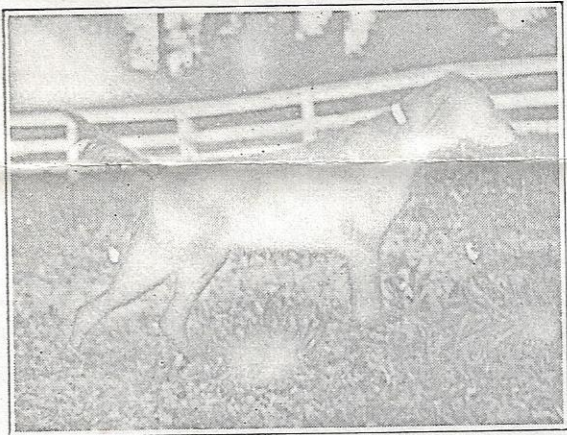


Midwestern Red Setter Championship

By RALPH C. BAYNARD JR.

THE story of the fourth renewal of the National Red Setter Midwestern Open Championship is many sided and all sides are very bright. This is the third time that the Central Ohio Bird Dog Club



COOPER'S GAY LADY

First in the Midwestern Red Setter Championship

has served as the gracious host, and the third time the spacious acres of the Delaware Dam Area have been the running grounds. Fine words, many times, have been written about this Club, its hard working and interested personnel, its birdy and well-planned contiguous courses, the facilities at its control and its tremendous amount of knowledge about how to stage a smoothly operated trial—and it is predicted that the bouquets will continue to be tossed.

Fred Cameron, a director, also served as Midwestern field trial chairman for the National Red Setter Club and was most capably assisted by many of the group. Joe Kramer accepted the duties as marshal for Saturday's running, with Mack Triplett driving the dog wagon and handling traffic. Sunday they alternated positions. Both men fulfilled their duties with a confidence that can only come from enjoyment of their work and a terrific backlog of experience. And then there is Dick Brown. He worked early and late looking after the horses and doing his best to see that each horse and rider finished the two gruelling days through the heavy footing in as good shape as possible. Peck Warner and Bill Smith were in attendance Sunday and gave a helping hand.

Grace and Red Cramer took care of the needs of the inner man. Indeed, their Club banquet served in the clubhouse on the grounds was one we will remember a long time. Austin Smith, coordinator for the Delaware Game and Fish Commission, expressed his appreciation for the chance to look over this field trialler's and outdoorsman's paradise, and Ollie Neimeyer gave a short but educational talk on game farming, and showed films to back up his theories.

Our thanks to the Central Ohio Bird Dog Club, and may we have the chance to be their guests again.

The story of the National Red Setter Club is wrapped up in a few words—enthusiasm and intense though friendly rivalry. These are the reasons for the great strides shown during the last seven years in the attempt to revitalize this almost extinct hunting companion. The Club is officered by ye scribe, R. C. Baynard of Dover, Delaware, president; Ray Hagan of Mexico, Mo., vice-president; and the most efficient Joyce Schollenberger of Allentown, Pa., secretary-treasurer; with Tom Moffat of Michigan, Fred Kremer of Minnesota, G. Wood Smith of Missouri, Bill Cooper of Tennessee, De Whittle Davis, of North Carolina, John Cassidy of Massachusetts, and W. E. LeGrande of Pennsylvania, on the board of directors.

The use of the word "enthusiasm" is substantiated by the many hundreds of miles traveled by most of the competitors, some of whom came from far distances.

The weather for Saturday's running was blustery, rainy and cold, with Sunday just what Dick Brown predicted—sunshine and pleasant spring warmth.

Two more of the Ohio Club were very much in evidence; Fred Hill of Crooksville, O., and Milt Kerr of Sandusky, O., judged all four stakes on April 12-13. Both of these fine gentlemen gave their undivided attention to each brace of dogs and came up with logical decisions. Fred's horse took a nasty fall Saturday afternoon and a shod hoof missed

Fred's face by the narrowest of margins. A three-way switch of mounts was made quickly and the good judge was in business again.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Cooper's Palmerston Jett moved into the top spot in sensational fashion. Jett, just a mite of a pup, has a blazing turn of speed that carries her to far points in an intelligent manner; and yet, all the while she is ever observant to her handler's wish. All of this coupled with her stylish way of going made her an outstanding favorite.

