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 NEWSLETTER OF THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In this first issue of the Newsletter in 1979, I extend greetings to all ITCA members. May our efforts to help our breed and to give all Irish Terriers happy lives be sustained and strengthened.

This year, for the first time, our February specialty will not be accompanied by the ITCA annual meeting. Also, we are not planning to hold a Board of Governors meeting that weekend--Board members please note.

We will not be without an informal gathering place, however. Our Show Committee has arranged for a Hospitality Room for ITCA members, families and friends, in Mid-town Manhattan, at the Lombardy Hotel on 56th Street between Park and Lexington. Join the fun!

George Kidd

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Mark February 11-13 on your new Christmas calendars! On Sunday, February 11, the ITCA will hold its annual winter specialty show and on Monday, February 12, terriers will be shown at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club show.

This has traditionally been THE dog show weekend. Anyone staying through best-in-show at Westminster knows the excitement of the event, where the best dogs in the country of all breeds gather to go for the honors.

Judge for the Irish Terrier Club of America Specialty this year is Mrs. Anne Rogers Clark. Entry fees are \$10.25 and are due on January 24 at the superintendent's office (Crowe, P.O. Box 20205, Greensboro, North Carolina 27420). The show is held in conjunction with the Associated Terrier Clubs and is held at the State Armory, 216 Fort Washington Avenue, New York. For those of you driving in, parking is available at the Presbyterian Hospital parking lot just two blocks away.

The Westminster Kennel Club will be held on Monday and Tuesday of the same week. Terriers (Irish) will be judged by Phyllis Haage.

Even if you can't make it all three days, we hope you'll plan to attend the Sunday specialty and the hospitality room after. Note, however, that the Lombardy Hotel does not accept dogs.

Those of you present at the annual meeting and dinner at Montgomery County this past October were able to enjoy remarks made by George Kidd about two of the ITCA's past members, Jeremiah O'Callaghan and Kathryn Hoos. For those of you who missed it, and for the rest of us who want it for our records, George has supplied us with a copy of those remarks. Thank you, George!

"Our Specialty tomorrow is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Watson J. Hoos, Jr., one of our long-time members who died last December.

Also tomorrow, we are placing into competition for the first time the Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan Memorial trophy, honoring another of our early Irish Terrier fanciers, who died in 1973.

There are quite a number of you here tonight who did not know Jerry O'Callaghan, and even fewer knew Mrs. Hoos. I want to tell you a little about them.

I think it can be said that Jerry O'Callaghan had the greatest influence on the Irish Terrier breed of any American. His career in dogs spanned almost three-quarters of a century. Jerry was a tall, pleasant man, soft-spoken but outspoken, with a natural born instinct for breeding the right dog to the right bitch to produce the best puppies.

The O'Callaghan family came to this country in 1897 from County Cork, when Jerry was 11 years old. They settled in New England. An uncle of Jerry's who lived in Canada was a well-known breeder of Irish Terriers, an Irish priest named Father John O'Gorman. When Jerry was 16, Father O'Gorman gave him an Irish Terrier bitch, and a career was launched.

Jerry founded the Kilvara kennels. He soon began to produce winners, for he had an eye for a dog. This was back in the days when dog breeding could be lucrative, and Jerry made a good living at it.

In 1917 Jerry went into partnership with Lewellyn Powers who owned the Aroostook kennels in Maine. But it was also in 1917 that the United States entered the first World War. Jerry joined the Army. He fought in France and returned home in 1919. Meanwhile, the war had brought hard times to the dog game. While Jerry was away his partner had to sell most of their dogs to make expenses. When Jerry arrived home, Mr. Powers was on the point of selling a young dog named Aroostook Aviator. In fact, Mr. Powers already had a check in hand. But Jerry dissuaded him from the sale. This was a crucial decision, for Aviator became an outstanding producer. I would not be surprised if there were but a few people here tonight whose Irish Terriers did not have Aviator in their pedigrees.

Jerry and Lewellyn Powers dissolved their partnership, on a friendly basis. Jerry went back to using the Kilvara prefix. When you see Aroostook in an Irish Terrier pedigree of this period it is synonymous with Kilvara.

Jerry rebuilt his kennels with Aviator as a key stud. And again his kennels flourished.

Disaster struck again. This time it was the historic economic depression of the 1930's. Again Jerry had to sell off his breeding stock and other top dogs.

He never bred dogs on a large scale after that. However, over the years until shortly before his death, Jerry usually kept a dog or bitch someplace nearby and he continued to produce champions.

One of the reasons that Jerry O'Callaghan's Kilvara line has had such an enduring influence is that numerous other kennels line-bred almost exclusively from his stock--Ahtram, Wahoo, Dungarvin to name but a few.

Jerry had a long career as a judge, beginning in 1911. In 1962 this Club made him an Honorary Life Member, a unique honor. He continued to attend dog shows and ITCA meetings until shortly before his death at age 87."

