

The Flushing Whip

Summer Award Winners



Roszs are Red
wins the Duke Award
Tim Hammons O/H



S.C. Miss Behavin
wins the Puppy of Year
Tim Hammons O/H



Revenant
wins the Derby of Year
Roger Bosser O/H



National Red Setter Field Trial Club

November 8-12 2017 Starts at 8:00 AM

Field Trial Sportsmen's Grounds, Grovespring, MO.

Drawing: Tuesday, November 7th @ 7pm CDT @Clubhouse(417-462-3626)

Stakes & Order of Running: Starting Wednesday, November 8th @ 8 am CDT

Only Manufactured Solid Barrel guns of 209 primers and .32 caliber or larger may be used. We reserve the right to alter order or cancel stakes should unexpected circumstances occur. Entry fees include grounds fees.

Dinner at Drawing, Breakfast lunch on grounds, Evening Banquet to be announced

Please bring items to the trial for the Silent Auction which benefits the club!

National Red Setter Open Championship (1 hr.)

Entry fee: \$125.00 Purse: \$1500: Tri-tronics Collar & \$1000 winner/ \$500 RU

Qualification: Open All Age, Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement in an American Field recognized stake.

Judges Everett Brannan, Powderley TX & Dr. Jim Mills, Searcy, AR

Red Setter Open Derby (30 min)

Entry fee: \$45.00 Awards to 3 placements.

Judges Everett Brannan, Powderley TX & Dr. Jim Mills, Searcy, AR

Red Setter Open All Age (30 min)

Entry Fee: \$55.00 Purse: 50% of fees (less grounds fee) divided 50/30/20.

Judges Everett Brannan, Powderley TX & Dr. Jim Mills, Searcy, AR

Red Setter Open Puppy (20 min)

Entry fee: \$35.00 Awards to 3 placements.

Judges Everett Brannan, Powderley TX & Dr. Jim Mills, Searcy, AR

NRSFTC Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (1 hr.)

Entry fee: \$100.00 Champion: Tri-Tronics collar & possession of Fountainhead Trophy. Runner-up: Silver Plate

Qualification: Amateur or Open All Age, Shooting Dog or Derby placement with an Amateur handler in American Field recognized stake

Judges Everett Brannan, Powderley TX & Dr. Jim Mills, Searcy, AR

Red Setter Open Walking Puppy (20 min)

Entry fee: \$35.00 Awards to 3 placements

Judges: Bob and Valerie Burchett

Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog (30 min)

Entry fee: \$45.00 Awards to 3 placements.

Judges: Bob and Valerie Burchett

Red Setter Open Walking Derby (30 min)

Entry fee: \$45.00 Awards to 3 placements

Judges: Bob and Valerie Burchett

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 Don't forget to return your Survey which was added to the envelope. "The Purest Challenge," also included in your envelope, is well worth the read. Thanks everyone! ❤️



Summer Awards 2016-2017



Duke Award

Roses are Red
Owned by
Tim Hammons



2016-17 Derby Of the Year

Revenant
Owned by
Roger Boser



2016-17 Puppy Of the Year

S.C. Miss Behaving
Owned by
Kris Hammons

President's Page

R. Allen Fazenbaker



Hi Everyone:

This is a picture of me and Ruby down in NC. Ruby won the Red Setter Futurity back in 2008. Ruby's retired now but is still my constant companion. She loves to hunt and is also pretty adept at chasing the Canadian Geese off our pond. Thought you might enjoy seeing the oldest dog of mine at Red Setter Run! My shadow!

I hope that this summer issue finds everyone enjoying the warm weather, and hopefully, some

vacation time with family and friends. This past month I was fortunate to be a part of a group of young men and women who traveled to the southern Rockies to participate in a horse packing trip through Scouting USA. It was a great opportunity to expose young people to horses, build leadership skills, and enjoy the beauty of the southern Rocky Mountains. If you have a chance, read the article about our trip further back in this issue. The past couple of months have been a challenging one for the Board of Directors, as the Board has worked through several issues which impact our National Championships and our breed standard. There has been some strong dissention in the Board, as factions have chosen sides and pushed their particular agendas, sometimes not always in a kindly or fair way. I would prefer not to dwell on those details, but rather, put my focus on moving the National Red Setter Club forward in our goal, which of course is to produce the best bird dog in country. Over the past few months, while the debate was ongoing with the Board, I had the opportunity to attend a series of leadership training events through my affiliation with scouting. At one of the sessions, I was struck at the significance of one of the points of the Scout Law: A Scout is Trustworthy.

Whether you are a scout, or a Board member, or involved in any organization, it never hurts to review some of the values that are important to organizational behavior. So, I wanted to share what Scouting USA believes is true about "trustworthy." Trustworthiness is actually four values, rolled into one. First is honesty. Honesty means that a person communicates with others in a straight forward and accurate way, and that the intent is truthful. The second value is Integrity. Integrity means that principle and practice are one and the same, and that principles are value-based. Promise Keeping is the third item demonstrating Trustworthy behavior. A trustworthy person keeps their word. The final and fourth value is Loyalty. Loyalty means that the person upholds their responsibility to the group or organization. While the Scout Law was written and intended for scouting, it certainly has well founded principles in the world at large. It is my hope that our Board of Directors will take this to heart and continue our great red setter project forward for future generations. Ultimately, it is the only way our club will be successful.

Many of you are probably focusing on the upcoming fall field trial season, as well as opening days across the country for various upland game birds. Hopefully your training sessions are going well and your red dogs are being cooperative and productive! If you have time in your schedule, don't forget our Fall Championship in Grove Spring Missouri, coming up in November. We would love to have you visit if you can. Check out their ad on the opening page of this issue.

As promised in the last issue, a survey is included in your mailing here of *The Flushing Whip*. It is important to the officers and the Board of Directors to solicit feedback from our membership regarding the club; your hopes for the club, your concerns, your suggestions, your input. To make things easier, the survey is in a postcard format, pre-stamped, and ready for you to fill out and drop in the mail! Your participation will help us make the National Red Setter Field Trial Club an organization that serves our membership and meets its needs. We will publish the results in the next issue!

Best of luck with the fall hunting and field trial season.
Honor The Challenge!

Allen Fazenbaker, President

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Rambling from Red Setter Run

No room for a picture THIS issue. I have some serious things to share with you and it will take up all the space I can muster.

Our club is undergoing a great deal of change right now and to be perfectly honest, I'm not sure how it will all come out. Years ago, when I worked as a Nursing Supervisor, our hospital sent all the administration to leadership training—designed to ease the burden of CHANGE. Over the course of our 12 week class I learned something that is well documented; all change, intended or unintended, good or bad— ALL change is accompanied by stress. I am here telling you today that this has been a very stressful year for the NRSFTC Board. While it isn't the first serious conflict the club has ever endured, it might actually be the first time you ever read about it. Throughout the last 65 years, there have indeed been occasions when the Board, or individual members strongly disagreed about the manner in which the club was moving. As result, long time club members became angry and walked away. The recorded history written in the Whip hasn't reflected it, but indeed, that's exactly what happened back then.