For second, the judges selected Windyridge Mickey, a hard, wide-running pup with a bullish attitude in response to his handler. His first cast carried him out of sight in wide open country, with a scout necessary to return him to the front and keep him in judgment. From then until pick-up, his range was restricted in comparison to his first fifteen minutes.

Little Red, after a sharp breakaway, hung out on the edges with speed and looked nice doing it, thus earning the nod for third.

The other starters were Honey, Molly Colleen, Tammy, Dandy, Brun's Red Ike, Reddie and Brun's Rusty Hobo.

Delaware, O., April 12

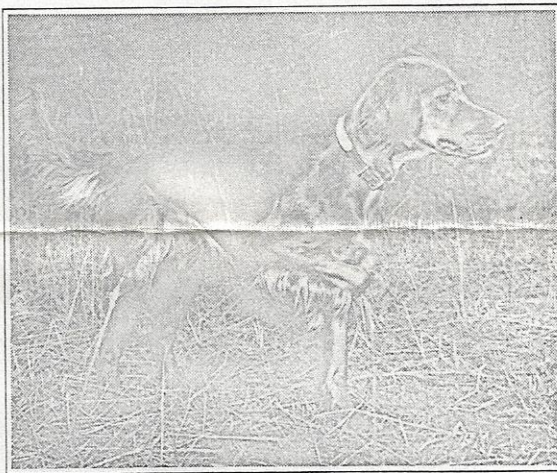
Judges: Milton L. Kerr and G. Fred Hill

OPEN PUPPY—10 Irish Setters

- 1st—COOPER'S PALMERSTON JETT, 574240, bitch, by Hard Tack—Willow Winds Mary. W. S. Cooper, owner; William Rayl, handler.
- 2d—WINDYRIDGE MICKEY, 580785, dog, by Hard Tack—Ergie's Maggie Modra. F. C. Bean, owner and handler.
- 3d—LITTLE RED, unreg., dog, by Double Jay—Cloisters Red Robin. A. D. Smith, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY

Cooper's Gay Lady and Lady's Last Son, who were first and second, respectively, ran in the fifth



COOPER'S HOLLYBERRY SCARLET

Second in the Midwestern Red Setter Championship

brace of a very interesting stake. After the first cast both dogs moved out well and started to hunt at a crisp pace. A hen pheasant was seen to flush out of a far off bottom, with both dogs in pursuit. Shortly thereafter, point was called for Lady and Son came in and backed. Both dogs stayed for the shot. Crossing into next field, Lady was seen on point, very tight and her tail spiked to the sky. No bird could be produced and she was asked to relocate. Son was seen working the headrow from the other end. During the relocation effort a hen bird flushed in front of the gallery. Both continued to run pleasingly, with Lady the wider.

Cooper's Palmerston Jet returned after her exciting race in the Puppy Stake and seemingly ignored the muddy underfooting. Again the range, speed, and handling response of this petite miss paid off. The judges accepted her as the logical choice for third.

It would be rather hard to separate several of the other contenders but such were their bold efforts that a few words of commendation would not be remiss. Lakeview Red, with a strong-striding and forward race, found a bevy of quail and two separate hen birds, taking all for a ride. Honey treated to a very likable ground pattern. Schnet's Beau, Autumn Hills Duke, Son O'Double Jay and Mike's Jack Dandy all impressed with their drive and speed but their range was not on a par with the three placed dogs.

Acey, Shawn, Paddy O'Toole, Irish Ballad and Tawnee completed the entry.

OPEN DERBY—14 Irish Setters

- 1st—COOPER'S GAY LADY, 563918, bitch, by Willow Winds Hobo—Van's Cindy. W. S. Cooper Jr., owner and handler.
- 2d—LADY'S LAST SON, 579523, dog, by Ike Jack Kendrick—Askew's Carolina Lady. D. W. Wilson, owner and handler.
- 3d—COOPER'S PALMERSTON JETT, 574240, bitch, by Hard Tack—Willow Winds Mary. W. S. Cooper Jr., owner; William Rayl, handler.

