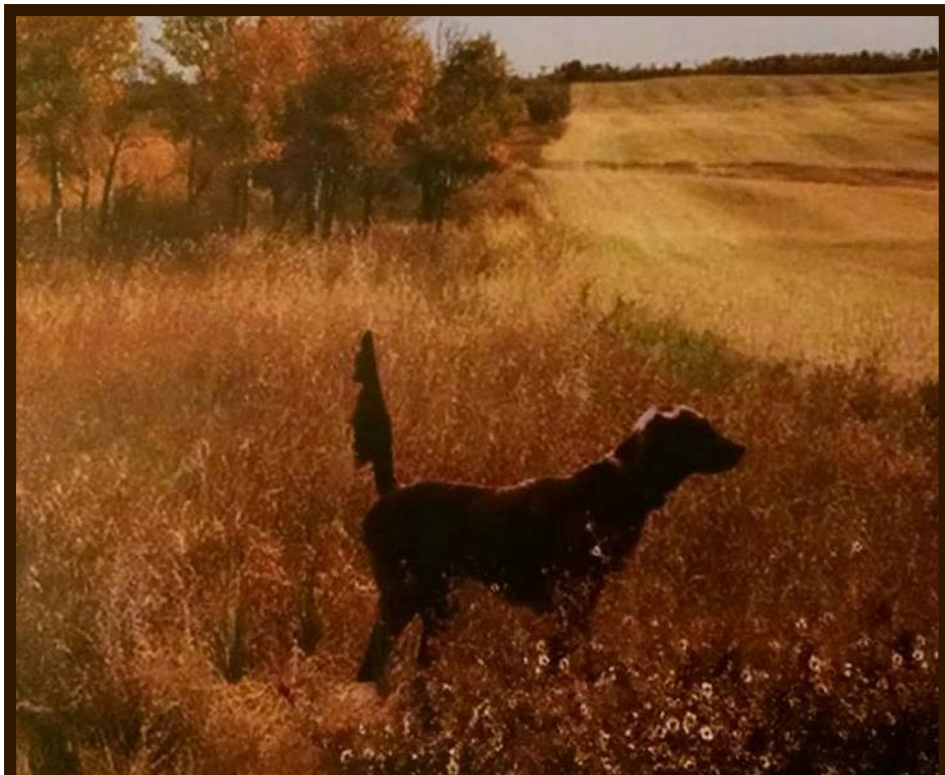
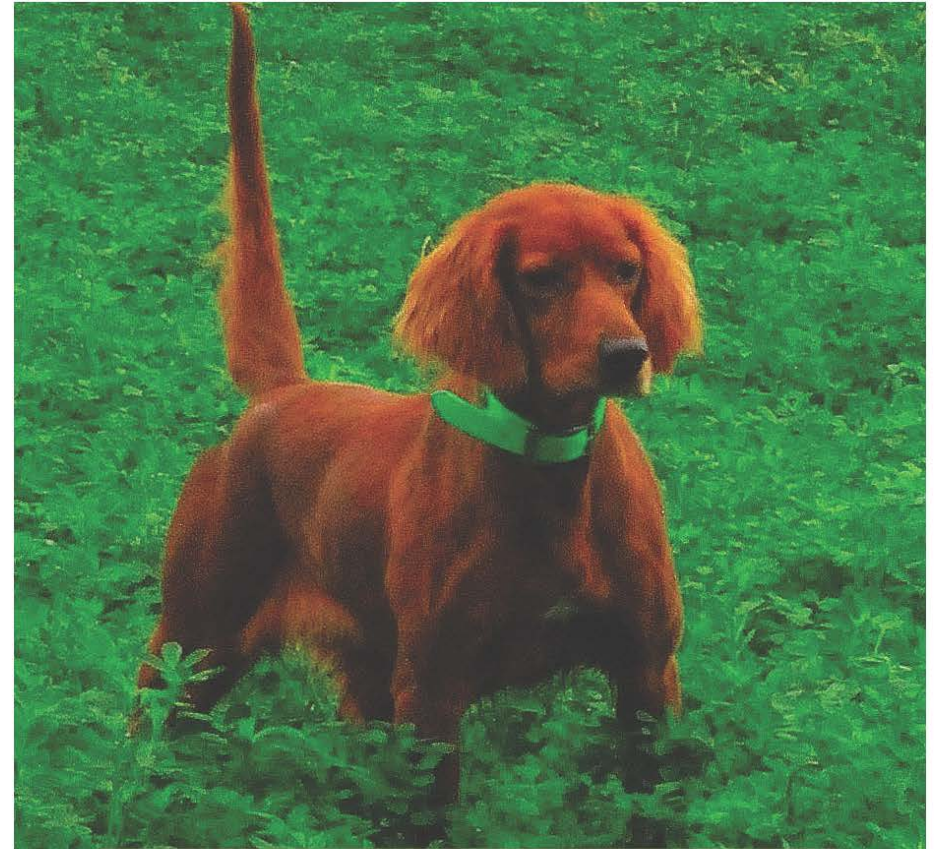


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Congratulations to 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees



Rambling from Red Setter Run

Hello Folks

Hope this issue finds you happy and well. We traveled to the Bird Dog Museum in February for the Inductions of Don Beauchamp, Ernest J Lewis and Celtic's Sua Sponte. It was a fabulous opportunity to reconnect with all our bird dog friends. Hope you enjoy the photographs I've included here for you.



