

# National Red Setter Shooting Dog Championships

*Breakstone Annexes Open Title; Youtoo Captures Amateur Crown*

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**B**REAKSTONE earned the title of National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Champion for 2012 at the club's trial at Grovespring, Mo. The multiple champion Irish setter male is owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, Pa. Celtic's Spectacular, Irish setter female owned by Paul Ober of Reading, Pa., and handled by Sean Melvin of Garland, N. C., was named runner-up. Fourteen classy Irish setters vied for the title. The trial commenced on Thursday, November 8, and was completed on Sunday November 11.

In the National Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, with sixteen dogs entered, Youtoo, a male owned and handled by Don Beauchamp of Cheney, Kan., emerged victorious. Cedar Creek Skyliner, a male owned and handled by Ed Liermann of Palmyra, Wis., was named runner-up.

The venue for this event was the Sportsman's Association grounds at Grovespring, Mo. The National Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship trial returns here every fall to run on what the club considers the top trial grounds in the nation. The three one-hour courses at Grovespring are superb, although this year of drought had adversely affected them. The feed strips planted along the edges did not grow well, making it difficult to hold birds on the edges. The pre-released coveys that were found were huge; most of them flushed readily but some were prone to run. The grass in the hay fields was mowed short removing the likelihood that birds would be feed-



**Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners.** From front left: Roger Boser with Breakstone and Sean Melvin with Celtic's Spectacular. Standing: Garvin Collins, David Taylor, Barb Zembles, Mary Boser, Ed Liermann, Don Beauchamp, Tom Norton, Brenda and Joe Edwards and Bruce Ludwig.

ing in it. After unacceptable amounts of bird work during the Open Shooting Dog Championship it was decided to plant birds for the remainder of the trial. Generally this event is run on the plentiful pre-released bird population, making it more similar to a wild bird trial. The liberation of pairs each morning seemed to call a few more of the coveys back on the courses but the liberated birds were found to be too tempting for several dogs.

The well attended drawing was held at the clubhouse the evening of November 7. Everyone was treated to pizza and

beverages thanks to a generous donation by Jim Baker. Coors products were provided by Dennis Hidalgo; delicious homemade desserts were contributed by Linda Beauchamp and Sue Norton, cookies were donated by Mary Boser.

Entries were up slightly over last year but were still below the former "norm" for the trial. Fourteen were drawn in the Open Championship, while the Amateur Championship attracted 16 dogs.

In the Red Setter Open Derby, the winner was Nantucket, female owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser. Huckabee placed second for Dr. Boser. Zan Sett Simply Red was third for owner Stan Zdanczewicz of Muskego, Wis. Red was handled by Dennis Hidalgo.

The Red Setter Open All-Age was won by Aiken and his owner-handler Don Beauchamp. Roger Boser placed Redstone second in this stake. Come Back Strander took third for owner-handler Joe Edwards of Rose Hill, N. C.

Adella was the winner of the Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog. She is owned by Andrew Brown of Garland, N. C., and was handled by Sean Melvin.

The advertised judges were Garvin Collins of Gilman City, Mo., and David Taylor of Neola, Ia. They judged the entire trial, watched all the dogs closely and equally and kept their sense of humor! Garvin began competing in field trials in the late 1950s while still in school. Dave has also enjoyed a lengthy involvement in the sport. Both own and handle their own pointers successfully in



**Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners.** From front left: Don Beauchamp with Youtoo and Ed Liermann with Cedar Creek Skyliner. Standing: Linda Beauchamp, Sue Norton, Bonnie Hidalgo, Tom Norton, Garvin Collins, Sean Melvin, David Taylor, Betty Evans, Dennis Hidalgo and John Evans.



local trials and amateur championships. They have a wealth of knowledge between them and are first class judges and gentlemen. David was accompanied by his sweet wife Marilyn who enjoyed the sightseeing and shopping trips with the ladies.

