OUR HISTORY
Chapter 1
BEGINNINGS

The 1930's were a period of development for the American Kennel Club and dog shows in general. By the end of this decade, AKC Rules & Regulations had assumed essentially the form that we know today. Obedience regulations were adopted in 1936 (see Ch. 3). Handlers were required to be licensed. The first Professional Handlers Ass’n (PHAA) meeting was held in Cleveland, Ohio in June 1936. Keynote speaker for this event was William Z. Breed, who later married Miriam Hostetter Young (Barmere). In 1938 double handling and "artificial coloring" were strictly prohibited at shows. July 1938 also saw the advent of championship certificates issued by AKC. By 1940 ribbon colors were standardized and kennel names had to be registered if they were to be protected.

To encourage purebred dog shows, the AKC offered cash awards from 1935 until 1940. A list of any member club for competition at their shows. From 1935 included: BIS $25, Group I-4 $15, $10, etc.; and Specialty BOB $15. They also offered an annual cash award for American Bred competitors - $200 for dog or bitch winning most Group 1's, if registered; $50 each to dog or bitch with most wins in his group; $75 to dog or bitch with most BIS wins and an additional $10 if the dog was bred by the exhibitor. Many of the top winners were imported from Europe and AKC wanted to encourage exhibitors to show dogs of their own breeding.

Independently, fanciers enjoyed some additional incentives to breed and own dogs. There were a number of specialty clubs, holding any significant number of specialties.

It may seem strange today that these awards are for American Bred only and even more strange that there were dogs being shown and being awarded championships - including Boxers - who were not AKC registered. Actually, unrecognized events could be shown until 1942. Some of the dogs listed as not registered at the time they received their title were undoubtedly imports whose paper work had not caught up with them.

The 1930's saw the formation of many parent breed clubs, including the American Boxer Club in 1935. It wasn't until 1942, when AKC drew up the list of recognized breeds and added the breeds required to form a parent club and maintain their own registers until officially recognized by AKC.

The first Boxer to finish a championship - Uch.Dampf v Dem - did so in 1915. His owners, Sir and Mrs. J. Newman were Boxer fans and early members of the AKC. Dampf had no lasting influence on the breed, as there were very few bitches for breeding.

There were several other interested fanciers, most of them in the midwest, during the 20's. This included the Judics who were the first to advertise in a magazine (1926). It wasn't until the early thirties that the Boxer began to catch on.

ICH.Check v Hunnenstein was imported in 1932. He was the 1932 Brindle German Sieger and his new owners, Marcia and Joseph Penney of Cirrol Kennels campaigned him extensively. He was the first Boxer to go BIS (1932), and the first to place in the group at Westminster and Morris and Essex, going 3rd in both in 1935. He attained a lifetime record of 10 Group I's and 4 BIS with handler Harry Harnett.

Check's exceptional personality won many friends for the breed. He was the grandsire of Dorian (from a litter sired in Germany) and sired the first litters bred at both Mazelaine and Barmere. He died in late 1936.

In 1933 CH.Dodl v Stoeckersburg, bred by Henry Stoecker and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Breed, became the first bitch to compete a championship. That same year Bimba Crab owned by Douglas and Mary Hunt of Birmingham, Ala., became the first American bred Boxer to place in the group - it would be 1938 before an American bred won one.

May 1934 saw the introduction of the "Grand Old Man" of Barmere - CH.Sigurd v Dom of Barmere. Sigurd was imported by Charles Ludwig for Mrs. Breed (then Miriam Hostetter Young). Sigurd was four years old when he reached the US and had been Austrian Sieger and twice German Sieger (Fawns and Brides are

MAX P. KETZEL

Max was born at Reichenbach in Saxony in 1897. After being discharged from the German Army at the end of WW I he married and settled in Hanover. The first reference to him in German dog records may be found in Munich Stud Book #17 for the year 1911, in which the granting to him of the kennel name von Atlantic was recorded. In that same year Mr. Ketzel came to the United States, bringing with him from Hanover a local bitch, Bella v Loewentrunz, a daughter of the German Sieger Drill v Chumbertosbrunnen. We assume she arrived here in whelp, as she produced her first litter in the 10th of August that same year, which was registered in Munich in the 1932 Stud Book, volume 18. Failing in his efforts to have his German kennel name recognized by the AKC, Mr. Ketzel chose the very appropirate Edelstamme and was breeding Boxers uninteruptedly to the time of his death in 1960. He was a founder of the American Boxer Club and a member of the Board of Governors as early as 1936. He made several trips to Germany to visit the Sieger show during the 30's.

ICH.Check v Hunnenstein, the first Boxer to go BIS all-breeds.
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Sigurd was BOB at Westminster in 1935 and attained a lifetime record of 2 BIS, 54 BOB and 43 Group 1's (Non-Sporting). He was also shown by Mr. Harnett.

He sired 16 American bred champions and 10 imports, and was the leading sire in 1936 and second in 1939 & '40. Sigurd was very prepotent, dominating every breeding and founding a line that was easily recognized. He is the grandfather of the other three foundation sires.

Sigurd was shown many times at ABC's shows and matches. He consistently won the Stud Dog class and veterans until his death at around 12 years of age.

1935

The first recorded meeting of the group of fanciers who organized the American Boxer Club was held at Luchow's Restaurant in New York City on February 16, 1935. After several subsequent meetings, formal application for membership in the American Kennel Club was made by Mrs. Rudolph Gaertner, Sec'y, on March 21. The total membership was given as 17. The application listed Harold Palmedo (se Sumbula) as President and Alexander A. Nitt (Esto Alpha) as Treasurer. Mrs. Gaertner (mother of Mrs. Palmedo), W. W. Barker, and Clinton Reed were appointed to the AKC delegates. Also on the board were Mrs. Arthur M. Lewis (a Judge), Miss Marcia Fennessey (Cirroll), Mrs. L. W. Whittemore, Mrs. K. H. Palmedo (Lillian), F. Greenhagen (asst. sec'y), and F. A. Baker. Other original members were: Mrs. John P. Wagner (Mazeline), Miriam Hostetter Young (Barmere), Max Kezel, Mrs. Dunfee, Walter and Katherine Lippert (Hunschof) and Mrs. Nitt.

The club was elected to membership in the AKC on May 14. They immediately petitioned to have the Boxer moved from the Non-Sporting Group to Working. This was granted Sept. 1. AKC had run their first show in New York in 1935 on July 25. The first show was held on July 25.

1936

A copy of the annual report for 1936, the earliest available, shows a membership already expanded to 35. The club held its first Specialty with 36 Boxers competing on June 6, 1936, in conjunction with Greenwich (Conn.) K.C. at Porchester, NY. The following year the club held its Specialty with North Westchester KC, and continued to do so until 1939. The specialty was won by Chi Corso von Buber Wasserfall of Se Sumbula, a win he repeated in 1937. Corso had been imported and finished in late 1935 by the Palmedos. He, too, was handled by Harry Harnett.

The gazette for this year lists Mrs. A. M. Lewis and James Trullinger as 2 of the 8 judges approved only for Boxers. All-rounders included Tony Kost, Alva Rosenberg, Frank Foster Davis, J. J. Dunny, Anton Korb, Ennio and Marie Mayer (two had Boxers), Louis J. Murr and, for Working Group only, Earl T. Adair.

Frank Bigler - a well known columnist and Boxer breeder - took over the Column in Popular Dogs. He had previously written for Dogdom and Kennel Review. Alice Rosenthal and J.P. Wagner handled similar duties for Dog News.

Probably the most controversial issue of the day revolved around the official Standard. There were several bone of contention - the most frequent being proportions (especially of the head), color and size. The first standard adopted by the parent club was exposed by a group led by the Palmedos. From what can be determined, they assisted the AKC in translating the first Standard into English from German. Both Lillian Palmedo and her mother, Ida Gaertner, spoke fluent German. They apparently had a very early, uncorrected copy of the German standard (from before 1920) or the Austrian standard prior to the time the Austrians adopted the newer German version. The "Se Sumbula" Boxers were heavily bred on the "Ben Satan" line from Austria. The dogs in Austria were very plain - no white was allowed above the shoulder line and none at all was considered better! Also the standard adopted by these people provided for exact proportions of the dogs' body and head which were, at that time, actually measured by the judge.

The Standard, as these people saw it, was adopted and sent to AKC before the membership - such as the Wagners -

MIRIAM BREED

Mrs. Breed played an important part in the development and acceptance of the Boxer in the United States. In 1934 she bought and campaigned Ich. Sigurd v Dom. To her the best was never too good and so with Sigurd whom Frank Bigler pictured in verses which included: "An athlete modelled in bronze and brass and every inch a king." So likewise with her very popular husband Bill Breed, though their love affair, carried on partly in his column for Dog News, was cut short by his fatal illness.

Mrs. Breed had been married before, hence the references to Miriam Hostetter Young. She was later married to Mr. Galligan whom she divorced, resuming the name of Breed.

Mrs. Breed owned and bred over 50 champions at her famous Barmere Kennels. She was successful in the East and later moved to California where she continued in Boxers and later became well-known for her Brussels Griffons.

She served many times on committees for the ABC, including trophies and was always generous with advertising and trophy donations as well as sponsoring annual awards.

Sigurd and Miriam Breed at dinner during Westminster week.
Mr. Ludwig, long time Boxer fancier, breeder and judge came to this country from his native Germany in 1892. His initial interest in Great Danes and subsequent switch to Boxers follows a familiar pattern. His first important contact with our breed was in connection with the purchase and importation for Mrs. Ludwig of the immortal German Sleigher Sigurd vom Dom. Shortly thereafter he got into Boxers himself and among other top German dogs and bitches that he imported were included Anni and Othello von Holmeuffen and Busa and Dora von Bracher Wasserfall. The long time head man of his kennel was the brindle Lustig son, Manassa Maurer von Baldan.

Mr. Ludwig was in great demand as a judge of Danes, Boxers and other working breeds. To the day of his death in 1951 he continued to be available to all and sundry to talk about Boxers. He joined the ABC in 1937 and continued an active member for the rest of his life. His passing did not lessen the importance of the Ludwig name. His daughter, Lena, and grandson, Major Charles Ludwig (USAF) were valued members for many years.

Mr. Martin was another German breeder to come to our shores during the period between the World Wars settling at Woodbridge, N.J. His interest in Boxers must have spanned a period of almost a half century as he is credited with owning and breeding them in the old country as early as 1906.

Mr. Martin commenced breeding here, using the kennel name vd Stuttgart, about 1933. His foundation bitch was Gretel vom Bergelst, whelped that same year in Bavaria, who traced back through her sire Gustel von Haldhausen through six different German Siegers to Roll von Yogolsberg. Bred to Dorian she produced two champions. A notable male, whom Mr. Martin imported and who made his championship here in ’41, was the Lustig vom Dom. Probably the best known product of the Stuttgart kennels was Ch. Piccolo, later acquired by the Kettles.

Mr. Martin was one of the small group who, as former members of the German Club in Munich, attempted to organize a branch of the same in the United States. This group was a forerunner of the present American Boxer Club. Mr. Martin himself joined the ABC in 1942 and continued until his death late in the ’50’s.

heard about the proportion and color requirements. The breeders here had all been using the current German standard - the explosion was not long in coming.

Perhaps this quote from Dan Gordons book "The Boxer" gives the clearest view of the situation. "The original members of the ABC were not at that time prominent in breeding circles and were not too familiar with the German standard or the dog then considered most acceptable in German circles. Much of the stock seen then was of an old German and Austrian type. This group was working under an obsolete standard. The most imports were from Germany, they were bred to that standard, but on arrival here, they were to be judged under an entirely different standard. Confusion reigned. The original heads of the ABC were also opposed to white (markings ed.). It was very prevalent in the on Dam breeding. It was soon realized that something would have to be done. And something was. In April 1938 the Standard was revised."

The opening guns of the loyal opposition were fired by John Wagner in the July 1938 Popular Dog Magazine article "Correct Boxer Type vs American Standard". Where he pointed out the color discrepancies and the fact that they had inserted a section on head proportions which had been dropped from the 1911 German Standard sometime prior to 1920.

Mrs. Wagner had an article on color in the July Dog News followed by another article by John Wagner in the Feb. 37 Popular Dogs "More About Boxer Type" which was a great help in adapting the current German Standard. We quote Mr. Wagner "The German Boxer is so new to America that most of our basic breeding stock is of German origin, with additional imports arriving almost daily. Under these conditions the adoption by the ABC of its own standards, definitely differing from, rather than conforming to, the accepted German version was an unforgivable blunder bound to cause trouble."

The German publication, "Boxer Blatter", even took note of the situation, criticizing the head proportions found in the ABC version of the Standard.

The controversy was only resolved by bringing Philip Stockmann (von Dom), Chief German Breed Warden, to the United States. Herr Stockmann came over to judge Boxers at Westminster in February 1938. He drew the then unprecedented entry of 102. In addition he and John Wagner spent till that night were small hours in a hotel room retranslating the official breed standard to bring ours in line with the German Standard which had by then been adopted by almost all other countries. They were assisted by the ABC Recording Secretary who acted as interpreter, Enno Meyer - noted breed artist and judge - Mrs. Palmodo and Mrs. Gaetzner. All three of whom spoke fluent German.

Again we quote Dr. Gordon, "Altho not perfect, the new revision omitted much of the confusing measurements etc., in the old, such as exact measurements of the various parts of the dog, and the revision made an excellent piece of literature. White was permitted, altho' checks were ruled out in conformity with the Germans who, after again ruling in checks, had made another about face and voted them out of the stud books effective 1-1-39." Checks from 1/3 to 1/3 white were allowed in 1937 and 1938 in Germany. Whites over 1/3 were not. Both were eliminated to attain working dog status during the war as breeders were allotted food for breeds used as war dogs. - ed.)

The new standard was approved and published in the May 38' Gazette. Mrs. Lewis suggested in her August column that an illustrated standard be done by the parent club to better define "types" in Boxers.

Herr Stockmann’s judging formula was passed on in the Sept. 38 Dog News as follows: "General appearance shall dominate over all other qualifications...Minor faults are to be overlooked...Only those faults which are extremely difficult to eliminate from the breed are to be severely penalized...Unsoundness, unless of a hereditary character, is of slight consequence." Herr Stockmann and Mr. Wagner concurred in the opinion that lack of stop, long back and bad hindquarters were the hardest faults to eliminate.

1937

ICH. Dorian v Marienhof von Mazelaine - who had gone BOB at Westminster in 1936 - became the first Boxer to win the Working Group there in 1937 and was a strong BIS contender. He ran undefeated in his breed and set the first BIS record for Boxers with 22 all breed BIS wins. Dorian was a large, impressive brindle male. He had been Schutzshund trained and never forgot it. Film is available of him moving and going over a 5-6” jump at about 8 years of age.

Jack Wagner always said Dorian was their greatest Boxer and one suspects he had him in mind while working on the standard. Dorian was the leading sire in 1937, ’38 and ’40 and
Dorian with John Wagner and Valentine Martin

JOHN PHELPS WAGNER

John P. Wagner first rose to prominence in the field of pure-bred dogs as a breeder and judge of great Danes. He held a license to Judge Danes for several years prior to obtaining a license for Boxers. The Wagners had imported several well known Danes, including a top winning Harlequin with which they took their first BIS in 1928. Due to the Depression and Jack’s ill health the Dane kennel was disbanded in the early 30’s. Casting about for the “perfect dog” Jack drew a picture of one which Mazie recognized as a dog she had seen not too far from their home in Milwaukee. Investigation revealed this paragon to be a BOXER and the Wagners were shortly “in Boxers”.

The first Boxer to carry the Mazelaine name was the future champion Landa, acquired as a puppy from her breeder - Dr. Birk, also of Milwaukee (Birkbaum). She was born in 1932 and was the forerunner of a long line of champion Boxers owned or bred by Mazelaine.

Mr. Wagner proceeded to do a tremendous amount of research in the early record of the Boxer breed and to import many excellent specimens from Germany. This naturally led to the production of the first book written in English on the Boxer - the now famous text book “The Boxer” published in 1939. In the introduction Frank Bigler predicted that the Wagner book would become the Bible of the American Boxer breeder and he was not far wrong.

The Wagners owned and bred many of the top winners from the early 1930’s until the late 50’s. The two foundation sires Dorian and Utz were imported by them from von Dom in Germany. They bred many of the top winners during the 40’s such as Overture, Serenade, Warlord and Brandy. Jack received numerous awards as Breeder of the Year, including the much coveted Gaines “Fido”.

1938

In addition to the "Great Standard Controversy" being settled, 1938 was a year of reorganization for the ABC. A complete change in officers occurred in 1938 and John Wagner was voted Honorary Secretary. The membership had practically doubled, standing at 106.

Eastern Boxer Club was formed and held their first show with Bryn Mawr KC in May. The entry was 30 Boxers.

The First American Boxer to appear at the Balder of Fostoria, Aug. 26 at Bar Harbor, Maine. He was bred, owned and shown by Walter Foster, Fostoria Kennels. Lorenzo of Mazelaine owned by E.W. Wackerhagens, Racine, Wis. missed the honor by 2 days, going Group 1 on Aug. 28 under Enno Meyer.

At the ABC’s Nov. Fun Match Danilo of Fostoria was BIM. He was owned and bred by Walter Foster. This was the 3rd match and he had an entry of 68, topping the last one which had had an entry of over 50 puppies.

Mid-West Boxer Club held their 2nd Independent specialty Dec. 19 & 20 with an entry of 44 (10-23-3). BB was Ch. Kobby of Mazelaine owned by W.H. Wagner (no relation). BB/WB was Dimple of Tulgey Wood and WB was Hermes v Urscher Wasserfall se Sumbula, owned by Wagners - this finished his championship. Activities on the West Coast were heating up too. The 1st Pacific coast breed champion - High Spot Heidel - completed the title for his breeders Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ladin of No. Hollywood, Cal.

Dr. Blake Watson maintained a very large breeding establishment in the L.A. area. He had increased his already large kennel with the purchase of several excellent Boxers from the Barmere dispersal sale in the fall. Also active was band leader Victor Young who bought and campaigned Ch. Banner of Barmere to several big wins.

Sirrah Crest was established by Dr. & Mrs. R.C. Harris with the acquisition of Marshall von Bismark, their first champion.

1939

The Boxer had first been introduced to the United States in 1904. There were 19 registered in the next 22 years. By 1934, 71 had been registered. By 1938 this figure had jumped to 724. The Boxer was becoming better known.

The ABC incorporated in New York as a non-profit organization in 1939. There were 9 directors required. Richard
C. Ketbles was chosen as the new AHC Delegate - a post which he held for 16 years. Mid-West Boxer Club and Eastern Boxer Club were accepted as the first two member clubs. New committees included Librarian filled by Charles O. Spannus and Obedience headed by Katherine Lippert who had organized the first Trial Committee, the year before. The next column was turned over to the new Publicity and Promotions Committee headed by Mrs. George Ross Hall with "staff members" Mrs. J.P. Wagner, Mrs. H. Plamedo, Fred Hamm and Alfred Greens. The Librarian supported entry was at the members encouraged to send in their Boxer clippings and pictures for his files. (Unfortunately we have no record of anything being sent.)

So the Annual Specialty was held June 10 with North Westchester in Katonah, NY on the Estate of Mr. T. Whitney Blake. This show was a memorial to Mr. William E. Breed. From the results it would appear that Mrs. Breed was to have judged and Mr. Frank Simms stood in for her after the death of her husband. Judge Frank Simms had an entry of 74.