When I write these issues and

mail them out, there are many names that, although quite familiar, are people I never had the opportunity to meet face to face. I can probably recite most of your addresses from memory— because I see them about 6 times as I prepare the issues each month. Even though I may not have actually "met" some of you, we're joined by a common thread— love of dogs, and I feel like I actually do know most of you. And so it is with some sadness that I send out this issue and tell you that we recently lost 2 club members.

Bonnie Martin of Wheaton Illinois wrote to tell me that she had lost her husband David— a relatively young man, taken too soon for sure. I also heard from Paul Griffin's family. Paul died in December at 80 years old. Paul had a cabin in New York just a couple hours away and we did see him occasionally at local trials or if he stopped by. I've included these fine gentleman's obituaries. Take a moment to read and honor them— and if you would, please send the family a card during this difficult time.

Club Member Amy Gautheir wrote a great piece for an online magazine and they agreed to allow us to reprint it here. We appreciate the opportunity to share it. Check out Eastlake Outfitters on fb. If you type in the word "redsetter," you'll be entered in a drawing to win a

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handcrafted turkey call. Details on their ad in the back.

Al and I belong to the Ruffed Grouse Society and we appreciate the great work they do. I got a copy of the Spring 2017 Magazine and found a delightful article in it by Keith Schopp who works at Purina, one of our generous sponsors. The article covered some safety issues that truly connected with me and I asked if I might also share the article here in *The Flushing Whip*. We thank Purina for allowing us to share it. Our Tips this issue are from Pro Plan and they are valuable indeed.

Six Runs Field Trial Club had a trial in December and the report is in this issue for you to see. The trial was very well attended and things went very smoothly but in the days before the trial it seemed like fate was waging war in the bucolic little North Carolina community. Let me digress here for just a bit. You may recall that in the last issue I told you how Joe Edwards was burned so badly in a farm accident. He had to be transported to the UNC burn unit which was over a hundred miles from the Six Runs Farm. About that time the a Hurricane made its way up the south eastern part of the country. The powerful storm caused massive damage and flooding. Roger Boser has a cabin nearby and his place was devastated when the deep water surged in and took it's toll. Thankfully, Mary and Roger were not at home when it hit but they've spent countless hours there since—cleaning and repairing their place. Club member Andrew Brown has property in the area and had several horses that were trapped and in panic over the flooding. Another red setter club member, Sean Melvin, was able to swim to the animals and get them to safety, no small feat during that kind of dangerous episode. Within hours the water level had risen all the way up to the hay mow. Thankfully all of our club members in the area, and their animals made it through the storm and flooding safely.

Anyhow, the trial went well and there is a report and pictures to show it. We're grateful that despite the incredible damage, our friends all made it through without injury to themselves! God is good. Our spring trial and annual meeting (March 17th) will take place in Petersburg Illinois the third week of March. By the time you get this issue, it will be over. The Trial report will be in the May June issue. Hope you came out to see us ! Opps. Outta room. Stay well.

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PAUL J GRIFFIN 1937-2017

Long time club member and red setter devotee, Paul Griffin died on December 13, 2016. He is survived by his former wife Nancy and their four children: Jennifer, Margaret, Eric (Anjanet) and Maureen. Paul also leaves behind seven cherished grandchildren: Joshua, Jason, Farrah, River, Julius, Russell and Nora-Jean. His parents, Howard and Julia Griffin preceded him in death. He was a veteran of the US Army, having served in the Korean War.



Paul got his first red setter in 1968, purchasing it from Lois and Larry Crum. She became Mollie the devoted family dog and companion. When Mollie was bred to Valli High Country, Paul and Nancy kept one of the pups— and named her Carlysle Emerald Jewel. She was indeed a Jewel. The first of several very fine dogs that Paul owned and campaigned.



Paul and his Emerald Jewel

Paul lived within a few hours of our home here in Ohio and over the years, we sometimes ran into each other at local trials. Time took its toll as it wore away at Paul's ability to get around. But it never eroded his love and admiration for the Irish Red Setter breed. I can imagine him reunited with his beautiful dogs, running the fields without restraint. Go with them Paul as the shamrocks softly fall. ♣ RIP