The National Red Setter Club receives generous support from Purina for this event. Purina's Pat Lamantia worked with the club to ensure delivery of Purina Pro Plan Performance dog food to the grounds. Ed Liermann is the club's relations man with Purina. Thanks to Andy and Sharleen Daugherty for taking the delivery of it for us. This exceptional dog food was distributed among the winners and small bags were handed out for every dog entered. As always it was enthusiastically received. Purina's Terry Trzcinski offered a choice of jacket styles for our judges; the ones he recommended were of excellent quality and came embroidered with the Purina logo on one side. The trial chairman had the judges' names and the club initials added to the other side in matching color. We can't thank Terry enough for the great friend he has been to the club and to us as individuals. We always love to have him attend our events. We also received a generous supply of Purina hats; all of which were snatched up but the pink ones disappeared like candy in a room full of kids. Without the help of Pat and Terry and the backing of the fine company they represent, this club would not be able to maintain the level of quality that we have come to expect at our events. Purina is able to support us because we support them through the purchase of their terrific Pro Plan Performance feed that is designed to help our dogs perform to a higher degree. Please feed Purina, you'll be doing yourself a favor as you "fuel the champion within" your dog!

Tri-Tronics is also a major sponsor of this field trial. They generously donate product which we award to the winners of our National Open and National Amateur Shooting Dog Championships. Warner Smith at Tri-Tronics works directly with NRSFTC President Don Beauchamp to provide these collars and is always very helpful. This fall he sent a Pro 500 G-3 for the Open Shooting Dog Champion and the Sport Model for the Amateur Shooting Dog Champion. These state of the art training collars are coveted prizes. Every member of the NRSFTC appreciates the support we get from Tri-Tronics. The reliability of their products and the ease of use are beneficial to all of our training programs. Thank you Tri-Tronics!

Trial co-chairs were Dennis and

Bonnie Hidalgo. Bonnie arranged for judges and handled secretarial and organizational duties. Dennis marshalled, conducted the drawing and announced the braces and the winners as well. Linda Beauchamp, NRSFTC treasurer, collected the entry fees and paid all the bills. Tom Norton assisted the co-chairs when it came time to plant birds. Bonnie baked the cookies that were available between braces. Don Beauchamp assisted in the presentation of awards. All in all it was a very smooth running trial.

Once again our faithful dog wagon driver was John Evans; he was assisted during most of the trial by his wife of 64 years, Betty. They were always where we needed them and they set out the cookies and the coffee for each of the refreshment breaks taken between the braces. The entire Red Setter group, myself in particular, greatly appreciate the job John (Dad) does for us. It allows all of us to be able to run our dogs and watch the competition knowing that one of the trials most important duties is in good hands.

The National Red Setter Club members enjoy each other's company and every evening is an occasion to socialize. The group ate dinner together either at the grounds or at one of the restaurants in Lebanon each night. As mentioned earlier Wednesday night's meal was served during the drawing. On Thursday night following a late running board meeting the group adjourned for dinner at The Great Wall. On Friday evening a cocktail hour was hosted by Dr. Roger and Mary Boser in honor of Breakstone's winning the Open Shooting Dog Championship earlier that day. Dinner followed with Clifford Weaver grilling steaks to go with sides and dessert that were prepared and served by his wife Michelle who graciously agreed to stay late to feed us.

After dinner various items donated to the club by D. J. Garman were auctioned off and brought in a considerable amount to offset some of the trial expenses. A brief awards ceremony followed with some year-end awards presented for the trial season that ended on June 30, 2012. Club President Don Beauchamp and awards chairperson Bonnie Hidalgo presented the various awards. The winner of the Duke Award for high point Red Setter in all breed competition was Breakstone, owned by Dr. Roger Boser. Youtoo was the Duke Award runner-up; he is owned by Don Beauchamp. The Derby of the Year went to Rendition, owned by Dr. Boser. Puppy of the Year went to Lakeview's Timely Treasure, owned by Lauren

Hensley and Lance Carver.