BOB was Ch. Blene y Elbe-Bogen se Sumuela owned by the Palmedes. DW/MB went to Neltaline Kelsy of Kenosha owned by J.P. Wagner with RNB to Barbel vd Rietkenkopp se Sumuella, also owned by the Palmedes. WD was Kaeper of Kenosha (tittermate to Kelsy) owned by Dr. Steffes and RWD of Dornick owned by the Ketles. Kelsy and Kaeper were by Dorian out of Crona, a cross which also produced Serenade and Duke Kronion in later repeats.

Blene was the first bitch to make a record in our breed. She was campaigned extensively by Harry Harnett and became the first bitch to win a BIS. She finished her career with 4 BIS and was still winning breeds from the Veterans Class in 1941 - also first.

"The Boxer" by John P. Wagner was published in time for the Annual Specialty. This book became and remains today the Bible for Boxer breeders. It went through several printings between 1939 and 1949. It was a best seller and it is still in print today. It can still be found today, the breeders of today and the breeders of the future.

Mr. Wagner had a tremendous wealth of knowledge derived from his contacts with the German breeders - particularly the Stockmaids - and from 10 years of breeding on a very large scale. Malazela undoubtedly had the largest Boxer kennel in the United States, often having 80 to 100 Boxers in the breeder program. New studs were kept on hand and had the proper females to establish their ability to consistently produce the high quality puppies demanded by the Wagners. Most of the top kennels had Malazela breeding in their programs, including Striradals. Malazela still holds the record today as the kennel with the most champions bred owned or finished and with over 130.

The 4th ABC Fun Match took place July 8 at Miss Francis Crawford's, Ridge Street, Port Chester, NY. BIS was Mr. and Mrs. Wagner's Serenade of Malazela, later to become a top winning Boxer. Best Puppy Dog was Ludwig's Alex owned by C.O. Spannus. The entry was a hefty 50 puppies.

A minor discussion occurred that fall over whether to divide the Open Class by color at the ABC shows, Mid-West and Morris and Essex were both doing so and it was very well received. ABC adopted the practice the next year.

Mid-West Boxer Club, originally scheduled to hold their show in May, had their specialty on Sept. 30 with Devon KC. Miss Marcia Fennessey judged 43 Boxers with 50 entries. Ch.Utzt V Dom of Malazela topped the breed and went on to take BIS. DW/MB was owned by Rockhold. Irwin Bay of Malazela WD to Dorn of Dornick owned by the Ketles and later to become one of his big winners.

In October war was declared in Europe, effectively cutting the US off from imports and advice for the duration. Several Boxer clubs were formed during this time.

November was a busy month for Boxerites nation wide. Perhaps spurred on by the knowledge that they were cut off from the German breeders and there would be little or no importations for the foreseeable future.

Ch. Hermes v Uracher Wasserfall se Sumuela was BOB at the Mid-West Boxer Club on Sept 29, owner and breeder was Ch. Sir Gahald of Balfan from the 9-12 class, owned by E. Greer and Sturton, J. of W. Rhyndamon, Detroit. RWD was his tittermate Sir Royal of Balfan owned by Fritz Dinter. These two caused quite a sensation as no one knew about them ahead of time. They both finished their championships and became the first and second CD title holders in the Midwest area. DW/MB from the Open class was the sensational Serenade of Malazela who finished at 16 mos. and RWD was Malazela Melonin of Malazela.

The ABC Fall puppy match was held Nov. 19 at the Ketles Estate in Old Brookville, NY. There were 14 judges - 7 licensed and 7 unlicensed. Judging by ballot. Best in Show was Pretty of Edelstam owned by Edelstam Kennels. Best 6 to 9 was Frazio van Roddenwalde owned by H.M. von Bux. Best 3 to 6 was Minnute of Malazela owned by the Wagners.

Southern Boxer Club was formed in Birmingham with 12 members. This was a "regional" club with members from all over the South. The President was Douglas I. Hunt (Birbama in Birmingham). Among the members were Mr. and Mrs. Adams (Bellum ATLANTA), Mr. and Mrs. Schell (Tobacco ATLANTA), Mr. Hay (Atlanta). Also involved were Mr. Booth (Dupont-Tenn), W. E. Craig (Nashville), Anthony Constans (Birmingtong) and Mr. Osborn and Mr. Miller (Atlanta). The club became inactive during the war.

The same month saw the formation of Michigan BC. There were many well known Boxer people in the Detroit area. Among the members were President - Dr. Douglas Schell, Vep - Dr. Gerald Fitzgerald, Secy/Treas. - Earl Davidson and Board Members - Dr. E. Daniels (owner of Kapoelmeister), John Beale and Dr. Dan Gordon (Bladon). Pacific Coast BC (Long Beach) also got started in Nov of '39, joining ABC in 1940. Their first specialty was held June 22/23, 1940 with Long Beach KC. Officers were President - Dr. C. Harris, Vep - Paul Ladin and Edward Prinz, Secy - Dr. Blake H. Watson, Tres - George Zimmerman and Board - Mrs. Gross and Mr. Sullivan.

All of these breeders were very active in Boxers in California. Dr. Watson had bought and showed several specials including the well known winner Ch. Ingro d Heger se Sumuela. Paul Ladin - who died of a heart attack in March 1940 - owned High Spot Boxers. High Spot was active in both show and obedience, having the first CD on the west coast. The Ladins encouraged obedience competition and several of their breeding qualified for titles in the obedience ring as well as in conformation.

Dr. and Mrs. Harris had several Boxers they were showing including Ch. Golden Girl, who attended the Mid-West BC show in Nov. that year and met the Wagners for the first time.

As mentioned elsewhere, Mr. Freund was another Boxer devotee and very important to the development of the breed in this country. As early as 1909, as a youngster he was already showing his own English Bulldogs. In '36 the Freunds acquired their first Boxer who was registered under their own name, though Malazela bred, as Tweedle Dee of Tulsey Wood, a son of Dorian out of Dagmar of Malazela.

The Freund's venture into Boxers was deliberate and the result of searching for a breed that was a loving companion, a courageous guardian of children and a discriminating watchdog. They found all of this in the Boxer. The establishment of the famous Tulsey Wood estate gave Mr. Freund the opportunity to really branch out in his favorite breed and he purchased and imported in rapid succession the great Lusky Voom, Pitt vd Vurn and several bitches including Lis Jvd Blutenau, Dolly vd Golmer Berg, Xanta vd Germainstolz, Jolli v Hager and others. These and the progeny they began to accumulate were all housed in a most modern and scientific kennel embodying such innovations as air conditioning, duplicate sets of removable wooden gratings for the floors of the interior pens and wind breaks for amicable runs. Tulsey Wood campaigned its own dogs until the US entered the War in 1941. In all, some forty dogs carrying this kennel suffix acquired championship titles. Records indicate that Mr. Freund became a member of the ABC in 1936 and continued as such until his death in November, 1947.
"At my approach, the Boxer turned his head, and I overheard a word from the young man who was holding him; it sounded like "Tootie," and that was the tip-off. As I took the dog in my hands and went over him, inch by inch, feeling the bone and muscle, examining teeth and eyes and getting the 'feel' of him, I was smiling to myself. I could name the dog, all right, I was sure of that now. But he was even better than I would have expected—much better; he was just that good that I was none too sure I had ever seen a better one!"

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FRANK BIGLER

Mr. Bigler was certainly the most prolific writer on the Boxer breed that has ever been from this country and one of its most provocative spokesmen. His own first dog was Sigurd's Honig of Blumwound, acquired as a young puppy, in 1935, from Dr. Kearns, an early Milwaukee breeder. As her name indicates, she was a Sigurd-bred Haris v deltibug, sire of several Bravenhertz litters. But Frank's long-time favorite was undoubtedly his Ch. Kniff v Blutenau, a dog who lived to the ripe old age of fourteen, dying only a month or so before his master.

Some of Frank's finest writing was done for the now extinct magazine DOGDOOM. In addition to the above he carried on columns for DOG NEWS, POPULAR DOGS, BOXER BRIEFS, and edited, single-handed, the parent club's own BOXER CLUB REVIEW. He was much sought after as a judge.

DR. S. POTTER BARTLEY

Dr. Bartley of Northport, L.I., joined the ABC in 1937 and the following year became the club's second president. Starting in '38 as a member of the then Board of Governors, he continued as an active and valued Director to the date of his death in 1952. It is impossible to overestimate the contributions he made to the success of the ABC as he helped greatly to establish the firm foundation on which the present solid structure rests.

Dr. Bartley, an extremely prominent surgeon in Brooklyn, like others, had been a long time breeder and exhibitor of Great Danes. He served a term as President of that breed's parent club and was its delegate to the AKC. In the early thirties he branched out into Boxers and showed the imported Dora v Uracher Wasserfall acquired with the help of Charles Ludwig, to her American championship. Dr. Bartley and his wife, Poka, bred and exhibited their Shinnecock Boxers in a modest way throughout the years. The doctor was in considerable demand as a judge at top Eastern shows. He did Danes at Morris & Essex and Westminster in '41 and '44. He judged ABC in 1942. Dr. Bartley was a guest of honor at the ABC's 1952 annual dinner.

also took home with them three puppies, 2 from the repeat of the Durian/Crona breeding which produced Serenade. The male was named "Duke" and the female "Tootsie," and that was the tip-off. As I took the dog in my hands and went over him, inch by inch, feeling the bone and muscle, examining teeth and eyes and getting the 'feel' of him, I was smiling to myself. I could name the dog, all right, I was sure of that now. But he was even better than I would have expected—much better; he was just that good that I was none too sure I had ever seen a better one!

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The years 1940 and 41 saw little change in the makeup of the ABC board. Mr. Wagner became the first Honorary Vice President at the December 1940 meeting. One may well wonder why the Wagners spent a great deal of time in the East—especially since puppies owned by them won at the ABC matches. Perhaps the answer to this and, in part, their influence with ABO, lies not only in their position as the top breeders but also in the fact that Mrs. Louise Stafl Ritter [Jack Ritter's mother] was Jack's sister. Al and Mary Cousins were also very close to the Wagners—working at Mazelane at a later time. Both of the Cousins and Mrs. Ritter were very active in ABC, serving on the board in several capacities and chairing the bench shows.

The spring ABC match was held Feb. 11, the day before Westminster. John Wagner judged an entry of 50. Best Puppy was Bravenhertz Favorite Fad owned and bred by Bravenhertz Kniis. [Frank Bigler]. She was later purchased by Mrs. Breed and subsequently donated to the seed bank. Best Dog was Wachau Toepferhof bred by Dr. Marcý and owned by Mrs. and Mrs. Harold Potter. Open [Best Adult] went to Sumula's Andor who later finished for the Plamedos. Sigurd topped the Pregeny Class. Best Bitch went to Barnes and Women's Handling to Mary Cousins.

Utz was 808 and Group 1 at the Garden the next day—the second Boxer to go first in the Westminster Group. We offer here the description of Utz by the well-known writer Frank Bigler (Dogdom 6-39):

"It was about nine P.M. when we adjourned from the hotel dining room to a well-lit spot on the deserted side of the street and the dog was brought out for my inspection. We were playing a sort of game; all I knew was that the dog had just arrived from Germany and I was supposed to look him over and try to guess his name."

"The Boxer was set up in show pose in the reflected brilliance of the side marquee, his fawn coat gleaming like bronze in the yellowish lights. His first brief glance to me. I had seen that noble, proudly-carried head with its right-handed white blaze somewhere before; there was a hazy recollection of a Boxer Blatter picture."

"Stepping away a few feet, I studied the front, the clean sweep of the neck into the long, sloping shoulders, the slight forward arch of the deep chest, the sturdy twin columns formed by the straight front legs. On closer inspection of the head, the muzzle showed an interesting square and well-balanced clean skull. The ears were well set and properly trimmed. The brown eyes were of correct shape, the stop excellent, the expression intelligent and pleasing—a beautiful correct setup."

"As I walked out to take in a rear view, this intriguing couple stopped to watch curiously. One good look from the rear told me that I was looking at a BOXER, one of the finest I had ever seen; there was no mistaking that short, straight run of topline from the high-set tail to higher withers, the swell of well-sprung ribs, the tight, taut musculature of the shoulders. The center-lines of the rear legs arched gracefully away from the back through strong, well-muscled thighs and dropped in a straight parallel down to firmly-plant ed feet."

"When I stepped off the curb to get a better side view, several more passers-by had stopped to stare. But who cares what a few strangers may think, when there's a good dog to be seen? From the side, a picture of perfect balance-a powerfully built animal in gorgeous refinement. From the excellent head down the long, "dry" neck to the best I had yet seen on a fawn male-back to the splendid angulation of the rear legs, and all the way forward again, I sought for the flaw. It wasn't there. I checked the points. Feet unusually good. stance, substance, bone, harmony of parts—all excellent. Bottom line all one could ask for. Not a good dog, this—a great dog!"

"Something about this dog seemed very familiar. Unquestionably the Sigurd influence was predominant. I thought of "von Dom" and then of another great sire and how he would look with a bit more refinement and style. Ah! Maybe that was it! But would he be as good as this?"
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Ch. Utz Vom Dom, best of breed, Chicago, with his
owner John Wagner of the
Famous Mazelaine Kennels, Milwaukee.
Eastern Boxer Club held their specialty May 12 with Huntington KC. Erwin Freund (Tulgey Wood) judged.

The Potomac BC, Washington D.C. was started by Keith Merril - also the new ABC Columnist - and Mrs. Jouett Shouse who was President.

Dr. Gordon published his book "The Boxer" in May. The jacket had a pen and ink drawing of Ch. Quality of Barmere (owned by the Hannafords and a hot winner of the time).

The ABC June 8 Specialty was also judged by John Wagner. There were over 70 and BOB went to the Kettles' Ch. Kurass vd Blutenau of Dorick. Kurass had gone 9-2 at Morris and Essex the week before. He was also the First Boxer to go BIS in Canada (1939). The Kettles purchased Serenade about this time and retired Kurass.

The ABC Fall meet was held Sept. 22 at St. Albans, Li, NY. The Judge was Dr. S. Potter Bartley. Best Puppy was Hall's Capt. Jinks. Best Bitch Puppy - Susy of Edelstamm. Sigurd won the Grenoble Bitch class and Ch. Kitty vd Uhsandelshoek. The parade of champions was held with Dorick having the most entries - five.

Fall saw several firsts in the Boxer world. Ch. Brace of Briarmole, owned by Mrs. T. G. Schreiber of New Baltimore, MD, handled by Marvin Young became the first American Bred Bitch to go BIS. He was by Lustig out of Frey of Mazelaine.

This was followed shortly by Ch. Liz von Dom of Mazelaine - home to the midwest after a very successful Eastern campaign - won his first group with his new handler, Larry Downey. Jimmie Sullivan, who had handled Dorian and Lustig, had succumbed to a heart attack earlier in the year.

Potomac BC held their first puppy meet Nov. 2 with 45 entries. Judge Fred Ham gave BIS to Brevenhartz Baldoran Kottinka owned by Mrs. L. V. Johnson. BOB was Ch. Kipper of New Baltimore, MD, handled by R. Gordon Law.

Best Puppy Dog was Sumbula's Saturn from 6-9. 6-9 Classes were offered for adults, too. "Winners Dog" was Sumbula's Gunnard owned by Elizabeth Lemon from the "Open with points" class. "Winners Bitch", from the same class, was Mazalaine's Bonita owned by Mrs. Stattery. There was an obedience demonstration by Coquette vd Stuttgarder, CDX owned by Glenn S. Studebaker and a good time was had by all.

Mid-West BC held its annual specialty Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Judge was Mrs. A.M. Lewis. Liz and Kavaller of Mazelaine were not shown. This was announced ahead of time to encourage entries. This show offered another innovation in the classes - Best American Bred Specials class was the new one this year and went on to compete for BOB also. This had been introduced earlier that year at Morris and Essex and was adopted enthusiastically by Mazie Wagner at NWBC. Ch. Serenade of Mazelaine was a new entry at NA
e.

Until its demise in the '50's Morris and Essex was the show to win. It was larger than the winter fixture Westminster and far more prestigious. MAE was held at "Giralda", the estate of Mrs. Geraldine Hartley Dodge. Sterling silver trophies were offered for all BOB, Group and BIS winners. The "Giralda" silver pattern was created especially for Mrs. Dodge.

Entries at MAE ran well over 4000 even in the late 30's. Exhibitors - 3000 to 4000 off - were fed a catered lunch on the grounds. This outdoor show required over 25 large tents for grooming and judging and had many spacious rings. The gate was lowered 40-5000 and repositioning was sometimes necessary.

Jack and Mazie each judged MAE - Mazie being the first woman to do Boxers there. Her one ambition in life was to win BIS at Morris and Essex. Fulfillment eluded her until 1955 when Ch. Baroque of Quality Hill defeated Barrage in the breed and went all the way to BIS.

The MWBC entry that year was 59. WD from 9-12 was Pancho von Dom owned by Robert L. Anderson and bred by Charles O. Brott. This puppy was not bred by the Stockmanns and the use of their kennel name on him - even though he was a good specimen - resulted in the von Dom kennel name being registered in the United States to protect it from such use. The new American Bred Specials class was topped by the Kettles' Ch. Dorn of Dorick and BOB from the regular specials class was Serenade. BOB was Ch. Kobold of Mazelaine owned by the W.H. Wagners, MWBC also introduced another innovation that proved very popular - the pre-show dinner. During the early 40's at the least, the independent specialty and the good times had by all made Mid-West the show to attend for everyone.

Ch. Brace of Briarmole, first American Bred to go Group 1.

ABC elected its Board and Officers at the February meeting. Among others on the Board were Lt. Com. Keith Merril (USNR and General Patton brother-in-law), Mrs. Palmedo, Dr. Bartley, and Al Cousins.

Potomac Boxer Club and Pacific Coast BC both joined ABC in 1940, bringing the total member clubs to 4 with Mid-West and Eastern Boxer Clubs. New England BC had been formed as had the Boxer Club of Pennsylvania. Southern Boxer Club supported the entry at the Nashville KC show in April.

New England Boxer Club numbered Miss Marcia Fennessey, Mrs. Harold Palmedo, and columnist John J. Baird among its members.

Potomac held their first Specialty with Old Dominion KC April 26. Judge for this event was the very popular Fred Ham. The new American Bred Specials class was offered at the show also.

Summer brought several important Boxer events including MAE, the ABC summer puppy match, and the Annual Specialty with North Westchester.

Mazie judged Boxers at MAE. She had the unprecedented entry of 59. BOB and Group 3 from the classes was the Kettles' young flyer Piccolo vd Stuttgarder (bred by Valentine Martin).

The June 8, ABC match was judged by Mrs. A.M. Lewis at St. Albans' Golf Club on Long Island. The 66 dog entry was topped by Kalmar of Blysee from the 9-12 class. Best Puppy Bitch was Andra of Chares from 6-9 bred by Charles S. Spannous and owned by Miss Jane Rhoad. The Parade of Champions Included 5 Dorick Champions - Serenade, Rido, Dorn, Heid and Kurass.

The ABC Specialty had an entry the week after the match of 50 for Judge Engle. BOB was the Kettles' Serenade. BOB was Ch. Adolph of Balancing Rock owned by Thomas P. Seers and B/W WD went to Kalmar of Blysee. He was owned by Joulder Higgins of Greenwich, M.B. was Edes of Barmere.

