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**Come Back Buck, 2009 Futurity Winner  
with owner/handler Ross Leonard**



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Ross Leonard is all smiles as his dog, Come Back Buck (CB Audie X Celtic's Superior Interest) secures first place in the NRSFTC's 37th National Futurity. Come Back Buck put down a nearly perfect race, hunting smartly with animation at excellent range. His one find came at 22 and was a finished, class act.

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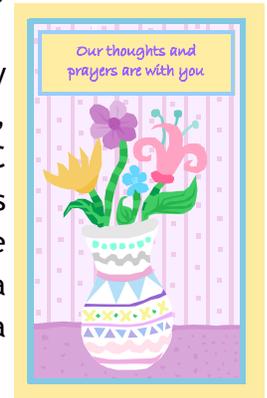
*Please remember these NRSFTC friends:*



**Caroline Harris, 12150 W Albain Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270.** I received a note from Jim Harris thanking folks for the cards and support of his wife Caroline. Jim tells me that Caroline has made big improvements and is getting stronger every day. Best of all she has been able to come home from the hospital. Keep those cards and prayers coming!

**Wilson Dunn, PO Box 189, Grand Junction, TN 38039**

Our dear friend, Wilson Dunn was recently hospitalized with pneumonia. In addition, this long time supporter of the NRSFTC recently lost his dear wife of 68 years. He's home again and improving every day. We certainly wish this great Hall of Famer a speedy recovery. Send this fine gentleman a note!



**Judy Myers, PO Box 527, Calhoun City, Mississippi 38916**



Please send cards and notes to Judy and Chodie Myers. Even though Judy recently received radiation and oral chemotherapy, she hasn't missed a beat. She is keeping a positive attitude and taking it a day at a time! Please remember her with your thoughts and prayers!



Well, here I am trying to write this from Berea Kentucky. That's Allen "giving me a hand" with the project. We sure were having fun. No wonder you are getting this late! A HUGE Thank you each and every one of you for sending back your postcards. The Flushing Whip

apparently got to your homes in a much more timely manner. We sent out 200 copies in the US and we received 184 postcards back. That's a mighty fine showing and I thank you so much for helping out. I even got a special handwritten note from lifetime member Lois Crum. She received her Whip but her postcard was missing. So Lois grabbed a paper and sent me a note. She and her husband Larry really enjoyed the NRSFTC in the "olden days." Larry was one of the first Editors— that was back when the Whips were being cut, pasted, copied and typed! I have a feeling that Lois worked as hard on those issues as Larry did! She sends her best to each and every one of you and would certainly like to hear from old friends. **Lois Crum, 7 Otterbein Drive, Johnstown, Pa 15901.**

This is the time of year that folks are asked to mail in their ballots for The Field Trial Hall of Fame. Because we are a small breed club it is very difficult (for US) to get our candidates elected. We have 2 great dogs who are always nominated— Bearcat and Abra. Rather than to divide the votes year after year,

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we want to try concentrating on one dog at a time— starting with bearcat. (We decided that purely because of win records. Bearcat holds the highest number of AF wins of any dog in **any breed dog**. Abra incidentally is right behind him. That's right folks. **2 RED Setters lead the pack** for most AF wins. Let's put them in the Hall of Fame beginning with Bearcat. Help us garner support for Bearcat! Talk with every field trial and dog person you know! To read more about Bearcat, turn to page 6. And along the same line, Bob Schweiger has made it into the top 10 for the last 2 years. Bob was campaigning for a Field Trial Hall of Fame back when it was nothing more than a couple paintings hanging in Bill Brown's office in Chicago. Our dear friend Wilson Dunn nominates Bob every year— he longs to see Bob be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Please help make Wilson's dream come true. Vote Bob Schweiger to the FTHOF! This issue has a lot of information about the recent trial in Berea KY. Wing Shot Fling was inducted into the Irish Red Setter Field Trial Hall of Fame, the Spring Trial Report by Bonnie Hidalgo, and lots of pictures. Finally, you'll meet the YOUNGEST member of our NRSFTC on page 31 .

Last issue we had an educational piece on Ehrlichiosis. Our friend Steve Salt responded to the article and sent us additional information. Thanks Steve— we appreciate your input in helping us pursue our education goal for our members.

You know there are probably as many hunters who belong to the NRSFTC as there are field trialers. I wanted to include a story about hunting grouse that was written by the late Ken Roebuck. Ken wrote a column for Gun Dog magazine for many years and was friends with Herm David. This particular story isn't about a pointing dog— this one is a flusher. Now don't hold that against me folks! Great hunting dogs make great hunting stories! BTW, if you have a good hunting story about your red setter, how bout sharing it with our readers. Send it along to me... if you would please! There's a lot to read here so take your time and have fun. Enjoy your *Whip!!*

*Del*

## Help Elect Bearcat to the Field Trial Hall of Fame !

If there was ever a dog that deserved consideration to the Hall of Fame, it certainly is Bearcat. Not simply because Bearcat has the most field trial placements in the history of field trialing in the United States, although he does. Not simply because he was a phenomenal bird finder on both the northern prairies as well as the plantations of the south, although he was. Not because he provided so much pride for his owner Roger Boser and his breeder Joe Edwards, as well as the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, although he did. So why should Bearcat be a part of the Hall of Fame, alongside



the likes of Count Gladstone IV, Fiddler's Pride, Guard Rail, Miller's Silver Bullet, or Grouse Ridge Will? It's quite simple. Bearcat delivered performance and production.

Bearcat, bred by Joe Edwards of Rose Hill, NC, out of Come Back Choo Choo x Sugar Plum Christmas, was trained and handled by Dr. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, PA. His career spanned placements from New

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England to Georgia. All in all, Bearcat garnered a record number of 158 placements including 14 championships and 8 runners-up. Bearcat himself was a phenomenal bird dog, and his record of 158 American Field placements still is to this day the **HIGHEST of ANY dog of any breed** in the history of American Field sanctioned trials. Overall, Bearcat placed in 61% of all trials entered.

Even more impressive is the impact that Bearcat has had on the quality of red setter field trial performance. His son Desperado was but one of many future champions who ran with Bearcat blood coursing through their veins. Of the many fine red setters who have made an impact on our breed, I am hard pressed to find a specimen who has made a greater impact than Bearcat.

The red setter is considered by most to be a “minority breed” in the field trial world. Certainly, in terms of sheer numbers, we fall far below the English Pointer and English Setter. But is not the Hall of Fame about honoring the contributions of a QUALITY bird dog? In the history of any breed of pointing dog in the United States, the number of dogs who have made the impact on a breed that Bearcat has made on the red setter, could be counted with the fingers of one hand... and those dogs are already in the Hall of Fame, as well they should be.

Members of the club understand the quality of what we own: absolute bird dogs, with the kind of style and drive that would make any hunter or trialer proud! Well, the thread that binds them together is their ancestry to Bearcat. The bird dog world is a better place today because of this fine red setter. Our time is limited. Talk to your friends at trials, gun clubs and ask for their support. Honor Bearcat’s legacy by electing him to the Field Trial Hall of Fame. Every vote will count!! Please help. FMI go to: <http://www.nrsftc.com/Committee/index.htm>

## Congratulations to Wing Shot Fling 2008 Inductee to the NRSFTC Hall of Fame



The National Red Setter Field Trial Club inducted Ch. Wing Shot Fling into the Irish Red Setter Hall of Fame on March 6<sup>th</sup> during the 2009 Spring trial in Berea Kentucky. Wing Shot Fling (Ch. Abra X Turkey Talk Polly) nudged out 4 other red setter greats who likewise contended for the 2008 slot in the Irish Red Setter Hall of Fame. But Fling received an overwhelming number of votes from club membership who remembered her with great love and affection! Many wrote notes on their ballots saying that *“THIS dog epitomized the Purest Challenge!”*

Fling was certainly a class horseback shooting dog. She usually competed in all breed trials and frequently ran away with the win! On a good field trial course, Fling would not be out run or

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**Katherine and Bob Gove with Fling's Hall of Fame Scroll and other mementoes of the occasion**

out birded by the competition— regardless of the breed. And simply put, that was her strong point: class all breed trials. Fling won one hundred three American Field placements. Her devoted owner, Bob Gove believed that the all breed classic wins were far more significant than Red Setter only competition and he campaigned her with that in mind. There was an obvious chemistry between dog and owner and it was unbeatable! Among her wins were three very memorable NRSFTC titles. She also won many all breed classics: in 1985 and 1986 she was named Champion of the Amateur Chicken Classic in Buena Vista. Sadly she didn't live long enough to defend her title in 1987. The Amateur Chicken Classic became a Championship in 1988 and many said that it was Fling who set the

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bar for future great performances

Fling won the NRSFTC Duke Award and was runner up for the LeGrande in 1985. She won both the Duke and LeGrande again in 1986. At that time, Fling understandably had the highest win record of a red setter female in American Field history. During that era she was second only to her Sire, the great Champion Abra. Although Bob Gove handled Fling on most of her wins. Keith Martin ran Fling at Rend Lake for the Red Setter Futurity and it was a phenomenal performance. It was the kind of competition that causes the hairs to stand up on the back of your neck as you realize you are witnessing something truly exceptional.

