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scooped all the honors. Best of Variety was Paula Shames' Ch. Tnantrum's Trad Lad bred by Philip Hyde by Doonhamers Maximillion x Ch. Harper's Hemstitch. Of course, Trad Lad (Chester) is now one of the most esteemed residents of New Jersey. Best of Winners was Phil Hyde's White Rockett of Lenster bred in England by Mrs. Mankin by Phidgity Harper's High N Mighty x Silverweed of Lenster. Best Opposite was Norma Smith's Maerdy Magdalene. "Violet" also was bred in England by Mr. Morgan and is by the illustrious Ch. Abraxas Audacity x Maerdy Mona. This show finished "Violet" and I think it was also the completion of his championship for White Rockett. If it wasn't, he must be very close considering his big wins at Philadelphia, New York (Associated Terrier), and now Long Island. When it was all over, we decided that although we were probably a bit demented to make such a long trip in such dreadful weather, that we had enjoyed seeing the dogs and chatting (chattering?) with the other Bull Terrier enthusiasts. And given the same circumstances on another occasion we will probably repeat the ridiculous performance. Besides, how else can I get first-hand news for this column!-Marilyn Drewes, 101 Topsfield Rd., Wenham, MA 01984



NORWICH TERRIERS

NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

Delaware Park provided ample space for the Club Specialty April 29—held with the Wilmington Kennel Club Show. Fifty dogs were entered, 19 in the Sweepstakes and judges Mr. and Mrs. Hanning of Blu-Frost fame, chose the same prick ear and drop ear juniors to head their divisions.

There were many new faces amongst dogs and owners both in and around the ring—but the unfortunate loss in the mail of the Bethways entries undoubtedly affected the caliber of competition.

Mrs. Larrabee swept the finals with Eng.-Am. Ch. Ragus Rainmaker who also won 4th in Terrier Group. His gr. daughter Ch. King's Prevention Fun Fagan by Eng. Bill Sykes x Ch. Upland Spring Magpie, handled by his br.-owner, was BOS. Mrs. Read's black and tan Quartzhill College Corin WD and BW was also sire of her RWB Chidley Black-Eyed Susan, also a black back. Mrs. Mallory's drop ear puppy, Mt. Paul Terracotta won the bitch points, her second major in her second ring appearance. Bred by Mrs. Winston, she is a half sister to Ch. Castle Point Indigo who went from puppy class to BOS at last year's Specialty Show. Their sire, Ch. C.P. Iguana also accounted for Open Dogs D.E. winner Castle Point Ketch, one of the few exhibits who didn't object to the long, stubbley terrain. The open D.E. bitch class produced a trio of charmers that surely will be heard



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from—in fact the winner gathered points at Trenton and the visitor from Illinois already has won two majors for br.-owner Mrs, McIlvain,

RWD Willow Glen Bobbiesox came from a hotly contested P.E. open class: owned by J. Ostrow, he is Eng. bred by Ch. Ragus Golden Chip from Mrs. Richardson's Montalimar Kennels. Two other Golden Chip sons were also present.

A picnic luncheon in the benching tent was generously provided by Mrs. Griffitts whose puppy Shawnee's Rebel also won well under both judges. Remaining exhibitors and members attended the Annual Club Meeting, Those who split for the Maryland Hunt Cup surely made a wise decision.

Club meetings at all breed shows are difficult to chair and this year's event offered repetitious proposals backed by irrelevant arguments. As many more members attend our Autumn Club Match, it might be wise to hold our big meeting at that time. An alternate suggestion would be to hold our Specialty alone.

The splended news from California is Eng. Ch. Cullswood Crunch won the Terrier Group at 3,000 dog Sun Maid K.C. Show in Fresno under Mrs. W.P. Wear, and two weeks later won 2nd in group under Mr. A. Cartwright at Monrovia. Unfortunately his owner, Mrs. Clive Pillsbury, was indisposed at the time, but the Crunch's record-setting win, a first for Norwich in the USA, speeded her recovery. He too is by Ragus Golden Chip, and Crunch's English son won BOB and the Green Star at the Dublin, Eire St. Patrick's Day event.

Ch. Bethways Ringo has also gained two group 4ths in the East—somewhat of a consolation for the fact he was unable to compete at the Specialty.

Another new Champion is King's Prevention Stormy owned by Mr. J. Clendenin of St. Petersburg, Florida. He was 3rd in Open at Wilmington where his sire and dam were best of their sexes.

At Bucks County, D.E. Mt. Paul Picadilly Rose owned by Mrs. Ladd and bred by Mrs. Winston, finished her championship. The BW that day and at Trenton was Mrs. Pritchard's Interfields Haig, 10 pts. in two days speaks well for this brother of Ch. Interfields Hanni who won her title at four straight shows.

The happy news from Maryland is Mrs. Sidney Glass has recovered from her recent surgery, and is in the throes of building a dream cottage for herself and her devoted Norwich pack.—Mrs. Curtis S. Read, 48 Berry Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, NY 11771



KERRY BLUE TERRIERS

UNITED STATES KERRY BLUE TERRIER CLUB

A viable system of communications within the dog fancy makes it possible for us to be a national or even international family. Without a functioning dog press many of us would be totally oblivious not only to developments in the show ring, but to the numerous new and often dramatic developments in the areas of animal legislation, humane progress, veterinary research and every matter of importance concerned with our participation in the dog game. There can also be no doubt that Kerry fanciers are very interested in material written on their breed. The official USKBTC publication, Kerry Blueprints has consistently kept the fancy informed on everything of importance to Kerries and their people. The current Editor, Edith Izant deserves the thanks of all of us for taking on the burden of Blueprints on top of the national column she has been writing long before most of us ever got interested in Kerries.

One must question however the continued use of dog publications as vehicles for large, attention-getting ads overtly pointed at judges officiating at forthcoming shows. This kind of thing gets away from the real reason for showing dogs and prompts the question: "Are we getting away from caring about our dogs more than the wins they can bring us?" And are we so concerned about making those wins that we think nothing of going outside of our dogs' merit to bring those wins in? It would be sad to see us reach a point where a mediocre dog can do better than a superior specimen in the ring because the owner of the first can afford the advertising that the owner of the second cannot.

It is always interesting to look over the columns of the other breeds in the Gazette every month. There is always something new to learn and something entertaining to read. In the June issue the new Gordon Setter columnist touches on a point I think is very valid; it concerns the use of adhesive signs marked "Caution—Show Dogs" emblazoned on the rear bumpers of cars and station wagons of fanciers. We have all seen them. Many of you may use them. The Gordon columnist points out that they may be an invitation to dog thieves. This may very well be true, but there is another aspect to these signs that, in this columnist's opinion is particularly disagreeable.

It is probable that whoever thought of these signs got the idea from the prominent notices on vehicles used for horse transport. Any truck or trailer that carries horses should bear warning to other drivers to keep their distance. However a vehicle that transports dogs to and from shows is usually an ordinary, assembly-line car, wagon, camper, truck, etc. So why do some fanciers need to advise caution because there are show dogs in a car just like any other car? They don't, but those that use them often do so for the sake of proclaming to the world that they have show dogs. In short, it's snob appeal. If you can impress the judge in the ring with your show dog, why is it necessary to impress the college kid in the passing lane?