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Four year old Augie, an Irish Red Setter made history in September when he competed in the NAVHDA Invitation and earned his Versatile Championship. Augie is the very FIRST Irish Red Setter to achieve this status and it is a tribute to the quality of dogs we see today. His owner and handler is a delightful young woman who currently lives in Minnesota. Their road to the Championship was not without a few bumps. Read about the shy little dog who literally rose from the ashes to seize a Versatile Championship. Congratulations to club member Amy Gauthier and her wonderful dog, VC Augie

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Hi Everyone,

In this Issue, as part of our educational mission, we included an article on Toxic Blue Algae. The information comes from the CDC Offices in Georgia and we appreciate their sharing it with us here. Several states do have warnings in place at this time because of health related problems with toxic Cyanobacteria. When it reaches a toxic level, blue algae is deadly for animals— especially dogs. Many are reported to die within less than an hours time. Learn about this problem and how to protect yourself and your animals. Better to be safe than sorry.

Tom Norton a recent Board appointee is being introduced in this issue. Tom has worked actively for the NRSFTC since 1978 and we appreciate his willingness to serve in this capacity. Tom also has agreed to take over the Honor Roll and the Walking Shooting Dog Award Secretary position for Christie Young. The Youngs recently announced their retirement from active duty in the NRSFTC. The Honor Roll was at one time, a regular feature of the Whip and then somehow got lost along the way. A few years ago, Christie decided to resurrect this important recognition of All Breed wins. She has worked diligently on it and has done an exemplary job. The Youngs fervently support the Purest Challenge; the All Breed Honor Roll is just another way to honor that challenge. We are grateful that Tom has picked up the torch so that Christie's important mission will continue.

The Board of Directors and Officers are very saddened to accept the resignation of both Ron and Christie Young. They had previously indicated that they would not run for re-election in their offices because of home and personal responsibilities and choices. The timing and circumstances were such that they asked to be allowed to resign sooner. We hope they continue to participate in the club; their time and contribution have been deeply appreciated and they would be sorely missed. Thank you Ron and Christie for your hard work, service, and commitment to the *Purest Challenge in Sportsdom*.

History was made in early September when the very FIRST Irish Red Setter achieved a versatile Championship in NAVHDA. It's quite a story and he's quite a dog. Check it out on page12.

I'm saddened to share with you that former club member and friend of the NRSFTC, Reuel Pietz died on September 3rd. Colonel Pietz was remembered with great love and fondness. He'd been seriously ill for the last six years and his delightful wife Mary has been caring for him. Our deepest sympathy to her, their children and all who loved and knew this gracious man.

Don Beauchamp and the late A.L. Lane have been inducted into the Kansas Heritage Hall of Fame. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Don and Mr. Lane's family!

In this issue we have posted the pictures of the summer winners for the NRSFTC awards. Congratulations to owners, Roger Boser and Allen Fazenbaker. You'll find the dogs on page 18. Some times folks question how the awards system actually works and how the points are determined. In this issue, I have printed out all the awards and their rules and have included the point system for your review. You **MUST** be a member of the NRSFTC to participate in the club awards. If you are a member and your dog has wins, notify the proper award secretary and get in the running!!

The fall trial will be held in Grovespring Missouri from November 6 through 9th. Please mark the date and plan to join us there. Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo put on a great trial— it's always well organized and the food is terrific. It's good company, good dogs and great friends. Hope to see you there.

The new trial season is in progress and I wish all of you well. Put those red dogs on the ground and show everyone what exceptional competitors we really have. Good luck everyone.

(See you in Missouri..... Deb)



From Deb's back porch...

Beware of Toxic Blue Algae Blooms

I joined a bird dog discussion board shortly after taking over as Editor of *The Flushing Whip*. I didn't plan to contribute—but thought it would be a good place to hang around, listen and learn. If you're looking for a story, Discussion Boards are a great place to get started. I say "get started" because sometimes one story leads you to another and what you plan to write about doesn't end up on the paper at all.

Many of the folks on my discussion board are anxiously awaiting the start of bird hunting season. Their guns are cleaned and waiting, their dogs are being worked and conditioned and their dreams are focused on bringing home dinner on opening day. These guys are serious bird hunters. They understand that while the actual "season" begins in early fall, training and conditioning must start well before hand. I'm not talking about the "would-be hunters," who decide on impulse to finally roll off the couch and take their overweight dog hunting. Hunting can be serious business.

A couple of years ago in South Dakota, over 100 dogs died in blistering heat during the opening days of bird hunting season. Most of the deaths were attributed to heat exhaustion; temperatures exceeded 90 degrees! Most of the dogs were retrievers but there were enough pointing dogs to get my attention. But many of the retrievers were dark colored and it certainly compounded the heat. The dogs eagerly followed their instinct to hunt, dependent on responsible owners to monitor their safety and limit excessive exposure to the heat. But something went awry and many dogs didn't survive. Well, I initially planned to put together an article about the proper care and conditioning of your hunting partner. But the discussion (and my article) took an unexpected turn when I read that at least some of the dogs may have died after exposure to blue algae.

Although blue algae blooms (Cyanobacteria) can occur at any time, they are most frequently a problem in late summer and early fall, coinciding with the season for upland game hunting. But waters tainted by Cyanobacteria can threaten both animals and humans, causing serious illness or death. This isn't just a local problem in one particular region or community. Cyanobacteria have been linked to human and animal illnesses around the world, including (but not limited to)

North and South America, Africa, Australia, Europe, Scandinavia, and China.

It may surprise you then to hear that cyanobacteria have been a very important part of our very existence. In the way of some history, Cyanobacteria are one of the largest and most important groups of bacteria on earth. Cyanobacteria are bacteria that grow in water and are photosynthetic (use sunlight to create food and support life). Cyanobacteria live in terrestrial, fresh, brackish, or marine water. They usually are too small to be seen, but sometimes can form visible colonies. Cyanobacteria have been found among the oldest fossils on earth, more than 3.5 billion years old and are one of the largest groups of bacteria.

Many Proterozoic oil deposits are attributed to the activity of cyanobacteria. In fact, the August 25th 2008 publication of Science Daily said that Cyanobacteria could become a more popular bio-fuel than corn or sugarcane. Cyanobacteria are also important providers of nitrogen fertilizer in the cultivation of rice and beans. The cyanobacteria have also been tremendously important in shaping the course of evolution and ecological change throughout earth's history. The oxygen atmosphere that we depend on was generated by numerous cyanobacteria during the Archaean and Proterozoic Eras. Before that time, the atmosphere had a very different chemistry, unsuitable for life as we know it today.

Another great contribution of the cyanobacteria is the origin of plants. The chloroplast with which plants make food for themselves is actually a cyanobacterium living within the plant's cells. Speaking of foods, cyanobacteria have even been used as a health food supplement. That's hard to imagine considering that toxic forms of cyanobacteria can cause illness or death. It makes you wonder what causes the cyanobacteria to change from a beneficial bacteria to the harmful toxic bloom?