It's a shame that Fling was never bred and given the opportunity to pass on her great running qualities and style. Unfortunately the busy field trial schedule of her youth and the health complications in her adult life caused her to just run out of time. With her power and talent she certainly would have thrown some quality field trial pups to continue chalking up the wins for all breed competition.

During the presentation, Bonnie Hidalgo spoke at length about Fling's impressive career; when she finished there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Club President, Don Beauchamp presented Bob and Katherine with a scroll inducting Wing Shot Fling into the Irish Red Setter Hall of Fame. As the 2008 Inductee, Fling joins the ranks of Askew's Carolina Lady, Buddwing, County Clare's Country lass, Saturday Night Ed, Ike Jack Kendrick, Joe Junior, Clancy O Ryan, Valli Hi Country, Abra, bearcat, Desperado, and triple Creek Abby.

Heartiest Congratulations to Bob and Katherine Gove.

## National Red Setter Championship & 37<sup>th</sup> National Futurity

By Bonnie Hidalgo

Breakstone impressed everyone with his intelligent, sweeping race as he annexed the title of National Red Setter Champion for 2009. Breakstone took the goods home to Seven Valleys, PA for his owner, breeder, trainer and handler, Dr. Roger W. Boser.

Code Red, a local favorite was runner up with a fine performance of his own, covering a lot of country and finding plenty of game. Code Red is owned by Tim and Dr. Kris Hammons of Berea, KY and was handled by Tim.

The National Red Setter Futurity winner was Come Back Buck, owned and handled by Ross Leonard of Cloudland, GA. Second place went to Roger Boser's Patina. Miss Minerva took third for owner handler, Rex Cottle of Mt. Olive, NC. In fourth was Touchstone, owned and handled by Roger Boser.

The annual renewal of this Championship held in Berea, KY at the Miller Welch/Central KY Wildlife Area is judged on All Age standards. The 2009 event took place on March 5-8 2009. Tim Hammons and Brian Gelinas co-chaired the trial and saw that all details were covered. Mike Jacobson chaired the walking events which ran concurrently with Friday's horseback stakes.

The drawing was held on the grounds on the eve of the trial. It was conducted by Tim Hammons and Dennis Hidalgo with help from Brian Gelinas and Ross Leonard. In addition to the Championship and Futurity, supporting stakes were run for Red Setters in Open All Age, Amateur Shooting Dog, Walking Derby, Walking Shooting Dog Classic and Open Puppy competition. A total of 80 red setters ran in the course of the four day field trial. The grounds were in good shape and much drier than in recent years making it easier on dogs and horses. Birds were plentiful and most dogs had contact. The weather treated us kindly,

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helping to fade the nightmare ice and snow storm of 2008 from our minds. Temperatures were mild enough for people but reasonable for the canine competitors.

Judges for the Championship and Futurity were Vernon Vance of Winchester, KY and David Sparks of Berea, KY. They did an admirable job, watching intently and knowing what they were looking for. They come highly recommended. Judging the horseback companion stakes were David Sparks and Ken Taff of Georgetown, KY. Ken was also knowledgeable and attentive and was a pleasant addition to the panel of judges. The Walking stakes were judged by Bob Gove of Princeton, MN and Larry Dickey of New Waterford, Ohio. Bob Gove is known for being competitive in all breed trials with his classy red setters. He was in Berea to accept Wing Shot Fling's induction into the Red Setter Hall of Fame and graciously agreed to judge the walking stakes while he was in town. Larry Dickey is a long time hunter and owner of Irish Setters. He holds Senior Judge status for NAVHDA, with over 30+ years experience.

Tim Hammons marshaled the vast majority of the trial with some aid from Brian Gelinas. Having judges that were familiar with the grounds was a plus, making the task of marshal easier. Tim planted birds early each morning and again before the afternoon running. This insured that there were plenty of fresh birds on the courses for all competitors.

The dog wagon duties were shared by Brian Gelinas, Rupert Colmore, Tom Norton, Deb Fazenbaker and Tim Hammons. Dennis Hidalgo supplied the homemade cookies for the coffee breaks and as usual they went over well. Kris Hammons brought donuts, apples, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, soda and water.

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If anyone went hungry or thirsty it was their own fault!

The club's annual membership meeting was held at the clubhouse on Friday March 6. A large group attended the meeting and the chicken dinner which was arranged by Judy Gelinas. The Red Setter Hall of Fame presentation, year end awards presentations and a fund raising auction directed by Brian Gelinas rounded out the evening.

Wing Shot Flings' induction into the Irish "Red" Setter Hall of Fame was delivered to Bob and Katherine Gove by NRSFTC President Don Beauchamp. Your scribe spoke from first hand knowledge on the great red female's career which ended with her untimely death in 1987 at the age of nine. Wing Shot Fling amassed a win record of 103 placements. She was a two time National Red Setter Amateur Champion (1980 & 1983) and she won the National Red Setter Championship in 1985. Most of her wins were in all breed competition. She twice won the classic that was the predecessor of the National Amateur Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship those wins came in 1985 and 1986.

Code Red was the High Performance Award recipient for 2008. The High Performance award is given to the Irish Setter with the most points won in all breed, all age competition. It was the fourth year in a row that Code Red had won this prize for Tim Hammons.

The Le Grande Award was won by Breakstone. Piccadilly's point total gained her the runner-up trophy. Both dogs are owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser.

The NRSFTC Walking Shooting Dog Award went to King Cormac who is owned by Al and Deb Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio.

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Al has handled Mac to all of his qualifying wins.

The NRSFTC Shoot to Retrieve Award went to Witz's Best Buddy and his owner-handler Steve Witz.

The finale of the evening, the fund raising auction contained some interesting and valuable items that were donated by past and present members of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. It raised a substantial fund and the club greatly appreciates the donations and the work that Brian Gelinis went to in putting this auction together.

### **The Championship Winners**

The eventual Champion ran in the fifth brace of the stake, appearing on course two on Thursday afternoon. Breakstone ran a beautiful, forward reaching race. He scored a find at 25, buried in an edge. He was high and tight on both ends through flush and shot. Past the pond near the old house he reached for the left front line and took it to the end. Scout Beauchamp called point for him there at 40. This limb find was a classic with Breakstone looking magnificent. He was consistent in application for the entire hour. It was truly a title worthy effort.

Code Red appeared in the first brace of the stake. Code Red was seen pointed along the ditch line at 14; birds were flushed with all in order. He was wide and mainly forward to his next find at 40 at the cedar grove. Again this was a nice piece of work. Code Red covered the real estate and suffered a brief absence before the course crossed the road a second time near the old "mailbox". He came forward without his handler and was briefly taken on by Don Jones. As he was passing the gallery on the way to the front he pointed a single in the grass at 54. Hammons

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caught up at that moment and handled him through another mannerly piece of bird work. Although the location of the find was not exciting, the dog's style and decorum were impeccable. As time elapsed he was on point, to the front on the ditch line; all in order with fine style.

