

The Flushing Whip



Cardo's Red Bull

the newest Red Setter NSTRA Champion

Please checkout our newly updated NRSFTC website



Membership, Advertising and Editorial Information for
The Flushing Whip, Official Publication of the Red Setter Foundation

Membership

You are cordially invited to participate in what the Red Setter Foundation defines as the "Purest Challenge in sportsdom." Please become a member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club and enjoy the successful revival of the Irish Red Setter as an effective gunning companion and first class field trial competitor.

Dues

\$30.00 annual dues are payable January 1st of each year. Membership rates for new members who join the NRSFTC after June 1st are prorated at half the dues amount for that calendar year. Membership dues include a subscription to *The Flushing Whip*. *The Flushing Whip* is available only to members of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, Inc. Publication, which is supported by membership dues, is a service (but not an obligation) of the club's officers. A copy of each issue is mailed to every member in good standing. Membership application forms, Futurity Nomination Forms and other Mail-In materials are periodically included as your envelope with *The Flushing Whip*. If forms are not available in this particular issue, you can download them from the NRSFTC web site.

Advertising

2019 Advertising Rates and Policies for Members			
Half Page Ad \$16.50	Full Page Ad \$ 30.00	Inside Front cover \$ 50.00	Inside Back cover \$ 50.00
2019 Advertising Rates for Non-NRSFTC Members			
Half Page Ad \$35.00	Full Page Ad \$ 60.00	Inside Front cover \$ 100.00	Outside back cover \$ 100.00

Advertising space is available to reputable firms and individuals. Please submit all advertisements in photo-copy-ready form. The closing date for the ads is the first of the month preceding the month of issue, space permitting. Color photographs (excluding Polaroid) can be reduced or enlarged and reproduced in black and white. Digital photographs in BMP or JPEG formats may also be used. Photographs and other correspondence should be sent to: Deborah Fazenbaker, Editor at: 5630 State Road at Red Setter Run, Kingsville, Ohio 44048. Materials may also be e-mailed to: flushingwhip@gmail.com. All photographs and articles submitted by the U.S. Postal Service will not be returned unless agreed to in advance. The mention of a specific product or service in either advertisements or articles does not constitute an endorsement by either the Red Setter Foundation, National Red Setter Field Trial Club, Incorporated or the Editors of *The Flushing Whip*. National Red Setter Field Trial Club reserves the right to refuse advertising which it deems as not in the best interest of our goals, mission or the field trial sport in general. Views expressed in guest articles are solely those of the writers.

Please Note: The material contained in this publication is intended to provide accurate, authoritative and educational information for our members. By their nature, the articles contained herein cannot provide the total, complete and detailed guidance required by every individual in every situation. The material is therefore offered with the provision that it is not the intent of the editors or the authors to render professional counsel on the matters covered and said persons cannot be held liable for any use thereof. If specific assistance is required, the services of an expert authority should be obtained.

Privacy

We value your privacy. The NRSFTC Privacy Policy is posted at NRSFTC.COM If you have any questions about how the NRSFTC protects your personal information, please refer to our privacy policy located on our Site."

Fall Puppies

Also have started dogs
available for fall hunting




**Cedar Creek
Kennel & Farm**

SINCE 1981

Ed Liermann 414.625.0715 eal1886@aol.com



National Red Setter Field Trial Club



November 6-10 2019 Starts at 8:00 AM

At the Field Trial Sportsmen's Grounds, Grovespring, MO.

Drawing: Tuesday, November 5th @ 7pm CDT @Clubhouse (417-462-3626)

Stakes & Order of Running: Starting Wednesday, November 6th @ 8 am CDT

Only Manufactured Solid Barrel guns of 209 primers and .32 caliber or larger may be used. We reserve the right to alter order or cancel stakes should unexpected circumstances occur. Entry fees include grounds fees.

Dinner at Drawing, Breakfast lunch on grounds, Evening Banquet to be announced

National Red Setter Open Championship (1 hr.)

Entry fee: \$130.00 Purse: \$1500: Tri-tronics Collar & \$1000 winner/ \$500 RU

Qualification: Open All Age, Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby
placement in an American Field recognized stake.

Judges: Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and Larry Smith, Iowa

Red Setter Open Derby (30 min)

Entry fee: \$60.00 Awards to 3 placements.

Judges: Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and Larry Smith, Iowa

Red Setter Open Shooting Dog (30 min)

Entry Fee: \$60.00 Purse: 50% of fees (less grounds fee) divided 50/30/20.

Judges: Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and Larry Smith, Iowa

Red Setter Open Puppy (20 min)

Entry fee: \$35.00 Awards to 3 placements.

Judges: Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and Larry Smith, Iowa

National Red Setter Amateur Championship (1 hr.)

Entry fee: \$100.00 Champion: Tri-Tronics collar & Trophy. Runner-up: Trophy

Qualification: Amateur or Open All Age, Shooting Dog or Derby
placement with an Amateur handler in American Field recognized stake

Judges: Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and Larry Smith, Iowa

Red Setter Open Walking Puppy (20 min)

Entry fee: \$45.00 Awards to 3 placements (Judges TBA)

Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and TBA

Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog (30 min)

Entry fee: \$60.00 Awards to 3 placements.

Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and TBA

Red Setter Open Walking Derby (30 min)

Entry fee: \$50.00 Awards to 3 placements

Dr. Robert Rankin, Edmond, OK and TBA

Contact the Hidalgo's Trial Co-Chairs for further info/entries

303-886-6084c Bonnie 303-717-8670c Dennis

NRSFTC is an AFTCA member club.

All amateur handlers and owners of amateur dogs must be individual members of AFTCA.



Please patronize our generous sponsors!

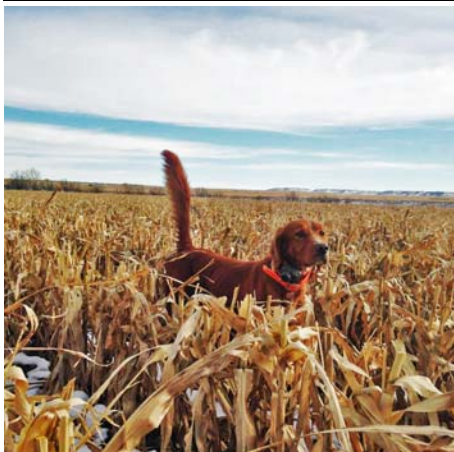


The Flushing Whip

July August 2019



Advertising, Editoria and Membership Information	Page 2
Fall Trial coming— mark the date	Page 4
Index	Page 5
Please support the Red Setter Foundation	Page 6
President's Page	Page 7
Rambling from Red Setter Run	Page 9
Note of Appreciation from the family of Dale E Bruns	Page 11
Everything you need to know about club awards	Page 13
Check out our newest NSTRA Champion JAGER	Page 25
History of the National Championship— William S Smith, Reporter	Page 27
Eliminating raccoons that play havoc with your coop	Page 33
Current Award Standings & Summer winners. Roses Are Red	Page 36
(T.Hammons), Gratitude (R.Boser), Celtic's Red Zone (P. Ober) Well Done!	Page 37
Classified Ads Section — please patronize our advertisers	Page 38
Officers and Directors of the NRSFTC	Page 43
How to report wins for NRSFTC Club Awards	Page 44
Club Award reporting form— cut it out and use it!	Page 45



Congratulations to club member Steve Card. He and his hunting partner (Jager) just earned their Championship through NSTRA. Steve and his wife Peggy live in New Virginia, Iowa. They have 3 adult Irish Setters: Jager age 9, Clancey 3, Rosie 6 and there is also a new pup out of Rosie and Jager called JJ. Steve grew up with red setters and as an adult, hunted a while over Pointers but not he's back in the red and feeling fine! Best wishes to Steve and Jager on a great job together! Well done!



