

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA
BULLETIN

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THE OCTOBER SPECIALTY IS HERE!

October 6th is the big day of the Fall Specialty of the Irish Terrier Club of America. It's one of four shows in four days, and you can't beat that! On Friday, October 4th, there's the Hatboro Show in Horsham, PA; Saturday has the Devon Dog Show in Whitehorse, PA. (Mr. Merriam, judge); Sunday is the Specialty at Montgomery County All-Terrier Show (Mr. Eaglen, judge); and Monday winds it up with the Sussex Hills show in North Branch, N. J. (Mrs. Brewin, judge).

To get to the Specialty, if you're coming from the north, take Route 309 south to the Butler Avenue exit, turn left on Butler and follow it to the show grounds. If you're coming from the south, or the Pennsylvania Turnpike, take Route 309 north (it's the "Fort Washington" turnpike exit --Exit 26), get off at the Susquehanna Ave. exit, turn left and go to Butler Ave., then turn right on Butler and follow it to the show grounds. The show is on the grounds of the Temple University Music Festival. Entries close SEPTEMBER 18, so make your plans immediately.

And remember the Irish Terrier Club of America dinner the night before the Specialty at the Holiday Inn in King of Prussia, PA. It's a real "Irish" evening, with a complete roast beef dinner, including: soup du jour, roast beef, gravy, tossed salad, baked stuffed potato, string beans amondine, creme de menthe parfait, coffee, tea, etc. Cost for adults - \$7.00, children - \$4.50. If you have not made your reservation for the dinner, be sure to fill in the reservation form at the end of this bulletin and send with check to Charles and Lauren Ritter. (Checks should be made payable to the Irish Terrier Club of America.) Reservations for the dinner must be made before SEPTEMBER 20th.

Don't forget to bring your Irish Terrier movies and slides for showing after the dinner. It would be appreciated if all members who plan to contribute to the entertainment of the evening, notify the Ritters whether they are bringing movies or slides so that the proper projection equipment will be on hand for the showing. A special treat of the evening will be the showing of the AKC film, "In the Ring with Mr. Wrong." This ought to be an evening that no one will want to miss!

REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

Irish Terrier Club of Northern California

The ITCNC held their Specialty Show on July 14 in conjunction with the Golden Gate Kennel Club. The members of this club are to be congratulated on putting on such a lovely specialty with 16 Irish shown. The judge, Mr. L.E. Piper, selected the following winners:

BB, Group 2: Ch. Trackway's Trademark, owned by Vincent Scott Salem
WB, BOS: Rockledge's Siobhan O'Goss, owned by Linda Thomas - 3 pts.
WD, BW: Tralees Paddy Dear, owned by Mary Roberts - 5 pts.
RWD: Sheehan's Irish Escort, owned by Mr. & Mrs. Brent Neel
RWB: Gloccomara Centrifugal Mama, owned by Ellis West

DOG HEALTH SEMINAR

Of interest to all members in the vicinity, is a Dog Health Seminar to be held Sunday, October 20, 1974 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA. The guest speakers will include: Dr. Michael Fox, internationally known animal behaviorist; Dr. Michael Lorenz, one of the country's outstanding veterinary clinicians; and Mr. John Mandeville, assistant to the President of AKC. The registration fee (which includes lunch) is \$15 and should be sent to Morris Animal Foundation, 531 Guaranty Bank Building, Denver, Colorado 80202.

NEW MEMBER

The Irish Terrier Club of America is very pleased to welcome the following new member to the Club:

Mr. James R. Murdock, R.D. # 1, Box 275, Wakeman, Ohio 44889

NEW CHAMPION

Congratulations to Linda Thomas and her new champion, Rockledge's Siobhan O'Goss (waiting AKC confirmation).

OUR TREASURER COLLECTS MORE THAN MONEY

It is noted in the section of the World Encyclopedia of Dogs (Hamilton and Jones) that refers to dog literature (authored by one Clifford L.B. Hubbard) that John Marvin and John Best are two of the leading authorities on terrier literature. John Best has a good library on dogs, particularly Irish and Fox, including scarce items such as all the editions of Jowett. John Best also owns some good Irish Terrier paintings, including the painting of Killenny Boy that appears in the 1970 Breed Book.

SOMETHING TO BARK ABOUT

"In Philadelphia recently, a four-month-old German Shepherd dog swallowed a 12-inch butcher knife and 'lived to bark about it,' as one reported commented.

"The playful pup snatched the knife off the kitchen table, where his owners were eating a snack of sausage, and swallowed it without so much as a yelp. 'Except for gagging a couple of times,' said his owner, 'he just kept on running and playing like nothing happened.'

"The police, whom he called immediately, advised him to contact the emergency ward of the University of Pennsylvania's Veterinary Hospital. Here no one would believe the story until radiographs confirmed it. Even more unbelievable, the radiographs showed that the knife was resting on the dog's aorta near every other vital organ in its body. 'The slightest move of the blade could have killed the dog,' said Roger M. Batts, the intern who performed the two-hour operation removing the knife.

"Except for a few minor cuts inside its mouth, the dog seemed to suffer no internal injury from the incident. Even his throat was not cut." J.A.V.M.A., Vol. 162, No. 11

Editor's note: If that dog had been an Irish Terrier, he would have made sure he got the sausage!