### **The Running**

#### **Chaperon (Leonard) with Code Red (T. Hammons)**

Chaperon backed Code Red at 14 and 59. He suffered a barren stand at 39 before the creek crossing. Chap was pointed at 52 and remained high and tight through a lengthy but successful flush. His race was consistently forward.

#### **Aiken (Beauchamp) and Come Back Johnson (Vaughan)**

Aiken scored a very nice find on woodcock at 16 beyond the old barn. His race was wide and attractive; unfortunately he was lost and not recovered under judgment. Johnson was lost early in the hour.

#### **Piccadilly (Boser) and Come Back Audie (Edwards)**

Audie pointed with Piccadilly backing at 25. Audie pointed again at 30 just past the road crossing but a feral cat was on the scene and Edwards took the dog on. The red setters shared a find at 35 on the ditch edge. All was in order. They were standing together again at 40 near the tobacco barn, both were stylish with impeccable manners. At 56, Piccadilly pointed at the cedar grove with Audie coming in for a back. Both dogs exhibited loads of class and all was as it should be, with the birds well located in front of Piccadilly. As the hour ran out they were standing in a cut of a tree line, facing each other. Both handlers started to flush until Edwards decided Audie was backing. Piccadilly relocated but no birds were produced. Speculation was that they may have been backing

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each other. They each ran attractive patterns throughout the hour.

**Scout (Edwards) with Rocky's Straight Arrow (Gelinas)**

Both were well animated. Arrow had a brief absence early in the hour but was forward at 31 when Scout went on point. No birds were produced for her; Arrow had a nonproductive at 39. Point was called for Arrow at 44 near the cedar grove. He stood with excellent style and manners even when the birds flushed toward him. At 50, he pointed on the ditch line but a lengthy flush and relocation were unsuccessful; sent on, he pointed just down the line with quail located nicely in front of him. Crossing the blacktop with moments to go, point was called for Scout on the right edge. She had a large covey nicely pinned and ended her hour with all in order.

**Firefly's Solid Dollar (Hidalgo) and Breakstone (Boser)**

Sol was the first to hit pay dirt with a stylish, covey find at 6 on the left edge. He ran a good shooting dog race but had no further game contact. Breakstone, the eventual champion has his performance described above.

**Moonshine Again (K. Hammons) with Come Back Casey (Cottle)**

Charlotte scored an attractive find at 14. Casey carded a good find in the vicinity at 17. At 32, he found a covey, handling them nicely. Charlotte was absent at this time but was returned shortly. Casey's third find came at 40 and was well executed. Both dogs finished the hour.

**Comeback Judy (Cottle) with Texas Roughcut (Beauchamp)**

Judy had a close encounter with game at 9 and was up. Roughcut was mainly forward in pattern for the duration.

Jericho (Boser) and Poison Creek Rose (Williams)

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They turned loose at the mailbox on Friday morning. Before reaching Clubhouse woods, Jericho carded a clean find in the tree row. On the approach to the old barn they took the line of cedar trees, pointing with intensity and style at 52 on a divided find. After being released Jericho continued down the line and scored his third find moments later. He was lofty and superbly mannered. Both finished the hour, turning in respectable shooting dog performances.

#### **Come Back Dally (Williams)**

Dally, running as a bye covered her course nicely. She pointed stylishly at 34, remaining attractive through the shot. At 39, she stopped to flush in a feed strip.

#### **The 37<sup>th</sup> National Red Setter Futurity**

The National Red Setter Futurity winner was Come Back Buck, owned and handled by Ross Leonard of Cloudland, GA. Second place went to Roger Boser's Patina. Miss Minerva took third for owner handler, Rex Cottle of Mt. Olive, NC. In fourth was Touchstone, owned and handled by Roger Boser.

Eighteen litters were nominated for this renewal of the National Red Setter Futurity. Futurity Chairman, Al Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio reported that Paul Ober's Celtic Kennel nominated six litters; Roger Boser nominated four litters, David Morgan contributed two litter nominations while the following six breeders, Joe Edwards, Ed Liermann, Jack Flynn, Al Fazenbaker, Jim Ashby, and Mike Jacobson came in with one each.

There were eleven sires of nominated litters. They were Breakstone with four; Come Back Audie with three; Rocky's

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Straight Arrow and Celtic's Firepoint with two; Aiken, Celtic's Barrister, Celtic's Absolute, Celtic's Closing Statement, Come Back Rock, Hondo Muldoon and Ironfire's Jack Radigan with one litter each.

There were twenty-six individual nominations from eleven different litters. The actual sixteen entries came from seven litters. Fifteen dogs competed after one was scratched due to illness.

Winners came from three different sires in three litters. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, PA bred three of the placing dogs; Joe Edwards of Rose Hill, NC bred the winner. Come Back Audie sired the winner, Ross Leonard's Come Back Buck. Aiken sired two winners, which placed second and third; those being Patina and Miss Minerva. Breakstone sired the fourth place winner, Touchstone.

### **The Winners**

Come Back Buck was bred by Joe A. Edwards and is owned and handled by Ross Leonard of Cloudland, GA. His sire is Come Back Audie and his dam is Celtic's Superior Interest. He appeared in the sixth brace of this stake. Come Back Buck put down a nearly perfect race, hunting smartly with animation at excellent range. His one find came at 22 and was a finished, class act.

Patina, the second placing Futurity entry is a product of Dr. Roger Boser's breeding program. She was sired by Aiken and is out of Solitaire. She is owned and was handled by Roger. Patina scored twice on quail and once on woodcock in a finished fashion. She displayed intensity and high style on

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each. Her race was intelligent and kind handling.

Rex Cottle owns and handled Miss Minerva to her third place finish in this high quality stake. Missy is a littermate to Patina and was also braced with her in the fifth brace of this Futurity. She placed third with a highly appealing effort. Missy carded four finds and ran a mature pattern.

Touchstone placed fourth in this Futurity under the guidance of owner, Roger Boser. He was also bred by Dr. Boser, being out of Applebee and sired by Breakstone. His brace turned loose at the tobacco barn. He pointed at the crest of the hill at 4. It was a stylish, finished piece of bird work. He continued with an appealing ground pattern and scored his second find after the blacktop road. Once again, Touchstone showed flawless manners and high style.

### **The Running of the Futurity**

#### **Poison Creek Lucky (Williams) and Celtic's Axiomatic (Edwards)**

Lucky was mainly forward in pattern but made some immature choices. Sparkle is well named, she showed an attractive gait but was directionally challenged and hard to handle. Neither found game.

#### **Touchstone (Boser) with Arrowhead's Anna Belle (Jones)**

Touchstone's fourth place performance is described above. Anna was sore footed and was picked up at 3.

#### **Pete (Jones) with Jordin (Boser)**

Pete was scratched. Jordin carded a nonproductive and one nice, finished find.

#### **Sully (Fazenbaker) and Berken of the Snows (Norton)**

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These two were enthusiastic and had several bird contacts.

**Miss Minerva (Cottle) and Patina (Boser)**

Their performances are detailed under “The Winners”.

**Celtic’s Comeback Ballette (Edwards) with Come Back Buck (Leonard)**

Buck’s winning heat is detailed earlier. Ballette ran a good race and scored finds at 8 and 20.

**Jelly (Vaughan) and Lakeview Kant Ketch Me (Ashby)**

Jelly was cautioned into a back when Kate pointed birds along the cedar row. Kate was high tailed and mannerly around her game. She was wide and most often forward. Both showed potential but lacked the flow seen of the winners.

**Flushing Whip Roger Ramjet (Fazenbaker) with Come Back Silverado (Edwards)**

These two were mainly forward in pattern but found no game.

**Red Setter Walking Derby**

There were seven starters in this stake which was officiated by Bob Gove and Larry Dickey. This stake ran in its entirety on Friday morning March 6, on the course across the road from the headquarters.

Berken of the Snows won this stake handily with a nice race and attractive bird work. Berken is owned by Tom and Sue Norton of Durango, CO and was handled by Tom.

