THE

# IRISH WATER SPANIEL ASSOCIATION YEAR BOOK, 1930.



CHAMPION "BRFIFNY GLORIA."
KCS.B. % K.K.

Breeder and Owner, F. Trench O'Rorke. Born June 5th, 1927.

Sire, Ch. Breifny Count, K.C.S.B. 1307 D.D.; dam, Ch. The Rose of Sharon, K.C.S.B. 1256 D.D.

(Winner of the Irish Water Spaniel Association's Perpetual Challenge Cup, 1929).

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# Irish Water Spaniel Association 1930

Good speed, oh joyous Spaniel brood,
On duck and snipe so wondrous good,
Success to one and all.
Near "moss-grown runnels oozing well
Through bushy glen or hollow dell"
And quicker wags that wanton tail
As richer grows the tainted gale
Till upward flies the feathered game
To vouch thy truth—confirm thy game.

Good luck to Spaniels one and all, Low on the leg, or graceful tall; But most, oh, curly-pate to thee, The boy that oft gets on the spree.

# The Irish Water Spaniel Association.

Registered at the Kennel Club.

Affiliated with the Field Trial Council.

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### Annual Report of the Irish Water Spaniel Association, 1929.

THE year that has gone by, may on the whole be looked upon as a satisfactory one for the Irish Water Spaniel and its Association.

Financially we close the year with a satisfactory balance in hand, a condition contributed to by Col. Birkbeck, who very generously returned his winnings at the Field Trials at Settle to the funds of the Association. I have no doubt there is more general interest being taken in this breed than has been the case for very many years. It remains for members to do their part and support the classes provided at shows better, and also to breed more good specimens. I have known more than one person desirous of taking up this breed, but compelled to adopt another variety through failure to obtain the necessary stock. A General Meeting of the Association was held at Cruft's Show in February and was well attended. On November 16th the Association held its first Field Trials. Col. Birkbeck having placed his most excellent grounds for the purpose available to the Association. Col. C. Bateman, D.S.O., and Mr. T. England very kindly acted as judges, and the Steward of the Beats, Mr. C. Parry, left nothing undone to ensure the success of the meeting.

I am pleased to be able to publish a good photograph of the winner of the open stake, Belle of the Falls, a performance she repeated at the Spaniel Club's Field Trials the following month. It is interesting to note the Irish Water Spaniel on this occasion is photographed retrieving a handsome, un-ruffled cock-pheasant, dispelling the idea possessed by some people in the past, that the "wild Irishman" is only capable of hunting and retrieving wildfowl, a job he is admittedly an adept at, but this photograph shows him the polished retriever, second to none. In the coming year (1930) the Association will again hold Field Trials at Settle, Yorkshire, by the kind invitation

of Col. Birkbeck, and later in the season, on January 20th, at Idsworth, Horndean, Hants, by the kind permission of Lorna Countess Howe, and three stakes will be provided. the breed is making steady head-way, especially in Canada; and in France, Mons. Naegely possesses a team probably equal to any in existence. I am very pleased to be able to produce a photograph of his famous bitch, Ch. Douchka du they Rouston, who has won all over France and Spain, and at the French Spaniel Club's Field Trials she won First Prize in open Competition with all varieties of Spaniels, and some of the competing dogs were handled by well-known English trainers. Mons. Naegely is greatly to be congratulated on the success of this bitch which was bred in his own kennel, her dam being "Misty Morning," a very nice bitch once owned by Major Court-Treatt, who, when going abroad with his regiment a few years ago, was obliged to part with her. She is a full sister to Ch. The Rose of Sharon, the bitch portrayed on the front page of last year's Year Book, having won the Association's Challenge Cup the previous year. I believe this is the first occasion an Irish Water Spaniel has won the premier honours in open competition at Field Trials with all other varieties of Spaniels, and so many people have asked me concerning her performance, that I think it will be of interest to many to reproduce here a translation of the report of these trials which appeared in L'Eleveur of December 1st, 1929 :-