Stan Zdanczewicz was accompanied by Sue Chirigotis; they came from Wisconsin with three Derby entries. Brenda Edwards accompanied her husband Joe and was fun to have around. Among the visitors to the trial was D. J. Garman who came all the way from Texas to see part of the trial; he joined John Evans in the dog wagon on Thursday morning while Betty Evans was mounted in the gallery. Steve and Beverley Heying of Columbia, Mo., arrived with their red setter and their falcon to view the trial on Thursday and Friday. They spent quite a few hours riding in the back of the dog wagon viewing the running and thoroughly enjoyed it. Barb Zembles, Ed Liermann's special friend, attended her first NRSFTC trial and we all enjoyed her company. Bruce Ludwig and his daughter Jessie came from Hatton, Mo., to visit us on Saturday. We were glad to see them, even though their visit was brief. Unfortunately there were no horses available for them to ride but Bruce contented himself with riding the dog wagon. Al and Deb Fazzenbaker drove from Ohio to attend the board meeting and Al rode the dog wagon one morning.

#### **NATIONAL RED SETTER OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

Breakstone claimed the title of champion with a fine performance on course No. 3. Handled by Roger Boser, he was turned loose behind the clubhouse. Breakstone exhibited a forward pattern from the get-go, hunting the edges at a fast pace and taking direction politely from his handler. Breakstone and his brace mate were standing at the old feeder area between the barns and Daugherty's place at 21. Come Back Hightider (Melvin) was in front. Both handlers flushed as though it were a divided find. The large covey was put to flight with both dogs standing mannerly. Crossing the road at the double gates from sycamore, Breakstone hunted the edges perfectly. He carded an excellent covey find near the horse corrals at 47. He finished well forward when time was called. Breakstone was a pleasure to watch, delivering a truly fine performance that was attractive, strong, fast and forward with a kind handle.

Runner-up Celtic's Spectacular, handled by Sean Melvin for a weak-voiced Joe Edwards, was turned loose in the clubhouse loop in the third hour of the stake. Spectacular (aka Andretti) scored a very nice find on the right near the old feeder before Daugherty's house at 29. The covey rise seemed to go on forever but she was mannerly through it all. Andretti made some great moves and



was especially impressive in the first half of her hour. She backed her bracemate with good style and manners at 45 on the treeline north of the cemetery. She made the ridge loop and finished forward, going away in the bottom past the No. 1 breakaway. She was the early leader with her creditable performance. She runs with an attractive gait and high tail carriage.

#### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNING

Redstone (Boser) ran a strong race, mostly forward, lost before the hour was over. Berken of the Snows (Norton) made some nice moves and handled kindly. He had a brief absence coming off of apple tree hill but showed forward. Both dogs went without game contact.

Firefly's Hot Tip (B. Hidalgo) pointed in the alley at 23 but no birds were found. After release she cast to the right into the Don Arnold loop and was not seen again under judgment. Cedar Creek Skyliner (Liermann) ran a strong and forward race but went without bird contact.

Jericho (Beauchamp) and Celtic's Spectacular (Melvin) were loosed in the clubhouse loop. Spectacular's hour was previously detailed. Jericho was forward at 29 when his bracemate found a covey. Jericho turned in a very nice hour on the ground, hunting steadily forward at good range. Jericho got inside the cemetery fence and needed help getting back out. He pointed at 45 on the treeline beyond the cemetery; it was a barren stand. Sent on from there he crossed the creek bed and made a nice move forward up the draw beside the ridge loop before climbing the ridge to check in with his handler. He was forward at time.