Second place went to Come Back Doodle owned by Joe Edwards and handled by “Whitey” (Craig) Thomas. Doodle handled nicely and found game.

Celtic’s Axiomatic was third for handler Billy Vaughan and owner Paul Ober of Reading, PA. She had bird work in a kind

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handling race.

### **Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog Classic**

This Classic began immediately following the Walking Derby stake. There were eight dogs competing for the honors in this stake of 45 minute heats. Bob Gove and Larry Dickey were the judges.

Hondo Muldoon owned and handled by Jim Ashby of Robards, KY won this Classic with an intelligent, hunting race and quality bird work.

Celtic's Consensus placed second for Paul Ober with Billy Vaughan handling. She pointed her birds with manners and style.

Ironfire's Jack Radigan was third. He was handled by his owner, Mike Jacobson of New Richmond, WI. He had a stylish find and ran a good race.

### **Red Setter Open All Age**

The All Age began on Saturday, following the conclusion of the National Futurity. Judges David Sparks and Ken Taff watched eleven red setters vie for the win.

Aiken won this stake for owner-handler Don Beauchamp of Cheney, KS with the able help of Aiken's former owner, Roger Boser, as scout. Aiken ran a ground-eating race, coupling it with two classy finds. The second, a limb find at time, nicely capped the performance.

Come Back Audie was second for owner and handler Joe Edwards of Rose Hill, NC. He earned the honor with two stylish finds in a wide ranging effort.

In third place was Code Red, which put together a strong race and two very nice finds for Tim Hammons.

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### **Red Setter Open Puppy**

This was a first rate puppy stake, seven nice red pups came to the line for Ken Taff and David Sparks to chose from.

It was a clean sweep for the "Come Back" red setters. In first place was Come Back Patches, owned and handled by Billy Vaughan of Rose Hill, NC. Patches ran a fast, snappy race and pointed birds to catch the attention of the judges.

Come Back Doodle, a littermate to the winner was second for owner/handler "Whitey" (Craig) Thomas. She was attractive on the ground and also had bird contact.

Come Back Sissy was third for her owner and handler Joe Edwards. Sissy showed class on the ground and ability to find game.

### **Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog**

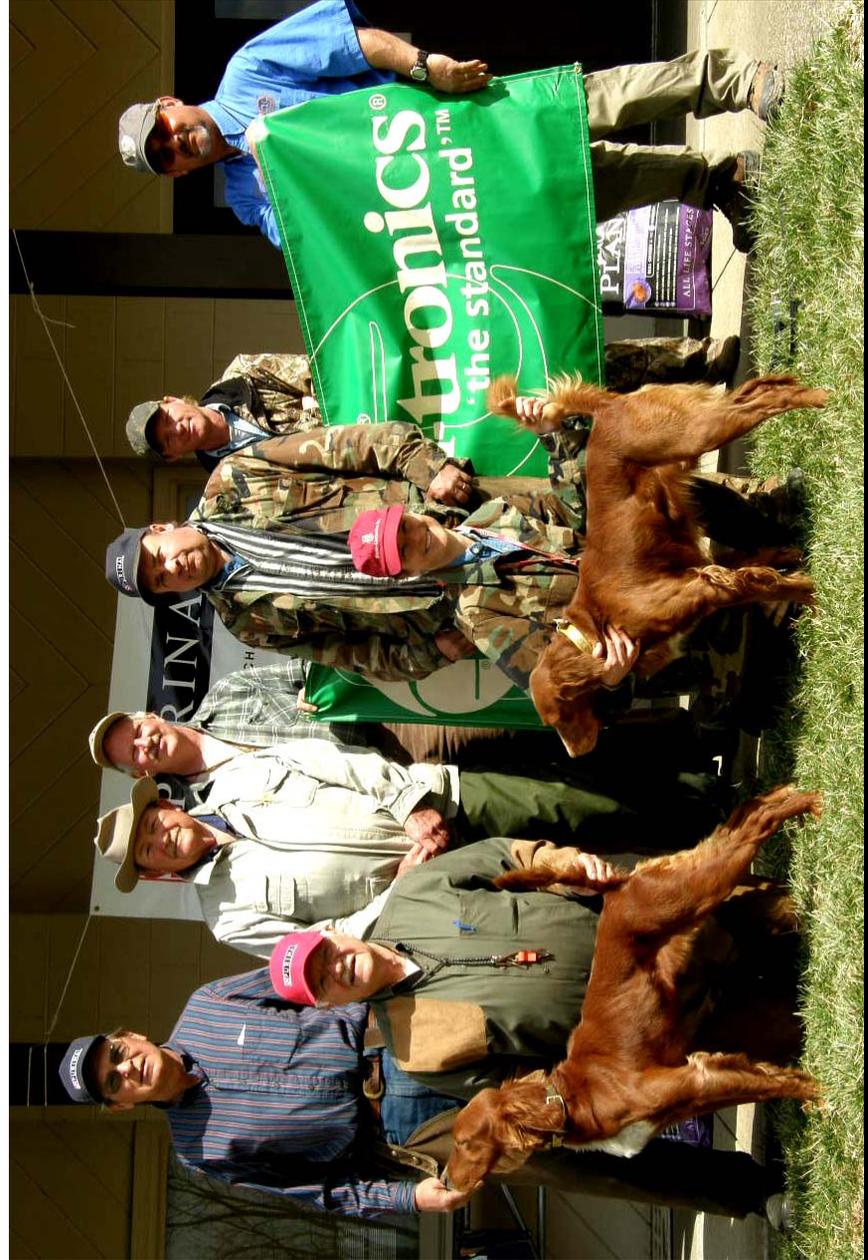
This stake wrapped up the National Red Setter field trial for the spring. It concluded early on Sunday afternoon when Judges Sparks and Taff named the winners in this fifteen entry stake.

The Amateur Shooting Dog stake winner emerged in Piccadilly, owned and handled by Roger Boser. She turned in a beautiful shooting dog race; exhibiting excellent rapport with her handler. She scored three times on quail, each with top notch style and composure.

Rocky's Straight Arrow was second for owner handler Brian Gelinas of Shelbyville, IN. He turned in a strong, forward race with three good finds.

Moonshine Again was third for owner and handler Dr. Kristine Hammons of Berea, KY. Charlotte ran a consistent forward race and scored two attractive and mannerly finds.

