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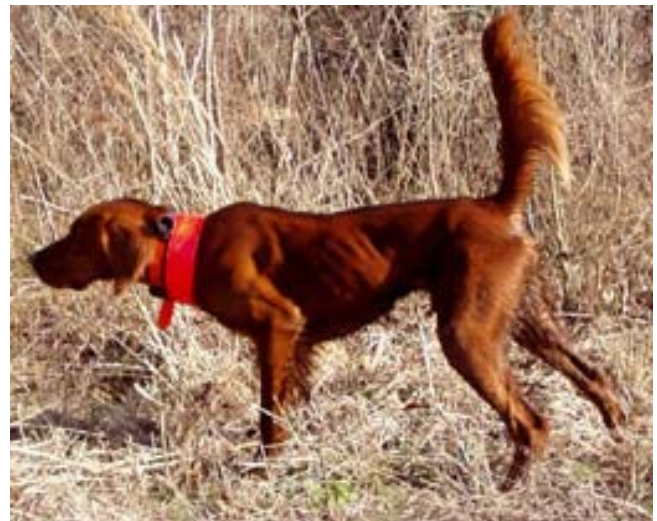
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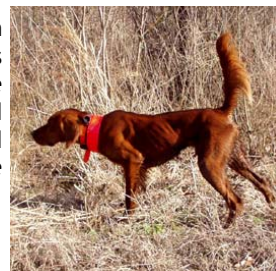


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The 2007 NRSFTC Amateur Shooting Dog Champion is Aiken who is owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser of York Pa. Aiken runs for success; he won the RU slot in the National Red Setter Championship last spring in Berea. Well done Roger!

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From Deb's Desk Have you ever wondered why your Whip is sometimes late? As you can see, I have my share of distractions. That's Finn and Opie fighting for a spot on my lap while I type. OK, let's go! Thank you everyone for such positive remarks in response to my reciprocity editorial in the last issue of "The Whip." There has been some interesting follow up on both the NRSFTC Blog page and the NRSFTC discussion board. Both are accessible at: www.nrsftc.com. The links are found under the heading **Resources**. I have included further editorial comments on the very next page. It's time to move beyond the history and politics and devote our efforts to just having fun hunting and trialing our Irish Red Setter BIRD dogs!

Speaking of great bird dogs, there was stiff competition at the NRSFTC Open and Amateur Shooting Dog Championships and supporting stakes at Grovespring Missouri. A 21 gun salute to Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo. The trial was well organized and every event ran like clockwork. It was a delightful experience for those who attended. Thank you Purina and Tri-Tronics for your continued support of our efforts to *Honor the Purest Challenge*. Please patronize these exceptional sponsors. We absolutely appreciate their ongoing commitment to our hunting and field trial heritage!

Mark Neff PhD was on hand at the Fall trial to give a very interesting presentation about his research of Pointing Instinct in Bird Dogs. Although we previously published a limited version of his work, I wanted to include a more detailed article here. The folks who attended the trial had the opportunity to learn so much more on the topic. It seemed only fair to give the rest of the membership who could not attend that same chance. It was great having Mark at our trial. Most of the members in attendance submitted their dogs' blood for the research project. Thank you Dr. Boser for your assistance in drawing those specimens. Readers can learn more about the research beginning on page 5.

Most of you are aware there is a critical field trialing issue in the U.S. as hunting and Field Trial areas are being made inaccessible. Some states have already banned field trialing altogether. Many folks just sit by passively afraid to try anything for fear it won't work. John Kennedy once said: "We must never allow our fears to prevent us from pursuing our hopes." John Yates, a dog trainer from Pennsylvania, embraces that philosophy and HOPES to turn the tide. In an effort to save our sport, he established the American Sporting Dog Alliance. I spoke with him in detail and have included his information for your review. Whether you are a hunter, field trialer or plain old dog lover, this is important to you! We CAN be a part of the solution. Page 16

Speaking of the future, the 2008 Futurity will run at the Spring Championship Trial and supporting stakes in Berea. The 2008 Futurity: Nominated Litters are listed in this issue. The futurity is a breeder's stake— it encourages us to develop better, more competitive dogs. And just to sweeten the pot, it's a money stake. If you are a breeder, follow up with your puppy sales and encourage owners to run those dogs. If you are the owner of a young dog from one of the 2008 nominated litters, please plan to compete. Nominated Litters are listed on page 20.

This issue was so packed I just couldn't find space for "The Mailbag." But, I have received several very nice letters and wanted to at least share portions of two of them. Bob Koch of Akron, New York enjoyed the article about Harry Rollinson. Like so many others, Bob had benefited from Harry's help and assistance when attending his first horseback trial. Bob said he read the article and wept at the loss of such a helpful and generous man. In another note, Honorary Member Betty Durham enjoyed the tribute for Dale Bruns. Betty and Bill Wittgan both remember competing with Dale back in the 70's. She really enjoyed the article and reiterated her deep respect and friendship for Dale. Thank you both for your comments. This was a difficult year for the club, especially with the deaths of Herm David, Harry Rollinson and Dale Bruns. The NRSFTC was blessed by their love, friendship and GREAT red dawgs. We mourn the loss of such great friends.

And speaking of Dale, when the NRSFTC decided to publish Truman Cowles Book, The Modern Red Setter, Dale Bruns offered to help finance the project. The club still owed Dale \$4000 at the time of his death. We recently received word that his widow Teresa has decided to forgive the entire loan— she felt it was what Dale would have wanted. Our deepest gratitude goes out to Teresa, and the entire Bruns family. Thank you all. The NRSFTC is deeply appreciative for this very generous and altruistic contribution. Our club will never forget Dale Bruns or his commitment to *the Purest Challenge in Sportsdom*! God Bless him always!

I'm out of room. I will stuff some extra forms in the back of the issues: March NRSFTC trial information, membership forms, reporting forms, CanAm Championship details, and a flyer on how to participate in Mark Neff's research project. Best Wishes for a Successful Hunting and Trial Season! Happy New Year!

Now, enjoy your Whip!

What is a Bird Dog?

An Open Invitation to the Field Trial Community of the ISCA

Editorial by Deb Fazenbaker, Editor of The Flushing Whip

What is a bird dog? It's a question that I keep asking myself as I follow the most recent controversy dealing with the Irish Setter Club of America (ISCA), the American Kennel Club (AKC), and the issue of reciprocal reciprocity (RR). As many of you are aware, several months ago some folks involved in the field trial aspects of the ISCA had requested the ISCA Board of Directors to consider rescinding the current ban on reciprocal reciprocity between Field Dog Stud Book (FDSB) and AKC Irish setters. The ISCA Board of Directors tentatively accepted such a proposal, subject to a later, more formal meeting. But, when the bench fraternity of the ISCA became aware of the intent, they mounted a very notable campaign to reverse the tentative acceptance, and also made a serious attempt to remove Board members who seemed to be supportive of the action. In the course of this activity, I was shocked at the statements some very vocal members of the ISCA made. In a word, "offensive" comes to mind. In discussing red setters, I was not terribly surprised to hear some of the comments made by these people about OUR dogs and membership. But I was totally appalled by the disrespectful remarks some ISCA folks made against their own club members! I can't understand why the field community of the ISCA tolerates such treatment— it reminds me of the negative way that abuse victims come to feel about themselves after years of oppression. Maybe to the field contingent it just seems like business as usual?? As most of you are already aware, virtually all AKC/ISCA dogs who compete in field trials are products of the Purest Challenge. All of the ISCA field trial kennels used FDSB red setters as their foundation stock in the days prior to 1975 when reciprocity was withdrawn. It was quite obvious to me, from the conversations taking place on message boards and listservs, that the ISCA faction voicing so very much opposition to our existence, doesn't have any

more respect for their own membership than they do the NRSFTC! I found that aspect of the debate to be especially appalling. In fact, there were even indications and suggestions that perhaps the ISCA field-type dogs should be thrown out of the Irish setter breed, since they weren't "purebred" Irish setters anyway. (My only comment to that statement has something to do with "the pot calling a kettle black.") Regardless, I'm quite certain that the ISCA has absolutely no interest in my question above: "What is a bird dog?" They are interested in everything BUT bird dogs, which seems quite paradoxical, considering that the Irish setter (by their own standard) is (supposed to be!) a BIRD dog!