Harmful Cyanobacterial blooms (CyanoHABs) occur when algae that are normally present begin to grow exuberantly. Within a few days, a bloom can cause clear water to become cloudy. The blooms usually float to the surface and can be many inches thick, especially near the shoreline. Cyanobacterial blooms can form in warm, slow-moving waters that are rich in nutrients such as fertilizer runoff or septic tank overflows. As I said earlier, blooms can

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occur at any time, but most often occur in late summer or early fall. Some cyanobacterial blooms can look like foam, scum, or mats on the surface of fresh water lakes and ponds. The blooms can be blue, bright green, brown, or red and may look like paint floating on the water. Some blooms may not affect the appearance of the water. As algae in a cyanobacterial bloom die, the water may smell bad. CyanoHABs threaten people, animals, or the environment. They are dangerous for several reasons:

- ⊗ Dense CyanoHABs can block sunlight and use up all the oxygen in the water, killing other plants and animals.
- ⊗ Some cyanobacteria that can form CyanoHABs produce toxins that are among the most powerful natural poisons known. These toxins have no known antidotes.
- ⊗ CyanoHABs can make people, their pets, and other animals sick. Often, the first sign that an HAB exists is a sick dog that has been swimming in an algae-filled pond. Children are at higher risk than adults for illness from CyanoHABs because they weigh less and can get a relatively larger dose of toxin.

Cyanobacteria can occur in marine, estuarine, and fresh waters, but the blooms of greatest concern are the ones that occur in fresh water, such as drinking water reservoirs or recreational waters. Certain species of cyanobacteria can form CyanoHabs in fresh water: *Microcystis aeruginosa*, *Anabaena circinalis*, *Anabaena flos-aquae*, *Aphanizomenon flos-aquae* and *Cylindrospermopsis raciborskii*.

Cyanotoxins formed by the toxic blooms are a diverse group of chemical substances that are categorized by the specific toxic effect it causes on living beings. These toxins attack the nervous system, the liver, the gastrointestinal tract and the kidneys. Some of them contain chemicals which enhance and promote tumor growth. Unfortunately, Cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms can kill your dog or livestock very rapidly. Wildlife Officers in the west have found entire herds of sheep that died right in poisoned water where they had apparently begun drinking. Death was so rapid that the animals never even had time to walk away.

In April 2000, an angler's dog died at the Mataura River in New Zealand. The dog was observed by a Fish and Game officer to eat some periphyton at

the water edge. The dog followed the officer a short distance downstream before turning back to return to its owner's whistle but the dog died before reaching him. Samples were collected from the river substratum where the dog was seen to eat periphyton. After extensive testing to rule out all other causes, it was determined the dog died from toxins as result of a CyanoHAB. There are cases documented from Scotland, Ireland, and Australia, where multiple bodies of dead dogs were found near to or within the water source which contained CyanoHABs. The CDC claims it is a serious health threat in the United States too. Here is a photo of a toxic bloom reported in Minnesota.



Would it be possible for you or your dog to be exposed to CyanoHABs and cyanotoxins? Absolutely!

- Drinking water that comes from a lake or reservoir with a CyanoHAB.
- Drinking untreated water.
- Engaging in recreational activities in waters with CyanoHABs.
- Inhaling aerosols from water-related activities such as jet-skiing or boating.
- Inhaling aerosols when watering lawns, irrigating golf-courses, etc. with pond water.
- Using cyanobacteria-based dietary supplements that are contaminated with microcystins.

Just getting the toxic water on your skin may cause rash, hives, or even skin blisters. This is especially on the lips and under swimsuits.

Inhaling water droplets from irrigation or water-

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related recreational activities can cause runny eyes and nose, a sore throat, or asthma-like symptoms, or allergic reactions.

Swallowing water that has cyanobacterial toxins in it can cause acute, severe gastroenteritis including diarrhea and vomiting. Symptoms of liver poisoning may take hours or days to show up in people or animals. Symptoms include abdominal pain, diarrhea, and vomiting. Toxic kidney reactions show over time. The most serious concerns are those which involve Neurotoxicity. These symptoms can appear within 15 to 20 minutes after exposure. In dogs, the neurotoxins can cause salivation and other neurological symptoms, including weakness, staggering, difficulty breathing, convulsions, and death.

So, what is the best way to protect your dog (and yourself) from CyanoHABs?

- First and foremost, always carry your own water supply. Water your dog frequently while you are working with him so that he doesn't feel the need to search for water and cool off there.
- Know your location and look it over before you work there. Don't train in an area where the water is covered with foam, scum, or algae mats. Stay with your dog so you know where it's been and what it's been exposed to.
- Don't ever let your dogs, horses or other livestock swim in or drink from areas where the water is discolored or where you see foam, scum, or mats of algae on the water.
- If pets (especially dogs) do get into scummy water, rinse them off immediately—do not let them lick the algae (and toxins) off their fur.
- Get medical treatment right away if you think you, your dog, or your livestock might have been poisoned by cyanobacterial toxins. Likewise, remove people from exposure and get them to medical supportive care as soon as possible.
- Remember, never swim, water ski, or boat in areas where the water is discolored or where you see foam, scum, or mats of algae on the water.
- If you do swim in water that might have a CyanoHAB, rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible.
- Don't irrigate lawns or golf courses with stagnant pond water that looks scummy or

smells bad.

- Report any "musty" smell or taste in your drinking water to your local water utility.
- Respect any water-body closures announced by local public health authorities.

You've heard the expression that a dog is man's best friend. Protect that friendship. Take care of your hunting partner and avoid any exposure to toxic blue algae blooms. Be alert and cautious at all times. Better to be safe than sorry.

We thank the CDC for providing the information contained in this article.

Please remember our dear friends:

Mary Pietz, lost her husband Reuel in early September. Please send cards to:

Mary Pietz
3016 Dunbar Road
Saint Cloud, Minnesota 56301

Carolyn Harris has been hospitalized with cancer involving her spine and other areas. She has had to have multiple surgeries to stabilize her spine and is in process of both radiation and chemotherapy. She and her husband Jim would appreciate your good thoughts and prayers.

Please take a moment and send a card to:

Carolyn Harris
12150 W Albain Road
Petersburg, Michigan 49270

Mrs. Lane, wife of A.L. Lane passed away just a few days before her late husband was scheduled to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Their children (Richard and Bob Lane and Cathryn Foxworthy) are members of the NRSFTC and would appreciate your notes of sympathy!

Please send the cards to Cathryn and she will share them with her brothers:

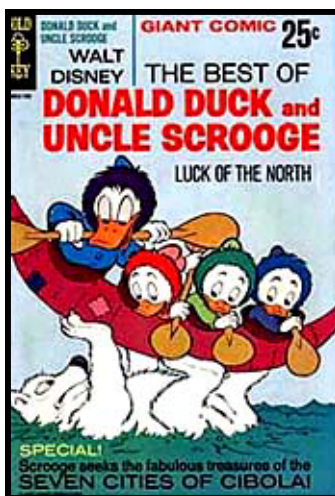
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Tom Norton Takes his place as a member of the Board of Directors

I called Tom Norton a few weeks ago to interview him as a new Board Member for the NRSFTC. When I asked Tom how long he and Sue had been members of the club, he initially said it was probably since around 1975. We continued talking on the phone but, unbeknownst to me, Tom sat down and began sorting through his desk. A few minutes later he found what he was looking for and brought the conversation back to his membership in the club.