Mid-West BC had their 5th Annual Specialty and Dinner Nov. 29 & 30 with an entry for Alva Rosenberg of 59. BOB went to Ch. Overture of Mazelaine owned by Mrs. Lawrence Slesinger, BOS to Ch. Piccolo vd Stuttgarder, Best American Bred Special to Ch. Kobold of Mazelaine at 1 1/2 years of age.

The euphoric feeling that was the calm before the storm and a nation's hopes that we would avoid the "European Conflict" came to an abrupt end on Dec. 7 at Pearl Harbor. We were suddenly at war in both the Pacific and in Europe.

1941

By early 1941 Dog Fanciers in the United States were beginning to take notice of the war in Europe. The proceeds from the Westminster KC Show were donated to the American Red Cross. This was a foreshadowing of things to come.
Chapter 2
WAR

"In the Allied headquarters at Reims, Germany Col. Gen.
Jodl signed the Instrument of German Surrender on May 7, 1945.
At midnight of the next day there ended in Europe, a conflict
that had been raging since Sept. 1, 1939."

"Europe had been at war for a full year before America
became alarmed over its pitifully inadequate defenses."

On July 1, 1939 the Army had 154,095 total personnel. By fall
of 1941 that had been increased to 227,000. "In the spring
of 1940, with the German seizure of Denmark and Norway, the Blitz
that swept from the Rhine through France to the Bay of Biscay,
and the crippled retreat of the British Army from Dunkirk,
America began to grow uneasy. By the middle of June (after
the fall of France and Poland in May—Ed) the Regular Army
had doubled in strength and had been increased to 275,000. By the
end of August, Congress had authorized mobilization of the
National Guard, six weeks later selective service was in
operation. By the summer of 1941 the Army of the United States
composed of Regulars, Guardsmen and citizen soldiers, numbered
1,500,000." Unfortunately, nearly 1,000,000 of these could
only be used in the Western Hemisphere as Roosevelt had used
the threat to South America to win the Congress into building
the Army up. Also, like Washington's Army of the Potomac,
their term of service was only 1 year.

In November 1941 a breathing spell occurred. Pressure
seemed to slack off in Europe. The Germans had devastated
Western Russia but were stopped at Lenigrad, Moscow and
Sebastopol. An Axis peace conference from Japan—an Axis
country—was in Washington. Most Americans believed the Japanese
had been bluffed and that war in the Pacific had been averted. Many
people were on their mission and would not become involved.
Dog fanciers were no different. Shows continued unabated.

If anything, the next 6 months seemed to stimulate the
formation of clubs here and the feeling that we were "on our
own now!"

By afternoon Dec. 7, 1941—we were at war. All resources
available— which weren't much—were channeled to the
Pacific. The Phillipines were surrounded and cut off. They
fell in April/May 1942 trapping several divisions of Americans
who had been stationed there since 1935 to assist in building the
isolated defense preparatory to independence in 1946.

The Japanese were stopped at the Midway Islands in June
1942. Supply lines to Russia and the British in Egypt were
just barely kept open. The Mediterranean had become an Axis
lake with the taking of North Africa by Rommel.

The invasion of Northern Europe did not take place until
June 1944. The US Army had to be built, trained, supplied
and transported across thousands of miles of ocean. Britain,
already fully mobilized, and unable to do more, became a giant
staging ground for the invasion.

In June 1942 there were 2 US Divisions (34,000 men) in
England. They had no equipment, no tanks, few ships to supply
them and very few planes. The landing craft used to invade
North Africa and Normandy had not even been invented!

By June 1944 Allied strength had grown to over 2,876,000
— half of them Americans. There were 41 Divisions
(697,000 men) still in the US to be transported along with all their
equipment.

Our Boxers and their owners went to war along side the
rest of the nation. Canine war stories had begun appearing in
the Gazette and Dog News in 1940. Germany had entered the war
with literally thousands of war dogs in many capacities. Japan
had imported from Germany 10,000 trained "police" dogs prior
to Pearl Harbor. Both countries had a special division of the
military to handle the Canine Corp. The United States had
nothing in the way of dogs trained for military service,
programs, trainers, etc. The show and obedience people
particularly in working breeds, responded admirably.

1. These quotes and some of the following general information
are from "Crusade in Europe" by Gen.Dwight D.Eisenhower.Perma
books.1948.

Soliciting funds for Dogs for Defense

1942

Dogs for Defense, Inc. had been started as a non-profit
organization to promote the use of dogs in the military. The
idea was sold to Assistant of War Robert Patterson and Major
General E.B. Gregory by William F. Buckley and Mrs. Milton S.
Erlanger. A "commission to recruit" was authorized for 200
Sentry Dogs and Lt. Col. Clifford Smith appointed Commander
of the Sentry Dog Corps. Not having utilized dogs previously the
armed forces had no idea how useful they would be. They also
had no facilities, no trainers and no dogs.

FDN arranged the donation of 200 trained sentry dogs to the
Army. Requirements were for medium sized dogs or bitches
1-5 years of age. Preferred were those trained with both voice
and hand signal. Trainers were recruited from among local dog
people. The dogs stayed with them during "basic" and when
adequately trained were assigned to the military.

Many shows were held as benefits for DFD and other war
efforts. Some were cancelled due to lack of facilities and
transportation. Passes on trains, planes and buses were restric-
ted. Gas was rationed and this eliminated those shows held
out on some of the larger estates. Among the casualties was
M.E. AKC ceased their requirement that shows be bunched if
admission was charged and unbench shows gained in popular-
ity. Car pooling and trains were recommended for transpor-
tation. Tires were in short supply. Six and seven day work
weeks in industry cut into entries. Later more gas rationing
and travel restrictions further reduced participation. Large
vehicles to transport dogs were no longer available, nor
were many new cars. Ford, American Motors, International and Alice
Chalmers were all converted to produce military vehicles—
tanks and famous jeeps.

Railroad travel was hazardous as all freight had priority
and schedules were often not kept. In addition, rooms
were often not available on arrival in the larger cities-military
had priority.

There was some rationing and certain items were either
scarce or just unavailable. All leather goods were used to
make war gear. Shoes were rationed as were some fabrics such
as canvas and silk. Some food items were rationed — coffee,
tea, sugar, meat and butter— others were not available— like
olives, Durban, and chocolate. Cigarettes were rationed, too.

Dry dog food really came into its own during the war.
There was plenty of wheat, corn and some other grains
available to make the dry food, as all pork and beef was sent
overseas.

Colliers ran a story in the Dec. 27 issue "Retreat From
Moskow" by Quentin Reynolds. It told the story of the removal
of four US Diplomats and "Sully"— a large fawn male Boxer who
shared their flight from Moskow to the West.
War work was uppermost in the minds of Americans during 1943. The Coast Guard recruited 4,000 sentry dogs (shepherds preferred) through DFD early in the year. Lt. Comdr. Merrill reiterated his call for dogs for the military. Several clubs gave war bonds or stamps in place of trophies at their shows, this included the ABC host club, North Westchester. Gas rationing in the US led to an innovation called "cluster shows" and further reduced entries at some shows.

Conditions were severe in some areas of Britain. The British Isles had limited all pleasure driving to within a 25-mile radius. The US gave every third shipment of food and supplies to the British. No gas was available unless the work was vital to the war effort, there was no coffee and cigarettes were rationed to two packs a week. Most large shows had ceased in 1939 but a type of small local show was still being held in several locations. The Dublin BC (Ireland) was formed with N. Fitzgerald, Secy.

The numbers of US Boxer judges had increased to 47. These included Dr. S. Potter Bartley, Francis Bigler, Erwend Freund, Major Godson, Fred Hann, Mr. and Mrs. Kerna, Mr. Kettles, Mrs. A.M. Lewis, Lena Ludwig, Derek Kayne, Max Riddle, Douglas Hunt and Mrs. and Mrs. J.P. Wagner. They were joined by A.K. Nicholas, Keith Merrill and Hans Oberharnmer that summer. Judges were advised by AKC to have exhibitors open the dogs mouths to prevent transmission of disease. It is easy to forget that many of the vaccines we have today were not available then. Losses to Distemper, Lepo and Hepatitis were all to common and even vaccination for Rabies was still very controversial.

One of the more interesting War Dog stories involved "Max", a member of a Ft. Benning, Ga. paratrooper unit. He was awarded his wings after 5 jumps with his unit.
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Best of Breed at Westminster was won by Ch. Volante of Mazelaine under Judge Fred Hamm. Al and Mary Cousins announced that they were moving to Mazelaine to take over as kennel managers.

Eastern BC held their show May 30 with Delaware Co.KC. Dr. Gordon Judged. Potomac had John Wagner do the honors May 1 at their show held with Old Dominion KC and held a puppy match with 24 entries in the fall. BC of Penn held the show with Anthracite KC Sept. 4, Mrs. Rob. Kerns judging.

Dr. Frank F. Rubin, Quincy, Mass. announced the formation of the Eastern Educational BC with 30 members. Secy. was Roland Brown and health of the Boxer was to be their major concern.

The first Boxer to be on television was Nutwoods Isolde owned by Kenneth Kroll, Shenectady. She was shown going GI at a local match.

The ABC fall match was held Nov. 13 with Fred Hamm judging. DP was El Gloria - then 10 mos. old. She by Eagle of Tulgey Wood out of Ch. Mahler's Miss Eva and owned by Mr & Mrs A. Harvey.

A new boxer head was adopted for the AKC Gazette columns. Sigurd had passed on in early 42 and his head study had been used up until this time. It was replaced with Ch. Serena of Mazelaine who currently had 90 BOB, 84 GI and 3 BIS to her credit. She was said to have the classic boxer bitch head.

In 1943 Heigh Ho Bramble became the top producing dam with 9 champions, 7 of which finished in 1943. Two of her sons were also producers, Chs. But Good and Babbling Over of Lilac Hedge.

Mid-West BC had grown to the largest club in membership outside of Germany. They held their show Nov. 2 & 3 with Frank Bigler Judging 68 Boxers. There were 130 at the pre-show dinner. They scored another first at this show, offering Best Puppy. It was won by Yller of Mazelaine - later purchased by the Larks of Meritare and campaigned by Ellie Rowe (Linderholm Wood) to several BIS.

Other winners were BOB - Ch. Adair of Three Birches owned by Raymond Hall, BOS - Country Miss of Kerspetal owned by S.A. Bean and WB - Desdemona of Feoradi owned by Mrs. C.G. Cross. WD was Kobang of Sirrah Crest owned handled by Dr. Harris. He went up over Larry Downey with Schoolmaster of Mazelaine, who had been winners dog at ABC when 10 mos. of age. Kobang's record after this trip was very good including 2 GI and a G2. This gave him 13 pts. Kobang became Sirrah Crest's first big winning male and was Dr. Harris' favorite Boxer. He went on to become the first Boxer from the West Coast to win in eastern competition, taking BOB at M&E in 1944.

Boxer people were eagerly anticipating 1944. Mr. R.C. Kettles, Chairman of the Sanction Show Committee, had made arrangements for the first independent ABC Annual Specialty to be held at the Hotel McAlpin January 9.

Dr. & Mrs. Brundage of Lilac Hedge with, left to right, Ch. Blossom Time, Ch. By Request, Heigh Ho Bramble, Ch. Better Still and Ch. But Good of Lilac Hedge.

1944

The year 1943 ended with the membership expanded to 150. Of these only 2 are still with us - Gerald C. Broadt and Mrs. Jouett Shouse.

Our first Independent Specialty drew an entry of 106, 22 of which were absent. Most were from the New York area (61) although 9 other states were represented. Warlord went all the way from the open class to Best of Breed under Judge A.A. "Tony" Rost.

Pacific Coast BC held the first independent specialty on the West Coast Feb. 2, in Hollywood, Cal. Heigh Ho Painted Chief, owned by Barmore took the breed from Open. He became one of the years hot specials on the Coast, later going BIS.

It was an interesting year for show observers. Painted Chief and Dr. & Mrs. Harris' Ch. Mazelaine's Blond Bombshell fought it out in the West while Warlord and El Wendie had an even bigger duel in the East. El Wendie had had a very successful litter by Utz and returned to the ring to run her total of BIS wins up to 24 - passing Dorian's record of 22. She broke the record in the fall at the Harrisburg KC all-breed.

Plans for the first Futurity were approved at the February meeting. This included only puppies from 6 to 12 mos. of age. Judging was to be handled by the specialty judge.
In 1943 Jack Wagner commissioned noted artist June Harrah to do a sculpture of the Ideal Boxer. Miss Harrah spent a week at Mazelaine in the process. The Ideal Boxer was a composite of at least 20 live specimens and many pictures. It was cast in bronze as well as porcelain. The porcelain were done by the famous Rookwood Pottery and came in either bisque or painted and glazed. Accounts differ on the number originally produced but it is known that Jack was not happy with several of the porcelain and had them destroyed. Very few seem to have survived to the present day in either the bisque or glaze finish. The American Boxer Club adopted this sculpture as the official model of an Ideal Boxer at the 1944 membership meeting. The porcelains were made available for purchase to the membership at that time.

The Westminster show in February had two highlights for Boxer lovers. Warlord repeated his BOB win and went on to Best American Bred in Show, electrifying Boxer roots and stirring public interest. It was a foretaste of the next 10 years of unparalleled Boxer wins and Boxer publicity in the media. News reporters and magazine writers "discovered" the Boxer.

The other event at the Garden was a demonstration by a team of Coast Guardsmen and their trained sentry dogs. Apparently the armed forces planned without the typical personality of the Boxer and the one on the team stole the show, clowning his way into the hearts of the audience. The "offending member" is pictured here sitting quietly at the back of the formation.

Bob Rogers died on August 10th, 1950, in his fiftieth year. A college graduate and a veteran of WW I he elected to make a career as a kennel manager, beginning with Boston Terriers in Indiana, joining the Tulgey Wood Kennels in 1937, not long after they were founded by the late Mr. Freund. Here Bob operated as Manager of an extremely busy establishment and yet found time to serve as Secretary of the Mid-West Boxer Club, to organize and edit its bulletin and to write guest columns for his friend, Frank Bigler, from time to time.

Having married in the meantime Mr. Rogers in 1944 conceived and carried out the ambitious project of founding the first all-Boxer monthly publication - BOXER BRIEFS which he so ably edited up to the time of his death. In the midst of all this Mr. Freund died and the Rogers felt impelled to take over the Tulgey Wood Kennels, lock, stock and name. Shortly thereafter the government bought the Tulgey Wood estate for the atomic energy laboratories and the kennel was moved to Lockport, Ill. Bob was also a specialty judge.
Eastern BC held their specialty May 28 with an all-breed. Henry Lark, Meritaine Boxers, judged. Mr. Lark was President of the BC of Penn. and on the board of the ABC. El Wendie went BOB and on to BIS. BOS was a coming young special Ch. Kermia Cavalier.

The BC of Penn. show was with North Westchester in June. El Wendie and Warlord faced off for BOB with the latter getting the nod and going to BIS. Beacon of Out of Bounds finished his title at that show with the 4th 4-pointer in as many shows. Lunch was courtesy of the Larks at the Westchester Country Club.

The "Boxer Briefs" made its debut in October under Editor Bob Rogers. It was just in time for the big Fall Mid-West show on Oct 7 & 8 with Judge S. Potter Bartley. El Wendie went BOB over the 77 entries. The club reported over 350 members and had 125 at the exhibitors dinner.

This same month Reader's Digest ran a story about a seeing eye Boxer. "My Eyes Have A Cold Nose" by Hector Cervigone, the Boxer is Bravehart the Wizard by Kitt of Ch. Hazelaine's Mirande and a litter brother to Lark's Ch. Meritaine's Bravehart Wish.

PCBC held their 6th Annual specialty Nov 5. Judge Francis Bigler drew 100 entries and rain. The show was partially judged under a grandstand. Kobang came up BOB after a 10 minute duel with Painted Chief.

1945

Dogs for defense had requested 20,000 more dogs - preferably Dobes and Shepherds. Funds were adequate at that time for the DDF activities. As the Atlantic was secured and the costal defense watch was discontinued, the dogs were shifted from sentry to combat duty. Those who could not be retrained and veterans being discharged were returned to their owners. A program to "debrief" the combat dogs was initiated and proved highly successful. The dogs whose owners were unable to take them back were placed with new owners.

About the time of Westminster and the ABC the Government came out with new restrictions on travel. Dog shows were classed with "trade shows" and severe restrictions placed on them. No judges, dogs or exhibitors could be brought in from over a set distance. Many shows were simply cancelled initially and the rest had lower entries. The "Show Reports" section of the Gazette was bare, as was the "Champions Finished" section.

The War in Europe was in its final push and all supplies were being diverted to the South Pacific. Thankfully, the war in the European theater came to an end May 8, 1945. Japan surrendered in August. In the intervening time a plane took off every 30 min. carrying troops from Germany to the US For 30 days & they were then sent on to the Pacific.

The ABC published one issue of the "Boxer Club Review" magazine, edited by Bob Rogers. This was followed by several smaller bulletin type issues in '45 and '46 before it folded. Five member clubs were listed: Eastern, Mid-West, Pacific Coast, Pennsylvania Boxer Club and Potomac. New clubs had been formed in Maine and California. The New York Boxer Club announced plans for their first show. Michigan Boxer Club held their first show in Nov. of that year.

ABC held a highly successful show the day before the Garden. Accompanying this was the first Futurity. In response to the expected travel bans ABC announced a plan to promote regional matches with a national runoff after the war was done. Also suggested were various programs for club meetings.

"Judging the Boxer" by Enno Meyer was published in 1946. The Meyers were very active in Boxers and several other breeds. They were well-known artists and judges.

Lustig and Utz died within months of each other. Harry Harndt, the top handler who piloted such greats as Biene, Corso and others, passed away early in the year. Truly an era was drawing to a close.

Ch. Better Still of Lilac Hedge doing her bit for the Veterans

FOR SALE

Every dog has its price, you say. And mine must have one, too. Of course, she is for sale and I will sell the price to you:

- All the perfumes from Arabia
- All the pearls from Tahiti's shores
- Each fragrant leaf of China's tea
- All the jade in Singapore
- All Egypt's ancient treasure trove
- The priceless art of Rome
- A million stars from out the sky
- Each ship that sails the foam
- All the diamonds from Africa
- And the jewels from India, too.

If you can pay that price, why, then I'll sell my dog to you.

Barbara Aytes
Dog News, 11/44
THE IDEAL BOXER

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ALICE GROVE WOOD

Mrs. Wood was a successful pioneer in the field of women executives. She joined the ABC in January 1946. She was an avid golfer and often handled her own dogs in the ring. She was a very strong person and remained active until her death in 1981 from a long term fought with cancer.

Alice was Secretary to the Show Chairman, R.C. Kettles, in 1943. This position involved doing all the work with Mr. Kettles "looking over her shoulder" as it were. She was co-editor of the six issues of the Boxer Club News in '49, '50, and '51. In 1952 she was elected to the Board for a three year term. She was Chairman of the Bench Show Committee in 1953 and '54 and was elected to the Board again in 1955. This time she served two three-year terms including five years as club Secretary. She was both Secretary and Vice-President in 1956 as office of vice president was declared vacant during the year. She was again elected to the board in 1961 and served through the '64 show. She took over chairmanship of the Educational Committee in 1960, a post she held until 1971. In addition she was Dinner and Hospitality Chairman in 1965. She and husband Carl were recipients of the Larry Downey Award.