So, where does that leave the AKC field trial fraternity? These folks, while not always seeing "eye to eye" with the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, have, nonetheless, worked hard to establish a quality National Field Trial on one of the most pristine trial grounds in the USA, the Blue Mountain Wildlife Area, outside of Booneville, Arkansas. They have run a class trial, with well regarded judicial staffing, good entries, and an enthusiastic attitude that rivals that of any breed trial in the country. They have established a Futurity and they complement their trials with supporting stakes. The folks involved put a lot of time and effort into their trial, and they do so because it's important to the improvement of the breed. But in spite of their hard effort, it's evident that the non field contingent of the ISCA does not consider their contributions to be worthwhile. That's unfortunate, because their contributions to the breed are, in my opinion (and that of our club) much more in line with producing a quality bird dog than anything that the bench and show fraternity is doing. In short, they have made, and are making, productive and valuable contributions to the improvement of the

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Genetics and the Natural History of Pointing

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INTRODUCTION

The natural history of the domestic dog is punctuated by biological innovation, by the seemingly sudden appearance of novel characteristics that would be prized for centuries. Coat textures that protected hunting dogs from harsh climates; functional action patterns that permitted shepherd dogs to maintain a flock; and even the special desire and determination to rescue mountaineers from an avalanche are all examples of such natural ingenuity.

The animals that possessed these newly acquired attributes had tremendous evolutionary advantages, and were rewarded with a disproportionate transmission of their genes to the next generation. Indeed, the dogs by our sides today are the most recent descendants of extraordinary animals whose lineages and legacies have remained unbroken for centuries.

The texture and fabric of breed histories is rich with the tradition of modification, of refining talents and adding new traits. Value-added characteristics could stem from spontaneous mutation, but this phenomenon is exceedingly rare. More commonly, new characteristics were acquired from the gene pools of other landraces. This historical shuffling of genes allowed the continuous creation of novel trait combinations. By directing crosses to cultivate specific genes, breeders could adapt their dogs to climate, terrain, and task with remarkable precision and tremendous success.

THE POINTING BREED FAMILY TREE

The historical emergence of pointing instinct in the dog illustrates a classic example of biological innovation. Most breed histories suggest that the progenitor was a breed native to Spain, the Perdiguero Navarro. Although the true ancestor of pointing dogs is lost to antiquity, it is probable that the natural history of pointing was punctuated by a small number of mutational events. The first pointing dog would have possessed only one of these genes. The instinct of these dogs was presumably much less intense than that which has been cultivated in the hundreds of years since that time, but the founding behavior was desirable enough to have been deliberately bred and

intentionally propagated.

As these 'flash' pointers became more recognized for their utility in the field, dogs may have been exported to other regions in continental Europe. Breeders in these locales would not have forsaken their local dogs for Mediterranean imports, but they may have selectively imported a small number of their genes. In this way, landraces that excelled at hunting, and that had been adapted to the regional geography for centuries, could be given one new characteristic – pointing instinct.

Over time, a few spontaneous mutations arose that strengthened and intensified the early pointing behavior. And once again, as word would spread about the tremendous performance of a new strain, breeders would work to capture the new genes and introduce them into their bloodlines.

A migration of pointing instinct across Europe and into the British Isles is consistent with an increase in pointing intensity in the geographical distribution of breeds. The Mediterranean dogs tend to exhibit a less pronounced point than their British counterparts. If the previous methods of breeding were more commonly practiced, genes that arose later in the evolution of pointing would likely make their way back to the early pointing breeds, such that all pointing dogs might perform more similarly.

A digression here is important. An exchange of genes between landraces was relatively common for thousands of years. Only recently has the concept of formal registries and closed gene pools begun to dominate breeding. Of course, it must be kept in mind that kennel clubs and the modern breeding practices they espouse were never intended to ensure the performance of dogs. Indeed, registries were established as a conservation effort, a means to preserve breeds that were on the verge of being lost to posterity. In many cases, the threat of extinction was because the breed had lost their functional purpose, or they were simply no longer able to compete with other breeds performing similar tasks. The divergence continues, and today almost every breed includes stratified sub-populations - field, show, and pet dogs. Interestingly, each of the sub-populations have purebred characteristics, but they breed true for different characteristics. And somewhat ironically, few if any dogs are truly reminiscent of the breed populations that existed

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prior to the mid-1800s. Selective breeding has continued, and so has the concomitant evolution (change) of the dogs.

THE GENETIC BASIS OF POINTING

Pointing instinct is tied to differences in genes. The behavior has responded to selective breeding, and breeds differ in striking ways for the instinct. It is possible that this seemingly complex behavior is tied to hundreds of genes of small, indistinguishable effects. If this were the case, the causative genes for pointing might be undetectable with current genetic technologies. But such a complex genetic architecture is highly unlikely. Traits and characteristics that have been selectively bred are almost always tied to a small number of genes of very large effect.

The genetics of corn establishes a precedent. Maize was domesticated and developed by selective breeding, transforming an American grass called teosinte into one of the most important cereals in the history of civilization. Of course, selective breeding can only be applied to observable, recognizable differences in each generation. This predicts that there are a small, manageable number of genes that define the major differences between teosinte and corn. Gene mapping experiments have shown this prediction to be correct. A single gene, for instance, converted a plant with multiple tassels and a single ear to a plant with multiple ears and a single tassel.

The relative genetic simplicity of complex traits and behaviors in the dog will be no less astounding. Pointing instinct is expected to follow this theme, and be tied to a few gene differences that account for most of the difference between pointing dogs and non-pointing dogs. Although there are likely to be many genes that modify pointing and influence a dog's intensity, style, and drive, it is probable that there are only 3-5 genes specifying the primary instinct.

MAPPING POINTING GENES

The natural history of pointing breeds, and the recent development of stratified breed



populations, provide several research opportunities to identify major genes governing the instinct. New technologies permit analysis of over 100,000 letters in the genetic code, which provides a remarkably detailed DNA profile of each individual dog. This scale and resolution can make visible the molecular signatures of selective breeding over a historical timeframe.

The DNA footprints of selection can be detected in two ways. First, if pointing evolved once, and the genes for pointing are shared by common descent across pointing breeds, then the DNA profiles of hundreds of dogs can be compared to locate the few regions that are identical in DNA sequence. Samples from 50 outstanding pointing dogs from 15 top-tier breeds are expected to provide the statistical power for sieving out regions of the genome that are shared by chance, and leaving only the regions that have been mutually selected across breeds.

This approach is unlikely to identify more than 2-3 of the major genes involved. But once a few genes have been located, subsequent experiments can be designed with this information in mind to focus mapping on secondary genes of smaller effect.

A second, complementary set of experiments leverage the availability of stratified sub-populations within breeds, which can differ profoundly in their degree of pointing instinct. Contrasting the DNA profiles of field dogs with show-bred dogs, and perhaps even the intermediate 'dual champion' dogs, will identify regions of the genome that have been subjected to differential selection -- high in the field-bred dogs, and low or non-existent in the show-bred dogs.

WHY STUDY POINTING?

The National Institutes of Health, the nation's primary funding agency for biomedical research, declared the 1990s "the decade of the brain and behavior." During that time, a great deal was learned about neuroscience – much was learned about the biophysics of synaptic transmission and the rules of axonal guidance in neuronal development. But little progress was made in identifying the genes responsible for psychiatric diseases like Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, addiction, and bipolar disorder. Since then, progress in these areas has been made, but the general principles by which genes influence mood and behavior have remained elusive.

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A complex system like the brain can be broken in myriad ways, both direct and indirect. Mental illnesses reflect broken minds. The potential biological uniqueness of each case presents an enormously complicated problem for clinicians and researchers alike. There are simply too many ways to mechanistically 'break' the mind.

The same complexity that confounds an understanding of human mental illness similarly constrains the evolution of behavioral diversity. Most alterations are likely to be mal-adaptive; only a select few functional changes are positive, and represent an extended, specialized, or otherwise evolved mind. Such adaptive variation, such as pointing, can serve as a more precise probe of the inner workings of the mind. Pointing setters and herding collies do not have broken minds, they have adapted minds, and studying these variants can help elucidate the basic rules governing the genetics of behavior.

THE FASCINATING BIOLOGY OF THE DOG

Resolving the genetics of pointing is unlikely to directly benefit the breeding programs of the American Field's readership. The resolution of gene mapping only permits identifying genes of large effect, and these are genes that have already been genetically fixed within the top-tier breeds. DNA tests built around any of the early discoveries are unlikely to be of much help. Identifying genes of lesser strength will require a substantial improvement in genetic technologies.

Research into the basis of pointing may still be of interest, however. Field trialing enthusiasts are presumably fascinated by their dogs' behaviors, probably even more so than the academic in the laboratory. There are many interesting questions one can ask. What was the antecedent behavior in the wolf from which pointing was derived? Are there early experiences or environmental influences that strengthen the behavioral outcome? These questions and many more are addressable with genetic knowledge of pointing.