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"Watson and Kay Hoos began their Wahoo breeding program with Jerry O'Callaghan's dogs, and they remained in the Kilvara line. The Hoos' interest in dogs dates far back. Watson Hoos said that the first dog shows he attended were held in conjunction with poultry and pigeon shows. (Imagine the chaos among the bird dogs!) They acquired their first Irish Terrier in the mid-1920's. They bred and exhibited Irish for more than 30 years. At one point they had five champion dogs and three champion brood bitches in their kennels. New York state was then their base of operations.

Watson and Kay Hoos considered Ch. Wahoo Satellite to have been their best dog. Satellite was a big winner in the late 1950's and early 1960's, capturing that rarity among Irish Terriers, a best-in-show.

Kay Hoos began judging in 1929 and had a long career as a highly respect judge. The Hooses retired to Florida, where Mr. Hoos died in 1965 and where Mrs. Hoos spent the rest of her days. In her later years, Mrs. Hoos' health was not the best, and she had to give up judging and dog activity. Her interest remained high, however, as my steady correspondence with her over the past several years will testify.

Mrs. Hoos once wrote an article, by request, for the Irish Terrier column in Popular Dogs. Her subject was conduct in the ring. I want to read to you excerpts from this article, for it has a message for us today.

One of the most important things is good sportsmanship.

Conduct yourself in a gentlemanly or ladylike manner at all times. Always thank the judge for the ribbon, and take it quietly. A little smile helps, too, even though you don't feel like it.

If you don't like the judge's decision, you don't have to show under him again. Remember, you asked for his opinion, so take it gracefully.

Never, never, argue with him. The judge is supreme in the ring and should be treated with courtesy--as should also the exhibitor.

In closing, I would stress these things. Be sure your Irish Terrier is a good one and in the best condition. Show him to the best advantage; and be a good sport about the judge's decision. And good luck!

Wise words we should all heed, from Kay Hoos."

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"We would like to present biographies on other past members of the ITCA. If you have any information on past members--or past dogs--you would be able to share with other Club members, please send it to us!

LITTER BASKET

The following people have notified Pat Casey that they have puppies available:

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Umlas
32 Marvin Street
Clinton, New York 13323

3 dogs
Ch. Renvyle's Banny Taig ex.
Ch. Braemoor's Eire Borne Madah
Whelped 11/28/78

Mr. Al Burrage
236 Grand Avenue
Canon City, CO 81212

1 dog, 2 bitches
Baystone Leprecaun ex.
Taglitoes Paternus Amy
Whelped October 24, 1978

Carol Butterworth
416 Philadelphia Boulevard
Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750

4 dogs, 5 bitches
Eng. Ch. Carolmac Saddletramp ex.
Ryan to the Rescue
Whelped December 8, 1978

Sue Griffiths
Crossroads Vet. Clinic
R.R. 1
Urbana, IL 61801

4 bitches
Ch. Blackacre Baron ex.
Ch. Fiona Greenbriar Carlbeth
Whelped December 26, 1978

Pat reports that he has been getting many inquiries, so be sure to keep him informed of puppies available and puppies sold. His address:

5628 Kriscliffe Court
Boise, Idaho 83704
(208) 377-5265

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NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bond
2370 Carlsbad Avenue
Sacramento, CA 94821

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Antonelli
19012 Queens Cross Rd.
Germantown, MD 20767

Welcome to the ITCA!

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ADDRESS CHANGES

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Hawthorne, CA 90250

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53 Holly Heights
Petaluma, CA 94952

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CORRECTION

In last month's issue of the Newsletter, WB, BW and BOS at Devon Kennel Club Show was correctly listed. The correct winner was Inisheer's Irish Eyes owned by Charles and Laureen Ritter.

January 1, 1979
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Dear I.T.C.A. Member:

The Irish Terrier Club of America will present the Irish Terrier classes at the Battle Creek Kennel Club's show at Battle Creek, Michigan on May 28, 1979 as its Traveling Specialty. Our judge this year will be Mr. Renihan, who was delighted to accept our invitation to judge this specialty. Since this is Memorial Day Holiday, it is a three-show weekend, with Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo preceding the Battle Creek Show.

This is the first time the Traveling Specialty has been held in Michigan and it is being hosted by the Irish Terrier Club of Greater Detroit. We hope that these two factors make it an exciting and enjoyable show to attend.

We need your donations for the trophy table by January 22nd in order to meet our first deadline, so please return the enclosed form (below) as soon as possible. The superintendent will not wait!

Please make all checks payable to: Irish Terrier Club of America.

I/We _____
wish to contribute \$ _____ (Check Enclosed) or _____
to the trophy fund.

If you contribute cash to the trophy fund, please make all checks payable to the IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, and all contributions are due to the trophy chairperson no later than JANUARY 22, 1979.

If you contribute a trophy to the trophy fund, please arrange to send the trophy to the trophy chairperson no later than April 15, 1979.

REMEMBER: CASH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 22, 1979.

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