

IRISH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

BULLETIN

December, 1973

The ITCA Specialty show February 10, 1974, will be dedicated to the memory of Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan. The Board of Governors made this decision to honor our distinguished member shortly after learning of Jerry's death October 15, at age 87.

The Specialty will be held at the usual location, the State Armory, 216 Fort Washington Ave., near 168th St. and Broadway, New York City, as part of the Associated Terrier Clubs annual show.

The Presbyterian Hospital parking lot, 165th St. and Fort Washington Ave, one block south of the Armory, will be available for parking of Exhibitors' cars. This lot will be open Saturday from 6 a.m. to Sunday 2 a.m., then from Sunday 6 a.m. to 12 midnight. Regular parking fee will be charged. Exhibitors with crates may use the ramp at the 169th St. entrance (west bound traffic, and may be entered from Broadway only). Exhibitors with dogs on leashes and with portable equipment may enter at the door on 168th St., which is a two-way street.

Irish Terriers will be judged at 10 a.m. Our judge will be Robert Marshall, of New York City. After the judging, the ITCA will again have an informal luncheon, provided by several members of the Club, in one of the classrooms of the Armory. After lunch, President Mike Gately will call to order the annual meeting of the ITCA.

A feature of the Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan Memorial Specialty will be the awarding for the first time of the Martha C. Hall Memorial Trophy for Best of Breed, a beautiful 16-inch Sterling Silver tray. This trophy is being offered by friends of Mrs. Hall through the ITCA. The Board of Governors has set the following conditions to govern competition for the Trophy:

- Will be offered annually for Best Irish Terrier at the ITCA New York Specialty show.
- Ownership and possession will be retained by the ITCA until the Trophy is retired by virtue of having been won three times by the same person (or persons in case of joint ownership) not necessarily with the same Irish Terrier.
- ITCA will have engraved on the Trophy at ITCA expense, annually, name of the Irish Terrier judged Best of Breed at said show, also name of the owner (or owners) and the year.

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- ITCA will award outright, annually, a small Sterling Silver replica of the Trophy to the winner of a leg on said Trophy except for the 3d leg won by the same person or persons.
- ITCA will display the Trophy each year (until its retirement) in the Irish Terrier ring during the Irish Terrier judging at the New York Specialty.
- Any problems that arise concerning the Martha G. Hall Memorial Trophy will be resolved by the ITCA Board of Governors.

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Entries for the Specialty close at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 23, 1974, at the Superintendent's office: Moss Bow Dog Show Organization, Inc., P.O. Box 20205, Greensboro, N.C. 27420.

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Jeremiah J. O'Callaghan Memorial Fund

To honor the late Jerry O'Callaghan, the ITCA Board of Governors has voted to establish a memorial fund, to receive contributions from all who wish to pay their respects to him in this manner. This fund will make it possible for friends of Jerry O'Callaghan to offer a trophy in his honor through the ITCA. The specific purpose to which the fund will be applied will be determined in due course. Suggestions from ITCA members will be sought.

Jerry O'Callaghan died October 15, 1973. For most of three-quarters of a century he applied himself to the breeding of ever better Irish Terriers. This memorial fund is a recognition of his unique contribution to the Irish Terrier breed.

Contributions to the fund, labeled as such, may be sent to the ITCA treasurer:

John S. Best
626 E. Wisconsin Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis. 53202

We welcome new members:

Jarold and Carol (Mr. and Mrs.) Harrison
1921 Park Place, Wichita, Kan. 67203

John and Beth (Mr. and Mrs.) Childers
4526 Baystone, Dallas, Tex. 75211

Mrs. Joan O'Brien Ernst
Elmwood Road, Ferry Farms, Annapolis, Md. 21402

Dr. Barbara A. Kay
3141 Temple Drive
Springfield, Ill. 62704

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Changes in the ITCA roster:

Insert the names of

Robert and Betty (Mr. and Mrs.) Clyde
315 - 6th St.
Lindenhurst, N.Y. 11757

Change the address of John and Joan Elliott to:

Box 227
Riverton, Va. 22651.

(The Elliotts have not moved -- the Post Office has merely assigned them a new address).

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New champions. Ernest Massimine has received the AKC championship certificate for his Live Oak Rusty Rebel.

