will to carry out the spirit of the purpose of our Club "to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the Gordon Setter." It must have made him happy to know that the Club he helped found and carry through the years has grown to the amazing number of 165 members this year.

Though the dog fancy has lost a valued member, and the American Kennel Club mourns the loss of its competent Show Awards Department head, the Gordon Setter Club of America is most bereft of a loyal friend to the Club and a staunch supporter of the breed.—Mrs. Joseph A. Fischer, 11 Highgate Terrace, West Englewood, N.J.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS

THE AMERICAN MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB

EARL SCHMIDT has kindly sent in obedience news. We have not had many Club members active in this field before. He is very enthusiastic and is drawing his Silver Mischief to his C.D. He scored 197, to become high dog at a match in Fort Collins in October. Mr. Schmidt also informed me that Mrs. Dietrich's Play Boy of Kenhoff has his U.D.T. degree, which is quite an achievement for a small terrier. I do not know if this is the first Miniature to accomplish this but have heard of no other. Any information on this subject would be gladly received. Mr. Schmidt also called to my attention the fact that Miniatures made nine C.D. degrees in 1951 and were second only to the top figure of 166 terriers of ten made by both the Airedales and Kerry Blues. There is no question that Miniatures are exceptionally good at this work and their excellent draws much interest.

Mrs. A. E. Bank has been a consistent winner in California with her champion, which she has handled herself. At Riverside, her Ch. Tobias was best and a number of other of her dogs were in the group. At Orange Empire her Ch. Alphonse was best and at Golden Gate her Ch. Beautiful was best with her Ch. Heltzappolin' best of open. Mrs. Bank is regional vice-president for our Club in California and has done much for the breed there. She also has been writing a breed column for Leash and Collar.

We are very happy to announce the best in show win of Meldon's Ruffian at St. Joseph. This news was not received in time for the last issue where we reported this dog's terrier group wins at Kansas City and St. Joseph. Congratulations to his owners, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Payne, and to his breeder, Mrs. Audrey Meldon.—no stranger to the best in show circle.

Ch. Benbrook Buckaroo has been continuing to pile up the best-of-breeds, including Boston, Twin Brooks, Saw Mill River, Providence, and Northern New Jersey, where he was fourth in the group.—Dorothy S. Williams, Secretary, Chatham Center, N.Y.

THE SPECIALTY SHOW of the Western Pointer Club was held at the International K. C. of Chicago on Mar. 29 and 30. There was an excellent entry of 40 Pointers due to the hard work of the members of this active club under the able leadership of Sam Sullivan, DeKalb, Ill. Ch. Captain Spec, owned by Charles Palmer and Walter Armstrong, won best of breed and also won the sporting group. Kenneth Givens, Syracuse, N.Y., judged the breed, and Mrs. Winifred L. Heckman of Towson, Md., the group.

One of Ch. Tempo's True luck's most outstanding sons is Ch. Eaglin's Grasswold Startler, bred by Tom Eaglin, Cincinnati, O., and now owned by John H. Noyes Jr., Seyon Kennels, Danville, Ky. Startler's impressive show record includes 48 BB, 3 group wins and BIS. He last year sired litters of Ch. Mystic Lady of Mihaski and Ch. Grove's Stylish Dutchess. Mr. Noyes is a sincere and enthusiastic breeder. He advocates the formation of a Southern Pointer Club and would be glad to get in contact with anyone else interested.

Entries should be mailed for Morris and Essex by the time you read this col-

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CONGRATULATIONS TO Mrs. Frelinghuysen on the group win of her Smilestone’s Rocket at the Twin Brooks K.C. This young dog is living up to his rapidly lengthening list at the ringside, as if some of the Toys and Miniatures that have risen to great heights. He must be close to his title now, and will doubtless have the Harrisburg K.C. and all con­gratulations go to Mrs. Meade on the fine win of her little dog is doing.

Several of my readers have asked me to mention the matter of size in both Toys and Miniatures. It often looks, from the ringside, as if some of the Toys were more than ten inches at the shoulder, and some Miniatures had gone beyond 15 inches. We all know that a profuse coat will give the illusion of size which is not present at all. But on the other hand, there are quite a number of dogs being shown that have a lot of daylight under them and that may well exceed the height limit. There seems to be a tendency on the part of some judges to “rise above” anything that might tend to prevent a dog from competing under him. This does not apply to Poodles alone. I have seen judges of many other breeds overlook definite disqualifications and place dogs that have such things. At some of the shows I have attended in England, the Poodle judges take a measuring stick into the ring with them, and use it on most of the Miniatures that come under them; I have also seen the old fashioned, dressmaker’s tape measure used, but I would think it might be difficult to get accurate measurements with this type of measure. It is the privilege of any competing exhibitor, or handler, to demand the measuring of any dog, whose record has not been registered officially, during the judging of the class—and there is no reason why such exhibitor, or handler, should not avail themselves of same if they have doubts of the height of another dog. If you have a dog, whose height is close to the limit for its variety, it may save you trouble if you apply to the American Kennel Club for an official determination and obtain their statement for use if any question should arise.

FLASH—Ch. Blaeken Ball H’Ai won the non-sporting group at the International K.C. of Chicago, and Mrs. Putnam on this good dog, and best wishes for many more.—Mrs. L. W. Bonney, Chairman, Committee on Information & Publicity, Box 299, Oyster Bay, L.I., N.Y.

INTERSTATE POODLE CLUB

ONE OF THE most gratifying aspects of writing this column is the correspondence that comes in from all over the country from interested readers. Two of my recent articles have evoked particular response, the one on the health and protection of our Dogs and the other on the attempt is made to touch. One letter from one of our members tells of such an interesting plan that I am going to quote it. Mrs. John E. Charles of the Charleson Kennels, Tulsa, Okla. writes.

“Tn one of your articles you mentioned the various Poodle clubs about the country, and I feel that none are as much like ours, The Black Gold Poodle Club. As there are so few dogs available for a specialty show, in place of trying to be one, we try to have a nice entry in our local all-breed show. We have a meeting a month to which each brings a Pet or groom. Those who have worked with Poodles for some time try to be the more recent owners put their dogs in the show. To say the least, it is quite a sight. One has only to trim a Poodle a few times to appreciate the versatile one can strike. With clippers buzzing, scissors snipping and hair flying midst wise cracking chatter, we feel quite an unusual sight.”

Mrs. Charles also says that their class is not always done a cheery ruin carelessly

Mrs. R. H. Rodey, 317 King St., Port Chester, N.Y.

UNN. Bring along your best Pointers and suggestions for making showing more fun for exhibitors through the efforts of your club.—MRS. R. H. RODEY, 317 King St., Port Chester, N.Y.

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