I understand why their stories weren't told. I've written your newsletter now for over a dozen years and have always written the truth for you, as best I could. But what I haven't shared— nor have your previous editors before me, is what Paul Harvey would call: "the rest of the story." I've avoided hanging our dirty laundry on the line for the entire bird dog world to examine and see. Such exposure would make contentious reading and would not serve to advance the red setter in any way. Still, when something serious happens within an organization, you the membership, DO have a right to know. The current situation began about a year ago and is quite complicated. I have a thick file here on my desk documenting it all. I can't possibly condense it into one page—but I'll share the high points to try and get you up to speed. First, in the way of some history and background, the NRSFTC runs 2 trials a year—one in the Spring and another in the Fall. The Spring Championship is very well attended—is growing every year and has excellent entry numbers. The Fall Championship by comparison, has struggled for 8 of the last 10 years with low attendance. The Fall trial chairs do put in a lot of work and effort but it hasn't always paid off. As it happens, the Fall trial is a key

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part of the problem I am sharing with you today.

Last summer, a very generous club member spoke with a couple Board members and offered to provide a financial incentive to advance the breed to the next level, All Age events—the ultimate hope being, to someday qualify a red setter for the National Championship. The donor happened to connect with the Fall Trial co-chairs. Needless to say, they saw the offer as "just the shot in the arm" their trial needed— although there were a couple of problems. The All Age Championship had already run during the spring trial AND it was NOT a Fall event. But they had a plan. They spoke with our President and their enthusiasm was contagious. It didn't take much for them to lose sight of the fact that we are one Board designed to work together. They believed the Fall trial grounds at Grovespring were better suited for an All Age contest. Rather than talk with the Spring Trial Chair or, for that matter, discuss such serious business with the ENTIRE Board, they immediately began working to take the All Age Championship away from the Spring trial so that they could run it in the Fall and then, benefit from the intended donation.

Before I go further, let me digress to clarify something. In almost every newsletter I've ever written, I talk about the importance of "*Honoring the Purest Challenge*;" to restore the Irish Setter as a first class field trial competitor. Our founding fathers wanted our dogs to successfully compete in **All BREED** events. Not just against our Reds, but against Pointers, Shorthairs, English Setters, Gordons, Weimaraners, any and ALL pointing breeds. NRSFTC Championships are RESTRICTED events run ONLY against Irish setters; they don't begin to push the envelope in a way that could make any difference in "taking our red setters to the higher level of all breed and all age competition" where our benefactor hoped to see them. His offer was fantastic but to use the donation for anything less than *Honoring the Purest Challenge* would have been an affront to our founding members, to say nothing of taking advantage of the gentleman's money.

But that money had already caught their attention and it did what money usually does— So, rather than tell the entire board about the offer, they made very selective phone calls to ONLY those members who they felt would support their plan. It was a very conscious effort to exclude the rest of us from the initial discussion, planning and polling, about how those funds would ultimately be used. Nearly half the Board, including myself, was oblivious at the time. Once they determined that they had the votes to make it happen, our President asked the American Field for permission

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to run the All Age Championship for a second time during the 2016 calendar year. Because of the unusual circumstances and donation, the American Field allowed it, albeit with certain restrictions. It was at THAT point, that our President FINALLY contacted the entire Board, described the offer and asked for a motion to move the All Age championship to run in the Fall. Those of the Board (who already knew of the offer) anticipated this email and were ready to respond. In fact, it was just a matter of minutes before Dennis Hidalgo, Fall Trial Chair, made the requested motion. While those of us who had been purposely excluded struggled to catch up on what was happening— the rest of the group pushed hard to hurry the process through in time for the Fall trial.

Allen Fazenbaker asked for restraint. He applauded the donor's generosity but suggested there were better ways to proceed. He was told to put together an alternate plan which they promised would be shown to the donor. Fazenbaker responded immediately and presented a proposal more in sync with the goals of *the Purest Challenge*. Fazenbaker's plan would reward a handler and his/her dog when they won a legitimate ALL BREED qualifying championship. The "in" group had no interest in the proposal and, for the record, our donor was NEVER even shown this alternative plan. Truth be told, it was already "a done deal" well before our president finally contacted the entire board and "asked" for our support. Self serving greed had won the day!

I personally believe that, had the group followed the proper protocol, our club as a whole may have voted to switch both the trials, giving us the same result without the angst and anger we all still feel. We recently moved both All Age Championships to the Fall because some of the board felt strongly that Grovespring was better suited. The donor's gift was simply the leverage used to bring that conversation to the table. What went wrong here was that the entire focus of the discussion began with a gentleman's offer but really centered on using that shot in the arm to fix the struggling Fall Championship. And so far, nothing about the process advanced the red setter to the next level where our benefactor hopes to see it. Instead, what we DO see, is that their short sighted actions, combined with the very purposeful exclusion of several of us, has seriously divided our Board and left it in shambles.

It's very challenging trying to go forward since then because once TRUST has been betrayed, it may be impossible to re-establish. It's hard work

and the progress is slow. We are adhering to Robert's Rules of Order and the club bylaws now— not just when it's convenient but across the board. We elected a couple new members to the Board last spring and they brought fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the table. We now have a new President who is committed to an open and transparent process where everyone (Board and Membership alike) knows what is going on. Hopefully, as other club members get involved, we will be able to get back to the place where we once were— before this went so awry. Thank you for your patience and support. We hope to increase our membership and participation and we want YOU to be a part of that plan. Think about how you might be able to contribute your talents, knowledge, or skills to help us grow and heal. You are an important key as we continue to honor the *"Purest Challenge in Sportsdom."* You ARE the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.

The survey card, mentioned in last issue is included. Please take the time to complete it. We need to be more conscious of our membership and honor what they want and expect from their organization. It begins right there with you completing your copy. Tell us what you'd like to see in the NRSFTC. Thanks.

The Board passed an important motion recently that takes a stand against the cosmetic altering of newborn pups and dogs. It is specific to the shortening of the tails as well as the removal of skin containing white fur. In support of that topic, I've included our breed standard for your review. This resolution impacts the club and our dogs so please read it over.

The summer awards were up in the front. Congratulations to Tim Hammons of Silver Creek Kennels. His sweet dog, Roses are Red won the Duke for 2017. Tim's puppy, S.C. Miss Behaving earned the Red Setter Puppy of the year. Roger Boser's great pup, 2017 Futurity winner Revenant won the Red Setter Derby of the year. Congratulations!

I also included a story about AI's great adventure this summer leading a Cavalcade of Kids through the Rocky mountains. Guess I'll stop here as I'm about out of space.

Finally, it's been my privilege to serve you these past twelve years. This is my 71st issue and I really hope things settle down soon. Some years ago I set my goal at 100 issues before I retire but only time will tell. Meanwhile, you give those dogs a good skritch for me, and *Enjoy your Whip!*

Selecting a Breeder— Heads or Tails? Don't Just "flip a coin" To Decide!

In the late 1960's there used to be a television show called Rowan and Martin's Laugh In. It was great entertainment and our family looked forward to it all week long. One of my personal favorite characters on that show was Flip Wilson who sometimes dressed up as the sassy Geraldine Jones and told everyone, "what you see is what you get." Geraldine might have been telling the truth back in 1966 but today, some sixty years later another expression comes to my mind: "things are not always what they seem." Isn't that the truth?! It's true with people and, believe it or not, it's true with our red dogs!