"French Spaniel Club's Field Trials, Nov., 1929—The Prize of Sologue; Judges: Mons. Lamaignère and Paul Flury; eleven runners. . . . . . the Irish Water Spaniel won, beating without effort, Springers and Cockers . . . . . That very beautiful Irish Water Spaniel bitch, Douchka du they Rouston, belonging to Mr. Naegely, with her first prize becomes a Champion. Well! to finish her Championship with a first prize in a Field Trial, confess it boldly, is not frequently seen! Much more numerous are the candidates to which the necessary certificate is almost charitably granted. Douchka has indeed the gait peculiar to Irish Water Spaniels, which in my opinion and whatever may be said, in spite of its name, is not a variety of spaniels. She

is a very earnest bitch, very energetic, which, in spite of her size, gets in the brambles and piles of wood as well as most Cockers, and much better than some of them. Her way of beating is really that of a well-trained sporting dog; she is extremely clever in working to wind. She points very well a rabbit under a heap of dead wood, which she completely turns over, the rabbit bolts, is shot, well found and retrieved; she starts another rabbit which is missed; another rabbit is shot out of the sight of the bitch, it is wounded and runs about thirty yards further, the bitch finds it and retrieves it alive, well and quickly. At the second trial she starts well two rabbits, and retrieves very correctly the second.—J. Dhers." Douchka is an excellent performer in water.

A Silver Badge, in the form of a brooch, is now available to members of the Association, many of whom already appreciate this excellent production of the Silversmith's art Members can obtain these badges through the Hon. Secretary at a moderate cost. They can also be had in solid silver, gold-gilt.

Copies of the Rules of the Association, and the Breeder's Cups, as well as the scale of points and description of the Irish Water Spaniel, can be obtained at any time by applying to the Hon. Secretary. It is the earnest desire of the Committee to further the interests of the breed in every way, and suggestions, ideas and criticisms are invited.

F. TRENCH O'RORKE,

Breifny House,

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Having examined the above Accounts and compared same with Vouchers we have found them correct,

ERNEST TRIMBLE,
A. E. DAINTREE,

Auditors.

F. TRENCH O'RORKE, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

# The Irish Water Spaniel Association's Scale of Points and Description of the True Water Spaniel.

#### Scale of Points for Judging Irish Water Spaniels.

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POSITIVE POINT	rs.		NEGATIVE POINTS.
Head and jaws, eyes and	top-		White on chest 5
knot		20	Paleness of coat 10
Ears		10	Light Eye 10
Neck		5	Woolliness of coat 20
Body		10	Feather on stern
Fore-legs		7±	Feather on face   most undesirable
Hind-legs		71 5	White on feet
Feet		5	Feather on front part of hind-
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General appearance		10	fore-legs 10
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#### DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

HEAD—Skull and muzzle should be of good size; skull high in dome, good length, and fairly wide, showing large brain capacity; muzzle long, strong, a somewhat square in appearance; face perfectly smooth. Topknot should consist of long, loose curls, growing down into a well defined peak between the eyes, and should not be in the form of a wig, i.e., growing straight across.

EYES.—Comparatively small dark brown and very intelligent-looking.

EARS.—Very long and lobe-shaped in the leather, set low, hanging quite close to the cheeks, and covered with long, twisted curls of live hair.

NBCK.-Fairly long, strong, and arching (carrying the head well above the

level of the back), and strongly set into the shoulders.

Body (including size and symmetry).—Fair sized, round, and barrel shaped; so stout and compact-like as to convey a "cobbiness" in appearance. Height—Dogs about 21 to 23 inches at shoulder; bitches about 20 to 22 ins.

NOSE -Large and well developed, and of a dark liver colour.

SHOULDERS AND CHEST.—Shoulders very powerful, but not too straight or "clod by"; chest deep, but not too wide or round between the fore-legs, though large in girth, with ribs well-sprung behind the shoulders.

BACK AND LOINS .- Back, short, broad, level, and very powerfully coupled

to hind quarters. Ribs carried well back, and loins deep and wide.

HIND QUARTERS.—Very powerful, with long, well bent stifles and hocks set low.

STERN.—Short and smooth, strong and thick at root (where it is covered for three or four inches with short curls), and, gradually tapering, ends in a fine point. It should not be long enough to reach the hock joint, and should be carried nearly level with the back in a straight line.

FEET AND LEGS.—Feet large, somewhat round and spreading, well-clothed with hair, both over and between the toes, but free from any superfluous feather. Fore-legs, well-boned and straight, with arms well let down, and carrying the forearm at elbow and knee, in a straight line with point

of shoulder.

COAT. - Composed of dense, tight, crisp, ringlets, entirely free from woolliness; the fore-legs covered with feather which should be abundant all round, though shorter in front, so as only to give a rough appearance; below the hocks the hind-legs must be smooth in front but feathered behind down to the feet.

COLOUR.—A very rick puce liver, white on chest objectionable.