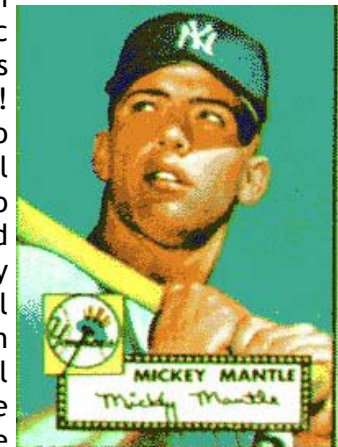
“Well, I guess we’ve been members since at least 1978 because I just found a membership card with June Eilers’ signature on it.”

I had to laugh. We have some old time members but I doubt that many still have their NRSFTC membership card from back when they joined some thirty years ago! I don’t believe the club even sends out “cards” when folks join our ranks these days. When I later joked with Sue about how Tom pulled out that card so quickly she said she wasn’t surprised at all. According to her, Tom has always been a collector: a place for everything... and everything in its place.



and clean things up according to her own standard. On some of those occasions some of Tom’s precious comic collection ended up in the trash. You can imagine how furious it would make someone who planned to save them forever! Tom immediately recognized which

comics were missing and what stories they contained! It’s been nearly half a century and he still remembers. He learned to organize his collectables to keep them in safe. When Sue agreed to marry Tom in 1965, his comic book collection was part of the deal! Incidentally, Tom also collected baseball cards and managed to keep them organized in a special box. They were an exceptional collection that even included an original signed Mickey Mantle card. Well, sometime



during his high school years, the baseball cards disappeared too. Tom was certain they were lost forever. Then, many years later, he got a call from his sister who was going through their parents’ home after they died. To Tom’s great surprise she told him that she’d found his baseball card collection and it was safe and sound! Tom was thrilled to get it all back in good condition. Tom put it away safely under lock and key. It will be a something very precious to pass on to their daughter, Sonya.

Tom’s organized and meticulous lifestyle is no surprise. Tom spent thirty years teaching physics and Engineering courses at Fort Lewis College. Although he retired about five years ago, he occasionally goes back and fills in for while his friends and colleagues take time off. One is going on sabbatical this coming semester and Tom will help out once again. He’s glad to have the chance to keep his foot in the door— he sometimes misses the old routine!

Tom and Sue celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on September 3rd of this year. They have one daughter, Sonya who lives in Boise Idaho. Sonya followed in her dad’s steps. She began studying biology at college but her educational plans took an unexpected turn when she tried out an Engineering Course. She was hooked. Sonya currently works as an Engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation. Like her parents, Sonya is a red dog lover all the

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way. She has a red setter that Tom and Sue gave her—Keelee of the Snows. All of the Norton dogs are registered with names that include “of the snows.” You can imagine that in Durango Colorado, they do indeed see their share of snow! It’s perfect for Tom and Sonya who love to cross country ski together.

The Nortons love to camp and currently own a little air-stream camper. In the early years of their marriage they tent camped and traveled all over the United States and Canada. Tom still enjoys the out of doors; he backpacks, mountain climbs, rappels and skis. The Nortons like to travel to either visit their daughter in Boise or to meet her when she’s on the job. Sometimes she is in a particular area doing a dam inspection and they meet and camp together. Everyone goes along— even the dogs.

The current household dogs are Maura of the Snows (age 9), Cassidhe of the Snows (age 6) and Berken of the Snows. Those who attended the spring Trial last march may remember Berken; he was a puppy that Mike Jacobson offered for auction. Tom won the puppy in spite of Sue’s surprise at the purchase. But everyone adjusted well. It only took about 3 minutes for Berken to steal Sue’s heart and claim her as his very own. He’s eight months old now and there is absolutely no doubt that he belongs to Sue.

The NRSFTC is delighted that Tom agreed to help us out on the Board of Directors. Tom has a good eye for dogs and is committed to the Purest Challenge. He recently agreed to take over writing the All-Breed Honor Roll and the Awards Secretary duties for the Walking Shooting dog Award. Looks like he jumped in, eager and ready to help! Tom has found his place with the Board—and we are delighted to have the Nortons with us— NRSFTC Members for over 30 years!

It’s pretty much a given... whenever you see Tom or Sue they probably will have a dog in their arms!





At their wedding September 3rd, 1965



The Nortons: Tom, daughter Sonya and wife Sue



Sonya and Tom enjoy day for cross country skiing



Tom and crew are watching TV



Always ready for adventure

Dynamic Duo makes History Red Setter earns NAVHDA VC

For as long as she can remember, Amy Gauthier has enjoyed the great outdoors: Fishing, hunting, hiking, camping— she does it all! Amy graduated from Michigan State with a Fisheries and Wildlife degree. After graduation she began working as a Wetland Scientist in Illinois. Later, when she moved to Kansas, she worked at the Humane Society and then as a Vet technician in an emergency clinic. Amy currently serves as a Quality Control technician for Intervet Schering Plough Animal Health which makes various farm and pet vaccines.

Luckily, she fell in love with a guy who shared her love and enthusiasm for the great outdoors. When they first got married Amy was with the Humane Society and Jerry had just completed his education as a Lutheran Minister. Amy adopted a couple dogs: an English Setter and an Australian Cattle Dog. Her husband Jerry took it well—but decided that since she brought the dogs home, he would name them. In good Lutheran tradition, Jerry named the English Setter after Martin Luther (Marty) and the Australian Cattle dog after Martin's wife, Katharine (Katie.) The Gauthiers enjoyed hunting and Amy began working with Marty. He turned out to be an excellent hunting companion. Amy really enjoyed his "setter" personality and began thinking about getting her own Irish Red Setter. She'd hunt over that dog and Jerry could hunt over Marty. When her husband accepted an assignment at a Lutheran Church in Sioux Valley, Minnesota, they discovered it was a hunter's paradise; there were pheasants everywhere. Amy's began looking for an Irish Red Setter in earnest.

She found a breeder who had a pup to sell. The pup was six months old and by that time seemed very shy; he obviously was in serious need of socialization. But he did have a great nose and seemed eager to please. Amy recognized his potential and purchased the dog. Jerry decided to name him after Saint Augustine with a call name of Augie.

Augie Doggie thrived in his new home and began to relax and open up with his new family. Amy wanted to get him some experience on wild pheasants. She wasn't sure how much run he'd

have so she attached a check cord to his collar. They were really just getting to know each other at that time. When she released the dog, he took off like a rocket. Before Amy could grab the cord or catch up, he ran out of sight and disappeared. Amy was frantic. For over four hours she walked the fields but never could locate her dog. She tried all the tricks to help him find his way— left her coat there, put his blanket down, and checked back daily. But there was no sign of the dog.

Amy was just beside herself. What if Augie caught the check cord on a root or branch and was tied someplace and trapped there without food, water or protection? Because Augie was terribly shy, Amy worried that he'd run further away if confronted by someone he didn't know. And worst of all, the area where the dog disappeared had a large coyote population. Amy had posters up everywhere but no one found the dog. A week passed with no news.

Then things went from bad to worse. The dog had been missing for 12 days. Minnesota burns off all local game lands to control weeds and encourage native habitats; the state game lands where Augie disappeared were burned off. Amy pretty well decided that her sweet Augie Doggie was dead! She stopped looking and tried to accept the harsh reality.

