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HAWFIELD IN VIRGINIA FOR SPRING TRIAL

As most of you know our club runs two trials a year with the fall trial rotating so that people in the various states can have a better opportunity to compete and see our Red Dogs in competition.

Our spring trial has been held in Ohio and is called the Midwestern National Red Setter Field Trial Championship. Due to the poor grounds and lack of game, the directors of the club have decided to move to Hawfield which of course we are very fortunate in securing.

Jack Ullrich has kindly consented to head this event and will be sending more information along to us as he receives it.

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LeRoy, Kansas is the fall site with Henry Taylor appointed as chairman assisted by Santa Caligon Club member Frank DeMayo, Jr., field secretary.

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From Ed Schnettler is the following Duke listing as of June. (Remember to receive this Duke award for most wins during the year you must be a member of the National in good standing and it is your obligation to get your wins to Ed at Route 1, Clear Lake, Minn. 55319.)

Whirlaway Chief 186	Mary Taylor (there is a question on this figure--will be verified)
Double Jet 180	Warren Johnson
Shannon of Redwood 132	Stanley Smith
Windyridge Tammy 84	Marilyn Bean
Vanita's Wild Gael 80	Dr. and Mrs. J. S. VanWye
County Clare's Lad 58	E. J. Lewis
D'Mar's Whirling Rebel 48	Dwight and Margaret Haddock
Brandy Cork B Law 36	Harold and Joan Hurd
Schnet's Little Red 32	Jim Flythe
County Clare's Squire 30	E. J. Lewis
Back Lick Red 29	Dr. Roger Boser
Deidre of the Lodge 27	Frank Glynn
Miller's Tiger Lily 24	Dr. Miller & Cliff Bean
Judy of the Lodge 18	Frank Glynn
Deerfield Sean O'Ryan	Pat Ryan went first at the Santa Caligon trial. Saturday Nite Ed was 2nd and Schnet's Jenny K was 3rd; owners Flythe and Schnettler. Two pups by Whirlaway Chief were first and 3rd in the Puppy stake and Schnet's Festus owned by a new National member Speck Red Flament was 2nd.

(Other wins from spring trials have never reached me, N. Y., ~~and~~ ~~and~~ and the Minn. event.)

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A recent picture sent to me by Dave Hasinger shows a couple, Shari &

Gareth Wright, Fairbanks dog mashers who own kennels in which a cross between Alaskan native dogs and Irish Setters has been developed. They call the cross "Aurora Huskies" and one of their teams which was driven by Richard Frank won the 1967 Tok Race.

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Valvert Lucius Fox of Windy Acres Farm, Lincoln, Del. 19960, a new member of our club, has pups out of his Windys Suzy Q by John Ullrich's Encore Shea O'Flynn for sale. Three males and three females (bitch is Double Jay-Jenny K bloodline) and he is asking \$100 either sex. Phone 302-422-4786

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Middle Atlantic Region 2 Annual Field Trial Clubs of America held a meeting June 18 at Shankweiler's Hotel in Fogelsville, Pa. at which time new officers were to be elected and a date and place for the Region Championship were to be decided upon for this fall. John Hoffert will be advising us about this.

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A change of address should be noted for Patrick J. Ryan. It is now Livingston, Ill. 62059. A new membership is being made up now so we hope some of you will get your '67 dues in--many who normally pay at the spring trial and were not present this year are in arrears. Please take care of this so your name will remain on our listing. I still need zip codes for many of you also so kindly send it to me if your Whip is not addressed with one.

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Dr. Van Wye made the following note after viewing the Heart of American Annual All-Breed Dog show which we should think about: "Frankly, I found it alarming. There was only two English Setters that were not "cow-hocked" either with the classic "X" shape or the frequently seen "Y" shape. I believe the "Y" shape is due, in part, to the lack of conditioning. Rooding these dogs would really improve them. The Irish were in much better shape. The thing that alarmed me about the Irish was the severe angulation of their hind legs. They are beginning to move like a German shephard. We know that "cow-hocked" legs are seen more often with severely angulated haind legs, although this was not true this year. More frightening is the fact that Hip Dysplasia is associated with severely angulated legs. I will have more on this next month in the article, "Pedigree Percentages and Heredity". And here are a few points made: "I have always resented figuring the percentages of pedigrees because it does not take into account the prepotency of the animals involved, major dominant genes and recessive genes. Although it does not take in these aspects in planning our breeding, it does act as a safety warning and helps to clarify our main blood lines. We know linebreeding, and its more potent forms of family breeding and inbreeding, intensifies both the good and the bad inheritance. Through years of experience, geneticists have found that as long as the line breeding is not over 20%, there is rarely any trouble. This holds true for all forms of animal life. The offspring is the 100% result (50% each from Father & mother) (25% grandparents & 12½% great grandparents) There are 16 great great grandparents so their worth would be 6¼%. You can see that the latter would have little theoretical influence unless there was a very strong prepotent one involved. Geneticists are aware of a law called "The Drag of the Breed". This is a tendency of offspring to be average. We must have prepotency in our dogs or the Drag of the Breed will literally drag our dogs down to mediocrity. With no background in his genetics he is not able to instill his excellence in his offspring. Selective line breeding in its tighter forms is the only one method to overcome this, Dr. Van Wye, believes. This is the way he feels we can improve our Red Setters, just be aware of the calculated risks.

Membership in the National Red Setter Field Trial Club is still \$5 a yr. Send it to Mrs. Thomas S. Moffat, 4369 Forest Ave., Pontiac, Mich. 48054.