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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Education of Dog Judges -

For as long as I can remember, all dog exhibitors and especially Irish Terrier breeders, have echoed the complaint that most judges, while licensed to judge Irish Terriers, do not really "know" this breed. How could they?

To their credit, the American Kennel Club is taking steps to remedy the situation. While there is no substitute for breeding, showing, and living with our breed, the AKC has implemented programs to at least make our breed more familiar to judges.

To supplement just reading breed literature, attending judging seminars, and studying the standard, the AKC is sponsoring sound/slide presentations of all breeds. This latest attempt to get more information to the judges, while not perfect, is a good educational tool, and will become even better when the video taping mode becomes part of the process.

Your Board of Governors voted at the October, 1982, meeting to cooperate with the AKC in this endeavor. Prior to this, we had participated in a seminar in Chicago, sponsored by the Dog Judges' Association of America. The club also has opted to participate in the Dog Judges' Association's exhibition and seminar to be held in Philadelphia prior to the AKC's Centennial Show next November.

Our participation in the slide show program is progressing slowly. The first photography session took place at last February's Specialty. More sessions are planned at the Chicago regional club's Specialty in June, at our Traveling Specialty in California, also in June, and at our National Specialty next October. As you can see, this is a very slow-moving project, but the results should be worthwhile.

The committee's first report to the AKC is published elsewhere in this Newsletter. The report was approved by the Board of Governors. Each and every step that the AKC takes will be in cooperation with our committee, and any material that is published will have the final approval of the committee and the Board.

We are constantly trying to educate judges so that they will become more familiar with our breed and gain more knowledge of Irish Terriers. This can result only in better decisions in the ring, and ultimately in the development of dogs that are closer to the standard of the breed.

*Joe Sayres*  
Joe Sayres  
President

NEW POLICY FROM ITCA'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Method for reporting, verifying and tallying obedience scores for the annual obedience award of the Irish Terrier Club of America.

The publication year of the American Kennel Club Show, Obedience and Field Trial Awards will be considered the year for determining the annual Irish Terrier Club of America obedience award. Three qualifying scores must be published in this year for a dog to be considered for this award. It shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) of the dog to report scores, with the name and date of the trial, to the compiler of annual award statistics. To be considered, a score must be attained on a date on which the owner(s) is (are) members in good standing of the Irish Terrier Club of America. In case of a difference between the score as reported and as published, the compiler shall inform the owner(s) of the dog in question, and it shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) to ascertain the correct score from the American Kennel Club and inform the compiler of this correct score. The three highest scores obtained by a dog shall continue to be used in determining the annual award. If a dog has scores higher than a score needing verification, the owner(s) may so inform the compiler and thereby not verify scores which are not needed for the publication year in question.

THE BALANCE OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT IS ON PAGE 14.

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ITCA '70 Breed Book..... 1.00  
ITCA '83 Breed Book..... 12.00

## I. T. C. A. Jewelry

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Pins.....\$12.00  
Tie Tacs..... 8.00

\*Silver\*

Pins..... 20.00  
Tie Tacks..... 12.00

Contact: Jeanene MacDonald, Treasurer, 2107 Ocean Way, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

JUDGES' EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE AKC

- A. A list of things (faults, virtues, unique attributes) that are important to point out to judges:

Overall appearance to be graceful with no cobbiness. The Irish Terrier must convey character and alertness, and have great animation. He must have a racing outline with a longer back than other terriers. His topline should be straight except for a trace of a rise over the loin.

The head should be balanced, having a flat skull rather narrow between the ears, being wedge-shaped and narrowing slightly toward the eyes, and being free of wrinkles. Ears should be small, well set on the head but carried not too high or low, and dropping forward closely toward the outside corner of the eye. Hound like ears should be severely penalized. Eyes should be small and dark with a piercing expression.

Coat should be wiry and dense, with undercoat. Color should be solid; any shade from wheaten to bright red is equally desirable. Furnishings should not be soft or profuse, but of similar texture to that on the body, to give proper finish to the dog.

Irish Terriers should have strong rear quarters with a lot of drive in motion.

The bite, a scissors type, should be neither overshot nor undershot, with the inside surfaces of the upper incisors in close proximity to the outer surfaces of the lower incisors when the mouth is closed.

Feet should be free of corns which are a most serious fault.

The size of the Irish Terrier, as stipulated by the standard, is for dogs to weigh 27 lbs. and bitches 25 lbs. The height at the shoulder should be approximately 18 inches. These figures should be used as a guide, but the judge can tell an oversized Irish Terrier by its conformation and general appearance. Several members of our Board of Governors have expressed their concern that judges are not paying enough attention to the section on size in our Standard.

Sparring in the ring is a natural manifestation of the Irish Terrier's instinct to challenge other dogs, particularly of the same sex.