Mrs. Wood was active in the New Jersey Boxer Club, serving a term as President. She and Carl were active in organizing the Forks of Delaware KC which has since merged with Delaware River Gap KC. In addition she was training coordinator for the Gotham Kennel Club of New York City.

Many of the 27 Woodcrest champions were handled by Alice. Self taught, she became a proficient handler and took great pride in the presentation of the Woodcrest Boxers. The Woods had a very efficient and well-laid out set up for their Boxers which was written up in a national publication complete with pictures. Mrs. Wood held a license to do Boxers, officiating at the '64 Regional and sharing the '69 Specialty with Joe Gregory. She had done the Futurity in 1956.

Mazie Wagner

Mrs. John P. (Mazie) Wagner, owner with her husband, Jack, of the renowned Mazelaine Kennels, was thirty years in the forefront of Boxer breeding in this country.

The Wagners themselves owned and bred over 100 Boxers who won the championship title. Among them were such all-time greats as Dorian, Utz, Warlord and Brandy (her favorite).

Mazie joined the ABC in 1936 and served a term as Regional Director. She and Jack started the Mid-West Boxer Club in 1936 and later started one called Great Lakes Boxer Club. She was an interesting writer also, contributing several articles to Dog News, the most famous of which was "Ask the Man Who Owns One" (with apologies to Packard).

Mazie was a popular judge in her own right for many years, judging her last assignment in 1969. She did the ABC Futurity in 1952 and drew a very large entry. She shared the duties of the 1960 Specialty with Jack.
Chapter 3
THE GOLDEN YEARS

Boxers and Boxer activities saw an unprecedented explosion in all areas during the years 1946 to 1950. Boxer entries at all shows became very large — often the largest breed entry in the entire show. The Boxer dominated the Group and BIS ring. Warlord had started a stunning career with his ABC win from the classes in 1944 — a win he repeated in ’45 and ’47. He was also BABIS at Westminster in ’44 and was the first Boxer to go BIS at the Garden in 1947.

Warlord was closely followed by Ch. Mazelaine's Zazarac Brandy, who won Westminster in 1949 and garnered a lifetime BIS record for all-breeds of 61 BIS. Brandy surpassed the record set by the phenomenal fox terrier Ch. Normay's Saddler of 56 BIS all-breeds.

Brandy's BIS record was shattered within months by the immortal Ch. Bang of Sirrah Crest owned by Dr. and Mrs. R.C. Harris of California. Brandy and Bang Away were shown against each other only once — at the ’51 ABC specialty which Bang Away won.

Bang Away made his official debut at the 1950 ABC. He had attracted quite a bit of attention as an unamed puppy when judged BIM at the Boxer Club of Southern California puppy match in May 1949. Mrs. Stockmann had been brought over from Germany by the Jouett House's to judge the Potomac BC Specialty. She then traveled to several other locations around the US, including a visit to Mazelaine. The entry at the match was about 100. After the match Mrs. Stockmann had the puppy stacked on the crate he had won for BIM and went over him in detail, telling her listeners that he was the "best Boxer in America today". She called him "Little Lustig".

Mrs. Harris took him out to one puppy match after that at 7 mos. (BIM) and then they kept him under wraps until ABC. Bang Away had been sent to Nate Levine several weeks ahead of time "to see if Nate thought he was good enough to win at ABC". Dr. and Mrs. Harris felt he was good but they wanted Nate's unbiased opinion so they would tell him nothing about the puppy. Nate was away at a show when Bang Away got there. Nate's wife also refused comment when he called home to see if the puppy had arrived safely, saying he would have to see for himself. Nate drove all night to get home!!!

Bang Away won BW at the 1950 show from the 9-12 class. He was defeated for BOB by his kennel mate, Ch. Yoomph of Sirrah Crest, also handled by Nate and his current special. From ABC he was taken to Chicago to show under John Wagner — a needed stamp of approval. He was BW, BOB, Group 3 and Best American Bred in Show at the International KC. He then went to the Potomac BC specialty and was BOB from the classes. He finished at his 4th show with a 50th and 66. The first time out as a special was his first BIS all-breeds. He was shown to a few more group and BIS wins by Nate and sent home for the summer to "grow up." In California he was a consistent group winner and took four BIS handled by Russell Zimmerman. He returned to Nate in the fall for serious showing.

Bang Away picked up several more BIS that fall and in 1951 won BIS at ABC. The next two days at the Garden he became the 3rd Boxer to win BIS at Westminster.
This telegram was sent to Dr. A Mrs. Harris in their box at Westminster after Bang Away won the Group and before he went in for Best In Show.

Bang Away going Best in Show at Westminster, 1951

Breaking the all-breed BIS Record at Trenton Kennel Club.

Brandy passing the BIS crown to Bang Away.

The oil portrait presentation. Left to right the participants were: Standing - ?, Jack Wagner, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Levine, Nate Levine, ?, ?, ?, ?, Harry Sangster; Kneeling - Nate’s kennel man, Charlie, MC Carl Wood.
Bang Away was shown extensively in the East in 1952 and '53, becoming the all-breed record holder for most BIS wins at the Trenton KC shown in May 1952 under Judge Anna K. Nicholas. This was the record for all-breeds for most BIS wins, not just for Boxers. It so happened that the current record holder was none other that the Wagner's Zazacac Brandy. They were pleased that another Boxer and a "grandchild", as Maizie said, did it and published the cartoon showing Brandy crowning Bang Away the new king. Contrary to some stories, overall the Harrises and the Wagners remained friends despite the intense competition.

Bang Away spent almost equal time in his long career on the West Coast where he won quite a few BIS. He was handled by Russell Zimmerman there until his retirement and later by Harry Sangster. Mrs. Harrises only took him in once - to BIS at Portland KC (Oregon). Bang Away was retired in mid-1955 with a lifetime record of 121 BIS all-breeds.

He was defeated in the breed only 5 times that a record could be found of - one of those defeats resulted in a first in the ring. They threw everything including the chairs, requiring a police escort to get the judge out of the building. The show was later found to have been "fixed" and the judge was disqualified by the AKC. Bang Away won numerous awards during his career including the Ken-L Bisket Bench Show Award twice.

Bang Away was probably one of the most published dogs of any breed. He appeared in Life, Colliers, Esquire and many dog magazines as well as many newspapers. He became famous enough that the airline pilots knew him and he rode up top in the plane they would brag to each other that "Bang Away was on board".

Bang Away had not been idle in the study department either. His style and showmanship became the rage in the Boxer ring and over 200 bitches were bred to him. He had a tremendous influence on the breed. He sired 81 American champions, a record which still stands today. He also had champion get in several foreign countries with the total surpassing 120 champions. In the United States, he sired 7 producers including: Ch.Barrage of Quality Hill, Ch.Jered's Sovereign and Sky-Siren, Ch.Legwin Lane's Whizz Bang, Ch.Harquam Hill's Comanche, Ch.Marwal's Satisfactual and Ch.Helkiview Noble Knight. Bang Away averaged one champion in every 2-3 litters, as did many of his top producing descendants. He was leading sire in 1953, '54, '55, '56, '57, '58, and '59. In '55, it would be difficult indeed to find a Boxer in the show ring who is not descended from him, having him in the pedigree over 100 times.

Many of the West Coast breeders advertised in the ABC catalog.

With publicity the number of boxer registrations increased tremendously. The entrants at all shows increased during this time and the Boxer entry especially. The first purebred exhibitors was Mrs. Harrises by WPC in February and became an immediate success often adopted by other specialty clubs. Many people became interested in Obedience as well as breeding and conformation. The period 1945-1955 saw a great increase in the number of obedience clubs being formed by Boxers, such as Mid-West, New England and Southern California, had obedience classes. ABC added obedience in the late 40's and it proved very popular, requiring 2 judges at its height in the 1950's and having one of the premier obedience clubs sponsored the classes with the parent club's annual specialty.

The American Boxer Club was fortunate this time to acquire a complete set of their records and were subsequently donated to the American Kennel Club Library.

Two attempts were made at a breed publication sponsored by the parent club. Both proved too expensive to continue. The BOXER unrefined magazine was withdrawn into the early 50's, but with the death of Bob Rogers, editor, gradually faded from the scene. The top columnists of the breed were also gone or retired - Jack Baird and Frank Bigler among them. Most Boxer news and advertising was to be found in the now defunct NEWS, published by club member Alice Rosenthal. The twice-annual Boxer Issues are still treasured today.

In 1952 the specialty was given a record-breaking entrant of 331 dogs and 431 entries. It included the Futurity, judged by Maizie Wagner. The highlight of the show was the Champions on Parade exhibition last hour and televised over WABD of the network. Carl Wood - who had just left Camera of the ABC made the arrangements for the event and acted as emcee, as he did for many subsequent functions. There were 13 champions participating, led off by the oldest - the famous "Brace of Biscuit" at 13 years, 8 months. At the head of the parade were Ch.El Wendie of Rockland, Ch.Merry Monarch, Ch.Zack v Bon, Ch.Yobang of Sirrah Crest, Ch.Monsta of Cross Creek and Ch.Canby of Hickory Dck. The grand finale was the only time Fall in 3 BIS winners from Westminster ever tied for the ring - Warlord handled by Ernie Hamburger, Brady with Phil Marsh and Bang Away with Nate Levine.

The 1952 dinner took the form of a testimonial dinner dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Wagner. They were presented with an illuminated scroll in appreciation for their accomplishments and recognizing Jack as the "Forest boxer Breeder in the World".

Because the 52 Specialty ran too late (Mon AM) the '53, '54 and '55 Futurities were held as separate events to mollify AKC, rec. Jack took place in May or June near the time of Morris and Essex. It rejoined the Annual Specialty in 1956.

The 1956 dinner, at the Shelton Hotel the night before the Annual Specialty, was the now-famous "This Is Your Life Bang Away" testimonial dinner in honor of Ch. Bang Away of Sirrah Crest, then in retirement in California with owners Ray and Bea Harris. His owners were presented with a "This Is Your Life" scrapbook. It was compiled by Carl Wood. It details Bang Away's BIS record and contains many pictures of his champion get by the owners.

At the proper time Nate Levine's kennel man, Charlie, in his white lab coat, paraded into the room with Bang Away on lead. This brought the packed assembly to its feet for a standing ovation while the chandeliers seemed to sway in the din. The highlights of his career were presented with appropriate commentary from Irv Hollembach, Maizie Wagner, Jack Wagner, Harry Sangster, Nate Levine, and, of course, Mrs. Harris. At the end of the story George Foley crowned Bang Away "King". Bang Away himself presided at the head table during the dinner, resplendent in the rhinestone collar and the now-famous crown. A maitre d' fed him bite-sized chunks of fillet with a fork from a Sheffield platter.

Harrises were presented with a plaque honoring Bang Away and an oil portrait of him. The painting was unveiled at the AKC when the Harrises moved to Mexico and was hung in the main hallway next to the elevators.

It was a stirring and emotion-packed evening which captured the attention of a somewhat incredulous press and gave rise to much favorable publicity for the breed and the club.

The year 1956 also marked the adoption of revised by-laws put forward by a committee headed by the Hon. Jouett Shouse and supported by President George Howard. These by-laws increased the Board members from 9 to 10 and added 5 Regional Directors chosen from the member clubs serving 4-year terms. The country was divided into 5 regions or zones and the clubs in these zones rotate the opportunity to nominate a member of the board for the regional director position. It was further stipulated that regular Board of Directors members serving three-year terms could succeed themselves only one time and then must retire for at least one year.
Three Westminster Best in Show Winners
Warlord, Brandy and Bang Away at the '52 Parade of Champions.

FAREWELL TO BANG AWAY

The fans lean back, the stiders tense,
The Judges bow, the owners glance,
As dogs file in from crate bench.
The show is on! But, alas, we find
Everyone looking behind!
Furtive eyes are on the gate
A low tense voice keeps bidding wait
For there is something missing there!
A shining coat, a regal air
A quality that gives bright hope
To dreaming novice near the rope
The handler's eye an empty space
In the grooming tent, and on Nate's face
A lonely dream of glories past
For Bang Away's retired at last.
Too old for the road, too old to show
His master said, when 't was time to go
The pride he felt, just yesterday
Gone if the trophies he laid away.
With his ears erect, and his tail held high
He'd finish soon at That show in the Sky
Where the standards are simple, and a thing apart
Just a life full of love, and a loyal heart
Where the Master Handler will lead him in
And the judge of them all will nod "you win"
Then the gold Rosette They award means he
Will be a Champ. For Eternity.

Anon.
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 American Boxer Club
 Date Unknown

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Charlotte A. Brayshaw, a devoted breeder of Boxers and a true friend. When I think of all the wonderful people I have met in the world of Boxers - breeding, showing and now judging, I realize what a tremendous debt I owe Charlotte, for she introduced me to this fascinating hobby.

Charlotte became involved in Boxers in the early forties when she was an airborn photographer in the WAACS. The first Boxer she came into contact with was an Army K-9 dog and she immediately fell in love with the breed. When she was discharged from the WAACS she bought a bitch named Gretchen and from then on Boxers became her whole life. She became a devoted breeder, having bred over one hundred litters and was an active exhibitor. Over fifty Boxers carrying the name Brayshaw attained their championships, including Masquerade and Mr. Morgan Roberts. Charlotte managed to win every award given by the ABC, a fact of which she was justly proud. But Charlotte always said her greatest satisfaction came from helping someone get started in breeding and showing Boxers. I am still amazed by the amount of people to this day who tell me that Charlotte was instrumental in helping them become involved in the world of Boxers.

I have talked Boxers with Charlotte for over twenty years and I know what her goals were in the breeding of Boxers. She thought there were three things everyone should look for in breeding. First came temperament, second, came soundness and third came beauty. She would never give up either of the first two choices to acquire the third. Her belief was that the Boxer should be a devoted, gentle dog whose soundness would allow him to be a true working dog. She would say beauty is like the icing on the cake, but without the cake the icing was useless. She was frank, honest and opinionated. She loved her favorite breed, but lavished her love on her other pets and treated her boarders with the same affection. Her kennel was clean and roomy and the comfort of all the animals came before her own or any other humans on the premises. She was a purist in her breeding program.

I would like to think that she succeeded in her life long endeavor with Boxers and that some of what she represented to the breed will linger on for many years. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

R.I.P.
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OF BOXERS SINCE 1958

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THE AMERICAN BOXER CLUB

on its 50th anniversary!
Chapter 4

STABILIZATION

Interest in the Boxer remained strong through the 60's. The Boxer continued to dominate the working group in the capable hands of Downey, Forsyth, Gregory and Marsh.

The Boxer won the Working Group at Westminster for five consecutive years, doubtless a record. Ch.Sparkplug, a Zack son owned and bred by Larry Downey won it in 1954. The next year Larry piloted Barrage of Quality Hill to B0B at ABC and Best American Bred in Show at Westminster. He was later campaigned extensively by Jane Forsyth for Mrs. Jouett Shouse. They were followed by Baroque, Barrage's littermate, in 1956; Barrage again in 1957 and Ch.Majjack's Golden Windjammer in 1958, owned by the Wagner's and handled by Phil Marsh, as was Baroque. In 1956 Baroque became the only Boxer to go BIS at Morris and Essex at one of their last events.

The early 60's saw the Bang Away son - Ch.Marquams Hill's Comanche, top the group in '61 and Ch.Trecreeker's Painted Lady in '63, followed by the great Ch.Salgray's Fashion Plate in 1964 and '65.

The late 50's were dominated by three producing sires - Barrage, Ch.Jered's Spellbinder and Ch.Capt. Lookout of Thorhall. Barrage, a Bang Away son, gave rise to the Salgray line and Spellbinder became the foundation of the highly successful Trecreeker breeding program in Texas. These two lines were a well known "nicks" and several producers and champions resulted over the next 2 decades from this combination. Lookout can be found behind My-R, Holly Lane, Arriba and Jacaway.

In 1957 the ABC began to issue a certificate to every Boxer finishing his championship. The policy of awarding a plaque to any Boxer in the United States winning the coveted UD Degree in Obedience had already been in effect for some time. At the same time it was decided to award similar plaques to any Bench Show Champion who attained an Obedience degree. Official plaques are also offered annually by the parent club to be awarded for Best of Winners at all Member Club Specialty Shows. With his retirement from the Barroque that year, Charles O. Spannus was elected Honorary Vice-President.

1957 also saw the birth of a new breed magazine - BOXER REVIEW !!!!

The year 1957 was also notable for the holding of the first of the ABC Regional Specialty shows. The first two of these shows, ably and enthusiastically promoted by Hugo Kruev, were completed with the Marion Ohio Kennel Club all-breed in late July and were very successful. Films of these early Regionals were made but no known copy exists in the club archives.

The ABC sponsored a Parade of Champions in 1958 and again in 1963. Films were made of these events also but the club does not have copies of them. Their loss was most unfortunate as they had many of the top producers and specials of that time on them.

The 1958 film had footage of Barrage, Ch.Canyoner's Hickory Dick, Ch.Sally of Grayarlin, Ch.Steeplechase Up & Away and his daughter Ch.Santis Souci of Kresthallo. Sans Souci and her sister Ch.Morgenshern of Kresthallo were the foundation bitches of the well-known Flintwood Boxers. Many of the Westminster champions were on this film also. All told there were 38 exhibitors.

The 1963 film had Barrage, his son Ch.Salgray's Battle Chief, Ch.Marquam Hill's Flamingo, Ch.Elko's Garbus, Ch.Brayshaw's Masquerader, and Ch.Flintwood's Sundowner on the entire 84 champions. There were several ABC winners, such as Ch.Braemerwood's Rock-A-Billy and Ch.Muzzy's China Doll shown. Again, there were several of the Flintwood champions exhibited in addition to Sundowner.

The number of clubs had increased by 1959 to 44 with the addition of Seneca BC in 1957, Arizona BC in '58 and East Bay, Spokane and Georgia in 1959. This brought the total club membership up to over 200.

Three Annual Awards were added that year also - Boxer with the Greatest Number of Specialty Wins, Stud Dog Producing the Greatest Number of Champions and Brood Bitch Producing the Greatest Number of Champions.

None of the Zone 'E' clubs (far west) were able to send a Regional Director so the Board elected a "15th Man".

Several more inquiries were received from clubs in 1960. These included Greater Miami, Corpus Christi (Costal Bend) and Boxer Club of Canada.

The Standard was reworded - the first time since 1938 and the last such effort chaired by John Wagner.

The first independent Regional was held in Pebble Beach, California and was very well received. This effort was also filmed (no copy available).

The Boxer Club of Milwaukee became members in 1961. This year two Regions were unable to send delegates and two posts had to be filled by the Board. This was the last time less than the required five Regional Directors were available. Due to unforeseen complications, no Regional show was held.

The 1962 Regional was again an independent event, held this time in Atlanta, GA. The ABC resumed holding puppy matches until 1962, when they were discontinued. William Rankin was chairman for several of these later events.

In the early 60's Alice Wood, long-time Chairman of the Educational Committee, turned editing and production of the ABC Bulletin over to an enthusiastic new editor - Lorraine Meyer. In 1963, ABC won an Honorable Mention for their Educational Bulletin from the Dog Writer's Association of America. Lorraine became ABC Secretary in 1966, 1965 will mark her 20th year of service in that difficult capacity.

