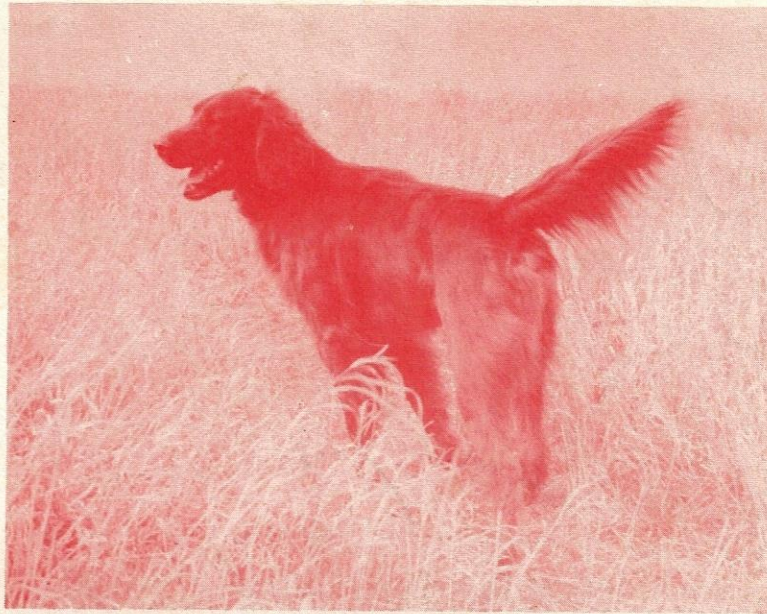


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FROM THE EDITOR

Our apologies are due to our readers for not turning out last month's issue of Red Waggins. Sometimes, as the saying goes, one bites off more than one can chew. In our case, this is only too true. A new apartment, school, work, a horse and a dog proved just too much and "Red Waggins" suffered. Will try not to let this happen again.

We do, however, need more items for the publications. This news has to come from members. As of late, news has been noticeably short. Only you readers can remedy this.

The new mailing address is: Your Editor, 1064 No. Dale, St. Paul 17, Minn., not the address on the front cover. In case you wonder why the difference, the Cover Page is printed at the beginning of each year in an amount that will cover all 12 issues. We must suffer along with the wrong address for two or three more issues.

There is, however, one item that all members in the club could help to eliminate, namely the lack of red dogs in a red dog trial. Our trial this fall was a success due to outside entries. To this, we thank them. In most breed club trials, there is a majority of that specific breed competing, not so the Irish. Why? Because our members are: 1. NOT breeding enough dogs. 2. Our members are not campaigning enough dogs. 3. We are not getting enough new members in the club. If each member would push the breed a little harder in these spheres, I'm sure red dog trials would have red dogs running in them.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ruth Kremer

This is the time to give my thanks to some of our well-deserving members.

First to Carol Swanson our hard working Secretary-Treasurer - who alone remembered the cakes for our last meeting - then also made a special trip out to the Field Trial to bring us cakes and help serve lunch. How many of us do more than our share like that.

Next to Brad Yoho - our hard-working Red Waggins Editor. He, who goes to school, holds a job and does an excellent job at keeping us posted about our red dogs - also brought us our entertainment at our last meeting, a very instructive film on horses. Brad, who loves to ride horses, rode a tractor for close to ten hours at the trial so the rest of us could ride the wagon and see the dogs run. That was a bumpy day for him.

Then we have "good old Hazel and Don Wilson" who always pitch in and help when and wherever they can.

Also to our members who loyally supported the trial by entering dogs (not really in running shape, just so the Irish had a good representation at their own trial). Hats off to our "hardworking members".

I hope when this is read, we will all stop to think - the least we members can do is attend our meetings and send in our information and newsy tidbits to Brad - on time.

I hope to see a large turnout in December. We will try to have something worthwhile.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Carol Swanson

The club's newest member was born August 19, 1961 and named Elizabeth Ann Swanson.

The ISC of M 1962 dues are due and payable by the January 3, 1962 to Carol Swanson, 1328 White Bear Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

The combination bulletins that are compiled by the Irish Setter Club of America, Inc. (We do not submit Red Waggins to this, however) are now in my hands. To those of you who wish to view it, I will bring them to the December meeting of the ISC of M.

New members: Gerald Anderson, 2419 Fillmore N.E., Minneapolis 18
 Marvin Grenner, R.R. 2, Austin, Minnesota
 Wm. Wicker, P.O. Box 622, Sandstone, Minnesota

Ed. comment: Welcome new members! Should you have any news or views, in which, in your opinion, would be of interest to the club, send them to me. Thank you.