DAVID SPENCER MARTIN

1950-2016



WHEATON - David Spencer Martin, age 66, a resident of Wheaton, IL, passed away with his loving wife, Bonnie and sister-in-law, Susie at his side at Central DuPage Hospital on Friday, August 12, 2016. He was born on August 1, 1950 in Chicago. His family moved to Elmhurst when he was about 13 years old. David and Bonnie were married in 1982, having been together since 1971. David graduated from North Central College in 1984 with a degree in Psychology. That

same year David and Bonnie bought their home in Wheaton. David worked for W. W. Grainger for 37 years. David enjoyed spelunking (cave exploring) as a young man. He loved hunting pheasants (starting at age 11) and later ruffed grouse. In the 1980's, he became involved with training bird dogs (English Setters and Gordon Setters) for field trails. He was a prolific reader, loved the out-of-doors and conversing with people. He was a life time member of the National Speleological Society and the National Rifle Association. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, his sister, Nancy Martin, brother, Nelson Martin, and his nephew. He is also survived by sisters-in-laws, Marlene Anderson, Nancy Banks, and Carole Hess, brothers-in-law, Bill Bolton, and Al Bolton, and many in-law nieces and nephews and by Katie, the current family bird dog. A graveside service will be held on Monday, August 22 at 2:30 p.m. at Trout Creek Cemetery in Trout Creek Michigan. Memorial gifts may be directed to National Speleological Society, 6001 Pulaski Pike NW, Huntsville, AL 35810 or the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030-9400. Published in Chicago Suburban Daily Herald on Aug. 16, 2016

Here's Bonnie's address to send a note or sympathy card:
Bonnie Martin, ON 376 Ellis Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

So— you want to train a Bird Dog....

By Amy Gauthier



So you want to train a bird dog. Congratulations! You are interested in an activity that will teach you more about yourself than almost any other hobby. As I sat down, attempting to produce my first dog training article, my head began to spin. So many questions are asked by hopeful new puppy owners:

Where do I start? What do I need? What do I DO? Ah, the articles that could be written to answer these questions...and they have been written, in magazines, and books galore. Who am I to add to these experts? I walked away from the computer, for quite a while. I have been training my hunting dogs for the past 13 years. As I look back, I have had some great successes. However, I also see many mistakes, and know that very often my dogs have progressed in training in spite of me. All of these mistakes can be summarized in one phrase: communication breakdown. What I have learned is that the only way to avoid communication breakdown, is to break down your communication. This takes practice. By the time you start to master communicating with your canine, you suddenly realize that you now think like a dog more than a human! Don't worry, this is also where you begin to understand yourself more...as a person.

There are many layers of successful dog training but as I mentioned communication is the KEY.

I recently ran across a video honoring the 90th birthday of renown gun dog trainer Delmar Smith. One quote in the video hit the nail on the head, "He (Delmar Smith) was ahead of his time in that the dog's mind is the primary focus." The first step in communicating with a dog's mind does not come from words, but from body language...some we are conscience of,

some we are not, some are physical, some are chemical, but dogs pick up on ALL of it. The words you will eventually use only support this silent communication. There are many books written by excellent trainers that you should read to build your "tool belt" of training methods. However because of body language, before you use any method you need to know your mindset.

In between my organized training sessions, our setters live in our home. Several years ago, my youngest setter at the time was having an indoor energy burst. He proceeded to take a running leap over the couch, on which I was seated, narrowly missing my head! As an "experienced" dog trainer at that time, I had at least learned that patience is a virtue. So, I gritted my teeth to suppress my irritation.

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Amy's dogs at home waiting for their next command. Aka: communication



My teeth slipped from their clenched position, instantly chipping one of them. I became startlingly aware that I had not controlled my irritation; I had just projected it onto my teeth! If this emotion was outwardly projected in this way, what was happening inwardly? The dog can sense it all. This changed my mindset towards training. If I was too lazy to deal with an unwanted behavior before it got out of hand, or to better communicate wanted behavior, then there is no reason to let a dog push my buttons. If I am not focused in the house, give them some time in their crate. If I don't have control of training in the yard, or in the field, then put them up and figure out where I went wrong in communication and go back to that point in training tomorrow. My church taught me self-examination; my dogs help me put it into practice. My dogs taught me patience, and continually remind me to use it!

The average person hates to admit that a dog's mind is a complicated thing; meanwhile a dog trainer loves to admit it because that is what keeps us coming back for more, trying to figure out the puzzle that is the mind of each individual dog. Just be sure to make your pup's mind the primary focus whether developing your own training plan, or picking up a newly trained dog from the professional trainer. Take a hold of your unconscious body language and turn it into conscious and productive training for your future hunting buddy, and family companion. Most of all don't be afraid to learn something about yourself along the way!





Tips From



By Keith Schopp

We love our bird dogs though admittedly, many of us have a tendency to be “kennel blind” from time to time. Admit it!

That can't be my dog barking at the truck.

I don't know what happened. MY dog would never bust a bird.

Your dog must have started that fight. My little angel would never do that.

Guilty as charged.

Well, my dogs never have started a fight. Really. However, they have committed most of the other petty offenses that I sometimes choose to overlook, downplay or even justify.

