

Barbaro, the famous stylish setter with Ray, began the afternoon with a good performance considering the conditions. After two finds Ray elected to pick him up at 20. Doe's A Six Gun (Taylor and Williams) was up at 20.

Union Springs, Ala., October 25

Judges: Tom Hance and Hunter McDuffie
OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] —
28 Pointers and
5 Setters

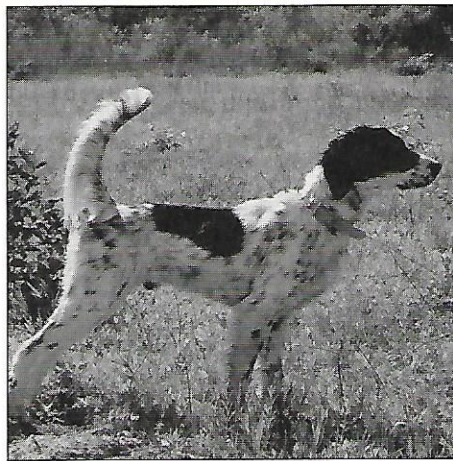
- 1st—SMARTY SMITH, 1566174, setter male, by Private Ryan—Blew By You. Fred Rowan & Harold Ray, owners; Doug Ray, handler.
 2d—CALICO'S DYNO MITE, 1590269, pointer male, by Serious Threat—Calico's Little Sue. Dom Conicelli & Mary Tracy, owners; George Tracy, handler.
 3d—CASSIQUE'S BLUE RIDGE, 1614433, pointer female, by Elhew Fibber McGee—Magic Carpet. Fred & Bernice Rowan, owners; Doug Ray, handler.

OPEN DERBY

The Derbies were judged on their race only, considering the temperatures.

Judges: Tom Hance and Tommy Traylor
OPEN DERBY — 7 Pointers

- 1st—SHOWTIME PEARL, 1619926, female, by Showtime's Afternoon—Bluebar Pearl. Bill Perry, owner and handler.
 2d—WINDFALL SERIOUS JACK, 1614421, male, by Fibrillator—Winterset W.B. Joe Guzman, owner; Eddy Taylor, handler.



SMARTY SMITH
First in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

- 3d—SEDGE SURFER, 1621488, male, by Elhew Fibber McGee—Magic Carpet. Bill Perry, owner; Doug Ray, handler.

A Postscript

The Conecuh Station Open trial, hosted by Tony and Becky Gibson, is held annually on their plantation near

Union Springs, Ala. With a crew of four working on the property year-round, Tony strives to have his grounds in the best of shape. In addition, Southern hospitality abounds as meals are served each day and special dinners are held in the evenings.

Saturday night's drawing drew a group of 20 who feasted on Tony's smoked beef brisket. Monday night many local neighbors joined the trialers to enjoy Comer Posey's barbecued chicken with camp stew and trimmings.

Tuesday evening was a trip to the Union Springs Country Club. Beck Johnson and her staff know how to make out-of-towners feel at home.

A special thanks to all who assisted with the trial. Among them: Ben Chancellor, club secretary; Dennis Hood and Hope Curry with the drawing; Johnny Capps and Harold Johnson who marshalled, and the Conecuh Station staff who tended to everyone's needs, both large and small.

CHANTILLY HAS DIED

In late December, I received the sad news that the great red setter champion Chantilly had passed on. Dr. Roger Boser informed me that "Kelly" had recently suffered some health problems and died December 20, 2010 after a short illness.

In my years as a member of the board and Futurity chair for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club I have had the pleasure of seeing many red setters, and Chantilly was always guaranteed to put on a show. She never disappointed.



CHANTILLY

Sired by the red setter Hall-of-Famer Ch. Desperado out of Come Back Dixie Girl, Kelly garnered a total of 85 career placements during her 8-year career, including five championships and nine runners-up. She won the National Red Setter Futurity in 1999 and clinched the Red Setter Derby of the Year. Under the tutelage of her owner, breeder, trainer and handler Dr. Boser, Chantilly was a force to be reckoned with.

Chantilly was always a pleasure to watch. She had a racy and smooth-going gait; she seemed to glide over the ground as she gobbled up the terrain. Her intensity and demeanor around game never ceased to inspire, and she

had an uncanny ability to dig up wild bird finds where others had gone birdless.

Without question her greatest performance was the 2003 National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Championship. Joyce Taylor, the reporter, wrote: "This dog is fast. She can fly, no matter the footing, today on snow. She ran a big race, sometimes all-age range, and handled well. She improved each day, better than the day before, just what you look for with an Invitational format. She handled to perfection,

ran hard and consistently, always to the front. This little Irish setter is an absolute perfectionist on birds with intensity before, during and after flush. She proudly and deservedly took home the runner-up title."

I was fortunate to see Chantilly run for several years while she was in her prime, both at trials and in training on the prairies and in the Carolinas. She was devoted to her handler Roger Boser, and it was such a pleasure to see them work together as a team. Though she was a wide shooting dog, Chantilly had a "sixth sense" and always seemed to know where her partner was heading; she would show to the front as if

she knew exactly what direction Roger was moving. Roger once told me that working with Chantilly gave him such pleasure because she had a "team" approach to bird hunting. She was a true partner in the sport.

Chantilly was bred sparingly, but the get she produced was exceptional. Red setters Breakstone and Aiken are but two examples of the exceptional red setters that have come from her. Dr. Boser noted that Breakstone may be one of the most exceptional red setters in his 40 plus years of field trialing. Aiken has proven to be an outstanding all-age performer, running the Kansas circuit under the direction of Don Beauchamp.

Kelly was retired in 2007, and for the past three years she was a constant fixture in the Boser household. She enjoyed a special place in the hearts of the Boser family, and usually was found lying next to Roger or his wife Mary in their summer home in Pennsylvania, or at their winter training farm in North Carolina. She will be sorely missed by her family, and by the members of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.

May she hunt in those places where bird dogs go, joining the legions of great red dogs that have gone before her, running the great hunt with Bearcat, Abra, Desperado and Askew's Carolina Lady.

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