Our Board recently passed a motion that has to do with the alteration of red setter dogs and puppies. The original motion (seen just below this paragraph) had to be revised and amended a couple times to make it useful, enforceable and specific to our own organization. While this is not the final version, it shows you how it first was proposed. Motions are just like laws that get sent to Congress. They start out one way and get changed, whittled and pared down to the real issues. So, this is what Mike Jacobson first presented and proposed:

"The purpose of Field Trials is for breeders to be able to fairly and honestly evaluate the genetic potential of the participants for suitability of breeding purposes. Physical alteration prevents the fair and honest evaluation of genetic potential and disguises potential genetic flaws. Therefore, I make a motion that no dog or bitch which has been physically altered in its appearance, either surgically, mechanically, temporarily or otherwise, be allowed to be entered as a participant in any event sanctioned by the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. That each entry shall be examined by a representative of the NRSFTC prior to competition and certified to be free of physical alteration or be disqualified for competition if physical alteration is discovered. Further, either the owner or handler of each dog or bitch so entered into an event sanctioned by the NRSTFC shall certify, under oath and penalty of perjury, that said entry is free of physical alteration to the best of their knowledge. Should a dog or bitch having been so certified by an owner or handler be found to be physically altered, the person making such certification shall be subject to review by a committee formed by the President of the NRSFTC and subject to appropriate sanctions, up to and including removal from NRSFTC Membership. Respectfully submitted, Mike Jacobson"

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The motion as written had so many ways in which it could be interpreted that we had to discuss it awhile and decide what issues were specific to our own breed and organization. As written, the words "physical alteration" could mean anything from neutering a dog, correcting an injury or even shaving it down to help ease the stress of summer heat. None of those ideas had been part of Jacobson's initial motion but it served to jumpstart a conversation that has long been avoided.

There are a few red setter breeders who, on a regular basis, cosmetically alter the newborn puppies that they've bred. It isn't really a secret practice; people in other clubs joke about it when they see our dogs. That in itself is embarrassing, but it's also an unnecessary trauma to subject upon new red setter puppies. The two major ways in which the dogs are cosmetically altered are by docking a portion of the dogs' tails and sometimes, by removing some of their skin which contains white fur. Let's take those issues one at a time. We can talk about it in any order— it's as simple as the flip of a coin.

Tail Docking



Tails has it. So, let's start there. Did you know that there are between 50 and 70 dog breeds whose standards call for their tail to be docked? It's true. Remember, at one time, dogs were rarely kept as pets. Instead, they had jobs and consequently had docked tails. Dogs were used on farms, in the military, and for hunting, fighting, ratting and baiting. That's not to say they are no longer used for those purposes. But, let's face it, most aren't.

There were a lot of misbeliefs about docking the tails. One of the most ridiculous ideas was that by docking the dog's tail; you would prevent it from getting rabies. Mostly, it was done to prevent injuries from farm equipment. It would give another fighting dog something less to grip onto in pit fights. And some people actually believed it increased the dog's speed, and strengthened its back.

In addition, at one time, working and hunting dogs with docked tails were not taxed and there rarely was a farmer who didn't want to save a shilling or two. But really, the only reasons that made sense were safety and cleanliness. Working and hunting dogs without tails were less likely to collect debris or amass feces around their rear. They were also less apt to get injured by getting caught in farm equipment, wagons and carts. Many

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breed standards still call for the tail to be docked. Some people use the term "tail bobbing," thinking it less offensive, but for the record, it is the same thing as tail docking.

Dogs today are most commonly seen as household pets and companions. They are rarely working animals. Some exceptions might be on farms, in field trials, or as hunting companions.

The main reason that tails are docked today is simply to meet the registry breed standard for that kind of dog. But to be clear, our NRSFTC breed standard makes absolutely no mention of mandatory tail docking. In fact, the only reference to the red setter's tail and carriage found in our breed standard says the following:

"The tail shall be of moderate length, proportionate to the size of the body, strong at the root, tapering to a fine point, carried with a high carriage, ideally at a 12 o'clock position, but without excessive curvature or reflection over the back regardless."

Although there is no requirement to shorten the dog's tail, some breeders choose to do it anyhow because they are trying to achieve the straight high 12 o'clock carriage that was mentioned above. Some genetic blood lines produce hooked, sickled or sagging tails and one quick fix is to clip the puppy's tail to remove a couple vertebrae.

One of the main problems with this approach is that buyers may not know that their dog's tail was ever clipped. They love the dog and think it's perfect. Later, when their bitch comes of age, if they decide to breed the dog, their results can be very disappointing. The puppy's tails will range from perfect to pitiful. I've had owners call and ask for help in selling the pups with problem tails. The owners eventually become desperate and try offering the dogs at highly discounted prices or even FREE. The people who take the free dogs usually have little understanding of breeding practices, the *Purest Challenge*, or the red setter restoration and history. They take their free dogs and start breeding them with no plan or direction. It has taken more than half a century to restore our Irish to where they are today. It's been a difficult uphill battle finally getting to this point. Sadly, it won't take nearly that long to undo the entire process and have our Reds slide back down to the pitiful place that caught Ned LeGrande's attention and caused him to act!

The best but certainly less speedy way to handle the tail issue is through meticulous and careful breeding practices. Indeed, there ARE some very successful red setter breeders who have made an effort to eliminate tail problems by specific breeding. They aim for high straight tails— and get them with NO need for surgical intervention. Their efforts have improved

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the tails NOW and into our future. We need all our breeders to follow their lead!

That brings us to the next area in alteration of the red setter. This particular area is the one of great concern— probably what really pushed the Board to support the motion against altering the breed.

Removing Hide with White Fur



Heads UP! While it is a fairly uncommon practice, some breeders cut out some of the skin that has white fur in order to make the dog more solid in color and hopefully more saleable. I've never understood this practice, nor do I support it. It is usually done when a dog has white running up the nose and across the head. The NRSFTC distributes a pamphlet to new red setter owners. In that leaflet it discusses dogs with white markings and says the following:

"the old red Setters all had white markings, on the chest, a blaze and on the toes. If your Red Setter is so marked, it's a good sign your dog is truly of field stock. Dogs imported from Ireland have the same white markings. Solid colored dogs came from show fascinated breeders who selectively bred an all red strain."

Allen and I have owned two dogs who had some of their skin and fur removed before we purchased them. The first time we got one, I had no idea what had happened. I noticed that our puppy had a healing scab across its head and in my mind, thought he might have been caught up while trying to slip under a barbed wire fence. As we loaded up the puppy to take it home, I turned to the breeder and asked how he had injured himself. I have to admit that his answer was honest. He simply said that "the pup had white on his head but I removed it for you." I was speechless. The white was not troubling to either my husband or myself and there was NO need to put the poor pup through such a thing— let alone the anguish it probably caused his mother. One of the most famous red setters of all time, Clancy O' Ryan had white on his face, head, and chest. Clancy was elected into the National Bird Dog Hall of Fame in 1983 and his white markings didn't deter him for achieving that success. Our Red Setter Breed standard address this issue as follows: *The coat color is a rich golden chestnut with no trace of black, but may vary from a dark mahogany to a red; white color may also be present, provided the chestnut color accounts for the majority of body color overall.*

As you can read, the white that sometimes very naturally appears on the heads and faces of red setters, shouldn't be an issue. It isn't addressed in our breed standard and is not considered a fault in any way. Breeding has

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improved to such a degree that most red setters are pretty much solid colored dogs. In fact, there are times that Allen and I have had puppies for sale and perhaps only one dog had white on its face or head. We had a couple men come by who were hunters. One had lost his best red setter bird dog and the other just came along to play with the pups. It ended up that they both wanted the white faced pup, claiming it would be a better hunter. They got into a bit of a quarrel because BOTH decided they had to have **THAT** dog!