In addition, there are many variations on the pointing theme and modifications to the primary pointing pattern that can be informed upon with the initial study. Moreover, the tools and approaches used to map pointing genes can similarly be applied to related traits of interest, such as the natural difference between all-age dogs that run 'large', and shooting dogs that

handle more kindly, and gun dogs that work close. Identifying causal genes would translate into DNA tests of predictive value to breeders. Young gun dog puppies of exceptional talent could be given to hunters, while the puppies expected to be shooting dogs or all-age could be kept and trained for field trial championships.

The same approach can be applied to many other traits relevant to pointing, including gait, tail carriage, flagging, scenting ability, stamina, endurance, intelligence, biddability, and many more. Studies of these characteristics and their genetic underpinnings are logical extensions of the research foray into the genetics of pointing.

AMERICAN FIELD SUPPORT

The prestige of the American Field registry is recognized worldwide. The most exceptional pointing dogs in the world are enlisted into the books. Members of the American Field can support the proposed effort to map the major genes for pointing in several ways. The simplest is by contributing blood samples and pedigree records from top pointing dogs. The cost of blood draws can be reimbursed; the shipping can be billed to a Federal Express account number. Thus, there is no cost to participate.

Additionally, there is a collective knowledge base amongst breeders and handlers that is crucial for making sense of any genes that may be mapped. The most knowledgeable dog biologists are not researchers in laboratories, but field trial enthusiasts who have dedicated decades to understanding the biology of their dogs. Such hard earned insights make the difference in breeding a dog to compete. These same insights will be necessary to fully understand the biology and behavior of these dogs. The hope is that geneticists and avid field trialers can share their fascination of these remarkable dogs, and work together to answer interesting questions in biology, with the potential to address fundamental problems neuroscience. It will be a valuable and worthwhile collaboration between the academic clinicians and the true "field biologists" of the canine world: our hunters and field trialers.

We thank Mark for his exceptional presentation at the Fall Trial. Although we had previously included a portion of his material, we felt the membership would appreciate hearing more about Mark's research. This was written for the American Field who graciously allowed us to share it here with you. We thank them and Dr. Neff for this material.

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Irish setter as a working bird dog.

If the ISCA membership that has been so vocal makes good on its intent to drive away the field trial contingent, either by ostracizing them, removing them from the organization, or converting their national trial to a “dual dog” trial (another “option” that has been discussed), will effectively destroy the only viable program within the ISCA that is working to produce high caliber American bird dogs.

It's no secret that the National Red Setter Field Trial Club is a small organization. Our membership, while stable, has always been small in comparison to the ISCA, which is dominated by literally thousands of bench dogs and their owners. We are unique in that our focus, our purpose, our reason for existence, is to produce the best Irish setter bird dog in the United State, if not the world. While we have had our differences with the AKC folks over the years, if you look at our values, I think you will find that we agree on more things than we disagree. The NRSFTC does not discriminate... we're happy to take FDSB or AKC dogs... we just put them on the line and let the judges make the call. We're a fierce, independent, sometime ornery group of people... and I don't imagine that's all that different from the AKC field trialers on any of those points! Please come check us out... We'll treat you with more respect than some in the ISCA have... we're small in quantity, but big on quality! I hope you'll give us a chance. Join us in our pursuit... the Purest Challenge in its essence isn't about bench shows, politics, crossbreeding, registries, dual dogs, grooming tables, or Best In Show. It's about bird dogs, plain and simple.

So, do you have a bird dog? We'd like to see him run... You'd like to get a bird dog? We'd be glad to help you with that... You like hunting and field trials? We'd be pleased to share our stories with you... and we want to hear your stories too. Come join us this March and run your red dogs in Berea Kentucky. We have a Championship for those who are up for the challenge, and supporting stakes for the rest. We're running our Futurity as well, and a walking stake for the foot

hunters. There's something for everyone. Bring your family... the kids will have fun, and the ladies who aren't trialing can jump in for a full agenda doing the sites in Berea with our “Ladies Day Out Group!” Believe me, they'll have as much fun as the dog handlers!

It's time to let the past be the past... it's time for the red dogs to come back together... and us too. It's time to just have fun with these great IRISH bird dogs!

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Texas Pair Running Red Hot!

Jim Baker reporting



Litter mates Summer Wine (Rocky) and Flame'n Red Violet (Violet) just finished showing that they know how to find and point birds. Rocky carded 7 finds and Violet 5 to go first and second in the Texas Red Setter Open Derby on December 2nd. They had the Pointer boys shaking their heads. Not content to stand on their laurels this pair repeated their performance at the Irish Setter Club of San Antonio the following weekend. This time Rocky found four coveys to Violet's two as they once again went first and second in the Open derby. Good Lord willing these two have bright future. Rocky is owned and handled by Jim Baker, Violet is owned by MaryAnn and Royce Gustafson and handled by MaryAnn.



Listed left to right: Jim Baker with Rocky, Royce Gustafson with Violet, Paul Holland and unidentified female holding his Pointer, Doc. Judges were Dale Bush and Jerry Reed. Congratulations everyone!

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National Red Setter Shooting Dog Championships in Missouri

By Bonnie Hidalgo

Come Back Audie annexed the title of one of the nation's three most prestigious stakes for Irish Setters by winning the 2007 National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship at Grovespring, Missouri. Bolero received the Runner-up honors at the Missouri Sportsmen's grounds. The National Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog Championship was won by Aiken with Bolero again capturing the title of Runner-up.

Come Back Audie is a two and a half year old Irish setter male that is owned and handled by Joe Edwards of Rose Hill, North Carolina. Bolero, the Double Runner-up Champion is owned and handled by NRSFTC President Don Beauchamp, Cheney, KS. Aiken, is the new Amateur Champion, Aiken is owned and was handled by Dr. Roger W. Boser of Seven Valleys, PA.

The Drawing, which was held at the Sportsmen's Association Clubhouse on the eve of the trial, November 7th, was conducted by Trial Co-Chairs, Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo. Supporting the Championships were Red Setter stakes for Open Derby, Open Puppy and Open Walking Shooting Dog. Entries in the juvenile stakes were up slightly from the previous year with the Championship entries remaining nearly steady. The Open Championship drew fifteen red dogs and the Amateur Championship attracted a field of fourteen. The Open Derby had a good entry of ten competitors while The Open Puppy drew only five. There were six entries in the Open Walking Shooting Dog stake.

The National Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship field trial has been run over the Missouri Sportsmen's Association grounds at Grovespring, every fall since 2002. The trial commenced on Thursday November 8 and continued through November 11th. It was dedicated to the memory of long time NRSFTC Board member, Dale Bruns who passed away last summer. Trial Chairman, Dennis Hidalgo called for a moment of silence in Dale's memory before the release of the opening brace. Dale's dog, Come Back Rock won the National Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship last fall and Dale's family made sure the dog was back to defend his title under the whistle of his trainer



Dale Bruns

and handler, Don Jones. Dale was a true Sportsman and a Gentleman in every sense of the word. The NRSFTC will forever mourn his passing.



The grounds at Grovespring were in excellent condition. The grooming of the courses here is second to none. The birds were found in several locations on every course; most were found in large coveys. It appeared that the scenting may have been off during the running of the Open Championship as there were an unusually high number of non-productive stands. The wind pattern shifted after the first day resulting in increased and improved bird work. Temperatures were moderate for the duration of the trial.

Sponsors for this event were Purina and Tri-Tronics. Purina gives great support with product and financial aid. Without their help this Club would have difficulty in putting on a quality trial. Everyone was happy to take home a winners share or at least a sample fare of this premium dog food. This Club greatly appreciates the efforts made by Pat Lamantia of Purina in getting the dog food shipped for our trial. We would also be lost without the help of Andy and Sharlene Daugherty who graciously accept and store the Purina product and then see to its delivery to the Clubhouse.

Tri-Tronics generously donated a G3 Training Collar as the Prize for the National Amateur Shooting Dog Champion. Many thanks are extended to Patty Porter and the entire Tri-Tronics staff for their assistance. The National Red Setter Field Trial Club greatly appreciates both of these fine companies for their support! Judges for this renewal were Larry Meek of Bates City, MO and George Hill from Wentzville, MO. These gentlemen made this trial! They

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have excellent credentials when it comes to class bird dogs but more than that they were appreciated for their pleasant and helpful attitudes. The fact that they were both very familiar with the grounds virtually eliminated the need for a marshal. Larry puts on the Missouri Open Shooting Dog trial in mid March every year. George runs the Missouri Open All Age Championship trial in late march. Both trials have made The Sportsmen's grounds their home. Larry Meek and George Hill are active in every facet of



Judges relax after dinner

the bird dog game and have run their own dogs or judged at many of the top trials in the country. The National Red Setter club was fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and attentive set of Judges.