The Red Setter Foundation, Ltd. The National Red Setter Field Trial Club

Serving the educational, scientific, and literary goals of the NRSFTC

Established in 2007 to provide for educational, scientific, literary, and charitable opportunities for The National Red Setter Field Trial Club as our members continue their pursuit of the "*Purest Challenge in Sportsdom...*"

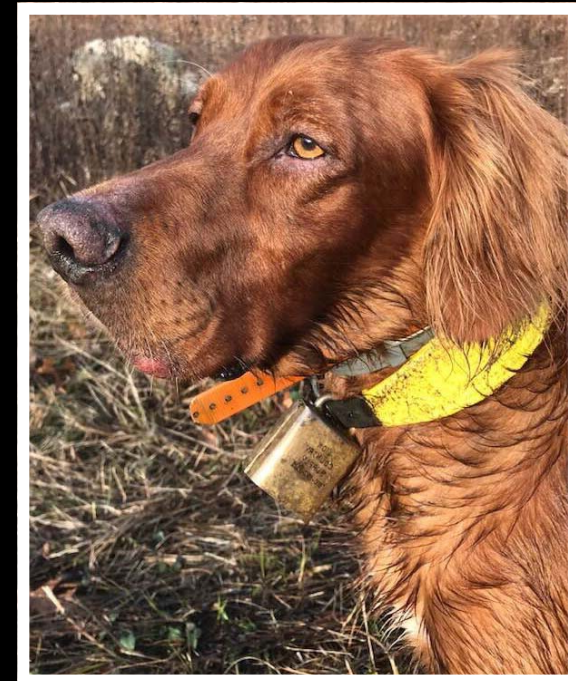
Your tax deductible contributions & support of the "*Purest Challenge in Sportsdom*" helps educate others !



Please remember us in your Will and Estate Planning



Your financial support guarantees the future of this Foundation and the mission of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.



Ch. Braeval Bearcat Laddie
International Woodcock Champion

Send Contributions to:

Red Setter Foundation Treas:
Andy Agnew, 1299 Richland Rd., Blaine, TN 37709

FMI, Please Visit us online at:
<http://www.nrsftc.com/foundation/>

Presidents Page by Al Fazenbaker



Hi folks—

It's hard to believe, but the fall field trial and hunting season will soon be upon us! I hope you are enjoying the remaining days of summer. It has been warm and rainy here in northeast Ohio; many of the public hunting areas are waist high or higher, making it difficult to run dogs. Hopefully we will have some more reasonable weather as autumn approaches.

In club news, we are pleased that our website has been upgraded, and hopefully will be a more user friendly site for all of us! The previous website had been developed by a group of high school students over 10 years ago, and was horribly outdated, and essentially nonfunctional. The Board of Directors authorized some expenditures to fix the website, and we hired a consultant in the Cleveland area who specializes in working with nonprofits. They were able to set up a new website, and transfer a majority of the information onto the new site. They also made the website much easier for me to update as needed, something that needed to be done. Over the next month or so, I will be transferring additional documents from the old website to the new one; most of these are historical documents, and since there are quite a few, it will take some time. In addition, we are in the process of adding a pedigree program to the website. The club purchased a pedigree software several years ago, but our old website was so outdated and nonfunctional that it was not possible to add it to the site. With the updates, we are hopeful that this software will be added. The pedigree software will enable a user to search the database for a particular dog and to access the ancestry of that dog. It will be a nice feature for those of you interested in the history of the red setter breed, as well as being able to determine the pedigree of a red setter you are interested in. The database currently has several thousand dog already entered; once the program is up and running, I will begin to add additional dogs to the data files, time

(Continued on page 8)

"The Flushing Whip: Official Publication of the Red Setter Foundation, Ltd. serving the National Red Setter Field Trial Club"

permitting.

The Board is continuing to review the club bylaws for updates. We attempted to work on the bylaws via a phone conference, but unfortunately the technology did not cooperate, so we are doing the more traditional route of emailing back and forth. Hopefully, we will have an update for you by the next issue of the Whip.



Smitty at 8 weeks

Retrieving a quail age 1

Eager & ready to hunt at 2

Pete Stevens' red setter Celtic's Smithwick Solution aka "Smitty" was featured in Covey Rise magazine this month. Way to go! Smitty is out of our bitch Conneaut Creek Lake Erie Storm by Celtic's Spectacular Bid, one of Paul Ober's dogs. Thanks Smitty and Pete Stevens for getting the good word out there about the best breed for hunting!

Two of our club members, Roger Boser and Jeff Joyner, are recuperating from some recent health issues, and are on the mend. If you have a chance, drop them a note and wish them a speedy recovery. On a sad note, we received word that former Board member Don Beauchamp's brother passed away. Our condolences to Don and Linda and the Beauchamp family. Here's the addresses of those members:

Roger Boser, 7276 South Road, Seven Valleys, Pa 17306

Jeff Joyner, 2724 Burns Bridge Ext., Anderson, South Carolina 29625

Don Beauchamp and Family, 1401 South 359th St. W, Cheney, KS 67025

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our fall Championship. Details are elsewhere in this issue, and information can also be found on our new and improved website! Hope to see you there.

Give your red dogs a hug, and have fun with the fall trial and hunting season! Al Fazenbaker. President

Rambling from Red Setter Run

Hi Everyone—

Here is the July August Flushing Whip— which is probably going to end up in your mailbox about mid September. It's been quite a challenge getting it out. My computer has just gotten too told and tired and there was no way to update it to a more modern version. Every time I turned it on to write the Whip, it got tired and crashed. Then I'd sit there and wait while it decided to reboot and crash again. I eventually switched over to my laptop but I wasn't "set up" over there for writing the Whip. Anyhow— it's a learning curve and I'm slowly getting through it.

As you saw on the cover of this issue, another Red Setter has Championed in National Shoot to retrieve. Congratulations to Steve Card and his red setter Cardo's Red Bull. They too have earned NSTRA Championship! Now. I recall back when we gave a puppy to another STEVE— Steve Witz because we wanted to see NSTRA have a red setter Champion on its books. Steve didn't waste the gift. He was determined to have the first red setter champion and he did it. In the end his dogs, Pal and Cherry Holiday each earned 3 Championships! We have a lot of hunting members in our club and we'll see much more of that in the future. Well done!!

Every few years I take time to explain all of the various awards that you and your dogs might earn. This is that issue. Check it all out and decide what game you'd like to play. As I wrote about the various awards, one of them I spoke about was the High Performance. That got me thinking about how we need to encourage more All Age Horseback dogs to compete— and maybe even run all the way down to the National Championship in Grand Junction. I visited their website as part of my research and really enjoyed all the information there. There was an exceptional article about the history of the National Championship that was written by my friend, William S. Smith of Moscow, Tennessee. He has allowed me to share it with you and I



thank him as well as the Jamie Evans who handles the web pages for the Ames Plantation. We appreciate their generosity in sharing it with us. If you think that running the National Championship is beyond our scope, think again. Over the history of that great contest, 22 setter have captured the crown on 26 occasions. There's no reason why a RED setter can't go down there and win— what we need are members willing to spend the time and money campaigning a dog to get there. Think about that!!

This issue has the ad for the Fall trial which runs November 6th through 10th at Grovespring, Missouri. Mark your calendars now and plan to get out there and check out the red dogs competing in the various events.

I got a nice letter back from Donna Bruns Stockrahm that I wanted to share with you. She and her family were with us at the spring trial when we celebrated her father's induction into the NRSFTC Hall of Fame. I included some pictures of all of them— including Dale and Teresa. Teresa still lives at the family home and is a cherished friend of mine. She wasn't able to travel to the spring trial herself but she was with us in spirit and certainly in her prayers. She's always grateful to get cards and mail and if you have a moment, I'd appreciate you sending her a quick note. You can reach her at:

Teresa Bruns, 2348 E. County Road # 830 S., Greensburg, IN 47240

Thanks so very much.

This is the time of year that I really notice trouble with varmints trying to get into my birds and tear things up. I know that many of you raise birds as a part of your dog training programs so I decided to share my best advice on how to get rid of Raccoons which seem to be a plague to me in my own life. In the last couple weeks I've managed to trap and remove 16 in a row. My birds appreciate it, believe me!

Our Board decided to update our VERY old website and we are getting it all in place. There are hundreds of document that have to be rewritten or copied and moved over so I'm spending a huge amount of time assisting with that project. It will take a few months but I know it will be much more convenient for all of you.

I'm plum typed out between the website and my computer— so, I'll quit here. Enjoy your Whip!!

Deb

Mail Bag Mail Bag Mail Bag Mail Bag Mail Bag Mail Bag Mail Bag Mail

Dear members of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club:
On behalf of the Dale Bruns Family, we want to thank Ed Liermann and Deb and Al Fazenbaker for nominating our Dad, Dale Bruns, for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club Hall of Fame. Also, thanks to the members for voting for him!!

Our Dad would have been pleased and honored, as well as humbled, by such an award. He loved his RED SETTERS! Holly field trialed a lot with Dad in his later years, and she would have been over the moon to see Dad honored in such a way. Mom was really pleased by the award also, having traveled with Dad to field trials over the years and knowing many of you. However, it is difficult for her to travel at this time, but she sends her thanks as well.