- B. A list of the best examples of the breed now active. No limit as to number or geographic location. Listed in alphabetical order:

Ch. Blackacre Brimstone	- - - - -	John Best
Ch. Cocksure Cara Mee Vachta	- - -	Lorie Cobb Sundheimer
Ch. Flashfire Mick Mugger	- - - - -	Dr. Marianne Carson
Ch. Gloccomara Star Spangled Boy	-	Ellis West
Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael	- - -	Linda Honey
Ch. The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge	-	Edna Sillavan
Ch. Trademark's Jordana	- - - - -	Martha Salem
Ch. Tralee's Ginny Dare	- - - - -	Mary Roberts & Jane Deming
Ch. Tralee's Rowdy Red	- - - - -	Edward Jenner

- C. A list of the breed's best examples now past prime or dead. Listed in alphabetical order:

Ch. Ahtram Firebrand	- - - - -	Martha Hall
Ch. Ahtram Hunter's Moon	- - - - -	Martha Hall
Ch. Ahtram Legacy	- - - - -	Martha Hall
Ch. Ahtram Mahubah	- - - - -	George & Drusilla Kidd
Ch. Ahtram Moon Prince	- - - - -	Martha Hall
Ch. Ahtram Sure Fire	- - - - -	Martha Hall
Ch. Another Norah	- - - - -	Elsie W. Boyd



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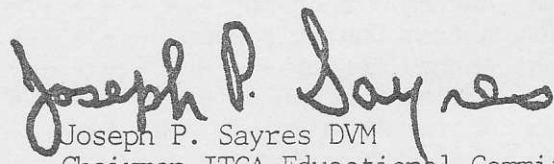
Ch. Blackacre Barrister - - - - -	John Best
Ch. Blazer's Jim Casey - - - - -	Michael Gately
Ch. Carris's Watch Me - - - - -	Richard Diamond
Ch. Galway Blazer - - - - -	Michael Gately
Ch. Glannagalt Now Peace - - - - -	Roland Bartlett
Ch. Glannagalt Patriot - - - - -	Robert Schnitzer
Ch. Glenworth Minute Man - - - - -	Ed & Karen Worth
Ch. Gloccomara Centrifugal Mama - -	Ellis West
Ch. Goswyre Music Man - - - - -	Dr. Leonard Goss
Ch. Green Starr's Gold Strike - - -	Martha Hall & Janet Sholes
Ch. Inisheer's Irish Eyes - - - - -	Charles F. & Lauren K. Ritter
Ch. Irish Rebellion - - - - -	Dr. Joseph Sayres
Ch. Jamestown Lad - - - - -	Edwin Sayres
Ch. Kilvara Fitzpatrick - - - - -	Robert Kendrick
Ch. Kincora's Bases Loaded - - - -	Isabelle O'Connor & Susan Young
Ch. Kincora's Kerry Ann Girl - - -	Isabelle O'Connor & Susan Young
Ch. Mackellan Magician - - - - -	Michael Gately
Ch. Newtownards Aristocrat - - - -	John Mulcahy
Ch. Patti's Martha Riley - - - - -	Pauline Puryear
Ch. Rockledge's Bro Brendan - - - -	Steve Sundheimer
Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan - - - -	Linda Honey
Ch. Rockledge's Nora Ann - - - - -	Marion Honey
Ch. Rockmar Katy Killeen - - - - -	Rockwell & Margaret Stone
Ch. Rockmar's Seamus - - - - -	Rockwell & Margaret Stone
Ch. Sheehan's Irish Banshee - - - -	Dennis Sheehan
Ch. Stately Lady - - - - -	Edwin Sayres
Ch. Sunny's Pretty Queen - - - - -	Del & Barbara Hofman
Ch. Topsham Leader - - - - -	FranK Bohr
Ch. Trackways Trade Mark - - - - -	Vince Salem
Ch. Wahoo Satellite - - - - -	Watson Hoos

D. Preference for the Montgomery photography session, time and place:

1. After the Irish Terrier judging Friday or Sunday, on the show grounds;
2. Monday a.m., motel grounds;
3. Thursday p.m., motel grounds.

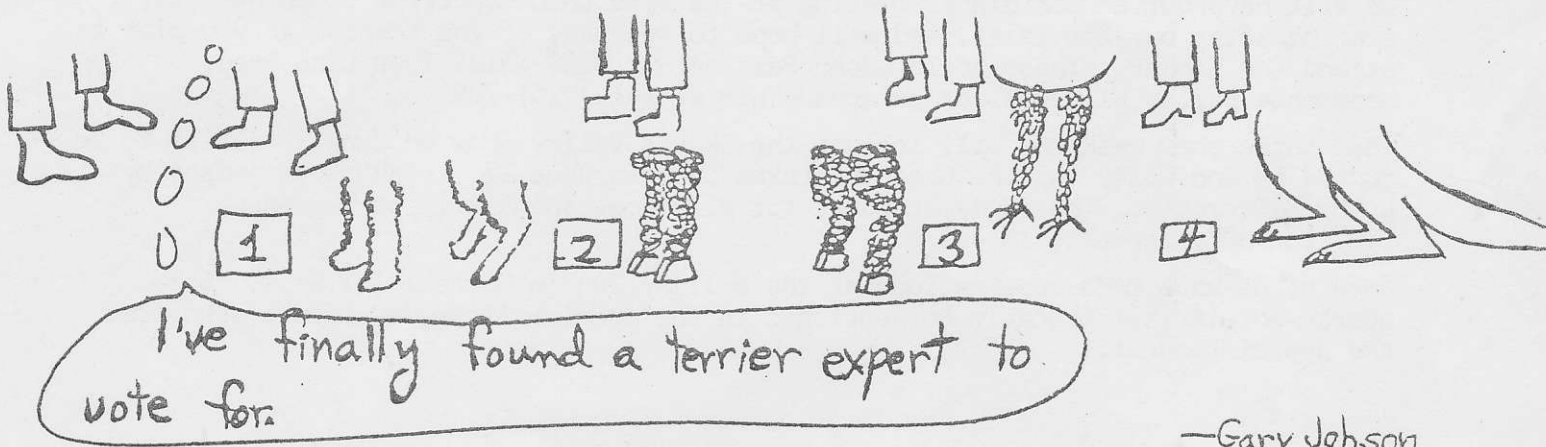
E. Preference for someone in the greater New York area with three to five quality Irish, whom the AKC committee could visit to start getting tuned-in to quality in the breed:

1. Bob Clyde, 315 Sixth St., Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757, Tel 516-957-1005
2. Joyce Wilson, 20 Seneca Trail, Wayne, N.J. 07470., Tel. 201-694-2178
3. Ed & Rose Marie Kubacki, 319 Milford Rd., Exton, PA 19341, Tel. 215-363-6375
4. Mary Gately, 1509 Rowland St., Bronx, N.Y. 10461, Tel. 212-823-9036
5. Carol Butterworth, 416 Philadelphia Blvd., Sea Girt, N.J. 08750, Tel. 201-449-2707

  
Joseph P. Sayres DVM  
Chairman ITCA Educational Committee

ITCA Judicial Selection Committee

In the July issue of the Newsletter, we should have Chairman Cory Rivera's report from the Judicial Selection Committee, as to which judges the membership has chosen for future Specialties. Receipt of that annual ballot, and of President Sayres' report from the Judges' Educational Committee, brought to mind a cartoon which appeared in a Newsletter of the past:



-Gary Johnson  
(August, 1978)

It seems that skepticism about the proficiency of judges is <sup>a</sup> universal attitude. Recently your Editor received from England the excellent "1983 Year Book" of the Irish Terrier Association, from which I quote the following account of an elderly dog judge who was dying:

"When the priest was paying him a visit, the judge said, 'Father, I do hope they hold dog shows in Heaven. I would miss them so much if they don't.' To which the priest replied, 'I'm sure there would be dog shows in Heaven, my son. However, I shall ask St. Peter tonight to make enquiries for me.' A couple of days later, the priest returned and informed the judge that he had good news and bad news for him.

'My son,' he said, 'I am pleased to be able to tell you that they do hold dog shows in Heaven, quite big ones, in fact they hold two every week.' The dog judge was overjoyed and quite excited when he said, 'And what is the bad news, Father?'

'The bad news, my son,' said the priest, 'is that they have quite a few dog shows in Hell also. As a matter of fact, there's a show there next Saturday, and you're the Judge!'"

IRISH TERRIERS IN PRINT -

The June issue of the magazine "Dog Fancy" hit the newsstands on May 1 and contains an article on "The Terriers of Ireland" which was written by George Kidd. The article contains information about and photos of the Irish, the Kerry Blue, and the Soft Coated Wheaten.

If you do not subscribe to "Dog Fancy" and cannot locate a copy of this issue, you may obtain one for \$3.00 by writing to: FANCY PUBLICATIONS, INC., P.O., Box 6050, Mission Viejo, CA 92690.

June 16, 1984 - Irish Terrier Club of Chicago Specialty Show

Judge - Lois Wolff McManus

Our Specialty, dedicated to the memory of Ed Chojnowski, will be held at the Great Lakes Terrier Association Show at Grayslake.

We will have our annual dinner meeting at the Brae Loch Country Club on Saturday evening after our Specialty, and will hope to see many of you there. If you plan to attend the dinner, please notify John Best soon : W220 N8124 Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051, or telephone him at (414) 251-7091.

This three-show week-end will include the Skokie Valley Show on June 15 (Irish to be judged by Jon Cole) and the Chain O' Lakes Show on June 17 (Irish to be judged by K. M. McDermott). The Superintendent for all three shows will be L. Jones, P.O. Box 307, Garrett, IN 46738.

Some of us have made reservations at the Holiday Inn in Gurnee, Illinois. Other nearby motels will probably be mentioned in the premium lists, available soon from the Superintendent.

CALIFORNIA IN JUNE! - - - LAST CHANCE!

ITCA's TRAVELING SPECIALTY on June 23 will be flanked by ITCSC's Specialty on June 22 and the Beverly Hills Show on June 24!

1. ITCSC Specialty - June 22 (Friday)

Judge - Hon. David Merriam

Show Site - L.A. Lutheran High School  
7500 Glenoaks  
Burbank, CA

Superintendent - James Tebbetts  
1421 7th St.-C  
Riverside, CA 92507

Entry Fees:

1st - \$12.00  
2nd - 7.00  
3rd - 7.00

Show Chairman - Phil Smith

Trophies - Mary Tebbetts

Hospitality - Anne Tebbetts

2. ITCA Traveling Specialty - June 23 (Saturday)

Judge - Mr. Keith Lovell (Australia)

Sweepstakes Judge - Mr. Rockwell Stone

Show Chairmen- Linda Honey & Barbara Hofman

Superintendent - Jack Bradshaw  
P.O. Box 7303  
Los Angeles, CA 90022

Show Site - L.A. Lutheran High School

Entry Fees:

1st - \$13.00  
2nd - 7.00  
3rd - 7.00  
Sweeps - 5.00

Trophies - Mary Roberts & Jane Deming

Hospitality - Arlene Smith

3. Kennel Club of Beverly Hills - June 24 (Sunday)

Judge - Mrs. Jane Forsyth (Tentative)