Lorraine's has been a life-long involvement with Boxers since the early 1940's. She put obedience degrees on her two Boxers Elsa von Zorn, DOX & Clinaude's Tipped Toes (can you identify this well known handler)?
The middle and late 60's saw another revision of both the By-Laws, headed up by Don Smith and the Standard, now headed by Dr. Lloyd C. Flint. Jouett Shouse was confirmed as Honorary Vice President in 1967.

Plans were set in motion early in 1967 for proper observance of the 25th Anniversary of the Independent Specialty. The Board approved plans for another Parade of Champions film to be made at the show. An Obedience Trial was included (it was temporarily dropped in 1967).

Most unfortunately the clubs long-time Show Chairman, Albert Pignone, passed away in December 1967, just two months before the event. John Archibald very duly filled the vacancy, alternating that and the presidency with Joe Galassi. He served in this capacity until his death in 1967, when his very capable wife,玛格丽特 took over for us.

**ALBERT R. PIGNONE**

Al was a founder and long time secretary of the New Jersey Boxer Club. In 1953 he served as a ring steward and by 1957 he had moved up to the key post of chairman of the bench show committee. From that time until his death in 1967 he continued to serve in that capacity. Al had that effervescent quality which carried others along with him and infected them with his zest and enthusiasm for any enterprise to which he lent himself. He had served two successive terms on the Board in addition to being show chairman.

**JOHN J. ARCHIBALD**

Helpful cheerful service, unceasing dedication and loyalty to the American Boxer Club were personified by John.

John and Margie joined the ABC in 1948 and devoted many hours to the club. Originally involved in obedience they later were also successful in the breed ring. John was Bench Chairman for 15 years, from 1960 until 1980, he was our club's Vice President in 1970 and '71 and our President in 1972, '73 and '74. He was the AKC Delegate from 1974 until his untimely death in 1981.

John was the epitome of the cheerful Irishman but he was so much more than that. His smile, laughter and good humor were infectious and everyone had to feel better by just being in his company. Besides being a tireless worker for the club, John always found time to be helpful and supportive to everyone working with him. John was the one member that every faction and every member always liked and admired.

The 1968 Specialty was a rousing success, the catalogue is today a collectors item, thanks to the efforts of Advertising Chairman Pat Toohey (Harrah) and Historian Carl Wood who contributed his "Outline of ABC History" and several other interesting writings as well as being instrumental in rounding up pictures of the former officers, some of which we have included in this album.

The 1968 Parade of Champions had a then unequalled entry of over 110. It was led off by the Streicher's Ch.Galanjud's Bewitching,CO a 1954 edition also known affectionately as "Shakie'. Several more of the Flintwood champions were to be found as well as Ch.Dempsey's Copper Gentleman, Ch.Reddy's Painted Lady, Ch.Capriana's Renegade, Ch.Tredecker's Show Shine, Ch.Cajon's Calling Card, Ch.Eldic's Landlord and the fabulous F9 litter of Salgray's - Fashion Plate, Flying High, Flaming Ember, Flame Crest, Fanfare and Frolic. There had been bitter complaints in the past that the champions currently entered in the BOB classes were unable to participate in the Parade as it was held during a break in the judging of the show. Consequently the end of the 68 film shows the Veterans and Obedience judging. There is excellent footage of Ambush going BOB and of quite a number of other well known specials who were in the ring that day. The sharp observer will spot the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch of that show, too - Ch.Minland's Fashion Hint and Ch.Airamba's Prima Donna who eventually went BOB to Ambush that year.

No mention of the ABC or Boxers in the 50's and 60's would be complete without a few words on Salgray Kennels owned by Daniel M. and Phyllis Hamilburg. In the early 1950's they acquired Ch.Sally of Greyaryl in (for whom the kennel is named) from Forsyth. They finished her and several other champions and, in 1953, bred the barrage son, Ch.Salgray's Battle Chief - their first big winner and producer. In 1959 or '60 they acquired Ch.Marquand Hill's Flamino, a bargain daughter out of DOM Legacy of Clover Downs - Comanche's dam. The mating of these two produced Salgray's F9 litter of six champions. The two males, Fashion Plate and Flying High, being top producing sire and dam respectively. Two of the three all time top producing sire with 63 champions. A Flying High daughter - Ch.Gaymitz Jet Action - bred to Fashion Plate produced the #2 all-time top producing sire, Ch.Minland's Fashion Hint. Flying High, with 27 champions, was the sire of the top winners and producers, Ovation and Ilttermates Ambush and Auntie Malie, the latter two out of his litter sister Ch.Salgray's Flamino Ember.

In turn sired seven producers: Ch.Airamba's Knight Revue, Ch. Dormac's Gunslinger, Ch.Moreleeen's Al-Le-Lu-Ia, Ch.Salgray's Good Grief, Ch.Salgray's Market Wise, Ch.Salgray's Royal Flush and Ch.Saaj's Royal Savage.

Salgray's record of champions finished is well over 60 and they have had at least a dozen sires and dams of merit who are responsible for well over 250 champions among their progeny.

The Hamilburgs are still very active in the breed. Their daughter, Jane Hamilburg-Guy, has taken over the long hours of whelping, ear-wraps, etc. The breed was indeed fortunate that the Hamilburgs became involved with Larry Downey early in their careers. His expert advice and handling abilities, along with that of Jane Forsyth and, recently, Stan Flowers, enabled them to fulfill what for most of us will always be a dream, with Larry's retirement from handling in 1969 an era drew to a close. No one foresaw that only a few short years later he would be gone, as Phyllis Hamilburg said, 'It just hasn't been the same since. He was the one who always got as enthusiastic about that next litter or that next special'......
Chapter 5
GROWTH & CHANGE

In 1970, the Soorax again won BIS at Westminster - this time the only bitch to do so - Ch. Arriba's Prima Donna. Ch. Regency's White Life in 1973 was the last of the long string of Group winners at Westminster that started in the 30's with Dorian. A Boxer has not won the group since.

The force of the bloodline gathered and molded and continued in the bloodlines of Nazeley Wagner, Jitterbug, Ch. Aracrest's Jack Harries through Bang Away was extremely powerful. It continued unopposed through Barrage, Battle Chief, Fashion Plate and culminated in the great Fashion Hint. From him it burst into a shower of producers cast like diamonds across the entire continent.

His birth year of 1966 had seen a bumper crop of top producers and champions come into the world - Ch. Sallgro's Ambush, Auntie Maime and Ovation, Ch. Kreiven's Firebrand, Ch. Your's True Lee, the Westminster BIS winner Ch. Arriba's Prima Donna and all the time top producing Boxer bitch Ch. Holly Lane's Windstorm.

Fashion Hint became the second all-time leading sire of champions, surpassing his sire Fashion Plate by 2 champions, for a total of 58. The real story though lies in the unbelievable total of the 13 progeny he sired. Through his many champions and producing sons and daughters it has become difficult today, as it did with Bang Away in the 50's and 60's to find a Boxer in the ring who is not descended from this sire.

With the coming of his producers and their descendents we have the rise to prominence of many of our modern day Boxer kennels - Holly Lane, Turo, Merrilane, Scher-Khour, Nephisto, VonSchorer/Moon Valley, Trefool, to name a few. Those breeders have been successful in blending their original stock, many times from an earlier producer, with the so-called "Canadian Bloodline" to form new and lasting products.

In 1970 the Toronto became the mecca for top producing sires with Fashion Hint, Shadrock and Meshack all within a mile of each other. Also in the same area were Aracrest, Veerdan, Hamsparke and Hamsparke. Scher-Khour's Fashion Hint son, Shadrock and grandson meshack were both top producers of champions in the United States and Canada, Shadrock sired quite a few producers also. Ch. Benjamin of St. Joe's, Ch. Lass of Holly Lane, Ch. Manhattan's Fortune and his dam Verwood's Lollipop - a Fashion Hint daughter.

The Salgro kennels and their bloodlines remained strong in the ring and still are today. Most of their producers and champions are descended through Bredmore, High Flying, High and his sons Ovation and Ambush. Arriba in particular has successfully blended this bloodline with their original stock which produced Prima Donna.

The decedents of Ambush continued to dominate the ABC specialties through the 70's and into the 80's through the progeny of the prepotent Ch. Moreleens Air-La-Lu-La. He sired Ch. Marburl's Joshua, Ch. Moreleens Gabriel, and Ch. Ell Dee's Just Watch Out. The grand sire of Ch. Marburl's of Wesan and Ch. Nisiko's Empress of Turo.

Turo was founded totally on Fashion Hint and stayed fairly close to him and his descendents breeding to Kayle, Benjamin and Vendetta to produce their top stock as well as to their own Ch. Turo's Native Dancer, a product of Fashion Hint's producing daughter Ch. Hamsparke's Fashion Fair bred back to him. A daughter of Fashion Fair bred to Kayle, Ch. Turo's Vanity Fair, was bred to Ch. Benjamin of Five T's and produced 6 champion bitches in one litter. One of these bitches bred to Vendetta produced the "Marquard Hill gang", including Tropar, Tropar bred to Fashion Hint granddaughters produced the stunning young winners, Ch. Wagner's Wilfredyard Famous Anos and the top winning BIS bitch Ch. Turo's Cachet. One can speculate on how many times Fashion Hint appears in those pedigrees.

The ABC sponsored filming of the Parade of Champions in '73, '74 and again in '83. The 1973 film included several champions filmed after the BOB judging and again ran well over 100 champions. Distribution of this film and the earlier ones to the member clubs on a rental basis, and the move from New York City to New Jersey for the show in 1977 combined to make the 1978 Parade a whopping 200 entries strong, requiring two reels of film and a non-refundable rental fee. The 1983 Parade - 245 strong this time - was filmed in video tape and is available for purchase.

The 1973 Parade captured Ch. Salgro's Ovation, Ch. Salgro's Ambush, Ch. Sallgro's Auntie Maime, Ch. Hillman's Fashion Hint, Ch. Holly Lane's Windstorm, Ch. Arriba's Prima Donna, Ch. Kreiven's Firebrand, Ch. Your's True Lee, Ch. Nador's black Lace, Ch. Salgro's Double Talk, Ch. Scher-Khour's Shadrock, Ch. J.S.R.'s Fashion Flame, Ch. Salgro's Buckaroo, Ch. Turo's Radiation, Ch. Carlvien's Sean of Erin, Ch. Hamsparke's Fashion Fair and the youngest champion to ever appear on our films - Ch. Holly Lane's Delovely Replay who went on to become a top special. A highlight of this film, taken in the ballroom at the Statler Hilton, is a picture of the seven BOB winners from the ABC and Regional present at the filming.

Our '78 film found a stellar gallery of producers and winners present - almost everyone who is anyone. This one includes Ch. Arriba's Prima Donna, Ch. Rockey of Shawnee Trail, Ch. Your's True Lee, Ch. Scher-Khour's Coquette (Shadrack's sister), Ch. Salgro's Jitterbug, Ch. Aracrest's Jered and Kayle, Ch. Gray-Roy's Minstrel Boy, Ch. Winnipesaukee's Stop Sign, Ch. Benjamin of Five T's, Ch. Moreleens Apache Ambush (Louie's brother), Ch. Holly Lane's Delovely Replay, Ch. Holly Lane's Diamond Replay, Ch. Edger of Baldr, Ch. Wagner's Hustling Black Garter, Ch. Turo's Native Dancer, Ch. Saljendus' Blue Chip, Ch. Sherrylyn's Sherdan, Ch. Merrilane's Holiday Fashion, Ch. M.R.S.'s Mayflower of Holly Lane, Ch. M.R.T. of Five T's, Ch. Marburl's Joshua, Ch. Trefool's Dylan of Donessle, Ch. Turo's Vanity Fair, Ch. Salgro's Market Wise and Minstrel Man (who was exported to Australia), Ch. Omega's Rockfire, Ch. Huffs's Charade, Ch. Scarborough Silversmith, Ch. Moreleens Gabriel, Ch. Arabby's Short Stop, Ch. Moon Valley's Solar Flare, Ch. Moon Valley's Sun N' Shadow, Ch. Sarazak's Moon-Glo, Ch. Bitwyn's Star of King's Pt., Ch. Turo's Truffan, Ch. Weber's High Falutin, Ch. Merrilane's April Fashion, Ch. Holly Lane's Inherit.
Seven BOB Winners from the Annual and Regional Specialties
Left to right they are: Ch.Salgray's Ambush with Stan Flowers (1967/68), Ch.Kreyon's Firebrand with owner Margaret Krey (1971), Ch.Arriba's Prima Donna (1969) and Ch.Salgray's Double Talk (1970) with Jane Forsyth, Ch.Nadora's Black Lace with Dick Baum (1970/71), Ch.Tour's True Lee with Al Lee (1973) and Ch.Scher-Khoun's Shadrack with Shirley DeBoer, owner/breeder (1972).
the Wind, Ch.Turlo's Angel Fire of D.J., Ch.Marbury's Rahab of Wesan and Ch.Jodi's Jubilation.

The '83 Video tape includes such winners and producers as Ch.Dormac's Gunstiger, Ch.Aracrest's Talisman, Ch.Cherkis's Son of a Gun, Ch.Marque's Herman, Ch.Mahlers' Malastris and Ch.Pindar's Buffalo Gal, Ch.Moss Wood's Zinger Zapper, Ch.Jacquet's Brass Idol, Ch.Miyon's Winter Wheat, Ch.Ellie Bee's Just Watch Out, Ch.Happy Ours Fortune de Jacqueline, Ch.Vinar's EST, Ch.Nipho's Empress of Tuko, Ch.Holly Jane's Prairie Chief, Ch.Salyo's Expresso, Ch.Jodi's Jeremiah, Ch.Huffand's Nice Enough, Ch.Nestwood's Ambush, Ch.Moss Wood's Bud Sugar Krip, Ch.Marquet Hill's Traper of Turlo, Ch.Wincaster's Tyger of Huggane, Ch.Chalkers' Domino, Ch.Keith's Miss S.Early Rigel, Ch.Turlo's Cachet, Ch.Turlo's Monogram of Sarazak and Ch.Jodi's Hot Lips.

In 1984 the AKC, in conjunction with the ABC Judges Education Committee chaired by Beverley Sachs, completed a slide series to be shown to present and future judges at breed seminars, that became available in early 1985.

Pat Tooyer Harrah has generously donated a beautiful new sculpture of a Boxer head to be incorporated into new medals, annual awards, membership pins and the club stationary some time in 1985. It was adopted as the official logo of the American Boxer Club and is presently being put into production as mentioned above. The original sculpture was done by June Harrah, the same artist who did the Ideal Boxer for Jack Wagner. Many thanks are due Pat for this most generous contribution to our breed.

In 1977 the Annual Specialty was moved from New York City to the Newark area of New Jersey. The entry in the specialty jumped from the 1970's to over 300 in the classes. There was more convenient parking for the exhibitors and the prices were not so exorbitant. Several years of severe winter weather and declining Boxer entries at Westminster prompted a date change. In 1980 the show was moved from the February date to May 1980. The Annual Specialty now runs around 350 in the classes and the Futurity is up from the 115 experienced in February to 180. The high entry occurred in 1983 in conjunction with the filming of the Parade of Champions - 411 in the specialty and 185 in the Futurity.

The origin of the entry at the Annual Specialty now includes regular attendees from the Midwest, Southwest and Deep South and a few more from the West Coast. This change from a totally Eastern entry to an entry more representative of the entire United States has taken place as the centrality of the membership has changed - the most central location now being closer to the Chicago-St.Louis area. Symptomatic of a more nationwide membership and participation are the members of the Board. Few of whom are from the New York area - and discussion among many of the members of moving the Annual Specialty to a more central location in the Midwest.

The 70's and early 80's have been a time of, in some ways, a reluctance, change and progress. Many owners would like to maintain the traditions of the past unchanged; however, all viable institutions must grow and change or they become stagnant. The rest of this decade will probably continue in this vein as more Boxer fanciers from west of the Alleghenies join and participate in the parent club.

The American Boxer Club bids fair to grow into the national organization it has always given promise of. Built on the strong foundation provided by a successful past the future should be exciting and challenging as this growth takes place. We are confident that our membership and the Board will be able to handle those changes with the same success we have seen in the past. Working together we will accomplish much to benefit the members and our wonderful Boxers - the reason for it all.

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What is written and laid away,
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volumes of three
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**ELEANOR ROWE LINDERHOLM WOOD**

Ellie Linderholm Wood, now of La Selva Beach, California, grew up in suburban Scarsdale, NY, not too far from REXOB kennels, owned by Al and Mary Cousins. She has had Boxers since the late 30's and showed her first Boxer at Westminster in 1943 from her own breeding. The Cousins had helped her with the puppies and with training and showing the puppy. Soon after this the cousins moved to Mazelaine to manage the kennels there. Through her association with them she was invited to spend the summers of 1943 and '44 working for Jack and Hazel Wagner as a general kennel helper. She worked one entire summer for room and board and three pick from the porcelain of the Ideal Boxer which Jack had had done by June Harrah.

During these two summers she handled some for Mazelaine and during the school year began showing seriously. The first champion she finished was the Woodcrest foundation bitch, Yosida of Mazelaine in 1945.

After graduation from high school she went to work for Larks at Meritaires Kennels. While at Meritaires she brought Ch.Yiler of Mazelaine out of retirement and began road working and conditioning her. The Larks decided to let Ellie show her since she had done all the work and entered her as a fancy at some local shows. In a span of weeks she took four BIS and one Specialty 0/0. While working at Meritaires Ellie got married with Yiler and Schoolmaster as attendants.

After leaving the Larks and the breakup of her marriage she returned to Mazelaine as kennel manager. This was during the Texas heat and she was instrumental in convincing them to move the dogs back to the Chicago area for health reasons.

With time out to raise her two girls it wasn't until 1969 that Ellie began a serious breeding program on her own. She acquired Two Bits (all she could afford as a down payment). Two Bits, officially known as Ch.Merrillane's Silver Dollar is the sire of Merrillane's Mad Passion, CD who is the number three all-time top producing dam of merit. She had 10 champion get including three producers. The best known of which is probably Holiday Fashion, the sire of April Holiday and April Fashion.

She became a top handler on the West Coast and, to date, has finished 46 homebreds in addition to many other champions. She won the 1974 ABC Specialty with Ch.Merrillane's Love Life of Jofra and was Grand Futurity Winner the following year with Ch.Merrillane's Holiday Fashion. Two years later she handled Ch.Merrillane's April Holiday to Best Puppy in the Futurity.

Ellie has judged in both Japan and Mexico, drawing over 100 entries both times. She did the ABC Futurity in 1981. She and Carl also announced their engagement at the 1981 ABC and were married shortly thereafter.
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HISTORY

In 1944 Fred Hamm, midway in his six year tenure as ABC president, appointed Jim Rosensohn to head a new "puppy sweepstakes" committee. The work and planning of this committee resulted in the creation of the Futurity in 1945. At the time the Futurity was considered somewhat innovative. Originally just for puppies under one year of age, the 12 to 18 mos class came in 1948.

The first ABC Futurity was held on Feb. 11, 1945 at the Hotel McAlpin in New York City with our second independent specialty. The American Kennel Club approved the event so long as all the entrants were also entered in the regular classes. For many years the Futurity was held on the same day as the Specialty. This first Futurity was the only one judged by the regular specialty judge, later assignments being given to a separate judge for the event.