As I said earlier in this story, Allen and I have had a couple dogs that have been altered at both ends— HEADS and TAILS, so to speak. This whole issue we are finally speaking out loud about today had been pretty much “the elephant in the room” within our organization. Most of us don’t particularly like it and have said so but to no avail. We’ve quietly sat and said nothing until now. But, believe me, it ISN’T a secret. People we compete against from across the country, see our dogs and comment about it. We had a gentleman come to a trial all the way from Tennessee. He began petting one of our dogs, and noticed that she carries a scar up top, as dogs with “head-work” usually do. As he patted her, he took notice and said— I know where you got this dog ... then he accurately named the breeder. Another person called our first dog Hatchet Head and that nickname really hit home with me. There is no reason or excuse to continue such a practice and I commend the Board for taking a stand against it.

At the start of this story I posted the original motion that Mike Jacobson presented. There was a huge amount of discussion as the motion was ultimately revised and eventually passed. The first, and one of the most important revisions was made by Garth Sellen who pointed out that he owned such a dog. He asked to “grandfather in” all previously cosmetically altered dogs so they still could compete. His amendment was passed and it allowed any altered dogs, born before January 1, 2018 to be acceptable for competition. Owners need only say so when registering dogs in our red setter club championships. By keeping track of which dogs are affected, we can follow breeding practices and know if members are trying to improve the breed “naturally” instead of with a scalpel. BTW, if an owner so chooses, he can simply reply “no comment” when asked (at registration) if his dog has been cosmetically altered. There is no penalty for refusing to cooperate.

The tricky part for many club dog owners will be that they probably have no idea if their dogs’ tails were docked or if the dog had been otherwise altered. Here is my advice to you. If you ever plan to breed your dog,

think it through carefully before you go ahead. If you do not know if your dog was cosmetically altered, call the breeder where you purchased it and ask. It’s as simple as that and it will provide you with important information you **NEED** in order to make an informed and educated decision about whether or not the dog is truly worthy to use. You always want to breed “*the best to the best!*” Just because you have a dog that you are crazy about, doesn’t mean he has the best genes for the job. My great dog, Finn McCool, was everything I could ever want— but he had some physical flaws that made him a less than perfect stud. We accepted that and needless to say, we never bred him. The most important thing is to be an informed owner. If you are in the market for a puppy, one of the first things you probably will do is contact breeders to determine if pups are available. That’s probably your first question but the second question should always be: **Do you cosmetically alter your pups?**

From here on out, the NRSFTC takes a stand against it. After considerable discussion and debate, the issue passed. Here is the final resolution which passed and takes effect Jan 1, 2018.

The purpose of Field Trials is for breeders to be able to fairly and honestly evaluate the genetic potential of the participants for suitability of breeding purposes and buyers to be fully informed of the genetic potential of an animal’s pedigree. Physical alteration of genetic traits prevents the fair and honest evaluation of genetic potential and disguises potential genetic flaws. The NRSFTC believes that the practices to surgically straighten tails and remove white hair is repugnant. The National Red Setter Field Trial Club publicly decries such practices. Therefore, any NRSFTC Breed Restricted Championship Stake or Futurity participant shall be made aware of such policy at the time of entry into such Stake. The NRSFTC shall encourage all winners of a NRSFTC Championship or Futurity stake to advise the Trial Chairperson whether the animal so placed has been physically altered so that the breeding potential of the animal and its offspring may be fairly evaluated. The Reporter of the Stake shall then report the information in the official records or state that the winner declined to provide such information. This motion becomes effective for all dogs born on or after January 1, 2018.

During this story I referred to our breed standard. The National Red Setter Field trial Club is the **ONLY** pointing dog breed who’s breed standard is **performance based**. *Beauty is as Beauty does*. The most important element in our breed standard criteria is that the dog has the ability to find and handle wild birds. The NRSFTC breed standard follows on the next page. Please check it out!

Beauty IS as Beauty Does

Our Performance Based Breed Standard

Adapted by the National Red Setter Field Trial Club 2005

1. As Irish red setters were originally bred as partridge and grouse dogs, their style of hunting these birds may be taken as the norm. Primary focus of the breed standard shall be upon the performance of the animal while hunting wild or native game birds.

2. Irish red setters are, first and foremost, bird dogs. In their quest there must be an intensity that gives purpose to the hunt for game. The concentration on the job at hand should be evident in every stride and movement, and they shall exhibit the style and class as befits a quality American bird dog. The cooperation with the handler is part of that concentration and should not interfere with the quest for game, but rather should exhibit a behavior that is best described as a team effort between canine and human. They shall have a keen and intelligent mind, and be especially adept at handling wild birds intelligently under native conditions.

3. Irish red setters are fast and wide ranging; they use the ground with intelligence and precision in pursuit of game, searching the wind for the faintest scent. Should it be not detected, they continue their cast with urgency, without wasteful application or motion. The depths between casts are dictated by the conditions of the day and the terrain. Movement shall be free flowing and driving, with head held high and hindquarters driving smoothly with great power, as befits a racy, wide ranging bird dog. In the

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manner of stylish bird dogs, the tail shall demonstrate the dog's intensity of hunt. This "cracking" tail shall be an extension of the animal's intensity and animation in its quest for game.

4. The attitude of the Irish red setter in working game must be very intense and concentrated. The pointing stance is intense and rigid, full of energy and concentration. The body posture is staunch, with head, forequarters and hindquarters held well up, the eyes fierce, the tail rigid and bristling with the passion of the find.

5. The general appearance of the Irish red setter shall be racy, classy, and kindly in expression. The head shall be long and lean, and without coarseness. The skull shall be oval (from ear to ear), having plenty of brain room, and with well defined occipital protuberance. The stop shall be well-defined. The color of the nose shall be dark mahogany, dark walnut or black, the nostrils wide. The muzzle shall be moderately deep and fairly square at the end. From the stop to the point of the nose shall be long, and the flews not pendulous. The brows shall be raised. The jaws shall be nearly equal length with a scissors bite, and all expected canine teeth shall be present. The eyes shall be dark hazel or dark brown and not overly large, with no evidence of ectropic or entropic lids. Ears shall be of moderate size, fine in texture, set ranging from low to moderately high and well back, hanging in a neat fold close to the head. The body shall be proportionate to the size of the dog. The chest shall be as deep as possible, with ribs well sprung, leaving plenty of lung room. Feet shall be well proportioned to the body, very firm, toes strong, arched and close together. The loins shall be muscular and slightly arched. The hindquarters shall be wide and powerful. Male animals shall have two apparently normal testicles, fully

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descended into the scrotum. The tail shall be of moderate length, proportionate to the size of the body, strong at the root, tapering to a fine point, carried with a high carriage, ideally at a 12 o'clock position, but without excessive curvature or reflection over the back regardless. The coat shall be short and fine on the head, back, front of legs and tips of ears; on other parts of the body and legs of moderate length, flat, and free of curl and wave. The belly and chest shall have a good covering of hair to protect during hunting in heavy cover. Feathering may be present on the ears, back of legs, and tail. Feet are well feathered between toes. The coat color is a rich golden chestnut with no trace of black, but may vary from a dark mahogany to a red; white color may also be present, provided the chestnut color accounts for the majority of body color overall. The foregoing conformational traits of the breed are described only with the intent that such traits shall be supportive of performance as a bird dog.



