

CNFC FC AFC Wildmillwood Storm “Bruce” – 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee



Windmillwood Storm, call name Bruce, was imported from the U.K. to Canada by Terry Pellow, owner of Breezy Point Kennels in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada through the brokerage of Keith Erlandson in the early 1980s'. Terry had owned Springer spaniels his entire life, his grandfather having been one of the original trialers on Fisher's Island, Ontario, Canada, the birthplace of North American Spaniel field trialing.

Bruce was a medium sized spaniel with a solid liver head. He was very intelligent, stylish, and an exceptional bird finder. He was the Canadian National Open Championship winner in 1990, second in the same Championship in 1986 and 1987, third in 1984, as well as being a Field Champion and Amateur Field Champion in the United States. He did sire some litters but I do not know the exact count.

Terry sold Bruce to Ewen Mac Millan of Vancouver, British Columbia in the mid-1980s after Bruce failed to get a spaniel pregnant and Terry's veterinarian told Terry that Bruce was sterile. This was all for naught, as Ewen tried breeding Bruce later, and he produced several litters. Ewen sent Bruce to the renowned professional trainer Dan Langhans for the purpose of campaigning him in the United States and Canada. Later Ewen reclaimed the dog, and sent him back to Terry Pellow for the remainder of his career. Bruce won the 1990 Canadian National Championship under Terry Pellow's handling.

Bruce was a consistent winner and had a long and glorious career. He was well respected throughout North America and was always a force to be reckoned with at any trial he was entered in. It was probably his supreme intelligence that separated him from the rest of the competitors. He faced every challenge with ease and was rarely put out of a trial.

He is well remembered by this writer as a pillar of his time and his induction into the Bird Dog Hall of Fame is well deserved.

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