GENERAL APPEARANCE.—That of a smart, up-standing strongly built, but not leggy dog, combining great intelligence and endurance, with a bold and dashing eagerness of temperament, and a characteristic gait, distinctive of the breed, which is a different movement to that of any other variety of Spaniel.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

### Irish Water Spaniel Association.

#### Name and Objects of the Association.

I.—The Club shall be called the IRISH WATER SPANIEL ASSOCIATION. Its objects shall be—(a) To promote the breeding of pure Irish Water Spaniels; (b) To define precisely and publish a description of the true type, and to urge the adoption of such type on breeders, judges, &c., as the only recognised and unvarying standard by which Irish Water Spaniels shall be judged; (c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed, by offering prizes at Dog Shows, establishing Field Trials, and adopting such other means as may be deemed advisable.

#### Establishment and Constitution.

II.—The Club shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and a Committee of not more than nine (including the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), and an unlimited number of members whose names and addresses shall be kept in a book by the Hon. Secretary. Not less than three members to form a quorum.

#### Subscription.

III.—The Annual Subscription shall be One Guinea, due on 1st January each year (or within one week after election), and there shall be no entrance fee. No one shall be entitled to the privileges of membership or to win any special prizes offered by the Club until his Annual Subscription shall have been paid. The liability of a Member shall not exceed his Annual Subscription. That any Member failing to pay his Subscription by 1st February shall be reminded of the omission by the Hon. Secretary, and should it remain unpaid by first March it shall be within the power of the Committee to erase his name from the list of Members.

#### Election of Members.

IV.—Candidates for Membership must be proposed by a Member of the Club, and elected by the Committee by voting papers, and one negative in five votes to exclude. On the admission of each new Member, the Secretary shall send a notification to that effect, and furnish him with a copy of the Rules.

#### Management.

V.—The Management of, and the property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee. The Committee shall also have the power of making Byelaws, and deciding upon all matters in dispute, or not provided for by the Rules. The name of any Member or Members put forward for election on the Committee must be sent with their Proposer's and Seconder's names to the Hon. Secretary prior to the 30th November in each year. The existing Committee, together with the New Candidates, to be submitted to each Member of the Club for election. In the event of there being no such Candidate, the Committee to continue in office. The voting papers to be returned to the Hon. Secretary, with votes recorded, on or before a fixed date. Three to form a quorum at Committee Meetings.

#### Meetings.

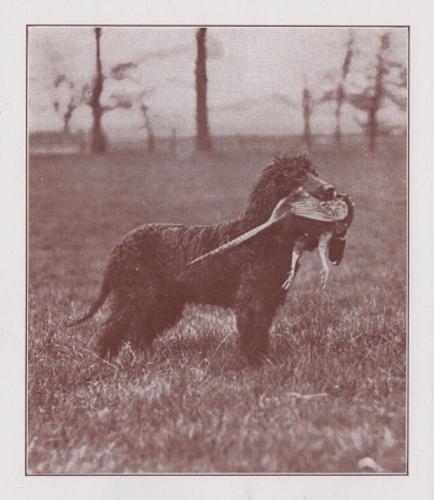
VI.—That General Meetings of the Club shall be held from time to time, at such places as the Committee may think desirable.

#### Method of Conducting Business.

VII.—That, inasmuch as it is scarcely possible for the Committee to meet more than once or twice a year, it shall be competent for the Hon. Secretary to transact all such business as might be done at a Meeting of the Committee by letter. At every Meeting, whether General, or of the Committee, the Minutes of the last previous Meeting shall be read over and confirmed before any other business is gone into. At least

### "BELLE OF THE FALLS."

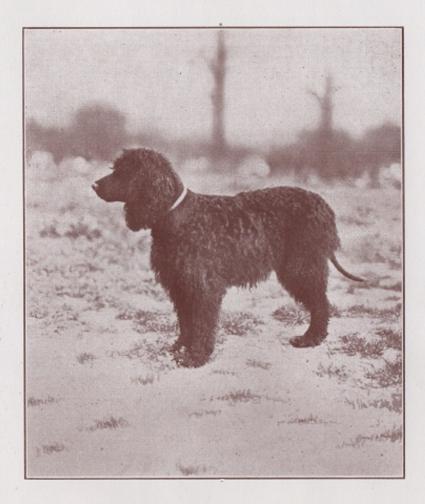
K.C.S.B 1890 K.K.



Owner and Breeder, Col. J. Birkbeck. Sire, Paddy (unregistered); dam, Molly (unregistered). Born, 21st January, 1927.