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- 3d—RED STAR, 562260, bitch, by Connemara Queen. J. W. W. S. Cooper Jr., owner and handler.

RED SETTER MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

By WINDYRIDGE

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Cooper's Tennessee Riley delivered a likable race and picked off a bevy of quail and handled it with finesse. Riley's tail was broken in an accident when he was a youngster, leaving him with not much tail action and a rather low appendage on point, but his intelligent casts, his intensity on game, and his perfect manners earned him first place.

Tyrone's Mahogany Mike did not seem up to par in the running department but his nose carried him to a feeding bevy which he worked intelligently and pointed. Handler's gun refused to fire but a gallery-ite obliged and Mike turned to mark the flight of the birds.

Red Star was third with a sensible ground pattern, never wide but always busy. A nice point on a single bob-white was handled cleanly; then an intense point, with a relocation effort unsuccessful. A well handled find on a hen pheasant looked nice, and just before time came a fruitless attempt to pin another runner.

Fyn had a nifty find along ramp, with his brace-mate, Cooper's Gay Lady, backing manners good. Pride's Red Rambler set a likable pace and looked mighty fine while backing. Devie pointed but failed to unravel the spooky pheasant scent. Miss Bobbity was mannerly when other handler rode up a bird that flew almost in her face. Mac's Rouge Hobo also pleased with a dandy race and showed manners on a wild bird.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG—19 Irish Setters

- 1st—COOPER'S TENNESSEE RILEY, 552405, dog, by The Dude—Lee Mac. W. S. Cooper Jr., owner and handler.
2d—TYRONE'S MAHOGANY MIKE, 530007, dog, by Lord Tyrone Trent—McIvor's Kathleen. E. W. McIvor, owner and handler.
3d—RED STAR, 562260, bitch, by King Canton of Ardee—Connemara Queen. J. W. Cunningham, owner and handler.

RED SETTER MIDWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

By WINDFIELD

Cooper's Gay Lady emerged winner of the third running of the Championship, but the title was withheld.

Thirteen of the countries outstanding Red setters made their bid for the crown. Runner-up laurels were given to Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet, who was returned for a second series to elevate her position to Championship caliber without question. Her second appearance failed to do so.

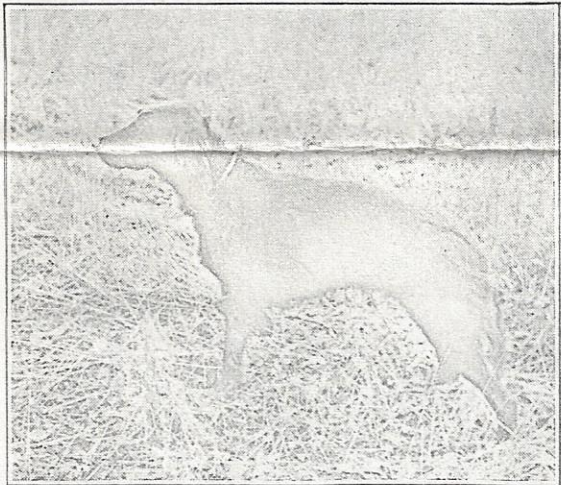
The winner and runner-up are owned and were handled by Bill Cooper of Oneida, Tenn.

To the National Red Setter Field Trial Club goes many congratulations for the determination and enthusiasms shown over the last few years in its program to bring forth a bird dog of outstanding merit. Tremendous strides have been accomplished in this direction.

The sunny 70° temperature was ideal for the running. However, the grounds were very soft because of heavy rain three days before the running.

THE RUNNING

Mac's Rouge Hobo-Cooper's Tennessee Riley.—They sped away at 9:00. Across open meadow and far to the front, Riley came to a beautiful point, with Hobo cautiously backing and proceeding to steal point. Riley's handler produced a bevy of quail, Hobo taking chase on the flush. Riley's manners were above reproach. Sen on, Riley had difficulty in locating a second bevy, and came too close. Hobo,



RED STAR

Third in the Amateur Shooting Dog Stake

who traversed to the other side of the levee, started to make game in open lowland, put up a bevy and stopped at command. Hobo cast on to a timothy field where he flushed and chased a pheasant. Riley pointed near a ditch and handler pro-

duced a pheasant, Riley stopping at command. Riley moved a distance of 100 yards and pointed. Handler could not produce. A pheasant took to the air a great distance from the dog and Riley chased. Hobo tired the last thirty minutes. Riley put a pheasant to flight at time, and stopped at command.

