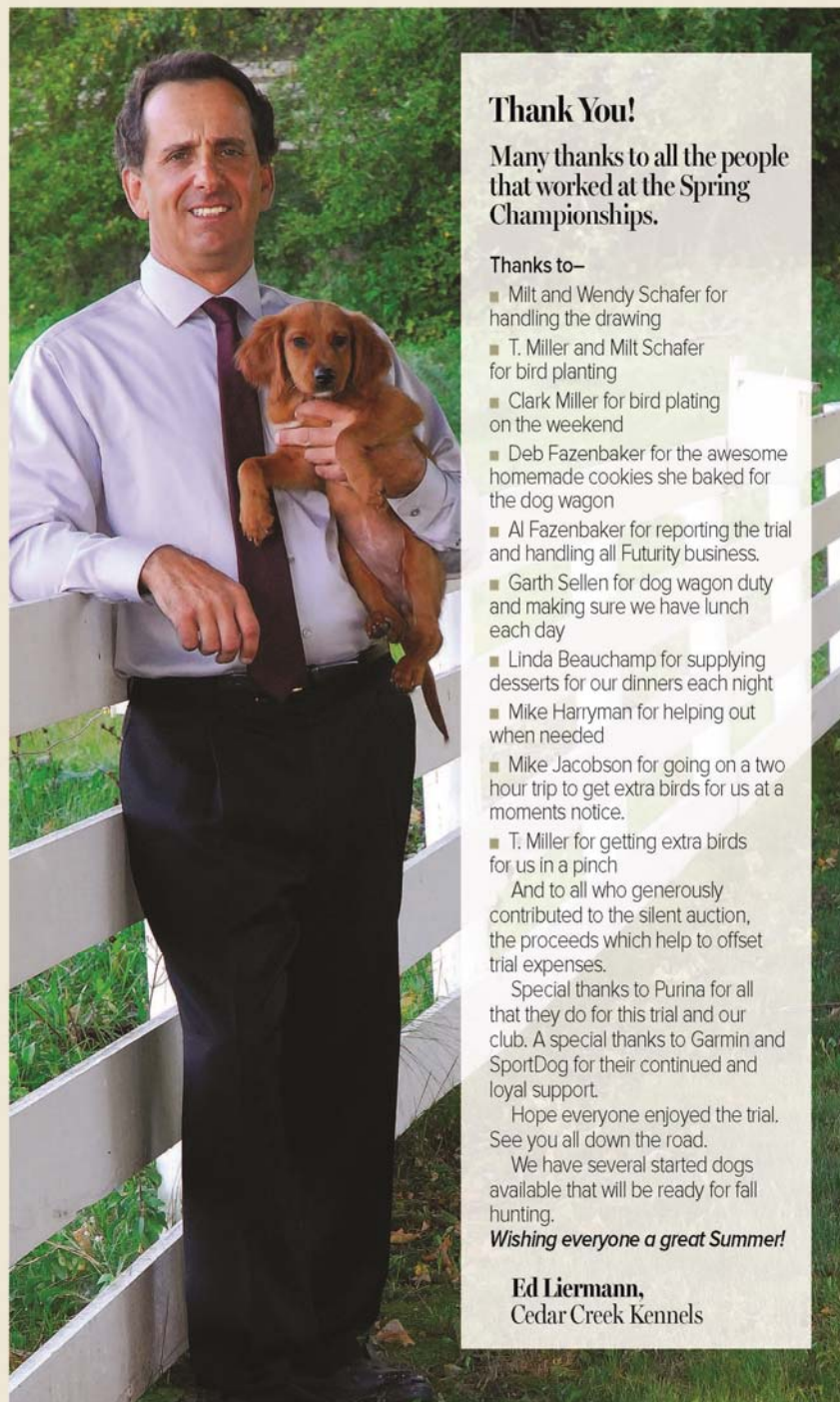


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Dedicated to the memory of
Stanley Arthur Zdanczewicz



**“The pheasant and quail lie safe in their nest;
the warrior is gone now, forever at rest.”**



Thank You!

Many thanks to all the people that worked at the Spring Championships.

Thanks to—

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- Deb Fazenbaker for the awesome homemade cookies she baked for the dog wagon
- Al Fazenbaker for reporting the trial and handling all Futurity business.
- Garth Sellen for dog wagon duty and making sure we have lunch each day
- Linda Beauchamp for supplying desserts for our dinners each night
- Mike Harryman for helping out when needed
- Mike Jacobson for going on a two hour trip to get extra birds for us at a moments notice.
- T. Miller for getting extra birds for us in a pinch

And to all who generously contributed to the silent auction, the proceeds which help to offset trial expenses.

Special thanks to Purina for all that they do for this trial and our club. A special thanks to Garmin and SportDog for their continued and loyal support.

Hope everyone enjoyed the trial. See you all down the road.

We have several started dogs available that will be ready for fall hunting.

Wishing everyone a great Summer!