Thursday afternoon's first brace — Come Back Bee Gee (Melvin) and



**Open All-Age Stake Winners. From front left: Don Beauchamp with Aiken, Roger Boser with Redstone and Joe Edwards with Come Back Strander. Standing: Mary Boser, Linda Beauchamp, Tom Norton, David Taylor, Garvin Collins, Sean Melvin, Jessie and Bruce Ludwig, Stan Zdanczewicz, Ed Liermann, Bonnie Hidalgo, Barb Zembles and John and Betty Evans.**

Touchstone (Boser) — was turned loose at 1 p. m. Both were well away from the start. Touchstone made a wide right move below the gates to sycamore bottom but came on to the front in short order. An unproductive was carded for Bee at 22 in Davis bottom. Touchstone was smart and attractive on the edge through Davis bottom and beyond. Both dogs went the hour but were birdless.

Come Back Audie (Edwards) pointed at 30 but drew a blank. Both Audie and Tornado Alley (Beauchamp) turned in strong ground races but no birds were moved during their hour.

Come Back Hightider (Melvin) and Breakstone (Boser) ran on course No. 3, turned loose near the clubhouse. Breakstone's performance was noted above. Hightider was forward to the twin barns where he made a wrong turn and was forced to catch the front. Hightider was

pointing with high style at 21 on the ridge behind Daugherty's place with his bracemate appearing to be backing him. Both handlers flushed as though it were a divided find. The large covey was put to flight with both dogs standing mannerly. Tider reached out with some good moves but his pattern showed occasional immaturity.

Come Back Strander (Melvin) ran far and wide, making a nice ground effort that was not rewarded with bird work. Youtoo (Beauchamp) scored a find at 24 in Davis bottom. He notched another covey find near vacuum hollow. This was a very nice piece of work. Youtoo got behind for a bit near horse killer hill and into little vine at 55 he carded an unproductive.

Grovespring, Mo., November 8

Judges: Garvin Collins and David Taylor

**NATIONAL RED SETTER OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] —**

**14 Irish Setters**

Winner—BREAKSTONE, 1582163, male, by Sharpton—Chantilly. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—CELTIC'S SPECTACULAR, 1622978, female, by Come Back Johnson—Celtic's Adjudication. Paul Ober, owner; Sean Melvin, handler.

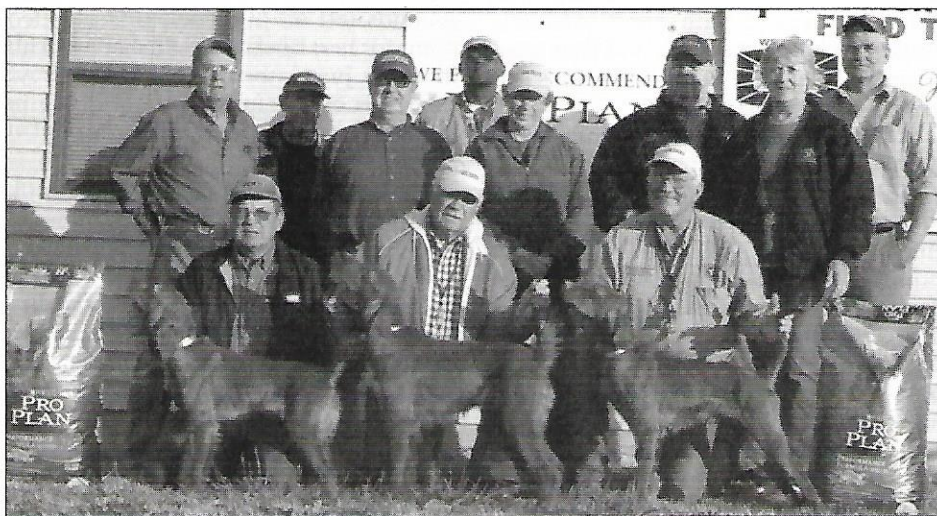
#### RED SETTER OPEN DERBY

The Open Derby winners were placed on race as few birds were seen during the stake. Nantucket won this stake with a fine race; she kept to the edges and handled kindly. Huckabee, second, was stylish on the ground and made some attractive moves.