Jim Rosensohn strove constantly for improvements. Successive changes in 1948, '50, and '53 were all well accepted. Each time the underlying reasoning was so sound that his recommendations were adopted without dissent and have remained to the present day.

THE RULES

The complete rules which govern the Futurity have been often imitated by parent clubs of other breeds. The Futurity is described as an annual event, sponsored and run by the American Boxer Club for the purpose of encouraging its members and those of its affiliated clubs, to compete with each other year after year, under conditions equally favorable to all; to provide further incentive to improve their own strains and thus measurably add to the general excellence of the breed as a whole. Fees have not changed since its inception in 1945 - bitch and puppy nomination are still $5 each.

FUTURITY CHAIRMAN

Chairmen over the years have had to devote untold amounts of time to the required record keeping and acknowledgements of nominations and fee payments. Anything less would lead to complete chaos. Failing health forced Jim to give up those duties in 1953. He was succeeded by Bob Solomon, Robert Randall took over for a year in 1959. He was followed by Sheldon Selkoff who was replaced in 1962 by his wife, Phyllis. Mrs. Selkoff carried on until February of 1968.

During her tenure as Futurity Chairman, Phyllis added several refinements, such as requests for statistical information regarding the size and composition of litters and the length of the gestation period. She also initiated the practice of sending postcard reminders to owners of eligible contestants. These went out with the ABC premium lists as they still do.

In February 1968, ABC director Donald Smith agreed to accept the Futurity Chairmanship. At the October meeting Don reported with obvious satisfaction that interum statistics gave promise of an upcoming record breaking Futurity. No one, least of all his wife and fellow ABC member Mary, foresaw that he was to fall victim to a fatal heart attack within a matter of days. Mary, already responsible for the ABC annual dinner, volunteered to complete the task and carry through the 1969 Futurity.

Long-time member Marjorie Rankin took over from 1971 to 1974. Our present chairman Mrs. Beverley Sachs, took the post in 1974 and has now served longer than any other chairman.

FUTURITY JUDGES

With one exception, Futurity judges have been Boxer breeders. The vast majority of our members feel that this is as it should be since the judge must have a practiced eye for a promising puppy. For many years, the guidelines required that the breeder has bred and raised at least three litters in the five years preceding nomination to judge the Futurity. More recently, this has been relaxed to allow for those who have had a continuing history of active participation in the breed to be considered, thus - several well known handlers have become eligible.

As we said earlier, at that first Futurity, the regular judge handled both the Futurity and the Classes. In subsequent Furturies, the judge chosen runnerup to the class judge was given the Futurity assignment. Beginning in 1953, with the Futurity held in June as a separate event, the judge was chosen specifically for the Futurity.

Mary Cousins, already well known through the products of her RXKB Kennels, had been selected to do the 1945 speciality. She was given the added task of the Futurity. The entry in the first Futurity of 35 along with 178 in the Specialty made for a full day.

In 1952, Mazie Wagner judged the 8th Futurity with a then record entry of 75. Through no fault of hers the Specialty was not over until the early hours of Monday morning (the start of Westminster). For the next three years, to mollify ABC, the Futurity was held as a separate event in late May or early June, just before the well known Morris and Essex show. At the 1954 Futurity Mary returned to judge a second time and put up Barrage. Mary Cousins and John Connolly are the only persons who have judged an ABC Futurity twice.

JAMES ROSENSOHN

Jim joined the ABC in 1941 and began breeding Boxers under the name Rose-Dor. He accepted the post of Futurity chairman late in 1943 and the considerable job of developing the ground rules and getting the innovation off the ground. The rules he developed are still in effect on the whole. He served in this capacity until 1953. Jim's painstaking work on the futurities was a true labor of love for the Boxer breed.
FUTURITY WINNERS

Only two previously confirmed champions have received the top award of Grand Futurity Winner - Ch. Merrilane's Holiday Fashion in 1975 and Ch. Flintwood's Rabbie Rouser in 1962. Bob Salomon carried Rabbie Rouser to Best of Breed in the Specialty, one of only two to capture both the Futurity and BOB in the same year.

In 1967, Salgray's Ambush captured both the Futurity and Breed from the 9 to 12 Puppy Class, also a one time record. He first caught Lorraine Meyer's eye in the Futurity and took the top award in that. Competing again later in the Specialty Hugo Kneal carried him from the 9-12 class clear to Best of Breed.

He was 16 days short of one year. Almeebee's Jubilee was the oldest contestant to win, being just five days short of 18 mos when given the nod.

To find the youngest Grand Prize Futurity Winner ever takes us all the way to 1951 and Stu Stiney's (Ch.) Rock Eden's Bottoms Up. He was a mere three weeks over 6 mos. Backtracking to Mary Cousins and 1945, her choice in the Futurity was the Utz son, (Ch.) Clipper of Cynshir. Later that day Mary underscored her high opinion of this dog's potential by carrying him to Winners Dog from the 9-12 class. The showing made by the Haeberle's (Ch.) Eldric's Darlous in 1956 was even more impressive. Alice Wood carried him to Grand Prize in the Futurity. Later that day, Dr. Harris took Darlous all the way to Best of Winners from the 6-9 mos. class. He was the youngest to ever make such a win, being 3 days short of 9 mos.

Of the 40 Grand Futurity Winners 6 have come from the 6-9 class, 1 from the 9-12 class and 1 from the 12-18 class. The one year over 18 mos. class was necessary because of moving show from February to May had no effect - the winner was from 9-12. Of the 40 winners, 29 have finished their championship, 2 died very young and the 1984 winner needs only 2 points to finish at this time (Feb.85).

Fawn dogs have consistently been the biggest winners. Of 40 winners, there have been 20 fawn dogs and 9 brindle dogs; 3 fawn bitches and 7 brindle bitches. All but one futurity winner was sired by a champion, 15 had both champion sire and dam, only one had neither. Three Grand Prize Futurity Winners have sired 5 others - Barrage 2, Ambush 2 and Darlous 1. Bang Away was not shown in the futurity but sired 4 futurity winners followed by Barrage, Ambush, and Fashion Hint with 2 each as top sires for futurity winners.

The last 10 years have seen some dramatic changes in the futurity entry itself. In the middle 70's, the entry hovered around 100. Then, in 1977, the ABC itself was moved from New York to Woodbridge, New Jersey. The entry jumped into the 140's. In 1978 ABC became a 2-day event with the futurity held the day before on Saturday, also the futurity classes were divided by color as they had been up until 1960. Preliminary lists were sent to the owners of all eligible puppies along with a reconfirmation card which also helped identify the eligible puppy to the superintendent. The entry was a whopping 171.

In 1979 the futurity became a 2-judge event. 1980 saw both the futurity and annual specialty moved to May. Entries for the last three years - '82, '83, '84 - have been in the 180's with the goal now in focus of going over 200 entrants. Since the 1980 show the ABC annual specialty has been a 3-day event on Wednesday (the futurity), Thursday and till noon on Friday.

BEVERLEY SACHS

Mrs. Rodney Sachs of "Timberlea USA" fame, has served the ABC as Futurity Chairman since 1974. Prior to assuming the futurity she had served as Dinner Chairman in 1966 and 67. She became a member of the Board of Directors in 1978 for two three year terms and was recently elected to a third one. In 1992 she was appointed Chairman of the Judges Educational Committee to coordinate the production of the slide series for the AKC.

Beverley has been judging for a number of years and handled the 1962 Regional as well as several other large assignments. She has been in Boxers a number of years having owned and shown Ch.Tranel's Hennessey and Ch.Timberlea's Twins Token. She was also one of the founders of the Saunton Valley Boxer Club.

BEFORE AND AFTER

Before he came, I firmly said, "This time, no dog upon my bed." The puppy showed me, that first night How I was wrong - and he was right. And now I view my new-made bed, And sigh to see upon the spread A puppy biscuit, crumbs, a ball, A tied-up sock, a rubber doll; And, prize of all, a whopping bone! (At least! I know I'm not alone)

by Lee Avery

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HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

John Phelps Wagner 1940-1974
Mr. Wagner was active in the American Boxer Club from its organization in 1935 and served on numerous committees, particularly the Standards Committee which he headed for many years. He became Honorary Secretary in 1938 and has Honorary Vice President in 1940. In 1952 the American Boxer Club gave Jack and his wife, Mazie, a testimonial dinner the night before the annual specialty and voted Jack Honorary Vice President in Perpetuity.

In the early 40's Jack commissioned a carving to be done by June Harrah, of the Ideal Boxer. The final piece was adopted by the American Boxer Club as the official representation of the Boxer. This carving was cast in Bronze and Porcelain. The porcelains were produced at the famous Rookwood Pottery and came in bisque or glaze. Typical of Jack, he made them available to the membership for a reasonable amount. Unfortunately very few of the porcelains seem to have survived.

Jack, Wagner judged the ABC several times, the first being in 1940 at Katonah. This was followed by the '54 and '60 shows, the last shared with Mazie. His services were in demand internationally and he did many specialty and all-breed assignments both here and abroad. A win under Jack was a seal of approval to many of the fancy.

Mr. Shouse came from early and prominent Kentucky stock and was a respected member of social and political circles in the District of Columbia, having held the offices of Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

While visiting Austria in 1939, Mr. Shouse and his spouse Katherine became interested in Boxers. The following year they brought back with them the future Ch. Ill v Zettlerheim, granddam of their homebred Ch. Miss Victory of Wolf Trap, sired by their Ch. Vorspiel of Mazelaine. In 1955 the Shouses acquired the outstanding Ch. Barrage of Quality Hill.

Mr. Shouse was a founder in 1940 of the Potomac Boxer Club. Upon joining the ABC in 1955 he was promptly appointed Parliamentarian and elected Delegate to the AKC. First elected a director in 1956 he undertook a very thorough revision of the By-Laws the following year. He was unanimously elected Honorary Vice President in 1967 upon his retirement from active involvement in the Boxer world.

Mr. Salomon joined the ABC in 1946 along with his wife "Ginny". The Salomon's first champion "Bona Dea's Tucker" who finished in 1948 was the inspiration for the kennel name "Tucker Ho". Bobby served the ABC as Futurity Chairman, Advertising Chairman, Vice President, and was President in 1957 and 1961 years. He was elected Honorary Vice President in 1976. Mr. Salomon was granted a license for Boxers in 1958 and now does the Working and Herding Groups. He judged our Futurity in 1960. In 1962 he handled the bitch classes and intersex at our specialty, in 1968 he did the Regional in Illinois and in 1971 did the Regional again.

Mr. Streicher joined the ABC in 1951. He was very active in the Boxer Obedience Training Club of New York (later the Boxer Obedience Training Club of Westchester). He served that organization for several years as President. During that time he was an active participant in the ABC Obedience Trials. He eventually finished obedience degrees on five Boxers, including two CDX and one UD - the well-known Chardythe's Pacemaker, UD.

Judy served as our membership chairman during 1954. His financial training was called on with his election to the position of Treasurer in 1955 - a position he held through 1961. He was elected to the Board in 1956 and served almost continuously until 1966. In 1965 he succeeded Jouett Shouse as AKC Delegate, a post which he held until 1974. During his term on the Board he served as president from 1965 to 1969. He was our Chief Steward in '71, '74 and '76. He was elected Honorary Vice President in 1976.
Mr. Wood told somebody in 1968, on the occasion of producing his "The American Boxer Club an Outline of History" and the accompanying material in the ABC Silver Anniversary catalog, that he was relieved he wouldn't be around to do the 50th Anniversary in 1985. Well, Father Time fooled him!

Mr. Wood has ably contributed to this effort, as he has to many others over the years. He is solely responsible for the biographies on the Life Members. Many of the canons are taken from earlier ABC Catalogues and, although they are not signed, one can tell Carl did them. He also contributed many facts and pieces of information in other areas and, with Ellie's help, updated his chart of ABC officers and Board members for this occasion, which proved very useful.

Having lived through two world wars and reached octogenarian status, Mr. Wood didn't like our ABC history because part of it had information on other events of the times. He forgets that many of us "kids" weren't around for all that and some of the rest were too young to remember (or so they say). We plagiarized freely on his earlier version to start the one presented here.

Carl A. Wood is the son of a German-Russian Baroness and a Professor of German. He grew up in both the United States and in Germany, spending several years in the German boarding schools for young men with his cousins. When the first World War broke out he was in the mining industry and the families of the German High Command. Our government recruited him because they knew he spoke and read fluent German and could pass for a native German - they thought better of their plans when the found out about his relatives and decided he could serve better at home.

It was only right that anyone with an extensive background in things German should have a "German" Boxer. Carl and Alice Wood got their first Boxer in 1943 and attended their first ABC Specialty in 1945. Woodcrest was registered with the AKC in 1944. They were to eventually finish 27 champions including SOM Ch. Philanderer of Woodcrest and DOM Ch. Exuberant of Woodcrest. They won the 1966 Futurity with (Ch.) Playboy of Woodcrest and 1st Prize Futurity Winner Puppy from the "You Too" of Woodcrest in 1968. As one might expect, Carl became a judge in 1962 and currently holds a license for eight other breeds as well as Boxers. He shared the '59 specialty with George Howard and did the ABC Regional in 1967.

Mr. Wood was the longest serving committee chairman the ABC is ever likely to see, having filled the the posts of historian and librarian unofficially about 1950. Prior to that he was co-editor with his wife, Alice, of the club magazine "Boxer Club News" from '49 to '51.

The first record of an official appointment was in 1962 as chairman of the Parade of Champions film committee. He and fellow member Jack Toomey, used Jack's contact with Dumont Television, to enable them to arrange for WABD to broadcast our first Champions On Parade in 1952. A professional announcer was provided. Carl was overcome with "mike fright" but it was Carl who anchored the commentary and the film. He also handled subsequent parades, becoming known as "The Man on the Microphone" at all ABC events. Later they had magnetic tape sound and it was necessary to dub in the sound at a later time. The latest such effort was the 1983 Parade which was done on Video Tape. Because of the size of the entry (245) he shared the announcer's duties with Dr. Dick Mason. Carl also acted as Film Chairman from 1957 until 1970.

Mr. Wood was officially appointed Historian in 1957 and Librarian in 1958 in recognition of the job he had been doing for over five years. He collected marked copies of our show catalogues as well as other major shows for the ABC Library. During his tenure he was able to procure a complete set of German Stud Books. These were later donated to the AKC as they did not have a set. They can still be seen today. The job of Librarian was turned over to Dr. G. F. Welch in 1974 when the Wools retired to White Stone, Va.

In 1964 Mr. Wood was elected to his first term on the Board. He served six years and was elected again in 1972. This time he served a second six years and was Vice President from 1974 to 1978. He served as Chairman of the Publicity Committee in 1967 and from 1971 to 1982. He held the very important post of ABC Gazette Columnist from 1972 to 1982. In 1977 he took over the Chairmanship of the Standards Committee which he still fills, along with Historian.

In addition to the above he has been responsible for many other special projects such as the "This Is Your Life" dinner for Bang Away. He writes all the biographies for the 25 Year Members, the "Meet the Judge" section of the catalogues and the dedicatory write-ups on important members who have passed on. Over the years he has been responsible for writing the "American Boxer Club an Outline of History" which appeared in the 1980 and 1988 Catalogs and a History of the ABC Futurity.

At the beginning of Alice Wood's memorial it says she gave an important part of herself to the Boxer Breed in January 1944 - we know what it was - Carl.
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LIFE MEMBERS

Life members are those who have been members of the American Boxer Club for 25 years. There are no dues required of these members as they have already “paid them.” Many fanciers do not join the ABC until they have been “in Boxers” 5-10 years; thus, many of these people were well on their way to success in the Boxer world at the time they joined ABC.

The program to honor those ABC members who have been in the club for at least 25 years was first suggested by Nelson Baum in the 60’s. The credit for actually putting the program together and getting it put into effect must go to Carl Wood, however. He has been responsible for gathering the biographical material on those members attaining life-member status and introducing the new inductees at our annual awards dinner.

The program was started in 1971. At that annual awards dinner all of the currently qualifying members became “Life Members”. The number of living life members today runs around 50, although 74 have attained that status over the years.

A short biography of each life member is presented here courtesy of Mr. Wood. Some of the members were kind enough to send updates which have been included where possible. The biographies will be presented by the year in which they joined the ABC.

1935

JOHN P. AND MAZIE E. WAGNER

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, best described as legends in their own time and known to boxerites as Jack and Mazie, joined the ABC in 1935 and ’36 respectively. Jack as one of our Founding Members. Jack and Mazie both judged the ABC in 1940 and ’54; Mazie in 1952 for the Futurity. In 1960 they split the duties.

Their most notable imports were Dorian and Utz. Over the years well over 100 champions were bred and shown by the Wagners from their Mazelaine Kennels. Among these were Warlord, Serenade, Overture, Brandy, Baroque and Windjammer, to name a few. They were also the owners and breeders of several sires and dams of merit.

WALTER LIPPERT

Walter Lipert was born in Germany. He came to the States in 1930. In 1934 Walter and his late wife Kathen were granted the name of “Hinshenfelde” by the ABC and joined the Munich Boxer Club. Walter was one of the founders of the ABC in 1935 and served as vice-president for three years. Lippert Boxers were notably successful in obedience – Harry of Hinshenfelde being the first Boxer to achieve the UD title (which then included tracking).

1937

CHARLES O. SPENNAUS

Charley Spennaus of Larchmont, New York, joined the ABC in 1937. First elected as an ABC Director in 1939, he remained on the Board until 1966. In the interim, he was our Secretary for an entire decade and also served as Historian, and later President. He was elected an Honorary Vice-President in 1956.

He qualified as a judge about 1940 and did the breed at Westminster in 1944, carrying a class dog named “Marlord” to BOB (he went on to Best American Bred in Show). In 1947 he judged our specialty and in 1951 handled the Futurity assignment. He also judged BOB at the 1959 Regional.

1938

NELSON W. BAUM

Nelson was a resident of Larchmont. It was Nelson who first came up with the suggestion, back in the early 60’s, that long-time adherents to this club be given a sort of permanent status.

1939

MRS. JOUETT SHOUSE

Katherine Shouse was founder of the Potomac Boxer Club in 1940. Her kennel name of Wolf Trap derives from the Shouse farm in Fairfax County, Va. She owned and campaigned several of her own breeding but is best remembered for Ch. Vorspiel of Mazelaine and Ch. Barrage of Quality Hill, who, in addition to his ABC wins, was Best American Bred in Show at Westminster in 1955. Mrs. Shouse was a judge but has now retired.

1940

MRS. GEORGE H. GOFF

Mrs. Goff became involved with Boxers about 1940 and did her breeding under the kennel name of “Puckety” on her farm in Verona, Pa. Evelyn qualified as a judge in 1941. She was very popular and her Boxer entry of 166 at the 1942 Westminster represents the all-time high for our breed at that show. She shared the honors of doing our show in ’58 with Alfred Putnam.