Winner—First in Open Stake at Irish Water Spaniel Association's Field Trials, and First in Open Stake at Spaniel Club's Field Trials, 1929.

# Champion "Douchka du They Rouston." L.O.F.



Owner and breeder, Mr. E. Naegely; sire, Mike of Tracey, L.O.F. 32,800; Dam, Misty Morning, K.C.S.B. 911 E.E.; born August 16th, 1925.

Winner—First Prize and Challenge Certificate, Paris, 1927, 1928, 1929.

First and Champion Certificate, and best all breeds, Nimes, 1927.

International Challenge Certificate, Barcelona, 1929.

First Prize French Spaniel Club Field Trials, 1929 (won in competition with English Springers and Cockers).

seven days' notice shall be sent of every Meeting, and with the notice shall be stated a list of the business to be transacted and copies of all the proposed resolutions. No business which is not contained in this list, other than matters of routine, shall be gone into at any Meeting, whether General or of the Committee. Each Member shall be entitled, in the event of his being unable to attend the Meeting, to vote on any resolution by returning his notice paper to the Hon. Secretary two clear days before the Meeting, sealed and addressed to the Chairman, marked "for" or "against," or nominating any Member who may be present as his proxy to vote for him, and such voting shall rank as equal with the votes of those present. Every paper used in this way, however, must be signed by the Member so using it, and if unsigned, must be rejected. At General Meetings two Scrutineers shall be appointed, whose business it shall be to open the voting papers, and record the votes. The President of the Club, if present, shall preside at every Meeting; in his absence the Vice-President shall take his place, and in their absence the Members shall elect a Chairman, who shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie taking place, and whose ruling on any point shall be binding on the Meeting.

#### Expenses, Report, &c.

VIII.—That no expense be incurred by the Hon. Secretary or Treasurer, or by any member of the Committee, beyond the funds in hand. That an Annual Report, together with the Rules of the Club, the names and addresses of the Members, Committee, Officers, &c., shall be printed and supplied to all Members; and that the Annual Abstract of Accounts (duly audited by two Members elected at a General Meeting) shall be open to the inspection of Members.

#### Eligibility.

IX.—That all dogs competing for Irish Water Spaniel Association's Prizes must be entered according to the *latest* Revised Rules of the Kennel Club.

#### Prizes.

X.—That the Challenge Cup presented to the Association by Colonel Millner and Mr. B. White, entitled "The Irish Water Spaniel Association's Perpetual Challenge Cup," be offered by the Club, for competition by members only, as may be decided by the Committee. A small replica Cup to be given to the winner, whose name shall also be engraved on the Challenge Cup.

That no Association Specials or Cups will be awarded at any show where there are not two eligible to compete for same, and each dog or bitch must have won at least a third prize in their class.

#### Expulsion of a Member-New Kennel Club Rule.

XI .- Any member who shall be suspended by the Kennel Club shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Club and if the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be injurious, or likely to be injurious, to the character or interests of the Club the Committee may at a meeting, the notice convening which includes as an object the consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him. Notices of both meetings shall be sent to the accused Member advising him of the place, date and hour and that he may attend and offer an explanation. If at the Special General Meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his name shall be forthwith erased from the List of Members, and he shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a member of the Club, except that he may within two calendar months appeal to the Kennel Club upon and subject to such conditions as the Kennel Club may impose.

#### Alterations.

XII.—That each Member of this Association agrees to acknowledge the Kennel Club as the final Court of Appeal in all matters of dispute.

XIII.—That none of the foregoing Rules be altered, except at a General Meeting of the Club convened for the purpose.

# The Irish Water Spaniel Association's Breeeders' Cups Rules.

I.—The Cups to be called the Irish Water Spaniel Breeders' Cups and Sweepstakes, and to be of not less value than £5 each, open to all members of the Irish Water Spaniel Association, on payment of £1, i.e., 10/- to each Cup, to be competed for by Irish Water Spaniels, bred and owned by the same Exhibitor. Any member may subscribe and compete for each Cup separately, or both as he may desire.

II.—The Cups to be one for either sex, and cannot be won more than three times by the same dog or bitch; either shall become the property of the first Exhibitor who wins it seven times.

III.—After the first fee of £1 (or 10/- to one Cup), no additional entry fee will be necessary, until one of the Cups has been finally won, when a 10/- subscription will be asked for to replace it.

IV.—All money over the cost of the Cup to be given as added money (or Sweepstake) to the winner, less expenses of postage, etc., paid out.