# Open Championship



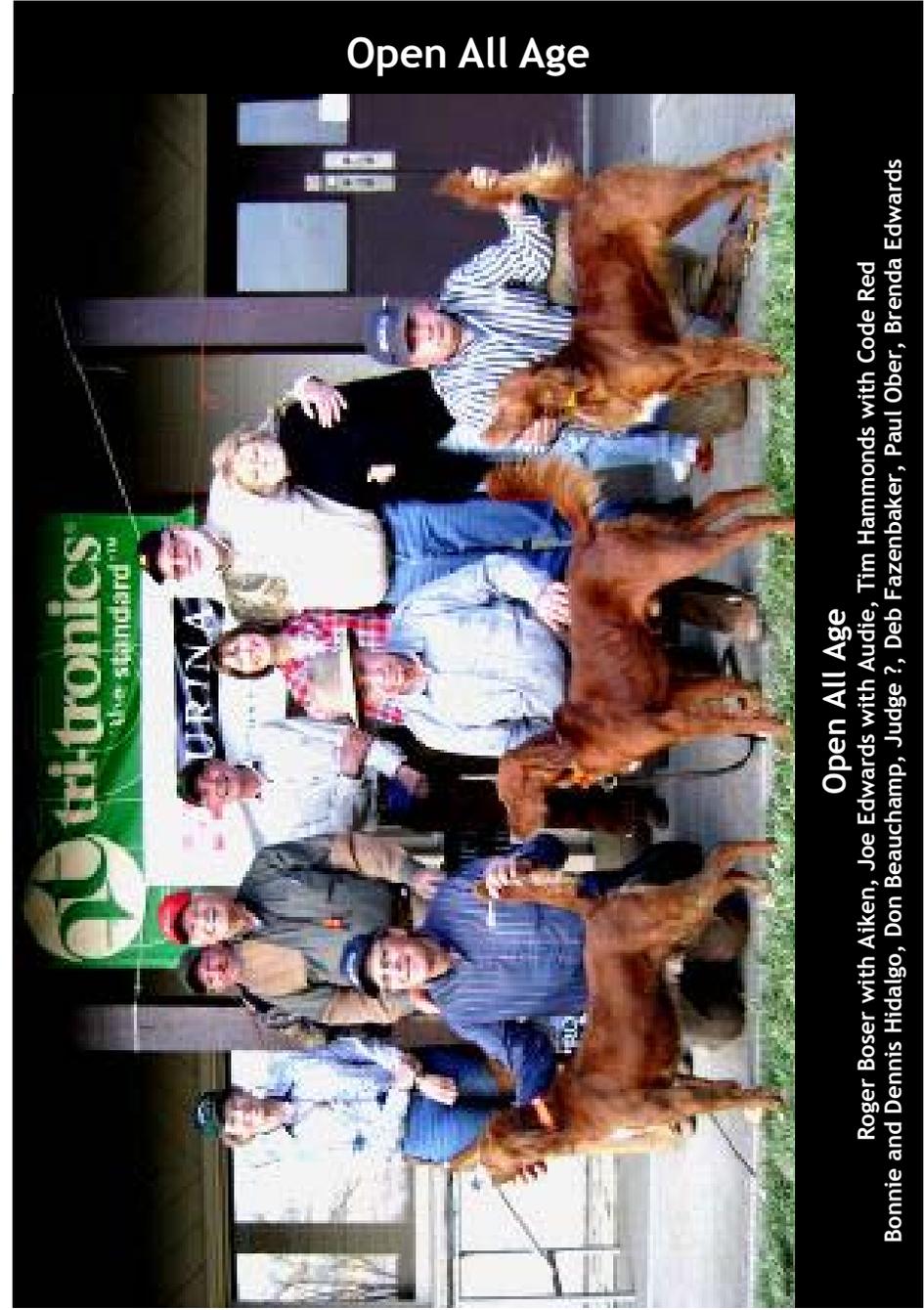
Open Championship  
 Front Row: Don Beauchamp Scout with Breakstone, Kris Hammons Scout with Code Red

# 38th Futurity



## NRSFTC 38th Futurity

Ross Leonard with Come Back Buck, Don Beauchamp with Patina, Rex Cottle with Missy, Roger Boser with Touchstone  
 Judge David Sparks, Dennis Hidalgo, Tim Hammonds, Judge , Brian Gelinias



Open All Age

Open All Age

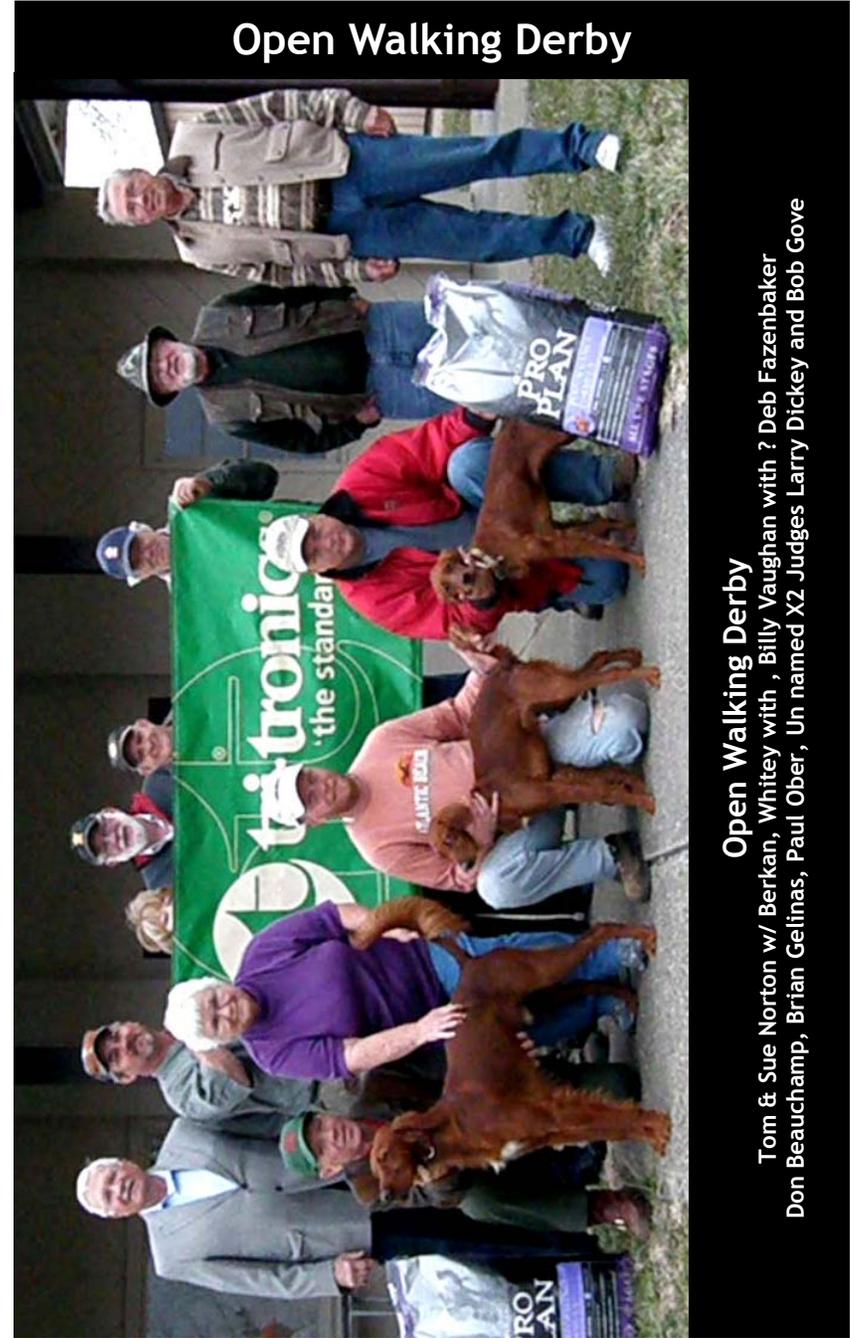
Roger Boser with Aiken, Joe Edwards with Audie, Tim Hammonds with Code Red  
Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo, Don Beauchamp, Judge ?, Deb Fazenbaker, Paul Ober, Brenda Edwards

# Amateur Shooting Dog



## Amateur Shooting Dog

Roger Boser with Piccadilly, Brian Gelinias with Arrow, Tim Hammons with Rock It  
Bonnie Hidalgo, Judge ?, Judge David Sparks, Judy Gelinias, Kris Hammons



## Amateur Walking Shooting Dog



### Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Classic

Jim Ashby with Hondo, Craig Thomas w/ Celtic's Consensus, Mike Jacobson with Jack  
 Dennis Hidaigo, Don Beauchamp, Yikes! Paul Ober, Brian Gelimas, Deb Faze, David Nolan, Don Jones,  
 Larry Dickey, Bob and Katherine Gove, Sue Norton

# Open Puppy



Open Puppy  
Billy Vaughan w/ Patches, Craig Thomas w/ Doodle, and Joe Edwards w/ Sissy

The Doctor is  
“OUT”



Dennis Hidalgo confers with Dr. Kris Hammons (above) While Dr. Boser catches 40 winks using his pooch for a pillow! (at left)



Brian listens attentively

## Youngest NRSFTC Member Attends FIRST Trial

We get a lot of phone calls here at *The Flushing Whip* office. A couple months before the spring trial, Cheryl Morgan called to talk about the pup she and her husband had purchased for their son Brian. Brian is 12 years old and lives in Walton Kentucky. He is home schooled by his parents: mom does all the teaching and dad is in charge of the field trips. Cheryl has incorporated animal husbandry as part of his science studies. Brian must take full care of his dogs; feeding, watering, exercising, washing, grooming. He must write a written report on any medical care needed, including preventative vaccinations required by law and potential illnesses they may acquire. Brian is researching the history of the Irish Setter including their eventual decline and ultimate restoration. Brian will understand firsthand what it means to “*Honor the Purest Challenge in Sportsdom!*” He will learn also about the requirements for field trials and what training is necessary in order to compete. They have already ordered game birds for training. Of course the Morgans also expect Brian to do basic obedience training too.