1937

LENA LUDWIG

Lena Ludwig was the second generation of St. Albans, L.I. Ludwigs to join the ABC. Lena’s kennel name suffix is “von Ludwig”. First elected to the board in 1942, she completed a total of four three year terms as a director and also served as Treasurer from 1944 to 1947. Qualified to judge Boxers, Dobses and Danes, she did our specialty in 1951. In 1956 she did the Futurity and shared the 1959 Regional assignment with C.O. Spennaus. She officiated at the Annual again in 1961, along with Ted Kurmer.
1941

THEODORE H. KAPNOK

Mr. Kapnek was from Elkins Park, Pa. His Lustig daughter, Carlsl of Kernsl, reached championship status in 1940 and went on to become the first champion to secure a 94 degree. Ted was in the service for a considerable portion of his three year term as an ABC director from 1942 to 1945. He worked with Dogs for Defense and was one of the first to chair the training committee (obedience). He eventually obtained a license to judge Boxers, Dobs and all the obedience classes.

1942

DR. AND MRS. JOHN D. BOOTH

Dr. and Mrs. Booth of Danbury, Conn. had been in Boxers since 1940 with the kennel name of "Kimbo". Dr. Booth served as Chief Steward of our separate specialty shows until 1950 and judged the dog classes at our 1953 show. Before the introduction of the PA system, the doctor used to circle the ring advising the audience in sonorous tones of class absentees, a great help to catalog markers.

1944

HENRY JUDIK

Mr. Judik bred until 1950 under the Gay-Brig kennel name in Upperco, Md. The death of his wife in 1950 ended his activities as breeder, however he remained an interested member. His favorite dog was the Archduke son Ch.Meritaire's Nollesse.

1946

DR. FRANK F. RUBIN

Dr. Rubin of Quincy, Mass. has been an active fancier since the early 40's. He has vivid recollections of Sigurd and Siene competing at Great Barrington Way in 1940. He was founder and president of the Northeastern Boxer Club and the Boxer Education Club. A Judge for almost 25 years, he remembers with particular satisfaction his assignment of the Eastern Boxer Club Specialty of 1950. On that occasion Bang Away took "808" and El Wondie was "805" from the Veterans Class.

1948

ADOLF S. STAADEN

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf S. Staaden, of New Jersey bred under the Braunels kennel name. He has since dropped out but Mr. Staaden remained an interested fancier. He states that he could not have loved any of his Boxers more if they had all been champions.

1949

MELLIE ANDERSON

Mellie Anderson of Nutwood Boxers was a leader in organizing the Mohican Boxer Club. She judged the bitch classes here in 1963 and has since been licensed to do 10 other working breeds.

1950

JAMES E. HENRY

Cy Henry lived in the Philadelphia area. He was active in the Eastern Boxer Club and became a judge in the early 40's. He has since been licensed for several other working breeds.

1951

WILLIAM H. AND MARGORIE RANKIN

"Marge and Bill" of Brookfield, Conn. have been in Boxers since the very early 40's, breeding or finishing well over 20 champions at their Huck Hill kennels. Marge was a licensed handler for several years. Marge was our Advertising Chairman for three years and served two terms as a Director. She was Secretary in 1960 and '61 and Futurity Chairman from 1970 to 1974. She also judged the futurity in 1957. Bill has served as Trophy Chairman (51) and ring steward since 1955. He was Match Show Chairman for four years as well.

1952

ALICE ROSENTHAL

Alice Rosenthal was the Editor and Publisher of Dog News until her death in 1971. The magazine subsequently folded. Boxers were featured in two issues each year as well as a regular column and several feature articles through the rest of the year. Until the advent of the Boxer Briefs and the Boxer Review the Dog News filled the void of a breed publication. Many of these issues are highly prized as collectors items today.

Alice finished the Dorlan daughter, Ch. Mazelaine Melinda in 1940 and two of her get by Warlord, Feature Edition and Front Page.
ROBERT S. SALOMON

Bobby Salomon finished his first champion "Bona Dee's Tucker" in 1948. She was the inspiration for their kennel name - Tucker-Ko. He served the club in many capacities including Futurity Chairman, Steward, Advertising Chairman, Treasurer, and Vice-President. He received approval for his judges license in 1958 and today does both the Working and Herding Groups. He did our Futurity in 1960, the bitch classes and BOB competition at the '68 Regional, and the '71 Regional.

1947

DR. AND MRS. MILTON K. HARRRADER

Buz and Lib, as they are known, started supporting our shows as long ago as 1945. Their brindle puppy bitch Tall Elms Pollyyenna placed in her puppy class and as a Champion, was BOSS to Bang Away under Lena Ludwig. Earlier that day their Yobang son Tall Elms Torchy Tattersal had topped the Junior bracket in the futurity under Charles Spannaus and taken AWD from open fawn in the specialty. Their champions Luke, Torchy and Polly were all on our '52 film. Dr. Harker is a founding member of New Jersey Boxer Club and has held the office of President several times. He is licensed to do Boxers.

VELMA KERN

Velma assisted husband Bob with their Kernia Boxers. She accompanied him on many of his judging trips. They made several trips to Europe and doubtless saw more European Boxers than most of us.

VIRGINIA SALOMON

"Ginny" was ever ready to lend her boundless good humored energies to furthering ABC affairs. She was always behind the scenes keeping the ball rolling. She served several years as head of the Hospitality and Dinner committees. She became licensed to do Boxers after her 1968 assignment here at the Futurity and judged at both the '74 and '79 Specialties. She is now licensed to do several working breeds.

1948

GEORGE AND VERA HOWARD

The Howards joined our club in 1948 and by 1949 George was head of the Trophy Committee. In 1951 he was appointed to the key post of Secretary. In 1952 he joined our Board and the following year was elected President. In 1958 he became membership chairman. He shared judging of the 1959 Specialty with Carl Wood and did the 1962 Regional in Atlanta. He was indirectly responsible for the constitution and by-laws being revised to allow for Regional Directors.

MAJOR CHARLES LUDWIG

Major Ludwig (USAF) maintained a membership throughout his career in the Air Force, including service in Korea and Viet Nam. He represented the first case of a third generation membership in the ABC. His mother, Lena, being a life-member and his grandfather, Charles, a respected breeder and judge of Danes and Boxers and the original importer of many German dogs, including the immortal Sigurd.

JOHN AND MARGARET ARCHIBALD

John and Margie Archibald first joined ABC in the fall of 1949. In 51 John had an Obedience entry in Novice "A", the three and a half year old Mamoselle. At the same show her daughter, bred by the Archibalds, was entered in the Futurity. An in '53 their Jamarc's Can Can, sired by Ch.Anten's Pinocchio, competed in 6-9 puppy.

After that there was a lapse of twelve years while the couple concentrated on raising their family. But in 1965 they came back strong with their Jamarc's Ginger Peachy, a Flying High daughter. She placed 4th in the Specialty in American Bred, even though only a year old. In '66 she took the bitch points and BOSS behind her uncle Fashion Plate. She was back as a Special in '67 along with a son by Fashion Plate, Jamarc's Chairman of the Board. In '68 Peachy led off the 1964 contingent in our Meet the Champions.

Both John and Marge have been most generous in the time they have devoted to ABC affairs. Marge was our trophy chairman from '51 until after the '54 show. In '62 Marge took on the Annual Specials assignment which she handled until 1981. It was during this time that she started the clever "Saga of Sal Gray". A story with all the names of the Annual Award winners and top dogs worked into it. This has become an fixture at the annual awards dinner. She also served as hospitality chairman.

In December 1967 John took over as our show chairman upon the death of Al Pignone. In '68 he commenced the first of two terms as director. Upon his election as ABC President in 1971 Joe Galassi took over the show chairmanship. And in '74 they switched jobs again with John taking back the show assignment while Joe assumed the Presidency. In 1974, John was elected our delegate to the AKC, with the expiration of his second term as director, in February of 1976, Marge was elected to the same post.

John unexpectedly passed away in 1981 and Marge took over his duties as Show Chairman and AKC Delegate - the first woman to hold that post. In 1983 she became President - also the first woman to attain that honor. With the expiration of her two terms on the Board she again assumed the Show Chairmanship for the 50th Anniversary show.

LAURA ABBOTT DALE

Laura Dale of Long Island, NY was one of our most dedicated obedience devotees. She competed in our trials from 1949 until they were discontinued in 1972. She became licensed to judge obedience in 1954 and did the ABC in 1968, drawing our largest entry ever. Her Mozart Sonatina was the first, but by no means the last of her own bitches to attain the UD degree. At least 11 of her Boxers have qualified for obedience titles.

CHARLES AND "JIMMIE" HYDE

The Hydes, of Buffalo, NY started their Hydalis kennel in 1939 with Ch. Sumbula's Andor, a Dorian son. Their Ch.Hydalis Gay Blade was a BOB winner. Jimmie became a Judge in 1962. They were both very active in the Boxer Club of Western New York.

VIRGINIA PIGNONE

Virginia was the wife of our long-time show chairman Albert.

THOMAS Y SOLLAS

Mr. Sollas began his Fairmont kennels in 1945. Thier Meritaires bred bitch "Blazette's Bo Poop" produced Ch.Country Dude of Cock Robin. He was a judge of Boxers from the early '50's and handled the bitch assignment at ABC in 1967.

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1950

HUGO AND HELEN KRAVE

Hugo has served the ABC in many capacities including four
three year terms on the Board, two years as advertising chair-
man and two more as President. While heading up the ABC he
successfully carried out the first two regional specialties
held at Marion, Ohio in 1958 & '59. Upon his retirement from
the presidency he remained Regional Chairman until 1975. The
Krave's favorite Boxer was Ch. Dlegant's Captain Flash who
was BOS to Ch. Yoomph of Sirrah Crest in 1950. Hugo, since
retired, was licensed for Boxers in 1952. He Judged ABC in
1957 and in 1967.

STUART AND PEG SLINLEY

Stu's most notable Boxer was their homebred Ch.Rec-Eden's
Bottoms Up, known as Zupp. He was Grand Prize Futurity Winner
in 1951, shown by Peter Knoop. Stu was ABC Show Chairman
in 1956 and '57 and also served as a Director. He was Vice-
President in 1961. He became a professional handler in 1957 and
Judged our Futurity in 1959. He must have taken well over 100
Boxers to their championship before turning in his PHA button
and License in 1970. He then became a Licensed superintendent
for Moss-Bow in Greensboro.

1951

ELLA MAY CURRIER BEDELL

Mrs. Bedell, formerly wife of Ernest L. "Doc" Bell, was
attracted to Boxers in the middle forties. They were among the
organizers of the Middlesex Boxer Club in 1948. They first
competed at the ABC in 1953 with a brother and sister of their
breeding by Bang Away Ch. Steeplechase Up and Away returned
here as a special in 1954, '55, '56 and participated in the
'S8 Parade. He was the sire of the Flint's Norgenshern and
Sous Souci of Kresthallo, their foundation bitches.

"Doc" Bell was elected to two successive three year terms as
director in 1956 and 1959. In February of 1960 he became our
president only to die suddenly the following January. Etlanay
was appointed to complete his term as director.

MALCOLM AND ELLINOR BUMP

The Bumps of Little Compton, Rhode Island supported our '52
specialty with a puppy dog and three bitches entered in Open
or American Bred. The Bumps finished Chs. Cinder Path's Star
Dust, Junior Miss and Frivolous Sal. Their homebred Ch.Tiffawn's Dardanella produced Ch.Tiffawn's Saint and Sinner
and litter sister Singing in the Rain. In addition to having
been members of the New England Boxer Club, the Bumps joined
Middlesex.

ROBERT S. AND DORIS BUNSFIELD

The Bunshaft's got involved in Boxers in 1947. The following
year they helped to organize our Middlesex Boxer Club, of
which Bob was subsequently President. One of their earliest
Boxers competed in our 1950 Obedience Trial. By June of '53
they had finished Ch.Mazaelane Koto, purchased as a puppy.
Bred to Elixer the next year, she produced the future Ch.Rogue
Hill's Fiddle Faddle, who finished in 1957. Meantime they
acquired the Bargue. daughter. Flintwood's Miss Mayhem, who
completed her title in 1959. She in turn was mated with Fiddle
Faddle. A male, Nicely nicely and a bitch, Now or Never, from
this breeding finished in 1962.

By 1953 Bob was on the advertising committee for our Specialty
catalog. And in '54 both he and Doris were active in drumming
up ads for the Futurity catalog. That same year he accepted the
job of annual specials chairman which he continued through
1959 (which of course meant that Doris actually did the work
of compiling all Boxer show reports).

In 1960 Bob started the first of two consecutive three year
terms as director and was elected vice-president. In January
of '61 he succeeded Doc Bell as President, a post which he
held until 1964. He retired from the board in 1966.

JUDSON L. AND GAIL STREICHER

If Jud had to pick a favorite from among the Boxers he has
owned, it would have to be the first one, the brindle
Chardythe's Pacemaker, UD, Old "Max", a son of Ch.Symbol
of Barmere, was a fixture at our Obedience Trials for nearly a
decade. His acquisition was closely followed by that of their
founder bitch, Chardythe's Queen, whelped in 1950. Bred to
Larry Downey's Zak, Quest produced the last litter he sired,
which included the fawn bitch Galajand's Anzac. Good enough
to take the Reserve spot at Futurity in 1956. He was retired with
10 points and a CDX. Bred to Ch. Canyonaire's Getting There,
in 1954, she produced the future Ch. Galajand's Bewitching.
"Shaky" as they called her, went BOS to Barrage at our '57 specialty and in '58 she competed once more as a Special
while her daughter Galajand's Enchanting took her puppy class.
Ch.Bewitching was still far from shaky when she led off the 1968 Parade at nearly 13 yrs.

The Streicher's aquired Ch. Salgray's Fanfare who was B1 at the
63 Regional in St. Louis and later became a BIS winner. They
later bred Ch. Galajand's Just Lovely and Ch. Galajand's Blue
Chip, the 1977 BOS winner at ABC. Since then they have
campaigned several BIS winners including Ch. Mystery's Show
Biz, Ch. Janeda's Stage Door Johnny and Ch. Mycin's Witter Wheat.

After serving as a member of several committees Gail was
appointed chairman of the Obedience portion of the trophy
committee for 1954 and '55. She was also our plaque chairman
for five years. Jud has served in numerous capacities and is
now an Honorary Vice President.

1952

J. COLLINS AND FRANCES LLOYD

Their involvement with Boxers goes back to the middle forties.
They have been members of our Pacific Northwest Boxer Club
since 1948. Mr. Lloyd has also been an active member of Golden
Gate KC.

Their first Boxer of consequence was the Brandy grandson
and future champion, Beau-Mere's El Brigadoon, purchased as
a puppy in 1949. He finished easily in five straight shows in
1951. Then came Ch. Becrest's Shindig and Ch. Bar-Myn's
Thunderbolt. Their most spectacular performer has to be
Ch. Holly Lane's Diamond Replay. Piloted by our member Al Lee
his record includes topping our 1974 and '75 Regionals. He now
has 21 champions to his credit including the top winner and
 sire of merit Ch. Vimar's EST.

Mr. Lloyd has served on the Board and the two currently share
the duties of the Annual Awards Committee.

1953

LAWRENCE AND LYDIA BROWN

The Browns were presented with their first Boxer as a
Christmas present in 1946. They joined the Maryland Boxer Club
in 1950. They bred their Dusky Star of Sirrah Crest to Bang
Away and got the future champion Law-Ly's Brenda Bang. Lydia
has filled about every position in the Maryland Boxer from
committee chairman to Director to Secretary to President. They
-elected her Director Emeritus in 1974. Lawrence too filled
just about every office within that club.

COLEMAN COOK

Coleman got his first Boxer from a displaced Polish couple in
Rome, while still in the Air Force in 1947. His first show
dog, acquired in 1951, was Ch. Canyonaire's Talked About who
finished easily. He became a professional handler in 1965. He
bred and campaigned Ch. Bremhaven's Happy Talk, Ch. Bremhaven's
Ringmaster, Ch. Bremhaven's Quick Fire and Ch. Bremhaven's Sweet
Talk. He has owned several other champions, his latest being
Ch. Merriflame's April Fashion, a top winner and producer.
"Punk" received ABC Awards in 1979, '80, and '81. He is the
 sire of over 20 champions and was one of the youngest ever
to qualify for sire of merit.
ELEANOR HAEBERLE

Eleanor and her late husband Dick, became interested in Boxers in the early forties. In 1951 they became serious with the purchase of their foundation bitch and future champion, Everready of Woodcrest. Their kennel name “Eldic” was registered with the AKC the following year. They bred over 70 litters during the next 20 years, producing several champions. A grandson of “Ready’s” by Barrage, Eldic’s Darlus, topped the ’56 Futurity and went on to B/BX from the puppy class that day. Darlus and his son Landlord are both Sires of Merit. Mrs. Haeberle became a firm believer in breeding the granddaughter back to the grandfather as the best producing combination. A double-grand sire breeding produced Landlord.

The Haeberle’s became members of New Jersey Boxer Club around 1945. Mrs. Haeberle became an active member of ABC serving as membership chairman several years, advertising chairman at our first separate Futurity in ’53 and for the regular specialty in ’58 and also held the dual roles of dinner and hospitality chairman from ’58 through ’64. She also served two terms on the Board. She did our 1965 Futurity and in 1975 became licensed to do Boxers. She did the bitch entry here in 1977 and continues to be a popular specialty judge.

PAUL AND ELLIE ROSSBOURGH

The Rossboroughs joined Ohio Boxer Club in 1950 and a short time later finished their Ch. Honey Girl of Avon, Paul was approved to Judge Boxers in 1955 and two years later took on Great Danes as well. He judged for us on three occasions – the ABC in 1963, picking Painted Lady and Raffle Rouser B&B and BOS, the ’69 Regional in Houston and the ’73 specialty. In 1965 Paul took over the Membership Committee and continued in that post until 1977.

TED AND RUUTH WURMSEN

The Wurmsen’s have been associated with Boxers since 1946 and were among the earliest members of the Blue Grass Boxer Club. Among others their Terudon Kennels produced the notable Barrage daughter, Kiss Me Kate, ably shown by member Joe Gregory. The twelve champions the Wurmsen’s finished included Ch. Canyonaire’s Man on Fire, a sire of merit. Ted was approved to Judge Boxers in 1956. He is now licensed for all breeds. He judged ABC in 1961 and again in 1981. Ruth was approved for Boxers in 1969 and did the bitch classes in 1974 and in 1981 with Ted. She is licensed for the Toy and Non-Sporting Groups, too.

1954

WILLIAM H. BOXERS

Oddly his first brush with Boxers stemmed from loaning a cook at Yale the money to purchase a specimen of our breed. He was sufficiently intrigued with that one to acquire no less than a litter sister to Ch’s Merry Monarch and Polly of the Follies whom he registered as Hey Day of Hob hill. She was shown for him by her breeder Harry Hill at the 1945 ABC specialty at the Hotel McAlpin where she placed in the American Bred class. Shortly after that he purchased a litter sister to Clipper of Cynshirft who had topped the first ABC Futurity that same day in 1945. One amusing anecdote provided by Mr. Boxers concerns the sale of the as yet unknown Merry Monarch for the then considerable sum of $350. Because this transaction had taken them to the Orange County, NY area Messrs Hill and Boxers decided to push on to the Good Times track at Goshen, where the famous Hambletonian was being run off that day, Harry, with a sure thing tip, took a flyer on the race and lost the whole sum.

WILLIAM S. THORNTON

Bill has had several champions of different breeds, only two of the 13 were Boxers. The first of these, sired by the Douglas Hunt’s, was Eustace Wein, an Uzq grandson given to him by Frances Styer Abercombie. He got his title in 1948. Later he finished the english bitch Witterford Honeymoon, a Xanti Y Don daughter, which he believes to be the first English-bred Boxer to become an American Champion. Bill has lived at his present Spartansburg, SC address for quite a few years. He was first approved to Judge Boxers in 1959.