Ed Liermann,
Cedar Creek Kennels

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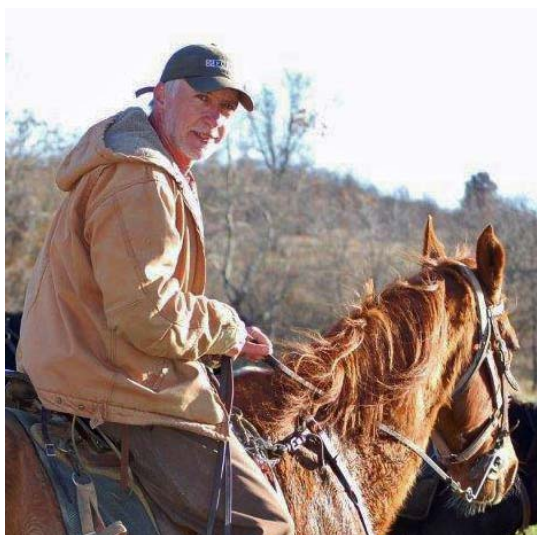


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It's with great sadness we report that Stanley Arthur Zdanczewicz passed away on February 20th at the age of 74 years. This issue of *The Flushing Whip* is dedicated to his memory in grateful appreciation of his contributions to our breed and our club. Stan bred an exceptional line of great red setters during what is often referred to as "the Abra years" of the NRSFTC and those lines continue today. Pictured here is one of Stan's dogs, Zansett Albert Collins, who won the National Red Setter Championship at the spring trial 1997. A very young Mike Tracy who handled Albert Collins to his win is also pictured here. Sincere sympathy to all who knew & loved ZZZ; the legend is gone!

Presidents Page by Al Fazenbaker



Stan Zdanczewicz, a longtime member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, passed away February 20 2109. Stan was an icon in the red setter world; his red dogs, flying under the banner of Zan Sett Kennels, produced multiple field trial winners, and the Zan Sett bloodlines have had a profound impact on the red setter breed today. Stan was a devoted red setter

aficionado; not only was he a fierce competitor, he loved the breed itself. Many times over the years, if I needed some information or some historical accounting about a dog or a person, it was Stan who would provide the information. Why? Because Stan was devoted not only to the competitive aspects of the red setter and our club, he was also devoted to the history and traditions of our club and our breed. He was a tireless worker when it came to putting the *Purest Challenge* in the limelight, and promoting our breed. When it came to competition, Stan was not content to run restricted trials; he competed in all breed stakes across the country, and showcased his red setters to the field trial world. Stan was sometimes a notorious individual; his sense of humor was not always for the faint of heart. But at the end of the day, he was ardent champion of the red setter, and for me that was most important. Of the many individuals who have interacted with our club and our breed over the years, Stan is a pinnacle of commitment to the Purest Challenge. Deborah Fazenbaker, our *Flushing Whip* Editor, was able to attend Stan's funeral service, along with our Secretary Ed Liermann, and longtime club members June Eilers and Bob Watkins; thank you for

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representing our club to Stan's friends and family. Stan's obituary can be found in this issue of the Whip. Rest in peace, friend.

A big congratulation to Gregor McCluskey and his red setter Braeval Bearcat Laddie, who won the International Amateur Woodcock Championship held in Arcadia Rhode Island. Laddie was the lone red setter in the entries, and he beat 30 white dogs to take the blue. Well done Gregor and Laddie on winning this wild bird all breed trial! Laddie joins the ranks of many well known canines who have won this very prestigious trial, which has been running continuously since 1977, when it was won by the female setter Ghost Star. Thanks Gregor and Laddie for making the red setter a part of such a high caliber Amateur Championship.

Our spring Championships and Red Setter Futurity are now in the history books. Congratulations to all the place winners; be sure to read the full trial report in this issue of the Whip, and check out the pictures. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of our trials, I hope you will consider attending.

Congratulations to Bob and Catherine Gove, who's beloved red setter Restless Wind was inducted into the Red Setter Hall of Fame. Also, a big congratulations to the family of Dale Bruns, who was likewise inducted into the Red Setter Hall of Fame. Bob and Catherine, and several members of the Bruns family, were on hand to celebrate this honor during the spring Red Setter Championships.

In Board business, Catherine Gove was elected to replace Stan Zdanczewicz on the Red Setter Board of Directors. I also appointed Mike Jacobson as the Futurity Chair for the upcoming year. In addition, I have asked Board member Paul Ober to chair a committee to investigate possible new venues for our annual field trials sponsored by the club. Paul Ober and Mike Jacobson are also coordinating an update to our bylaws, which have not been updated in over 15 years. I will post updates to these processes as the work progresses.

I hope you enjoy the spring trial season, and for those of you taking a break from your winter bird hunting, enjoy the break, and don't forget to work that red dog a little over the summer and keep him in shape! Go red dogs! Al Fazenbaker, President

Rambling from Red Setter Run



Hi Everyone—

Here's a photo proving why I can't get a seat on my own couch. The "boys" have taken up residence there. I've recently completed the second surgery but there hasn't been a lot of time for rest. Seems like we've had one thing after another going on— Probably good to get up and moving and on the road to good hand health. Besides that— as you see, I can't find a place to lay down.