But then the phone rang. One of the parishioners from Jerry's church lives along the edge of those State Game Lands. He was looking across at the charred grounds and caught a quick glimpse of what might have been a small reddish dog running across the field. Amy jumped in her car and tore out there. When she got there she couldn't see the dog anywhere. Amy walked out onto the blackened fields and screamed out his name. Within seconds the little pup came leaping over a hilltop and jumped up into her arms. Like a Phoenix, he'd risen from the ashes. Amy took him to the local vet clinic who, after close examination, pronounced him AOK. With great relief she took her dog home. Before she took Augie out on another training adventure, Amy purchased an e-collar and a Tracker Unit.

Amy wanted to train the dog correctly and began looking for a NAVHDA (North American Hunting Dog Association) Chapter near her home. She finally connected with the Midwest Tri State NAVHDA Chapter which was an hour from her home. They connected her with some local folks who were eager to start a local training group. Joe Raia, a

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Senior Judge with NAVHDA lives in nearby Windom. He was very knowledgeable about dog-training and a great help. Joe had a couple other folks who also wanted to train. Dustan Galer had a GSP he hoped to test in NAVHDA. Gene Peterson had a GSP and then Amy had an Irish Red Setter. The four of them decided to start meeting weekly to train their dogs.

Amy and her training partners stepped up their efforts and began working harder because they wanted to try to the NAVHDA Utility Test. The **Utility Test** evaluates trained dogs in water and field, before and after the shot, as finished versatile hunting companions as well as many other specific tasks. Prizes are awarded based on the dog's numerical scores achieved. Each dog that meets or exceeds minimum standards in all areas of work is placed in one of three categories: Prize I, II or III. Prize I being the highest classification.

Amy trained hard with her comrades. They all signed up to take the Utility Test but Amy really didn't know what to expect. She spent the day going through the paces with her dog. The shy little dog who rose from the ashes, didn't seem reticent anymore. He'd blossomed under Amy's love and care and was devoted to her in every way. Augie eagerly did whatever Amy asked and the judges were impressed! Augie was an exceptional great hunting companion!

At the end of the test day, the judges met with all the handlers and discussed the dogs' performances in detail. Some dogs "prized" while others just didn't make the grade. But when it came to Augie, the small Irish Red Setter, the judges were glowing with praise. The dog's final score said it all: 195 UT Prize 1! Only dogs who achieve a UT Prize 1 are eligible to advance to the supreme test level— the Invitational. Amy had thought the testing and training were behind them. But Augie suddenly had a NEW challenge— compete in The NAVHDA "Invitational." There would be no Prize I, II, or III. It's purely Pass or Fail. Sink or Swim. Fish or Cut Bait! And If Augie passed, he would be the **FIRST Irish Red Setter** to be named as a Versatile Champion. Only 1 other dog ever before had achieved a Prize 1 Utility test; Chris Hall's Irish Red Setter, Ryland scored a prize 1 UT in 2006 but unfortunately was not able to achieve the versatile championship at the

Invitational. Now it would be up to Amy and Augie!

In most NAVHDA tests, the dog competes against a standard— not another dog. For that reason, dogs are run alone. The only exception to this is the Invitational Test, in which dogs are braced in the field so each dog can demonstrate his willingness to back and work effectively with another dog. Amy had worked on backing with Augie as part of their training component. They began with a silhouette and then worked used the various dogs at the training sessions to make the experience more "real." It worked well in training but you never know how things will go during the test.

Over 100 Invitational candidates were broken down into smaller groups, Six judges were assigned to critique Augie and eleven other dogs: Roland Drew, Bob West, Frank Spaeth, Mark Picard, Chip Bonde, Ray Dyer Jr., Tracey Nelson, Peter Wade and Tim Clark. After the opening ceremony, each handler took their dog to the appropriate station where the judges were waiting.

Augie worked well in the field, quartering back and forth in front of Amy. He pointed well several times and was steady to wing and shot. He was cooperative and retrieved the birds directly to Amy's hand. Augie raced around a bend and saw a large German Wirehair on point. He slammed to a stop and honored it with meticulous manners.

Augie also had to demonstrate steadiness at the blind. As he patiently waited beside the water, a non test dog was placed about 10 feet to the side of him. Augie had to wait while that dog was allowed to retrieve the duck. With Championship behavior, he honored well.

Augie also had to do a retrieve of a shackled duck. (This is a duck that has one wing restrained so that he can't take off and fly away.) The shackled ducks are launched across a pond from about 70 feet away. They land in the water and are able to swim and hide— making the retrieve a bit more challenging. Augie rose to that challenge; he marked the retrieve, swam out and brought the bird back to his mistress's hand.

Swimming for the duck search was a bit more difficult because the lily pads were quite thick and it took some negotiating on the dog's part. The bird swam up through some cat tails but Augie was in close pursuit. Amy couldn't always see the dog but judges perched at a higher level watched him perform. When they saw that he had the duck they

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told Amy to call him in for the retrieve.

No matter what obstacle the judges threw in front of him, Augie rose to the challenge and found a way to “git er done!” As the day progressed and the pair moved station to station, they began to have quite a contingent of supporters. Amy’s training group all came along to watch as did Mike Jacobson, Board Member of the NRSFTC.

Finally, at the end of the day, the judges gathered the handlers together to tell them “the score!” One by one they meticulously reviewed each dog, explaining how they were evaluated throughout each station. The tension mounted as the scores were read; some dogs passed and others just didn’t make the grade.

Amy felt pretty much at peace though. She just felt that, regardless of the outcome, Augie had done everything that she requested— and then some! When they finally began the critique of her dog, she was thrilled and amazed that the judges felt the same!

Some folks don’t appreciate what great “water dogs” Irish setters actually are but Augie scored PERFECTLY in all four aspects of water work. This is pretty exceptional considering that up until 2 years ago he’d never even stepped in water; now he swam like a fish! And it wasn’t just swimming! Augie did a tremendous job everywhere he went. With a total of 200 points possible, Augie scored 191 and in doing so became the very **FIRST Irish Red Setter to achieve the title Versatile Champion**. Amy had tears of joy and was shaking as her friends and training partners took turns embracing her, pounding her on the back and cheering her success. She and her “Irish” had accomplished what many had said was impossible. It hasn’t always been easy for “the Irish.” My great grandmother always told me about signs posted in windows for immigrants in need of work: “*Irish need NOT apply!*” I remember when Allen and I took Finn, my WORKING Irish Setter, to his first NAVHDA meeting. The club members said we should have gotten a “real” dog who could someday pass the NAVHDA Utility Test. A couple years later I tested him at Mingo Junction. Finn managed to score a Prize 2 and became the first working Irish to pass the Utility Test. Chris Hall and his dog Ryland took the challenge further when Ryland became the first to achieve a Prize 1 UT. And now, Augie broke through all barriers and ran away with the gold!

The entire adventure was a learning experience

for Amy and her Champion. After the win when she reflected back on it all, Amy was amazed by everything Augie had learned. When she first began training, she doubted she could ever help Augie master the skills necessary to succeed. One of the parts she found most difficult was trying to gauge how much pressure was “enough.” Amy wanted to move her dog in the right direction BUT still keep him eager and willing to cooperate? In the end, she apparently found a perfect balance— because Augie was more than willing to serve her. What a dynamic duo!

