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NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

MAY, 1977

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the February meeting the Board of Governors made a change in the conditions governing the awarding of the McKinley Memorial Trophy (see 1970 book, p. 53). Formerly a dog winning the American-bred class received one point for this trophy for each dog he defeated in that class up to a maximum of 3 at any one show. American-bred entries have been so few that a dog might win this trophy by winning only a single class. To broaden competition, the Board decided that, effective for 1977, a dog or bitch winning the American-bred class and going on to winners or better will be awarded the same number of American-bred points as the number of Thorndike points earned by it at that show.

June is a big month for us with the Traveling Specialty and the Chicago Specialty on successive days (see page 2). Be sure to get your entries in early and advise me of your wishes as to room reservations and dinner reservations as promptly as possible. Two years ago there were over forty Irish entered at each of these shows and we hope to do better this time.

I have some extra copies of old Irish Terrier books and anyone interested can see them at the hospitality room at the Mundelein Holiday Inn on the June 18-19 weekend.

See you there.

John S. Best

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Marion and Cruse Honev 2d, 4b March 6, 1977  
16470 Wagon Wheel Drive  
Riverside, CA 92506

Ch. Rockledges Goss ex Ch. Meg  
Shan Hi Jinks of Rockledge

John Childers 1d, 4b Feb. 13, 1977  
4526 Baystone  
Dallas, Texas 75211  
(214)-339-5727

Ch. Glannagalt Now Peace ex  
Ch. Gloccomara W.D. Owl

Lyle Moffitt 1d, 2b April 1, 1977  
1543 S. Evanston  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104  
(918)-932-4772

Cobblestone Happy Red Baron ex  
Baystone's Bit O Dynamite

## TRAVELING SPECIALTY JUNE 19

The Irish Terrier Club of America will host its third annual traveling specialty on June 19, in conjunction with the Chain O'Lakes show, Lake County Fairgrounds, Grays Lake, Illinois. Judge for this event will be Mr. Bob Peters.

Your entry and the entry fee of \$9.00 is due at the superintendent's office June 1, 1977. Superintendent for this show is Webb Dog Shows, 500 North Street, P.O. Box 546, Auburn, Indiana 46706.

Show-goers will have an opportunity to attend another specialty the same weekend. The Irish Terrier Club of Chicago will hold its annual specialty on Saturday, June 18, also at the Lake County Fairgrounds. At this show Mr. Dennis Barnes will do the officiating, giving Irish Terrier owners a chance to show under two breeder-judges in two days. Entry fee for this show is also \$9.00 due June 1 and Webb is again the superintendent.

The weekend will be rounded out with a social hour and dinner held at the Northern Chalet in Libertyville, Illinois. More information will be coming to you on cost and time.

Headquarters for Irish Terriers and their owners will once again be at the Holiday Inn, Route 45, Mundelein, Illinois. Show Chairman John Best has reserved a block of rooms in his name. If you are planning to stay at the Holiday, notify John as soon as possible. (John's address is 250 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.)

Show committee for this fine weekend of shows is the officers and board of the Irish Terrier Club of Chicago.

The traveling specialty show, which has been held in Chicago in 1975 and in Southern California last year, has been drawing large entries. The specialty is especially appreciated by those in other parts of the country who have not been able to attend the fall and winter specialties held in the East. With two "Irish" judges, this weekend should prove to be one of the biggest!

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### LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued from Page 1)

Edna Sillavan 1d, 1b 3 months old  
P.O. Box 53856  
Lafayette, LA 70505  
(318)-984-2415 (after 5:00 p.m.)