The first thing I had to do right after surgery was to take a train all night to Chicago. Our daughter Mary Kay lives there and she picked me up and drove me to Wisconsin so I could attend Stan Zdanczewicz's funeral. I was grateful to be able to attend and I know Stan's family appreciated seeing their old red setter friends again.

Mary Kay has really been busy helping me with the club and club business. Our club is registered in Illinois and in order to do that, we need an Official "Registered Agent," who lives in the state. If you look at the bottom of our Officers and Directors, Mary Kay is listed on the bottom of that sheet. She's been our agent for nearly ten years now and we appreciate her support.

Earlier this year Pheasant Fest had their annual program in Schaumburg Illinois. Mary Kay lives very close to Schaumburg and she

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attended— acting as the photographer for *The Flushing Whip* at the Opening celebration and Bird Dog Parade. That darling little girl begging her mother for every dog she saw is Mary Kay's Godchild, Grace. I appreciate the entire team that was on hand to represent the club— Mary Kay, Grace, her mom Kathy, and of course the Gauthiers. Thanks to each of you for helping out. Amy and Jerry Gauthiers passed out "Red Setter Interest" postcards and our pamphlet about the Purest Challenge. It was their second year at the Bird Dog Parade— and they traveled all the way from Wabash Indiana to attend.

We had our Spring trial in Petersburg and it was good to get together and renew old acquaintances. We celebrated the inductions of Dale Bruns and Restless Wind into our Red Setter Hall of Fame. Bob and Katherine Gove attended and treated us to a wonderful reception in honor of "Buns," their call name for Restless Wind.

Although Teresa Bruns was unable to attend the trial and dinner, five of her children came to represent her: Tom, Tim, Tess Boldrey and her husband John, and Donna Bruns Stockholm. Donna told some good stories about growing up in a red setter household and it was delightful to see them. I spoke to Teresa a few days later by phone and she was thrilled with all the celebration and memento's. We had a blanket made for Teresa that had a photo of Dale and his dog, Hobo Sal. Teresa loves the blanket and keeps it folded on the back of the couch. When I called her, she told me that she and Dale are just getting ready to watch the news. Her wit and great sense of humor are as sharp as ever. I love talking with her on the phone.

We gave out a couple awards at the trial. I'm pleased to announce that "T" Miller, long time member of the club was unanimously awarded a Honorary Lifetime Membership by our Board. Congratulations T on this well deserved honor. You can read more about T a bit further back in this issue.

BTW, several of you members sent me cards and get well wishes and I wanted to thank you for your kindness. I know how much it means to have encouragement from others. Speaking of that— please send a card to Stan's long time partner and love— Sue Chirigotis. I know, she'd appreciate it. (Sue Chirigotis, 4823 Schoen Rd, #112, Union Grove, WI 53182)

Outta room— Enjoy your Whip!

Deb

Obituary Stan Zdanczewicz

By Deb Fazenbaker

Long time field trialer, Stan Zdanczewicz lost a lengthy battle with cancer on February 20th at the age of 74. He died quietly at home. Sue Chirigotis, Stan's beloved companion, and grandson Zak Zdanczewicz were at home with him. Stan leaves three children, Denise Stops, Andy Zdanczewicz, and Kim Elliott. Stan was a devoted grandfather to seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. His sister, Nancy Ozanich survives him; Stan's brother Jim Zdanczewicz died several years ago in California. Services were at the Oak Creek Community Center in Oak Creek



Stan was a steam fitter by trade but his real avocation and passion was bird dogs and hunting. Early in life he began hunting, taking his dogs to woods and field in search of birds. Eventually, Stan found his way to his beloved Irish red setters and the field trial game. Over the next 50 years, Stan became an exceptional breeder, trainer, handler, mentor and red setter aficionado. Stan knew the history of our breed and appreciated the efforts of those who restored our dogs to the exceptional hunters they are today.

Stan established ZanSett Kennels in 1976 in Muskego Wisconsin. He's been a member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club more than 40 years and has devoted his life to the breed. Stan initially belonged to the Irish Setter Club of Milwaukee. Stan's first Irish setter was Belle O'Lannon and he quickly turned her into a champion. Later Stan purchased FreeSett Mike. He hoped to breed Mike to his "Lakewinds Tottie" bitch but as Mike developed, he didn't quite have the style Stan wanted. Stan eventually bred Tottie to Mike's littermate,

Barnhouse McKalips, a coupling destined for greatness. There was only one male pup in the litter and Stan named him ABRA— a name still recognized and revered in American Field history. Stan had hoped to find a special female in the litter but as it turned out, Abra was so superior to the other puppies that he stole Stan's heart and ran off with it.