The important job of driving the Dog Wagon was handled by J.R. Jones for the first three days of the trial. J.R. is the best at this job! He made sure everyone had their dogs loaded, kept track of where any standby dogs were kenneled and had the dogs where and when they were needed. Best of all, J.R. made sure the refreshments were on board, which to those in the gallery were the most important thing! Especially the "Field trial cookies" whipped up by Dennis Hidalgo. Club Treasurer, Ron Young stepped in for Sunday. Refreshments and home made cookies on the dog wagon were provided by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo and Betty Evans.

Ron Young collected fees, paid the bills and pitched in wherever needed. His lovely wife, and Club Secretary, Christie was in attendance for the Board meeting and the last half of the trial. They took many digital photos to help record the trial. Jo Ann Covey did her usual, cheerful job of keeping us all fed at breakfast and lunch. She also served the meal for the Club Banquet on Friday evening.

The Club meeting followed this dinner and included an extremely interesting program regarding the search for the gene that governs the pointing instinct. This was presented by Mark Neff of UC-Davis. NRSFTC members contributed blood samples from dogs in attendance to add to the research. The raffle drawing was conducted during the evening's festivities. The winner of

the Shotgun was Brian Gelinas from Indiana. David Smith of Tennessee won the Tri-Tronics G3 collar. The fly rod and Ross reel set went to Art Cox of Utah. Julia Bonar from Maryland won the Sierra Trading Post gift certificate.

On Saturday night a Dutch treat steak dinner was held at



Ross, Christie, Linda and Mary helping

the club house. Special thanks to Linda Beauchamp, Christie Young, Mary Boser, Judy Gelinas, Sue Norton and Ross Leonard pitched in with various duties from shopping to clean up. Dennis Hidalgo grilled the steaks. It was an enjoyable gathering.

Everyone in attendance at the NRSFTC fall trial was congenial. The Judges remarked on the friendly, helpful attitudes between competitors. The members that came from farthest away were Joe Edwards from Rose Hill, North Carolina and Tom and Sue Norton from Durango, CO. Competing in their first NRSFTC Championship were Coloradans Steve Bailey of Elizabeth and Spero Manson of Denver.

National Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship Winners

Come Back Audie made his first Red Setter appearance last spring when he placed second in the Futurity at Berea, KY. He is owned and was handled by Joe Edwards of Rose Hill, NC.

Come Back Audie appeared in the fifth brace of the stake and was handled by his owner and breeder, Joe Edwards. His brace was released Thursday afternoon on course one. Audie scored a staunch find on a single at 10. Just into Davis bottom at 21, Audie backed his brace mate, displaying excellent style and manners. Come Back Audie carded his second find on the far right edge, well into Davis bottom. He put down a forward race, with less exuberance at the close of the hour.

Bolero, the Runner-up Champion, owned and handled by Don Beauchamp, ran in the second



Audie backs Aiken

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brace on Thursday afternoon. His brace released going up the hill in Little Vine loop. Bolero was forward through Sycamore bottoms and on past the Twin Barns. He made game but corrected on near the Blue house. Bolero scored nicely in the Bull pasture overlooking the Lehar home at 45. Moments later he scored a second high tailed find deeper into the Bull Pasture. He finished forward through Climers' pastures.

Open Shooting Dog Championship Running

Chantilly (Boser) - Rock'n Robin (Jones)

Chantilly pointed stylishly but took a nonproductive at nine minutes. Both dogs pointed in a feed strip at 16 minutes but were sent on. Chantilly locked up again at 19 minutes just before Davis bottom. During a lengthy flushing attempt she released herself to end her bid. Rock'n Robin stopped to flush at 24 and was up shortly thereafter.

Come Back Rock (Jones) - Firefly's Solid Dollar (Hidalgo)

This pair turned loose heading into the Island field. Both of these dogs were in fast forward from the get go. Rock was lost approaching Horse Killer hill. Sol was lost in the woods at the top of that hill.

Chaparral (Beauchamp) - Come Back Gloria (Lierman)

They turned loose in the bottom just past Apple Tree Hill. Nonproductive stands were carded by Chaparral at 4 and 22 minutes into the hour. Gloria was forward with a good application. She pointed at 52 minutes just into the Bull pasture, showing fine style. Unfortunately Gloria jumped at the flush and was picked up.

Texas Roughcut (Beauchamp) - Iskote Ani-Mosh (Bailey)

This brace was released just beyond the first draw in the Bull pasture on Thursday morning. The latter, Fred scored a good find on a single quail at two minutes. Barely released from that, he scored again at four. He ran an attractive forward race through Climers and into Horse Corral valley where he scored a beautiful covey find on the hillside at 20. He was lost on the hill above the clubhouse and not recovered under judgment. Roughcut was nicely forward through the bull pasture. He was taken out of the stake by a covey flushed by Bailey's horse, just into Climers pasture.

Come Back Audie (Edwards) - Aiken (Boser)

They cast off on the number one course following lunch break; Audie's performance is listed above. Point was called for Aiken at 13 minutes; he was standing stylishly just below the pond near the double gates. Boser called the flight of a covey which could not be seen from the vantage point of the judge and the gallery. Just into Davis bottom, Aiken pointed stylishly in the corner at 21. Boser spotted a single quail which would not fly and could not be seen by the judge. Aiken was stylish, with excellent manners during the lengthy flush attempt. Aiken put down an intelligent forward race.

Bolero (Beauchamp) - Come Back Johnson (Edwards)

This brace was released going up the hill in Little Vine loop. Bolero performance was previously described. Johnson was forward until late in the hour when he dropped in to the woods near the Blue House. He was not seen again until 56. He finished the hour under the handle of Don Jones when the dog was returned by Scout Ed Liermann, only to find Edwards absent.

Rocky's Straight Arrow (Jones) - Piccadilly (Boser)

This brace turned loose going into the clubhouse loop. Piccadilly scored a beautiful covey find at 13 near the pond in the northwest corner. Arrow was forward. Piccadilly suffered a nonproductive at 45 minutes on an edge just beyond the cemetery. She ran a forward race. Arrow was lost late in the hour.

Creed (Beauchamp)

He ran as a bye dog on Friday morning. At the road crossing into Davis bottom at 24 minutes, Creed scored a good find. He was found standing at the pond in the Island field at 43. A nice covey was flushed in front of the mannerly red dog.

Red Setter Open Derby

The Derby ran on Friday morning following the conclusion of the Open Championship. Ten young Irish Setters came to the line. This stake was won by Jericho, a male owned and handled by Roger Boser. He ran an excellent forward race. Chaperon placed second; he is also owned and handled by Roger Boser. Chaperon turned in an attractive, intelligent race. This dog and the winner are half brothers, both having been sired by Chaparral.

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Iskote Waagos was third for owner Spero Manson of Denver, Colorado. Doc was handled by Steve Bailey. His race was strong and forward.

Red Setter Open Puppy

The winner of this stake emerged in Come Back Dally owned and handled by Joe Edwards. Dally ran a hard hitting forward race.

Firefly's Flash Drive was second. She is owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo of Brighton, Colorado and was handled by Bonnie. Flash made attractive forward moves but was not as wide as Dally.

Dally was unavailable for the puppy picture. For a great shot of Dennis and his pup Flash, look on page

National Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

Aiken has been making good impressions since his second place Futurity performance in the spring of 2005, including the runner-up honors in the National Red Setter Championship in the spring of 2007. Aiken is owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, PA.

Bolero, the runner-up, owned and handled by Don Beauchamp has been on the field trial scene for several years and has many wins to his credit.

The Champion and Runner-up were paired and it was a spectacular hour. They turned loose near the south end of Davis Bottom. Bolero first scored at 35 at the creek bed just out of Little Vine Loop. His style was excellent. His handler required a designated flusher due to a leg injury that made mounting a horse extremely difficult. Dennis Hidalgo, his scout had the honor of flushing for the mannerly dog.

Bolero was impressively forward in his pattern for the entire hour. Aiken ran a textbook type, race beautiful in all aspects. His application was more vigorous than that of Bolero which no doubt gave him the nod. At the end of Sycamore bottom at 54, Bolero was found standing at the ditch. Once more he showed high class throughout flush and shot by

his scout. Aiken showed forward on the hillside at 55 after having made a sweeping move down the left side of Sycamore bottom. He pointed loftily in the alley towards the Twin Barns at 59 minutes. Aiken had a covey well located there and handled it superbly to snatch the title from Bolero's grasp.