From what we heard, our brother, Jim, gave a really great acceptance speech in honor of our Dad down in Grand Junction, TN, at the National Field Trial Hall of Fame in February. He thanks you for his warm reception.

We (Donna, Tom, Tim, and Tess) also want to thank all of you for treating us like celebrities when we attended the awards banquet at the RiverBank Lodge in March. We had a wonderful time, and it was great meeting all the Red Setter Legends we have heard about for years. It was fun to trade stories with all of you and talk about bird dogs --- it brought a little bit of our Dad back to us.

I (Donna) also want to add that I put the beautiful Red Dog quilt from the silent auction on the bed in my spare bedroom, and it is beautiful!

So thanks to all of you - from Teresa, Tony, Donna, Tom, Jim, Tim, and Tess (and Holly and Dad, in spirit) Bruns. God Bless you all— and may all the red dogs run big!!



Above— Holly Bruns Congratulates her dad, Dale on what would be his last Championship win. Trainer Don Jones looks on and rubs CB Rock

Below: The Bruns family “celebrities!”
John and Tess Boldrey, Tom Bruns, Tim Bruns, Donna Bruns Stockrahm



Kris and Tim Hammons accept award from Dale



David LeGrande and his mother Helen, Teresa and Dale Bruns



Join us! Compete for Club Awards

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club presents several annual awards to recognize excellence in today's Red Setter. Because we have membership changes and new folks coming in, I try and highlight these awards every few years so our members know what they are about and a bit of the history around them. You've seen the charts in each issue for the Duke, LeGrande, High Performance, Derby, Puppy, Open walking Shooting dog and the NSTRA awards. Those awards give members all kinds of opportunity to compete but what do you really know about them? Who funded the awards? Who was Duke? How does a dog qualify to win the LeGrande? Why was the High Performance Award established? What makes a Derby dog a Derby and when does it become a Shooting Dog? And how do they figure those points? Long-standing members might understand the Award Process as well as the back of their hand. But for new folks just breaking in to the Field Trial circuit, "Standings and Awards" can be a tricky and confusing business.

THE DUKE TROPHY

Let's begin with the Duke! In the mid-sixties Fred Kremer, an active Red Setter enthusiast and professional pilot from Minnesota, campaigned several great dogs. One of Fred's dogs was Autumn Hills Duke (Mr. O'Leary x Redfield Ginger) who literally stole the show at the Fall Championship in 1963. Thirteen dogs competed that day with Duke leading off the first brace. He established the mark and although others tried to reach it, Duke was virtually in a class by himself. He hunted relentlessly for the entire hour. He ran so beautifully and hunted with such intent, that even the gallery became restless—rooting for Duke to secure rewards for his efforts. When he couldn't find game in the liberated areas, Duke made a wide cast along the distinct back edge. He crossed a dirt road, which marked the usual perimeter and began another cast along the birdy edge offered by a drainage ditch that ran along that backside. A short ways down he snapped abruptly to point with a lofty tense style. Three quail hunkered down in some high grass there. The first flew up as the handler approached the dog. A second made an inspired hop and landed on a low limb about ten feet away. Finally, the third was chased to flush by the handler; he took the second bird with him in flight but Duke stood staunchly, never twitching as much as a muscle. His presence demonstrated the epitome of style, composure and finished manners! Autumn Hills Duke won the 1963 National Championship that day hands down!

Fred Kramer savored the sweet taste of success for what seemed to be the briefest moment. It's been said, "*On the pinnacle of success man does not stand firm long,*" and certainly that was true for poor Fred Kramer!! Just a few weeks later, while Fred attended another trial, fate intervened. Fred slipped and fell in his motel room and subsequently died of head injuries. Club members were stunned at the tragic turn of events. It seemed fitting and appropriate to honor Fred's commitment to the *Purest Challenge* with an annual award of some kind. Members decided to name it for his beloved dog, Ch. Autumn Hills Duke. Lucy Jane Meyers, another Minnesota Red Setter enthusiast (and a dear friend of Fred's), contributed a beautiful sterling silver bowl for The Autumn Hills Duke Award. In a coincidental and fitting turn of events, the very first presentation in 1964 went to Ch. Mr. O Leary—the father of Autumn Hills Duke! The award was actually named the Autumn Hills Duke Award but folks eventually started simply abbreviating it as "The Duke." Originally the award was based on a point system counting all age groups in all FDSB trials but in 1996 the rules and point system were revised. Here are the current rules and Regulations for The Autumn Hills Duke Trophy: There it is folks- the history of the Duke in a nutshell.

NRSFTC Duke Award Points Calibration

1. Points will be awarded for placements in the following stakes: The top Shooting Dog Award published in the *American Field* in August each year.) The National Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational (listed by eligible clubs in their individual trial ads.)
2. Points will be awarded for trials beginning in the fall (after July 1st.) through the following spring (June 30th.).
3. Qualifying wins to be reported by the owner to the recording secretary within - thirty (30) days. It is the owner's responsibility to report those wins The secretary will verify the wins through publication in the *American Field*.
4. The Duke Trophy can only be won by a dog owned by a member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club in both calendar years of the award time period. (Member calendar year 2019 for fall 2019, member calendar year 2020 for spring 2020)
5. The award secretary will report the current standings in each issue of *The Flushing Whip*. Points for the Duke Trophy will be credited as follows:

1st	3 times number of entries		
2nd	2 times number of entries		
3rd	1 time the number of entries		
Championship Wins		Runner Up Wins	
CH	5 times number of entries	RU	3 times number of entries
Invitational Championship Win		Invitational RU Win	
CH	10 times number of entries	RU	6 times number of entries

W.E. LeGrande Award

In January, 1975, the Flushing Whip announced the long awaited news regarding the establishment of the W.E. LeGrande Award. The NRSFTC Board of Directors passed a resolution instituting the award. NRSFTC club member, David Hassinger, funded it to honor the man who had “rendered invaluable long time service to the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.” Most of our readership is well aware of Ned LeGrande’s impact and influence on the Red Setter history. So let me tell you a bit about David Hassinger, the man who funded and organized the W.E. LeGrande Award! David Hassinger and Ned LeGrande shared a very close friendship. Hassinger was a remarkable business man who was well known for his humanitarian efforts. During the “lean years” of the sixties, he stepped in and helped the club out financially on more than one occasion. David Hassinger’s generous support of the LeGrande Award further demonstrates his commitment to our organization and its mission.

In the way of history, David and his wife Jane always enjoyed setters and spent over thirty years actively working with the English Setter Club of America. Overtime, through David’s association with Ned, the Hassingers became interested in Red Dogs and expanded their efforts to both organizations. In fact, it is interesting to note here that David Hassinger was the only person to ever achieve simultaneous Honorary Lifetime Membership in both the National Red Setter Field Trial Club and the English Setter Club of America.

David enjoyed working with the Red Setters and his efforts prevailed. He eventually developed a strain under the Valli Hi banner. Ch. Valli Hi Country, campaigned in California by NRSFTC Hall of Fame member, Ernie Lewis, became the foundation sire of the mighty Country Clare dynasty! Ch. Valli Hi Country was elected into the National Bird Dog Hall of Fame. David Hassinger’s generous support of the W.E. LeGrande Award is one of many examples of his commitment and determination in Pursuit of the *Purest Challenge*. As one of the founding members of the NRSFTC, Hassinger truly raised the bar to improve the Red Setter breed; we are all the benefactors of that effort. He funded the W.E. LeGrande award to honor Ned’s pursuit of The Purest Challenge. But like so many others, he became swept up by the wave of LeGrande’s enthusiasm.

As an aside, Hassinger was a great hunter, sportsman and marksman who couldn’t be beat! He frequently secured Natural History Museum specimens for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C.. His various hunting assignments took him around the world. He is listed in the

(Continued on page 16)

Guinness Book of World records as a result of presenting the largest ever documented Bengal Tiger to the Smithsonian Institute. But, that’s another story for another day— here is the method of calibrating the points for the W. E. Le Grande Award.