Success came quickly— by 1984, under the direction of Stan's daughter Denise, Abra secured the Region 12 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship— the FIRST RED SETTER TO WIN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE JOE JR BEAT GLADSTONE IN 1879. In addition to his field trial success, Abra sired a line of Irish Red Setter Futurity champions that dominated the 80's. (ZanSett Gale, Triple Creek Oscar, ZanSett Silly Girl, Celtic's Wolfman, Red Roamer and Left Over to name a few.) Abra's pups were sold all across the USA, Canada, Europe and Asia. Abra did well in competition and his popularity soared. For several years Abra held the highest number of placements of ANY pointing dog breed in FDSB history. It's a tribute to *the Purest Challenge* that even today, the two top pointing dogs in American Field placements are both Irish Red Setters— and Abra's still right there in the mix! It's been thirty-two years since the great Abra died but reverence for his name and reputation still continues today. Year after year the Hall of Fame votes place Abra in the top ten dogs for American Field's Hall of Fame consideration. This year Abra reached the #8 slot. Stan wasn't one to dwell on disappointment but certainly, it was his utmost wish that Abra be recognized at the National Bird Dog Hall of Fame. Hopefully, some day it will happen. In fact, the greatest gift you could bestow in Stan's memory would be to support Abra's election to the National Bird Dog Hall of Fame.

In the forty years that Stan campaigned and trained dogs, he won 32 Championships in three different registries. ZanSett kennel's progeny has won over 20 more Championships— many of which were national. Some years back ZanSett Peabo took the RU slot in the National Prairie Chicken Championship and more recently, ZanSett Simply Red bested forty three all-breed dogs to secure the Midwest Regional Bird Hunter's Walking Shooting Dog Championship. Red's taken the RU slot

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in two other Regional Championships since that time.

Throughout the years Stan has scouted three times at Ames Planation (National Championship), and has judged Championships in the US, Norway, Mexico and Canada. Field Trialing dominated his life. Even when Stan was no longer physically able to “play the game,” his love and enthusiasm for the breed remained strong and true. He served on the NRSFTC Board of Directors until just a few weeks prior to his death.

Stan’s funeral service was a wonderful tribute to him. His grandchildren spoke to me about their grand dad and it was obvious that they adored him. There wasn’t a dry eye in the house. Grandson Zak, had stayed with Stan and Sue and helped in taking care of his Grampa. Zak told me several stories about Stan, my favorite being about the Christmas holidays. Stan showed up each year with a huge bucket where he’d saved all his spare “change” during the previous months. He’d dump all the coins in a huge pile on the rug and each grandchild got a chance to grab up whatever they could. (BTW, the toddlers got two tries since their hands were so small.) The whole time the children were grabbing up coins, Stan would just laugh uncontrollably. What a loss it is to that family— not because of the missed Christmas “change,” but because of the real CHANGE they’ll feel without the man they so cherished and loved! Stan will be grieved forever and beyond!

I have to admit, I feel that same sense of loss. Stan was a dear friend and it’s never easy to say good bye. He was bigger than life itself! It’s true that Stan sometimes prided himself in being obnoxious and outspoken if he felt the occasion called for it. He didn’t mince words and he spoke directly in regards to what he believed to be true— no pretenses or games. I guess, in the end, that’s probably what I loved most about him... his “tell it like it is” mentality.

I’m sure that as Stan passed into the next world, he quickly found his way to the great dogs he’d hunted and trialed over. God Bless you Stan. Run with your dogs now and stay happy and free. And for those of us still here— we’ll hold your memory in our hearts until we meet again. Peace man! Now here’s the epitaph you asked me to include:

*“ The pheasant and quail lie safe in their nest;
the warrior is gone now, forever at rest.”*

STAN ZDANCZEWICZ

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AND— ABSOLUTELY DEVOTED TO

REST IN PEACE



Stan's kids, Kim Elliot, Andy Zdanczewicz and Dr. Watkins. At Stan's funeral. My apologies to Denise Stops— her photo was ruined when someone stepped thru as I took it. I didn't realize until I was back in Ohio. Denise was truly a "team" member, SUCCESSFULLY campaigning ZZZ dogs as early as her teenage years.

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Some of club members attending Stan's Funeral: Ed Liermann, Deb Fazenbaker and June Eilers, (a former Editor of the Whip)



Denise training and working a dog



Prized RU Trophy Nat Chicken Champ

2019 Red Setter Shooting Dog Championships Red Setter Futurity, and Supporting Stakes Allen Fazenbaker Reporting



Joe Edwards and Stan posing for a pic at Grovespring, Mo



Purina Representative Greg Blair with Stan, and Sue Chirigotis and Deb Wastian-Dlobnik taken last year at a trial



Rendition

The 2019 Open Shooting Dog Champion is the veteran red setter Ch. Rendition, owned and handled by long time red setter trialer Roger Boser. Running on Course Two in the afternoon of the first day of running, Rendition showed a powerful and forward race, always



Cedar Creek Talon

showing to the front, and scoring finds on both quail and pheasant to win the Open Shooting Dog Championship. Close behind claiming the Runner-up spot was Cedar Creek Talon, another red veteran, owned and handled by Ed Liermann. Running on Course One on the morning of the second day of the trial, Talon showed a strong race with two finds on quail to clinch the Runner-up spot.