Show Site - Devonshire Downs  
Northridge, CA

Superintendent - Jack Bradshaw  
Address above

Entry Fees - Not yet announced

CALIFORNIA IN JUNE, continued

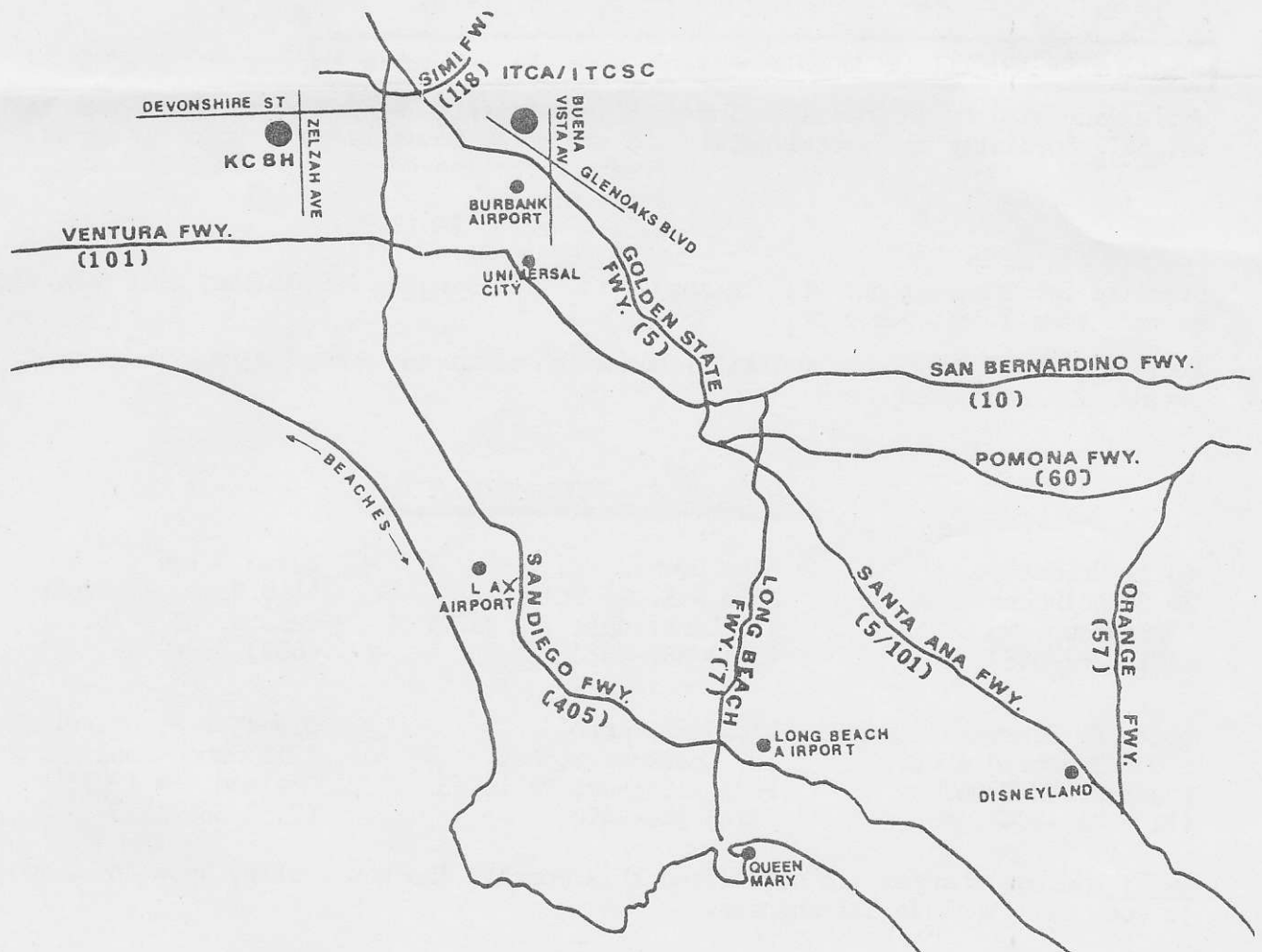
Lodging - Please remember that this is a three show week-end and make your reservations accordingly, since there is a limited number of rooms available to us. For the motel, a one-night deposit (\$50 single, \$55 double) is required. Please indicate which nights - Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday - you will be staying.

There will also be rooms available at the high school dorm which contain two small single beds per room. The cost is \$10 per bed per night.  
RV parking will also be available at the school at \$10 per night.

Please send all reservations immediately to Linda MacDonald, 216 Monroe Place, Monrovia, CA 91016. Tel. (213) 357-1778.

For those of you who do not live in southern California, the following table of estimated mileages may be of some help:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
ITCA/ITCSC Show Site	KC Beverly Hills Show Site	15 miles	25 min.
Hollywood-Burbank Airport Hilton Hotel	ITCA/ITCSC Show Site	5 miles	10 min.
Hotel	Disneyland	50 miles	1 hr.20 min.
Hotel	Queen Mary	45 miles	1 hr.10 min.
LAX Airport	Hotel	35 miles	50 min.
Hotel	Universal City	15 miles	25 min.





