennedy by October 1.

Rich & Chris Accurso
59 Powell Avenue
Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570

September 10th 1979

Irish Terrier Club of America

Dear Fellow Members,

Once again the JTCA will hold its Winter Specialty in conjunction with the Irish Terrier classes at the upcoming Associated Terrier Club Show, February 10th 1980, at the New York State Armory in the Bronx.

Our judge, voted so by our membership, is the noted and well respected Mrs. Augustus Riggs the Fourth.

In the past our members have been very generous in their trophy donations. And it shows, we have had some really beautiful and diversified trophy tables.

Please let us thank you in advance for your support, and remind you of the deadlines shown on the tear off portion of this letter.

Sincerely,
Rich & Chris Accurso
Rich & Chris Accurso

P.S. Don't forget the Westminster Kennel Club Show will be held on February 11th & 12th at Madison Square Garden.

I/we _____ wish to contribute \$ _____ (check
enclosed) or _____ to the trophy fund.
description of trophy and class

If you contribute cash to the trophy fund, please make all checks payable to the Irish Terrier Club of America, and forward to Rich & Chris Accurso, 59 Powell Avenue, Rockville Centre, New York 11570. DEADLINE October 8, 1979

If you contribute a trophy, please arrange to have it reach us no later than January 10th 1980.