I strive to learn every time I go to the field. Here are a few of my observations from seasons past that I couldn't resist sharing:

THE OBLIVIOUS ONLOOKER

The Brittany bounded from his kennel as a group of grouse hunters waited to organize and head into the field. He was enthusiastic and cute as a button, but actually, he was out of control. Buddy nearly knocked over a (thankfully unloaded) gun that was leaning against a shed, then jumped on the passenger door of a shiny pickup truck before gliding through a mud puddle and placing 2 filthy paws on the crotch of my hunting pants in a show of dominance. Good morning to you, too!

Buddy's owner was in deep conversation at the time, but managed a few feeble attempts at controlling his dog. “Buddy no. Here Buddy. No. Here Buddy. No, Buddy. Heel” (name was changed to protect the innocent.) Now everybody but Buddy's owner was thinking, “Can't someone PLEASE get that dog under control?” Instead, nobody said a word. Next time, be polite but say something. Or better yet, if you're the owner of Buddy, I hope you're reading this and taking notes.



THE FOOL YELLING OVER THE HILL

“Greeertta, COME,” (Toot toot) “Here GRETta, HEEERRRE!” (Toot toot toot) Granted there are times when you need to holler for your dog, especially if you think they're in danger or lost in the northern woods. But if you're spending more than a few seconds every hour



barking at your dog and blowing your whistle like a traffic cop, you're probably having trouble finding hunting partners.

Sure, young dogs need to learn, and some dogs range further than they should or than you'd like them to, but you can train for that. While you're at it, consider buying a GPS tracking

collar. My dear departed Greta was a tremendous self hunter who never quit nor smelled a deer she didn't like. I honestly never turned her loose in the grouse woods without wondering whether she'd come out of the woods with me. My wife gave me strict instructions before every Minnesota trip: “Don't come home without her.”

Consequently, especially in the early years, I spent a lot of time on the whistle and calling her name frantically when she ranged about 50 yards.

Annoying? Absolutely! Did I learn anything? YES! My friend gave me some good natured ribbing, but I received the message loud and clear. Nowadays, I don't panic (as much) or yell (as much) in part thanks to wonderful more biddable dogs that tend to hunt closer and hunt for me.

IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING NICE

Even kennel blind people can have nice dogs. When was the last time you complimented your hunting partner on his or her dog's birdwork? It has to be sincere. It has to be earned. And it's even better when it's in front of other friends.

I praise my dogs when they do a nice job on a grouse or woodcock. But when my partner says, “that was AWESOME birdwork,” or “You should have seen Clairra today,” it makes my buttons pop. Try it. Your friends will like it.

IF ONLY

The Labrador almost rolled out of the back seat looking like a pig in a blanket. He was heavy and ready. In 15 minutes, he was done. Panting, hot and clearly out of shape, the lab walked at heel on the road.

"Yeah" said the owner. I really haven't had a chance to get old T-Bone out too much this year. If only I had more time...."

Don't be that guy. Poor T-Bone paid the price. Make time. Feed T-Bone a diet of Purina Pro Plan SPORT Performance 30/20 formula year round. Watch the body weight and start conditioning a couple months BEFORE opening day. T-Bone will be happier, healthier, and so will you!

LAST OUT FIRST IN

Remember Buddy, the wild one bouncing off of the truck door and your clean hunting pants while everybody was getting ready? Keep Buddy in the kennel until you are ready to head to the field. He should be the first thing you put away when you get back to the truck. Do it before you take care of your gun, your vest or grab a pop. Do it every time. That helps control the dog and keeps them safe and off the highway or out from under the wheel of your partner's truck.

"Credit where credit is due." I believe I first heard this tip from pro retriever trainer, Tom Dokken of Oak Ridge Kennels in Northfield Minnesota. It's solid advice and cures a lot of the offenses mentioned earlier.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go practice heeling with my dog.



NRSFTC Celebrates induction of: Don Beauchamp, Ernie Lewis, Sua Sponte At Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction

What a spectacular week-end it was! Red Setter Friends and Family gathered at the National Bird Dog Museum to celebrate the induction of three new members of the Class of 2016 Red Setter Hall of Fame.

The festivities began at the lovely home of William and Tommi Smith.



The Smiths live in Moscow, Tennessee, just down the road from the Bird Dog Museum. Last year William reported the National Championship and he did such a great job that they asked him to come back and do it again this year.

If you love bird dogs, field trials and hunting, you couldn't be in a better area than near Grand Junction. The Smiths moved into the home in 2001 which sits on a

gorgeous piece of land. They graciously welcomed all the red setter inductees and their family and friends to a delicious barbeque held in the barn behind their home. A sign on the wall proclaims: "My Barn MY Rules" but to tell you the truth, the only rule seemed to be, "have a great time!" In the photo here at the right you can see some utilitarian items: drivers, pliers, and hammers. But really, the building feels far more like a guest house than a the barn it actually is. There is a kitchen, with dining area, a comfortable bar/lounge and a



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lovely bathroom. As a side note, I spent every summer growing up on my grandparents farm. We loved to play in the hay mow and explore all the treasures of their barn. But for sure, we didn't have an in-barn bathroom for comfort; we kids were grateful for the outhouse that stood out back and provided quick and necessary "access" when needed. It sure wasn't the comfortable luxury the Smith's provide!