Well, one thing leads to another. Phil and Cheryl joined the NRSFTC in Brian’s name— making him our youngest member at this time. Phil decided that the NRSFTC Spring trial would be an exceptional opportunity for a field trip. Brian and his dad did attend the trial and they had an exceptional time. Brian saw lots

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of dogs and was able to wrangle a horse and ride some horseback stakes. His horse decided to take a swim in the pond but Brian held on tight and took it in his stride. It was just one incredible adventure after another. The highlight of their MRSFTC “Field trip” was the auction which was held after the banquet. Much to everyone’s surprise, Jim Ashby started things going by donating a puppy to the auction. Jim stipulated that proceeds from the sale would benefit The Red Setter Foundation. Well, can you guess who decided to bid on that beautiful pup? Brian did his own bidding and eventually bought himself a second red setter pup. He named him Come Back Lucky Muldoon. Lucky went home to Kentucky with Brian and immediately made friends with the other red setter, Princess Roxye.

I had to smile as I watched it all unfold. Does this story sound familiar? You purchase a dog, then another dog, perhaps some game birds. All at once you are looking at horses and putting up

fencing. Been there—done that! How about you? Of course it’s rare to start field trialing at such an early age—unless you’re Roger Boser! If Brian takes after Dr. Boser, he’s about to embark on the biggest adventure of his life; jump on the red dog express!

Welcome aboard Brian!



**Jim Ashby, Brian Morgan and Lucky**

## More on Ticks, Tick Removal and the possible consequences

By Steve Salt

Having read Dr. Holly Nash's article on Ehrlichia, I thought I might pass along my recent related experiences on the topic.

We have two dogs that I currently campaign on the field trial circuit. The younger male, Sorrel, came back to me as a "green broke" dog from a trainer in Wisconsin this last spring, and when I got him home I removed a couple of ticks from him without giving it much thought, other than it was rather early in the season to find them.

We went through the spring season without any issues and early in the summer I started to increase his level of fitness in order to get him ready for summer training camp with the Ruff's in Nebraska. For a highly energetic young dog I had some concerns about his recovery times after being roaded, enough that we took him to the vet to ensure that we had not accidentally missed any heartworm medication, but no problems were detected.

I mentioned his problem to Ken and Linda Ruff when they collected him for the trip and Linda immediately suggested that their vet check him for Lyme disease, which turned out positive. One month and a course of doxycycline later, hopefully, that problem is resolved. However, just because Lyme is not a problem in Ontario (and most vets in our area have no test for it) doesn't mean that there aren't plenty of other places we go to where it is a serious and ongoing problem.

My second dog, Bailey, has a lot more years and miles on her than Sorrel and has generally been a steady performer. She trained well this summer and when I took her to the ISCA Quail Classic in Ohio in September she took a second place in a 28 dog

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Open stake, which gave her a 3 point major and, finally, completed her title. I was thinking that maybe we had a good fall season ahead of us! Two weeks later she had another good second place in a big stake at Joliet, but she was not looking as 'sharp' as before. When we got home we noticed that she had an eye problem which, after two vet's visits, was diagnosed as Uveitis (a leading cause of blindness in dogs, horses and people). We took home drops and followed instructions, but the problem did not go away. Our vet is a very sharp lady, and after being told this obtained an appointment with an eye specialist at Ontario Veterinary College within one day. I left Bailey with the specialist there and went into town to do some shopping, only to be called a little while later to be told that she had had a seizure while being examined. Needless to say, I rushed back to the clinic not knowing what to expect. Fortunately for Bailey, OVC has a lot of specialists around and, to cut a long story short, it was finally decided that she had most likely picked up something called Ehrlichia, almost certainly from a tick bite, and that this had been in her system long enough that it had crossed over into her nervous system causing the seizure, with the eye problems as an additional sort of side effect.

Bailey is now doing well and hopefully will be back trialing next spring, not too much the worse for wear. However, the diagnosis and resulting treatments are currently at about \$4,500 and not yet finished. On the practical side, the required treatment needed a scheduler to keep us on track! It included an antibiotic cocktail several times daily and also varied eye medications, etc. for the external problems.

Since going through these problems we have done a lot of talking to vets and some internet research. It would appear that tick

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bitten dogs will often test positive for Lyme, Ehrlichia or some of the other similar and related diseases. At the same time these dogs will not show any outer symptoms or problems. It has been said that, at least as far as Lyme disease is concerned, dogs are less likely to be troubled by it than are humans. Whether this applies to the other diseases I do not know.

Finally, if there is any moral to this story it must be that ticks are a serious and potentially deadly problem. If you have been anywhere where they are present you need to check your dog frequently for several days after. Always use one of the topical applications i.e. Topline, Bio Spot, Advantix, etc. and if you have any unexplained problems at a later date, tell your vet where you have been. If your dog has been bitten you might also discuss with your vet the possibility of performing a 'snap test' when the dog has his annual exam.

Finally, there have been many reported cases where the dog's handler began to feel "off" with a reported feeling of general malaise. Remember, if your dog picked up ticks while you ran him in a particular area, it is possible that you may have been bitten too. Always inspect yourself carefully for ticks when you finish running your dogs. Ticks are the major vector of arthropod-borne diseases in North America. Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, Human Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, Sudden Tick associated Rash Associated Illness, Tularemia, Relapsing Fever, Colorado Tick Fever, Powassan encephalitis, and tick paralysis are just some of the tick related illnesses seen throughout the USA and Canada.

Whether it is you or your canine companions, act defensively and work to prevent infection with a tick borne illness. Careful inspections help to prevent it— which is a whole lot easier than the treatment and recovery process. Good luck!

## Tale of a Grouse

By Kenneth C Roebuck

One afternoon after deer season had closed, we decided to spend an hour or two walking the woods near Snook Hill Farm. We have hunted grouse there several times each year for the past nineteen or so, sometimes getting a bird or, if we are lucky,



two. More often than not though, we arrive home with an empty game bag, but that's the grouse hunting you. During late September and October, it can be quite a good place for woodcock but again luck plays its part. You simply must be there at the right time. It can be worth a visit after a nor'easter, but as woodcock are birds of mystery, one can never predict their ways with any degree of accuracy.

Whether we see a grouse or not doesn't really matter. We go because we enjoy hunting up there. The woods are a delightful mixture of oak, maple, birch, cedar and pine. And then, of course, there's the moist and swampy places which the woodcock haunt until freeze-up.

There was snow on the ground and the day, although sunny was cold. Two of our springers, Sadie and Elkie went with us, and we made a start in trees a couple hundred yards from the creek, which, a half mile downstream flows through the southern end of our property. From the pines at the top of the ridge, we could

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see a fair number of mallard and black duck bobbing about in the water as well as others huddled in little groups upon the gravel bars. About twenty Canadian geese were with them and a pair of snow geese too—what beautiful birds!

Little remains in the woods to remind one that, long ago, settlers cleared much of the timber and farmed the fields they created.. Poignant reminders are the stone walls they constructed. Remarkably, a few are still in good condition, but, because some of the farms were eventually abandoned, second growth timber reclaimed the fields and resulting in most of the walls collapsing due to neglect, becoming simply lines of rubble overgrown by sumac, grass, moss and ferns.

It can be a mistake to ignore them when hunting grouse however. Our spaniels have flushed their share from along them.

The two bitches cooperated very well, neither interfering with the other's beat. And both investigated any cover they came across with little or no bidding. They were enjoying the snow and checking out the rabbit tracks, but oddly, we didn't see any rabbits at all. We expected to put up one or two somewhere.

The woods were still and hushed. Little flocks of chickadees were busily searching the bark of conifers for insect eggs and seeds. From time to time a flash of brilliant scarlet gave a cardinal away or the undulating streak of blue, a jay. The only sounds were those of quarrelsome crows and briefly the faint and far off whining of a chain saw.