Last year, 1961, our club had a total paid membership, not counting the subscribers only to Red Waggins, of 35. Not one of our better year, I must add. Red Waggins has a mailing list of over 120. To those of you people who read Red Waggins, the club cordially invites you to join. Anyone joining the club now before January 1, 1962 dues are credited to 1962.

The Bird Dog Championship of Minnesota is at Stake

Dave Moran, Secretary of the Championship Trial, announces its starting dates on Saturday, December 2, 1961 through Sunday, December 3, 1961. The venue will be Derbies up first Saturday morning, followed by the Puppy Stake. On Sunday, the Championship Open All Age Stake will run until finished. All entries must be in by Tuesday, November 28, 1961 to Dave Moran, 2001 West 90th Street, Minneapolis. Trophies will be presented to the first - four winners in each day. The Number One dog in each stake will be declared Minnesota Champion Derby, Puppy, or All Age.

ISC of M Fall Trial

By Frederic A. Kremer, Field Trial Secretary

Our Fall Trial was a success in many ways. The weather was ideal and the grounds at the Wild Wings of Oneka game farm provided ample opportunity for the dogs to show their bird finding and handling wares. These grounds were used for the first time, and, with some adjustment in the course, could easily prove to be the best grounds we have ever used. From a spectator point of view, the tractor-wagon with Brad Yoho at the controls provided an excellent opportunity to anyone wishing to follow the braces in relative comfort. Judges Paul Nauman and Dick Kollmer were both capable and diligent and proved to be most pleasant companions, during a most enjoyable day. Our thanks to these gentlemen and to Lyle Lehrner owner of the game farm. I would be negligent indeed if I did not mention the members of the Field Trial Committee who proved to be real workers and without whose help the staging of the trial would have proved an impossibility; Don Wilson, Brad Yoho and Warren Johnson. Last, but not least, the ladies, Hazel Wilson, Sue Coyne, Carol Swanson and Ruth Kremer who were decorative as well as efficient in, excuse the expression, manning the food tent. Thanks girls!

Palallion, pointer dog owned and handled by Jim Sherman placed first in the open derby. His race was big and handler did a good job of bringing him around. Pal had a good piece of work on a pheasant which included a relocate. Wilson's Red Dot was short but busy and proved that application is 50% of the requirements for bird finding as she pointed prettily on a pheasant in the feed strips. Owner-handler Don Wilson had the distinction of guiding Dot to the only placement by an Irish Setter in this trial. Karl Von Der Ablinger, German Shorthair Pointer owned and handled by Joe Deiss placed third. This is a youngster whose pattern was erratic at times but one who showed plenty of birds to the gallery.

The best stake of the day from the standpoint of overall quality was the Open Puppy. Paladams Choice, John Littfin's pointer bitch, showed her heels in a remarkably mature hunting race to nail down first place. Karl V D Ablinger Au, described in the Open Derby, ran better than she did in the Derby to capture second. She didn't need to improve in the bird finding department. Palatine Lady, litter sister to the first place dog, was third. Lady, owned and handled by Bud Ullerich had a wide race but was not quite as consistent as the top placed dogs. Others whose efforts made the judges decision difficult were: Mustang's Lancer Lou, Mike Murray; Autumn Hills Freddie, Mike Swanson; Pretty Girl, L.B. Price; and Waldwinkel's Gertrude, Ernie Christopher.

The Open Shooting Dog Stake was marred somewhat by a lack of finished bird work combined with a good forward race. Proven performers failed to deliver the kind of work they are capable of. First place went to Big Island Rocco, Geo. DeGidio owner and handler. George now has two legs on the traveling trophy so you Irish Setter people take note. Rocco did not run as well as he has in the past nor did he display finished manners on every opportunity. However, his effort proved

to be the closest to what is looked for in a finished performer. Big Island Recs, Pete Petit owner and handler, gave Rocco a run for his money but proved to be a little short in the ground covering department. Waldwinkel's Gertrude, Ernie Christopher owner-handler, had a good race but lost her manners when she most needed them. All three placed dogs are German Shorthair pointers.

In conclusion, the trial was financially self-supporting and may even have made a few dollars. The day was perfect for trialing, and those who attended enjoyed themselves watching the dogs and renewing old acquaintances, the latter being a large measure of the enjoyment of such occasions. My thanks to those members and non-members who contributed to the days events, and my special thanks to one of the club's most loyal supporters, Dick Swanson of Tomah, Wisconsin. Look to your Laurels, Dick, that Mike looked mighty good on the handler's horse.

