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

Starting a new year traditionally is the time to take stock and to try to do better.

As breeders we should nurture the interest and enthusiasm that our new fanciers bring to us when purchasing puppies. To quote from our puppy pamphlet so well put together by Ellis West, referring to what a novice should expect from a reputable breeder; the pamphlet says: "An Irish Terrier breeder should show a great deal of interest in you, your family, and the provisions you have made to care for your prospective puppy. He should be full of advice about grooming, feeding, ear-setting, health care, and be eager to answer all your questions. The breeder should be familiar with his dogs' pedigrees and ready to explain them to you."

If we follow these precepts, we shall go a long way in helping our club and our breed to prosper.

Incidentally, the puppy pamphlet mentioned above is available from our Secretary,

and only costs ten cents. It is a valuable and informative pamphlet.

Equally as important, we urge all of our members to maintain their interest and enthusiasm for our breed. We would like to hear from anyone of our members with innovative ideas, constructive criticism, questions, etc. I would like to consider our Newsletter a sounding board for the entire membership. In other words, your personal commentary is welcome.

In closing, on behalf of the Club's Officers and Board of Governors, I would like to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Joe Sayres, President

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Amendment to Minutes of ITCA Annual Membership Meeting, October 3, 1981, as published in the Newsletter, November 1981, page 9.

Delete the last paragraph on page 9 and replace with the following:

Outgoing President, George Kidd thanked the officers for their excellent work during his tenure, and thanked the membership for having given him the opportunity to serve the ITCA. He said further:

"I was fortunate that my predecessor, John Best was a strong president, an incisive president. He led the Club safely through the transition period from the old Constitution to the new. As to my successor, I know of no one with better qualifications. I shall mention only two. Joe Sayres has been associated with dogs literally all his life. Several years ago, when Joe decided to breed and exhibit dogs, he chose Irish Terriers. A second qualification: In a letter I recently received from Joe he spoke of his "enthusiasm" for the Irish Terrier Club. Fellow members, our Club will be in good hands, Dr. Joe Sayres."

Nancy Hetzel, Secretary

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TREASURER REPORT

DUES ARE DUE! It's that time again.

When you send in your dues, please try to include the dues form. If your dues will be delayed, please inform your treasurer so that an extension may be granted. The Constitutional rules applying to dues follows:

Section 2. "Dues" "Membership dues shall be \$12.00 per year for full membership and \$5.00 per year for juior membership payable on or before the first day of January each year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of November, the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of his dues for the ensuing year."

Section 4. "Termination of Membership" "Memberships may be terminated by lapsing. A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the fisical year; however, the board may grant an addition of 30 days grace to such delinquent members at its discretion."

Dues are payable by January 1st. The final cutoff date is March 1st. unless a grace period has been previously granted by the Board. The final grace period is up on April 30, at which time a new roster is printed.

Elizabeth Wilson, Treasurer

(MEMBERSHIP DUE FORM IS LOCATED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER)

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LITTER BASKET

Joan Groves  
1635 Frank St.  
Scotch Plains. NJ 07076

Riley's Cocksure Dreag  
ex  
Ch. Harley's Treasure Caiti Ann

2-28-81  
1F

Gail Demaine 1175 W. Baseline Rd. Claremont, CA 91711 714-621-7768	Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan ex Ch. Inisheer's Risa of Rockledge	10-17-81 4M, 1F
Cory Rivera 16295 SW Div. Aloha, OR 79005 503-642-3373	Tralee's Sunday Punch ex Trackways Tribal Dancer	11-10-81 2M, 2F
Carl & Phyllis Dorre 5757 Teepee Lane Las Vegas, Nevada 89108 702-645-0859	Jeremiah ex Dorre's Saffron	10-12-81 3M, 2F
Rev. Dennis Fernandes Elizabeth Seton College Yonkers, NY 10701 914-968-9611 914-969-4000	Riley's Cocksure Dreag ex Ch. Ballyhoo Blzae	11-10-81 5M, 1F
Rick & Christine Accurso 59 Powell Ave. Rockville City, NY 11570 516-764-3687	Ch. Rockledge's Miles Dylan ex Ch. Glenworth's Cara Mee O'Myne	11-22-81 5M,
PUPPIES EXPECTED		
Marion Honey 16470 Wagon Wheel Dr. Riverside, CA 92506 714-780-7419	Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan ex Ch. Rockledge's Norah Ann	<i>12-25-81 3M, 2B</i>
Philip Smith 308 Grove Ct. Barstow, CA 92311 714-252-3087	Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael ex Ch. Mullaghboy Cover Girl	

Mary R. Roberts  
10503 Cheddar St.  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
213-864-5080

Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael  
ex  
Ch. Tralee's Amber Afterglow

Please let Mary Roberts know about your litters and also be sure to let her know when the puppies have all been sold.