Our NRSFTC founding fathers worked hard to restore the Irish Red Setter as an effective gunning companion and first class field trial competitor. Herm David coined the expression, *The Purest Challenge in Sportsdom*. *The Purest Challenge* is an opportunity to push our expectations and the envelope to the limit. Like an extreme sport, we’ve achieved some remarkable field trial dogs who can run like the wind. We’ve ALSO achieved some incredible hunting dogs— and Augie is certainly a great indication of our success.

There aren’t nearly as many people who still participate in field trial competition as there were 50 years ago. Most folks wanting a Red Setter are generally just looking for a “good huntin’ dawg.” The thing is, in order to get high quality hunters, we MUST shoot higher and breed for exceptional field trial performers. To aim for less merely produces mediocrity, which, over time would again cause the downfall of the breed. Remember, most of the members of the “Purest Challenge team” were hunters themselves. They bred to produce great field trial competitors first, but knew in the process that they’d get the best hunting dogs in the country. Red Setter owners today have certainly reaped the benefit of their wisdom and it’s a lesson we must never ever forget! Augie’s success highlights just one more arena where the today’s Irish Red Setter EXCELS! The incredible dogs who grace our fields are directly related to the efforts of Ned LeGrande and his restoration team. So, as we celebrate Augie’s success, let us also remember a gentleman who truly made a difference. Thank you Ned! We are forever in your debt. The NRSFTC extends heartiest congratulations to Amy Gauthier and her marvelous hunting companion, V.C. Augie.

CONGRATULATIONS !!



Amy and her friends trained together for over a year and ended up competing in the NAVHDA Invitational



The Gauthier dogs (Augie and Marty) love to hunt— that's part of training too. Amy's husband and his dad didn't mind a bit!

Making new friends... and spending time preparing for The NAVHDA Invitational



Yard work is an important component of the training too



Bird work, field work, steadiness, WHOA



Augie spent lots of time in the water; here, he retrieves a duck

The NAVHDA Invitational
Opening ceremonies, August 29, 2008...the big day!



Amy and training mate Dustan Galer with their Prize 1 dogs
It takes a Prize 1 UT to qualify for the NAVHDA Invitational

...the making of a Versatile Champion



Amy and Augie prepare to walk through a heeling course



After completing each section,
Amy and Augie continue on to the
next challenge... how will they do?

They made it!!!
Final Score: 191 points
Augie makes history
as the FIRST
Irish Red Setter
to earn the title:
Versatile Champion !
Congratulations to
Amy Gauthier and her
V.C. Augie

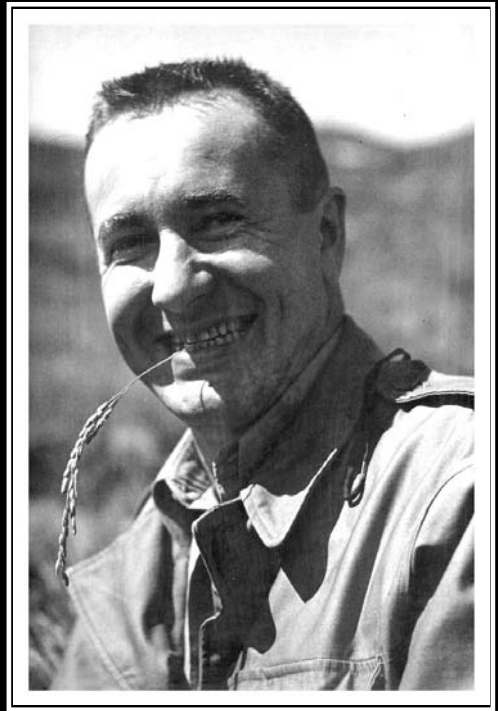


REUEL H. PIETZ

1921–2008

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club is deeply saddened to learn of the death of one of its former members, Colonel Reuel Pietz. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, September 7th, 2008 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud Minnesota. Friends gathered at the funeral home prior to the service; Reverend Dee Pederson officiated. Inurnment was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

Reuel was born June 19, 1921, to Henry Gustav and Martha Minnie (Kobs) Pietz in Westbrook, Minnesota. He served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He was a Fighter Pilot, Pacific Theater; Operational Flight Instructor, Florida; Wing Legal Officer, China; Aide-de-Camp, Guam and California; Staff, Air Fleet Marine Force Lant, North Carolina; Photo Reconnaissance Pilot, Korea; Staff, Fleet Marine Force Pac, Hawaii; Executive Officer, Aircraft Engineering Squadron-12, Virginia; Staff, 3rd Marine Air Wing, California; Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Japan, Philippines and Thailand; Commanding Officer, Headquarters Squadron 2nd Marine Air Wing, North Carolina. His military schools included Naval Flight, Amphibious Warfare, Legal, Air Controller, Management, Atomic Weapons, Chemical Warfare and Special Weapons. He held memberships in the Marine Corps League, Marine Corps Aviation Association, VFW Post 428, and American Legion Post 0076. Reuel was honorably discharged as Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years; he received many decorations, including two distinguished Flying Crosses and ten Air Medals.



Reuel's civilian schools included Gustavus Adolphus College (BA), East Carolina University (MA), University of Hawaii, Chapman College, McGill University, George Washington University and University of Minnesota. He was a Professor of Geography at St. Cloud State University for 27 years and became a Professor Emeritus in 1991. He was a member of Minnesota Geographers (past president), Pierce County Geographical Society (past director), Association of American Geographers, and National Council for Geographic Education.

Reuel married Mary A.J. (Dierks) on February 8, 1945 in Jacksonville, Florida. They had two children, Eric Henry and Pamela Jo, and celebrated 63 years of marriage. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud Country Club, Minnesota Grouse Dog Association (past director), Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society (past director), Ruffed Grouse Society, Northern State Field Trial Club, and Northwest Field Trial Club. His honors include the "Reuel Henry Pietz Derby Classic" stake in the Minnesota Grouse Championship, and a listing in the 12th and 13th editions of "Who's Who in the Midwest" and the MCAA Chonolog.

Reuel was accomplished in many fields of endeavor; he led by example—as an aviator, Marine, teacher, geographer, father (who's advice was to be a good listener), and friend. He was an avid reader, loved to teach, and to spend time on the prairies and at field trials with his bird dogs and Tennessee Walking horses. He was beloved by his family and many friends, and will be remembered for his songs, wisdom, and sense of humor.

Surviving him are his wife, Mary; and children, Eric (Kathy) and Pam. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Arles.



GOOD TIMES
GOOD DOGS
GOOD FRIENDS

Colonel Pietz smiles
with satisfaction as
Col. Ed Schnettler holds
Saturday Night Zeke
after having just won a
Championship

REST IN PEACE REUEL
GONE BUT NOT
FORGOTTEN

Roger Berg of IronFire Kennels contacted The Flushing Whip to notify them of Colonel Pietz's death. He said, *"His contribution to field trialing was phenomenal, but more than that, Reuel and Mary have been close personal friends. This is a very difficult loss for me.."*

Frank Lanasa is currently president of the Minnesota Federation of Field Trial clubs and of Region 19. Frank has won National Championships on the National Amateur Prairie All Age, National Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog, National Amateur Grouse and Region 19 Amateur All Age and Shooting Dog. His words best describe Reuel Pietz.