I like to hunt in snow, provided it's dry and not so deep you have to wade through it. It beautifies the drab, brown wintery

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fields and reveals the pattern of the woods and hedges in a more detailed perspective. And there is always wildlife to see—and to attempt to puzzle out.

I enjoy a windy day as well. Sometimes when the wind is strong, the oaks and maples creek. The sound reminds me of that made by the wooden cogs and wheels inside a windmill that I was once conducted through along the banks of the James River in Virginia.

I also like to see the fallen leaves swirl up in frenzy from the forest floor. And, many times, when the wind has been at gale force, I've marveled at the skill of squirrels whose nests of sticks and leafy twigs, built on top of swaying tree tops seem quite indestructible.

Days like this end with skeins of geese and streaks of amber in the west. And the mountains briefly change to purple before night slides furtively across them.

Whenever gales blow at night, memories are stirred of ducks in flight over England under scudding moonlight clouds. As their shadows raced across the ghostly landscape, one hid upon a field of oats or barely where the duck was coming in to feed or rest beside an isolated marshy creek where the wind was chasing icy ripples into the bank side rushes and the tall plumed headed reeds swayed and bowed and hissed.

I think back also to night spent in the winter woods waiting with Gamekeepers for the pheasant poachers to arrive. They prefer wild windy nights for their nefarious activities. I have seen both fox and badger hunting in the moonlight and once, a tawny owl swooped down to take a luckless fieldmouse.

And I've heard the magic whisper of the conifers where many

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of the pheasant roosted, their branches murmuring and nodding with graceful solemn dignity. But enough of the wistful reminiscing; there is a grouse hunt to relate.

In the past a certain stand of cedars has sometimes proved productive, so I signaled to the dogs to check them out. Elkie insisted on hunting along the outside edge and I should have paid more attention to her, but Sadie, who was in amongst the trees., appeared to be on scent, so we kept an eye on her instead. You guessed it. Elkie flushed a grouse which was quickly followed by another. We heard them both but didn't get to see them until, too late, they banked together through the trees and disappeared.

It was then we realized that Elkie's birds had been the same ones that Sadie had been on to. On hearing us approach, they had taken off on foot along the outside of the trees, leaving tracks there to prove it.

On we pushed along the hillside, then down into a lower lying section where two months or so before, our thoughts would have been on woodcock. Red Alder and mature red maple grow there and it's always wet and boggy until the frost gets in the ground. We had been drawn in that direction by the grouse and secretly we hoped to come across them yet again. But it was not to be. We worked the dogs all through (where it was possible for us to walk, that is) but drew a blank.

Back on higher grounds we were among the oak and birch and pine again. Leaves all brown and paper dry still clung in clusters to the oaks and dead branches lay among the forest floor, most of which were birch and pine. These and the brambles that had

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grown around them create good bird and rabbit cover so they were eagerly inspected by the dogs.

We then followed what little remained of a wall, but, as it wasn't much cover for the dogs to root through, we soon came to the end of it, which is where Sadie found a grouse!

We could see she was on scent, and, as there were some tracks about, I thought she might be on a rabbit but, when close to a fencepost near a tree, she made a sudden lunge and the grouse erupted from the snow and whirred away across the corner of a field towards a stand of pines. Even though it flew at normal speed, something looked unusual about it.

David shot as it swerved into the trees and it fell a short way in among some branches. I sent Sadie to retrieve it and when she returned, we found out what made it look so different when it was in flight; all of its tail feathers except two were missing!

It was a young bird, certainly younger than I would have expected for that time of year. Perhaps it was the product of an unusually late brood. But why was it missing tail feathers? We wondered if a chance encounter with a bobcat, fox or coyote could have been the reason. But that we'll never know.

Sunset was a ball of fire burning through the pines. As the creek came into view, we saw the geese take off, and both snow geese were with them.

The mallard had already left but then, ducks are always in a hurry. No matter when they set out on a journey, it is as though they have many urgent matters on which to attend...

*The Flushing Whip especially thanks Rick Van Etten, Editor of Gun Dog magazine for allowing us to print this great story by the late Kenneth C. Roebuck. Originally from England, Ken lived in Copake, New York for many years, where he trained sporting dogs of all breeds and wrote the "Flush" column and occasional features for Gun Dog Magazine. Rick, incidentally, is a former member of the NRSFTC and he has ALWAYS hunted over red setters.*



## All Breed Honor Roll

with Tom Norton  
Feb 2 through- April 18, 2009



Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Competed Against:
<b>Miss Minerva</b> takes 2nd!	Rex Cottle O/H	Aiken	Solitaire	Sleepy Creek Hunting Club Open Derby. 1-3-09	8 EP, 4 S, 2 IS
<b>Lakeview Kant Katch Me</b> takes 2nd!	Jim Ashby O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Remlap (Ala.) Field Trial Club NBHA Open Derby. 11-22-08	7 EP, 1 IS
<b>Hondo Muldoon</b> Runs away with FIRST	Jim Ashby O/H	Winnabow	Gillian	Illinois Bird Hunters Club. Amateur Shooting Dog. 10-11-08	7 entries
<b>Lakeview Kant Katch Me</b> takes 1st	Jim Ashby O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Illinois Bird Hunters Club. Amateur Derby	2 entries
<b>Pompei's Look Who's Here</b> gets a 1st	Annette Pussey O/ Jesse Chapman H	Quinnivers Roadrunner	Rainwood Impetuous	Old Dominion Vizsla Club. Open Shooting Dog. 10-17-08	25 entries
<b>Come Back Buck</b> Runs away with FIRST	Ross Leonard O/ H	Come Back Audie	Celtic's Superior Interest	Buck-Tuck Field Trial Club. Amateur Derby 12-12-08	2 EP, 1 IS
<b>Miss Minerva</b> Takes a 3rd!	Rex Cottle	Aiken	Solitaire	Eastern Carolina Field Trial Club. Amateur Derby. 12-27-08	10 EP, 6 IS
From the report: Bird finding honors went to a red setter, Miss Minerva. She had four finds and a back, all with good Derby manners. A somewhat more restricted ground effort relegated her to third.					
<b>Chaperon</b> Seizes Number ONE!	Ross Leonard O/H	Chaparral	Sizzlin Belle	Old Hickory Field Trial Club. Amateur Shooting Dog Classic. 1-16-09	22 EP, 3 S, 1 IS
From the report: This well mannered Irish setter came from North Georgia with one thing on his mind-covering the country and finding birds. Chaperon had finds at 4, 15, 30, 35, and 47. His style and manners around game were exceptional.					



## All Breed Honor Roll Continued



Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Competed Against:
<b>Breakstone</b> get the 3rd!	Roger Boser O/H	Sharpton	Chantilly	Spartanburg Amateur Field Trial Club. Kilgore Amateur Shooting Dog Classic. 1-2-09	44 entries
<b>Touchstone</b> Takes # 2	Roger Boser O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Aurora Field Trial Club. Open Derby. 1-17-09	6 EP, 1 IS
<b>Breakstone</b> takes top honors!	Roger Boser O/H	Sharpton	Chantilly	Aurora Field Trial Club. Open Shooting Dog. 1-17- 09	10 EP, 2 IS
From the report: Breakstone demonstrated a perfect performance for Boser. Breakstone was consistent the entire hour on the ground. This Irish setter took in the big fields with a high tail and high head only slowing long enough to have perfect finds throughout the course					
<b>Miss Minerva</b> runs away with top spot	Rex Cottle O/H	Aiken	Solitaire	Aurora Field Trial Club. Amateur Derby. 1-17-09	2 EP,4 IS
From the report: Miss Minerva had four finds during her time on the ground and she ran like a champ on these grounds.					
<b>Patina</b> takes 2nd	Roger Boser O/H	Aiken	Solitaire	Aurora Field Trial Club. Amateur Derby. 1-17-09	2 EP, 4 IS
<b>Jordin</b> secures #3	Roger Boser O/H	Breakstone	Applebee	Aurora Field Trial Club. Amateur Derby. 1-17-09	2 EP, 4 IS
<b>Breakstone</b> seizes #1 slot	Roger Boser O/H	Sharpton	Chantilly	Aurora Field Trial Club. Amateur Shooting Dog.	7 IS
<b>Piccadilly</b> grabs 2nd	Roger Boser O/H	Come Back Rock	Gillian	Aurora Field Trial Club. Amateur Shooting Dog.	7 IS
<b>Come Back Judy</b> in 3rd place	Robert Cottle O/ H	Come Back Shag Dancer	Come Back Dixie Rebel	Aurora Field Trial Club. Amateur Shooting Dog.	7 IS