Anyhow, here's a photo of some of the guests in attendance when we arrived. This pic was actually taken LAST year when club members David and Marilyn Taylor were awarded Lifetime Patron plaques from the Bird Dog Museum. Pictured up front are Tommi Smith, David and Marilyn Taylor, and Kim Rider. William Smith and Chris Rider are in the back row. We had the pleasure to visit with them there two years ago and this same group of dear friends were in attendance. Great people geared for a good time!

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Everyone certainly made us feel welcome This year they had stacked bales of hay along one wall— making it an ideal backdrop for photo ops. Several of us took turns having our photos taken "in the hay."

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Above: Row 1— Craig Beauchamp, Jennifer Beauchamp, Conor Corey, Linda and Don Beauchamp, Troy Bailey. Row 2- Shane Corey, Brenda Corey, Toni Beauchamp

Below: Allen and Deborah Fazenbaker and Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo



The Ober family had driven all the way from Pennsylvania. They arrived in just time for dinner with the entire group. There was plenty to eat and drink and speeches galore as Don Beauchamp and Sua Sponte were honored. Although Ernie Lewis had no family present on his behalf, Paul Ober described how Ernie had been his mentor when Paul was first getting involved with red setters. Paul talked about Ernie's contribution to the breed and noted how much he had contributed to the red setter and the "pursuit of the purest challenge." What a great evening it was for the three inductees: Don, Ernie and Paul Ober's beloved Sua Sponte.

We certainly want to thank William and Tommi Smith for their exceptional hospitality in hosting this pre-induction party. A few years ago we met the Smiths and Taylors at the Grovespring Trial grounds in Missouri. While the men judged and Marilyn and Tommi joined the ladies for food, shopping, and fun in Branson Missouri. We certainly enjoyed having them at the trial and it's been such a pleasure to be able to continue that friendship. BTW, as an aside, David Taylor recently suffered a serious break in his leg— actually, a couple breaks and he is slowly on the mend. And then, I hadn't realized that the Taylors had received the Lifetime Patron Award at last years Hall of Fame celebration.

Consequently, I never shared the news with you readers. . This would be a great time to send The Taylors a message of congratulations on the Award— and to tell David to Heal quickly. I'm sure they'd appreciate the cards! Here is their address:

David and Marilyn Taylor,
27632 Rosewood Rd.,
Neola, Iowa 51559

Congratulations to Marilyn and David Taylor on your lifetime Patron Award... and David, do what we demand of the dogs... HEEL!



Above— On our way to Saturday's Hall of Fame Inductions— getting close but, "Are we there yet?"

Below— Delmar Smith is on hand to welcome Deb and the others to the 2016 ceremonies





Three Editors— Bernie, Deb and Bernie too
 Three Amigos— Ed, Paul, and Allen



Paul Ober enjoys
 a kiss from his
 granddaughter,
 Camille

Below he found a
 great place to
 read the morning
 paper



Paul Ober seated on an antique hunting wagon

Hall of Fame Inductions in Grand Junction Tennessee



**2016 Inductee
Don W. Beauchamp and his wife, Linda**

Honoring 2016 Inductee Don W. Beauchamp



Honoring 2016 Inductee Ernest J. Lewis



2016 Inductee Celtic's Sua Sponte Paul Ober— Owner



Karl Ober, Mary Jo and Paul Ober, granddaughter Camille, her parents Michele Lombardo/Jared Tunnell

Paul Ober accepting scroll on behalf of Ernest J. Lewis



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All Breed Honor Roll by Tom Norton



As reported in the American Field Vol. 286, No. 45 dated Nov.12, 2016 through Vol. 287, No. 6 dated Feb. 11, 2017

Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Lily An Creag places 2nd	D.J. Creagan O/H	Justified	Redstone	Garden State OSD Champ. 10/1/16, ASD Classic	10 entries
From the report: Lily started with a tough unproductive right off breakaway at 2 on some feathers. Going on from there, she really picked it up with a strong hunting shooting dog race with five well-handled finds throughout the rest of the hour. A really nice performance from Lily and from Dave who trusted Lily on her stands to get the birds flushed on hard to find birds.					
Moving Target places 2nd	Dr. Beth Vandenberg & Clay Asip O/ Scott Chaffee H	Red N Ready	Matter of Perspective	Wisconsin Cover Dog Open Derby, 10/6/16	21 entries
From the report: Moving Target (Brandy), a strong compact Irish Setter female, was really strong on her race but a bit shorter than the winner. She had three stylish "dead broke" finds on both grouse and woodcock. Although only nine months old, she shows ability and class way beyond her age.					
Revenant places 2nd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	York Pointer Setter Club, 10/22/16, AD	2 P, 2 IS
From the report: Waycross ran near the end in the very hot afternoon and had a good race. Roger Boser had to ride for him at the half but he was brought to the front quickly and finished well. He scored three evenly spaced upright finds to earn third.					
Keechi of the Snows places 1st	Tom Norton & Evelyn Sue Norton O/ Tom Norton H	Come Back Strander	Come Back Doodle	Colorado Field Trial Assoc. 10/17/16, OAA	6 IS
Caddo of the Snows places 2nd	Tom Norton & Evelyn Sue Norton O/ Tom Norton H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Bee Gee	Colorado Field Trial Association, 10/17/16, OD	1 S, 5 IS
Waycross places 3rd	Roger Boser O/H	Justified	Redstone	Lehigh Valley Pointer Setter Club, 10/29/16 ASD	12 P, 6 S, 2 IS
From the report: Waycross ran near the end in the very hot afternoon and had a good race. Roger Boser had to ride for him at the half but he was brought to the front quickly and finished well. He scored three evenly spaced upright finds to earn third.					



