

National Red Setter Trials

Title Withheld; Willow Winds Duke Named Winner

By TRUMAN F. COWLES



THE time was October 20-21, the place, the Petersburg Wildlife Area near Dover, Del., the occasion, the gathering of the clan! The Irish Setter Clan, that is! Yes, and quite an occasion it was, too. If any of the constituents of the bird dog game have any lingering doubts of the seriousness and progress of this band of stalwart admirers of the Irish, let us set their doubts at rest be-

cause these men are dead serious and have accomplished much in the short term of their organization. No less an authority than the eminent Henry P. Davis, who accompanied us in the judicial saddles, was high in his praise of the progress made by this group and the great things they are doing to restore the Irish setter to its former status of greatness.

As if in fitting tribute to the tremendous task this gang is putting forth, we enjoyed the best two days of ideal Indian summer weather that a field trialer could wish for.

With the recent emphasis on the efforts of men who have been pillars in the development of the field trial game, with their election to the first niches in the Hall of Fame, the minds of the flock are fresh with thoughts of deserving individuals. We have two nominations for similar honors for efforts on behalf of the Irish setters if it ever comes to a breakdown on the individual breeds. They were both here in full force. They are two names synonymous with the red dogs of this era, R. C. [Rusty] Baynard of Dover, Del., and W. E. [Ned] LeGrande of Douglassville, Pa. Who is there along the Eastern seaboard who has not enjoyed meeting and competing against the irrepressible Rusty, who gained this name from the former shade of his thatch, now bleached to a premature silver gray? For more than a decade, he has been a staunch competitor with his "Jinx" dogs, and more than one diehard who has looked down his nose on the Irish has had cause to reflect on his wisdom when he perhaps was topped by this stalwart Irish standard-bearer. When this Red Setter Club

of the winning dogs, but also from the observation of the tremendous overall improvement in the performance of the breed in general.

While handing out deserved tributes it is only fitting to pause and offer orchids to the two charming wives of Messrs. Baynard and LeGrande, who did much to add to the enjoyment and smooth functioning of the trial.

In addition to these pillars of the crusade, the other Club officers present included President Archer Church of High Point, N. J., who but recently had been discharged from a hospital confinement but who had to make it to watch the red dogs go. Allen Bortz of Allentown, Pa., vice-president, was also on hand and in the thick of arrangements and duties. Herm David of Cleveland, O., enthusiastic booster of the breed and official photographer for the trial, was much in evidence. Mrs. Joyce Shollenbarger acted as trial secretary, and her husband Carl, assisted by Bob Seidel, took care of the horses for handlers. John Cassidy and Bob Finn upheld the honors for support on the committee from New England. Tom Ward, another New England enthusiast, was unable to be present but sent his regrets. John Van Alst assisted in several roles and made a very poignant talk at the banquet on Saturday evening when he urged the clan to get out with their contenders and compete against other breeds and show the world what was going on with the red dogs. Mrs. Beulah Moore presided over an efficient crew that served the noontime luncheons in the clubhouse.

This was our first visit to the Petersburg Area and we brought away many vivid impressions. Though it has been told in part on other occasions, we learned that the acquisition and development of this tract of several hundred acres is due in the main to the interest and ambitious promotion of the Kent County Field Trial Club, long the paramount organization in this sector. A nice tribute to Ralph D. Kellam, former Kent County officer who sparked the move that led to the construction and equipping of the grand clubhouse on the Area, was paid by the narrators of the history of the Area's development. We discerned the effect of the efforts of Game Commissioner Austin D. Smith behind the great works of conservation and development of this wildlife habitat and field trial area.

Conditions showed the effects of the prolonged drought that has held the area in its grip this past



PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES
Judge Truman F. Cowles presents Winner's Trophy to Mrs. W. E. LeGrande, shown with Willow Winds Duke; Judge Henry P. Davis awards Runner-Up Trophy to John Cassidy and Pride of Millis.

and movement was inaugurated a few years back, it was a natural that Rusty should ascend to one of the offices and his background fitted into his present slot of national secretary-treasurer.