W.E LeGrande Points Calibration

Stakes w/heats less than 1 hour		Stakes w/heats of 1 hour or more	
1st	10 times number of entries	1st	30 times number of entries
2nd	7 times number of entries	2nd	21 times number of entries
3rd	4 times number of entries	3rd	12 times number of entries
		CH	50 times number of entries
		RU	30 times number of entries

The High Performance Award

Don Beauchamp judges All-Age competitions throughout the United States and Canada. He knows exactly what to look for in All-Age Champions. The dogs certainly must demonstrate nose, class, style and quickness. But before any of that becomes important, All-Age dogs must **FIRST** qualify on the ground. These are BIG running dogs with great range. For those who have never seen a true All-Age dog turned loose, it is a thrill you must experience. Don Beauchamp wanted the NRSFTC to encourage the development of High Performance Red Dogs. Why? Because the road to Grand Junction, (and THE National Championship) is paved with wins in All-Age competition! As an aside, if you’d like to know more about the National Championship, I’ve included a great “history” on the topic in this issue. William S. Smith, of Moscow Tennessee wrote it for the Championship’s website and he graciously allowed me to include it in this issue. Take time to read about this glorious competition as it progressed over the years.

Don Beauchamp truly appreciated the National Championship and he recognized that Red Setters would NEVER join the competition at Grand Junction unless NRSFTC Members began running their dogs in All-Age events. Think about it! We need to get more red setters involved in the High Performance game so they can be campaigned in hopes of qualifying and competing to win in the National Championship. Some feel this is an impossible task because the breed that usually runs away with the National Championship win is the English Pointer. But Setters have competed in the championship over the years too.

In the history of the National Championship, there have been many setters who have won this prestigious Championship! In fact, a couple of times, those

(Continued on page 17)

talented setters have been able to return the following year and duplicate their success. In total 22 setters (18 male/4 female) have won the National Championship 26 times since its inception. Souix (female) won it 2x's, Faegins Mohawk Pal won it 3x's and Shadow Oaks Bo, (owned by Butch Houston and Dr. John Dorminy, won it in 2013 and 2014.)

Bo was expertly handled by Robin Gates. Prior to Bo's recent success, there had been a 43 year dry spell for the English Setters. Well folks, if Shadow Oaks Bo was able to break through the barrier to capture success, why not a red setter? Our dogs have come a long way since the restoration of the breed. Surely today's red setter could stand a chance, if the right person dedicated themselves to campaigning an All Age contender.

Don Beauchamp believed a red setter "All-Age Award" could be the starting point on the road to a National Championship title. He became the driving force to institute *The High Performance Award* for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. Don approached the NRSFTC Board and promised to fund the development of such an award. He contacted Pat Sahlin of Arkansas to create a "limited addition" bronze sculpture of a Red Setter. He later hired Leroy Keim who mounted the sculpture on a beautiful cherry base. (The base, incidentally, can be expanded so that the trophy need not be retired after twenty-four presentations.) Don worked tirelessly on details as he organized the points and rules to assure that the award met all possible standards. Finally, in March 1997 the High Performance Award was announced in *The Flushing Whip*. There was no presentation made that first calendar year, but since that time, Red Dogs have eagerly run away with the High Performance Prize each year. We continue to see more and more participation as the Red Setters race for success. We owe a great debt of thanks to Don Beauchamp for expanding our horizons and pushing us in the right direction: High Performance All-Age competition is faster paced, exciting and absolutely within our reach! It takes a talented athletic dog and a wallet willing to pay the cost of campaigning the All Age circuit. Someday, one of us will be the pioneer who runs Red Setters all the way down the road to the National Championship in Grand Junction. If you enjoy a challenge, this award might be just what you are looking for. So, in case I've got you interested, here's a link for the Ames plantation and National Championship. The rules for the High Performance All Age Award will follow on the next page.



For more info about the National Championship or the historic Ames Plantation, visit their website . Lot of good information there. Go to:
<http://www.amesplantation.org/>

(Continued on page 18)

High Performance All Age Award			
1. Wins counting toward the annual rotating or traveling trophy will be compiled from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st. 2. All wins must be FDSB recognized trials and reported in The American Field. 3. Wins must be reported to the award secretary within 30 days after the trial. It is the owners responsibility to report wins. 4. Owners must be a member in good standing of the NRSFTC 5. All wins will validate wins for the award secretary from the report of the trial in The American Field, which represents the final authority. 6. Only FDSB recognized All-Age wins will count. No restricted breed, gundog, Irish Setter only or member's stake will count. Only All-Breed competition will be considered. 7. The award secretary will report the High Performance stats in <i>The Flushing Whip</i> .			
Stakes w/heats less than 1 hour		Stakes w/heats of 1 hour or more	
1st	10 x's number of entries	1st	30 x's number of entries
2nd	7 x's number of entries	2nd	21 x's number of entries
3rd	4x's number of entries	3rd	12 x's number of entries
		CH	50 x's number of entries
		RU	30 x's number of entries

Walking Shooting Dog Award

This award will be a switch from the huge running horseback High Performance award on the previous page. While the National Red Setter Field Trial Club was initially established as a horseback field trial organization, modern times have created changes in our members ability to compete at that level. Here in Ohio for example, the Department of Natural Resources have virtually eliminated many of the public places where Allen and I once trained and worked with our dogs off horseback. Kildeer Plains, near upper Sandusky Ohio, was a fantastic facility for All Age horseback field trialing. There was an exceptional meeting area with kitchen facilities, secure dog kennels, plenty of horse paddocks and huge expanses where you could allow your dog to open the throttle and take off. Unfortunately the DNR came in and tore it all down. The same happened to several other training and competition areas. Many of us who enjoyed horseback training and fieldwork had to shift gears and get involved in walking events in order to continue to compete. It didn't just happen here in Ohio; today, the number of horseback field trialers actively competing is much smaller than a couple decades ago That's true of all breed competition— not just the red setter club. But in the National Red Setter Field trial club alone, the remaining numbers of folks doing horseback field trialing are profoundly

(Continued on page 19)

reduced. Many folks found their way into walking trials which has worked out well; after all, we have the right dogs for success!

To be clear, “walking shooting dogs” are not horseback rejects who couldn’t make the cut. The great thing about red setters is their keen intelligence and ability to figure out the game of the day. Walking dogs should be classy looking and keep to the front while they compete. They should adjust to the terrain and take care to check objectives as they hunt. They need to be big running dogs but at the same time, responsive to their handler: you don’t want a “runaway” dog— rather you want a hunting partner who checks back and understands they are working as a member of a well matched team.

Walking trials are a great way to compete— they keep you in shape and encourage good health. If you haven’t tried your hand (and feet) at a walking event, you might like to give it a try. Chances are you have “walking trial opportunities” within a short drive of your home.

For those of us who do the walking events, there is a club award entitled the Open Walking Shooting Dog Award. The rules are pretty simple— it’s American Field walking events for shooting dog standards for club members in good standing in the NRSFTC. Wins should be reported to the Award secretary within 30 days. Publication of wins in the American Field will validate the report. The only Irish Setter only trials to be recognized will be the semiannual walking shooting dog trials conducted in conjunction with the National Red Setters trials. Restricted/member’s stake won’t count.

Walking Shooting Dog Award			
All Breed Stakes		Irish Setter Only or Restricted Breed Derby	
Stakes of less than 1 hour			
1st	6 times the number of entries	1st	3 times the number of entries
2nd	4 times the number of entries	2nd	2 times the number of entries
3rd	2 times the number of entries	3rd	1 times the number of entries
Stakes of 1 hour or more			
1st	14 times the number of entries	1st	7 times the number of entries
2nd	10 times the number of entries	2nd	5 times the number of entries
3rd	6 times the number of entries	3rd	3 times the number of entries
Regional Championship stakes			
CH	20 times the number of entries	CH	10 times the number of entries
RU	14 times the number of entries	RU	7 times the number of entries
National Championship			
CH	30 times the number of entries	CH	15 times the number of entries
RU	20 times the number of entries	RU	10 times the number of entries

(Continued on page 20)

Puppy of the Year

If you recently got a new puppy, and you’ve never field trialed before, the “Puppy of the Year” Award might be the place for you to get a chance to compete and have some fun. Your new Puppy should be registered to run in the Futurity in two years so get it’s great to get the pup started now in “field trialing.” Generally speaking, puppy trials are great fun for everyone!! The event usually runs about 20 minutes or the course and just gives the puppy a chance to run and explore. No one expects it to be a broke dog— Birds are not put out and if the pup happens to come across one, it won’t be sanctioned for chasing it. Please think about joining us and giving your new puppy a chance to get into the game. It is important to understand the difference between a Puppy and a Derby Dog. Puppies are those whelped on or after January 1st of the preceding year AND from July 1st to December 31st in each year for dogs whelped after June 1st of the preceding year. Wins recorded from F.D.S.B. recognized trials only. The award runs from July 1st to June 30th of the following year. Owners need to report their wins within 30 days of the competition. In order to compete, owners must be members in good standing of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. The award secretary will report the Puppy points in *The Flushing Whip*. Winners of the Puppy of the Year Award will be announced as soon as determined after June 30th of each year. The Puppy Award will be presented at the NRSFTC Fall Championship banquet. Permanent trophies to be retained by the owners will accompany the rotating trophy. All placements must be verified by publication in the American Field before becoming official. Trials restricted to only AKC registered dogs are not accepted. Puppy of the Year Points are calibrated by the chart below:

(Continued on page 21)

Puppy of the Year			
All breed stakes		Irish setter/restricted breed Puppy Stakes	
1st	6 times the number of entries	1st	3 times the number of entries
2nd	4 times the number of entries	2nd	2 times the number of entries
3rd	2 times the number of entries	3rd	1 times the number of entries
Report to: Deb Fazenbaker, 5630 State, Kingsville, OH 44048 flushingwhip@gmail.com			

Derby Of the Year

Hopefully you will plan to run your Derby in the NRSFTC Futurity. As you can see from the charts below, Derby dogs get extra points from participating the Futurities. If you have a dog that is talented and doing well, please run it in the NRSFTC Futurity. But don't stop there. There are several all breed Futurities you can enter and it gives you dog exceptional opportunity and exposure to participate. Don't miss that chance. In the Derby of the year award, only Derby wins count toward point total (Derby stakes run from July 1st through Dec. 31st in each year for dogs whelped on or after Jan.1 of the year preceding and from July 1st through June30th in each year for dogs whelped on or after Jan. 1st of the second year preceding.) The wins recorded may only be from F.D.S.B. recognized trials. Points are compiled from July 1st to June 30th the following year. Owners are responsible to report their wins within 30 days of the competition. In order to compete the owner must be a member in good standing of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club.

The top derby dogs are reported to *The Flushing Whip*. All placements will be verified by publication in the American Field. Trials restricted to only AKC registered dogs aren't accepted. Points are awarded according to the chart below:

Derby of the year Point Calibration			
All breed stakes		Irish Setter only Or restricted breed Derby stakes	
1st	8 times the number of entries	1st	4 times the number of entries
2nd	6 times the number of entries	2nd	3 times the number of entries
3rd	4 times the number of entries	3rd	2 times the number of entries
All Breed Futurity		NRSFTC Futurity	
1st	12 times the number of entries	1st	10 times the number of entries
2nd	10 times the number of entries	2nd	8 times the number of entries
3rd	8 times the number of entries	3rd	6 times the number of entries
4th	6 times the number of entries	4th	4 times the number of entries
All Breed Championship			
CH	20 times the number of entries	(Continued on next page)	
RU	15 times the number of entries		

National Shoot to Retrieve Award

The final award offered by the NRSFTC for our dog owners is the NSTRA award. NSTRA stands for National Shoot to Retrieve and it is different than the other kinds of awards that the club does. In all the other award categories, the events are American Field trials and, as such, no birds are killed during the competition.



National Shoot to Retrieve Association is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1978 by a group of dedicated bird hunters looking for a way to extend the upland bird season and provide service to its members. NSTRA Field Trials provide competition with others who enjoy bird dogs, in a sportsmanlike environment under hunting conditions.

In a survey we asked you to complete a few years back, we learned that over 70 percent of our members have their red dogs because they are hunters. What better way to enjoy your dog? Team up with the dog and compete in a hunting and retrieving exhibition.

Many years ago back when Dan Moore was the Editor of the Flushing Whip, Dan decided to initiate a "NSTRA award" for our club. It seemed like a grand idea— especially with so many hunters in our organization. He figured out a rubric which he fashioned after the other red setter awards. We've had some great participants over the years and National Shoot to Retrieve within the club is definitely growing.

We recently received exciting news The National Shoot To Retrieve Association office. They have adopted some changes to their trial format that will take effect starting with the new fall season. The changes mostly center around the addition of amateur trials in order to gain the interest new members and welcome bird dog enthusiasts as they try field trialing and extending the season by competing with their hunting companions.

The trial changes include adding, All Amateur trials (only dogs with amateur status competing), Open/Combined trials, (Open and amateur dogs competing in the same trial), Regional Amateur Championships, and a National Amateur Championship Trial.

(Continued on page 23)

In an American Field trial, the handler is considered to be an amateur or open (professional) competitor. In NSTRA however, the DOG has either open or amateur status. A NSTRA dog is considered an amateur if it has less than 7 “open” points. An amateur dog can earn points towards an Amateur Championship, while still competing against open dogs.

The all amateur trials will be run using the same rules and judging standards as an open trial. The 1st three placements will receive points towards their Amateur Championships. An amateur placement will also qualify the dog for the Regional and National Amateur Championships.

The open/combined trials would feature veteran open, and amateur dogs braced against each other. If an amateur dog happens to place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd; the dog would receive open points along with amateur points.

Each region can offer up to four all amateur trials annually. Two in the spring and two in the fall. There is no limit for the open/combined trials. Some regions have already decided to use the open/combined trial exclusively.

Each Region can offer a Regional Amateur Championship. This will be run as a “beat your brace-mate” trial as teams advanced through the rounds! There will be a National Amateur Championship at AMO, Indiana. It will also use a “beat your brace-mate” format.

These new additions will provide lots of opportunities for new folks to jump in and see what a National Shoot to Retrieve trial is all about. Our club already has several members who enjoy participating in this great game. Steve Witz is a long time NSTRA member and has multi-championships on two of his dogs, Pal Holiday and Cherry Holiday. Steve began NSTRA with the goal of getting the FIRST National Shoot to Retrieve Red Setter Champion and was good to his goal. Steve Card just Championed his dog, Cardo’s Red Bull and added to the number of Irish Red Setter champions. Mike Fox and Jeff Joyner also participate with Shoot to retrieve. If you’re interested in getting started, or have questions about the new point system and how it all works, contact the Award Secretary, Mike Fox. You can also check out the website for National Shoot to Retrieve at NSTRA.org. The rubric for scoring is on the next page.

NSTRA Point system for NRSTFC Award			
Open		Amateur	
30 minute brace		30 minute brace	
1	90 points	1	45 points
2	60 points	2	30 points
3	30 points	3	15 points
4	15 points	4	7 points
Regional Championship			
1	500	1	250
2	300	2	150
3	200	3	100
4	100	4	50
National Championships			
1	1000	1	500
2	750	2	375
3	500	3	250
4	200	4	100
Send info to: Mike Fox, 10768 Searcy Ridge, Patriot, IN 47038 (812) 498-6941 c mike.fox@heidelberg.com			
There may be some point variance dependent on the number of participants and whether a trial is Open, Amateur or combined as a Open/Amateur. Mike Fox, the Club award secretary will make that adjustment for you.			
For hunters, NSTRA is a great game to play— so come on out and give it a shot!! Check out the most recent red setter NSTRA Champions below—			



Another red setter has earned its NSTRA Championship! Congratulations to Steve Card and his great team mate, Jaeger. We're so proud of what you have accomplished!!

NSTRA CHAMPION!! Congratulations Ch. Cardo's Red Bull and Steve Card



Steve w/ Jager, Steve Karnes w/Kona. John Resa w/ Jill



"Jager" always eager
for a rub from the boss!

Steve and Jager



Jager : So Pretty on Point

The History of The National Championship

By William S Smith, Reporter of the National Championship



It began in West point, Mississippi in 1896 with the boast "my dog is better than your dog." Among the bird dog men of that day the challenge was too great to ignore and the National Championship was born. Count Gladstone IV for owner/handler Jim Avent was given the nod over Topsy's Rod after a second series for the title. Mr. Avent received \$300.00 and a silver Championship Cup for the win.

One hundred and twenty years later the National Championship is still conducted in order to name the best field trial bird dog. This year, 2016, marks the 120th year since the introductory running and the event has only been cancelled four times; in 1897, 1938, 1944, and 1965. The first renewal of the National was contested on the grounds at New Albany, Miss. in 1898 and returned to West Point, Miss. in 1899. The U.S. Grounds once located south of Grand Junction, Tennessee hosted the National in 1900 and 1901 and again in 1912. The National would utilize the U.S. Grounds for the last time in 1914. The National was first contested on the Ames Plantation in 1902 and continued there through the 1909 running. It has been run on the Ames every year it has been held since 1915. The only other venue to host the National was Rogers Springs, Tennessee in 1910 and 1911.