"When I just started playing this game, Reuel, with his big personality and gentle spirit seemed to almost legitimize field trialing as a worthy hobby. He had a huge influence on my attitude around field trials in general and bird dogs in particular. I truly miss not seeing him in his Suburban at the trials. It's a very sad day!"

Bob and Katherine Gove were members of the NRSFTC from way back. They have maintained a close friendship with the Pietz family and are deeply saddened by the loss. Katharine wrote:

"Reuel has supported Grouse Trials, Northwest Field Association, The Ruffed Grouse Society, The Prairie Chicken Society. You name it when it came to supporting bird dogs and upland game bird habitat he has been there. On top of that he was a genuinely unique character that I have been honored to know and love. I can not do justice in describing this great man!"

Smokie Hiles said: *"Reuel was a brilliant learned man and delightful personality. He was very concerned about field trialing and devoted himself to trying to find and save lands for that use. He put a lot of research and work into it! I'm sorry for the loss!"*



Piccadilly Wins the Duke Award.



Duke Runner up is Breakstone.

2007 Summer NRSFTC Award Winners

*Congratulations to
Roger Boser....*

*Boser dogs dominated the summer
NRSFTC awards. Dr. Boser was the
owner handler of Piccadilly,
Breakstone, and Jericho.*

*Congratulations to
Al Fazenbaker*

Owner/handler of Roger Ramjet



*Jericho (above)
is winner of the 2007 NRSFTC
Derby of the Year Award*



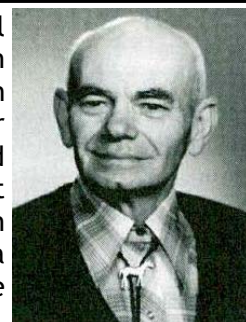
*Flushing Whips
Roger Ramjet (left)
is winner of the 2007 NRSFTC
Puppy of the Year Award*



Don Beauchamp and the late A.L. Lane Each Inducted into the Kansas Heritage Hall of Fame



When the Kansas Pointing Dog Association announced the Inaugural Inductees in the Kansas Heritage Hall of Fame, the NRSFTC had reason to be proud. Two of the Inductees were members of the NRSFTC. Don Beauchamp currently serves as President of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. Mr. A.L. Lane is no longer living but he was an avid red setter fan and long standing member of the NRSFTC. He actually “went red” prior to Don Beauchamp and thoroughly enjoyed the breed. Don eventually began running red dogs too and he and Mr. Lane developed a fond friendship. In 1976 they worked together to help co-found the Kansas Red Setter Club



Mr. Lane made a great contribution to Kansas Field trialers by working hard to secure game lands designated for Field Trail use. To this day, Kansas remains as one of the few states that still can use State lands— thanks to A.L. Lane. Mr. Lane was very active in the Wichita Bird Dog Club and he loved the red setters! He loved running behind the red dogs and working for the *Purest Challenge in Sportsdom!*

Don is a well known Judge throughout Kansas and has been the Director of Region 17 for over 21 years. He serves as a Director on the National Bird Dog Foundation and Museum and is a tireless worker for the red setter, field trials, and bird dogs. He is well deserving of this honor. You may recall that Don and his famed dog, Buddwing were both inducted into the Kansas Field Trial Hall of Fame the summer of 2007.

This is a new club that has just been formed this year. The induction ceremonies took place on Saturday, August 23, 2008 in Andover, KS. It was sad that Mr. Lane did not live to receive this recognition in person but his children, Richard, Bob and Cathryn (and their spouse) were present to accept the honor in his name. They knew all too well how much field trialing meant to their father. In fact, it was Cathryn who nominated her dad for this honor. Our President, Don Beauchamp, his wife Linda and their families were all present for the induction too. It was a proud day for these gentlemen— and certainly for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.

On behalf of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, we extend congratulations to Don Beauchamp and his family and to the children and grandchildren of A.L. Lane. You have made significant contributions to field trialing and we are very grateful and proud of your efforts! Thank you!

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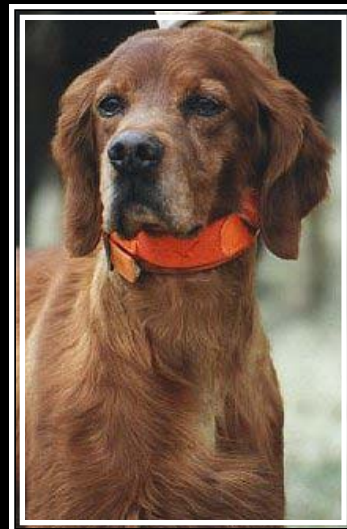
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Rules and Points for Attaining NRSFTC Awards

Duke Award

Runs July. 1 through June. 30th each year

Rules

Points will be awarded for placements in the following stakes: Top Shooting Dog Award (published in the *American Field* in August each year.) National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational (listed by eligible clubs in their individual trial ads.)

Points will be awarded for trials beginning in the fall (after July 1st.) through the following spring (June 30th.).

Qualifying wins to be reported by the owner to the recording secretary within - thirty (30) days. It is the owner's responsibility to report those wins. The secretary will verify the wins through publication in the *American Field*.

The Duke Trophy can only be won by a dog owned by a member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club in both calendar years of the award period. (Member calendar year 2008 for fall 2008, member calendar year 2009 for spring 2009)

Don Beauchamp, the award secretary will report the top dogs in *The Flushing Whip*.

Scoring is as follows:

Classics, 1 Hour stakes, and Championships with Title Withheld	Championships
1st receives 3 times number of entries	Champion receives 5 times number of entries
2nd receives 2 times number of entries	Runner Up receives 3 times number of entries
3rd receives 1 times number of entries	

This year Purina is again sponsoring the Top Shooting Dog Award events that will be qualifying trials in addition to the designated points trials for the Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational. Check the back cover of The American Field of July 29th, 2006 for a list of Purina Events which can apply to this year's Duke Award. Open Shooting Dog points trials and Amateur Points trials count toward this award.

High Performance Award

Runs Jan. 1 through Dec. 31st each year

Rules

Wins counting toward the annual rotating or traveling trophy will be compiled from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st.

All wins must be recorded from F.D.S.B. recognized trials and reported in *The American Field*.

Wins must be reported to the award secretary within 30 days after the trial. It is the owners responsibility to report wins.

Owners must be a member in good standing of the NRSFTC

All wins will be validated by the award secretary from the report of the trial in *The American Field*, which represents the final authority.

Only F.D.S.B recognized All-Age wins will count. No restricted breed, gundog, Irish Setter only or member's stake will count.

Only All-Breed competition will be considered.

Don Beauchamp, the award secretary will report the top dogs in *The Flushing Whip*.

Stakes with heats less than 1 hour		Stakes with heats of 1 hour or more	
1st	10 times number of entries	1st	30 times number of entries
2nd	7 times number of entries	2nd	21 times number of entries
3rd	4 times number of entries	3rd	12 times number of entries
		CH	50 times number of entries
		RU	30 times number of entries

Le Grande Award

Runs Jan. 1 through Dec. 31st each year

Wins counting toward the annual award will be compiled from January 1 to December 31st each year.