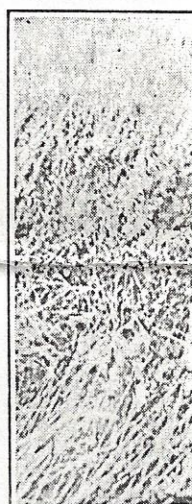
Ned LeGrande is the nominal chairman of the field trial committee, and functioned efficiently, but it is not as this that he is best known. For the last five years, he has been actively pursuing a widespread breeding and training program devoted to the ideals of restoring the red dogs to their former stature and greatness. Already the fruits are beginning to be not only encouraging but astounding, and certainly the results of this trial must have been most gratifying to him, not only from the standpoint of owning some

few months. Cover growth was not as heavy as usual and the soybean patch plantings were not as vigorous in their production as usual. Most of the ditches contained ample water, but were not crossed often enough in the hour courses.

As previously stated, we were privileged to accompany Henry P. Davis, whose fame has been drawn from a long and varied background of association with bird dogs and sporting dogs of all breeds, and his writings are known far and wide. Any further words from this humble correspondent would be superfluous; suffice to say that we were in constant accord and that the occasion was a most enjoyable and momentous one.

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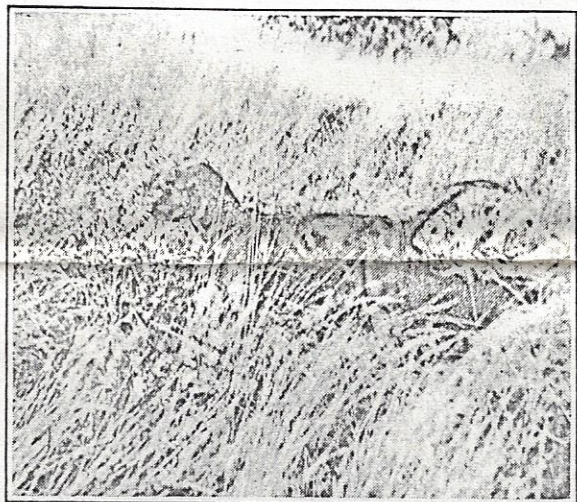
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OPEN PUPPY STAKE

The sun shone brightly both days and though we had a brief stretch of threatening skies the second day, the record of fine weather went unsmirched. All of Saturday's events were run over a single course set-up.

Van's Red topped the stake; he is owned by John Van Alst of Harrisburg, Pa. All three winners are



WILLOW WINDS DUKE
First in the National Red Setter Dog Open Championship

littermates and Red was hard put to annex the honors. He made several commendable sweeps through birdy country, with speed and natural grace. Willow Winds Cathy reached widely and showed good speed and carriage, but her application suffered a bit by comparison as she was on the easy going frequently. Van's Cindy had a well paced race at moderate but consistent range. Her pattern was forward at all times.

Other starters were Bridget, Katy of Glenwood, Lakeview Red, The Dude, Flaming High and Red Velvet's Star.

Dover, Del., October 20—One Course

Judges: Henry P. Davis and Truman F. Cowles

OPEN PUPPY—9 Irish Setters

- 1st—VAN'S RED, 528762, dog, by Rusty's Jinx—Willow Winds Smada. J. W. Van Alst, owner; R. C. Baynard, handler.
- 2d—WILLOW WINDS CATHY, 528763, bitch, by Rusty's Jinx—Willow Winds Smada. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
- 3d—VAN'S CINDY, 528761, bitch, by Rusty's Jinx—Willow Winds Smada. J. W. Van Alst, owner; R. C. Baynard, handler.

OPEN DERBY

Willow Winds Pat is a fiery individual with excellent speed and fine carriage, and a most active stern. He made commendable casts to likely objectives but lacked somewhat in the maturity to connect them into a consistent pattern. He pointed with style, but displayed some temerity on the contact, finally being stanch to the flush.

Willow Winds Cathy tried hard to emulate her showing of the earlier stake, and there was no doubt of her heart and courage, but the exertion of the second half-hour, with little rest, showed on her, her pace slowing in the last half. She flash pointed briefly before pushing a bird to flush, then pursued it vigorously. In the area where it set down, she dallied profusely, finally putting it to wing again.

Winterstarr Benny Goodwin was moderate in range and showed only fair punch and drive. He flash pointed and bumped a bird just at time.

California Jake, Van's Cindy and Van's Red completed the entry.

OPEN DERBY—6 Irish Setters

- 1st—WILLOW WINDS PAT, 524554, dog, by Willow Winds Rusty—Willow Winds Eve. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
- 2d—WILLOW WIND SCATHY, 528763, bitch, by Rusty's Jinx—Willow Winds Smada. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.
- 3d—WINTERSTARR BENNY GOODMAN, 524254, dog, by Winter Starr Redboy—Winter Starr Duchess. James and Robert Flinn, owners; Robert Flinn, handler.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE

This stake was a real classic, several entrants parading plenty of class and finish.

