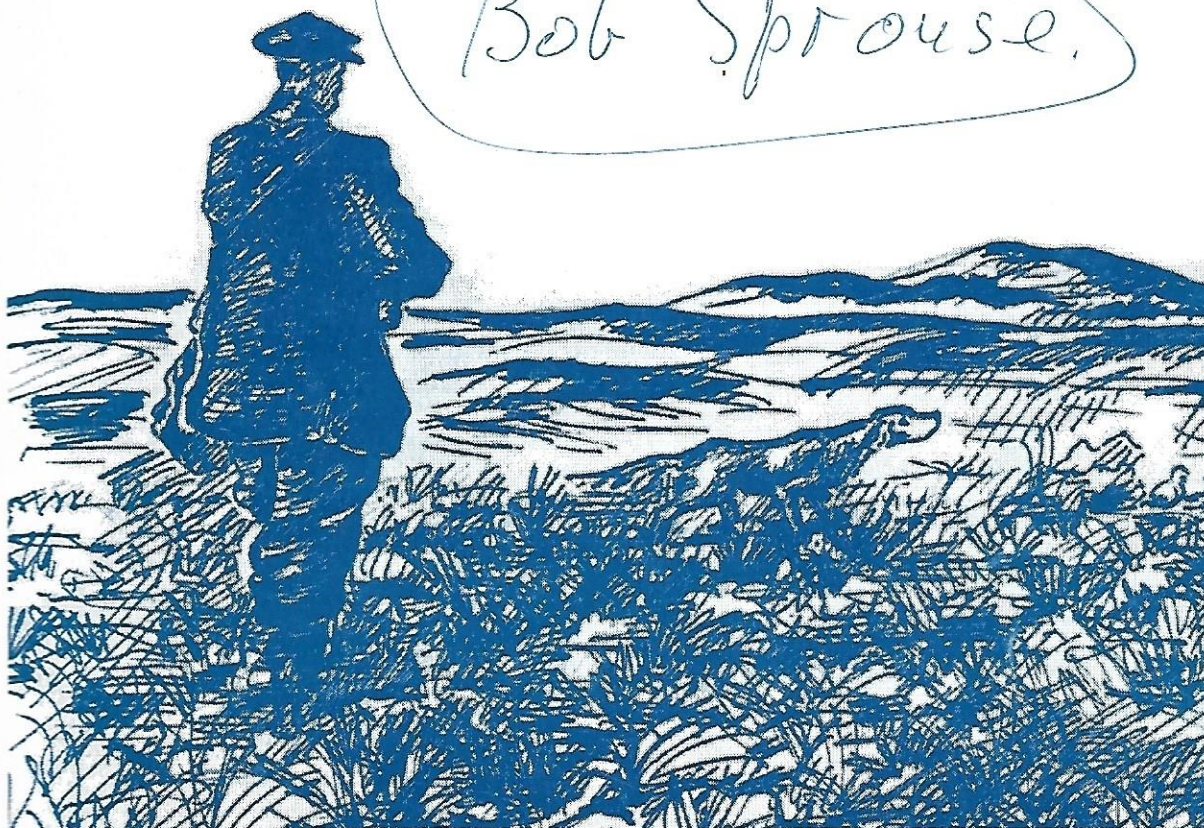


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*3 x Ch. Come Back Fireboy  
(25-14-79)*

### **FIREBOY is**

1. The only living Red Setter to ever place in an All Breed Championship. He was runner-up to Gene Casale's (Gene is the owner, breeder and campaigner of Hall of Famer Guardrail) fine young Guardrail male, Railway Joseph, over 36 dogs in the Region I Shooting Dog Championship in May, of 1993.
2. The winner of the English Setter Club of America Open All Age.
3. The winner of the English Setter Club of America Amateur All Age.
4. The winner of the New York State Open and Amateur Derby of the Year (runner-up was Champion Grouse Ridge Hank).
5. The winner of the Continental Championship.
6. The winner of the National Red Setter championship.
7. Region III Amateur Red Setter Champion.
8. The 3 time runner-up Champion, twice in the National Red Setter Championship and once in the Continental.
9. Sire of numerous all breed winners.
10. Sire of numerous foot shooting dog winners.
11. Sire of many, many superb gun dogs.
12. Dark red with virtually no white.
13. Exceedingly stylish, both going and pointing.
14. *Always* to the front (he has never been lost in competition).
15. A superb canine athlete (he can easily run three hours *at full speed* and has gone four).
16. A sire who uniformly stamps his get with consistent color, style, bird sense, desire and drive.
17. AKC and FDSB Registered.