September 15 - Irish Terrier Club of Northern California Specialty Show

Judge - Nick Calicura

Our Specialty will be held in conjunction with Combined Terrier Specialties. Sweepstakes will be judged by Ed Kubacki. Mary O'Brien is Specialty Chairman and Ring Steward, incomparable! Trophy Chairman will be Diana Martin. Please send:

Advertising to:

Ray Ruiz  
4427 Jonquil Dr.  
San Jose, CA 95136  
(408) 265-8196

{ 1 Page - \$30.00  
   $\frac{1}{2}$  " - 20.00  
   $\frac{1}{4}$  " - 12.00  
  Booster- 3.00

Entries to:

Ace Mathews  
P.O. Box 06150  
Portland, OR 97206  
(503) 233-4241

{ Adults - \$13.00  
  Puppies- 5.00  
  Sweeps - 6.00

We'll have our usual fabulous Tailgate Luncheon on the show date, to which all friends are invited. That evening, most of us will join the Wire Fox Terrier Club for a barbecue, to be held on the showgrounds.

This show will be held at the famous Marin County Civic Center (designed by Frank Lloyd Wright), as will be the Sir Francis Drake Show on September 16, where the Irish will be judged by Mrs. Donna Dale. (Supt., Mathews).

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA - MONTGOMERY '84 - OCTOBER 7

While your mind is on Specialty Shows, Eileen Griffith wants you to plan ahead to our Fall Specialty in Pennsylvania! A block of 40 rooms is being held for us at:

Fiesta Motor Inn  
Route 611  
Willow Grove, PA 19090  
(215) 659-9300

Deadline for reservations will be August 15. (\$39 Single, \$49 Double, plus tax, and no more than 3 dogs per room!)

Your July Newsletter will contain information about the annual dinner meeting, catalogue advertising, etc.

NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME TO ITCA!

Sally Crichtlow  
36 Schoolhouse Lane  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
(201) 267-9887

Mary Downs  
1406 N.E. 15 Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304  
(305) 565-0372

Susan Nolen  
5118 East 26 Street  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
(602) 790-9933

Allan R. Barry  
15006 Trowbridge Ct.  
Houston, TX 77062  
(713) 486-8747

David Eiswerth  
109 Chestnut Street  
Port Allegany, PA 16743  
(814) 642-7490

Diane J. Piantieri  
1211 Bruce Road  
Oreland, PA 19075  
(215) 886-1175

NOTE: Address changes are not listed this month. The new roster, soon to be mailed to you, will include all changes.



NEW CHAMPIONS

- Ch. Blackacre Briargate ----- by Ch. Tyterry Gatekeeper ex Ch. Blackacre Briarose  
Bred by John Best and Sue Griffiths  
Owned by John Best
- Ch. FlashfireSir Ruddie TYKE -- by Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael ex Hornpipe's Miss  
Irish Jig  
Bred by Mariann Carson DVM  
Owned by Dr. Ellen Brown
- Ch. Kincora's Going My Way ---- by Ch. Kincora's Bases Loaded ex Kincora's Boss Lady  
bred & owned by Susan Young & Isabelle O'Connor  
(Finished on St. Patrick's Day!)
- Ch. Kinnegan's Bit O Sassafras- by Ch. Gloccomara Star Spangled Boy ex Inisheer's  
Fresh P. Tater  
Bred by Laureen Kennedy & Jan Miller  
Owned by Nan Bruner
- Ch. Irish Rose Philly Flash --- by Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan ex Ch. Sarsfield's Molly  
of Irish Rose  
Bred & owned by RoseMarie & Ed Kubacki

IN THE RIBBONS

Ch. Gloccomara Star Spangled Boy, Bred and owner-handled by Ellis West

- Group 4 - 2-18-84, Corpus Christi KC .....Judge R. Chashoudian
- Group 2 - 3- 4-84, Wichita Falls KC.....Judge J.R. Cole
- Group 2 - 3-24-84, Texas KC.....Judge T. Gately

Ch. Sunny's She Nanigans, Owned by Lorri & Steve Sundheimer

- Group 3 - 1-15-84, Merrimack Valley KC .....Judge Mrs. G.M. Brewin
- Group 3 - 2-17-84, Spartanburg KC .....Judge Dr. D.G. Doane
- Group 2 - 2-18-84, Piedmont KC.....Judge F.W. Fraser

Ch. Tralee's Rowdy Red. Owned by Edward B. Jenner

- Group 2 - 12-3-84, KC of Philadelphia.....Judge Mrs. D.H. Borthwick
- Group 2 - 12-4-84, Boardwalk KC.....Judge Dr. L. Seligman
- Group 1 - 12-9-84, Del-Otse-Nango KC.....Judge Dr. L. Seligman
- Group 1 - 12-11-84, Elmira KC.....Judge K.M. McDermott
- Group 1 - 12-17-84, Delaware Water Gap KC.....Judge R.W. Hensel
- Group 1 - 12-18-84, Worcester County KC.....Judge Miss A.K. Nicholas
- Group 2 - 1- 7-84, Rubber City KC.....Judge J.R. Cole
- Group 1 - 1- 8-84, McKinley KC.....Judge R.J. Moore
- Group 1 } - 1-22-84, Skyline KC.....{ Judge R.W. Chashoudian
- BIS } - " " " " " ".....{ Judge Mrs. J.E. Clark
- Group 1 - 1-27-84, Mid Hudson KC.....Judge E. Loeb
- Group 3 - 1-28-84, Walkill KC.....Judge J.L. Vaughters Sr.
- Group 1 - 1-29-84, Mohawk Valley KC.....Judge J.B. Mahan
- Group 2 - 2-14-84, Westminster KC.....Judge J.T. Marvin

LITTER BASKET

Breeders, please send all puppy news to: Mary Jane Oudendyk, P.O. Box 138, Metamora, Michigan 48455, or call her at (313) 678-3332.