Mary Roberts received this letter not long ago and thought it should be put into the Newsletter. DOES THIS LETTER REFERR TO YOU - - - - -

"Thanks so much for the Irish Terrier pamphlets and for the breeders addresses you sent this fall. I was impressed, by the way, with the high quality of the breed book and the pamphlets. Layout and production were excellent and the literacy and style in the writing were far above the general level of much of what I have seen in writing on dogs. It must just go to show the superior nature of those who live with Irish Terriers!

I have to report little success so far in receiving communication from those I have written to. I wrote to several, using the information given in the breed book, admittedly eleven year old information. I also wrote to some who advertised in Dog World. Out of four inquiries, I received one response, even though I included stamped, self-addressed envelopes for reply. Those odds are not encouraging.

But I have sent out other letters now to those you mentioned in your letter of Oct. 31. I am hopeful something will emerge there.

If you have any other alternatives to offer, I would be grateful for them. If we have to go further afield than the Midwest for an Irish we will do so.

Anyway, thanks again for your help and for the booklets. They are very much appreciated.

SPECIALTY NEWS

THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA SPECIALTY -----FEBRUARY 7, 1982

Sixty-fifth Annual Dog Show of the Associated Terrier Clubs

to be held at the Dunn Sports Center--Elizabeth High School--600 Pearl Street,  
Elizabeth, New Jersey 08202

SUNDAY --FEBRUARY 7, 1982

Entry Fee: \$14.00

Closing Date for entries----12 noon, January 20, 1982

Send entries to-----Tom Crowe, Superintendant, P. O. Box 22107, Greensboro,  
N.C. 27420

The 65th Associated Terrier Clubs Show is again upon us. This will be the first Irish Terrier Specialty of the new year and a good entry of Irish should be anticipated for this show. The popularity of the Irish Terrier seems to be growing in the U.S. and their ability to win both group and Best In Show has been illustrated in 1981. We can all look forward to the prospect that their winning ways will continue through 1982 and into the future. This show, the oldest ongoing all terrier show in America, is a good opportunity to show your support for the breed. Like money, numbers talk. The greater the number of Irish entered at shows cannot help but to have the effect of bringing them to the attention of the attending public. As I am sure you have seen for yourself, when a group of Irish are together their actions seem to demand recognition.

There is, however, another aspect to this show which accompanies the tradition of the Irish Terrier in America. It has to do with tradition itself. As previously mentioned, this is the oldest continuing terrier show in America. It has been a show place for some of the great Irish Terriers of the past and will, hopefully, continue to feature the "Best of Breed" in the future; however, to do so, your help is required. Your participation is required for this tradition to continue.

SPECIALTY NEWS, continued

Tradition is perhaps one of the least recognised values in American life today. It seems we have become, in fact, anti-traditionalists: tearing down the old, be it buildings or values, with little regard for their purpose or the quality of their replacements. The worth of tradition is all too easily forgotten. The fact that it not only creates a respect for history but also gives us a place in it and anchors us in time to pass unappreciated. Tradition can provide a meeting ground between different ages of people by comparison of varied experiences occurring through a singular repetitive event. True, a dog show is only a small occurrence in history but it reflects the times in which it occurs. It helps us to interpret our past and may intimate the future.

Now, I find it necessary to inform you of a most serious problem: there have been rumors that Irish Terrier people do not appreciate a good party! Despite numerous denials, the rumors still persist but Mr. Stephen Sundheimer has volunteered to help end this slander. To this end he has once again, graciously opened his home to the members of the I.T.C.A. Steve's address is:

300 E. 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Open house will start at 7:00 P.M., February 6, 1982. As with all great parties-- The Fall of Rome, The Renaissance, The Battle of Hastings--- some advance notice of attendance would be appreciated. If you will please fill out the form printed on the last page of this Newsletter it would help Steve prepare.