### **FIREBOY has produced**

1. Several National Red Setter Futurity winners.
2. The Region II Red Setter Champion.
3. The New Jersey Walking Shooting Dog of the Year.
4. The New York Walking Shooting Dog of the Year.
5. The National Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog of the Year *eight times*.
6. The New Jersey Open and Amateur Derby of the Year.

At Celtic Kennels, we believe that a Stud dog should be tested against the *very finest* bird dogs in the world (which, of necessity, means white dog championships) and *must demonstrate his ability to compete on an equal basis with those same bird dogs* before being offered to the public at stud. Fireboy has been forged in the fire of All Breed Championship competition. His worthiness has been acknowledged by an All Breed Championship placement. No other Red Setter in the country can make this claim; no other Red Setter in the country can give you the attributes listed above.

In an effort to make Fireboy more accessible to the Red Setter breeder, we have reduced his stud fee to \$150.00 at the kennel and \$200.00 if shipped. We guarantee a live litter.

We invite you to utilize Fireboy's services in furthering the Celtic credo: "Strive for perfection in everything. Take the best that exists and make it better. If it doesn't exist, create it. Accept nothing nearly right or good enough."

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**WINNING BEGETS WINNING**

**EXCELLENCE BEGETS EXCELLENCE**



# The Red Setter in the U.S.

by Bob Sprouse.

THE past season was a great one for Red Setters in the U.S. with many outstanding all breed wins. The finest performance was by Paul Ober's Come Back Fireboy being named Runner-up Champion at the Region 1 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship (New England region) Fireboy is the only living Red Setter to hold an all-breed championship. Fireboy's record must be consoling to Mr Ober, for two years ago he lost to cancer at a young age, the dog which might have become the greatest Red Setter of all time in the U.S., Celtic's Sua Sponte, winner of two Open Championships, one of which was an Open All Age Championship. A Red Setter even competing in all age trials was hardly dreamed of as late as ten years ago. The all age dog is one that is independent, hunting on the horizon, almost out of control, but never quiet.

Dr. Roger Boser's pair, Bearcat and his son Desperado had a great year, winning over pointers even in the pointer heartland, South Carolina. And on the prairies, Kansan Dwight Haddock's D Mar's Bonanza bested several fields of over twenty pointers. Haddock is seeking an Open Championship this coming year.

We have had a winter to remember in the eastern half of U.S., but would just as soon forget. Deep snow and extreme cold penetrated even into the so called ``sun belt States''. At my Ohio farm, my nephew Don reported January temperatures of below zero F. for 19

straight days, twice dropping to -20 F. (-30 C), the cold accompanies by strong winds drifting the snow into head high drifts. In mid-February, ordinarily the beginning of spring, snow and freezing rain forced the rescheduling of the National Red Setter Championship and moving it to Joe Edward's Six Runs Plantation in North Carolina. There NRSFTC President Dale Brun's Pro Motion won the

Championship with his litter brother Desperado named Runner-up Champion.

The Red Setter was much slower in regaining lost respect from gunners than in field trials. Perhaps because the breed disappeared from trials long before it reached it's worst degradation. Adding to the dis-

trust of the breed, show breeders often passed their surplus pups off to the naive as working dogs. But now the breed is much respected by bird hunters, having proved that the red dogs can even bring under the gun, the most challenging game bird in the land, the ruffed grouse. In the picture, Charles Hudson and Bob McCullen with their Red Setters Saturday Night Bayb and Saturday Night Oscar display the results of a hunt in the New Hampshire hills.

We lost two of our long time members this past year, in August, Elizabeth "Jill" Ross died and Lt. Col. J. B. Owen Jr. died in January. We were all greatly saddened by their passing. Both had friends in Ireland and Jill used dogs from John Nash very successful on the high plains of Colorado. J.B. Owen was a respected trainer in the South, who almost alone, restored the breed to respect in that region.