The Amateur Championship was swept by the Firefly Team. Dennis Hidalgo and his efficient scout Bonnie Hidalgo handled Firefly Power Play to the Champion position; "Puck" lived up to his registed name

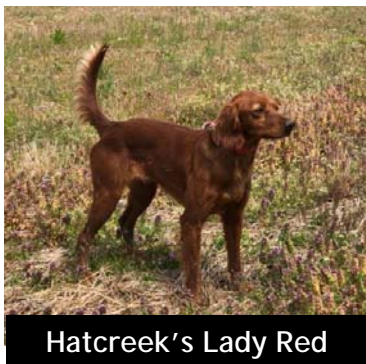
Firefly's Power Play



with a powerful, wide, and forward race on Course Two, scoring multiple finds. His litter mate Kindle followed close behind, taking the Runner-up spot with a strong shooting dog race on Course One the final day of the trial.

Firefly's Kindle





Hatcreek's Lady Red

The Futurity was handily won by Hat Creek Lady Red, a classy, racy, and fine looking red setter owned by Dwight Ingram and handled by the veteran Red Setter Hall of Famer Joe Edwards. It was notable that all four Futurity placements this year were produced by Joe Edward's Come Back Kennels, and all four Futurity winners were sired by Come Back Cutter; this is the third

time in the history of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club that Joe Edwards has swept the Futurity in breeding all four winners.

This year's National Red Setter Shooting Dog Championships, Futurity, and supporting stakes was dedicated to the memory of Stan Zdanczewicz, who passed away only a few days before the Championship. Stan was a longtime member of the club, having served in multiple capacities over the years, most recently as a member of the Board of Directors. He was an icon of the NRSFTC as well as a most devoted participant of *The Purest Challenge*. His Zan Sett Kennels produced multiple champions in both red setter and all breed competition. The list of his champions is too extensive to be listed here, but his Ch. Abra certainly is well remembered across the field trial community. May Stan rest in peace; I am sure he was watching our trial from above. He will be missed.

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club ran Championships, Futurity, and supporting stakes beginning March 12 . If the reader has not had the pleasure of running bird dogs at the Jim Edgar Wildlife Management Area, they are missing a truly pleasurable experience. These grounds provide an outstanding arena for showcasing a Shooting Dog, with a mixture of cropland bordered by grassy strips and a scattering of woodlands. The grounds are wide and offer multiple vistas to show a big running dog, and yet have multiple objectives; a bird dog must make good application as well as ground speed to show well. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, under the supervision of area manager Billie Lowe does an outstanding job in maintaining this area

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for the field trial community. Along with the Illinois DNR, the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois are very supportive of the field trial events in this region; FTCl President Chad Chadwell and Vice President Pat Sheehan have provided support above and beyond the call of duty to ensure our National Red Setter Field Trial Club has a successful trial. Weather conditions this year, as with many areas of the Midwest, were variable. The early part of the week was raw, with cool temperatures and high winds, making it challenging for both man and beast. On Thursday, wind conditions became so intense that the running for the day was postponed; at one point wind speeds were in excess of 50 mph, with wind chills dipping well below freezing. By Saturday, things had calmed down, the sun was out, and we had the best weather conditions of the week.

Trial Chair Ed Liermann procured some outstanding judges for the week. Stan Williamson (Longview, IL), and Ed Janulius (Manhattan, IL) judged the Open Shooting Dog Championship and Futurity, while Jeff Wallace (Knoxville, Iowa) and Brian Sheehan (Carol Stream, IL) handled the judicial duties for the Amateur Championship. This reporter received multiple comments from handlers and club members regarding the positive nature of these judges. Their time and expertise in the judicial saddle, and their renderings, were much appreciated by all.

No trial can be a success without the hands of dedicated volunteers. Of critical importance are the bird planters, who can make or break a trial's success. Longtime club member "T" Miller, his son Clark Miller, and Board member Milt Schafer handled this responsibility, arising at the crack of dawn each day and putting in a full day's work ensuring a supply of birds in the right places and the right time. This is one of those jobs that has little or no glory, but is vitally essential to the success of our efforts. Thank you Tee, Clark, and Milt for a job well done!

Another sometimes thankless but essential duty is that of the dog wagon driver. It is virtually impossible to run continuous courses without the need to have dogs at the ready as one brace is completed and another positioned to go. Board member Garth Sellen stepped up and made sure that dogs were on the line for each brace, as well as

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providing much appreciated coffee and cookies for the handlers, judges and gallery riders! Thanks Garth for your tireless efforts during the week of the trial.

We would be remiss not to mention some of the other folks in the background who helped make this trial a success. Deborah Fazenbaker, editor of our national publication, "The Flushing Whip," baked cookies for the dog wagon; I believe she supplied more than 12 dozen cookies in assorted sizes, shapes and flavors, and there wasn't a single cookie left at the end of the trial! Also a special thank you to several folks who helped out with meals, the banquet, and silent auction. Mary Boser, Linda Beauchamp, Brenda Edwards, Wendy Schafer, and others worked to ensure a relaxing time was had by members during the evenings at the River Bend Lodge in Petersburg, IL, where our "trial HQ" was stationed.

