

National Red Setter Trials

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WITH members of the Central Ohio Bird Club serving as superlative hosts, the National Red Setter Field Trial Club staged its Red Setter Midwestern Open Championship April 14-15 over the increasingly popular Delaware Dam Area at Ashley, O. Saturday's weather was especially favorable. The same could be said for Sunday, also, except that it was a bit "airy" for best scenting conditions.

Important in the staging of this trial were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cameron, Mack Triplett, Don Mack, William Pachy, John Kramer and Roger Kipp, the last being in charge of the horses. However, there is one man in Ohio today who, quietly though forcefully, is doing more for field trials than any other, and the name is William (Bill) Hendershot, who was right on the job.

One of the more impressive features of this trial would have to be the wide range of territory from which it drew entries. They came from Tennessee, Missouri, Delaware, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kentucky! Another feature was enthusiasm and the bubbling sincerity thereof.

As but merely an indication of ground-coverage by owners who brought their Red entries to run in these trials, consider R. C. (Rusty) Baynard who brought Double Jay from Dover, Del.; W. E. (Ned) LeGrande who came from Douglassville, Pa., to win the Puppy Stake and also place third, capture both top spots in the Derby, and first in Shooting Dogs; William S. (Bill) Cooper Jr., who came all the way, with his attractive better-half, from Oneida, Tenn., to capture second place in the Puppy Stake—who came within an eyelash of winning it! A welcome competitor and great credit to the trial was Dr. John H. Melzer who, with Mrs. Melzer, came up from



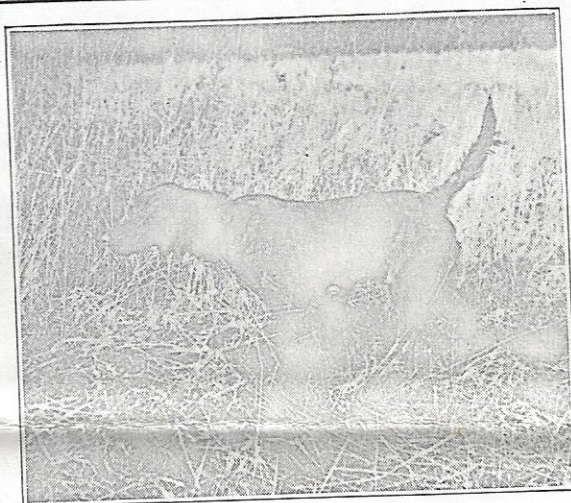
DOUBLE JAY

First in the Red Setter Midwestern Championship and Third in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

Georgetown, Ky. From far away Stevens Point, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. John P. Malick were on hand, with their enthusiastic son Dick. From west of the Mississippi river came G. Wood Smith of Kirkwood, Mo., who was right in there pitching, but whose greater interest seemed to center in a litter of fourteen puppies reported whelped after he'd left home! It would be a great pleasure to list all who were there, but space precludes. Thus we limit ourselves to those who came from farthest away. Yet it should be added there were many greeted who perhaps never even owned a Red dog yet were enough interested to come. Among these would be M. S. Perfect, Westerville, O., and Marion ("Red") Trabue from Columbus.

The new Campbell House Motel in nearby Delaware, O., was where we out-of-towners all roomed. The clubhouse on the grounds was where three stakes were drawn Friday night, after a good dinner with delightful kindred spirits who are sincerely interested in a cause. Perhaps no one there meant as much to the gathering as O. H. (Ollie) Neimeyer, who has bred and boosted really good Irish setters for more years than anyone else whom we know. It interested everyone when Ollie told of having hunted his Wild Rose until she was seventeen years of age! We have always felt it unfortunate for the breed that Ollie never campaigned some of his better dogs. However, the nature of his work made that difficult. Just the same, he has judged many trials, of all breeds, and we have teamed with him before in picking winners, never failing to see them alike. One of the highlights of this trial for us was serving again with Ollie in the Puppy Stake.