"LET'S GO GET 'EM"

For the moment let's not think of Field Trials or dog shows or the artificial world in which we try to adapt our dogs, but to the basic purpose of a Setter, the hunt. For nine months or about we field trial and dog show in an effort to simulate the hunt for both our dogs and ourselves. Does this, however, even come close to the anticipation, the excitement, the wonderful feeling that a weekend in the pursuit of game with the dog produces? No! An Irish setter is, (no matter who tells anyone what), a dog for the field. There are many degrees of excellence in different setters, but all are at home when you open the car door, point to a slew and say "let's go get 'em".

The setter, who for nine months has possibly strutted in a show ring or pointed in a trial, is now glad to see the old man pick up the shotgun and mean it when he says "let's go get 'em". The dog has waited, so has the hunter, and now on a cool autumn morning a team starts afield in the pursuit of the thing that makes both the happiest, the hunt.

One such team was "Sparky" and myself. "Sparky" couldn't get in the front gate at a dog show and would find it difficult though not impossible to place in a field trial, but place her in front of you while hunting and she'll take your breath away with her desire, pointing and retrieves.

In September, we teamed up against the wood cock and though "Sparky" found it difficult to always point them, her ability to locate and retrieve them was for me, the difference between a successful hunt and one that would have been quite frustrating. In the weeks that followed, the partridge became the focal point of our team. They too proved quite infallible to team work as our freezer can prove. Had the two-legged member of the team been able to shoot as well as well as the four-legged one could find, the official limit would have to be reduced.

Now came the mighty Ringneck with its always tremendous opening day. Our team was increased by eight-two legged members and three-four legged ones. As in all good teams, when members don't work together, they are cut. In less than one hour, the three new four-legged members were cut leaving only the "Sparks" with a big job to do. She did it! Our team or better her team now numbered ten.

To really appreciate our Irish Setter you have to take it afield. You must learn to coordinate your efforts with that of the dog and become a team. I believe only an Irish can make the best other half to any team. "Sparky" this year proved it quite convincingly to the many fellow hunters that from time to time traveled with us. She was given a compliment during opening day on pheasants that I will long remember. A lab owner hunting with us kenneled his dog, saying to Sparky, "You damn wonderful red one, 'let's go get 'em'". Your Editor.

News and Views From Members

Our own Fred Kremer, Field Trial Secretary, will judge along with Mr. Herman Foss of Racine, Wisconsin, the Minnesota Championship Trial. What better man could have been picked!

IN MEMORIAM

Clancy Murphy, son of Autumn Hills Duke and Cherry Hills Duchess, died October 14, 1961 of what appeared to be a heart attack. Clancy had spent the summer on the Nebraska prairies in the capable hands of Roy D. Jines and was enroute to Mr. Jines winter training area. Roy had noticed that Clancy appeared to be upset earlier in the day, but the dog had eaten well when fed in the late afternoon. Upon arrival at his Forkland, Ala. camp that evening, Roy found Clancy dead.

Mr. Bill Hopp, Clancy's owner, had talked with Roy Jines and had spent a short time with Clancy when he met with Roy during the latter's return from the Solon Springs Trials. Bill Hopp reported that Clancy appeared in the best of health, so it was quite a shock to the entire Hopp family when the bad news arrived a few days later. Clancy was not only the pride of the Hopp family, but both Dr. Jim Wilson and myself, who bred him, have been rewarded many times by his field trial performances. One of the greatest field trialing pleasures I have experienced was handling Clancy to a first in the Northwest Field Associations Puppy stake at Anoka. I have never seen a better race at Anoka than the one Clancy laid down that day, regardless of the stake. He ran a normal 30 minute all-age race in 20 minutes and didn't forget to save a few exciting moments for himself when he bumped and chased three quail with considerable relish. Like many outstanding puppies, Clancy was slow to develop the ability to handle birds well. However, he was coming slowly, and a dog with his potential is worth waiting for. Mr. Jines told me that he had never handled a dog which had run any bigger than Clancy. He also said that he was hopeful that Clancy, if brought along slowly, would start handling his birds, and, if this should come about, watch out, for the combination would be hard to beat. In his brief field trailing career, Clancy compiled a record of four

firsts and two seconds in puppy and derby stakes open to all pointing breeds, in addition to some placements in unrecognized stakes. It is regrettable that his potential as a sire was never realized, and it is doubly regrettable that his future was never fulfilled. Speculation on what might have been offers little consolation. On behalf of all club members and particularly those who knew Clancy, our sympathy to the Hopp family. To Mark and Jimmy Hopp, Clancy was happiest when hunting birds.

Fred Kremer

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"Duke", along with F. A. Kremer and Paul Nauman have left on a hunting expedition to Nebraskas in quest of the Ringneck and quail. They will be joined enroute by Jim Sherman and Dick Kollmer. Good hunting Duke!

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Ed. Comment: The following are excerpts from the Gaines Dog Research Publication, Spring 1961. It should be of special interest to all of you who have ever had trouble raising puppies.