## All Breed Honor Roll Continued



Dog	Owner/Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Event	Competed Against:
<b>Moonshine Again takes the 3rd spot!</b>	Dr. Kristine Hammons O/H	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	Commonwealth Bird Dog Club. Open Shooting Dog. 2-21-09	7 EP, 3 S, 4 IS
<b>Moonshine Again is third!</b>	Dr. Kristine Hammons O/H	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	Commonwealth Bird Dog Club. Amateur Shooting Dog. 2-21-09	4 EP, 2 S, 2 IS
<b>Code Red garners #2</b>	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Commonwealth Bird Dog Club. Open All-Age. 10-25-08	10 EP, 3 S, 2 IS
<b>Code Red gets # 3</b>	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Commonwealth Bird Dog Club. Open Shooting Dog. 10-25-08	10 EP, 2 S 2IS
<b>Rockit takes the 3rd slot</b>	Tim Hammons O/H	Another Time Around	Rock The World	Commonwealth Bird Dog Club. Amateur Shooting Dog. 10-25-08	5 EP, 4 S, 1 IS
<b>O'Floin's Red Hot Reba wins #2</b>	Paul & Virginia Snyder O/ Paul Snyder H	Celtic's Sedition	Missy Lou O'Floin	Del Val Brittany Club. Open Puppy. 10-31-08	8 entries
<b>Come Back Buck runs away with FIRST</b>	Ross Leonard O/H	Come Back Audie	Celtic's Superior Interest	Central Kentucky Field Trial Club. Open Derby. 3-14-09	4 EP, 2 S, 2 IS
From the report: Come Back Buck was noted by the judge to be a nice happy dog with all-age potential.					
<b>Code Red takes 2nd!</b>	Tim Hammons O/H	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Central Kentucky Field Trial Club. Open Shooting Dog.	11 EP, 2 S, 3 IS
<b>Hondo Muldoon seizes First</b>	Jim Ashby O/H	Winnabow	Gillian	NBHA Illinois State Classic. Open Shooting Dog Classic. 2-7-09	14 EP, 1S, 1 IS



## How to report NRSFTC Award Wins:



### **Duke Award \*** (July 2008 to June 2009)

#### **W.E. LeGrande Award** (Runs Jan-Dec 2009)

#### **High Performance** (Runs Jan-Dec 2009)

Send your 2009 placements within 30 days to:  
 Don Beauchamp, 1401 South 359th St. W.  
 Cheney Kansas 67025  
 Home (316)542-0103 Office (316)262-1841  
 E-Mail: [lsbeauchamp2@aol.com](mailto:lsbeauchamp2@aol.com)

#### **Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog** (Runs Jan-Dec 2009)

Send your 2009 placements within 30 days to:  
 Tom Norton, 81 Riverview  
 Durango, Colorado 81301  
 (970) 247-5129  
 E-Mail: [norton\\_t@fortlewis.edu](mailto:norton_t@fortlewis.edu)

#### **National Shoot to Retrieve** (Runs Jan-Dec 2009)

Send your 2009 Placements within 30 days to:  
 Mike Jacobson, 1273 142nd Street  
 Richmond, WI 54017  
 Phone: (715) 246-0603  
 E-Mail: [mjacobson@frontiernet.net](mailto:mjacobson@frontiernet.net)

#### **Red Setter Puppy of the Year** (July 2008 to June 2009)

#### **Red Setter Derby of Year** (July 2008 to June 2009)

Send your 2009 placements within 30 days to  
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**2008 LeGrande as of 5-1-09**

Runs January 1st 2009 through December 31st 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler	Sire	Dam	Point
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	2713
Chaperon	M	Ross Leonard	Chaparral	Sizzlin Belle	836
Aiken	M	Don Beauchamp	Rockfish	Chantilly	660
Picadilly	F	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	514
Moonshine Again	F	Kristine Hammons	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	123
Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrations	92
Manteo's Mattie Blaylock	F	Paul Falkowsky	Aiken	Home Page	56
Rock It	F	Tim Hammons	Another Time Around	Rock The World	32

**The Duke Award as of 5-1-09**

Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	102
Chaperon	M	Ross Leonard	Chaparral	Sizzlin Belle	78
Aiken	M	Don Beauchamp	Rockfish	Chantilly	36
Moonshine Again	F	Kristine Hammons	Silver Creek Twist	Silver Creek Charle	30
Chaparral	M	Don Beauchamp	Desperado	Come Back Tippy	14

**High Performance Award as of 5-1-09**

Runs January 1st 2009 through December 31st 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Points
Aiken	M	Don Beauchamp	Rockfish	Chantilly	300
Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrations	28



**NRSFTC Puppy of the Year as of 4-12-09**

Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Carlysle Mollie	F	Paul Griffin/ Maye Foreman	Breakstone	Applebee	76

**NRSFTC Derby of the Year as of 4-12-09**

Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler If another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Touchstone	M	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	636
Lakeview Kant Katch Me	F	Jim Ashby	Breakstone	Applebee	510
Patina	F	Roger Boser	Aiken	Solitaire	320
CB Buck Buck	M	Ross Leonard	CB Audie	Celtic's Superior	308
Roger Ramjet	M	Al Fazenbaker	Breakstone	Flash	72
Manteo's Virgil Earp	M	Paul Falkowsky	Aiken	Solitaire	48
Jordin	F	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Applebee	24

**NRSFTC Open Walking Shooting Dog as of 4-12-09**

Runs January 1st 2009 through December 31st 2009

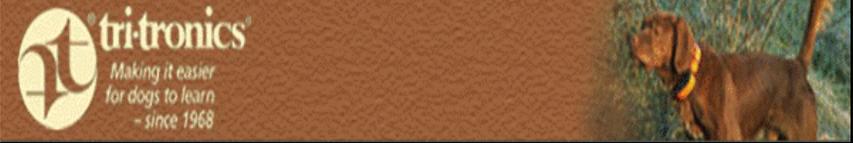
Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler If another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Hondo Muldoon	M	Jim Ashby	Winnabow	Gillian	344
Berken of the Snows	M	Tom & Sue Norton	IF Jack Radigan	Sleepy Creek Lacey	21
Ironfire's Jack Radigan	M	Michael Jacobson	Ironfire's Michaeleen Flynn	Ironfire's Ruby Harlot	8
Celtic's Consensus	M	Paul Ober	Not available	Not available	16
CB Doodle	F	Craig Thomas	CB Johnson	CB Diddle	14
Celtic's Axiomatic		Paul Ober	Celtic's Barrister	Celtic's Assignment	7

### Jim Fike Amateur Handler's Award as of April 9, 2009

Runs July 1st 2008 through June 30th, 2009

16 handlers have placed 88 times in 56 trials. 8 of these are 1 hour stakes

Handler	Pts.	Handler	Pts.
Roger Boser	132	Jim Ashby	7
Jim Ashby	74	Jim Baker	11
Don Beauchamp	28	Chris Hammons	10
Joe Edwards	27	Tim Hammons	9
Al Fazenbaker	19	Jason Williams	5
Ross Leonard	19	Paul Falkowsky	4
Rex Cottle	17	Mike Jacobson	4
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The answer for the Word Search in the last issue was “The Purest Challenge.” The puzzle itself was quite a challenge because I inadvertently set the spaces up incorrectly. Still, many of you made your own correction and completed it correctly. My apologies to everyone!

The winning solution drawn was submitted by:

Gary Kirkpatrick of Meridian, Idaho.  
who won a NRSFTC Cap. Congratulations Gary!



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