Robert P. and Mrs. Habgood, owners and breeders of grouse champion setters, came over from Pennsylvania, since Bob was slated to judge three stakes with George R. Vawter of Indiana. They did a



MR. O'LEARY
First in the Amateur Derby

commendable job of it. We had last seen Bob Habgood at Marienville during a grouse championship some years ago. Renewing acquaintance with him was another highlight of this trial for us—especially since we could so admire both the manner and result of his service.

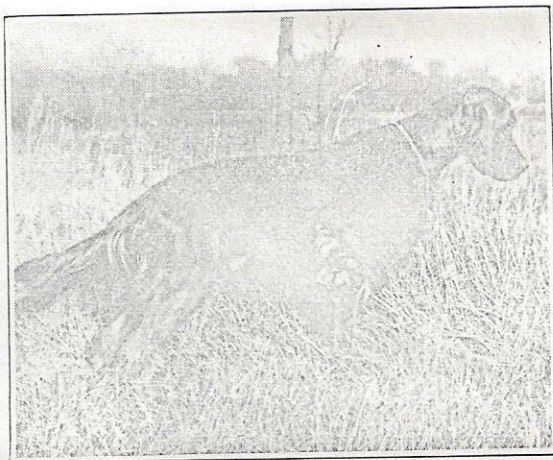
While Fred Cameron served as trial secretary, and also as marshal, ably aided by Mack Triplett, the man who spearheaded this trial was enthusiastic Herm David of Cleveland, O. His right-hand "man," however, was Mrs. Joyce Schollenberger, secretary-treasurer of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. We especially enjoyed visiting with her and noting the sureness of the way she has her feet-on-the-ground—with no fancy relative to the Irish dogs she loves so loyally.

We have mentioned Ollie Neimeyer, but there was still another thrill for us on Saturday—when Perry Hughes turned up, with his daughter Mrs. Leona Byers, who has always been a great comfort to her father, and whom we have always liked but not had the pleasure of seeing for some time. Many years ago, during the early days of our friendship with Perry, we often hunted pheasants in Marion County with his sweet little Red bitch whose sire was the famous McKerry's Pat. When he later took to professional handling, Perry undoubtedly became best known for Judge Thomas M. Marshall's Irish dog, Skyline Ephriam. While Ephriam's ground work was always sensational in any company, his showing on game never quite reached the same high plane. Yet he was a dog the judges usually had to consider.

AMATEUR PUPPY STAKE

In this event, there were five individuals that had us looking. The first of these to "grab" us was Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet. She was attractive, eager, and hunting hard always out ahead. In the sixth brace along came Carolina Lady's Queen, with very creditable ground work, even if a slight shade below that of Scarlet. But Lady pointed—twice! And what got us was the style with which she did it—the kind of style of which her breed needs more. On one of her points we hurried up and our hose almost stepped into a hole right where she'd been standing. A pheasant could have slipped into it. Conjecture? Sure! But some of us have been around long enough that our experience whispers things. On her other point, a ringneck was noted scurrying away. Her bird? We can't prove it—but neither can any man that it wasn't! In any case, both Ollie and I were impressed.

But you don't place puppies on bird work? Well, maybe not—and in some cases we might go along with you. Don't let us catch you, though, throwing out one just because he's a bird dog! That's what



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Second in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

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Delaware Dam Area
Judges: O. H. Neimeyer

AMATEUR PUPPY—

- 1st—CAROLINA LADY'S QUEEN
Winds Hobo—Willow Wind
owner and handler.
- 2d—COOPER'S HOLLYBERRY S
Willow Winds Duke—Will
Cooper Jr., owner and hand
- 3d—PAPPY, unreg., dog, by WI
Winds Rita. W. E. LeGrande



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- 2d—MR. O'MALLEY, 548887, —Willow Winds Eve. V handler.
- 3d—JEFFREY OF KENILWO McTybe Scott—Candye o owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Askew's Carolina Lady field trials," won another first time we had ever s

we're trying to breed them to be. Which is particularly true in the case of Red setters. Besides which, that sort of style is the thing to dream of and work for.

