

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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Our ITCA Specialty next Fall at the Montgomery County (Pa.) show will be dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. W. A. E. Woods, of Fort Worth, Tex.

The ITCA Board of Governors made this decision after learning belatedly of the death of Mrs. Woods last November 13. She was 88. Mrs. Woods had been a member of the ITCA since 1932. There are probably few in ITCA history who can match that span of 40 years continuous membership.

Mrs. Woods was born Mabel Stormant in Tennessee. She and her husband, who died in 1963, owned the Ballywood Kennels in Irving, and later in Fort Worth, Tex. They were particularly active as breeders and exhibitors during the 1930's and 40's. The late Watson J. Hoos, in the extensive notes he compiled on Irish Terriers, wrote: "The Ballywood Kennels of Texas, owned by Bill and Mrs. Woods, kept the Irish Terriers in the forefront at the Southwest shows for many years. They also had some nice wins at the Morris and Essex, N.J., shows." Champions from their kennels were Ballywood Beau Brummel, Ballywood Buccaneer, Ballywood Buccaroo, Ballywood Fin McCoul, Ballywood Madcap, Ballywood Stormy Girl, Conchubair of Ballywood, Warran's Colleen, and Thunderhead of Ballywood.

ITCA member Edward Eaglen said of Mrs. Woods, upon hearing of her death, "She was a grand person. She and Mr. Woods were avid Irish Terrier fans, and they had some good dogs. They were not hard losers. They took their defeats like good sportsmen."

Because Mr. and Mrs. Woods retired from Irish Terrier activity so many years ago, not many of our present ITCA members knew them personally. However their name is familiar to us because of the "W. A. E. Woods Trophy" that Mrs. Woods offered for Winners Bitch at the ITCA New York Specialty shows, in honor of the memory of her husband. This sterling silver tray, to go the first exhibitor to win it three times, is still in competition.

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Correction. In the April Bulletin, "Other show notes" paragraph, we mistakenly wrote that Dungarvin's Miss De Meanor was BOB at Paterson, N.J., March 25. Joyce Wilson was quick to inform me that while Miss De Meanor did win a 4-point major at that show by going WB and BOS, the big winner was Mary Gately's Blazer's Fusilier who won WD, BW and BOB. I regret the embarrassment caused by this error. My explanation is that taking show results over the telephone can be tricky.

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We recently received a nice letter from Morrison D. Earle, of St. John, New Brunswick, at the present our only Canadian member of ITCA. Mr. Earle joined the ITCA in 1942. He wrote, in part: "It is certainly very interesting getting the Club Bulletins and I want to congratulate you on the good job you are doing. While I do not have dogs any more...I still love an Irishman. In the days when I was active I used to attend the Specialty, Westminster and other shows." We appreciate Mr. Earle's compliment to the Bulletin. We hope that he will write again before too long. A quick check of the roster reveals that Mr. Earle, along with Mrs. D. G. Richardson, of Sarasota, Fla., are now the members with longest continuous membership. Jerry O'Callaghan and Mrs. Kay Hoos both became members before 1942 but there was a break in their memberships. - Oops! I see that Mr. W. K. Jordan, of Honolulu, joined in 1941. So to him the honor!

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Remember the ITC of Chicago Specialty, Saturday June 16, at Grayslake, Ill. The show will be at the Lake County Fair Grounds, Cafeteria Hall #2, at Highways 45 and 120. Mrs. Grace M. Brewin will judge. The Rudolph Jensen Memorial Trophy will be offered for BOB. The exhibitor to win it three times, not necessarily with the same dog, will keep it permanently. Friends of Rudy Jensen are offering the trophy through the ITC of Chicago. ...Please note that on the following day, June 17, Sunday, the Chain O'Lakes K.C. will hold its annual show at the same location. William Marshner will judge the Irish. This makes a most convenient opportunity to take in two big shows. Webb is superintendent for both shows: P.O. Box 546, Auburn, Ind. 46706, phone (219) 925-2900. Entries for the Specialty close at 5 p.m. May 30.

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Now for more "show notes" (some of them taken by telephone). Mrs. Karen Worth writes that Glenworth's Erin completed her championship April 28 at Wilmington, Del. "This is our very first champion and we couldn't be more pleased with her record. Her brother Minute Man is only two points away."...We understand that Richard and Sharie Diamond's Carris's Watch Me also finished at Wilmington by going WD, BW and BOS, while Sue Young's and Joseph O'Connor's Ch. Kincora's Kerry Ann Girl was BOB...Kerry Ann Girl was BOS to the BOB of Dr. Joseph Sayres' Ch. Irish Rebellion at Springfield, Mass., May 12 under Mike Gately. Rebellion then went on to a GR4 under Mrs. W.P. Wear: this item from Mary Welch... Kelly Duncan reports a double event: her Ch. Sinn Fein Along Came Shana was named No. 10 Irish Terrier bitch in the country for 1972 by Terrier Type magazine, then proceeded to whelp a litter of six (by Ch. Foxglove Barnaby)...Klee Dobra reports that their Ch. Ahtram Irish Rampage placed GR4 at the Carrol County (Md.) show May 20, to add to his GR4 a year ago at Staten Island.

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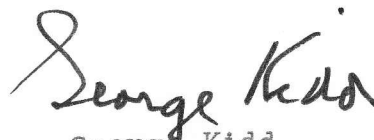
When your Irish Terrier finishes his championship or places in a Group or gains a leg on an Obedience degree or does something else of note, it is news for the Irish Terrier fancy, so why don't you write me about it. The Pacific coast is just an 8¢ stamp distant from Germantown, Md., as is also Hawaii where our member Mr. Jordan lives. (From whom we should like to hear sometime!)

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Quotes from other columnists. (Gordon Somner, AK Gazette, October 1972) : "Do encourage young families to have an obedience trained dog. Not because they will be a better watch dog, but because the dog becomes more possessive with confidence and trustworthiness. The children can also benefit from the old school psychology of basic dog obedience and they, too, will learn to be loved then led." (This is from Mr. Somner's Schipperke column).

Regarding the naming of puppies (Gertrude Fischer in the AK Gazette, October 1972, Golden Retriever column): "The name should be a one or two syllable name that is easy to say and does not conflict with the names of close family or friends. Trait names are good, or names that have to do with the breed, or working qualities. Avoid names that start with "S" or end in long "O". The reason for avoiding the "S" sounds is that the person finds himself...confusing the dog with the commands of "sit", "stand" and "stay" etc...Avoidance of the long "O" is desirable as "No" is the only negative command, and if you are using the dog for field or obedience, the dog may be confused."

So much for this month.



George Kidd
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