The purse is substantially larger these days, being over 60 times the

(Continued on page 28)

amount of that inaugural running, but the contest is basically the same with the exception that a runner-up is no longer named but was named in some years between 1908 and 1933. In 1908 a setter male, Danfield, was the first named runner-up. In 1933 Superlette, a pointer bitch, was the last runner-up to be named. If there ever was a hard luck dog that competed in the National it was the setter male, Powhatan. He was never able to claim the championship, but was named runner-up three times in 1910, 1911, and 1913.

The National is the Super Bowl for bird dogs. Some owners and handlers have been fortunate to win this much sought after event relatively early in their quest. Others have toiled in the trenches for many years before their efforts were rewarded with a victory in the National. While others never realize their goal. It is a game of the highest highs and the lowest lows. It is a game of skill with luck playing a large part. But in the end it is about the dogs. It takes an exceptional dog to navigate the three hours that are required in all kinds of weather and to finish still running strong. Conditioning is of the utmost and all credit should be given to the handlers who are in charge of preparing these canine athletes for this grueling performance. Throughout the long season these handlers are diligent to see that their charges are given the best of care in order that their potential can and will be achieved. We would be remiss not to give recognition to the owners because without the owners there would not be a National Championship. They are the ones who make it possible for the handlers and their dogs to compete. It takes two to tango but it takes three to make a team on the All-Age circuit. Congratulations to the owners and handlers who have qualified for the 2016 National Championship.

Hobart Ames was born on August 21, 1865 in North Easton, Massachusetts. He was born into one of the most wealthy, influential, and prestigious families of that time. His business savvy added to his family's already great wealth. He was a man admired for his moral values and his integrity. He was an avid bird hunter and a man who valued a good bird dog. He was one of the catalyst that brought the National Championship into existence.

(Continued on page 29)

The National Championship stands as a memorial to Hobart and Julia Colony Ames. The trial was of such importance to them both that after Hobart's demise, Julia created the Hobart Ames Foundation. It was her wish that the Foundation would ensure the continuation of the National. Reporter Joe Walker in his account of the 1994 National stated what he believed to be Mr. Ames vision of the National when he wrote: "The National Championship is an endurance event which seeks to glorify the ideal field trial dog, the finest of quail performers, one with all the essential natural qualifications. The dog must be expertly trained and have had field experience so that he works in the interest of the gun. Main emphasis has always been on 'subservience to the gun.' This connotes a desire to find birds, locate game accurately, and give ready and cheerful handling response." He went on to say: "There are some who have the impression that restricted range is necessary; that is far from the case. In fact, Hobart Ames, who sponsored the stake for so many years, liked to see a dog reach out to birdy places in open country, but did not want a dog to pass promising concealments merely for the sake of distance. In an early expression of views the originators of the stake stressed that the purpose of the trial was to bring out superior bird dogs with stamina so necessary to a useful dog." (Am. Field, March 12, 1994) Mr. Ames' idea of how a dog should perform, the Amesian Standard, is still the yardstick that is used today in judging field trials.

AMESIAN STANDARD

The dog under consideration must have and display great bird sense. He must show perfect work on both coveys and singles. He must be able to quickly to determine between foot and body scent. He must use his brain, eyes, and nose to the fullest advantage and hunt the likely places on the course. He must possess speed, style, range, style, character, courage, and stamina—and good manners, always. He must hunt the birds and not the handler hunt the dog. No line or path runner is acceptable. He must be well broken, and the better his manners, the more clearly he proves his sound training. Should he lose a little in class, as expressed in speed and range, he can make up for this, under fair judgment, in a single piece of superior bird work, or in sustained

(Continued on page 30)

demonstration of general behavior. He must be bold, snappy, and spirited. His range must be to the front or to either side, but never behind. He must be regularly and habitually pleasing governable and must know when to turn and keep his handler's course in view, and at all times keep uppermost in his mind the finding and pointing of birds for his handler.

Hobart and his wife, Julia, were on a cruise in 1898 when they met Mr. & Mrs. Herman B. Duryea, who happened to be on the same cruise. Ames and Duryea discovered during their conversations that they shared a common interest. That interest being bird hunting and bird dogs. The previous year Duryea had purchased several thousand acres of land in Hickory Valley, Tennessee at the recommendation of his friend, James Avent. During the cruise Duryea continued to extoll the virtues of the pristine quail country around Hickory Valley. He most likely informed Ames that there were tracts of acres available for sale in close proximity to his plantation. The seed was planted and the Ames Plantation was established in 1901 when Ames made his initial purchase of a house and 400 acres from the descendants of John Walker Jones. Ames was about 36 years old at that time. He would continue to acquire land when it became available and the plantation would eventually encompass some 24,000 plus acres.

Ames and Edward Dexter were distant neighbors in Massachusetts. Dexter owned Charlottesville Kennels located in Virginia. Dexter's intentions were to improve the pointer breed through selective breeding. In partnership with his kennel manager, Cuthbert E. Buckle, they were rewarded for their efforts. Rip Rap, Jingo, Mainstay, and Young Rip Rap were four of the foundation sires that the kennel produced. At 63 years of age Dexter was in ill health and he desired to sell the Charlottesville Kennels, but he wanted to ensure that the kennel would continue to strive to enhance the pointer lines. Ames bought the kennel in the spring of 1899 with the understanding that he would continue with Dexter's vision. Disaster struck in 1900 when rabies almost totally wiped out the kennel. Sixteen of the country's most promising pointers fell victim to the disease along with most of the setter occupants. One of the setter victims was the bitch, Daisy Craft, who had amassed 11 field trial placements. Not wanting to risk another disaster, Ames sought to move the kennel out of Virginia.

(Continued on page 31)

With the establishment of the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tennessee, the decision was made to relocate there. Cuthbert Buckle would also relocate to the Ames becoming the first manager of the Ames.

Since 1895 Ames had field trial dogs in the string of professional handler David Rose but after relocating his kennel to Tennessee, Cuthbert Buckle would handle Ames' dogs in field trial competition.

On January 23, 1905 the National began on the Ames Plantation. The competition would be won by one of Hobart Ames' contenders and as a result of that victory there would be a potential lasting negative bearing on the setter line. Nine of the country's best setters made up the field. Weather on the opening morning was clear with a slight breeze. Jessie Rodfield's Count Gladstone, Portia, Prince Rodney, and Pioneer ran that first day but did not take advantage of the weather conditions as time would tell. Jessie Rodfield's Count Gladstone was said to have had the best performance of the four. The weather changed drastically on Tuesday morning when Alambagh and Tony Man were loosed in inclement weather. The storm intensified into blizzard conditions that were described as before unseen in west Tennessee. Both dogs went on to card numerous bevy finds and frequently both located singles in spite of the raging snow storm. Tony Man had chased on a couple of occasions and also knocked a covey, but he finished still strong and going away. Alambagh's battle with the weather took its toll and his last quarter hour betrayed his exhaustion. The afternoon running was cancelled. Wednesday morning the temperature had plunged below zero and the day's running was cancelled. McKinley, Leather Stockings, and Victor Okaw completed the first series on Thursday but none impressed the judges. Alambagh and Jessie Rodfield's Count Gladstone were called back for a second series. Shortly after breakaway Jessie was spied standing far to the front. When a relocation was attempted, Jessie knocked the covey and hit the ground. On Jessie's next stand he tried to catch a bird when it flew close to his head. Point was called for Alambagh standing a good distance to the front. Alambagh was rock solid when Buckle flushed and shot. The dogs were ordered up and the four year old Alambagh was declared the winner. Then the outcry commenced. The

(Continued on page 32)

"The Flushing Whip: Official Publication of the Red Setter Foundation, Ltd. serving the National Red Setter Field Trial Club"

complaints were that Alambagh had an unfair advantage because he was worked on the Ames by Buckle and knew how to run the grounds and probably knew where the birds were. The laughter in the halls of the manor house quickly subsided into silence. For Hobart Ames the accusations of taking an unfair advantage were tantamount to accusing him of dishonesty. He was known as a man of character and high ideals and was insulted profoundly by these allegations. As a result of the criticism he made the decision not to run another of his dogs in the National Championship for as long as it was run on the Ames Plantation.

Alambagh was not offered to the public after his victory. He was bred exclusively to Hobart Ames' personal hunting dogs. The victims of that decision were those who would have bred to Alambagh and Alambagh himself because he never competed in another field trial. Hobart Ames was also impacted because Alambagh would be his solitary National Champion.