Zansett Simply Red was third with a nice race. Red was fancy on the ground but his pattern was not as mature as those of the first two placements. Owned by Stan Zdanczewicz, Red was handled by Dennis Hidalgo.

**RED SETTER OPEN DERBY — 7 Irish Setters**

1st—NANTUCKET, 1641135, female, by Justified—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.



**Open Derby Winners. From front left: Roger Boser with Nantucket, Don Beauchamp with Huckabee and Dennis Hidalgo with Zansett Simply Red. Standing: David Taylor, Tom Norton, Garvin Collins, Sean Melvin, Bonnie Hidalgo, Stan Zdanczewicz, Sue Chirigotis and Bruce Ludwig.**



- 2d—HUCKABEE, 1644313, male, by Justified—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.  
3d—ZANSETT SIMPLY RED, 1643777, male, by Kevin's Kosmo Kramer—Lucille O'Ryan. Stan Zdanczewicz, owner; Dennis Hidalgo, handler.

#### RED SETTER OPEN ALL-AGE STAKE

Winning this half-hour stake was Aiken which turned in a big race with a huge finish. Aiken pointed along the ditch in Davis bottom at 22 but it was not productive. He started forward, was gone for a time but was seen coming from the left front. He remained forward until time was called. Aiken was handled by his owner, Don Beauchamp.

Redstone, female owned and handled by Dr. Boser, was second with a strong and forward race. Come Back Strander placed third with a fine race. He was handled by his owner, Joe Edwards.

In the Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog, Adella won this small stake with a handy, hunting pattern. She suffered an unproductive early in the brace causing handler Sean Melvin to have to jog to "catch the front"! She scored a covey find that was stylish and mannerly. Adella is owned by Andrew Brown.

#### RED SETTER OPEN ALL-AGE — 11 Irish Setters

- 1st—AIKEN, 1561812, male, by Rockfish—Chantilly. Don Beauchamp, owner and handler.  
2d—REDSTONE, 1611023, female, by Breakstone—Applebee. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.  
3d—COME BACK STRANDER, 1621021, male, by Come Back Audie—Celtic's First Option. J. A. Edwards, owner and handler.

#### OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 3 Irish Setters

- 1st—ADELLA, 1602753, female, by Celtic's Sedition—Celtic's Litigatrix. A. D. Brown, owner; Sean Melvin, handler.

#### RED SETTER OPEN PUPPY

Three pups were drawn and their owner opted to scratch them so that the Amateur Championship could begin first thing Saturday morning. This turned out to be a good thing since the Amateur finished on Sunday morning not long before heavy rains set in.

#### NATIONAL RED SETTER AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

Youtoo was named champion, making his owner Don Beauchamp very happy! This was the first title to be won by this well bred Irish setter. "Bono" was handled by his proud owner and will turn five in January. Youtoo and Don have been very successful on the Kansas field trial circuit.

Cedar Creek Skyliner, a coming three year old male, was named runner-up. He has been trained and handled by his owner Ed Liermann of Palmyra, Wis., and placed in the Red Setter Futurity last spring. Since then he has placed consistently in shooting dog stakes.

Both dogs run with attractive gaits and cover the ground easily. They appeared together in the fourth brace of the Amateur Championship, making it

easier for the judges to compare their qualities. They were released on a very warm afternoon but you wouldn't know it by the races these red dogs turned in. They were fast forward from the start and the pace set was blistering. Youtoo pointed on the right edge of Davis at 19 but it was feathers. Skyliner scored a gorgeous covey find on the cross row. Near the end of Davis bottom along the creek Youtoo pointed again with high style. This time his handler was successful in showing the bird to the judge and a shot was fired over the mannerly dog. Skyliner was forward near the creek crossing at this time. Skyliner's race was marred twice by attempts to chase deer but each time his handler was able to regain control in short order. Youtoo pointed again at 50 but this was a barren stand. Both dogs finished strong and forward beyond little vine loop.

