

The judges shall give a dog ample opportunity to discover whether he is on a true point.

No assistance shall be given by the handler to enable a dog to discover whether he is on a false point.

Judges are requested to avoid as far as possible holding a dog so long on a point for the purpose of securing a back or otherwise, as to enable the birds to run. Dogs should be brought up to back only when opportunity offers without interfering with the pointing dog, and a dog drawing on or pointing game shall be afforded ample opportunity to locate the game, it being left to the discretion of the judges to direct the opposing dog to be held in check.

Should a dog be held an unreasonable time upon a point he should not be penalized for a resultant fault. The number of times a dog points, backs, etc., shall not necessarily give him the preference, but the judges shall consider the quality of the performance rather than the frequency of the occurrence.

BACKING.—The judges are requested to give no credit for backing unless it appears to be voluntary. Any assistance from the handler shall deprive the dog of credit for his performance.

RANGING.—The judges are requested to give greater credit to the dog that maintains the most killing range throughout, viz., wide or close as the necessity of the case requires.

OBEDIENCE AND DISPOSITION.—The judges are requested to give greater credit to the dog that works promptly, without noise or severity, and is obedient prompt, cheerful and easily handled.

The rules are based upon the principle that each heat is a complete race, and the winner of the trial is the unbeaten dog who has directly or indirectly beaten every other dog in the stake.

The Judges are requested to observe that the scale of points given below are set forth only as the view of the Club as to the comparative value of the various attributes of performances referred

to. But the Judges shall not, except in case of an absolute equality between the dogs, deem it necessary to keep any Score whatever.

MERIT.

POINTING (including nose style and promptness in locating.....	30
STAUNCHNESS.....	10
BIRD SENSE.....	10
PACE.....	15
RANGE.....	10
OBEDIENCE AND DISPOSITION....	10
BACKING.....	10
RETRIEVING.....	5

DEMERIT.

FALSE POINTING, BREAKING IN, BREAKING SHOT, CHASING, these faults shall be gauged by the Judges in their discretion. The second chase, however, loses the heat.

DEFINITIONS.

BREAKING IN.—Is where a dog through imperfect breaking, or from excitement, leaves his position when the birds rise, whether the gun is fired or not, and starts to chase, but stops within a few feet from where he started of his own accord or by command.

BREAKING SHOT.—Is where a dog runs in, when a shot is fired, with the intention of getting to the bird, and does not stop promptly at command.

CHASING.—Is where a dog follows the birds, either when a gun is fired or not, to any extent to be beyond the control of his handlers for the time being.

POINTING.—The judges will rate a dogs' merits under this head by the display of nose and judgement in finding and pointing birds, and accuracy and quickness in locating birds after he has caught the scent of them. False pointing, flushing, or uncertainty will detract from a dog's score under this head.

CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB TRIALS.

The first annual field trials of the Canadian Kennel Club closed Nov. 14 and the meet has been a success. The highly flourishing condition of the clubs

affairs fully warranted its success in this undertaking, and there is every inducement to believe that these trials may grow into a prominent feature, with large and larger attendance as their character becomes better known.

It is true that their largest stake showed only 16 starters, yet among these were several good ones and a smaller number of exceptionally fine ones. It will be noticed also that in some cases several dogs were entered by the same owner, but this paucity in the attendance of actual owners is part of the history of any association in its younger days, and was only to be expected here. There will be more next year, and those of this year were rare in quality. At least one member of the club Mr. Thomas Johnson, came all the way from Winnipeg, Manitoba, a total distance of nearly 1,500 miles. A worthy sportsman he is, and he brought the winner with him for each stake. Mr. Johnson's pointer bitch Ightfield Blithe winner of the Derby, is fairly a phenomenal bitch, and has been the favorite of the field. She is imported, is of a family of winners, and in the field or on the bench is fit for any company. Mr. Johnson has said that he intends giving Blithe to his old friend Armory R. Starr (Jacobstaff), of Marshall, Texas. Should he do so, Mr. Starr may hold himself one of the earths favorites, for it is within the power of but few to bestow any such gift. Blithe is one dog out of a thousand no matter what be the breeding or quality, and one might pass a lifetime and not get hold of such another, no matter how many he bought. Pitti Sing, winner of the All-Aged is also imported, and is a Setter bitch of great field qualities, though not exceptionally fine in looks. She also is right in a family of winners in Ireland and England, and is fit to give account of herself. It should be borne in mind that both of these dogs saw quail for the first time about a week and a half