The decision to quit the National was a bitter pill to swallow, but Hobart Ames was a man who stood by his convictions and he did not relent. In 1911 the venue of the National would relocate from the Ames to Rogers Springs, Tennessee and an Ames' entry would once again compete for the title. Before the running of the National Hobart purchased the setter bitch, Monora, who was the 1910 National Champion, and the promising young setter male, Powhatan. Buckle would once again handle the Ames' entries. Judges H.S. Bevan, Captain Thomas Bond, and J.T. Jones did not witness a performance that they deemed worthy of a national champion and decided on a second series. They called back Powhatan with another setter male,

Eugene M, who was declared the National Champion after a 3 hour and 7 minute brace. Powhatan's performance earned him his second consecutive runner-up in the National.



The Ames Manor House



Eliminating Raccoons that play havoc with your coop



When Allen and I first started training dogs to handle birds, we decided to raise pigeons. Over the last 35 years there have been very few “constants” in my life but two things were always certain: We always had dogs and we always had birds for training them. In the early years of our pigeon ownership, our coop facilities were fairly basic. We’d have a small coop with a couple dozen birds that seemed to be fairly secure. But inevitably, raccoons found their way in and every bird was killed. Mother birds held tight to their nests protecting their young and died in the process. Anyone who had had to clean up the carnage after such an attack will tell you that it had nothing to do with the food chain or the varmints trying to get a meal. With raccoons it usually is simply about the kill. All the animals and their remains are all strewn about the coop. It’s as though the coons show up simply for the killing frenzy.

I eventually created a business called “Wings of Love:” I provide white doves for weddings and funerals. Needless to say, I don’t want raccoons to wipe out my bird population. In addition, raccoons carry diseases like distemper and rabies. I’ve had raccoons kill all my birds 6 times over the last 35 years. It was enough to make me proactive in protecting my bird population. About 8 years ago Allen built me a wonderful pigeon coop and protected it top and bottom with electric fencing. I haven’t had a problem since we moved them to these nice surroundings but I don’t take my birds safety for granted. I am relentless in trapping and eliminating raccoons on our property and I’ve learned some things along the way in how to catch those pesky coons.

A few weeks ago I noticed on facebook that a couple club members had their coops attacked and had lost all of their birds. At this time of year I am trapping them regularly and I’ll tell you what works well for me. Ohio law allows me to trap nuisance animals but I am not allowed to re-locate them to another area; rather, Ohio law requires that I humanely euthanize them. There is a huge population of raccoons in

(Continued on page 34)

our region— as I write this today, I have eliminated fourteen raccoons in a row— one every day for the last eleven days and then three today! I have a friend who raises all kinds of game birds and he complained to me that he cannot trap a raccoon in a “Have a Heart” trap. It seemed to him that sometimes animals could get the food out but not set off the trap. Or, in other cases, they simply refused to go inside.

There were a couple things that I told him to check. First of all, when a raccoon is trapped and trying to find a way out, they usually pull up all the grass and leaves that surround the trap. The grass ends up getting packed underneath the feed plate and unless the trap has been carefully cleaned, animals will be able to get inside and steal the bait without triggering the trap to close. It’s best to use a strong spray nozzle on the hose to wash away all grass and debris. Give special attention to the feed plate mechanism. Once the trap was cleaned, it should be set up and baited. I’ve tried several concoctions over the years but by far, my most successful is a mixture of peanut butter and molasses. I pour molasses over the peanut butter, and stir it into a slurry. I throw in a few tablespoons of bird seed and then smear it on the bait plate. My game bird guy followed those suggestions and he had immediate success. The peanut butter and molasses mixes up easily and has a strong smell that attracts the coons. Sometimes as I mix it up, I feel like the Julia Child of Coon Catching. Yesterday I had caught two raccoons jam packed into the trap. That evening when I re-baited it, I caught another one. Usually the raccoons only come out in the dark of night. But last evening, I set up the trap about 9 pm at dusk and when I locked up the house an hour later, I was surprised to have already caught another raccoon: that’s how I caught 3 in one day!

I’ve also had good success with simple tuna fish, plain peanut butter, or sardines. All of those items have a strong odor and it seems to get the raccoons out of the surrounding woods and into my trap. One of the most surprising ways to attract raccoons didn’t even have food as part of it. A friend told me to use tin foil and make a round ball about the size of a golf ball. I made a couple of them and hung them from strings inside the trap itself. The raccoons were very curious and they apparently went right inside to check

(Continued on page 35)

out the glistening objects. In the morning when I went to check the trap I found the raccoon holding the foil ball in his hand as he studied it. Raccoons are really pretty smart, and they are equipped with tools that make it very easy for them to break in to pigeon coops. They have very workable prehensile hands and can easily open doors and unhook latches. In fact, I have a friend who had taken the dog to do some water work at an area pond. When they arrived at the pond, a raccoon was swimming in the water near the middle. Without thinking, my friend fired a shot in hopes of scaring the coon away. To his shock and horror, the dog took the gunshot as a signal to jump in and fetch the raccoon. Without hesitation the coon turned on the dog, grabbed his collar and pulled him underwater. His stunned owner stood helplessly by—hoping to get a shot to kill the raccoon but unable to do it quickly enough to save his dog. It was a tragic loss.

Even though we put electricity around the base of our pigeon coop, the raccoons attempted to find access. They climbed up in trees near the coop and were able to ride a bending branch over and land on the roof top. Thankfully we saw it happen and added security to further protect the birds. We trimmed nearby trees so that the raccoons couldn't use them to get near our pigeon house. We also added a grounding rod and extended electricity to the roof of the house to prevent the rascals from trying to approach from that direction. So far they haven't gotten in—but I take nothing for granted.

If you are trying to raise pigeons to use for bird training, you need to be ever vigilant in ridding your property of varmints that can kill them. Al caught a snake in our pigeon coop years ago and it was in process of swallowing a fairly sizable bird. If you have mink in the area or hawks or owls, you need to take care to avoid losing your birds. I pay attention to predator birds and don't let my doves out to fly if I see a hawk hanging around. Sometimes my birds are already out and one flies through—thankfully the doves immediately get back in the house because they recognize the danger. But, of all the threats that can harm my birds, the most prevalent and insidious has been the raccoons.

When establishing a coop of pigeons, make the effort to give them a safe environment where they can work for you without falling victim to the raccoons hiding on your property. Do you know why raccoons seem to be wearing masks?? They ARE criminals, so.... BEWARE!

She's RED HOT!! Roses Are Red Winner of the Duke Award Summer 2019



2019 LeGrande Award Standings as of 6/1/19

Runs January 1st 2019 through December 31st, 2019

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time To Rock	Red Rush	726
Little More Shine	F	Tim & Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered In Red	640
Rendition	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	238
Waycross	M	Roger Boser	Justified	Redstone	150
Windfall	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Redstone	91

2019 High Performance Award as of 6/1/19

Runs January 1st 2019 through December 31st, 2019

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time To Rock	Red Rush	270
Little More Shine	F	Tim & Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered In Red	180

2019 Open Walking Shooting Dog as of 4/8/19

Runs January 1st 2019 through December 31st, 2019

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Braeval Laddie	M	Gregor McCluskey	Justified	Redstone	990

2018 Derby of the year is Gratitude. Congratulations!

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dame	Points
Gratitude	M	Roger Boser	CB Cutter	CB Doodle	408
Hatcreeks Lady Red	F	Dwight Ingram	Come Back Cutter	CB Doodle	123
Come Back	M	Joe Edwards	Come Back Cutter	CB BeeGee	116
Stiletto	F	Roger Boser	CB Cutter	CB BeeGee	24
Outlander	M	Roger Boser	Rendition	Coldplay	24

2018 Puppy of the year is Celtic's Red Zone! Congratulations!

Name	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dame	Points
Celtic's Red Zone	F	Paul Ober O Robert Ecker H	Celtic's Expeditiously	Celtic's Culmination	164
Raintree Blue Moon	M	C Lewis/D Reinke Tom Wait H	ZanSett Simply Red	Foxy's Lil Red Missy	44



Puppy of Year
Celtic's Red Zone
 Owner Paul Ober
 Handler Robert Ecker



Derby of Year
Gratitude
 Owner Roger Boser
 Handler Roger Boser

Strideaway
 The online publication dedicated to the great American sport of Pointing Dog Field Trials since 2008!
www.strideaway.com



AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA



Join Now...Become an AFTCA Member!

"Inspire and promote outstanding Amateur Bird Dog Competition while supporting and conserving Upland Habitat."