Amateur Championship Running

Breakstone (Boser) - Come Back Gloria (Liermann)

This brace was released following the juvenile stakes on Saturday afternoon, heading up the hill in Little Vine loop. Gloria pointed sharply at 14 along an edge. She moved at the flush and was taken up. She had been putting down an attractive race. Breakstone was making some reaching, forward moves but took birds out to end his hopes at 21.

Chaparral (Beauchamp) - Rocky's Straight Arrow (Gelinis)

Chaparral scored a nice find on a single at 7, with Boser acting as designated flusher for the injured Beauchamp. Arrow scored on a single at nine, turning to mark it when his handler inadvertently flushed it a second time. Arrow pointed loftily at 18 on the end of a beautiful reaching move; unfortunately he took the covey out to end his race. Chaparral scored his second good find at 22. He took a nonproductive at 37.

Texas Roughcut (Beauchamp) - Come Back Audie (Edwards)

Audie scored a nice find at 23 minutes, on the tree-lined creek bed just out of the Little Vine loop. All was in order. Roughcut made forward moves but came in from behind a few times. Audie suffered a barren stand just into Sycamore bottom at 31 but took birds out at 34.

Sharpton (Boser) - Come Back Johnson (Edwards)

They turned loose into the bull pasture; Johnson was under birds at four. Sharpton scored a quality covey find at 22 minutes on the hillside before the clubhouse with all in order. Sharpton scored his second find below Daugherty's house at 56. He pointed again just before time but it was not productive.

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Creed (Beauchamp) - Iskote Ani-Mosh (Manson)

This pair was well away on course number one on Saturday afternoon. The latter, AKA Fred, had a short absence before the road crossing. Both dogs were sighted on the right edge through Davis bottom. From the cross row in the center they continued down the creek line with Fred leading the way. Fred struck a high pointing stance but Creed came up and ripped the birds. Fred joined in and the brace ended.

Aiken (Boser) - Bolero (Beauchamp)

This exciting hour turned in by the Champion and Runner-up was described earlier.

Firefly's Solid Dollar (Hidalgo) - Piccadilly (Boser)

The final brace turned loose at the Twin Barns. Sol broke left towards the pond and the Blue House. Piccadilly broke right; then crossed to take the left fence line. Both dogs were found forward on that line pointing side-by-side just prior to the house. A covey was flushed across the fence with both dogs mannerly. Piccadilly scored again at the first draw in the Bull pasture, with all in good order. Deep in the Bull pasture's northwest corner, Piccadilly notched her third find. She handled her game with high style and excellent manners. At nearly the same time point was called to the front for Sol. He was high and tight on a covey find. His race was bold but hard handling at times. Piccadilly was forward and kind.

NRSFTC Open Walking Shooting Dog

This stake was run on Sunday morning and brought the trial to conclusion. All dogs were placed on race and ease of handling by Judges Larry Meek and George Hill who presided over the entire trial. First place went to Firefly's Flash Drive handled by Dennis Hidalgo for owners Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo of Brighton, Colorado. In second place, also owned by the Hidalgo's was Eldred's Seconded Edition. She was handled by Dennis. A littermate to the winner, "Lady" was formerly owned and trained by the late Max Eldred. Killian's Irish Red placed third for owner Brian Gelinas of Shelbyville, Indiana. Tom Norton handled Killian. The 2007 National Red Setter Field Trial Club's Shooting Dog Championship trial is committed to the history books. The next trial held by this club is its National Championship scheduled in Berea, KY. Come join us in March 2008 for the National Red Setter Championship and supporting stakes. We'll be glad you did and so will you! Please join us!





NRSFTC Open Shooting Dog Championship

Front Row: Joe Edwards with Audie, Roger Boser holding Bolero for Don Beauchamp
 Second Row: Dennis Hidalgo, Ed Liermann, Judges Meeks and Hill and Don Beauchamp



Irish Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog

Row 1: D.Hidalgo w/ Flash, B. Hidalgo w/ Lady, Tom Norton (H) and Brian Gelinas (O) w/Killian
 Second Row: Judge George Hill, Judge Larry Meeks, Judy Gelinas



NRSFTC Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

Front Row: Roger Boser with Aiken, Dennis Hidalgo holding Bolero for Don Beauchamp
Second Row: Christie Young, Bonnie Hidalgo, Judge Hill, Don Beauchamp, Judge Meeks, Brian Gelinas



Irish Red Setter Open Derby

Front Row: Jericho with Don Beauchamp , Chaperon with Roger Boser, Doc with owner Spero Manson
Second Row: Ed Liermann, Judges Meeks and Hill, Bonnie Hidalgo and Steve Bailey

Organization will be the voice of Sporting Dog Owners Nationwide

In the last several issues of *The Flushing Whip* we have alluded to the critical situation in regards to field trial grounds throughout the nation. Some states have already banned field trialing altogether. We must respond and work collectively to stop the movement to eliminate field trials and hunting grounds. In order to organize sportsmen and women nationwide, the American Sporting Dog Alliance (ASDA) was organized. This group was launched in December to help owners and professionals involved with all sporting breeds to speak with one voice in the battle to save field trials, hunting with dogs, private kennels and the right to private ownership of dogs.

"We are in a fight for our lives," ASDA Director John Yates of Oil City, PA, said. "Animal rights groups and anti-hunting groups have launched a nationwide offensive to try to destroy the traditions we love. If we don't fight back effectively, we will face a steady stream of defeats in the face of this well-funded and choreographed effort."

Yates said there are many fine organizations that fight for the rights of hunters, gun owners and dog owners in general. However, he said, none of the existing organizations has succeeded in bringing together large numbers of people who work with the sporting breeds, and who also are in the bull's-eye of both animal rights and anti-hunting activism.

"The sporting breeds are in the crosshairs of both animal rights and anti-hunting groups," he said. "To survive, we must defend ourselves. We cannot depend on anyone else to fight for our traditions."

Yates said many people involved with the sporting breeds - pointing dogs, beagles, retrievers, hounds, hunting terriers and flushing dogs consistently underestimate their own strength.

"We see ourselves as a relatively small and politically insignificant group, but nothing could be farther from the truth," Yates said. "The problem is that we are very fragmented, into various breeds, different kinds of hunting, and different venues of competition. If red setter enthusiasts, as an example, see themselves only as a small group, they also need to see the potential of uniting with many other small groups to become a potent force. Then, if you factor in hunters who own dogs, our actual numbers are huge."



Yates said there are, quite literally, millions of Americans who hunt with dogs, own dogs of the sporting breeds, are active within their own breed and venue, or who used to own hunting dogs or plan to do so in the future. To that, he said, one can add empathetic members of the general public, farmers (who face very similar challenges), the timber industry, businesses that are based on hunting, and a large segment of the American general business economy.

"We also must capitalize on our economic clout," he said. "The sporting dog world includes hundreds of small businesses that help to revitalize local economies in the form of kennels, trainers, breeders, handlers, hunting guides, shooting preserves, Internet-based businesses, and suppliers. We also form a major part of the economies of veterinary medicine, transportation, building supplies, publishing, communications, tourism, pet foods and agriculture."

He continued: "For example, I have a relatively small training and breeding kennel with a modest income, but every year I pump almost \$50,000 into the economy simply to operate and maintain my business. I also provide part-time jobs to two or three people a year. If you consider my kennel as average, imagine the combined economic impact of a couple of thousand other kennels that work with the sporting breeds. My small kennel also has about 100 customers a year, and imagine the impact of the money they spend on dogs, supplies, sporting goods, travel and hunting, and then multiply that impact by a half a million people each year who buy puppies and dogs of the sporting breeds, raise their own dogs, and spend money on hunting and field trials."

There are millions of hunters in

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America, and each of them is a potential ally of sporting dog owners, because they know that their own traditions are being endangered, too, Yates added. His own state of Pennsylvania has almost a million licensed hunters.

“Too often, we get caught up in negative thinking,” he said. “We see the annual declines in hunting, we hear about the \$400 million war chest of the Humane Society of the United States, we read CNN news stories that only 20 percent of Americans hunt. What we too often fail to see that a million hunters in Pennsylvania outnumber anti-hunters 10-to-one, and animal rights extremists by 1,000-to-one. The ‘antis’ succeed only because they are very well organized, know how to raise money, are very vocal, and manipulate the general public and use them to accomplish a hidden agenda. We can combat this with a very simple weapon: The truth.”

Yates said that the general public is being manipulated by sensationalized issues, such as alleged “puppy mills,” and are not being told the real agenda of the groups supporting those laws. In Pennsylvania and Oklahoma, as examples, proposed laws and regulations will impact every kennel, and not just large commercial breeders, who already are fully regulated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

“The real goal of those laws is to make it impossible for anyone to own a kennel, which will have the impact of reducing the number of dogs and puppies available to the general public,” he said. “This translates directly into a dramatic reduction in the private ownership of dogs. That is the real agenda!” Animal rights groups believe that it is wrong for people to own animals of any kind, and claim that anyone who makes a living from raising animals is exploiting them. Many of these groups also are staunch advocates of vegetarianism, and seek to use the law to impose their beliefs on the rest of us.