Elsie Ryan 2 d, 2 b  
8627 Knoxville Rd. Born 4/30/77  
Milan, IL 61264

Ch. Foxglove Kels ex The Irishman's Red Pepper

Ch. Blackacre Baron ex  
Innisglen Red Moon Tempest

Dr. Don Gill 1d, 1b  
140 Templeton Drive  
Lafayette, LA 70501  
(318)-233-2737

Ch. Live Oak Rusty Rebel ex Ch. Live Oak Southern Belle

Bob Peters  
Route 1 Box 103  
Dry Fork, VA 24549

litter expected June 14  
Shantytown Paddy Murphy (Ch. Patti's Martha Riley by Ch. Shantytown Mudlark) ex Shantytown Lilibets (Ch. Patti's Martha Riley by Ch. Nutbrown Leprechaun)

## MEMBERS' VIEWS

The question of over-sized stock has arisen frequently, though temporarily, in many of the breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club and the Irish Terrier is no exception. With the tremendous growth of dog shows in the early 1960's, pugs, Irish Setters, Borzois and scores of other breeds found themselves confronted by a rising tide of risen withers. The more popular the breed the worse the distortion of size, coat, or some special feature of importance. The less popular breeds have been less affected and were longer in feeling the effects of such a tumult but, alas, one cannot miss hearing the grumblings among the fanciers of the Irish Terrier.

Armchair experts abound with answers on how to resolve the question of over-sized Irish Terriers. Some hearken to the point of view of a stricter standard with disqualifications, while others maintain the sole responsibility for penalizing over-size animals rests with the conformation judge. These suggestions are united only by their singular abrogation of responsibility which no breeder can fail to miss or understand. In short, it is not the task of others to resolve the fate of the Irish Terrier. It is now, as it has always been, up to those who love and work with this rugged little dog to preserve his sterling qualities. This is not achieved by criticizing the 150 assorted Irish Terrier judges for failing to accomplish in the ring what so many breeders have failed to do in the whelping box. Nor is this interest best served by eliminating from competition those animals which, though over-sized,

may possess some golden quality necessary for the improvement of our breed. May virtues always shine before our eyes.

If the Irish Terrier is to retain his proper size and quality then it will be done through the unselfish determination of those who care. The breeder who parades one 20-inch winner after another before the judge is doing little on behalf of the 26-pound dog which F. M. Jowett found to be the "most useful size, both for work and the show bench." On the other hand the owner of the 18-inch male with the chumpy head and open loin has given the judge little to choose between. Neither has done anything to solve the quandry of the prospective breeder who owns an 18-inch, 27-pound bitch and seeks a stud of proper size which will not compromise her quality. In worse shape is the owner of the over-sized bitch, who must retain quality and reduce size. Consider their plight.

Before judges will become concerned the fancy must care. This involves more than jaggering at cocktail parties or crossing your fingers when the bitch breaks water. It means showing your convictions on the end of a leash and not dragging out your big dog when a judge with such a fetish is scheduled at the local kennel club or the national specialty. It is our breed and we must SHOW the judges what we want. The quality of a breed is not the responsibility of some hapless judge who, for a few minutes on a Sunday afternoon, attempts to sort the wheat from the chaff.

--Ellis West

Chairman for the Montgomery County ITCA specialty show in October is Tom Johnson. Tom reports that work is already underway for this event. The committee consists of Jim and Liz Wilson, trophies; Jim Ryan, advertising; Ann Johnson, publicity; and Nancy and Gregor Hetzel, hospitality. Serving as ring stewards will be Ed Eaglen and Gregor Hetzel.

If you haven't heard from the Wilson's and would like to make a contribution to the trophy fund, their absolute deadline is May 23. Send your contributions to:

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson  
1965 Davison Lake Road  
Oxford, Michigan 48051

Once again the club will sponsor a sweepstakes with member Tom Ryan judging. You will be hearing more from Tom Johnson and his committee as this big day approaches.

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The latest edition of Gaines' "Touring with Towser" is now available--it contains names, addresses and phone numbers of motels and hotels which will take in pets with their owners. It can be purchased for \$1.00 by writing to

Gaines  
Touring with Towser  
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

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Bob Peters has been asked to speak at the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association leadership conference in June. The basic theme is "What Do Breeders Expect from their Veterinarians?" If any of you have thoughts on this subject, Bob would like to hear from you. He will pass your views on to vets and future vets.