If there are any questions or suggestions, please, give me a call: Edward Kubacki at 215-363-6375.

(I am printing this information even though it will be too late for the members to advertise, with the closing date of 12-29. Please remember to get these items into me as soon as possible, our Newsletter is put out every other month.)

This is your opportunity to participate in the oldest, continuing all Terrier show in America. You can add your dog's name to a list of past winners as exemplified by: Ch. Wahoo Satellite, Ch. Ahtram Legacy, Ch. Green Starr's Gold Strike, Ch. Ballinruan Belle, Ch. Kilvara Fitzpatrick to name only a few Best of Breed recipients of the past. Of course, not many dogs will rank with these champions but they can contribute to this ongoing tradition of Irish Terriers in America. By supporting this show with your entries and advertising

you can be assured that the Associated Terrier Shows will endure. An endurance that has taken it through two World Wars, The Great Depression, Presidents Wilson, Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Nixon, The Castle Walk, The Charleston, Jitter-Bugs, The Twist and even Disco. The one thing it can not survive is indifference.

The time is already late-----advertising dead line is December 29, 1981. If you wish to appear in this, the 65th catalog of the Associated Terrier Clubs, write your copy today, mail your copy today in order that a long-standing tradition may continue tomorrow.

FULL PAGE	\$25.00	HALF PAGE	\$12.50	QUARTER PAGE	\$6.25
		BOOSTERS	\$2.00		

Send copy to Bob Wynn, 40 Bogert Ave, Pearl River, N.Y. 10965.

THE ASSOCIATED TERRIER CLUBS, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 1982, DUNN SPORTS CENTER  
ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY TOM CROW, SUPERINTENDENT, P. O. BOX 22107,  
GREENSBORO, NC. 27420-----ENTRY FEES: \$14.00-----CLOSING DATE JAN. 20, 1982

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Last night a call from our President, Joe Sayres, informed me that cash prizes generously offered by Helen and John Best had been inadvertently omitted from the Premium List of our New York Specialty. These cash prizes were offered to stimulate entries to this Specialty. Now the publicity of these cash prizes must be spread to the general public and to leading terrier handlers by us, the members of the ITCA. Listed below are the cash prizes offered:

BOB	\$50.00	WD	\$25.00
BOS	\$25.00	RWD	\$10.00
BW	\$15.00	WB	\$25.00
		RWB	\$10.00

Another late call from Edward Kubacki send word that car-pooling to our Specialty in Elizabeth, New Jersey is being arranged and anyone that is interested in getting a ride should call him at 215-363-6375.

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SPECIALTY NEWS, continued

THE IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA TRAVELLING SPECIALTY- - - - -JUNE 5, 1982

"Have you ever wished you could vacation in New England? Or even to return to see old friends or your childhood neighborhood? Well, your chance is coming. The 1982 ITCA Travelling Specialty will be held in Boston in conjunction with Ladies' Show in Wellesley on Saturday, 6-5-82. (Framingham KC holds its show on Sunday).

Why not start planning for this very important trip--perhaps a friend in dogs of another breed might like to travel with you to show his or her dog. After the Specialty, take a few days seeing glorious and historical New England.

The judge of the Irish Terriers, as announced in the last ITCA Newsletter, is to be Joan Elliott, an accomplished breeder of more than twenty-five years. She is the breeder of the extraordinary sire, Ch. Ahtram Legacy.

Why not consider this a personal invitation to attend the Travelling Specialty and start planning now.

Did you know that the ITCA was conceived and created in Boston by three Boston gentlemen who were already experienced and active in the breed? The date, 12-18-1896.

Isabelle M. O'Connor, Publicity Chairman, ITCA Travelling Specialty.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

During this last year I have been printing letters from several of our club members concerning the write up on Irish Terriers in Dr. Daniel Tortora's book, "The Right Dog For You". About a month ago, Rev. Dennis Fernandes wrote to me suggesting that I ask the President of our club to write an official letter to Dr. Tortora in behalf of The Irish Terrier Club of America. I did this, and here is the letter from our President.