#### AMATEUR RUNNING

Come Back Strander (Edwards) carded a good find before the rocky creek crossing at 7. At 19, just into Davis bottom, he pointed on the first crossrow. Firefly's Hot Tip (D. Hidalgo) backed with excellent manners. Strander was forward through Davis and into the island field. Tippy took the right edge forward but jumped into the cover about midway into Davis. She was found forward on point in the creek bed several minutes later. She had a large covey and handled it nicely. Released into island field, she grabbed the right edge and took it forward until she disappeared into the timber. She caught the front at the top of horse killer hill. Strander was out of pocket on the top of apple tree hill. As the hour waned Tippy was ahead.

Berken of the Snows (Norton) pointed near the blue house at 30. Big Red (Melvin) backed with good manners. Berken broke at the flush and Red went with him to end the brace. Both dogs had been running well.

Rendition (Boser) and Come Back Audie (Edwards) were getting the job done on the ground and had plenty of nice bird work. Rendition had his first find at 10 with Audie backing. Audie pointed at 18 near the blue house; this time Rendition was honoring. Rendition scored a second good find on the left edge at 21. Audie stopped to flush at 23 before the twin barns. At 33 they arrived at the pond above the clubhouse; a quail took flight just as Rendition styled up and Audie gave it a ride. Rendition continued until the next pond at 40 where he went with a covey.

Youtoo (Beauchamp) and Cedar Creek Skyliner's (Liermann) efforts were previously described.

Come Back Hightider (Melvin) and Tornado Alley (Beauchamp) turned loose headed toward sycamore bottom. They made some big moves and had to be gathered up to make the turn into the alley. Through the bull pasture they were forward, with Alley sweeping the far corner nicely and touching into Climer's pasture before completing the bull pasture loop. They were both forward as we headed back toward the twin barns. Neither dog found game.

Come Back Bee Gee (Melvin) is a fast female and can be hard to keep track of. She was lost on deer at 51. Breakstone (Boser) ran a smooth race, taking his edges like a pro. He pointed on the edge below the double gates but his bird was not seen officially. Breakstone came out of the ridge loop with 10 minutes remaining on the clock. He finished his hour with an unproductive well down the line beyond the rocky creek crossing.

Celtic's Spectacular (Melvin) and Jericho (Beauchamp) were Sunday's first brace, released under an ominous sky. Jericho was forward all the way to Davis bottom. Spectacular made a move in the big field across from sycamore. She pointed a bird there at 13. She regained the front and the pair moved on into Davis bottoms, both using the wind correctly and looking good. Spectacular pointed a second time on the left edge of Davis bottom at 23. She took a step as the birds flushed and Jericho, which had been backing, broke and chased. Spectacular joined in the fray and the brace was ended.

Redstone (Boser) was strong on the ground and strong-minded. She took a lot of handling which noticeably affected Jordin's (B. Hidalgo) pattern. Jordin made a few good moves. Redstone covered a lot of ground. With only seconds left on the clock Boser called point for her. Birds were flushed with all in order just into the bull pasture. As time was called Jordin was pointing in the draw on the left but her birds eluded her.

With this event concluded we look forward to the spring NRSFTC National Red Setter Championship and the Red Setter National Futurity. That event will be run near Petersburg, Ill., on the Jim Edgar Panther Creek grounds beginning March 14. Check out [www.nrsftc.com](http://www.nrsftc.com) for more details. We'd love to see you there!

#### NATIONAL RED SETTER AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] — 16 Irish Setters

Winner—YOUTOO, 1610607, male, by Aiken—Solitaire. D. W. Beauchamp, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—CEDAR CREEK SKYLINER, 1630141, male, by Come Back Audie—Celtic's Acceleration. Ed Liermann, owner and handler.