Our trial would not be complete without the sponsorships of several fine organizations. Purina Rep Terry Terzinski was present for a portion of the trial, and he also helped out with some of the duties! Thanks Terry, we are grateful for your support. Purina has been a long time sponsor of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club and the Purest Challenge. This organization produces the finest dog food in the country, and they are a stalwart supporter of bird dog field trials. Without their support, our sport would be lost. There is no better way to thank Purina than to purchase their dog food products. It is without a doubt the best dog food one can buy on the market. Purina's Pro-Club program not only provides benefits for each and every bag of dog food you buy, it also supports the efforts of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. The next time you need to purchase a bag of dog food, reach for the Purina brand... your dog will thank you, and you will be supporting our great sport.

Garmin is another staunch supporter of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. Their electronic training products are reliable, resilient, and effective. Backed by years of research and testing, a Garmin product will cut training time and enable you to adjust for differences in behavior, distance, temperament, and training environment. A Garmin training collar will help you get the job done and put your dog

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in the winner's circle.

SportDOG® Brand has likewise been a longtime supporter of the club. The organization relies on extensive field testing of their products to ensure a quality product for you. Jim Moorehouse of SportDOG® has been a longtime aficionado of the red setter, and we appreciate his support.

Our Trial Chair for this year's running was Ed Liermann, of Palmyra Wisconsin. The Chair of a trial is a challenging job, with many hours of work that must be done prior to the trial, during the trial, and after the trial. Ed, who is a longtime member of the club, does an outstanding job in all three venues; his organizational skills and attention to detail make the trial process seem to flow seamlessly from one day to the next. The club is fortunate to have such an individual at the helm.

Last but not least, a warm welcome to the several new faces at this year's events, including Bruce Krug and John Daly, who traveled from Wyoming to run their red setter. We also welcomed old friends Ron and Karen Cassidy, Amy Gauthier, Mike Jacobson, Joe and Brenda Edwards, Mike Fox, Don and Linda Beauchamp, Paul Ober, Bob and Katherine Gove, Mike Harryman, and Deb Fazenbaker. My apologies if I missed someone; it was wonderful to see old friends and make new ones. The National Red Setter Field Trial Club also extends a special thanks to the professional trainers who attended and participated in various stakes throughout the week. Mike Harryman, Tom Waite, Bruce Kruge and other professionals in this sport are integral to the success of our dogs. Thanks for your valuable contributions.

Club "headquarters," as in past years at this location, was the River Bank Lodge, a wonderful place to stay, complete with a dining area and bar, as well as a lounge area with traditional log siding and overstuffed leather chairs and couches. Located in Petersburg, it's a great place to hang out in the evenings after a hard day of running dogs. Club members visited and relaxed with a favorite beverage, and enjoyed the comradery of fellow club members they had not seen for perhaps a year or more. On the Monday night of the drawing, the club gathered in the lounge where Milt and Wendy Schafer completed the drawing.

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Club members met each evening at the lodge, where Ed Liermann arranged a catered dinner; members gathered and shared a meal and conversation about the day's running and caught up on visiting.

Saturday was the Red Setter Board of Directors meeting, followed by the General Membership meeting, and concluding the day with the Awards presentations and dinner banquet. A silent auction of donations took place during the meal and gathering, with an array of red setter and bird dog apparel to choose from! At the General Membership meeting, the officers and Board members for the club were elected by the membership. Our officers for the coming year are Allen Fazenbaker President; Tom Norton, 1st Vice President, Dennis Hidalgo, 2nd Vice President, Ed Liermann, Secretary, and Linda Beauchamp, Treasurer; Board members include Katherine Gove, Joe Edwards, Paul Ober, Ron Cassidy, Garth Sellen, Dennis Hidalgo, Milt Schafer, and Mike Fox. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of several Annual Dog of the Year Awards. Leading the pack this year was Tim Hammons of Silver Creek Red Setters, who won the LeGrande Award for highest points in Shooting Dog and All Age all-breed wins with his winning red setter Roses Are Red. Tim Hammons and Roses Are Red also garnered the annual High Performance Award, which is presented to the dog having the highest point value for All-Age all-breed wins or placements. The NRSFTC Shoot-To-Retrieve Annual Award went to Great Oaks Magic Touch, owned and handled by NSTRA competitor and red setter club member Jeff Joyner. Zan Sett Simply Red took the honors for Walking Shooting Dog of the Year for her owners Catherine Lewis and Dean Reinke. Congratulations to all of the Award winners for your efforts in competing in all-breed events!

The Board of Directors awarded two special honors to exceptional club members for their service to The Purest Challenge. Amy and Jerry Gauthier were awarded an Honor of Distinction for their work in promoting the red setter at the Annual Pheasant Fest, held outside of Chicago Illinois. Amy and Jerry traveled to the events, along with their red setters, distributed club information, participated in the canine parade of breeds, and really promoted our breed to the public. Thanks Amy and Jerry for all you do for our breed and our club.