This letter is in reference to uncomplimentary and innacurate remarks about the Irish Terrier breed that were published in your book entitled "The Right Dog For You".

"The Right Dog For You".

I am interested, both as a veterinarian and also as President of The Irish Terrier Club of America, in knowing what criteria and data were used to lead to your incriminating judgements.

In defense of the breed, I believe that we can furnish many enthusiastic endorsements as to the fine disposition and loving nature of our breed. These endorsements coming from people that own, live with, and are intimately associated with these great dogs. As the saying goes, "Ask the man who owns one".

As a matter of fact, we hear the expression from owners of Irish Terriers that they will never be happy with another breed, so often that it has become trite.

Please let me know how you arrived at the characterization of our breed in your book.

In all fairness, we should be allowed to evaluate and expound on this matter.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Sayres, D.V.M.  
President, Irish Terrier Club of America

At this writting, we are still waiting for his reply.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, continued

A recent letter from John Best sends us this clipping from a newspaper in Ireland about Bobby Grant (and in John Best's words) who is now 87, founded the Slemish Kennel of Irish Terriers back about 1920, and has bred, exhibited and exported Irish continuously for the past sixty years. As recently as Feb., 1980, Bobby won Best of Breed at Crufts with an Irish Terrier of his breeding.

He is a grand old man, and looks and acts like he's 60. He and I became good friends in 1967 and have remained so.

From the Ballymena Guardian:

At 87-years-of-age Mr. Bobby Grant is recognised as one of the world's leading authorities on Irish Terriers.

With 60 years' experience and two Best of Breed trophies at Crufts behind him, his dogs and his knowledge are in demand all over the world.

It is activities like this that have put him in line for a £10,000 prize and the title of Britain's top pensioner.

Mr. Grant, of Harberton Park, Ballymena, is one of

six finalists from Ulster in the 1981 Legal and General Golden Years Award.

He is always being asked to give advice on breeding and caring for dogs and many owners bring their dogs to him to be trimmed and groomed.

He also sells puppies to dog lovers all over the world.

For the past 40 years he has run the dog section at the world-famous Ballymena Agricultural Show and has judged competitions all over Britain and in Canada.

Twice he has been a judge at Crufts.

It is not only man's best friend that Mr. Grant cares about. He is an elder in his church and regularly visits sick and elderly neighbours.

Legal and General is offering £25,000 in its nationwide search for Britain's top pensioner.

The competition is being run in conjunction with TV Times and regional finals are being held in each of the 14 ITV areas.

If Mr. Grant is successful in the Ulster TV regional final, to be held at the Conway Hotel, Belfast, on September 22, he will receive a £1,000 prize—£500 for himself and £500 to donate to his favourite charities.

He will then go on to the grand final at London's Cafe Royal on November 24, where a panel of celebrity judges, led by Sir John Mills, will choose the national champion.

The winner receives a £10,000 first prize, again with half for themselves and half for charity.

The other Ulster finalists are—Mr. John Clifford, 68 Ballycraigy Ring, Larne; Mrs. Sarah Carville, 56 Princess Way, Killicommain, Portadown; Mr. John Thompson, MBE, 46 Palmer St., Belfast; Mr. William Turvey, 12 Henderson Drive, Bangor; and Mr. Ian Macarthur, 97 Northbrook Street, Lisburn Road, Belfast.

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I received another interesting letter from Pat Griffith containing the following News Paper clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer with a bit of personal info:

Thought you would be interested in this article which I cut out of the paper. The story was on the local television news and the dog was not the usual bouncy 3 year old Irish. This dog was one of the Honey's breeding. The Priest that Casey was named after married my husband, now deceased, and me 28 years ago, he is Rev. John J. Casey, O.S.C.

## Rizzo takes on chemical firms

By Michael B. Coakley  
*Inquirer Staff Writer*

Time was when former Mayor Frank L. Rizzo felt that some environmentalists went too far in their protests and legal actions against chemical companies.

But that was before a morning in July, when Rizzo came down to the kitchen of his Chestnut Hill home to find Casey, his beloved pet Irish terrier, stricken with what Rizzo said yesterday had been diagnosed as poisoning from a lawn-care chemical.