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Once again Mary Murray has furnished the art work for the newsletter. We all appreciate her contribution.

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The Irish Terrier Club of Northern California held a grooming session April 2 at Dennis Sheehan's home in Concord. There was an extremely good turnout, especially from the new owners of puppies who were anxious to learn the proper techniques for grooming. Nick Calicura was on hand to instruct and demonstrate, aided by Dennis Sheehan and Rocky Stone.

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The Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit has published a pamphlet which is made available to those interested in the breed. This six-page booklet consists of the breed standard and characteristics, members of the ITCGD, a history of the Irish Terrier and a reading list. It is financed through the individual members.

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A common belief among dog people is that Irish Terriers are probably not the best dogs for obedience work. However, in the whole state of Louisiana there is but one terrier with both a championship and an obedience title. That dog is an Irish Terrier--Ch. Red Fury of Carolmac, C.D.X., owned by Mrs. Edna Sillavan.

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It was a big day for the Irish at the Wichita Kennel Club show in April. Congratulations to Jim Kelley and his new champion, Ch. Mishaira Electra, who completed her points at the Sunday show.

Congratulations also to Ellis West and Ch. Gloccomara Centrifugal Mama. "Jasmine" placed fourth in the Terrier Group under judge Nick Calicura.

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Ch. Sarsfield Spaceman won Group First under Dr. Josephine Deubler in tough competition at Western Pennsylvania KC (Pittsburgh) April 2. Trophy presenter was Mr. Ed Eaglen.

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## EDITORS' COMMENTS

We would like to begin with a correction. It has come to our attention that the report of the February specialty which we attributed to Bob Peters was, in fact, written by Carol Butterworth.

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We were surprised at the amount of interest in the masthead on the April newsletter. While many of you were kind about our attempt to be artistic, others pointed out the apparent--that there is room for improvement. We are not artists, but we know many of our members are. We are, therefore, making a request to all interested members of the ITCA to design a new logo. Please send it to us in finished form suitable for xeroxing by June 1.

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There are many formulas suggesting what days of the estrous cycle to mate a bitch. Some bitches are bred a certain number of days after the bloody vaginal discharge (proestrous) is first noticed; others when they first accept the stud (behavioral estrous) or a certain number of days thereafter. A few breeders rely on only a single mating. More commonly, two or more services are provided. Most of the commonly used regimens are highly successful if success is based only on the achievement of pregnancy. If litter size is also to be considered, it is more difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of particular breeding management programs since it is difficult to predict how many pups the bitch might have had if another breeding regimen had been used. A recent study at Colorado State University, involving some 400 Beagle bitches, suggests that the precise timing of mating can influence litter size.

The report indicates that a single mating four to five days before a change in the microscopic appearance of a

vaginal smear will produce maximum rate of fertilization of the ovulated eggs. These optimal breeding days can, however, be determined only in retrospect, since they cannot be accurately predicted by the onset of either proestrous or behavioral estrous. In order to increase the chances that a mating take place on the desired days, one must play the percentages, and increasing the number of matings will help. If a single mating is to be used, it should be on the second day of behavioral estrous (acceptance). If two matings are employed the first should be on the first day of behavioral estrous and the second three or four days later. The best regime would be to breed on the first day of behavioral estrous and every other day thereafter until the bitch no longer accepts the stud. These recommendations rest on the assumption that the typical Irish Terrier estrous cycle closely resembles that of the Beagle. However, since no systematic studies have been done on the Irish Terrier the assumption is prudent.

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Marie and Gary Johnson  
9140 Xylite Street N.E.  
Blaine, MN 55433

Mrs. Edna Sillavan sent this story of her Irish Terrier "Buster Brown."

In the late afternoon after our training session, I have been playing with Buster, throwing his sock and then chasing him trying to get it back. The children watching our practice would often join in on the fun and games. Each day the group of children that watched and played with us grew.