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Revenant places 2nd	Roger Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	Lehigh Valley Pointer and Setter Club, 10/29/16, AD	1 P, 4 S, 1 IS
Waycross places 1st	Roger W. Boser O/H	Justified	Redstone	Penn Jersey Sports. Club, 10/8/16, ASD	16 entries
Revenant places 1st	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	Penn Jersey Sportsman's Club, 10/8/16, AD	8 entries
Roses Are Red places 1st	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Central Kentucky Quail Club, 11/26/16, OAA	6 P, 1 S, 1 IS
From the report: Roses Are Red took the top placement with five evenly spaced, stand up quail finds. Rose's performance was an all age exhibition of race and range.					
Roses Are Red places 1st	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Kentucky Field Trial Club, 12/3/16, ASD	6 entries
From the report: Roses Are Red placed first with five finds and a big ground race.					

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Six Runs Field Trial Club Winter 2016 Trial Report Allen Fazenbaker Reporter

Friends and family gathered in eastern North Carolina on the third weekend of December to run bird dogs at the Six Runs Field Trial Club grounds just outside of Clinton North Carolina. Joe Edwards, a stalwart promoter of the red setter and an integral part of the Purest Challenge once again opened his grounds for the annual running. Joe, who was the first ever inductee into the Red Setter Hall of Fame, is no stranger to field trials, and his red setters are known far and wide, having bred multiple champions over the years, including the winningest FDSB bird dog in history, Bearcat. Joe and his lovely wife Brenda always put on a great trial, and this year was no exception. Our thoughts were with the local communities on this weekend, as the region was still reeling from the impact of Hurricane Charlotte, and Six Runs Farms was no exception. Most of the grounds had been under water, in some places over 12 feet deep. Joe and Brenda were trapped on the farm for several days during the storm, but fortunately, everyone was safe, including the Come Back setters and horses. Much effort was done with chain saws and tractors to clear pathways and permit horses to travel through the grounds unimpeded. Considering the amount of water that had run through the land, the grounds were in surprisingly good condition, thanks to the efforts of Joe and several neighbors and friends.

The weather was unusually cold for the start of the trial, with temperatures in the 20s for the breakaway on Friday morning; it didn't warm up much as the day progressed. Saturday temperatures were more moderate, reaching the 50's by afternoon, after a delayed start due to heavy fog in the morning. By Sunday, the weather had swung to the opposite extreme, with temperatures in the upper 70s and periods of rain. The trial drew an entry of 87 dogs, including a nice entry of walking dogs to support the U. S. Complete contingent.

Supporters

An experienced panel of judges served in the saddle for the trial. John Outlaw (Warsaw NC), David Huffine (Wilmington NC), Allen

Fazenbaker (Kingsville, OH), Ja'Sean Melvin (Garland, NC), Matt Basilone (Pittsgrove, NJ), and Billie Vaughn (Goldsboro, NC) all contributed to the success of the trial, and their many years of combined experience in judging bird dogs was much appreciated and their judgments well received.

We also need to thank the U.S. Complete Shooting Dog Association and Purina for their support of field trials, and most notably the walking stakes. Purina has provided quality canine nutrition products to our field trial clubs for many years, and we can't thank them enough for their support. U.S. Complete has done a great job in promoting walking trials for our bird dog enthusiasts, providing an essential niche in the field trial sport. Thanks to both organizations for your support!

Many local hands also helped to make this trial a success. Friday's lunch was compliments of Brenda Edwards, who cooked up a crock pot of hamburgers, with all the trimmings. Ella Brown put on a fine southern-style meal on Saturday... meatloaf, green beans and ham, scalloped potatoes, hushpuppies, and lemon cake, a Christmas favorite. On Monday, Brenda Edwards cooked up burgers and home-made stew. No one went away hungry this weekend! A big thank you also goes out to Blake Barwick and Dennis Watkins of Warsaw, who planted birds the 4 days of the trial. These two young men were most gracious and helpful, and both are already talking about getting a bird dog! A special thanks to the professional trainers who came and supported the trial with their entries, Matt Basilone, Eric Russell, and Sean Melvin. Professional trainers are a critical part of our sport, and their support was greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to all the participants who entered a dog or dropped by to visit. Seeing our friends and fellow competitors is one of the best parts of field trialing.

