

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA
BULLETIN

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The ITCA extends a welcome to three new members in 1973:

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and

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Correction. Results of the ITCA annual Trophy competition, sent to you by special mailing in February, listed Dr. Joseph P. Sayres as winner of the John R. Thorndike Memorial Trophy, with Dennis J. Sheehan second, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Klemperer third. A re-check shows that the Klemperers scored the most points and are winners of the 1972 Thorndike Trophy, with Dr. Sayres and Dennis Sheehan each dropping down one place. The error resulted from the fact that, during the competition year, one of the Klemperer dogs was changed from ownership by Mrs. Klemperer to joint ownership with Mr. Klemperer, which transfer escaped the eagle eye of the ITCA statistician at the time. The error is regretted, and apologies are offered, to those concerned particularly.

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A friend of Pauline Puryear in Baltimore reports that Polly is making slow progress. She asked that this Bulletin express Polly's appreciation to all her friends who have sent her cards, letters, and other messages. She is unable to answer them now, but keeps them on her bed-side table, and is pleased and grateful.

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We wish to thank all members who sent in proxies for the annual meeting of the ITCA February 11 in New York. Even though you weren't able to get to the meeting, you were represented.

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It is sad to hear of the death in recent months of so many Irish Terrier judges: Terence Bresnahan, Charles Marck, Tom Carruthers, and most recently Johnny Murphy and Alva Rosenberg. We shall miss them.

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It is sad, too, to learn of the recent death of two outstanding Irish Terriers of the past decade, Ch. Green Starr's Gold Strike and Ch. Ahtram Legacy. Both were exceptional showmen with exceptional records. They were whelped in 1960 within two months of each other, Gold Strike March 15 and Legacy May 23. Gold Strike, called Sheila, was jointly owned during most of her show career by Mrs. Jan Sholes and Mrs. Martha G. Hall. Sheila was retired in 1965, to resume her life as the Sholes' full-time house pet and, according to Mrs. Sholes, major-domo. Sheila was one of those few Irish Terriers to win a Best-in-Show, at Lackawana (Pa.) K.C. show in 1964. Sheila was sired by Ch. Ahtram Golden Smasher out of Ch. Kilvara Medora.

Ch. Ahtram Legacy -- call name Riley -- was not only an exciting show dog but a strong producer as well. His show record is a most impressive one. He had 16 Group placements, including four Group 1. Shown 44 times, he was Best of Breed 40 times and Best of Opposite Sex twice. Riley was sired by Ch. Gosswyre Music Man out of Ch. Ahtram Mahubah. He was owned by Mrs. Hall until shortly before her death when she transferred ownership to Riley's life-long handler, Robert S. Kendrick. Bob Kendrick also handled Ch. Green Starr's Gold Strike to her glory.

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We learn from Mrs. Joseph O'Connor that the young bitch owned jointly by Mr. O'Connor and her handler Susan Young, Kincora's Kerry-Ann Girl, gave advance warning of her impressive showing at the 1973 February Specialty and Westminster (BOS and BOW respectively). In January, at age 8 months, Kerry-Ann Girl won Best-in-Match at the New England Terrier Association Match Show, from 127 entries, and a few days later took the Terrier Group at an all-breed match show at Fall River.

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Judges of Irish Terriers at the International K.C. of Chicago show March 31-April 1, will be Howard H. Tyler. Terrier Group judge will be Anthony Stamm, and Best-in-Show will be selected by William Brainard.

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Quotes from other columnists.

The well-known English obedience trainer, Mrs. Barbara Woodhouse, is quoted by Walter R. Fletcher in the New York Times February 4: "When you are working with your dog, you should choose a time when you are placid. Bear in mind that a dog picks up your thoughts by an acute telephatic sense. If you wish to

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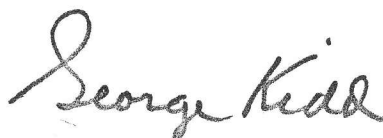
talk to your dog, you must do so with your mind and will power, as well as your voice. If you are in tune with your dog, he will work for you cheerfully and well."

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Mrs. Joseph J. Ventimiglia, in the American Kennel Gazette, October 1972, in the Great Pyrenees column: "Several weeks ago I had the opportunity to sit in on a real doggy gab-fest...The group (included) judges, breeders, exhibitors, veterinaries and complete novices. One member of the group was planning to breed his very first litter in the near future and asked the group for their advice...It was most interesting to me that the group totally agreed on one point. The most important requirement was to have a bitch and stud dog of sound temperament! They felt this was essential for show dogs as well as for pet stock."

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Letters from readers are always welcome. This is your newsletter, for and about Irish Terriers. So, send us news about your Irish Terriers. If you have questions about Irish Terriers or about the ITCA send them in and we shall try to find an answer.



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P.S. Ch. Hawthorn Hollow Harbinger (Ginger) died at the John Best home on March 25, 1973, less than one month before her fourteenth birthday. Bred by Michael Gately, she was by Ch. Mackellen Medico out of Hazel Red Casey. She was bought by the Bests on the advice of General McKinley and lived up to expectations by being the dam of five champions and the granddam of many more. She was a fine mother and a charming companion and house dog.