Tweed Hall Pat put forth a grand effort. Pat is an extremely industrious bitch who hunts all the time and digs into the birdy spots like a real veteran. She has a short stubby tail and whips it consistently at good elevation. In the birdfield, Pat winded a bird, worked up to it flagging, and then pointed rigidly. It was accurately located and her manners were clean, without caution.

Pride of Millis hunted in a diligent forward pattern, taking all the cover at acceptable range. Nearing the birdfield, she lanced out along the ditch edge and snapped into a stylish stand. She had style early, but relaxed and lowered as handler came on to flush.

Her manners were exemplary. She rammed through the birdfield and almost became a cropper as she overran a bird that flushed wild. Pride halted quickly to sharp command, though the temptation was strong. She followed this up with a well pointed find in the same pattern as her first.

Askew's Carolina Lady was making her first start since weaning a recent litter of puppies and it showed some but she made a gallant effort. Her pace held up well but her range was not up to that of those placed over her. Lady pointed with grand elevation, with birds indicated in brush clump, but marred the



WILLOW WINDS CATHY
Second in the Open Derby and Second in the Open Puppy Stake

incident some by moving up without provocation and was halted at sharp command as birds flushed. She was steady. On her second find, she had to relocate on a restless bird and did it in a distinguishing manner. Her manners were flawless.

At least three other dogs offered serious challenges. Shelley's Red Sugar hunted well most of the way in a neat pattern and good range. On her first contact, she milled around where a bird had obviously been hotfooting around, finally resulting in a bump and stop to flush. This was followed up with two well located finds, handled admirably but showing a deficiency in style.

Padraig Reddeman's Jilann hunted well at moderate range in the first half but needed a lot of pushing as we neared the birdfield. In the birdfield she scored with two finds, pointed and stanch, especially on the second which involved a long wait for the flush.

Ike Jack Kendrick, a real stylist, points with tail at nearly ninety degrees of elevation and displays real intensity. He had three meritorious finds, showing this exaggerated style, manners, and threw in a stop to flush on a covey of five or six pheasants in a hedgerow pocket. One remained to be put to wing after the main flock took out. Jack was continually on the sides or to the rear and had to be handled excessively.

Double Jay rambled around like a bull in a china shop. He reached to lengths approached by no other dog either day. If this fellow ever gets broke to field trial standards, he'll cut a wide swath in caliber of competition far above anything shown here. Lorria pushed two birds to wing and took after the second. Playgirl's Holiday Lass got too involved in multiple contacts. Her two contacts resulted in bumps and stop, and then temptation took over as her brace-mate took a bird across her fore and she joined in the romp. Patrick Michael O'Brien contributed one of the best races of the stake. Pat's first contact resulted in a bump and stop to command, being steady for the shot, but later he went away with another bird. Modoc Prairie Princess was confused early by horses and other circumstances, but acclimated to hunt with fair application and range in the last half. She pointed briefly, then chased at flush.

Rusty's Jinx had a holiday for himself and probably found more birds than the whole balance of the stake. He slowed the last five minutes before the birdfield. Near the birdfield, the pointed in relaxed position and handled a wild pheasant with finesse. In the birdfield, he showed a little stubbornness and did much on his own. Coursing up the overgrown ditch, he put a bird to flight but paid no attention and continued on. Then he pointed in low cover and handler flushed a covey of five birds, Jinx showing likable manners under pressure. Darkness was closing in some and the old vet took advantage of it momentarily to elude his owner and go over and boost a covey of four birds out of a cedar clump and take off in their wake, turning near the road and coming back full of steam.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—12 Irish Setters

- 1st—TWEED HALL PAT, unreg., bitch, by Royal Red Patrick of Erin—Citation Lass of Ardee. J. D. Davis, owner and handler.
- 2d—PRIDE OF MILLIS, 501394, bitch, by Rufus McTybe O'Cloisters—Rookwood Sally. J. G. Cassidy, owner and handler.