1955

HELMUT F. ALLMAN

Mr. Allman has been a resident of Long Island since coming to this country in 1928. He grew up with Boxers and Dobies in Germany and is a member of the Dutsche Boxer Verein. He took up obedience in 1947 and became a Judge in 1952, he now does all obedience classes. He was training director for Boxer Club of Long Island, Nassau Dog Training Club and Suffolk Dog Training Club. He has shown his own dogs in both breed and obedience under the v. Rechau kennel name. For years he had a drill team of Obedience with the Suffolk Club. He Judged obedience for us in 1955 and 1960.

SGT. MACELLAN CASH

Sgt. Cash was a career Army man even before joining the ABC. During the years he has been stationed in Washington, DC where he was active in the Potomac Club, New Orleans, Williamsburg, Va. and overseas several times. Since 1974 he has been in Akin, SC.

JOSEPH A. GALASSI

Mr. Galassi retired from the New Jersey State Police with the rank of Lieutenant in ’63 and immediately assumed the position of Director of Police for Woodbridge, NJ, from which he recently retired. Joe, whose Galmar Boxers have enjoyed such names as Trooper, Scooter and Jagg, was among the earliest members of the New Jersey Boxer Club, representing it as a Regional Director in 1961. He was an Obedience Trainer for nearly 20 years and showed several of his Boxers in obedience at ABC. His top show dog was Ch. Galmar’s Apache War Chief, a Battle Chief son.

He became a club director in 1972 and served as show chairman in ’72 and ’73, he was elected president in ’74 and continued in that capacity until 1978. In 1979 he was elected to another term on the Board and has served as show chairman for the 198 and 199 shows. During the years we held the show at Woodbridge he stored the silver trophies in the evidence room at the police headquarters.

KATHERINE K. SYVerson

Mrs. Sverson was the first resident of the Hoosiers State to become a life-member. She joined the Central Indiana Boxer Club early on and has served that organization in sundry positions ranging from secretary to president and editor of the newsletter. She very capably supervised the 1974 Regional held in Bloomington. Kay bred Boxers under her Shallmar kennel name beginning in 1947. Her Ch. Shallmar’s Don Juan being the first Hoosier home-bred to gain the title. A judge of Boxers since 1965, kay officiated at numerous specialties over the years. She was licensed for three other breeds.
**1956**

**DR. MARTIN I. BARNHART**

Marion, who makes her home in Pontiac, was already active in the affairs of our Michigan Boxer Club in the early ’50’s and served as Secretary, Board Member and President. For a time she also handled professionally, showing dogs as the well known Ch. Kepgy-L of May Hill and products of her own Mar Mar Kennel. Her work with the Boxer Club captured worldwide attention and her book titled “Sickle Cell” is already in its second printing.

**DONALD F. STARKWEATHER**

Following return to civilian life and recovery from wounds in WWII, “Starky” established Raineylane Boxers in Detroit. He became a well known Boxer handler and is associated with Ch.Elicker of Rainyland and Ch.bolliee’s Top Preview. Don later moved to Alabama with his second wife, the former Pat Shryock. He finished two from his litter by Ovation and several more since then. Don is now licensed to do Boxers as well as all of Group 3 and part of the Herding Group. He did the ’73 Regional and part of the ’78 ABC.

**FRANCIS I. GRIFFETH**

To the best of our knowledge Griff is a lifelong resident of Connecticut. His line of Mill River Boxers have been quite successful and no less than fourteen of his dogs are listed in the Boxer Breeders Handbook, ten of them champions. He has always shown his own dogs and his adherence to the game is the more remarkable in that he has had no encouragement whatever from the other side of the house. In fact, his wife Olga, regarded the dogs as no more than a necessary evil. Few made it as far as the basement and none were admitted to the living quarters upstairs.

**1957**

**DR. BURIS R. BOSHELL**

Dr. Boshell’s first Boxer was a gift, a Ch. Whistle Stop son, in 1954. He joined the Middlesex Boxer Club which he later served as Secretary. The future Ch.Van’s Blythe Spirit got him started as a breeder using the kennel name So-Mar. She was the dam of Ch.Bo-Mar Music Man who, in turn, sired the ABC Grand Prize Futurity Winner for 1964, Ch.Skyream’s Bubbling Over. More recently the Doctor campaigned Ch.Sarazak’s Moon-Glo and her son Ch.Bo-Mar’s Dr.No. Dr. Boshell is widely known as a breeder of Min Pins, having finished over 100 of them, including Ch.Bo-Mar’s Road Runner, the sire of 83 champions.

Dr. Boshell started judging Min Pins in 1956 and obtained his Boxer and Dobe license in 1957. He did bitches at the ’72 ABC. He now Judges all Working, Toy, Herding and a few Non-Sporting. Dr. Boshell is nationally known for his work with the Diabetes Research and Educational Hospital at Birmingham, Ala. He is dedicated to the proposition that discovery of the exact causes of diabetes should lead to the means for prevention.

**HELEN F. DUGGS**

Helen received her first Boxer as a Christmas present in 1947. She established her Braemerwood Kennels in the mountains of NE. Tennessee where she and her husband were living, she presently lives in Chattanooga. Her Ch.Braemerwood’s Rock-A-Billy took the Grand Futurity prize in our ABC Futurity under Lema Ludwig. He and his sister both finished that same year. Since then a number of other Braemerwood Boxers have finished, four of them out of Dam Of Herit Braemerwood Comin’ Thru. Her current stud force is Ch.Braemerwood Happy Tracks. She received her Boxer license in 1958 and has been an active judge.

**1958**

**ROBERT D. CONRAD**

A research veterinarian, Dr. Conrad has made his home in Omaha since 1970. He is a founding member of the Missouri Valley Boxer Club and has served them as Secretary. Prior to that he spent several years on the West Coast and was a member of the East Bay Boxer Club. His Baldr kennel has produced several champions including the well-known Ch.Edjer of Baldr, a Jered son with 18 champions from his 22 litters. Edjer was out of Bob’s Cherokee Rose of Baldr. Bob has real competition right at home as his wife Helen is a decidedly successful Shih Tzu breeder. He was approved for Boxers in ’73 and judged bitches at the ’82 ABC.

**DANIEL M. AND PHYLLIS HAMILBURG**

A book could be written about the Hamilburgs and Salgray. Dan and Phyllis purchased their first Boxers from Jane Forsyth, the future champions Sabot and Sally of Grayarlin. The kennel name is an elision of Sally and Grayarlin. For that matter Danny and Phyllis thought so much of Jane that they named their own daughter after her. Their next Boxer was the Bang Away granddaughter Ch.Slipper of Grayarlin. Bred to Barrage show’s Cherokee Chief Ch.Salgraylin has been their first homebred champion. The next 20 years were to see a multitude of champions and over a dozen producers come from this kennel.

The Hamilburgs joined about the same time Battle Chief began his career. In ’59 and ’60 Danny was advertising chairman. He became Treasurer in ’62 and continued as such through ’64. He completed two terms on the Board, has been on the show committee several times and has handled Grievance and suggestion committees. Phyllis judged our ’64 Futurity. They have both been very generous with their support of our specialty.

**JOSEPH HEINE**

Joe got into our breed in 1945 with the acquisition of a daughter of Gsr. Kario v. Wolfenschanz while stationed at Augsburg, Germany. Boxella is from her name - Bella v. Steingarten. Joe says she grew up entirely bilingual since only German was spoken in the house while his parents were still alive.

Initially Joe was deeply involved with obedience but by 1950 qualified to judge Boxers. He was one of the founders of the Greater Cincinnati Boxer Club which he has served as President, Regional Director and Regional Show Chairman in 1963. He is also a member of the Munich Boxer Club and one of the few Americans to judge in Germany.

There are now 31 Boxella champions, 25 finished by the kennel since 1959. Meantime Joe has broadened the scope of his judging to include most of the Working Group. He judged the bitch classes for ABC in 1971. He has also had several assignments in Canada and did the Helsinki International in Finland.

**LISA SUTHERLAND**

Mrs. Sutherland bought her first Boxer bitch in 1960. She was subsequently bred and showed down to the least 14 live pups in her first litter. Husband J.W. Sutherland, a career coast guard officer, known in the service as Jock, must have been agast when Lisa promptly equid a another bitch. This one the future Ch.Headline’s Custom Maid.

In 1956 after a tour of duty in Hawaii, the Sutherlands were stationed on Staten Island. They relinquished themselves of the opportunity afforded to support our “Meet The Champions” exhibition with the Ch. Custom Maid, who led off the group which comprised the 1954 contingent. Shown by long time close friend Lois Matthews in Hawaii, she has been awarded an all breed BIS. Lisa chose “Brindeeper” as a kennel name which certainly fitted her husband’s status.
JOSEPH E. GREGORY

When not away on one of numerous judging assignments, Joe is at home either in Ft. Lauderdale, FL or Cloverport, Ky., his Bang Away son, the future Sire of Heritage Ch. Jered's Sovereign, first called attention to his Clover Downs Kennels. Joe, with his friend Burr Long, operated one of the top Boxer-handling establishments in the country during the 50’s, campaigning such notables as Kiss Me Kate, Painted Lady, Yanna and Copper Gentleman. Joe retired from handling and now only has the Sporting Group to have an all-rounders license. Joe judged the futurity in '62, the Regional in '66 and at ABC in '69 and '76.

DONALD L. HILLMAN

Mr. Hillman, widowed in '75, lives at Parker, Colorado, near Denver. He devotes as much time as falling health will permit to the Academy of Dog Sciences application, also located in Parker. Organized in the seventies it covers the spectrum of breeding, feeding grooming and training plus kennel management and health care. The Hillman's registered kennel name prefix, Helandon, has been born by quite a few Boxers since 1958. They first showed Sovereignette of Cross Acres, with Joe Gregory, the owner of the sire Sovereign, at the Regional in '59. Their first champion, The Fawn Kid Komo competed in specials at the same show. At the '65 Specialty the future champion Helandon's Kid Roqueuiza, by Rosales Roquito, took second in the American breed. In '73 she led off the 1964 contingent at the age of 9 years. Her daughter Helandon's Kid Fashion Image placed third in open at the San Diego Regional. These dogs were handled by son Robert, now a graduate nutritionist. In addition to several all breeds Don has been a member of the Colorado Club since 1965. He was approved to Judge Boxers in 1970 but has since retired. He has also bred and shown Cairns.

SANDRA L. JUREDINE

Sandra and her late husband, Chester are longtime residents of Chardon, Ohio. They got into the breed in 1952. Their Ch.Winfred's Diogenes was shown at the First ABC Regional in Marion, Oh. Over the past three decades many more champions have bore from that kennel name including Dionysus, Juno, Aristides and the BIS winner Rock O'Dedginton. She and Chester were founders of the Sugarbush KC and she was Regional Chairman for the '78 Regional. She is a former member of the Ohio Boxer Club which she served as Treasurer. Sandra is now approved to do several working breeds, including Boxers.

O.P. KING

Mr. King, now lives at Smith Mountain Lake, W. Va, since his retirement from the Norfolk and Southern RR. The King's first Boxer was acquired in '51. Their kennel name was derived from adding a "K" to his wife's first name - Kema. Their next venture was the purchase of the already titled Ch.Canyon Lightnin'. They added the future Ch.Rancoo Chiquito Yaddo which finished in 1960, after her sister Yana. She was followed by Ch.Oliver's Sattellite and Ch.Shadow Hill's Cover Story, a Premonition son. O.P. was founder and president of the Blue Ridge Boxer Club which disbanded in the early '60's. He had been approved to judge Boxers in 1956 but resigned six years later to go into the boarding kennel business under the name of AAK9 Hotel, which is still in operation.

EZIO "Chick" CECCARINI

His kennel name of Anchic evolved by blending the first name of his wife Annamay with his own nickname. Chick says that he imported a Boxer from Germany as long ago as 1940, but it was not until 1956 that he got into the show game after purchasing two littersmates sired by Barrago. They finished four of their own Boxers, including Ch.Anchic's First Lady Jacqueline, 3rd at Westminster in '63. Chick, a 6-day bike rider in the early days and licensed handler since 1959, now devotes full time to the dog game. His daughters Loreta and Lydia also got involved. Granddaughter Kimberly Pastella, a third-generation ABC member, is another successful handler. Chick has piloted several top winners including Ch.Tuco's Cachet.

DR. LLOYD D. FLINT

The doctor, a highly regarded specialist in Urology, was on the staff of the renowned Lahey Clinic in Boston. He and his wife, Mary, began showing Boxers in 1954 and breeding in 1956 with considerable success. By 1968 there were no less than 28 champions with their Flintwood Kennel Name. The most famous was Spelke Rouser, first Boxer to top both our Futurity and Specialty on the same day. Later headliners were the brothers Linebacker and Live Ammo, the latter the sire of BIS bitch Ch.Arriba's Prima Donna. Dr. Lloyd judged the '63 Futurity and obtained his Boxer License in 1974. He has served two terms as an ABC Director, was very active in the Middlesex Boxer Club, serving them in several capacities including President and Secretary. He was also the ABC Delegate from Framingham, MA. Dr. Flint chaired the ABC Standards Committee for 10 years and put together the Boxer brochure, now in its second printing.

GRACE COMAN HERBERT

Mrs. Herbert of Lahaina, Hawaii bred Boxers with her late husband Tom Coman, a disc Jockey, under the name Taracrest. They were also successful in wire Fox Terriers, among others. With the closing of the kennel in 1967, Grace came back east again, this time to Washington, DC. She joined the Potomac BC and served for some years as Chief Steward of that club's shows. No small job, for in those days the shows were held at Ft. Meyer with trophy presenters as high in rank as Chief of Staff. And wow, betide anyone who failed to get the titles straight. Tom Coman died in '75 and Grace moved to Hawaii in '77 and remarried the next year. She has a daughter living in Lahaina also. Young Sean Coman is a DC disc Jockey, having followed in his father's footsteps.

MRS. ELEANOR C. HILL

Mrs. Hill was intrigued by the breed as long ago as the 20's but did not acquire one until some time in the 50's. When she realized that the specimen was not of show quality she wisely made several purchases from Peg Davis of Canyonore and also wound up owning the Future Ch.Anheil's Duke of Diamonds, her first title holder. In '59 she got involved with Flintwood by breeding two of her bitches to Bag 11 Baggage and bought her second finisher Ch.Flinton's Flash Memory. Mrs. Hill's kennel name of Kiawah stems from the island of the same name off the mouth of the Cooper River near Mt. Pleasant, SC, her home. Her Ch.Kiawah Sanddancer got his title in '65. The last dog she campaigned was Kiawah Top Hat, a brother to Ch.Kiawah Debonair Dolly. Eleanor was a Review contributor for 5 years and Secy. of the now-defunct Charleston BC.
RALPH MESHON

Ralph fell hard for Boxers by getting to know a gentlemanly old male on the streets of Philadelphia in 1945. He promptly acquired a pet male who died shortly thereafter. His next two Boxers were a daughter of Flip of Berolina and a bitch by El Chico who grew up to be Ch. Tango of Arkona. She, bred to Merry Monarch, produced Arkona's Discovery. Ralph later changed his kennel name to Me-Arkona at the request of AKC. Two of his champions finished under this name were Revelle and Dealers Choice.

Ralph was very active in the Eastern Boxer Club, having joined in 1950. He became a director in 1955 and served as president in 1965. He was licensed to Judge Boxers in 1959.

KEN AND HELEN WRIGHT

Helen was a successful handler by the time they joined ABC. She showed her Ch. Fancy Dan in the BOB competition at the '61 ABC.

1960

ROBERT W. BURKE, MD

Dr. Burke is the owner of Marquum Hill, established in 1952. He has bred 15 champions, 6 of which were finished by him. Among these were the famous Ch. Marquum Hill's Comanche, sire of champions and winner of our Futurity. He is also the breeder of Ch. Marquum Hill's Flamingo, dam of the 'F' litter. After a lapse of several years, Bob became active again in the 70's with the purchase of Ch. Toro's Whisper of Five 7's. Whisper is the dam of three champions including the well-known Ch. Marquum Hill's Trapper of Toro. Bob has been licensed for several years to judge Boxers and has officiated at several large specialties.

DR. C. CRESTON FARROW, JR.

Cres Farrow got into Boxers in 1949. He started his Becrelen kennel in 1951 with foundation bitches from Sirrah Crest and Mazelaine. He was a member of the Indian River Boxer Club for 10 years, serving as an officer and ABC Regional Director. Dr. Farrow has been active in Boxers, Danes and German Shepherds. He is currently licensed to judge Boxers and Danes. There have been almost 20 Boxer champions finished under the Becrelen name over the years. Dr. Farrow lists Bang Away, Sequel, Fashion Hint and Benjoman as the sires he found most successful.

ALVIN N. LEE, JR AND RUTH LEE

The Lee's exhibited their first Boxer in 1951. Their Ch. True Lee Fair was BOB at the Compton, CA Regional in 1966 and she produced Ch. Yours True Lee who was BOB and Group I at the '71 Regional in Seattle. He had a career total of 18 specialty BOB wins and is a Sire of Merit. Al has been a top handler on the West Coast for many years, piloting such specials as Ch. Molly Lane's Diamond Replay, Ch. Siegel's Top Contender, Ch. Popham's Firebrand and several others. He has won BOB at the Regional 4 times. Ruth, an accomplished artist, and Al currently co-own and breed with Booth Roberts under the Wameda kennel name. Al and Ruth were active in the East Bay Boxer Club.

THE DOG BREEDERS HUSBAND

I am just a dog breeders husband,
I no longer rule my domain,
Even if kindly invited,
From opinions I wisely refrain

I am just a glorified kennel boy
Of minor importance I know.
It seems that my primary function
Is merely providing the dough.

No dog breeding's not inexpensive
As you all are no doubt aware,
But the problem's not so much the money
As the hustle, the wear and the tear.

Having studied the layback of shoulder
And becoming an expert on feet,
I still have not learned to give worm pills
Or how much a puppy should eat.

My spouse will spend hours trimming
A Bred by Exhibitor Bitch,
But when it comes to scratching my back
Her thought is to let the thing itch.

Some summer I hope that my wife will
Take me wandering in some foreign vale
Instead of inspecting the stifles
Of some special stud at Hinesdale.

Oft in a crowded motel room
After the dog show is o'er
Someone questions the judge's decisions
While they reach for another drink more.

It appears that his eyesight is failing,
His errors in judgment immense,
In fact if I did not know better
You'd doubt that he had any sense.

One finds that amateur's bungling
No match for professional skill.
A handler can hide what an owner admits
As he tries hard his conscience to still.

The din and the utter confusion
Of everyone talking at once
Leaves one weary, hoarse and irascible
And next day a bleary-eyed dunce.

Sometime late in the evening
I was asked if I do not agree
That Pottawatomie's Bridget
Is somewhat out at the knee.

But before I can answer the question
I find that my answer's ignored,
For some inexplicable reason
My questioner's suddenly bored.

I am only a dog breeder's husband
Not that I mean to complain,
But I find certain aspect amazing
When I aspire my role to explain.

I know at least where I'm going,
I'm rapidly going to seed,
But I've learned about Winners Bitch,
I married the Best of the Breed.