A New Method For Reviving Extremely Depressed or Semi-Conscious Puppies

Dr. Leon F. Whitney describes a new procedure which he has found effective in reviving semi-conscious puppies found chilled from any cause. He fills a container with warm water and immerses the apparently dead puppies so that only the mouth and nose are exposed. As the water temperature drops he keeps adding hot water. The results are better than is achieved by holding the puppies over heat, he finds. In one case 4 of 6 apparently dead pups gradually revived, whereas one of two puppies placed over dry heat died. In holding a puppy over heat, the hands of the holder keep the whole body from warming evenly, whereas keeping the cranium in the hot water permits the brain to warm along with the rest of the body, he states.

The Breeding Bitch

Bitches to be bred should be thin but gaining. After conception, the zygote floats freely in the uterine lumen and implantation does not occur until the 18-20th day. The bitch's nutritional requirements during this period are strictly those of maintenance. Between the 3rd and 6th week demands increase considerably, so that the last 3-4 weeks are the time for major increases in total nutrition. Dog foods have come a long way in the last decade, so that now we rarely advocate supplementation. We do still advise many breeders to feed small quantities of raw liver to pregnant bitches during the last month of gestation and recognize that cases do exist where therapeutic nutrition is necessary. Bitches are at their peak of fertility at three years of age. They usually whelp rapidly and easily and puppy mortality is at its lowest. In the aging bitch anestrus periods lengthen, fertility decreases, whelping time almost doubles, and puppy mortality increases. Statistics show that whelping and the first week of life are periods when 65% of puppy losses occur. It pays to be vigilant at these times.

Ed. Comment: The following was graciously received from Miss Lucy Jane Myers.

Two more Champions for my Elixir! Ch. Thenderin Ocean Breeze finished on the West coast and Ch. Draherin Irish Chieftain made it three five point wins in a row when he was Best of Winners for the second succeeding year at the Michigan Specialty. This gives Elixir 7 Champions all told, three more with points.

Draherin Quest for Glory was Best in Match at a show down Kansas way, can't recall if it was Salina or Wichita. This youngster by Ch. Cu-Machree Tim ex Red Barn Dorian will be starting his show career shortly. His brother, Draherin Quest for Fortune was recalled for duty here and I was most pleased to have this one back. He will be offered at public stud next spring. In the meantime I hope to get him ready to sho.

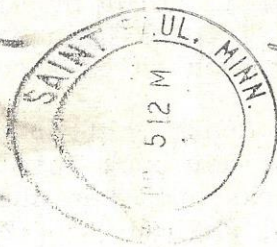
Only one litter on hand, consisting of two males which somehow got dubbed "Mutt" and "Jeff". Delivered by Caesarian November 3rd their mother being Cheyenne Lady and their sire, Joe (Draherin Legacy Kendrick). Noted a distinct tendency towards inability to free whelp in this concentrated Ike Jack Kendrick-strain. Cheyenne Lady herself was a Caesarian product. This is the problem one often runs into with too small bitches. And if the fault of a too small pelvic opening proves to be hereditary, as it seems to be here, then we're in trouble. If it isn't one thing it's another. (Incidentally, Brad, Sparky is Cheyenne Lady's mother.)

Ch. Draherin Echo of Elixir will be going out to the West Coast shortly to be bred to Ch. Innisfail Color Scheme who has been doing considerable winning and producing. I think he has sired ten Champions to date. I am looking forward very much to this combination.

After recovering Double Cross, better known as Sally, from Warren Johnson in August, I put her back into as much shape as could be mustered in a couple of weeks and then shipped her out to the noted Nampa, Idaho enthusiast, Phil White. Eight days later Phil ran her in the Ranier trial and scored a spectacular 2nd in the 16 Derby entry. Just to prove it wasn't a mistake, he again placed her 2nd in the Derby at Boise. He said she ran, found, and handled her game without fault and with style beyond imagination, a tendency to trail being the only thing that knocked her out of 1st in both trials. She received a praiseworthy writeup in Western Field Trialer and has apparently been dubbed the dog to watch. Phil said she handled quail, partridge, pheasants, chukars, huns with equal aplomb; that she has the earmarks of an outstanding trial dog. Needless to say this report was a welcome one as I had felt as highly about her as does the West Coast field contingent, and I wasn't the least bit happy to send her so far away! So this litter of Double Jack's and Lady's Colleen continues in it's winning ways with four hitting placements in tough competition, most of it all breed. And only four have ever been run.

Red Barn Dorian is still with Russell Fair, and she's living up to her nickname of "The Brat". She flatly refuses to hold her points unless she has been run good and hard for a couple of hours prior to being put on birds! This one's desire refuses to be bottled!

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