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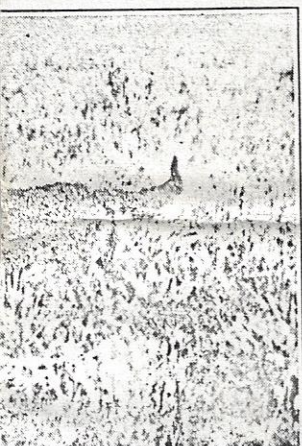
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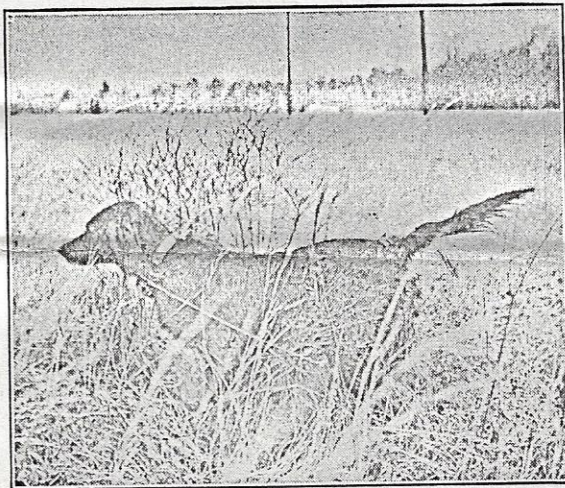
3d—ASKEW'S CAROLINA LADY, 423725, bitch, by Ken- tucky Bill—Poker Faced Alice. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.

NATIONAL RED SETTER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

As brilliant as the rest of the stakes had been, the Championship turned out to be anti-climatic. Though it may have been disappointing to the followers of the breed not to have the title awarded, we are sure that the real conscientious enthusiasts will realize that it was more than justified. It is also apparent and will serve to point up the fact that although rapid and great strides have been made in restoring the red dog to the status of his former greatness, that still further progress remains to be made, and the lowering of objectives and compromising of aims is not the way to accomplish these goals.

The stake was run over three contiguous courses of real bird country and of much greater extent than was used by any of the contenders. We were under- way at shortly after 8 a.m. on Sunday under sunny skies with the temperatures around 45°. It warmed considerably around noon and the heat and dryness bothered nearly every brace. Birds were liberated for each brace, well in advance of the running, and as far as could be determined, every find was on the released birds, as none of the contenders seemingly dug deep enough to come up with any of the reported coveys on the area.

Willow Winds Duke was named the winner by the narrowest of margins. He is a product of the breed- ing program of his owners, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Le- Grande, and was handled by the former. Duke was trained and developed by Paul Long, who was un- able to be present at this running but had the dis- tinction of also training the runner-up in this event, as well as the first and third place winners in the Derby, which is in itself quite an endorsement. Duke ran a particularly strong race and displayed superior range to the rest of the field. His casts were well di- rected and he maintained a fairly consistent forward



ASKEW'S CAROLINA LADY
Third in the Amateur Shooting Dog Classic

pattern. Duke is not a particularly flashy dog, but impresses with the seriousness of his hunting efforts and courage and determination. His pace held up well throughout the whole hour despite the fact that it was the hottest portion of the day and only one opportunity was present to water him. His find at fifty minutes was a well earned bit, the result of a long cast along a hedgerow, directly to the front. His initial style was fair but he relaxed as we rode to him and stood patiently during the extended ef- forts of his handler, which finally resulted in a pair of birds being put to wing. Duke's manners were fine. His finish was on about a par with the rest of his hour.

Pride of Millis, owned by John Cassidy of Millis, Mass., is a real bird-dog as was attested by her four finds. Her race was more of a quartering, shooting dog type. The heat and scarcity of water visibly affected her. Within a minute after being cast off, she was on game as she moved down a hedgerow and pointed with fair style. The bird was put up and she behaved in exemplary fashion. At ten minutes, she and brace mate both were shown standing in a high thicket. Much confusion resulted here as the bird defied attempts to get it into the air but after a couple of minutes of frantic action, it was flushed and both dogs were okay. Pride never revealed any great ranging proclivities. Near the half she slowed perceptibly but it didn't keep her from scoring a third find as she searched down a hedgerow. This was pointed at near zero range, good in all depart- ments. In the woods and brush off a birdy alley, she stopped to flush as a bird rose well to her fore, re- mained pointing and had another bird flushed from the stand at some distance out. Her manners were flawless.

Tweed Hall Pat—Askew's Carolina Lady.—Mod- erate in range, they applied themselves consistently and worked the cover thoroughly. Pat pointed as we

crossed the area used as a birdfield on Saturday, but was not sure of location and handler allowed her to move up, resulting in a bump and stop. Across the road, Lady apparently muffed the chance to handle these birds impressively.