Pride's Red Rambler-Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet.—Holly started to hunt immediately and, moving with a merry tail, covered ample territory. Red was slow starting but after fifteen minutes he showed zest and ability. Holly began making game in standing wheat stubble, and a pheasant was seen to rise with handler riding to dog. Handler shot, Holly's manners good. Through thicket, Holly established point and showed splendid style. Red, coming from the rear, passed Holly, flushed a pheasant for her, and continued to chase. Holly's manners were above reproach; she was shot over and sent on. Red put another pheasant to flight and chased. Red was picked up at 35 minutes. At time, Holly pointed and a pheasant flew from her stand along a fencerow. Holly was steady.

Fyn-Lady Last Son.—Both were moderate in range, the afternoon heat leaving its effect upon them. At 25 minutes both stopped for flush on a bevy. A pheasant was seen to rise far across open timothy field within the immediate area. They tired the last twenty minutes.

The Dude-Cooper's Gay Lady.—Both hunted a small valley, broke through into open country and cast the fence-rows. Dude stopped and ground-scented in ditch, put a pheasant to flight and chased. At thirty minutes Lady established point across gravel road and showed excellent style. Handler gave her the whistle and she put a pheasant in the air that was perfectly located. Sent on, Lady pointed, Dude stopping at command for a back. Both dogs relocating, and Dude chased pheasant that had run near the river bank from Lady's stand. Point was called for Dude in a timothy field. As handler approached, a duck left the scene, with Dude merrily after it. A pheasant was flying across wooded section, and Lady was seen standing with head high. Handler hurried to Lady and moved another pheasant. Lady's manners were excellent. At forty minutes Lady pointed and was cautious. Handler saw a pheasant moving on the ground, ahead. Lady proceeded to run the bird down. Shot over, Lady ran some thirty yards and began making game, moving forward slowly and probably over-cautious. This was distracting as she could have possessed a more accurate determination of the game ahead. However, her approach to the situation definitely saved her in this stake. Dude tired at 45 minutes.

Cliffwood Lady Pat—Double Jay.—Jay, last year's champion, impressed the first thirty minutes. Pat flushed a pheasant along a fencerow and chased, giving Jay an idea to join her. Both dogs were picked up immediately.

Jeffery of Kennilworth-Tyrone's Mahogany Mike.—Mike didn't show at his best here. He was picked up at the half. Jeff pointed and moved on, and came in contact with a running bird and stopped at command. He later flushed a single quail and was picked up.

Mike, a bye.—He was restricted in his application and flushed a pheasant near the road edge. He was picked up.

SECOND SERIES

Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet, a bye.—Holly was released to go bird-hunting and in ten minutes she showed signs of connecting on ridge. A high gust of wind came up and no doubt confused her in her efforts to locate a pair of quail exactly. Quail left her and handler dismounted, shot and sent her on. Holly feathered into a nesting hen pheasant and put her to flight. She was ordered up and the announcement of the stake placements was given at the club-house.

NATIONAL RED SETTER MIDWESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats]—13 Irish Setters

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- 1st—COOPER'S GAY LADY, 563918, bitch, by Willow Winds Hobo—Van's Cindy. W. S. Cooper Jr., owner and handler.
2d—COOPER'S HOLLYBERRY SCARLET, 544774, bitch, by Willow Winds Duke—Willow Winds Kate. W. S. Cooper Jr., owner and handler.

Spunky Carolina Duke succumbed to heart worm and other complications on May 13 at exactly eight years, having been whelped on May 13, 1950. Duke had been on the field trial circuit for a number of years. He was formerly owned and handled by the late Julius Marcey. He had a total of 41 placements; 21 firsts, thirteen seconds, and seven thirds. He became ill at the last trial he ran in at Greensburg, Pa., on March 23. Despite his illness, he placed third in the Open Shooting Dog Stake. Field trialers on the Eastern seaboard are thoroughly familiar with Duke's performance and record, and his death is a great loss to me. I am sure he will be missed by his many admirers.

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