V.—The Cup Competitions shall be managed by the Committee of the Club. Members may enter as long as the Cup is for competition, and may compete with an unlimited number of dogs.

VI.—The Cup shall be offered as often as the majority of the Committee may elect, at any Show under the K.C. Rules.

VII.—The winner shall have his name and dog's name engraved on the Cup. No one shall be allowed to compete who has not paid his entry fee.

VIII.—The Cups will not be awarded at any Show where there are not two eligible to compete for same, and each dog or bitch must have won at least a Third Prize in their Class.

# Training Irish Water Spaniels as Gun Dogs.

At a General Meeting of the Irish Water Spaniel Association in February, 1928, the following suggestions were formulated for the guidance of trainers and handlers of these dogs at Field Trials, etc.

- (i.) Absolute steadiness to shot, feather, and fur, in any circumstances.
- (ii.) "Dropping" which (includes "sitting" or "standing") when commanded to do so, and remaining so until directed otherwise.
- (iii.) May be required to beat out any rushy, swampy place, or other covert that a Retriever would ordinarily be expected to face, as the Judges may require.
- (iv.) No artificial means may be used to induce a dog to enter water apart from the sanctions of legitimate handling (e.g., no stones, sticks, or such like, may be thrown in).
- (v.) These dogs should work, largely, to "hand-signals," as silence, and the absence, as far as possible, of whistling and noise, on the part of the handler, is essential.

# Winners at the Irish Water Spaniel Association's Field Trial, 1929.

#### Puppy Stake.

First, Col. Birkbeck's "Gentle Molly." Second, Miss Barrington's "Mulkear Judy."

#### Open Stake.

First, Col. Birkbeck's "Bell of the Falls." Second, F. Trench O'Rorke's Ch. "Breifny Gloria." Third, Major Court-Treatt's "Lyddite Joy." Reserve & C.M., Capt. Anwyl's "Thunder of Lligwy."

# Association Special Prizes Awarded in 1929.

Show.		Prizes.	Owner.	Dog.
Cruft's		Half-guinea for best in Puppy or Novice Class	Capt, M. Anwyl	Thunder of Lligwy
"		Half-guinea for best in Gradu- ate or Limit Class	F. Trench O'Rorke	Ch. Breifny Gloria
" vito		Half-guinea for best whose owner has never won a Challenge Certificate	Capt. M. Anwyl	Thunder of Lligwy
***************************************		Half-guinea for best in Show	F. Trench O'Rorke	Ch, Breifny Count
**		Breeders' Cup for Dogs	21	Breifny Timothy
,, 506	1	Breeders' Cup for Bitches	mell the made	Ch. Breifny Gloria
Dublin (I K.C	C.)	Half-guinea for best owned and bred in Ireland	Mrs. J. Bennett	Rathaney Rory
"athet		Half-guinea for best whose owner has never won an Association Special Prize		Not awarded
Portadown .		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best Puppy or Novice	Herbert Smythe	Rory O'Connor
11		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best in both Limit and Open	+1	**
Richmond		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best in Novice or Graduate	F. Trench O'Rorke	Breifny Gem
,,		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best in Show	31	Ch. Breifny Gloria
**		Breeders' Cup for Dogs	Mrs. I. Groves	Croome Sammy
н		Breeders' Cup for Bitches	F. Trench O'Rorke	Ch. Breifny Gloria
Belfast		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best in Graduate	Rev. T. Agnew	Breifny Dan
12		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best in Limit	F. Trench O'Rorke	Ch. Breifny Gloria
"		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best whose owner has never won a Challenge Certificate	Rev. T. Agnew	Breifny Dan
**		Perpetual Challenge Cup for best exhibit	F. Trench O'Rorke	Ch. Breifny Gloria
17		Breeders' Cup for Dogs		Not awarded
**		Breeders' Cup for Bitches		Not awarded
Edinburgh (S.K.C.)		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best whose owner has not previously won an Association Special	Col. J. Birkbeck	Don of Lakeland
**		Half-guinea or Silver Spoon for best in Limit and Graduate	Capt. Anwyl	Lady Meirion
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***		Breeders' Cup for Dogs		Not awarded
11		Breeders' Cup for Bitches		Not awarded
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Show.	Prizes.	Owner.	Dog.
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(m	Breeders' Cup for Bitches		Not awarded
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y soo calle	One Guinea for best in Open Stake		Bell of the Falls
n	Breeders' Cup for Dogs		Not awarded
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