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Horsin' Around at Philmont Scout Ranch By Allen Fazenbaker

What do you get when you mix 11 young men and women, 2 wranglers, 4 adult advisors, and 21 horses together in the southern Rockies? That's just what we decided to find out this past month, as the members of Scouting Venture Crew 68 headed to New Mexico and the High Adventure Scout Base Philmont to participate in 10 days of horse packing in the Rockies Mountains!



Waite Phillips

First, a little background. Philmont is a High Adventure Scout Base that was donated by the philanthropic Waite Phillips, who made his fortune as owner of Phillips Petroleum. Waite was an exceptionally generous individual, and he donated 50% of all his earnings throughout his life to charities and nonprofits. Philmont Scout Base, which was originally Waite's summer home, encompasses over ¼ million acres of pristine mountain range and chaparral in the northeast corner of New Mexico. Waite often allowed the boy scouts to camp on his ranch, and he was so impressed with the scouting program and the way it was

being used to develop young people into responsible adults that he contributed heavily to the scouting program. Although Waite is long passed on, his generosity to scouting has made this place a once in a lifetime opportunity for thousands of scouts. Philmont has a working staff of over 1200 people during the summer, and over 22,000 scouts pass through the camp each year, something that I find to be quite incredible, and a testament to scouting's insistence on No Trace Camping ethics. It is the largest outdoor youth education facility on

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the planet. Although I have been to Philmont several times over the years leading scouts on backpacking treks, this was my first experience with a horse packing trek, which Philmont calls the "Cavalcade."

We traveled out west on the Amtrak, following the route of our pioneers, who followed the Santa Fe Trail to their new dreams in California. While not quite



as exciting as a wagon train, the "Santa Fe Chief" carried us on the rails to Raton, New Mexico, and then by bus to Philmont Scout Base. Once there, we were hooked up with two wranglers, who would be our guides and teachers for the time we were in camp. Heather and Natalie were both absolutely phenomenal teachers, as well as very experienced horse wranglers.

After a day of training at the main corral in base camp, we headed out to the high country for a trek that our young men and women would not soon forget.

Incidentally, our crew did not just decide to go on this experience the month before. For the year preceding, the crew went to local arenas, training and learning all they could about horsemanship, riding, and ride etiquette. They also earned their Horsemanship Merit Badge. It was a great experience for the crew members even before we boarded the train, and by the time we were heading west, we had 11 bona-fide horse lovers in our crew!

On the trail, we traveled anywhere from 5 miles up to 15 miles a day. Whenever possible, we tried to travel through "program" areas, which are camps in the mountains, staffed by Philmont program staff. Various programs were available to our crew, and we were able to

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participate in shotgun shooting, learning how to load shotgun shells, rappelling and rock climbing, caving (including exploring an old copper and gold mine within Philmont), panning for gold, spar-pole climbing, and other challenging activities. For young people who may have never been exposed to these activities, it was an extraordinary trip.

Even more important, the trek provided this group of young people the opportunity to hone leadership skills, and learn to work together as a team to accomplish their goals. As you might imagine, having a crew of 17 people and 21 horses (4 of the horses were pack horses that were ponied along) is a challenging process in itself; saddling, feeding, and caring for the horses was a huge job. In order to get the horses saddled and ready to go, the crew had to begin saddling and loading the pack horses at 3:30 am. Needless to say, our gang turned in early so they'd be rested up for the task! Cooking and setting up camp, hanging all of our food in trees to keep the bears away, and setting up camp each night kept everyone busy. Weather was also a challenge, as the conditions can change rapidly in the mountains, from a nice warm sunny day to a cold, wet driving wind day with marble size hail (yes, that did happen!).

But the crew stepped up their game and worked through each daily challenge with great attitudes and teamwork. Given all the negative publicity we often hear about "how bad the youth of today are," this was a testimony as the inaccuracy of those stories." These "kids" did everything right, and without complaints or whining. The crew was organized in a traditional scouting patrol, with a crew leader, a crew chaplain, and the crew wilderness Gaia. All decisions regarding day to day operations were made by the youth members; adults intervened only in the event of health and safety concerns. The wranglers, likewise, dictated our course, and took care of various horse issues, but left all other decisions up to the youth crew members. This was "training by doing" and they did exceptionally well. The Crew Leader was the "chief" of the crew, and of course, this is a big responsibility. The Crew Chaplain was responsible for ensuring that we gave thanks

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at each meal, and also conducted vespers each evening before we turned in; a scout is reverent. Our Wilderness Gaia was responsible for ensuring that the crew engaged in No Trace Camping, a critical component of all crews at Philmont given the numbers of people who utilize the camp.



The Tooth of Time and Mr. Baldy— two important landmarks in the days of pioneers and the Santa Fe Trail

As you might expect, the views of the mountains were spectacular. The base camp corrals lie just under the Tooth Of Time, a well-known landmark on the Santa Fe trail. In the distance was Mount Baldy, the second highest peak in New Mexico at 12, 441 ft. One of our crew members was our official “Wilderness Gaia” and it was his responsibility, among other things, to track our wildlife sightings; these included several herds of elk, a silver fox, several rattlesnakes including an impressive 4 footer, as well as numerous white tail and mule deer, and other assorted wild beasts. We didn’t see any bears, but saw some signs of them in a couple of our camps.

On the final day of the Cavalcade, the crew rode into the base camp corrals and participated in the highlight of the week, an equestrian gymkhana, a series of competitive events designed to test the handling skills of the riders and their horse. There were several events, including a keyhole race, flag race, and my favorite (and the crew’s), barrel racing. (Barrel racing Barrel racing is a rodeo event in which a horse and rider attempt to complete a cloverleaf pattern

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Al Fazenbaker Barrel Racing on Sparrow— they turned in a time of 20 seconds, pretty remarkable for their first experience

around preset barrels in the fastest time. It turned out that my horse (his name was “Sparrow”) was a former barrel racer, so I had a bit of an advantage.

It was great fun and the young folks in our crew really showed the impact of being with their horse for the past week. Everyone did a great job, and nobody fell off!

So, if you’re thinking about getting a horse to compete with that red setter, go ahead and give it a try. Working with horses is a lot of fun, and when you’re not field trialing your red dogs, you might do a bit of barrel racing in the pasture to keep yourself fit in the saddle!