Your two judges serving this stake were in fullest accord. We called back Carolina Lady's Queen with Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet—and the separation took less than two minutes. Scarlet pointed, was dropped behind, no game produced, so we ordered them up then-and-there. It's no more than fair to Scarlet to say she well might have stood up on a productive point—but we had to judge what we saw, not what might have been.

The other two puppies of the five to consider were Ned LeGrande's Ghost, and William Breedlove's Mr. Finnegan. The latter might have won it with something to spare, could we but have felt he was really hunting for game—and not just running in straight lines. In his case we were either very perceptive—or else horribly wrong. Since we were in accord as to the former, that's how it was. Ghost would have been our fourth dog—had there been such a thing.

Others in the stake were Sadie (LeGrande); J. Robert Jinx (Ray Hagan); Ivor Glen Devlera (Dale McIvor); Schelley's Red Bridgit (Joyce Schollenberger); Jeanie Jay (Ned LeGrande); Thorleen (Ted Stronski); Moffat's Red Jack (Tom Moffat); Schelley's Red Molly (Joyce Schollenberger); Tinkerbelle (Dr. J. H. Melzer); Imperial Ginger (T. A. Rivenbark).

Delaware Dam Area, O., April 14

Judges: O. H. Neimeyer and Horace Lytle

AMATEUR PUPPY—18 Irish Setters

- 1st—CAROLINA LADY'S QUEEN, unreg., bitch, by Willow Winds Hobo—Willow Winds Rita. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
- 2d—COOPER'S HOLLYBERRY SCARLET, 544774, bitch by Willow Winds Duke—Willing Winds Kate. W. S. Cooper Jr., owner and handler.
- 3d—PAPPY, unreg., dog, by Willow Winds Hobo—Willow Winds Rita. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.



ASKEW'S CAROLINA LADY
First in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

AMATEUR DERBY

Mr. O'Leary ran a race which made him an outstanding winner when coupled with his find and performance on quail. His ground work ate up country like one wishes more of them might.

Mr. O'Malley's work on game consisted of catching one hen pheasant and pointing two others. His brace mate, Jeffrey of Kenilworth, was an excellent nomination for the third spot. His bird work on a hen pheasant was a bit sketchy, but he pointed two quail from a flushed bevy.

William Cooper ran both of his puppy entries back in this stake; and Mr. Finnegan was also back to try again. Had he chanced to win this one he could have made the puppy judges look bad! Other starters were Thunder Strike; Argo Lane's Fancy Feathers; Carolina Hobo Jeff; and The Dude. (Although the last named did not distinguish himself, his is the sort of short, crisp name a reporter values. Why can't more persons take a leaf from the Sage-Morton book and use better short names—such as Ariel, Saturn, etc! It ought to make even the dog himself tired just carrying some of those long ones around!)

Judges: Robert P. Habgood and George R. Vawter

AMATEUR DERBY—10 Irish Setters

- 1st—MR. O'LEARY, 543749, dog, by Willow Winds Hobo—Askew's Carolina Lady. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
- 2d—MR. O'MALLEY, 548887, dog, by Willow Winds Hobo—Willow Winds Eve. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
- 3d—JEFFREY OF KENILWORTH, 541675, dog, by Russell McTybe Scott—Candace of Kenilworth. F. A. Cameron, owner and handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE

Askew's Carolina Lady, today's "Red queen of field trials," won another one here. This was the first time we had ever seen her in the flesh, but

pictures of her pointing poses had captured us completely several years ago. Just seeing her was one of our memorable thrills at this trial. Yes, she lost much of the vigor of youth—as so do we all! But we say this unequivocally: That there have been few, of any breed, that would have it in them to carry on as she does after the almost constant motherhood to which she has been subjected in contribution to her breed. Just to look at—think of all she's done—and see her continue to go on is enough to bring mist to any man's eyes—and we're proud of the mist in our own. Oh, yes—we almost forgot to mention it! Lady won her position in this stake by a favorable, though not outstanding, find and handling of a hen pheasant.