Open Puppy (Basilone & Outlaw, judges)

A small but quality puppy stake started the trial on Friday. Eagle Eye Annie Oakley, pointer female took the blue for her handler Verlene Stephenson, with a nice forward race and a pointed find. In second was Miss Annie, setter female handled by David Huffine, and third went to Conneaut Creek Gone with the Wind, red setter female handled by Allen Fazenbaker. All of the puppies exhibited "much potential" according to the judges.

Open Walking Shooting Dog (Basilone & Outlaw, judges)

The Open Walking Shooting Dog was won in a convincing fashion by

Shadow's Carolina Molly, owned and handled by Verlen Stephenson. Molly ran a wide and forward race, with 4 finds handled to perfection. In second place was Heavy Chevy Jason with 3 finds and 1 NP for his owner/handler Sean Melvin. Rounding out the placements was Black River Biz. "Biz" ran a forward race with 2 mannerly finds for her handler Sean Melvin.

Brace 1: Roy (Baldwin) & Capt'n Sam (Huffine). Roy exhibited a nice forward pattern with one find. Sam dug up 3 finds with a moderate race.

Brace 2: Buck (Huffine) & Heavy Chevy Jason (Melvin). Buck was observed under a bird and was on the lease. Jason's second place finish noted.

Brace 3: Biz (Evans) & Conneaut Creek Lake Erie Storm (Fazenbaker) "Stormie" pointed but then moved on the bird and was up. Biz was noted previously.

Brace 4: Come Back Cutter (Edwards) & Gabby (Roth). Cutter showed a nice forward race but was observed under a bird and was on the leash. Gabby scored a nice find but then suffered two nonproductives.

Brace 5: Tuff (Dement) & Hoss (Baldwin). Tuff scored three finds, but then pushed a bird on his last find, and was picked up. Hoss was lost to judgement.

Brace 6: Conneaut Creek Rum Runner (Fazenbaker) & Rip (Baldwin). Both Rum Runner and Rip were noted under birds and were placed on the leash.

Brace 7: Come Back Patches (Vaughn) & Shadow's Carolina Molly (Stephenson). Patches was lost to judgement; Molly's first place finish noted previously.

Open Walking Derby (Basilone & Outlaw, judges)

The walking derby was handily won by B's Razer. Razor showed a productive forward race accompanied by 2 finds, exhibiting broke manners on his birds. In second place was Harbor City Shots, who likewise showed broke manners on his 2 finds. Rounding out the walking derby placements was Browns Coldy, who scored 3 finds and a stop to flush.

Open Horseback Puppy (Outlaw and Melvin, judges)

Eric Russell handled Downing Creek Shoot'um Up, male pointer to the first place finish, followed by Miss Annie, setter female handled by David Huffine. Wrapping up third place was Come Back Firefly, red setter female handled by Joe Edwards.

Open Horseback Shooting Dog (Huffine and Outlaw, judges)

The Shooting Dog stake was won convincingly by Urban's Fantasy, a pointer male owned by Troy Terlizz and handled by Matt Basilone. "Gus" put down a wide shooting dog race with two perfectly handled finds to take the blue. Close behind was Andrew Brown's male pointer Brown's Jayco. "Pete" laid out a forward and wide shooting dog race with 5 finds to secure second place for his handler Sean Melvin. Last Waltz, pointer female, completed the placements for her handler Eric Russell with a moderate shooting dog race and two nicely handled finds including a well-handled relocation on a running bird.

Brace 1: Stormie (Melvin) & Diva (Basilone). Stormie and Diva shared a divided find; Diva scored an additional piece of birdwork, while Stormie suffered a nonproductive. Both dogs finished.

Brace 2: Last Waltz (Russell) & Windfall (Boser). Last Waltz third place finish noted above. Windfall scored a stop-to-flush and a nonproductive.

Brace 3: Urban's Fantasy (Basilone) & Black River Biz (Melvin). Fantasy's win noted previously. Biz scored two finds and one back, and finished his brace.

Brace 4: Miss April (Melvin) & Bear (Russell). Miss April scored three finds in the brace, with some slight movement on her third bird. Bear was on the leash after failing to back.

Brace 5: Beau (Basilone) & Come Back Bonita (Edwards). Beau scored 2 finds with a moderate race; Bonita scored 4 finds. Both dogs finished the brace.

Brace 6: Come Back Hightider (Melvin) & Abbie (Russell). Hightider scored two finds but was picked up after knocking birds. Abbie was up after failing to back her bracemate.

Brace 7: Charlie (Basilone) & Waybetter Bella (Melvin). Charlie scored two finds and one back, with an especially nice stanch on his birds.

Bella dug up three finds and scored one nonproductive. Both dogs

finished.