Special thanks to Philmont Scout Ranch and to the Boy Scouts of America for providing this phenomenal opportunity for our young people to engage with horses in the wild outdoors. It was an experience of a lifetime for each of them! And, it was pretty nice for me too! Allen Fazenbaker





Kids do the planning, run the activities and make group decisions

This was the first day of our journey— all the kids mounted up and heading through the Aspens and up into the mountains



Here's our group huddled under a tarp to get away from the marble sized hail that was pounding down on them and their horses



Scouts reloaded shotgun shells and later competed as they shot at targets



Preparing to enter a mine and later to Try their hand at "panning" for gold



Campfire dinner with the crew— planning and preparing for next day



Members of Crew learning to saddle and load a pack horse

Wrangler Heather leading the way on the journey



Remember our friends in your thoughts and prayers

Here are a few people who would appreciate hearing from you. Sue Norton is getting along very well. She and Tom were able to go camping for several days with long time friends. As it happened, Allen and I were in New Mexico and we tried to connect with the Nortons so we could stop and see Sue in person. She appreciates your cards and notes. Write her at:

Sue Norton, 81 Riverview, Durango, Colorado 81301

I received a lovely note from Carl Sutton the first week of June. Carl had lived in Gilroy, California and he'd occasionally send me an update and his best wishes. In June he mentioned that he'd moved to San Tan Valley, Arizona and was happily settled in there. Then, shortly thereafter I was notified of his death. It's always sad to keep up a correspondence with club members I've never met face to face— you hope someday to meet them in person but fate sometimes intervenes and it's too late. He was an exceptional gentleman. The address he'd given me was in Arizona— perhaps if you sent a card, it would be forwarded to his family. Worth a try!!

Family of Carl Sutton, 21700 Sunflower Way, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143

Sean Melvin lost his father Ronald Melvin on August 8th. He was only 68 years old and Sean and his family will miss him terribly. He was a retired Veteran, the father of 7, grandfather of 22 and 1 great grandchild. Please send condolences to

Sean Melvin, 250 N Parkersburg Avenue, Garland, NC 28441

Our dear friend Roger Berg has been struggling with macular degeneration. He can't really read cards anymore but Toni can help him! And Roger sure would like to hear from old friends, so—give Roger a call and wish him well! Roger Berg 320-230-4400

Roger Berg, 4165 2nd Street SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304

What does the new breed standard mean to you??

In November, 2005 the Board of Directors of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club (NRSFTC) unanimously approved a new breed standard for the Irish Red Setter. Their approval culminated months of work by the Breed Standard Committee made up of: Don Beauchamp, Roger Boser, Allen Fazenbaker and Christie Young. These members worked tirelessly, researching and preparing this unique document. Unlike other dog breed standards, the Irish Red Setter standard is performance based. In essence, the performance defines the breed. But to be clear, the standard is simply something to strive for, a set of goals that may or may not be reached in all facets. What will it actually mean to today's Red Setters? In order to clarify this issue and answer your questions, I decided to conduct an interview with a member of the Breed Standard Committee. I selected my husband, Allen simply because he was easy to corner since he was sitting across the table in our kitchen. That interview is republished here for your review and understanding.

DF: Just for readers who are new to our organization, what is your affiliation with the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, and how did you become involved in this initiative?

AF: I was on the Board of Directors and actually serving as President of the Club in 2002 when we elected to adopt our first breed standard. Today I am serving on the Board of Directors as the club's Futurity Secretary.

DF: Why did the club decide to create a new breed standard?

AF: Actually, the NRSFTC has had a breed standard for several years. As I stated before, in 2002 our club adopted the Irish red setter standard of the parent country of Ireland. We felt that Ireland's emphasis on a breed standard highlighting the working qualities was essential in any description of a bird dog. Most dog standards today unfortunately de-emphasize the original working abilities of the breed. When our club adopted the Ireland standard in 2002, we concurred with the parent country that the working abilities of a breed should be paramount.

After several years of holding this standard, we came to recognize that, while the Ireland standard certainly was a huge improvement in defining the breed, the unique culture of American field trialing as well as our culture of hunting, presented many obvious differences between the

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Ireland standard and the reality of the Irish Red Setter in America. We realized that if we were to hold our breed to a standard, it needed to be one that honored the spirit and intent of bird dog culture in the U.S.A. So, we elected to write a standard that reflected our American values.

DF: Who were the authors of this new breed standard?

AF: Four members of the Board, Christie Young, Don Beauchamp, Roger Boser, and myself did the majority of the work on the document. Much of the work was done during the spring and summer of 2005, with some fine tuning done prior to Board approval in November of that year.

DF: What is unique about this standard from previous breed standards?

AF: First, and most importantly, this breed standard is based expressly on performance. While canine breed standards in the past have relied heavily on conformation traits, this standard utilizes performance criteria to define the breed. Conformation traits are noted only as necessary to support the performance of the animal.

One must remember that breed standards were originally developed to identify breeds based upon looks. In the old days prior to the emergence of registries such as AKC and FDSB, breed identification was a loosely defined talent, often more art than science. Dogs were frequently crossbred to produce performance traits desired by the owners. Performance of the dog on game was most important to the owner, and conformation traits were utilized only to the extent that they assisted the owner in identifying other dogs who might likewise have similar performance traits. With the advent of registries to assist the owners with record keeping, conformation traits became even more important for the breeder. Certain traits such as color, head shape, skeletal framework, and other visual traits were used to identify certain animals who likewise had desirable performance traits in the field. Thus, Irish red setters, English setters, English pointers, and other breeds became segregated, as breeders and hunters focused on particular traits that pleased them. Breed clubs became established and developed standards that could be used by breeders to promote those qualities sought by the hunters.

Unfortunately, the advent of standards based upon conformational traits did not preserve the original intent of the breed standard. Conformation became a means to an end, and the performance traits that had been affiliated with those conformation traits became disjointed, and eventually lost. Breed clubs began to focus on conformation traits by

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hosting “bench shows,” and the “show ring” became the norm for judging canine breed standards. Performance traits became secondary, or in many cases, nonexistent. Today, most breed clubs name championships to dogs who have no performance ability for which the breed was originally intended! As a club whose reason for existence is to promote the Irish red setter as a class bird dog, such an emphasis on conformation without the more important focus on performance was unacceptable. The reason for our initial adoption of the Ireland standard was based upon that concern. Irish red setters are, first and foremost, bird dogs. Any standard that does not give credence to this PERFORMANCE trait is, in our eyes, not an acceptable standard. The authors of the Ireland standard are to be commended for recognizing this and acting upon it when updating their standard several years ago. We simply took it a step further... or should we say, a step further back... to the original intent of the breed standards of the old days.

DF: But isn't there already a breed standard in the U.S.?

AF: Yes, the Irish Setter Club of America has a breed standard developed under the auspices of the American Kennel Club (AKC). However, the standard makes only a passing reference to the bird dog qualities of the breed, and in fact makes no requirement for the breed to perform in any sense as a bird dog. There are hundreds, perhaps thousands of AKC Irish red setter champions in the USA that have never pointed a game bird. We could not accept such a standard.

DF: But if the Ireland standard is based upon performance, why not continue to use the Ireland standard?