Kathy & Jim Robinson 3920 Gardner Berkley, MI 48072 (313) 544-0410	Ch. Gloccomara Star Spangled Boy ex Ch. Erinmorn Dark Rosaleen	10-11-83 1 M
Margaret C. Peavey Box 219 R - Rt.15 San Antonio, TX 78228 (512) 695-8427	Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael ex Can. Ch. Coehill Kinsale Irish Mist	12-11-83 3M, 2F
Sue Griffiths Route 1, Box 134 Urbana, IL 61801 (217) 643-3305	Ch. Blackacre Brimstone ex Ch. Blackacre Briarrose	12-13-83 1F
Roberta Massey 12446 Reche Canyon Rd. Colton, CA 92324 (714) 825-4497	Ch. Mullaghboy Chip O'Shanty ex Ch. Rockledge's Ann of Killarney	1-15-84 1M
Sandra L. Neider 64 Tipton Drive East Shirley, NY 11967 (516) 281-8358	Ch. Sunny's Mr. McTavish ex Ch. Redien's Gonna Get-Cha	1-26-84 4M, 2F
Arlene & Phil Smith 308 Grove Court Barstow, CA 92311 (619) 252-3087	Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan ex Desrish Brigit	2-11-84 1M, 3F
Gail C. Demaine Millbrook School Millbrook, NY 12545 (914) 677-5790	Fogwyre's Aran ex Ch. Inisheer's Risa of Rockledge	2-20-84 4M, 2F
Thomas Durrett 9411 Rose Court Thornton, CO 80229 (303) 289-4159	Ch. Tralee's Aristocrat ex Ch. Justa Cin of the Irishman	3-17-84 3M, 3F
Mary Roberts 10503 Cheddar St. Norwalk, CA 90650 (213) 864-5080	Ch. Telstarr Ya Gotta Believe ex Tralee's Sally Forth	4-25-84 1M, 3F
Pat Kostal 610 87th Street Downers Grove, IL 60515 (312) 985- 9097	Ch. Tralee's Rowdy Red ex Aerlies Bally Cor	4-25-84 3M, 4F
Arlene & Phil Smith 308 Grove Court Barstow, CA 92311 (619) 252-3087	Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael ex Ch. Mullaghboy Cover Girl	4-28-84 1M, 1F

LITTER BASKET, continued

PUPPIES EXPECTED BY:

Helen Fear 602 Prinz Drive San Antonio, TX 78213 (512) 342-2190	Ch. The Irishman's Mr. Rockledge ex Ch. Sheehan's Irish Imp	5- 1-84
M.J. Oudendyk & Paul Zabawa P.O. Box 138 Metamora, MI 48455 (313) 678-3332	Ch. Flashfire Mick Mugger ex Ch. Rockledge's Fetching Bouquet	5-12-84
Beth & John Childers 9509 Red Willow Lane Dallas, TX 75249 (214) 298-5766	Ch. Gloccomara Star Spangled Boy ex Trademark's Venus de Baystone	5-14-84
Mary Roberts 10503 Cheddar St. Norwalk, CA 90650 (213) 864-5080	Ch. Rockledge's Mick Michael ex Ch. Tralee's Amber Afterglow	5-31-84
Ann & Jim Kelly 2226 Kipling Berkley, MI 48072 ((313) 543-0534	Ch. The Ginger Man ex Ch. Antara's Celtic Aura	6- 1-84
Liz & Jim Wilson 1965 Davison Lake Rd. Oxford, MI 48051 (313) 628-1535	Knocknarea's Zacharius of Rockledge ex Culliedown Molly O'Shea	6-15-84
Lois & John Cole 2417 Cranbrook Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45231 (513) 825-3966	Ch. Rockledge's Mr. Morgan ex Ch. Brandi Erin V Flashfire	6-23-84

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR - This issue of the Newsletter marks the completion of my first year as your Editor. I do hope that I have been providing the sort of material that you wish to see. If not, please don't hesitate to send me suggestions for improvement of its content. This is not really a one-gal job, and I rely on our membership to supply most of what you read every other month.

Teacher-fashion (since that's what I am!), I'd like to hand out gold stars: to Joe Sayres, whose President's Column has always arrived on time; to John Best and George Kidd, who have promptly answered my cries for help; to Isabelle O'Connor and Carol Butterworth, who have sent some delightful material. I salute the following Regional Clubs for keeping me posted as to their activities and their Specialties: ITCNY, ITCSC, and ITCC. (If I have had to make a long-distance call for such news, your grade for the past year is F!)

Your bi-monthly Newsletter is printed in January, March, May, July, September, and November. PLEASE remember that the deadline for sending me your copy is the 15th of the preceding month. For example, if you wish to have some item included in the July issue, may I receive it by June 15?



***Dog Owners  
Educational League, Inc.***

4/15/84

Special Release

Billie McFadden, president of the Dog Owners Educational League, Inc., has requested two copies of the I.T.C.A. 1983 Handbook; both are being donated by D.O.E.L. in memory of Walter J. Butterworth. One is going to the Library of the American Kennel Club in New York, and the other is going to the Library of The Kennel Club of England in London; each will bear an appropriate bookplate from the Dog Owners Educational League in his memory.