All wins must be awarded in F.D.S.B. recognized Field trials and reported in *The American Field*.

Wins must be reported to the Award Secretary within 30 days of their trial date

It is the owners responsibility to report the win.

The secretary will verify the wins through publication in the *American Field*. Their records are final authority.

Only F.D.S.B. recognized shooting dog or all age wins will count. No restricted breed win will count. No gun dog stake win will count. No Irish setter only win will count. No Derby stake win will count. No Puppy stake win will count

Don Beauchamp, the award secretary will report the top dogs in *The Flushing Whip*

Stakes with heats of less than 1 hour		Stakes with heats of 1 hour or more	
1st	10 times number of entries	1st	30 times number of entries
2nd	7 times number of entries	2nd	21 times number of entries
3rd	4 times number of entries	3rd	12 times number of entries
		CH	50 times number of entries
		RU	30 times number of entries

Send all Duke, LeGrande or Hi-Performance win reports within 30 days Don Beauchamp, Awards Secretary; Please include a completed reporting form which is usually available in your *Flushing Whip*.

Don Beauchamp, 1401 South 359th St. W., Cheney Kansas 67025

Home Phone (316) 542-0103 Office Phone (316) 262-1841 E-Mail: lsbeauchamp2@aol.com

Walking Shooting Dog Award

Runs Jan. 1 through Dec. 31st each year

Wins counting toward the annual rotating trophy (cannot be retired) will be compiled from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st.

All wins must be recorded from F.D.S.B. recognized trials and reported in *The American Field*.

Wins must be reported to the award secretary, Christie Young within 30 days of win. It is the owner's responsibility to report wins.

Owners must be a member in good standing of the NRSFTC.

All wins will be validated by the award secretary from the report of the trial in *The American Field*, whose records will represent the final authority.

Only F.D.S.B. recognized walking shooting dog placements will count. The only Irish Setter only trials to be recognized will be the semi-annual walking shooting dog trials conducted in conjunction with the National Red Setters trials. No restricted or member's stake will count.

Tom Norton, the award secretary will report the top dogs in each publication of *The Flushing Whip*.

All Breed Stakes less than 1 hour		Irish Setter Only or restricted breed stakes less than 1 hour	
1st	6 times number of entries	1st	3 times number of entries
2nd	4 times number of entries	2nd	2 times number of entries
3rd	2 times number of entries	3rd	1 times number of entries
All Breed Stakes more than 1 hour		Irish Setter Only Restricted breed stakes more than 1 hr	
1st	14 times number of entries	1st	7 times number of entries
2nd	10 times number of entries	2nd	5 times number of entries
3rd	6 times number of entries	3rd	3 times number of entries
Walking Shooting Dog Table continued next page			

Walking Shooting Dog Scoring Continued

Regional Championship Stakes all breed		Irish Setter Only or Restricted breed Regional Championship	
1st	20 times number of entries	1st	10 times number of entries
2nd	14 times number of entries	2nd	7 times number of entries
3rd	10 times number of entries	3rd	5 times number of entries
All Breed National Championship stakes		Irish Setter Only or restricted breed National Championship	
CH	30 times number of entries	CH	15 times number of entries
RU	20 times number of entries	RU	10 times number of entries

Send all win reports within 30 days to Tom Norton the Walking Shooting Dog Awards Secretary;
Please include a completed reporting form. Send to:

Tom Norton: 81 Riverview Durango, Colorado 81301 (970) 247-5129

E-Mail: norton_t@fortlewis.edu

National Shoot to Retrieve NRSFTC Award

Runs Jan. 1 through Dec. 31st each year

Wins counting toward the annual rotating trophy will be compiled from Jan. 1 to Dec 31.
Wins must be reported to the award secretary Mike Jacobson within 30 days of win. It is the owner's responsibility to report wins and type of stake entered. All stakes will be assumed to be less than 1 hour unless noted by the owner.

Owners must be a member in good standing of the NRSFTC.

All wins will be validated by the award secretary from the report of the trial on the official NSTRA website whose records will represent the final authority. (Revised to accept NSTRA website records when it left the American Field jurisdiction) 4th place points will not be awarded unless they can be verified on the NSTRA website.

Mike Jacobson, the award secretary will report the top dogs in each publication of *The Flushing Whip*.

For stakes less than 1 hour		For stakes more than 1 hour	
1st	3 times number of entries	1st	7 times number of entries
2nd	2 times number of entries	2nd	5 times number of entries
3rd	1 times number of entries	3rd	3 times number of entries
4th	.5 times number of entries	4th	1 times number of entries
Regional Championship stakes		National Championship Stakes	
1st	10 times number of entries	1st	15 times number of entries
2nd	7 times number of entries	2nd	10 times number of entries
3rd	5 times number of entries	3rd	7 times number of entries
4th	3 times number of entries	4th	3 times number of entries

Send all win reports within 30 days to Mike Jacobson the NSTRA Awards Secretary; Please include a completed reporting form.

Michael Jacobson, 1273 142nd Street, New Richmond, WI 54017 (715-246-0603)

E-Mail: mjacobson@frontiernet.net

Puppy of the Year

Runs July 1 to June 30th each year

Only Puppy wins count toward point total (Puppy stakes; from January 1st to June 30th in each year for dogs whelped on or after Jan. 1 of the year preceding and from July 1st to Dec. 31st in each year for dogs whelped on or after June 1st of the year preceding.)

Wins recorded from F.D.S.B. recognized trials only.

Points to be compiled from July 1st to June 30th the following year.

Report of win must be made within 30 days of win. It is the responsibility of the owner to report wins.

Owner must be NRSFTC member in good standing.

Report of top 10 dogs to be made semi-monthly in *The Flushing Whip*.

All Breed		Irish setter only or Restricted Breed stakes	
1st	6 times number of entries	1st	3 times number of entries
2nd	4 times number of entries	2nd	2 times number of entries
3rd	2 times number of entries	3rd	1 times number of entries

All placements must be verified by publication in the American Field before becoming official. Trials restricted to only AKC registered dogs are not accepted. Send all win reports within 30 days to Jim Ashby, Puppy & Derby of the Year Awards Secretary; Please include a completed reporting form.

Jim Ashby, 1414 Mooney School Rd., Robards, KY 42452 Phone (270) 835-2066

E-Mail: Reddogshunt@bellsouth.net

Derby of the Year

(Runs July 1 to June 30th each year)

Only Derby wins count toward point total (Derby stakes: from July 1st through Dec. 31st in each year for dogs whelped on or after Jan. 1 of the year preceding and from July 1st through June 30th in each year for dogs whelped on or after Jan. 1st of the second year preceding.)

Wins recorded from F.D.S.B. recognized trials only.

Points to be compiled from July 1st to June 30th the following year.

Report of win must be made within 30 days of win. It is the responsibility of the owner to report wins.

Owner must be NRSFTC member in good standing.

Report of top 10 dogs to be made semi-monthly in *The Flushing Whip*.