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Long time club member and tireless worker "T" Miller has been essential to our success at Jim Edgar. Tee is our bird planter, and has served in this capacity each year of the trial. Tee has been a club member since 1970; he has served the club in many capacities including a member of the Board of Directors, as well as Chairing several Red Setter Championships in the past. In appreciation to all that Tee has done, he was honored a Lifetime Honorary Member of the club. Congratulations to Tee, and thanks for your years of selfless service to The Purest Challenge.

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club confers its Hall of Fame Honors once every two years to one dog and one person. This year the club was honored and pleased to induct the red setter Ch. Restless Wind, owned and loved by Bob and Katherine Gove, into the Red Setter Hall of Fame. Our person inducted was Dale Bruns, a longtime supporter of the club. Dale served on the Board of Directors for many years, and supported the club not only with his work, but financially, assisting the club with generous donations in lean years. We were especially pleased that several members of his family were present at the banquet to receive the Hall of Fame Award on behalf of Dale's wife Theresa, who was unable to attend. Special thanks to Tom Bruns, John and Tessa (Bruns) Boldrey, Tim Bruns, and Donna (Bruns) Stockholm for taking the time to celebrate the honor bestowed on their father Dale. He was certainly most deserving and it was icing on the cake to have you there with us.

The Running...

Open Shooting Dog Championship

Brace 1: Come Back Magic (Edwards) & Dawson's High Chaparral (D. Hidalgo). The first brace of the Championship broke away east of the barn and both dogs made wide casts to the front. Chaparral scored the first find of the trial at 12 minutes, across the creek in a grass strip, displaying good manners. Magic pointed in a small patch of corn just east of the road crossing, but was on the leash at 24 after an indiscretion with the find. Chaparral continued forward with a strong race, scoring a small covery at 57 beyond the parking area, but was up after going with the birds.

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Brace 2: Windfall (Boser) & Lincoln Watch That Tail (Smith). Running Course 2, Windfall showed a pleasing race, but scored two nonproductives. Lincoln backed his brace mate at 12, then a find at 56, showing a moderate race to finish.

Brace 3: Waycross (Boser) & Fire Fly Bee Line (D. Hidalgo). Waycross scored a find at 56 and showed a pleasing forward race. Bee Line was not pleasing the handler and was picked up at 56.

Brace 4: Come Back Lady Soul (Edwards) & Kindle (D. Hidalgo). Back on Course one for the afternoon, Lady Soul showed a classy, forward, and pleasing race, but scored a nonproductive at 23 and finished the hour strong but with no birds. Kindle backed her brace mate at 23, but showed an erratic ground pattern and scored no birds in the hour.

Brace 5: Rendition (Boser) & Cedar Creek Gem (Liermann). Gem scored the first bird contact of the brace, with a stop to flush at 3 minutes. Rendition, the champion of this stake, scored his first find at 20, showing excellent manners. Both dogs were found standing at 35, with a pheasant lifting. Rendition finished the hour with a strong and powerful forward race. Gem scored a nonproductive at 59, and finished the hour forward, showing a moderate race and pleasing handle.

Brace 6: Come Back Trump (Edwards) & Fire Fly Red Button (D. Hidalgo). Button scored a quail find at 5, and again at 10. Trump scored a quail find at 9, then a pheasant find at 22. The pheasant lifted and dragged both dogs with him, and were up.

Brace 7: Spruce Goose (Waite) & Cedar Creek Talon (Liermann). Back on Course one, Goose ran wide, but was behind at times. He had no birds. Talon, the Runner-up champion, scored his first find at 12, with excellent manners. At 23, he was found standing and a quail was produced. He was found standing at 39, but no bird could be produced. Talon showed a wide and strong forward pattern to finish.

Brace 8: Fire Fly Power Play (D. Hidalgo) & Zan Sett Simply Red (Waite). Power Play started the brace with a find at the breakaway, handled with good manners. An additional find at 10 produced a pheasant for Power Play; the dog finished the hour with a forward but sometimes erratic race. Simply Red had no birds, and showed a

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pleasing forward race.

Futurity

No birds were pointed during the first series of the Futurity, and a call back was necessitated for the final standings.

Brace 1: Cedar Creek Six Gun (Liermann) & Come Back Billie Boy (Edwards). Six Gun showed a wide race, but was erratic and sometimes rough to handle. Billie Boy was wide and forward, with a nice handle. He was powerful and strong to the finish, earning the number two spot in the Futurity

Brace 2: Celtic's Rosette (Krug) and Stiletto (Boser). Rosette had a tentative start as she developed a relationship to the horses, and improved markedly with time, making a few nice casts for her handler. Stiletto showed a moderate race, always to the front, and handled nicely, earning the number three Futurity slot in the winner circle.

Brace 3: Hat Creek Lady Red (Edwards) & Cedar Creek Shindig (Liermann). Lady Red showed a very wide race, with several impressive casts. She was classy on the ground, and always showed to front to take the first place honors for the stake. Shindig ran wide, but had a rough handle, and difficulty staying to front.