One day, I came home from work late and tired. I decided to skip our training session. Time passed with Buster laying very unhappily at my feet, when I heard a small knock at my door. Opening the door, I saw this large group of children that we had played with so often. The spokesman for the group, a small boy of seven, asked, "Can Buster come out and play with us?" I turned to look for Buster, and there he was, sock in his mouth, and eyes gleaming. Naturally, we had our football game after all.

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Mrs. Martha Salem sent in the following cryptograms on Irish Terriers. Good luck!!!

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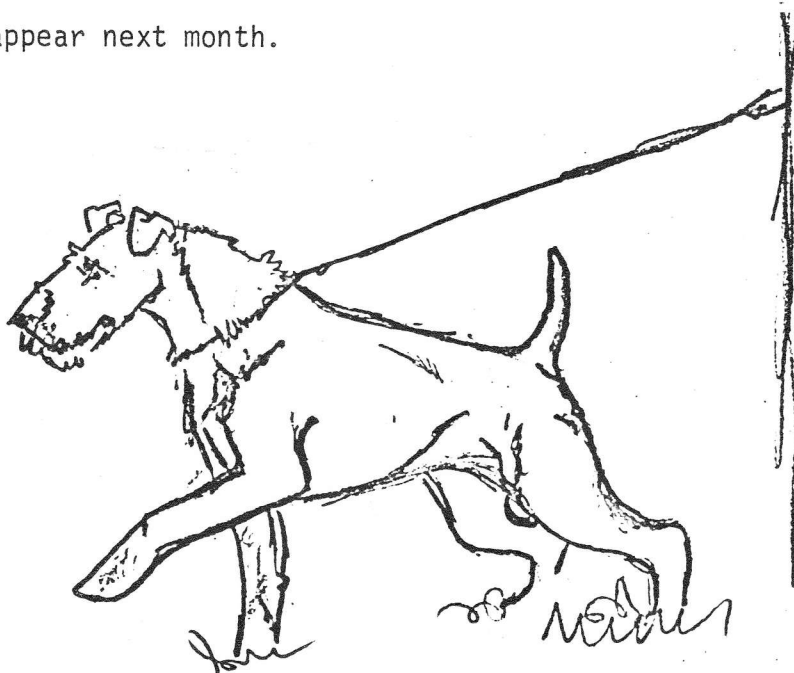
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Answers to these two puzzles will appear next month.





## COMING EVENTS

- June 4. A reminder of the Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit's second sanctioned "B" match at the home of Jim and Liz Wilson. John Best will judge.
- June 5. Ann Arbor Kennel Club show, supported by the ITCGD. Judge: David Doane. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5095 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Jones Dog Shows, P.O. Box 307, Garrett, Indiana 46738. Entry fee: \$9.00
- June 11. Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club. Wayzata Sr. High School, 305 Vicksburg Lane, Wayzata, Minnesota. Judge: Mrs. Jean Fancy, breed; Mr. Henry Stoecker, Group. Superintendent: Jack Onofrio, P.O. Box 25764, Oklahoma City, OK 73125. Entry fee: \$10, due May 25. Limited to 1700 dogs.
- June 12 Land O'Lakes Kennel Club. Coliseum, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN. Judge: Mr. Dudley McMillin, breed; Mr. James Trullinger, group. Superintendent: Webb Dog Shows. Entry fee: \$9.00, due May 25.
- June 18 and 19: Gray's Lake, Illinois. Irish Terrier Club of Chicago and Irish Terrier Club of America traveling specialty. See information on page 2.
- June 12 Contra Costa Kennel Club, Irish Terrier Club of Northern California specialty. Judge: Dr. Harold Huggins. Superintendent: Behrendt, 470 38th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94121.
- June 25 Irish Terrier Club of Southern California specialty. Correction from April newsletter.
- June 26 Beverly Hills Kennel Club Show. Correction from April issue. No word on judges of either show.