The AFTCA's mission is to advocate and support Amateur Bird Dog Field Trial competition in quality events and to strive to make available to amateur participants extraordinary Upland Bird venues on which to compete.

To foster and increase interest in and knowledge of Upland Game Birds and their conservation in order to perpetuate them for future generations.

To organize for the purpose of strengthening our capacity to meet our objectives of improving the status and existence of Upland Birds and the genetics and performance of Bird Dogs.

Individual Annual Membership **\$25**

AFTCA Secretary: Piper Huffman
 2873 Whippoorwill Road, Michigan City, MS 38647
 Office phone/fax: 662-223-0126 Cell: 662-471-1700



GEAR THE WAY YOU'D DESIGN IT[®]

PROUD SPONSOR OF THE
NATIONAL RED SETTER FIELD TRAIL CLUB

SPORTDOG.COM

"The Flushing Whip: Official Publication of the Red Setter Foundation, Ltd. serving the National Red Setter Field Trial Club"



Sew Easy



Custom Embroidered Red Setter Wear
Hunter's Hats, Shirts, Vests, Sweatshirts
Aprons, in fact, we'll even do baby blankets:

Please contact me for a quote today
Deb Fazenbaker * flushingwhip@gmail.com * 440-969-0567



Iron Fire Setters



Roger and Toni Berg
320-251-7415

We breed for classy companion hunting dogs

4165 2nd St South East, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56304
Email: rogerberg@q.com
Visit us online at: www.IronFiresetters.net

Silver Creek Fabrication

Custom Designed Plasma Cut Metal signs for your Kennel, Farm, or Home

Call for Prices/Quotes on Custom Art Designs



1053 Richmond Rd N, Berea, KY 40403

Phone: (859) 986-7076

Come Back Red Setters

We are proud to report that in 2019, our "Come Back Red Setter breeding"

SWEPT

all 4 places in the NRSFTC Futurity



Hatcreek's Lady Red
2019 NRSFTC Futurity Winner

Joe and Brenda Edwards

2517 Register Sutton Road, Rose Hill NC 28458

910-290-1177 910-260-2877



PRO 550 PLUS

Build a dog worth hunting over with training levels you can adjust and tracking that shows which direction your dog is heading.



GARMIN.

National Red Setter Field Trial Club

Tear out this page to report wins

OFFICERS

President: Allen Fazenbaker
5630 State Road at Red Setter Run
Kingsville, OH 44048
(440) 969-0273 (C)
E-mail: conneautcreekredsetters@gmail.com

1st Vice President Tom Norton

81 Riverview
Durango, CO 81301
(970) 247-5129
E-Mail: norton_t@fortlewis.edu

2nd Vice President: Dennis Hidalgo

29100 E. 148th Ave
Brighton, CO 80603
(303) 655-1099
fireflyfarm@msn.com

Secretary: Ed Liermann

N. 2573 Hardscrabble Road
Palmyra, WI 53156
(414) 625-0715
E-mail: eal1886@aol.com

Treasurer: Linda Beauchamp

1401 South 359th Street W.
Cheney, KS 67025
(316) 542-0103
E-mail: lsbeauchamp2@aol.com

Deborah Fazenbaker— Director

Editor— *The Flushing Whip*
5630 State Road at Red Setter Run
Kingsville, OH 44048
(440) 224-3642 Home
(440) 969-0567 Cell
E-mail: flushingwhip@gmail.com

Michael Jacobson — Futurity Chair

1273 142nd St
New Richmond WI 54071
715-495-0721 C ←New
E-mail: mjacobson@frontiernet.net

DIRECTORS

Ron Cassidy 2020
12377 Bohne Rd
Grass Lake, MI 49240
(517) 522-4008 (740) 973-9457c
E-mail: rcassidy60@gmail.com

Joe Allen Edwards 2021
2517 Register Sutton Road
Rose Hill, NC 28458
(910)260-2877 H (910)290-1177 C
joeallenedwards@yahoo.com

Mike Fox 2021
10768 Searcy Ridge
Patriot, IN 47038
(812) 498-6941 c
E-mail: foxcutfold@yahoo.com

Katherine Gove 2021
30657 98th St NW
Princeton, MN 55371
(612) 770-7211 c
africa305@yahoo.com

Paul Ober 2021
520 Walnut Street
Reading, PA 19601
(610) 378 5530
E-mail: pober@msbk-law.com

Milt Schafer 2020
850 MacArthur Rd
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 231-3142 (920) 376-3001
E-mail: mschafer@new.rr.com

Garth Sellen 2020
8258 Sunshine Rd
Lena, WI 54139
(715) 587-0906
E-mail: gsellen53@gmail.com

Honoring the
"Purest Challenge..."



How to Report Wins for Club Standings

Summer Awards
Runs 7-1-18 through 6-30-19

DUKE : Send wins to:

Don Beauchamp
1401 South 359 St W
Cheney, KS 67025
Home Ph: 316-542-0103

PUPPY and DERBY Awards

Send to: Deb Fazenbaker
5630 State Road
Kingsville, OH 44048
440-969-0567
flushingwhip@gmail.com

Jim Fike Amateur Handler
Award secy notes AF placements
Contact Bonnie Hidalgo
303-655-1099
fireflyfarm@msn.com

Winter Awards
Runs Jan -Dec 2018

W.E. LeGrande

High Performance
Email: lsbeauchamp2@aol.com

Shoot to Retrieve send wins:

Mike Fox
10768 Searcy Ridge
Patriot, IN 47038
812) 498-6941 c
mike.fox@heidelberg.com

Walking Shooting Dog Award
Tom Norton. 81 Riverview
Durango, Colorado 81301
970-247-5129
norton_t@fortlewis.edu

ONLY NRSFTC Members may compete for Awards
If you haven't paid yet, please do it now



We thank our GREAT sponsors !!

Please patronize these companies and their excellent products

Reporting Form for NRSFTC Club Awards							
Cut out this page. Complete the form and Mail to Award Secretary listed on back							
USE 1 FORM PER DOG— YOU MAY LIST MULTIPLE TRIALS ON THIS FORM							
Select and circle Award →	Duke	LeGrande	High Performance	Derby	Puppy	Walking Shooting dog	NSTRA
Dog's Name		FDSB #		DOG Circle one Bitch			
Sire:		Dam		Date Whelped IF Puppy or Derby			
Owner		If some else handled your dog, write handler's name in this box.		Your Phone			
Address		City		State		Zip	
Trial you're reporting	Location	Date	Placement	Length	# entries		

USE 1 FORM PER DOG— YOU MAY LIST MULTIPLE TRIALS ON THIS FORM							
Select and circle Award →	Duke	LeGrande	High Performance	Derby	Puppy	Walking Shooting dog	NSTRA
Dog's Name		FDSB #		DOG Circle one Bitch			
Sire:		Dam		Date Whelped IF Puppy or Derby			
Owner		If some else handled your dog, write handler's name in this box.		Your Phone			
Address		City		State		Zip	
Trial you're reporting	Location	Date	Placement	Length	# entries		

National Champion

Zansett Simply Red



Congratulations to Luke & Kelly Tewes on their beautiful Red litter of NINE out of their Lincoln's Steady Brook (NAFC FC Hey Lincoln Watch that Tail x Cedar Creek Franklin's Better Half)

Red's Owners: Cathy Lewis & Dean Reinke
Contact Tom Waite for stud service
details: 262.514.4747

Silver Creek Red Setters

Tim and Kris Hammons

Phone: 859-986-7076



2017, 2018 High Performance Winner

2017, 2018 Le Grande Winner

2017, 2018, 2019 Duke award

Contact Silver Creek Kennel for:
Stud Service

Puppies & Started Dogs

Field Trial Horses for Sale

E-mail Kris: kmhammons@winstream.net

E-mail Tim: silvercreekfabrication@gmail.com

Visit our website at: www.silvercreekanimalhospital.com

Please patronize these very generous sponsors:



PURINA

GARMIN
TRI-TRONICS

**ON-POINT
NUTRITION
FOR
ON-POINT
PRECISION.**

Purina trademarks are owned by Société des Produits Nestlé S.A. Printed in USA.

**80+
years**
U.S. PROUD + ALTIUS &
DEDICATED TO EXPERIENCE, SAFETY &
PURINA

purinaproclub.com

PURINA CHOSEN BY CHAMPIONS®

Did you know our club has a facebook page? Scan our



5630 State Road at Red Setter Run, Kingsville, Ohio 44048