Likewise, Mary Gately has the AKC certificate for Blažer's Fusilier.

Bob and Pat Peters' Shantytown Guided Missile finished September 23, at Danville, Va., under Miss Gene Simmonds.

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Mrs. Sue Griffiths reports that her Ch. Gloccomara Redrick O'Farin now has one leg on the UD degree.

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Questions, Suggestions, Complaints. If you ever have any questions, suggestions or other comment about the ITCA or its management, feel free to send them to your Acting Secretary. Your A.S. will answer or comment on what he can. If it is a matter beyond his knowledge or authority he will direct it to some person or group competent to answer.

The ITCA Constitution, Article 27, provides an official channel from the membership to the managers. It states that "All complaints or suggestions as to the management must be made in writing to the Board of Governors."

There may be matters, however, on which you wish to express your views but that, in your opinion, may not warrant this official, formal action. In such case, simply use the less formal channel of a personal letter to the Acting Secretary.

The purpose of this item in the Bulletin is to assure the members that they are free to comment at any time on any matter concerning Irish Terriers or the ITCA. The Club is yours, but your voice in the conduct of its affairs won't be heard if it is not raised.

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Quotes from Other Columnists. Popular Dogs, September 1973, page 36, Article titled "How Can the English Continue to Breed Quality Terriers?" by John Marvin.

"...In England, breeding comes first while a winning record on this dog or that one is a secondary consideration. In America, the exact opposite is true so far as the great majority is concerned. In England, the average span of a Terrier fancier's interest is several decades and in some instances becomes a second or third generation effort. In America, according to reliable statistics, the average span of interest is only about five years. A person obtains a good dog, shows it to advantage; tries to breed or buy another, fails, and leaves the fancy -- a transient casualty that was probably not much interested in the beginning except for the acclaim his dog brought to him...

"...The English love competition and support their shows well BUT making champions, winning groups and Best in Shows is always secondary to breeding quality dogs.

"...In general, they do not breed to the top winner as so often is the case over here. They do breed to a dog that has the proper bloodlines and who is producing well with bitches of the type of their own -- he may or may not be a champion..."

Recent Irish Terrier Group Placements

Ch. Carris's Watch Me (Mr. and Mrs. Richard Diamond),
GR3 at Utica, N.Y., November 10, 1973, under
Judge Ernest Crowley, and GR4 at Syracuse, N.Y.,
November 11, under Judge William Kendrick.

Ch. Kincola's Kerry Ann Girl (Joseph M. O'Connor and Susan
Young) GR3 at Salisbury, Md., November 10.

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We have received a very nice letter from Jerry O'Callaghan's
sister, Mrs. Nora O'Callaghan Dacey, thanking the members of
the Irish Terrier Club of America for the Club's expressions of
condolence at Jerry's death.

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Answer to a query. In the October 1973 Bulletin we asked
whether any Irish Terrier other than Ann Cook's bitch has won
High in Trial in obedience, and whether any Irish Terrier
has ever scored higher than John Childers' Ch. Gloccomara Gallan,
with a 196.33 average. John Best replied:

"Turbreeze Barrister, an Irish Terrier bred by Ed O'Keefe
and owned by John Powers, was entered in the Novice A Class at
Wisconsin Kennel Club on January 29, 1961, and was highest dog
in trial with a score of 199½. I am enclosing a copy of a clip-
ping from the Milwaukee Journal of Monday, January 30, 1961.
There were 122 entries in the trial.

"As to the highest average of three scores for an Irish
Terrier, my records indicate that (Ch. Gloccomara) Gallan had
three scores of 195.5, 197.5 and 195.5 for an average of 196.167.
My records go back to 1933 and I have nothing showing a higher
average for three trials in a single trophy year. The closest
that I have is Pagan Queen Taffy, which had an average of 195.83
in 1964."

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Back to the New York Specialty February 10 next. You
will be hearing from the Advertising Chairmen, Ann and Klee
Dobra, with details about advertising in the Specialty cata-
logue. I understand that the deadline for getting your material
to the Dobras will be December 14, and that checks for adver-
tising should be made out to the Irish Terrier Club of America
and sent to Ann and Klee Dobra with your material.



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