All Breed		Irish Setter Only or Restricted Breed	
1st	8 times number of entries	1st	4 times number of entries
2nd	6 times number of entries	2nd	3 times number of entries
3rd	4 times number of entries	3rd	2 times number of entries
All Breed Futurity		Irish Setter only or Restricted Breed	
1st	12 times number of entries	1st	6 times number of entries
2nd	10 times number of entries	2nd	5 times number of entries
3rd	8 times number of entries	3rd	4 times number of entries
4th	6 times the number of entries	4th	3 times the number of entries
All Breed Championship			
CH	20 times the number of entries		
RU	15 times the number of entries		

All placements must be verified by publication in the American Field before becoming official. Trials restricted to only AKC registered dogs are not accepted. Send all win reports within 30 days to Jim Ashby, Puppy & Derby of the Year Awards Secretary; Please include a completed reporting form.

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Hi Performance as of 9-08

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Rocky Mountain Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	180
Manteo's Mattie Blaylock	F	Paul Falkowsky	Aiken	Home Page	28

NRSFTC 2008 National Shoot to Retrieve Award as of 9-08

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Witz's Best Buddy	M	Steve Witz	Sweet William Rhett O'Hara	Emerald Isle McCormick	28



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2007 Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog of the Year as of 8-28-08

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
King Cormac	M	Allen Fazenbaker	Come Back Rock	Gillian	66
Blais N Red Hottie "Moxie"	F	Anthony Blais	Celtic's Stately Manner	Celtic's Blazin Xena	60
Meteu Medicine Man	M	Allen Fazenbaker	King Cormac	Grainne Ni Mhalla	60
Ironfire's Ailis	F	Ray Kendra	Ironfire's Hercules	Ironfire's Scarlet FaerieTail	18
Celtic's Ridge Rohan	M	Ray Equi	Theo	Celtic's Ellora Rua	12
Moonshine Again	M	Kris Hammons	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charlie	6

2008 LeGrande Award as of September 1, 2008

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Piccadilly	F	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	1408
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	960
Bolero	M	Don Beauchamp	Bearcat	Hollywood	418
Aiken	M	Roger Boser	Rockfish	Chantilly	336
Creed	M	Don Beauchamp	Come Back Riptide	Come Back Jeanie	240
Moonshine Again	F	Kristine Hammons	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	134
Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	130
Rock Steady	M	J.P. Martin	Zann Sett Albert Collins	Frankie's Time Around	120
Flushing Whip Flash Edition	F	Al Fazenbaker	Come Back Johnson	Come Back Diddle	100
Texas Roughcut	M	Don Beauchamp	J.D. Spike	Sunset Silk	91
King Cormac	M	Al Fazenbaker	Come Back Rock	Gillian	60
Rock It	F	Tim Hammons	Another Time Around	Rock The World	28
Manteo's Mattie Blaylock	F	Paul Falkowsky	Aiken	Home Page	28

Final Results for the Duke Award

Ran July 1st 2007 through June 30 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Piccadilly	F	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	115
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	42
Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	36
Aiken	M	Roger Boser	Rockfish	Chantilly	28
Bolero	M	Don Beauchamp	Bearcat	Hollywood	24
Creed	M	Don Beauchamp	Come Back Riptide	Come Back Jeanie	24



All Breed Honor Roll

reported by Tom and Sue Norton

(From June 7th through August 23rd 2008)



We regret to share that Christie Young, who did such an exceptional job in reporting the All Breed Honor Roll, has retired. Several years ago Christie took it on herself to resurrect the Honor Roll and once again make it a regular feature in *The Flushing Whip*. Christie felt it was an important aspect of the Purest Challenge and she has done a commendable job. We thank her for her time and wish her well.

NRSFTC member Amy Gauthier made history this month when she and her dog Augie, mastered the NAVHDA Invitational. VC Augie became the first Irish Red Setter to achieve a Versatile championship! Great work Amy! Congratulations.

It's always great to see Red Setters winning!! Congratulations everyone on a great job.

Dog	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Placements	Competition
Piccadilly	Dr. Roger W. Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	Keystone Open Shooting Dog Classic 4-3-8	2nd Amateur Shooting Dog	9 Pointers, 3 Setter, 1 Brittany, 2 IS
Come Back Buck	Ross Leonard	Come Back Audie	Celtics Superior Interest	Remlap Field Trial Club NBHA 4-5-8	3rd Open Puppy	5 Pointers 1 Irish Setters
Creed	Don Beauchamp	Come Back Riptide	Come Back Jeanie	Kansas field trial Clubs Association 4-15-08	2nd Open Shooting Dog	12 entries
Piccadilly	Dr. Roger W. Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	Brandywine Bird Dog Club 5-3-8	1st Amateur Shooting Dog	16 entries

From the report: Dr. Roger Boser's Piccadilly placed first. Piccadilly ran a frontward race, always working the edges with striking high style and ground speed. Piccadilly had 4 perfect finds and showed why she has been such a big winner.

Flushing Whip Roger Ramjet	Allen Fazenbaker	Breakstone	Flushing Whip Flash Edition	Beaver Valley pointer and Setter Club 5-3-8	1st Open Puppy	9 Entries
Her Ruby Red Slipper	Allen Fazenbaker	Sharpton	Applebee	Beaver Valley pointer and Setter Club 5-3-8	2nd Open Derby	10 Entries
King Cormac	Allen Fazenbaker	Come Back Rock	Gillian	Beaver Valley pointer and Setter Club 5-3-8	3rd Open Shooting dog	15 Entries
Breakstone	Dr. Roger W. Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	Brandywine Bird Dog Club 5-3-8	2nd Amateur Shooting Dog	16 entries

From the report: Breakstone, Irish setter male owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser, hung the edges, showed uncomparable handling and was extremely sharp on his birds

Aiken	Dr. Roger W. Boser	Rockfish	Chantilly	Can Am Amateur Shooting Dog Championship 4-21-8	RU	10 entries
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Aiken, the Runner Up hunted and handled very well and stayed to the front. He was rewarded at 59 with a find. Aiken demonstrated great style and manners.

Her Ruby Red Slipper	Allen Fazenbaker	Sharpton	Applebee	Can Am Open Derby 4-21-8	1st Open Derby	4 Entries
Kalamity Ballyhoo	Deb Libby	Come Back Rocky	Lightening Lucy	Nova Scotia pointing Dog Club Trials 5-3-8	3rd	7 Pointers, 3 Setters, 1 Irish
Kalamity Ballyhoo	Deb Libby	Come Back Rocky	Lightening Lucy	Maine Bird Dog Club 5-10-8	3rd Open Derby Classic	6 entries
Kalamity Ballyhoo	Deb Libby	Come Back Rocky	Lightening Lucy	Maine Bird Dog Club 5-10-8	2nd Amateur Derby	5 entries

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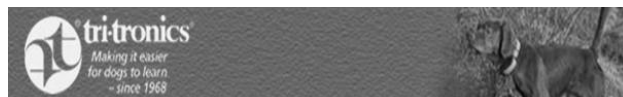
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Select Award →	Duke	LeGrande	High Performance	Derby	Puppy	Walking Shooting dog	NSTRA
Dog's Name		FDSB #		Circle Dog or Bitch One			
Sire:		Dam		Date Whelped IF Puppy or Derby			
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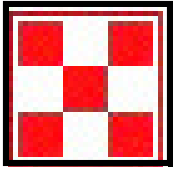
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