

the Rusty Tip

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Ralph C. Baynard Jr. (Rusty) Named Honorary Member

Too important to be scrambled in with the fall trial report, I felt was the unanimous vote of Rusty Baynard to the honorary list! At the brief meeting held at the Watson Inn, president Bean welcomed our fine gathering of many new members as well as our club friends of many years and made the recommendation of honor which was applauded. Ned LeGrande then spoke briefly on the fine beginning efforts of Rusty in establishing what is now The National Red Setter Field Trial Club.

Rusty as many may not know is a former president and prior to that served as vice-president with Allen E. Bortz.

Everyone does know I'm sure that he was the owner of the first Red champion to be entered on the Field Dog Stud Book records after a 77 year draught "Double Jay". Double Jay or Junior was bred by Ned LeGrande by Baynards Rusty's Jinx out of Willow Winds Eve. All names many of you will find in the background of your own dogs.

So as you see we owe a great deal to our new honored member! Our congratulations and best wishes!

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While delving in to past I received a letter from Herm David of which contents also belong about in here since I have been unable to work them in prior issues. It seems in the listing of winners each Oct. or Sept. issue the Champions have begun with only recognized winners. These are as listed by Wm. Thompson in his records for his book. Here is Herm's addition and letter of correction:

"To the best of my knowledge, the list you published is correct for the N. R. S. F. T. C.'s FDSB-recognized titilists. It lacks the name of one dog for a listing of NRSFTC-recognized champions. Back in the days when we Red Setter people were even more the pioneers than we are today -- when our ranks were thin, our purses slim -- and our enthusiasm unsure -- we knew we would have to offer attainable goals to entice people to travel across the country with their dogs if we were to have patronage for our trials.

We agreed -- or rather, our officers agreed with me, that until the FDSB recognized our championship, we would recognize it ourselves. You see, a championship is like a diploma or a degree. It is worth the respect it commands - and no more. Anyone can grant one. It's just that ours came to mean more when it was recognized by both the NRSFTC and the FDSB.

We held our fall trial for 1952 in Strongsville, Ohio (now all houses and schools). We billed what would otherwise have been our Open All-Age as the National Red Setter Field Trial Club Championship Stake. We made it plain that the title would be recognized only by the NRSFTC. This device helped me to raise the money to stage the stake --and the trial drew entries from some considerable distances.

I can recall that one of the judges was George Roy Sharpe of Carrollton, Mich. Our first championship went to High Point Captain McKerry. He had an outstanding performance and his owner -- and our first president --Arch Church was justifiably proud of the new champion. It was only a half-hour stake because that was all we had grounds for. Our honor demands that "Duke" be listed with the other NRSFTC's champions --even though we must properly have an asterisk indicate that the title is not FDSB-recognized.

And while we are on the subject, I have a letter from Wm F. Brown of the FDSB stating that there are two other Irish Setters which the FDSB recognizes as champions. Tom (Joe-Buck, Sr.), handled by his owner George Washington Campbell of Carter's Creek, Tenn., won the Championship stake of the Tennessee State Sportsmen's Association at Memphis in Oct., 1875. It was the third stake in America's second bird dog field trial. Tom's full brother, Harry, owned and handled by R. C. Nicholson, was second to Ch. Tom.

Ch. Tom's nephew, Joe, Jr. (Elcho-Buck, Jr., she as sister to Tom) won the same stake in 1877 at Nashville defeating 9 English, 1 Gordon and 9 other Irish. He was listed as being owned by G. W. Campbell -- but was handled by M. C. Campbell. In 1878 Ch. Drake and Ch. Joe Jr., tied for first and both were declared champions. At this trial M. C. Campbell was listed as both owner and handler.

Thus, since this was the only championship stake at the time and since it drew entries from several states, it is correct to call Joe, Jr., a double national champion. These stakes were in fact, billed as being "for the championship of America".

So, may I suggest that it would be proper and appropriate to begin the Whip's listing of champions with the following:

Oct. 29-30, 1875	Memphis, Tenn.	Nat. Champion	Tom
Nov. 13, 1877	Nashville, Tenn.	" "	Joe, Jr.
Dec. 1, 1878	Belle Meade, Tenn.	" "	Joe, Jr.
Oct. 19, 1952	Strongsville, Ohio	awarded	High Point Captain McKerry*

* Title recognized only be NRSFTC because stake was half-hour heats, run over single course on both planted and native birds.

Thank you, Herm! We'll list these additions next fall.

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Who will be listed as Champion for MARCH 26, 1967 Upper Sandusky, O.

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One of yours?

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Now for the blacker side of the monthly news--from the Santa Caligon Irish Setter Club news written by Dr. J. S. Van Wye:

"I am sorry to report the untimely death of Shady Crest Shawn. Shawn

was run over by a truck at a field trial last month. He was running bigger this fall than he ever had. This became apparent last year. There was never any question that on a right day Shawn could be a National Red Setter Field Champion. He was the first Irish Setter to win the Vanita Trophy. He had many worthy placements in field trials. His owner can be given credit for always running him in trials over many states. Many of us have the joy of owning pups sired by Shawn. Russell Fair said that Shawn had one of the best noses of any dog he had ever trained. I always felt that Shawn was the size and conformation that the Hunting Red Setter would eventually resolve into. What more can we say about a true Hunting Irish Setter, other than our deep sense of sympathy for Dee (Johnson). It is hard to lose an old friend."

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Also from the same source we see that the Dick Swansons have moved again. Their new address is 728 Griffith Drive, Manhattan, Kansas. I'd say if anyone was considering moving to another state just ask them about it and they have lived there! Fine people!

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Now to another wonderful but dreaded task I can't seem to get all together for the Schnettler take-over, the Duke Memorial Trophy contenders: There seems to be some misunderstanding so here are the rules once more and please send your wins in so that the Dec. issue can list!

1. FDSB recognized trials (All)
2. Points to be compiled from March 1, 1966 to last day of Feb. '67
3. Report of win has to be made to Club sec. within a month of win or will not be eligible.
4. Responsibility of dog owner to get in report.
5. Report of top six dogs to be in the Whip every month. (Hamm)
6. Points to be figured as follows:

A. All age wins:	First place	(6)
	Second	(5)
	Third	(4)
B. Shooting Dog (or Gun)	First	(5)
	Second	(4)
	Third	(3)
C. Derby wins	First	(4)
	Second	(3)
	Third	(2)
D. Puppy wins	First	(3)
	Second	(2)
	Third	(1)

Points to be determined by multiplying number of entries by base figure.

7. Award to be made at Annual spring trial. Rotating trophy with a permanent award to be kept by owner.

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Well, soon, Thanksgiving ~~we~~ arrive like a present, a holiday on Thursday. Perhaps the snow won't fly where you are nor the frost be on any pumpkins nor may some of us need a brisk walk in the woods with our Irish to work up appetites but it is certainly Thanksgiving country wherever you live in America and a time to feel grateful to be fortunate to be here in the middle of plenty! (And all diets should certainly be set aside for the duration of the day!) Happy Thanksgiving!!

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