AF: Well, the Ireland standard makes great strides in increasing the performance attributes of the dog. In fact, there is an entire section of their standard which is devoted to the “working qualities” of the breed. But nonetheless, conformation traits are still listed as primary criteria in judging the breed. Our position is that performance traits should be the primary criteria, and the conformation traits should be used only to support the performance traits. What we do in our standard is start off talking about performance... it's in the first paragraph of the standard, and it's there because we place it as the highest criteria for the Irish red setter. To quote the first paragraph of our standard... *“As Irish red setters were originally bred as partridge and grouse dogs their style of hunting these birds may be taken as the norm. Primary focus of the breed*

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standard shall be upon the performance of the animal while hunting wild or native game birds. And later, “conformational traits of the breed are described only with the intent that such traits shall be supportive of performance as a bird dog.” Thus, we have re-established the spirit and intent of breed standards... to assist the breeder in identifying those traits that will make a great Irish red setter as a BIRD DOG. Much of our standard is still based upon the language of the Ireland document. We simply modified the document to better suit our needs here in the U.S.A.

DF: You mentioned earlier that one of your goals was to write a standard that reflected American values. What exactly do you mean by this?

AF: American bird dog culture has some unique characteristics that set it apart from bird dog cultures in other parts of the world. Probably one of the most obvious points is the importance that we place on tail position. The Ireland standard, for example, calls for a tail that runs horizontally. Here in the USA, we place an emphasis on a high mast tail. Thus, our standard reflects this important difference. Of course, we recognize that the tail is not the only factor in judging the performance of a bird dog. Dr. Roger Boser, a well regarded breeder of Irish red setters once noted *“it's what's up front in the brain department that is most important.”* Our standard places great emphasis on intelligence... especially what we refer to as “bird intelligence.” The Irish red setter should display great intelligence in handling wild birds in their native habitat. THIS is the ultimate expression of what an Irish red setter is about... an intelligent bird dog with the savvy to handle native, wild birds. Everything else that follows is, as they say, “gravy.” That's why our standard lists intelligence in handling wild birds so early in the document.

DF: Aren't you concerned that adoption of a standard by the club will lead to the same sort of undue focus on particular traits, such as is often the case with current breed standards?

AF: That concern has been a topic of the authors as well as that of our Board of Directors. One of the reasons for our desire to discuss the standard in this interview was to express our “philosophy of use” of a breed standard. What we do not want to see is the establishment of “conformation shows” utilizing our standard to judge a dog. Irish red setters should be judged on the prairies of the Dakotas, the grouse woods

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of the north, the quail plantations of the south, and the cornfields of the Midwest. In other words, the criteria for determining the “best of breed” (to borrow a phrase from the bench show fraternity) is in the hunting environment. Under no circumstance would we ever envision a venue in which a bird dog could be judged as “acceptable” or “unacceptable” except in a performance situation. Because the National Red Setter Field Trial Club considers itself as the “guardian of the breed” here in the United States, we would never abuse our sacred commitment to the promotion of our breed by using our standard in a strictly conformational context.

Another point worth mentioning is that we certainly do not expect every owner of an Irish red setter to be in anguish because their “Red Rover” or “Big Red” fails to meet the criteria of our standard in all aspects. A standard is just that... a standard, something to strive for, a lofty goal that may or may not be reached in all facets. I seriously doubt that there is an Irish red setter in the United States that meets all the criteria of our breed standard at 100% compliance! The importance of the standard is that now we have a set of common goals, something that our breeders can use as a framework for future endeavors. Far from being restrictive, it provides a common foundation for our breed that can better help us achieve the lofty goals of the *Purest Challenge*. As always, our goal as an organization is unbending. Our purpose is to produce and promote the Irish red setter as a class horseback shooting dog and field trial competitor. All of our resources and talents must be focused and directed at that goal. To use a breed standard for anything less would be a disservice to all who worked so tirelessly to achieve the quality breed that we have today.

DF: How do you envision this standard being used by your membership?

AF: I think the standard can be used in several ways. First and foremost, breeders should use the standard as a guide for assistance in choosing the ideal dogs for breeding purposes. When breeding dogs, the breeder always wants to breed the best to the best, with the hopes that sire and dam will complement each other and ultimately enhance the overall quality by carrying the best of both sides of the pedigree. So, a breeder can look to the standard for advice on choosing the proper breeding

combinations in his or her breeding program.

Another use might be the person looking for a prospective dog for hunting or trialing. By being familiar with the breed standard, the owner/handler has a better grasp on what one should expect from an Irish red setter, especially in terms of expected performance. The positive thing about using this standard is the focus on performance, which is what bird dog standards should be about.

DF: What do you see as the next step in the progress of the *Purest Challenge* for the NRSFTC?

AF: Well, I have several goals as a member of the Board and as the Futurity Secretary. I would really like to see more Irish red setters involved in All-Age stakes. I think we have some dogs out there that have the potential to perform in that venue, and I hope that they will take the challenge. Ultimately, it is my dream to see a red dog run in the Grand National. It would certainly be an honor to those who have worked so tirelessly over the past 50 years to restore the Irish red setter to its rightful place.

Another goal of mine is to increase the numbers of Futurity nominations, not only in our own Futurity, but also in other various National and/or regional futurities. Several of our members who are breeding young Irish red setters have taken the initiative and are nominating litters to Futurities; I would be very pleased to see that number increase. I am a firm believer in the philosophy that the way to become better is to compete with the best. If our Irish red setters are competing in National Futurities and running all-breed trials across the country, our program will continue to improve the breed.

Most of all, I want to see more Irish red setters in the hands of hunters. For years, the impression of the Irish red setter has been, unfortunately, determined by the bench dogs. That impression has been “unimpressive,” to say the least. But, our club’s dedication to the *Purest Challenge* over the past 50 years has made its mark. Red dogs are now found in hunting and trialing venues throughout the country. When I see our beloved red setters in those places, it makes my heart proud, because we honor the dedication of our past members to the *Purest Challenge*... and that’s what we’re here for, after all... to *Honor that Challenge*. The End

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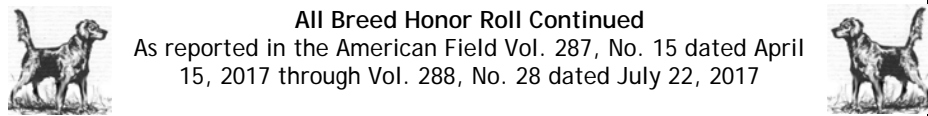