Dear Martha,

Greetings from the home of Crabby Ass, Snootypuss, Firebrand, Impy, Typey Little Kelly Girl, etc.! It's true, my father did appropriately nickname many of my Irish, and I laughed when I read your comment in the March Newsletter. It is also true that his little pals were not about to let the ambulance people into the house when he died. My Kevin (Ch. Glennamaddy Caoimhghin) actually went with me to Emergency! All have since glued themselves to me with amazing compassion.

As the saying goes, "to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die," and I am happy that he touched the lives of so many "dog people" over the years. I was overwhelmed with the number of cards of condolence from people in dogs. My brother remarked about the number of strangers I introduced him to at the wake -- in Bedlingtons, in Airedales, Skye Terriers, Aussies, Schnauzers, the Dog Owners Educational League, the Owner Handler Association, the New Jersey Dog Federation. . . . My father was not a member of any dog club, except the Irish Terrier Club of New Jersey, but he often was at shows with me in the '60's and '70's and would hold dogs at ringside, lift crates, mark catalogs, not just for me, but for anyone who needed an extra hand. Although current ITCA members would not know him, he knew Teddy Irving, Edna Howard-Jones, Jerry O'Callaghan, Mickey Koschara -- and he went to a great many annual meetings after February Specialties. As a matter of fact, he was the person who took me to my first February Specialty as a child, a child who wheeled her Irish in her doll carriage, rode it in her bike basket, trained it to pull her sled, etc.

I am indeed grateful for the Mass from the Irish Terrier Club of New York, the floral arrangement from the Irish Terrier Club of New Jersey (in the color of Irish Terriers, no less!), and the many warm notes I have received from Irish Terrier people in America, England, and Australia. Dad was a great fan of the Irish, and he knew



## LETTERS, continued

a good one when he saw one. He often came out with honest comments that were priceless, aside from his apropos nicknames. One of the things he looked forward to was the day I will breed my Siobhan (Snootypuss) to Kevin, and he referred to the mating of those two champions as "designer genes!"

Incidentally, ITCA members were asked to notify the editor of one's largest litter. Several years ago when I had to be away on a business trip a week prior to when my Ryan was due to whelp pups by Msgr. O'Sullivan's Eng. Ch. Carolmac Saddletramp, I called home to be sure that all was well, and it was my father who answered and said, "Five bitches, four dogs -- so far!" Needless to say, I got the next flight home.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES ABOUT BIG LITTERS -

There have been several interesting responses to "Can You Top This?" Jean Abel has reported a "match" for Diana Martin's litter of nine. On April 3, 1983, Jimmy's Girl of Irish Rose, bred to Rockledge's Dungarvin, produced three boys and six girls; all survived. Since this was the Abels' first litter, one can just imagine their reaction!

Ellis West wrote that Tem Frahman's Slemish Sharon whelped several litters of ten, and raised all pups to maturity. Her last litter of ten was whelped when Sharon was ten years of age!

However, Madelaine Axelson Johnson can top all that! In the 60's, when she still lived in Sweden, she owned Int. Ch. Pathfinder's Mourne Lass. The bitch was bred to Madelaine's Int. Ch. Hello von der Frankenlerche. These matings produced two litters of ten pups - and one litter of twelve puppies! All survived, and each group was so even that nobody could tell them apart. As each "herd" reached the age of two weeks, their breeder brought in a "wet nurse" to help the whelps and their dam. Is there any doubt that, if we had such a thing as a "Fecundity Trophy," it would have to be presented to Madelaine? Or rather, to Mourne Lass!

## NEWS OF OUR MEMBERSHIP -

The ITCA Board should soon receive an application for a new Junior Member. Well, maybe not until next year, after she learns to walk! Meanwhile, congratulations to Kathy and Jeff Hanrahan for the birth of Brighid Anne on March 30, 1984!

Our thoughts and prayers should be concentrated upon Del Hoffman who has been desperately ill since a heart attack a month ago, and on his family, Barbara Hoffman, Marion and Cruse Honey, and Linda Honey during this very difficult time. Let us all hope to hear soon of an improvement of his condition.

Joan Hurley Groves is a member of the ITCNY. ITCA members add their condolences to those expressed in the March issue of her club's "News Chain" - "The Club extends its sympathy to Joan Groves on the death of her son, Stephen, who was killed, tragically, by a hit and run driver in February. Though no words can adequately convey our feelings at such a time, we do assure Joan of our concern and sadness for her - it is a heavy loss."

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By a vote of 119-5, the change in the Bylaws was approved by ITCA members. The change has been approved by the American Kennel Club and is now official. The wording in part I, section 4 (b) now reads: "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 fiscal year. In no case may a person . . . ."

The new roster is ready to be mailed out. This year we have 301 members, with three more pending; if memberships continue to come in at the current rate, we should reach an all-time high number of members this year! Technology is being put to work this year as the roster is being recorded and printed by computer. Up-to-date mailing lists will be able to be printed quickly and hopefully address changes, additions to the membership and next year's roster can be revised and printed with speed and accuracy.

The Board has acted on several very important items since the last Newsletter.

First, please note the new method of reporting obedience scores for the annual trophy shown elsewhere in this Newsletter. The Board voted 14-1 to approve this method. Those of you who are now or who plan to enter your dog in obedience will be responsible for reporting the scores to the compiler. The current compiler is Jim Thomas, 1145 Oakheath Drive, Harbor City, CA 90710.