After weeks of slowly nursing the three-year-old dog back to health, including a period when the former mayor said he had literally slept with Casey to keep a watchful eye on the dog, Rizzo has taken on the giants of the chemical industry in a lawsuit that he said he hoped would make the environment safer for wild and domestic animals.

"I was always an environmentalist, and now they have me 100 percent on their side," the former mayor said in a telephone interview last night. "I thought at one time they went too far with their protests, but no more."

In a suit filed Monday in Common

Pleas Court, Rizzo asked that chemical companies be required to develop effective antidotes to the chemicals they produce for lawn treatment. The suit also asked that warnings be issued to persons using the products to keep children and pets away from treated areas.

"What upsets me is that these big, powerful conglomerates that make so much money would put powerful chemicals on the market without an antidote," Rizzo said. "If they are going to spray your lawn and trees, they should tell you to keep pets and children off it."

Named in the suit, filed by lawyer Richard Sprague, were Du Pont Co., Union Carbide Corp. and Rohm & Haas Co., which Rizzo said manufacture lawn-care chemicals, and Chem-Lawn, the lawn-care company that Rizzo said had taken care of his grounds.

Rizzo said he came down to his kitchen one morning in late July and found his dog "just lying there."

"He wouldn't move," he said. "He usually greets me and jumps all over me. When I went to go near him, he

(See RIZZO on 12-A)

snapped at me."

Rizzo said that he had taken Casey to Rau Animal Hospital in Jenkintown and that blood and stool samples were taken for diagnosis. Rizzo said the laboratory analysis showed that the dog's stool contained the toxic chemical Kelthane. Kelthane is a miticide used for control of garden pests, such as red spider.

"It was loaded with it," Rizzo said, "and that was the stuff they used on my lawn."

Rizzo said he had contacted poison centers all around the country but had been told that there is no known antidote for Kelthane.

For more than a week, Rizzo said, he took Casey to his longtime veterinarian, Dr. Lee D. Rubin, "every morning at 8 o'clock, and all day long he'd pump fluids into Casey."

Now, about five months later, the Irish terrier, which Rizzo named after a Catholic priest friend, was "coming along, but still not himself," he said.

"Suppose you had a small child," Rizzo said, "and you put the child on a sprayed lawn, and the child licked his hands? I'm positive in my mind that dogs that are dying of liver and kidney problems [are actually] dying of poison."

"People have told me not to take them [the chemical producers] on, that they're too powerful. I'm going to try it. They're not going to back me off."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, continued

Carol Butterworth sent in a good example of the new AKC rules regarding the point system. At this printing I do not have the exact rules to include but I will be printing them at a later date.

Example: Glennamaddy Caoimhghin, who was the only class dog at the Upper Marlboro K.C. show at Bowie, Maryland, won Best of Breed over the Specials for a 3 point major under judge, Robert Graham. There was a total of 5 Irish entered and under the new rules if the Best of Breed comes from the classes and goes over any champions, it then counts every dog it defeats. Caoimhghin beat 4 Irish.

(I think this is very good information for our newer members and I am planning on going into the points system in greater detail later.)

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NEW ITCA MEMBERS

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Mr. Mario E. Malatesta  
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Delran, NJ 08075  
609-461-8315

WELCOME-----WELCOME-----WELCOME

ADDRESS CORRECTION

Miss Tara Cronin  
4683 Three Springs Court  
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Edward & Rosemarie Kubacki  
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Exton, Pa. 19341  
215-363-6375

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MEMBERSHIP DUE FORM

NAME:

JUNIOR MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (CITY, STATE, & ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: (AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Elizabeth Wilson, 1965 Davison Lake Rd, Oxford, MI 48051

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STEPHEN SUNDHEIMER'S OPEN HOUSE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: R. M. Kubacki, 319 Milford Rd., Exton, PA. 19341

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

This Newsletter is put out every-other month. You can expect a Newsletter during the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November of 1982. If you have information to put into the Newsletter with an early closing date, please get your copy into me as soon as possible.

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On the suggestion of one of our members who did not want to cut up his Newsletter for forms and new members, I put this information on the last page. I hope you all like the idea too.

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