Playgirl's Holiday Lass—Shelley's Red Sugar.— Both started well, but it was less than halfway be- fore their efforts began to slacken. Both passed up chances to find birds that were heard calling a short ways off the course. Sugar continued to hunt well at diminished range, but Lass slowed almost to a walk.

Pride of Millis—Ike Jack Kendrick.—Jack made a pair of good sweeps before crossing the road and becoming involved in the incident already described. Nothing to discredit either dog, but it was rather sketchy. At twenty minutes Jack was charged with an unproductive, though showing superior style. Much of the last half of his race was on the sides or rear. Near the horse barns, he knocked a bird out of the ditch and pursued it a ways just before time.

Willow Winds Duke—Red Velvet's Duke.—Both were away in a fine burst of speed. At eight minutes, Red was brought into view around a headland and pointed shortly in uncut growth of weeds and golden-rod. He seemed sure but handler was unable to get up a bird. It seemed from the actions that it was a pheasant and probably fleeing, this being confirmed as he moved up boldly and disturbed a hen to flush and was off under it for a short chase. He came on later to join brace mate but his range and industry suffered by comparison with the winner.

RED SETTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]—8 Irish Setters

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Askew's Carolina Lady, bitch, by Kentucky Bill—Poker Faced Alice. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.

Playgirl's Holiday Lass, bitch, by Red Star of Hollywood Hills—Sharoc Play Girl, James and Robert Flinn, own- ers; Robert Flinn, handler. With

Shelley's Red Sugar, bitch, by Normandy Pat—Cedar Bluff Paddy. Carl Schollenbarger, owner and handler.

Pride of Millis. With

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Willow Winds Duke. With

Red Velvet's Duke, dog, by Wheeler's Red Boy—Rookwood Sally. James and Robert Flinn, owners; Robert Flinn, handler.

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Winner—WILLOW WINDS DUKE, 518356, dog, by Willow Winds Mike—Willow Winds Smada. W. E. LeGrande, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—PRIDE OF MILLIS, 501394, bitch, by Rufus McTybe O'Cloisters—Rookwood Sally. J. G. Cassidy, owner and handler.

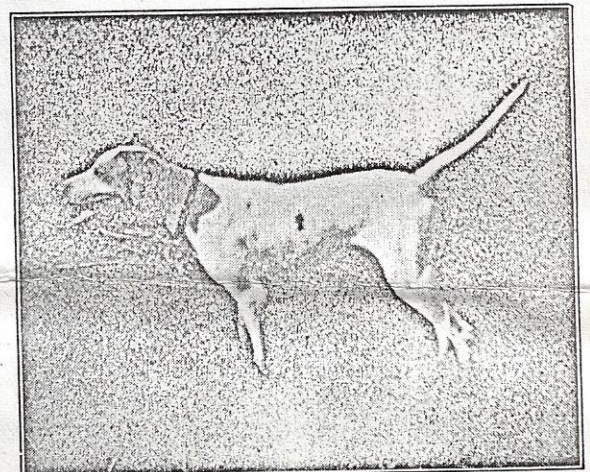
South Jersey Trials

By C. M. REBER

THE South Jersey Field Trial Association held its 30th annual trial on October 1-3, running over the renowned English Setter Club's grounds at Med- ford, N. J.

The lunches furnished by the Ladies Auxiliary were as usual, tasty and appetizing.

Despite unseasonably warm weather, the entry was satisfactory and all stakes were run to a satis- factory conclusion. Birds furnished by the New Jer- sey Game Commission were a good lot of strong flyers.



ACCOLADE'S RADAR
First in the Open All-Age Stake

Frank C. Balsama of Merchantville, N. J., J. R. V. Brown of Rahway, N. J., and Paul E. Stubbs of Yardley, Pa., handled the judicial chores.

Medford, N. J., October 1—One Course

Judges: Frank C. Balsama and J. R. V. Brown
OPEN PUPPY—10 Pointers, 1 Setter and 2 Irish

1st—JIMMIE DOOLITTLE, 527108, pointer dog, by Tyson —Yon Dot. Dr. H. E. Longsdorf, owner and handler.

2d—WILLOW WINDS CATHY, 528763, Irish setter bitch, by Rusty's Jinx—Willow Winds Smada. W. E. Le- Grande, owner and handler.