

# Spring Valley Field Trial Club

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ON Saturday, January 7, the Spring Valley Field Trial Club hosted their winter trial at the Davenport farm. This farm has been the site for the trial for four years. The Davenport family allows participants to compete their dogs over their immense fields. The Davenports enjoy foot hunting their bird dogs across their farm so they have planted some feed patches and birdy places for a dog to hunt. Yankee Hall is the Davenport family's home place and is on the list for the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Don Faust judged the majority of the stakes during the one course trial. Mr. Faust is quite the horseman and has a keen eye when judging field trial dogs. Don foot hunts and campaigns dogs in field trials so he knows what dog should place. I judged the first Open Puppy, the Open Shooting Dog and the Amateur Shooting Dog with Mr. Faust. Kendall Egerton judged with Mr. Faust in the Open Derby. Rebecca Sanderson judged the Open All-Age with Mr. Faust. Kendall Egerton and William C. Sanderson III judged the Amateur Derby.

The organizer of the trial is W. C. Sanderson who makes sure the ad appears in *The AMERICAN FIELD*, hammers up the field trial signs, picks up the quail, puts on the drawing with his daughter Dorsey, collects the entry fees, writes the checks and cleans up the grounds after the trial. Gale Sanderson hosted the drawing at her home. Will Sanderson, Jr. drove the dog wagon and put out the birds. Kendall Egerton and Rebecca Sanderson assisted handlers with their dogs. Beth Sanderson brought homemade chili, hot dogs, and still warm chocolate chip brownies for participants to enjoy at the noon hour.



**COME BACK AUDIE**  
First in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

Six stakes were run over the Davenport farm, four thirty-minute stakes and two one-hour events. The Spring Valley Field Trial Club appreciates each entry.

In the Open Puppy, Rebel's Silver Surfer won first place for handler Rebecca Sanderson and owner W. C. Sanderson. Hanna Rock placed second for owner-handler Bill Faust. Surfer blasted forward when the whistle blew and was shown kicking up dust and putting distance between himself and his handler. After an absence Surfer was shown to the front of the course at the woodsedge. Rock also had a big break-away cast. He showed up for handler and made big casts around the forever fields. These handsome white and liver pointer males showed that they were strong and had plenty of drive.

In the Open Derby, Dr. Roger Boser's red setter male Rendition (Touchstone ex Solitaire) was on a mission to point quail and to run the course with range and class. His mission was accomplished; his manners on game could not be perfected and his race impressed.

In the Open All-Age, Celtic's Spectacular won first for handler Joe Edwards and owner Paul Ober. Spectacular is a good name for this red setter male because his performance was indeed spectacular. When running the course this handsome winner pointed his quail beautifully without budging, all in order for shot. He had multiple finds and ran with purpose and speed. Spectacular exudes style in motion and on his game.

In the one-hour Open Shooting Dog, Come Back Audie earned the blue ribbon for owner-handler Joe Edwards. Audie is off of Come Back Johnson and Come Back Diddle. Audie likes this big country because he likes to run and take in all of the edges of the course. Audie has a good nose and pointed with flair and had perfect manners on each find.

In the Amateur Derby, Arcanum's Rebel Rose won first for owner-handler Carroll Wilkins. Rose wrapped up the big fields and was searching for more country at pickup. Her efforts were rewarded when Carroll called point in the warm season grass near the pond. Judge William Sanderson had to ride far for the find but Rose did not flinch and stood for shot.

In the one-hour Amateur Shooting Dog, Redstone was the top dog for owner-handler Dr. Roger Boser. Redstone is off of Breakstone and Applebee. Redstone handled this country with go power for he runs the limits of the course with a smooth gait. Redstone had a high



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head and a poker straight tail on point on his many finds and exceeded expectations on each find. Dr. Boser called on his dog through the turns of the course and Redstone obliged him by heeding his call yet still with full speed ahead. This was a high caliber performance.

Come Back Bee Gee claimed second and Come Back Strander won third for owner-handler Joe Edwards. These winners are off of Come Back Audie and Celtic's First Option and laid down favorable performances. Both red setters hunted all the cover, made showy casts, had multiple quality finds, stood like statues on those finds and stayed strong the entire hour.

**Pactolus, N. C., January 7 — One Course**

**Judges: Sandy Gale Edmundson and Don Faust**

**OPEN PUPPY — 4 Pointers**

1st—REBEL'S SILVER SURFER, 1628253, male, by Raincrow Beau—Molly Sims, W. C. Sanderson, owner; Rebecca Sanderson, handler.

2d—HANNA ROCK, 1630172, male, by Legends—Shadowline Rain Dancer. Bill Faust, owner and handler.

**Judges: Kendall Egerton and Don Faust**

**OPEN DERBY — 1 Pointer and 2 Irish Setters**

1st—RENDITION, 1627352, Irish setter male, by Touchstone—Solitaire. Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

**Judges: Sandy Gale Edmundson and Don Faust**

**OPEN ALL-AGE — 2 Irish Setters**

[No placements could be awarded]

**OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] — 3 Irish Setters**

1st—COME BACK AUDIE, 1581969, male, by Come Back Johnson—Come Back Diddle. Joe Edwards, owner and handler.

**Judges: Kendall Egerton and William C. Sanderson III**

**AMATEUR DERBY — 2 Pointers**

[No placements could be awarded]

**Judges: Sandy Gale Edmundson and Don Faust**

**AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] — 8 Irish Setters**

1st—REDSTONE, 1611023, female, by Breakstone—Applebee. Dr. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

2d—COME BACK BEE GEE, 1621024, female, by Come Back Audie—Celtic's First Option. Joe Edwards, owner and handler.

3d—COME BACK STRANDER, 1621021, male, by Come Back Audie—Celtic's First Option. Joe Edwards, owner and handler.