

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

BULLETIN

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ITCA WINTER SPECIALTY AND ANNUAL MEETING - February 8, 1976

The time is almost here for our Winter Specialty Show to be held in conjunction with the Associated Terrier Clubs on Sunday, February 8, 1976. The show will be held as usual in the State Armory, 216 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City (near 168th Street and Broadway.) Entries close at 12:00 noon at the Superintendent's Office: on January 21!

Tom Crowe, Superintendent
P. O. Box 20205
Greensboro, North Carolina 27420

The entry fee is \$9.00 with checks payable to Moss-Bow Dog Show Organization, Inc. Non-Regular Classes will include, Veteran Dog and Veteran Bitch, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch

The Judge for this Specialty will be Mr. John Hillman of Carmel, Indiana. Mr. Hillman has been a licensed judge of all Terriers since 1939. He is a past president of the Scottish Terrier Club of Indiana and is also a member of the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, West Highland White Terrier Club of Indiana, Scottish Terrier Club of America, and the American Sealyham Terrier Club.

A great vote of thanks goes to the Show Committee for our February Specialty who are working so very hard to make this event a huge success:

Mary Welch, Chairman; Karen and Ed Worth, Trophies; Margaret Conneely, Advertising; Dick Diamond, Publicity; and Betty Clark, Hospitality.

ENTRIES CLOSE AT NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB!

All Sporting, Hound and Toy Breeds will be judged on Monday, February 9
All Working, Terrier and Non-Sporting Breeds will be judged on Tuesday, February 10
Irish Terriers will be judged by Mr. Peter B. Thomson of Hillsborough, California.
Mrs. James Edward Clark will judge the Terrier Group and Mr. William W. Brainard, Jr.
Best in Show. Entry fee is \$20.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

President Gately has appointed the following committee to present a slate of fifteen members for the Board of Governors to be voted on at the next annual meeting:
Margaret Stone, Chairman, Mary Newhauser, and Charles Ritter

1976 TRAVELING SPECIALTY

Deadlines for our Spring Traveling Specialty are right upon us! (Unbelievable, but true.) Deadlines for both Trophy pledges and Advertising for the ITCA Traveling Specialty at Beverly Hills, Calif. on June 20th are JANUARY 15! Mary Roberts is Trophy Chairman and Marie Johnson is Advertising Chairman. Marion Honey, as Show Chairman, is working very hard to make our first gala on the West Coast a big success, so please respond.

The Irish Terrier Club of Southern California Specialty Show will be held the day before Beverly Hills on June 19th. The California IT Clubs will benefit from advertising placed in this catalog, so please send this advertising material to Jim Thomas before Jan. 15

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Please note the change of address for the following members:

Mrs. Elsie B. Ryan, 8627 Knoxville Road, Milan, Ill. 61264

Mr. Vincent Salem, P. O. Box 5164, Ventura, Calif. 93003

Mrs. D. G. Richardson, 154 Nature Trail, The Farrington Rd., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

SYMPATHY:

This is one section of the bulletin that your secretary writes with great distress. It is with great sadness that I notify the members of the passing in November of the father of our member, Dennis Sheehan. Some of the club members had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Sheehan several years ago when Dennis's parents accompanied him on the trip East to the fall specialties. Of course, the Sheehan family is a good friend to the West Coasters and all of us extend to Dennis and his family our deepest sympathy from coast to coast.

John Best has also passed along a bit of sad news. We have been informed that our member, W. K. Jordon of Honolulu, Hawaii passed away on January 26, 1975. John points out, "It might be of interest to the Club members that Mr. Jordon had been a continuous members longer than any other person - since 1941."

On the brighter side, it is interesting to note that there are six other members who have belonged to the ITCA more than 25 years:

Morrison Earle, New Brunswick, Canada - 1942

Mrs. Thelma Richardson, Chapel Hill, N.C. - 1942

Michael Gately, Bronx, N. Y. - 1944

Ellsworth Gamble, Fremont, Calif. - 1946

Ed Eaglen, Battle Creek, Mich. - 1947

Mrs. Betty Curtin, Wilmington, Del. - 1948

May these members belong to our club many more years and we express our gratitude for their continuous support!

PUPPIES AVAILABLE:

Whelped August 18, 1975 - 1 male, 3 females - by Ch. Rockledge's Goss ex. Teletown Dusty Bend - owned by Charles & Susan Monroe, 6918 E. Orange Blossom Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253

Whelped November 13, 1975 - 3 males, 2 females - by Ch. Live Oak Rusty Rebel ex. Ch. Mishaira Southern Belle - owned by Donald A. Gill, 140 Templeton Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

Whelped November 19, 1975 - 1 male, 2 females - by Glenworth Superstar ex. Glenworth Bernadette - owned by Karl V. Teeter, 16½ Woodbridge St., Cambridge, Mass. 02140

Whelped November 20, 1975 - 2 males, 6 females - by Ch. Kincora's Keeper of the Green, C.D. ex. Medharras Molly O'Shea - owned by Jim and Liz Wilson, 1965 Davison Lake Rd., Oxford, Mich. 48051

Whelped December 25, 1975 - 2 males, 1 female - by Ter-nan-ogg's Amethyst ex. Ter-nan-ogg Zosia - owned by Lois Slaski, Box 429, R.D. 3, Boonton, N. J. 07005

Be sure to notify your secretary when litters are born because requests for Irish Terrier puppies are coming in constantly. I would like to request that members send me their telephone number along with the other data. As you all know, when someone wants an IT puppy, they want it right away and I don't always have a phone number to give them.

"ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT"

In Walter Fletcher's dog column of the New York Times, October 30, 1975 there appeared a very interesting article on our member of 29 years, Ellsworth Gamble. For the members who did not see it, I would like to quote this article in total.

"Thirty-three years ago, Ellsworth Gamble, an Army lieutenant, was so severely injured in a jeep accident that he was given a medial discharge and told he had six months to live. 'I felt a dog would be good company for me in my last days,' said Gamble. 'So when I could travel, I visited Dr. Leonard Goss, who was dean of the veterinary college at Ohio State, where I had been a student before entering the service, and he gave me an Irish Terrier. To the surprise of the doctors, I not only passed the six-month mark, but at the end of the year was well enough to show my dog at Golden Gate.

" 'It was the first time in the ring for either of us and we walked out with the best-of-breed rosette. Two years later, I decided I'd take a chance and become a professional handler. I had been beating the pros with my Irish and felt I could show as well or better than most of them. Since my days were supposed to be numbered, it was a good way to earn a living.'

"Gamble's gamble paid off. The next year he became kennel manager for Mrs. W. B. Reis and he did well with her smooth and wire fox terriers. Next he became an all-breed handler and showed for some of the leading fanciers on the Coast, including Kay Finch of Afghan fame.

"In 1963, Gamble decided to give up handling and applied to the American Kennel Club for a judge's license. The Fremont, Calif., resident now has five groups and needs only some of the working to become an all-rounder.

" 'The best dog I ever owned,' said Gamble, 'was an Irish Terrier, Ch. Slemish Superb, In 1947, she was best in show in Nampa (Idaho) to become only the second Irish, up to that time, to have attained the feat. My Ch. Slemish Waterloo Lad became No. 3 when he came through at Sacramento.

" 'Incidentally, Irish Terriers are looking considerably better all over the country today than a few years ago. The breeders are conscientious and really care. They are doing a great job.'

" Gamble has the reputation of being an exacting judge, one of the handful who withholds ribbons if he doesn't think a dog worthy.

" 'It's better for the breed,' said the Californian. 'That's what the sport is all about. We are trying to improve the dogs.'"

NEW CHAMPIONS:

Congratulations to the following members and their ITs who have completed their championships:

Ch. Mishaira Rustic Portadown owned by Lyle G. Moffitt
Ch. Mullaghboy Honey Poppy owned by Jeanene MacDonald

NEW OBEDIENCE DEGREE:

Congratulations to the following members and their happy working ITs who have earned obedience degrees:

Ch. Riley's Maureen O'Shay, C.D. owned by Joseph O'Connor and Susan Young and trained and handled by Ann Cook. (Details on Maureen's career were in the October bulletin.)

Daradeen Sheila, C.D. owned by Diana Martin. It was good to get news from Diana, who is a new member in our club, who reports the following about her new obedience IT.

" 'Erin' achieved her C.D. degree in November with scores of 192, 194½, 193½, and 184 for an average of 193.3 in her top three scores. In our last show, Mensona Kennel Club in Santa Rosa, Calif., she placed second in her class with the 193½, out of 33 dogs." Nice going, girls!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Dick Diamond proudly reports another Group 1 win for his Ch. Carris Watch Me. This big win occurred on September 12, 1975 at the Pocono Mountain Kennel Club show. The judge was Mr. H. Brunotte.

Word from Don Gill heralds a Group 3 for his Ch. Live Oak Rusty Rebel (a brother of Watch Me) at the Mississippi Coast Kennel Club under judge Howard Tyler on October 12. Don reports a very good fall dog show season with Rusty and we will all agree that Best of Breed wins and a group placing is a very good start for a new Irish Terrier owner.

HOW TO SCOOP THAT POOP:

Environmental pollution is a big problem these days, and there is no question about it, that our animals are contributing to this problem. You have all observed the grassy areas and sidewalks after a dog show both on the show grounds and at the hotels when dog people stay. It's a disgrace and no one really wants to own up to it. It comes as no surprise to learn about lost show sites, or buildings, or motels that turn thumbs down on dog owners. Dog owners have only themselves to blame.

I would like to pass along a helpful hint that I have found very successful when faced with the problem of picking up after my dogs while walking them on our local streets. Simply slip your hand into a plastic sandwich bag, pick up the droppings, turn the plastic bag inside out and, pardon my pun, there you have it. No muss, no fuss, no litter. AND, neighbors who think my dogs are pretty nice.

SEE YOU ALL ON FEBRUARY 8 WITH SANDWICH BAGS!

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January, 1976

NOTICE OF ANNUAL DUES - 1976

This is formal notification that Irish Terrier Club of America annual dues for the year 1976 are now payable. Annual dues are \$10 per person.

Checks should be made to the Irish Terrier Club of America. Please mail check, with this sheet, to the ITCA Treasurer:

Mr. John S. Best
250 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Member _____

Address _____

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(ITCA Constitution and Rules, Paragraph 20:

"Notice shall be mailed to each member, when his annual dues are payable, and should such dues remain unpaid for 60 days after the regular notice has been given, he shall cease to be a member of the Club, except in case of absence from the country, which shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Governors.")