ASDA has identified five issues for its initial focus, and plans to expand as the organization grows, becomes better organized and develops funding sources. The Oklahoma and Pennsylvania kennel laws will be two areas of initial focus, as will be a bill pending in California to mandate spaying and neutering of all dogs except from a handful of specially licensed

breeding kennels.

The California legislation is a perfect example of the animal rights agenda, Yates said. The ostensible goal of the law is to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and puppies. But, Yates said, the real goal is to reduce the number of dogs owned by private individuals, and to virtually eliminate private breeding of dogs through draconian regulations and endless paperwork. Using his own 50-dog kennel as an example, Yates said the Pennsylvania proposal would require him to complete 300 pages of paperwork every day, plus hire two full-time employees to individually exercise dogs. Not one of Pennsylvania’s 1,500 licensed kennels would be in compliance with the new regulations, he said, and most kennels would have to spend at least \$20,000 on physical facilities. Many kennels cannot meet the requirements because of zoning prohibitions and limited land size, and virtually none would be able to survive the bureaucratic requirements that have nothing to do with the actual care of dogs.

In California, the regulations would even be more damaging. Only breeders who met burdensome licensing requirements would be allowed to raise puppies, and it would be illegal to breed any dog that is not registered by the American Kennel Club (AKC). That means that no one could breed dogs that are registered by the Field Dog Stud Book, the United Kennel Club, the National Kennel Club, or various rare breed registries. It also means that no one could develop new breeds of dogs, such as occurred with the recent creation of Muensterlanders, or work with unrecognized breeds. There are clear constitutional issues in the California legislation, as equal protection under the law is being denied to thousands of people, private property rights are being usurped by government, and dog owners are being denied due process under the law.

Moreover, Yates said, the licensing requirements would eliminate the vast majority of field trial and hunting dogs bred every year by small-scale owners who have only an occasional litter. Probably more great hunting dogs and field trial champions are produced by small home breeders than by any other kind of

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kennel, he said.

The California law also illustrates the “divide and conquer” tactics that are used by the animal rights groups, by giving protection to the powerful AKC, in order to soften their opposition, while denying protection to all of the smaller groups and registries, he said.

ASDA’s fourth focus will be to work to help derail nationwide pet ownership legislation that is nicknamed “PAWS 2.” This legislation is expected to be reintroduced in Congress next year, and it is the highest priority of the Humane Society of the United States, which has a thinly veiled animal rights agenda.

The fifth initial focus of ASDA will be on land management practices and policies on public lands that negatively affect field trials and hunting.

“In plain English,” Yates said, “the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is violating the law in its policy to eliminate field trials on public lands funded through the Pittman-Robertson Act, and also in regard to the way those lands are managed: Or, more accurately, non-managed. The U.S. Forest Service also is in clear violation of the federal Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act in its current policy of discouraging grouse trials and refusing to manage public lands for optimum sustainable resources and recreation. We plan to take both of these federal agencies to court, and also to call for formal congressional investigations into their actions.”

The state of Ohio plans to eliminate field trials from two famed areas in Ohio (Kildeer Plains and Indian Creek) this coming spring, citing its policy that money from the Pittman-Robertson Act is to be used only to benefit hunting. The same policy was used to ban field trials from public land in Illinois and Indiana a few years ago, and Michigan is the next expected target. The USFWS policy alleges that field trials are not hunting, and thus are not permissible uses of this land.

Yates said this policy is in flagrant violation of the Pittman-Robertson Act which, in Section 2, Article 5, of the Act, clearly gives equal weight to hunting and field trials as recreational beneficiaries of the funding. The Act says:“(5) the term ‘wildlife-associated recreation’ means projects intended to meet the demand for outdoor activities associated with

wildlife including, but not limited to, hunting and fishing, wildlife observation and photography, such projects as construction or restoration of wildlife viewing areas, observation towers, blinds, platforms, land and water trails, water access, field trialing, trail heads, and access for such projects;”

Ideology has become the key point in USFWS and Forest Service land management policy, and opinions based on this ideology are being inaccurately portrayed as scientific fact. Hunters and field trialers are being substantially misled by these federal agencies, Yates said.

In Ohio, for example, the official plans of Kildeer Plains and Indian Creek call for management as prairie grasslands, to benefit wildlife of all kinds that require this specialized ecological niche. But the USFWS favors non-management, to allow the land to revert to brush and mixed forest. Why?

The reason is an ideology called biodiversity conservation, which has become the philosophical underpinning of many state and federal wildlife agencies, Yates said. Major tenets of biodiversity conservation are that non-native species are to be eliminated, and that only natural forces should determine the character of the land. In terms of specifics, he said, this means that breeding populations of non-native species like the ring-necked pheasant are to be eliminated, and proactive wildlife management by humans is to be minimized or eliminated.

Looking at Kildeer Plains and Indian Creek as examples, Yates pointed to USFWS criticism of mowing for field trials, creating feed strips, managing for vital edge cover, and making plantings of natural food sources. The agency wants to ban the use of these vital management tools. Ironically, Yates said, those are the very kinds of activities that are mandated by the Pittman-Robertson Act, and also by the official management plans of both areas. The USFWS thus is violating the law in order to propagate the current politically correct ideology.

At the same time, he said, the USFWS is refusing to manage the lands proactively to increase the numbers and diversity of all forms of wildlife, or to benefit the varied kinds of

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recreational uses mandated by the Pittman-Robertson Act, which range from hunting to bird watching to field trials.

"It would be hard to find a healthier or more productive environment for wildlife than the Kildeer Plains and Indian Creek lands as they are currently managed, and management to assist field trials also provides the optimum habitat for numerous game and non-game species, and the maximum opportunities for hunters and people who just like to see wildlife," Yates said. "In contrast, non-management creates uniform habitat that benefits only a few species, and curtails many recreational uses of the land."

Yates also pointed to violations of the Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act on many national forests, and specifically on the Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, which is the home of the famed Marienville grouse trial grounds. The Forest Service now refuses to implement a policy of sustained yield timber harvesting on those grounds, which provides for a succession in forest cover that benefits all species of wildlife, including the ruffed grouse.

Sustained yield logging creates forest cover of varying ages and stages of growth, and this meets the needs of all kinds of wildlife for food, shelter and protection, Yates said. There is clear and uncontestable scientific evidence that this kind of land management results in the highest densities, diversity and productivity of wildlife, he said. In contrast, he said, overly mature forests result in the lowest density, diversity and productivity of wildlife. For instance, he said, young forests provide the best food sources and shelter for deer, and there are many more deer on lands managed for sustained yield than on lands managed as mature forest. Also, he said, the deer are larger, healthier, have larger antlers, and much better winter survival rates in a forest managed for succession, as compared to uniform stands of mature forests and pole timber.

"As in the case of the USFWS, the Forest Service has succumbed to the ideology of biodiversity conservation, which favors allowing only natural forces like wind, fire and storms to form the character of the land," Yates said. "In the real world, this doesn't work for wildlife or for people, and it also is in clear violation of the law."

Yates pointed to the Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act, in which Congress mandated that the Forest Service manage land for the maximum sustained yield of natural resources, including wildlife, and maximum opportunities for recreation, including hunting and field trials. Non-management through the ideology of biodiversity conservation flies in the face of this federal law, he said.

Yates said ASDA also plans to cultivate a close relationship with farmers and farm groups. Farmers are very concerned with animal rights issues, benefit from hunting through CRP and other payments to allow public access, and are spared from many wildlife depredation losses by nearby public land that is managed for field trials, Yates said. A healthy and productive environment on public lands keeps wildlife there, and significantly reduces crop losses by nearby farmers, he said.

The American Sporting Dog Alliance is seeking membership, support and leadership from the entire sporting dog community. Don't sit idly by— the need is urgent. All contact information is listed in the box below.

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The National Red Setter Field Trial Club, is hosting
a mirror website to increase exposure for The
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<http://asda.nrsftc.com/>

A Blog site will provide updates and progress
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2008 Futurity Nominated Litters Report

Al Fazenbaker, Futurity Chair

The 36th National Red Setter Futurity will be run in March of 2008. The following litters have been nominated and are eligible to run in this Futurity. Individual dogs should have posted a 2nd Forfeit fee by December 31, 2007. Second forfeit fees will still be accepted up to the time of the Futurity drawing in March, but will be assessed a late fee. This slate of nominated litters represents a good cross section of red setters from several breeders. Leading the nominations in numbers of nominations this year is Paul Ober with 6 litters nominated. The top sire in this year's nominations is Chaparral, owned by Don Beauchamp. For additional information on the Red Setter Futurity, check our website at <http://www.nrsftc.com/futurity.htm> or please contact me at 216-539-0330 or by e-mail at red_pups@yahoo.com.

