

Mount Catherine,

Fallasgreen,

Co. Limerick.

28th August, '89

Dear Bob,

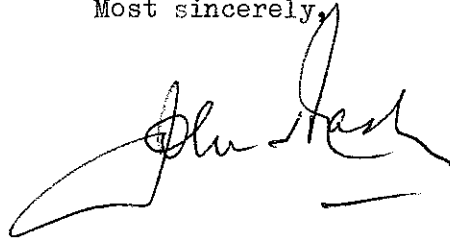
Thank you for both your letters. We are very late with the News letter, mainly my fault, I was in Australia judging from June 1st to 28th, not judging all the time of course, secondly we had lovely grounds in Monaghan for our trials last year, and had super trials, in the opinion of many the best ever, and some bastard put in the spoke to Lord Rosmore owner to the ground and we could not get the moor this year. When I learned that the fly in the ointment was one of our own members, I nearly flipped my lid, and more or less threw in the towel, but the boys got round me and we (I) got new ground and we had reasonably good trials, So mea culpa! They will be out in about two weeks and I'll see that you get half a dozen copies I am running out of worth while history, except that which covers the period in which I myself was involved, and in truth Bob I just could not write about that, it would sound too much like an ego trip, and would smack of using the Clubs News Letter to boost myself and my dogs. I have too, too, much regard for this old club to even allow the opportunity of that to anyone.

To get back to your second letter, thank you indeed for your most kind invitation for Ray and I to judge your walking stake next year. You are a devil Bob and no doubt it took great persuasion, diplomacy, and sheer chicanery to bring that off, but all scores my boy, as George Abbott said. Of course I (we) will accept, most kind of you. I must try and bring Dorothy, as we have a girl in Atlanta, Georgia, whom we would visit at that time. I must get my leg over a horse meanwhile, as it is all of 45 years since I rode, I am sure it will come back to me. I have been to Australia to judge last June. They have a funny system, practically a knock out system, like coursing. They never adopted the "grotting system"

Their standard is geared to find the best shooting dog, rather than the class dog, that might <sup>elevate</sup> ~~elevate~~ the standard, but like everywhere else, a good dog is a good dog anywhere. "earer the time, or before if you so wish you might let us have the standard by which shooting at walk stakes are judged. For instace <sup>N</sup>, is the ground treatment quartering or is it hit the likely spots, how much emphasis is on this high tail, when one really starts to split then hairs?, How much emphasis is there on level gallop, and high head, and how much regard is there for quick handler response?. all these I shall have to sort out. Of course looking at your major championship will be a great highlight. I may have to change my whole views. I am as you can guess, a great one for pedigrees, and true blood, if as I expect you fellows come up with maybe a superior article, as good looking as some of ours, resultant of crossing with English setter, pointers, and maybe Buck Banshees what the Hell have we been up to all those years.

The anticipation will keep us going meanwhile.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Haskins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "John H. Haskins".