Tyrone's Mahogany Mike was second. His find, and the very manner of his stabbing into point of a hen pheasant, was the outstanding bird work of the trial. But a horse accident resulted in flushing his bird and thus marred consummation somewhat, though the dog not at fault.

Double Jay was third. His ground work topped them all; but his one game contact consisted of a stop to flush on a pheasant. This was a good such stop, and the way the dog stayed was impressive. Handler had to make a rather long ride to reach him, but Jay never wavered. Then occurred what we felt was hazardous handling—and not good for the dog's future. Baynard rode in front of him and shot right from his horse, then sent the dog on without dismounting. Proper technique would have been to get off, make a try for any possible other bird still left, then go to the dog and touch his head in permission to proceed based on order either by voice or whistle. From what we saw, we are convinced Double Jay would have waited for this to take place. It did him no good not to have to; and he was given no way to know that he must. To continue this sort of handling well might give him bad ideas one of these days. It is but proper to mention that a bevy of quail was seen to arise with Jay known to be in that direction. But what, if any, involvement he may have had with them was no way to know. In the circumstances, the judges evidently viewed it as though it were something that never happened. And that is exactly the same way we ourselves would have treated it.

Other starters were Rustic Lad of Ardee, Pat's Kathryn of Oakshire, Fleeting Heart, Windyhill Clanderrick Mick, Ike Jack Kendrick, Windyhill Flyboy, Moffat's Red Mickey, Candace of Kenilworth and Shelley's Red Sugar.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—12 Irish Setters

- 1st—ASKEW'S CAROLINA LADY, 423725, bitch, by Kentucky Bill—Poker Faced Alice. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
- 2d—TYRONE'S MAHOGANY MIKE, 530007, dog, by Lord Tyrone Trent—Melvor's Kathleen. E. W. McIvor, owner and handler.
- 3d—DOUBLE JAY, 514167, dog, by Rusty's Jinx—Willow Winds Eve. R. C. Baynard Jr., owner and handler.

RED SETTER MIDWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Every one of the seven drawn for this stake had also competed in the Shooting Dog Stake. And there was this: Repetition of shooting from horseback and letting dogs go on without handler dismounting. This, in fact, is one thing that prompted us to make such a point of it in connection with Double Jay in the previous stake. It's a type of handling that can lead to no good. And it played at least some part (though not all of it) in the fact that the judges very properly awarded no title.

THE RUNNING

Windyhills Clanderrick Mick—Ike Jack Kendrick. —The former stopped to flush of a hen pheasant; while Jack contacted, without handling, two bevies of quail.

Askew's Carolina Lady—Tyrone Mahogany Mike. —Lady contacted game something like five times, but two few of said contacts were sufficient clean for a stake of this kind. Mike pointed a single quail, his only other game being a skunk.

Shelley's Red Sugar—Double Jay. —Sugar pointed a quail, also a pheasant, and had one unproductive (and things were held up some five minutes when her handler's horse got caught in a wire). Jay's ground work again was the best seen.

Windyhills Flyboy, a bye.—He was given a brace mate, The Dude. After too much investigation of one another before getting under way at all (a too common trait on the part of too many we saw) they later became mutually involved in bumping a hen pheasant.

RED SETTER MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats]—7 Irish Setters

[Title withheld].

- 1st—DOUBLE JAY, 514167, dog, by Rusty's Jinx—Willow Winds Eve. R. C. Baynard Jr., owner and handler.

Lexington Village Mike, major circuit winner, has been placed at public stud.