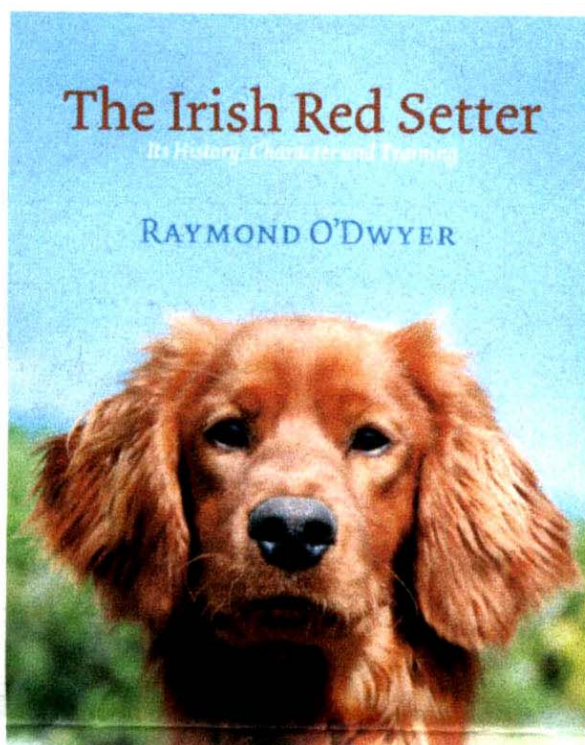
2008 Futurity Nominated Litters

#	Name	Sire	Dam	Whelp Date	M	F
36-01	Chodie Myers	Hondo Muldoon	Lady Bearcat	1-25-06	4	3
36-02	Don Beauchamp	J.D. Spike	Pizazz	1-10-06	1	0
36-03	Roger Boser	Come Back Casey	Gillian	3-7-06	3	0
36-04	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Applebee	2-22-05	2	4
36-05	Andy Agnew	Zan Sett Walter Ray	Zan Sett Bess	6-1-06	0	1
36-06	Andy Agnew	Zan Sett Captain	Zan Sett Libb	5-15-06	1	2
36-07	Don Beauchamp	Chaparral	Sizzlin Belle	6-15-06	6	3
36-08	Don Beauchamp	Chaparral	Sunset Silk	4-21-06	2	1
36-09	Dale Bruns	Come Back Rocky	Come Back Pretty Lady	1-17-06	2	1
36-10	Brian Gelinas	Comeback Rocky	Lightning Lucy	4-8-06	5	6
36-11	Don Beauchamp	Bolero	Pizazz	6-30-06	5	3
36-12	Jim Ashby	Hondo Muldoon	Jim's Molly Girl	1-17-06	0	3
36-13	Andy Agnew	Zan Sett Captain	Altamuskin Line Dancer	7-4-06	3	2
36-14	Roger Boser	Aiken	Home Page	7-30-06	2	3
36-15	Dennis/Bonnie Hidalgo	Firefly's Solid Dollar	Hazelwood's Kookie Kate	7-4-06	3	3
36-16	Dennis/Bonnie Hidalgo	Chaparral	Firefly's Last Redcent	7-9-06	2	3
36-17	Tim Hammons	Silver Creek Solution	Silver Creek Lizzie	7-16-06	5	2
36-18	Joe Edwards	Celtic's Seminole	Celtic's Superior Interest	5-27-06	2	6
36-19	Paul Ober	Celtic's Causal	Celtic's Impropriety	8-23-06	7	4
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36-21	Paul Ober	Celtic's Warrant	Celtic's Forbearance	7-14-06	4	5
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All Breed Honor Roll

by Christie Young
Oct. 6 through- Nov. 24-2007



In this report period Chantilly, Red Setter female owned by Dr. Roger Boser is Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year in the North Carolina Field Trial Association. This famed Red Setter Champion is not new to taking state level annual awards. Congratulations Roger and Chantilly for doing it again!

Reports indicate that Red Setters competed recently in the Region 9 and the Region 19 Amateur Shooting Dog Championships. Best Wishes for future success and our thanks for getting them into Championship competition.

A good period for Red Setter owners, breeders and handlers! Nice to note Paul Ober's Celtics back running in the heat of competition again! Big congratulations to all of our winners!

This is what *Honoring the Purest Challenge* is all about; competing in all breed trial competition and coming up on top! That's getting the red dogs out there. Well done everyone!

Dog	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Placements	Competition
Aiken	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Rockfish	Chantilly	York Pointer & Setter Club 4-21-07	1 st Amateur Shooting Dog	2 Pointers, 5 Setters, 4 IS, 1 Brittany

From the report: This dog ran a good race running the edges well

Piccadilly	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Come Back Rock	Gillian	York Pointer & Setter Club 4-21-07	2 nd Amateur Shooting Dog	2 Pointers, 5 Setters, 4 IS, 1 Brittany
Piccadilly	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Come Back Rock	Gillian	York Pointer & Setter Club 4-21-07	1 st Open Shooting Dog	15 Pointers, 6 ES, 1 IS

From the report: With four stylish finds, Piccadilly ran a very fine pattern, always to the front and in the pocket. Roger had very little handling to do except to point out this fine Red Setter.

Breakstone	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Sharpton	Chantilly	York Pointer & Setter Club 4-21-07	1 st Amateur Derby	3 Pointers, 2 Irish Setters
Flushing Whip Flash Edition	Allen Fazenbaker Owner/Handler	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	York Pointer & Setter Club 4-21-07	2 nd Amateur Derby	3 Pointers, 2 Irish Setters
Breakstone	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Sharpton	Chantilly	Brandywine BDC 5-5-07	2 nd Amateur Derby	3 Pointers, 1 Irish Setter
Piccadilly	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Come Back Rock	Gillian	Brandywine BDC 5-5-07	2 nd Amateur Shooting Dog	13 Pointers, 5 Setters, 1 Brittany, 4 Irish Setters
Iskote Waagos	S. M. Manson Owner/ Steve Bailey Handler	Firefly's Solid Dollar	Hazelwood's Kookie Kate	Colorado Pointer Club 9-15-07	2 nd Open Puppy	5 Entries
Iskote Ani Mosh	S.M. Manson Owner/ Steve Bailey Handler	Brophy's Iowa Boy	Mocha Java O'Shillelagh	Colorado Pointer Club 9-15-07	3 rd Open All Age	16 Entries



All Breed Honor Roll
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Continued from page 24 by Christie Young



Dog	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Placements	Competition
Iskote Waagos	S.M. Manson Owner/ Steve Bailey Handler	Firefly's Solid Dollar	Hazelwood's Kookie Kate	Colorado Pointer Club 9-15-07	1 st Open Derby	10 Entries
Poison Creek Rose	Rupert Colemore Owner/Jason Williams Handler	Celtic's Seminole	Celtic's Superior Interest	Montana Open Shooting Dog Champ 4-17-07	2 nd Open Derby	4 Pointers, 3 Setters, 1 Irish Setter
Code Red	Tim Hammons Owner/ Handler	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Central Kentucky FTC 9-29-07	3 rd Open Shooting Dog	12 Pointers, 5 Setters, 1 IS
From the report :Code Red ran a good consistent sound brace, staying to the front where we saw a good bit of him.						
Montana's Full House	Charles Turner Owner/ Handler	Wild Card	Turner's Sadie	Central Kentucky FTC 9-29-07	2 nd Open All Age	7 Pointers, 3 Setters, 2 IS
From the report: Montana's Full House exhibited excellent style and manners , ran a consistent brace and was always out front to earn second.						
Aiken	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Rockfish	Chantilly	Potomac Valley FTC 9-22-07	2nd Amateur Shooting Dog	20 Entries
Jericho	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Chaparral	Sunset Silk	Freeland KC 9-29-07	2 nd Amateur Derby	3 Pointers, 1 Setter, 2 IS
Celtic's Charisma	Paul Ober Owner/Joe Edwards Handler	Celtic's Subordination	Celtic's Covenant	Duplin County FTC 10-06-07	2 nd Open Derby	6 Pointers, 1 Setters, 1 IS
From the report: This strong Irish Setter male did not give into the heat for his race was fast and his nose was turned on to find birds.						
Come Back Casey	R.R. Cottle Owner/ Handler	Come Back Frank	Come Back Dixie Rebel	Duplin County FTC 10-06-07	1 st Open Shooting Dog	1 Pointer, 1 Setter, 4 IS
From the report: Rex and Joe know how to compete their Red Setters to earn the winner's circle. These three winning red setters displayed perfect poise on point and plenty of range on the grounds. Rex and Joe only select dogs with plenty of go and show.						
Come Back Audie	Joe Edwards Owner/ Handler	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	Duplin County FTC 10-06-07	2 nd Open Shooting Dog	1 Pointer, 1 Setter, 4 IS
Come Back Judy	R.R. Cottle Owner/ Handler	Come Back Shag Dancer	Come Back Dixie Rebel	Duplin County FTC 10-06-07	3 rd Open Shooting Dog	1 Pointer, 1 Setter, 4 IS
Celtic's Charisma	Paul Ober Owner/Joe Edwards Handler	Celtic's Subordination	Celtic's Covenant	Duplin County FTC 10-06-07	1 st Amateur Derby	1 Pointer, 1 Irish Setter
From the report: This Irish Setter rendered a fast paced race combined with Derby broke manners on his game. His time on the ground was exciting to watch.						
Come Back Audie	Joe Edwards Owner/ Handler	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	Duplin County FTC 10-06-07	1 st Amateur Shooting Dog	1 Pointer, 1 Setter, 4 IS
From the report: All of the winners refused to make a mistake on their birds and stayed well to the front on the ground. They were broke from the beginning and ran the course with precision, Impressive was the word used to describe these winners.						