Brace 8: Come Back BeeGee (Edwards) & Gem (Basilone). BeeGee produced 2 finds for her handler, and backed her brace mate. Gem scored a find, but moved on her bird and was up.

Brace 9: Brown's Jayco (Melvin) & Sara (Russell). "Pete's" second place finish noted above. Sara ran a close race with two finds and three backs.

Brace 10: Billie (Basilone) & Josie (Russell). Billie scored two finds, but was behind more than the judges preferred. Josie dug up two finds, backed his brace mate, and showed a short race.

Brace 11: Tick (Russell) & Come Back Lady Soul (Edwards). Tick had one find, but with some flagging noted. Lady Soul scored three finds and one nonproductive. Both dogs finished.

Brace 12: Coke (Russell) & Rendition (Boser). Coke was up after moving on a bird; Rendition had no bird work.

Brace 13: Heavy Chevy Jason (Melvin) & Lilly (Basilone). Both dogs were on the leash after being observed under birds.

Open Horseback Derby (Edwards and Fazenbaker, judges)

The Open Horseback Derby had a very respectable entry of 14 dogs that came to the line. The winner was Brown's Rambo, pointer male handled by Sean Melvin. Securing a close second place was I'm Carolina Wild, pointer male owned and handled by John Outlaw. Third place was secured by Sandland Sassy Sarah, setter female owned by Mills Hodge and handled by Eric Russell.

Amateur Shooting Dog (Fazenbaker & Vaughn, judges)

The highlight of the Six Runs trial is the 1 hour Amateur stake. This year the stake had a respectable entry of 13 dogs that competed for the blue. Taking the win was Waybetter Bella, pointer female handled by Andrew Brown. Bella scored 6 finds with impeccable manners and displayed a forward nicely handled shooting dog race. Private Luke, setter male handled by John Outlaw took second place with 5 nicely handled finds and a forward productive shooting dog race. Brown's Miss April finished up the placements for her handler Andrew Brown, with a nice forward race and 7 finds all handled to perfection.

Brace 1: Lillie (Cregan) & Come Back Hightider (Edwards). Lillie scored 5 finds with a short race. Hightider was up after being observed under birds.

Brace 2: Miss April (Brown) & Come Back Bonita (Edwards). Miss April noted previously. Bonita scored three finds but was absent for some time.

Brace 3: Brown's Jayco (Brown) & Rendition (Boser). Jayco scored a find just beyond the breakaway but moved after the shot and was up. Rendition showed a forward shooting dog race with three finds but carded two nonproductives.

Brace 4: Come Back Lady Soul (Edwards) & Private Luke (Outlaw). Lady Soul scored two finds but moved on her second bird. Private Luke was noted previously.

Brace 5: Waycross (Boser) & Waybetter Bella (Brown). Waycross ran a moderate race but produced no birds. Bella's first place finish was noted above.

Brace 6: Gracie (Brown) & Come Back BeeGee (Edwards). Gracie carded two finds with a moderate race. BeeGee dug up three finds and nice race with some absence.

Brace 7: Heavy Chevy Jason (Melvin). The handler elected to pick up. Thanks to everyone who came out to support our trial. We always enjoy seeing old friends and welcoming new ones! Hope to see you again next December for our 2017 renewal.



One Hour Amateur Shooting Dog

Andrew Brown w/Waybetter Bella, John Outlaw w/Private Luke and Dwight Ingram w/Brown's Miss April. Row 2: Judges Al Fazenbaker and Billy Vaughan, Joe Edwards



Walking Puppy above

Allen Fazenbaker with Miss Scarlet, David Huffine with Miss Annie, and Verlene Stephenson with Eagle Eye Annie Oakley. Back row: Matt Basilone (judge), John Outlaw (judge)

Open Walking Shooting Dog below

Front row: Windy Evans with Black River Biz, Sean Melvin with Heavy Chevy Jason and Verlene Stephenson with Shadow Carolina Molly. Back row: Blake Barwick, Matt Basilone (judge), Dennis Watkins, John Outlaw (judge)





Horseback Shooting Dog Above

Row1 David Cregan w/ Urban's Fantasy, Sean Melvin w/Brown's Jayco and Eric Russell w/ Last Waltz
 Row2: Matt Basilone, Andrew Brown, Ja'Sean Melvin, John Outlaw (judge), Calvin Curnette

Open Horseback Derby Below

Front row: Ja'Sean Melvin w/ Brown's Rambo, John Outlaw w/ I'm Carolina Wild and Eric Russell w/ Sandland Sassy Sarah.
 Back row: Sean Melvin, Andrew Brown, Allen Fazenbaker (judge), Calvin Curnette



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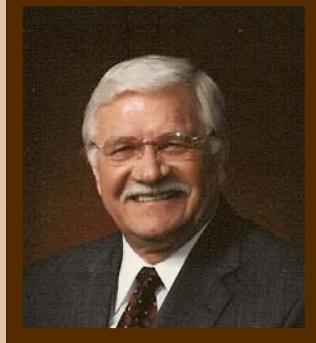
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