The Board voted on several items pertaining to Montgomery County. First, the classes this year will be held in memory of Ed Chojnowski, who passed away last fall. The Board voted to ask Jim Sybor to judge the Sweepstakes at this year's Montgomery County show in October. Jim has enthusiastically accepted. He is a former member of the ITCA, and many of you will recognize him from ringside at eastern dog shows. Jim is quite experienced in judging sweeps, and was last year's wire fox sweepstakes judge at the same show.

Technology will also be used this fall at the Montgomery County specialty. In a 12-3 vote, the Board has decided to videotape the entry at this year's show. Although the final details have not been worked out, these tapes may possibly be used for the Judicial Education Committee and also be made available to regional clubs and those who are not able to attend the show. Certainly these tapes will be extremely valuable in the future--how wonderful it would be to be able to see tapes of the great dogs of the past!

Finally, the Board scheduled their meetings at this year's specialty weekend so that they will have more time to join in the festivities--no more meetings until the wee hours of the morning! The general membership meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, but more details will be made available as plans are finalized.

Lastly, the Board unanimously agreed to set up a committee to study possible genetic defects of our breed. It is hoped that Irish Terriers are generally healthy, but the time to correct problems is before they become widespread. Mrs. Isabelle O'Connor will chair the committee, and three veterinarians in the Club (Dr. Joseph Sayres, Dr. Marianne Carson and Dr. Gary Johnson) will serve as advisors to the committee. Later this year you will be receiving more information from this committee.

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These columns were clipped from recent Sunday editions of the LOS ANGELES TIMES:

## pet q&a BY ANNA P. CLARKE DVM

**Q:** A veterinarian told me recently that when "surgical risk" is mentioned, in most cases it is the anesthetic that entails more risk than the surgery. If an anesthetic just puts an animal to sleep, what is the risk? —M.G.

**A:** Despite the commonly used expression "putting to sleep," anesthesia is not the same as sleep at all. Anesthesia is a state of unconsciousness that produces reversible depression of the nervous system. When an anesthetic is given, the muscles relax, the heart and respiratory rate slow down, the temperature drops, pain cannot be felt, and all body systems are depressed. In that state, the body is only one level above death, and that is why anesthesia carries with it some risk.

Anesthesiology is considered an art as well as a science, because, weight for weight, different animals respond differently to the same dosage. In veterinary medicine, the risk of an unforeseen reaction is not high for several reasons. Veterinarians are thoroughly trained in anesthesiology; they administer anesthetics daily in practice; they give all animals a careful pre-anesthetic examination; they closely monitor the respiratory rate, heart rate, blood pressure and reflexes during anesthesia, and they constantly adjust the dosage to keep the animal pain-free and relaxed but not too-deeply anesthetized.

Despite all such precautions, about one out of every 10,000 animals anesthetized will die through no fault of the veterinarian or the veterinary hospital. That is a statistical likelihood that cannot be diminished at present, despite the continuing development of newer and safer anesthetics. Most of these deaths occur in old, sick or injured animals, but occasionally an apparently healthy animal will succumb.

**Q:** My dog loves to eat chocolate. Any harm in that? —R.W.

**A:** Until recently, most veterinarians believed that it was all right to feed a dog chocolate occasionally. However, chocolate contains theobromine, a caffeine-related stimulant that can cause loss of urine control, seizures and death in dogs. Dogs do not excrete theobromine from their bodies as quickly as people do, so poisonous levels can accumulate in their system. If not treated, this can have fatal consequences. In light of that information, it is suggested that you do not feed chocolate to your dog in the future.

## pet q&a BY ANNA P. CLARKE DVM

**Q:** Because I work long hours, I usually don't notice symptoms of illness in my pets until after regular veterinary office hours. How can I determine whether a sick animal needs emergency veterinary care or whether it can wait until the next day? —T.T.

**A:** It is not always easy for a pet owner to determine whether a pet's illness is minor, serious or a genuine emergency. The following guidelines should help.

Symptoms of minor illness that usually do not require immediate veterinary care include loss of appetite for not more than one day, or a change in appetite; behavior that's quieter than usual for a few days; excessive drinking and urination if the pet is otherwise healthy; mild vomiting and diarrhea not accompanied by depression, or a temperature between 102 and 104 degrees Fahrenheit (101.5 is normal).

Symptoms of serious illness that require next-day veterinary care include complete loss of appetite; gradual or sudden loss of weight; vomiting or diarrhea occurring more than twice, or continuing for more than one day, or if bloody or foul-smelling; sudden excessive urination, or none, or straining to urinate; dehydration, recognizable by sunken and dry eyes, a dry mouth and loss of elasticity of the skin; a temperature of more than 104 degrees; severe depression or excitability; pain; uncontrollable bleeding; white or bluish gums; heart rate increased or decreased from normal, or weak or irregular breathing that is increased or decreased from normal, or labored; muscle tremors, or one convulsion or fit of less than three minutes duration.

Emergencies that require immediate veterinary care include cardiac or respiratory arrest, all serious accidents or injuries, unconsciousness, shock, poisonings or suspected poisonings, uncontrollable external or internal bleeding, fractures, paralysis, eclampsia (milk fever) in nursing mothers, severe allergic reactions, temperature over 106 degrees, stomach torsion and dilation, or a seizure that lasts more than three minutes.

Remember, these are only guidelines. A pet's minor illness can become an emergency in a matter of hours, so if you are in doubt, be sure to telephone your veterinarian.

Dr. Clarke welcomes pet-care questions for use in this column, but regrets she cannot answer mail personally. Send your questions to Pet Q&A, Home magazine, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles 90053.