But Wait— there's more from the NRSFTC's Fall Trial



Irish Red Setter Open Puppy

Front Row: Dennis Hidalgo with 2nd Place Firefly's Flash Drive
 Row 2: Christie Young, Judges Hill and Meeks, Bonnie Hidalgo
 1st place Come Back Dally regretfully not available for photo



Brian jumps in to present a "Puppy of the Year" award to the guy who was presenting awards !

Thank you Dennis and Bonnie
 for a job WELL done.
 Everyone had a fantastic time:
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Thanks for all the hard work!!

Cream together

- 2 Cups Butter
- 2 Cups White Sugar
- 2 Cups Brown Sugar

Add

- 4 Eggs
- 1 tsp. Vanilla

Mix together with

- 4 Cups flour
- 5 Cups Oatmeal: Measure first and then run it through the blender until it turns to powder.

- 1 tsp. salt
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- 2 tsp. Baking Powder

Fold In

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Dennis Hidalgo's Dog Wagon Cookies



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Fourth Prize: Sierra Trading Post gift certificate went to Julia Bonar from Maryland.

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2007 Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog of the Year as of 11-24-07

(Runs January 2007 to December 31, 2007)

Dog/Gender	Owner/ Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Hondo Muldoon	Jim Ashby	Winnabow	Gillian	144
Belle's Bearcat Boy	Tom Lantry & Ann Johnson	Desperado	Winstom Salem Belle	28
Meteu Medicine Man	Al Fazenbaker	King Cormac	Grainne Ni Mhallee	26

Red Setter Derby as of 12/9/7

Runs July 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008

Dog/Gender	Owner/ Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Kalamity Ballyhoo F	Deb Libby-Sloan O/H	Come Back Rocky	Lightning Lucy	280
Fermanagh Tango F	Bob White O/H	Sharpton	Applebee	52
Jericho M	Roger Boser O/H	Chapparral	Sunset Silk	36

Red Setter Puppy as of 12/9/7

Runs July 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008

Dog/Gender	Owner/ Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Lakeview Rusty Muldoon M	Jim Ashby O/H	Hondo Muldoon	Lakeview Little Kate	12

Standing reports for Duke, LeGrande and High Performance continued page 28

Duke Award as of Dec. 9, 2007

Runs July 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008

Dog/Gender	Owner/ Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Piccadilly - Female	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	46

LeGrande Award as of Dec. 9, 2007

Runs January 1st 2007 through December 31st 2007

Dog/Gender	Owner/ Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Chantilly - Female	Roger Boser-O/H	Desperado	Come Back Dixie Girl	1850
Piccadilly - Female	Roger Boser-O/H	Come Back Rock	Gillian	1513
Code Red - Male	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Showbiz	Silver Creek Illustrious	788
Bolero - Male	Don Beauchamp O/H	Bearcat	Hollywood	620
Aiken - Male	Roger Boser - O/H	Rockfish	Chantilly	540
Texas Roughcut - Male	David French & Don Beauchamp O/H	Outburst	Sunset Silk	400
Creed - Male	Don Beauchamp O/H	Come Back Riptide	Come Back Jeanie	119
Speedy Edie O'Floin Female	Jack Flynn O/H	Celtic's Sedition	Missy Lou O'Floin	92
Rocky's Straight Arrow Male	Brain Gelinis	Comeback Rocky	Lightning Lucy	56

Hi-Performance as of Dec. 9, 2007

Runs January 1st 2007 through December 31st 2007

Dog/Gender	Owner/ Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Code Red – Male	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Mountain Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	530

National Shoot to Retrieve Award as of Dec. 9, 2007

Runs January 1st 2007 through December 31st 2007

Dog/Gender	Owner/ Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Rising Fawn's Faith/ F	Ross Leonard	Firefly's High Dollar Bill	Destiny's Child	120
Rising Fawn's Scout	Ross Leonard	Kiski's Big Red	Rocklane's Gracie	48
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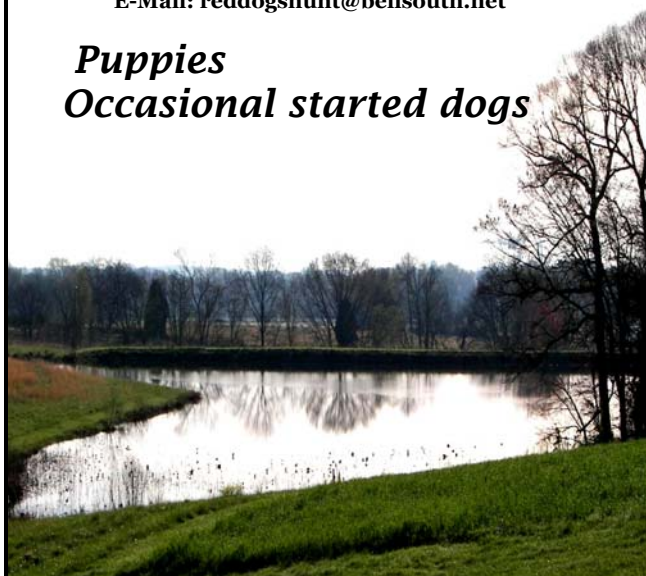
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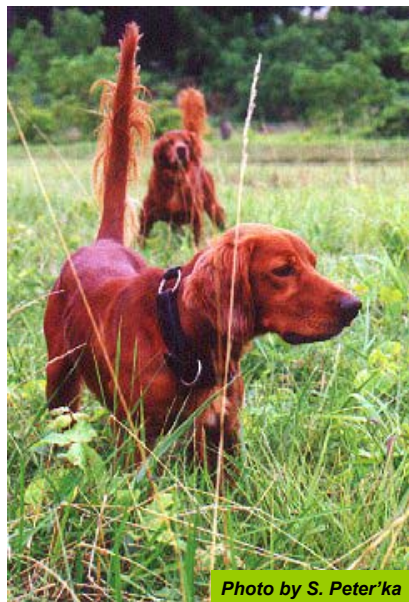
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Select Award →	Duke	LeGrande	High Performance	Derby	Puppy	Walking Shooting dog	NSTRA
Dog's Name		FDSB #		Circle Dog or Bitch One			
Sire:		Dam		Date Whelped IF Puppy or Derby			
Owner		Did you handle the dog? YES NO If NO, write handler's name on back of this form		Your Phone			
Address		City		State		Zip	
Trial	Location		Date	Placement & Stake	Length of Stake?	# Entries	
Example: Bootleg Moonshine	East Kentucky Trials		Nov 10, 2005	1st Open Shooting	45 minutes	12 Pointers 4 Setters 4 IS	

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Code Red

**Futurity Winner 2004
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Rock the World

8x National Red Setter Champion
6x National Runner Up Champion
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3x National Red Setter Runner Up Champion

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Available starting at:

\$200 at Kennel

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(Rocky Branch Show Biz x Silver Creek Illustrious)

45 lb. big running, high cracking tail
horseback caliber shooting dog

Silver Creek Solution

(Albert Collins x Frankie's Time Around)

Smaller 40+ lb. dog, dark red, black nose
12 o'clock tail on point and when moving
excellent walking shooting dog range

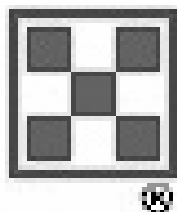
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