All Breed Honor Roll by Tom Norton

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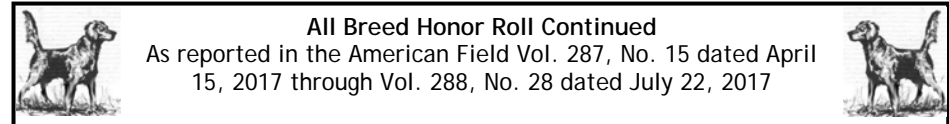
Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Hawkeye Red places 3rd	Jim Giles O/ Jeremy Gulick H	Youtoo	Soldier Creek Sissy	North Missouri Field Trial Association, 1/21/17, NBHA SD	5 P, 4 S, 1 IS
Bellwether places 2 nd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Breakstone	Redstone	Lehigh Valley Pointer & Setter 3/25/17, AD	6 entries
Zansett Simply Red is RU champion	C. Lewis & D. Reinke O/ Tom Waite H	Kevin's Kosmo Kramer	Lucille O'Ryan	NBHA NE Reg. Championship, 4/5/15	11 P, 12 S, 1 IS
From the report: Red ran in the heat of the second day in the fifth brace. Red possesses a fluid ground race and had a stop to flush at 9, a stylish back at 23. After he was watered and sent on, Red grabbed the front and had finds at 37,48 and another stop to flush at 55 just after we crossed the dike and headed back to the breakaway. Sent on under Tom's whistle Red took the south side of the dike and finished to the front at time.					
Iskote Animikee is 3 rd	S. M. Manson O/H	C C Amos O'Liery	Firefly's Tesla	Skyline Brittany Club, 3/11/17, Am Restrict. SD	14 entries
Can You Run places 2 nd	G. M. Howard Jr. O/H	Red Rock	Covered In Red	East Central Illinois Pointer & Setter Club, 3/18 NBHA AP	3 P, 1 S, 1 IS
S C Miss Behaving places 1 st	T Hammons O/Kristine Hammons H	Red Rock	Covered In Red	Elkhorn Bird Dog Club, 2/18/17, NBHA OP	3 P, 3 S, 2 IS
Little More Shine places 3rd	Kristine Hammons O/ H	Red Rock	Coverd In Red	Elkhorn Bird Dog Club, 2/18/17, NBHA OP	3 P, 3 S, 2 IS
Windfall places 2 nd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Redstone	Freeland Kennel Club, 4/22/17, ASD	11 P, 1 S, 2 IS
Restless Red Toolman places 2 nd	Katherine Gove O/ Robert Gove H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Restless Red Cedar	Northwest Field Association, 4/29/17, OSD	18 entries
Restless Red Toolman places 1st	Katherine Gove O/ Robert Gove H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Restless Red Cedar	Northwest Field Association, 4/30/17, OSD	5 P, 9 S



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Roses Are Red places 1 st	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	Buck Tuck Field Trial Club, 2/25/17, ASD	2 P, 1 S, 1 IS
Snowy River's Honest Abe places 1 st	Chase & Mark Verdoorn O	Lincoln Watch That Tail	Franklin's Better Half	German SH Pointer Club of Iowa, 4/13/17 OP	1 IS, 1 Br, 4 GSP, 8 V
Waycross places 2 nd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Justified	Redstone	Indiantown Gap Keystone Classics, 4/7/17, Keystone ASD Classic	10 P, 2 IS
Windfall places 3 rd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Redstone	York Pointer & Setter Club, 4/14/17, ASD	10 P, 1 S, 2 IS
Revenant places 2 nd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	York Pointer & Setter Club, 4/14/17, AD	3 P, 2 IS
Revenant places 1 st	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	Delaware Pointer & Setter Club, 3/26/17, AD	2 P, 2 S, 2 IS
Bellweather places 3 rd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Breakstone	Redstone	Delaware Pointer & Setter 3/26/17, AD	2 P, 2 S, 2 IS
Waycross places 1 st	Roger W. Boser O/H	Justified	Redstone	Delaware Pointer & Setter Club, 3/26/17, ASD	14 entries
Bellweather places 3 rd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Breakstone	Redstone	Sandlapper Field Trial Club, 2/23/17, AD	4 P, 2 IS
Hey Lincoln Watch That Tail places 2 nd	Mark Johnson O/ Mark Smith H	Firefly's Solid Dollar	Firefly's Martina	Central Wisconsin Vizla Club, 4/14/17, O Restrict SD	15 entries
Lily An Craig places 2 nd	D. J. Creagan O/H	Justified	Redstone	English Setter Club of America, 4/28/17, O Restrict SD	8 P, 4 S, 1 IS



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Rendition places 1 st	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	Summerhill Trials, 5/6/17, ASD	23 P, 6 S, 3 IS
Revenant places 3 rd	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	Summerhill Trials, 5/6/17, AD	3 P, 1 S, 2 IS
Roses Are Red places 1 st	Tim Hammons O/H	Time To Rock	Red Rush	East Kentucky Field Trial Club, 3/25/17, ASD	6 entries
Restless Red Bella places 3 rd	Robert Gove O/H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Restless Red Cedar	Northwest Field Association, 5/11/17, OSD	18 entries
Zansett Simply Red places 2 nd	C. Lewis & D. Reinke O/ Tom Waite H	Kevin's Kosmo Kramer	Lucille O'Ryan	Twelve O'Clock Field Trial Club, 4/1/17, NBHA OSD	16 entries
Restless Red Toolman places 2 nd	Katherine Gove O/ Robert Gove H	Silver Creek's Wanted	Restless Red Cedar	Eastern Iowa Shooting Dog Association, 4/22/17, OSD	11 P, 1 S, 2 IS
Conneaut Creek Gone With the Wind places 3 rd	Al Fazenbaker O/H	Cedar Creek Talon	Conneaut Creek Lake Erie Storm	Fairbank Rod & Gun Club, 4/8/17, AD	4 P, 1 S, 1 IS

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High Performance Award as of 7/28/17

Runs Jan 1st to December 31st 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time to Rock	Red Rush	360

Roses are Red seizes the 2017 Duke Award

Rans July 1st 2016 through June 30th 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time To Rock	Red Rush	157
Waycross	M	Roger Boser	Justified	Redstone	24

LeGrande as of 7/28/17

Runs Jan 1st to December 31st 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time to Rock	Red Rush	1090
Waycross	M	Roger Boser	Justified	Redstone	450
Rendition	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	424
Windfall	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Redstone	150
Lily An Creag	F	David Creagan	Justified	Redstone	84

Open Walking Shooting Dog as of 7/28/17

Runs January 1, 2017 through December 31st, 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Zan Zett Simply Red	M	Catherine Lewis & Dean Reinke O Tom Waite H	Kevin's Kosmo Kramer	Lucille O'Ryan	400
Hawkeye Red	M	Jim Giles O Jeremy Gulick H	Youtoo	Soldier Creek Sissy	110
Leonard's Strong Bow	M	Al Fazenbaker	Aiken	Sunset Silk	24
Celtic's Spectacular Bid	M	Paul Ober O Al Fazenbaker H	Come Back Hi Tider	Celtic's Spectacular	12

NRSFTC Derby of the Year

Runs July1st 2016 to June 30th 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Revenant	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	314
Bellwether	F	Roger Bozer	Breakstone	Redstone	232

**Revenant wins NRSFTC 2017 Derby of the Year
Congratulations to Roger Boser O/H**

NRSFTC Puppy of the Year

Runs July1st 2016 to June 30th 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
S.C. Miss Behaving	F	Tim Hammons	Red Rock	Covered in Red	48
Little more Shine	F	Kristine Hammons	Red Rock	Covered in Red	16

**S.C. Miss Behaving wins 2017 Puppy of Year
Congratulations to Tim Hammons O/H**

Red Setter NSTRA Award as of 8/1/17

Runs January 1, 2017 through December 31st, 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points

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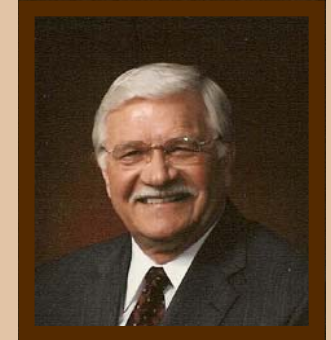
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Run 7-1-17 to 6-30-18.

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Run 7-1-17 to 6-30-18

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