Brace 4: Gratitude (Boser) & Celtic's Line Drive (Fazenbaker). Gratitude showed a moderate and forward race, handling well to take the number four spot in the Futurity. Line Drive showed a rough handle at times, and a wide, albeit lateral race.

Brace 5: Celtic's Sin City (Fazenbaker) Sin City, running as a bye, ran a moderate but classy race, and handled nicely.

Walking derby

Brace 1: Celtic's Wee Guy (Fazenbaker) & Celtic's Rosette (Krug). Wee Guy showed pleasing forward race, stayed in the pocket, and hunted hard but produced no birds. Rosette showed a nice hunting pattern with a moderate race, and had no birds.

Brace 2: Sunsetter Rocky (Sellen) & Celtic's Line Drive (Fazenbaker). Rocky was lost after 5 minutes and the tracker was out. Line Drive was strong and wide, with several wide ranging casts to the edges of grounds He scored a find at 20, handled with broke manners, and finished strong to take the blue in the stake.

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Brace 3: Celtic's Sin City (Fazenbaker). Sin City show a classy race, medium range, and hunted hard, finding birds at 3 and again at 12, displaying derby manners on her birds. She finished forward to place second in the stake.

Puppy

Three puppies competed for the winning spot in the puppy stake. Sunsetter Lucy (Sellen), Raintree Blue Moon (Waite), and Foxy Abralena (Fox) all put down respectable races, with Blue Moon edging out the competition to take the blue for owners Dean Reinke and Catherine Lewis and handler Tom Waite.

Open Walking Shooting Dog

Brace 1: Cedar Creek Shadow (Schafer). Running as a bye, Shadow made a wide cast, but was on the leash after pushing a bird.

Brace 2: Chapel Valley's Rising Sun (Gauthier) & Conneaut Creek Gone With The Wind (Fazenbaker). "Scarlett" show a medium forward race with one nicely handled find to take the number three spot for the stake. Rising Sun suffered a nonproductive early, and was on the leash after failing to back.

Brace 3: MacArthur Maggie Mae (Shafer) & Conneaut Creek Rum Runner (Fazenbaker). Runner pushed forward and was absent far to the front for a majority of the stake, showing only in the final few minutes to the front. Maggie showed a nice cast forward, but was on the leash after pushing a bird.

Brace 4: Celtic's Spectacular Bid (Fazenbaker) & Celtic's Line Drive (Schafer). Bid ran a nice forward race, with two nicely handled finds to take second in the stake. Line Drive was under a bird and was picked up.

Brace 5: Celtic's Sin City (Liermann) & Conneaut Creek Lake Erie Storm (Fazenbaker). Sin City was on the leash after an indiscretion on a bird. Storm showed a nice forward race with two nicely handled finds and a forward finish to take the blue for the stake.

Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

Brace 1: Dawson's High Chaparral (D. Hidalgo) & Come Back Lady Soul (Edwards). Lady started the Amateur championship off with a find near the south side of the creek on Course one at 6. Chaparral scored at 10

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with Lady backing, after crossing the creek, in a small grass strip. All was in order. Both dogs stopped at 22; a pheasant was seen lifting from far off, and the dogs were moved on. Lady stopped at 31, with Chaparral backing, but no bird was produced. Chaparral scored an additional find at the finish near the C-6 parking area, with all in order. Both dogs finished forward.

Brace 2: Firefly's Power Play (D. Hidalgo) & Cedar Creek Talon (Liermann). Breaking away at the C-3A parking area, Talon suffered a nonproductive at 5. At 10, Power Play scored a find in a corner of a corn field, with a solid find produced after an extensive relocation. Both dogs were observed standing, albeit widely separated, at 14; both dogs produced a bird after relocation efforts. Power Play scored again at 47, on the south side of the pond near the old barn, with good manners displayed. He showed a powerful race, always to the front, and handling nicely, to take the championship spot for the stake. Talon finished the hour, and was a bit erratic on his race.

Brace 3: Waycross (Boser) & Cedar Creek Gem (Liermann). Breaking away at the old metal barn, Waycross suffered a nonproductive at 20, and again at 29, with some ticking observed. He scored a nice find at 37, and again at 47 to finish the hour. Gem was absent for a significant time, and had no bird work.

Brace 4: Come Back Magic (Edwards) & Windfall (Boser). Back on Course one, Magic scored a find at 36, with Windfall backing; Magic went with the birds, and Windfall was solo for the remainder of the brace, scoring a nicely handled find at 40. Windfall finished the hour with a moderate forward race.

Brace 5: Rendition (Boser) & Celtic's Spectacular Bid (Fazenbaker). Rendition showed a pleasing forward race, with two finds handled with good manners. Bid likewise scored two finds, suffered one nonproductive, and showed a nice race, although lateral at times.

Brace 6: Come Back Trump (Edwards) & Firefly's Bee Line (D. Hidalgo). Both dogs suffered a nonproductive at 5. Beeline scored the first find of the brace at 13, with Trump honoring; Beeline was on the leash after going with the bird. Trump continued on, scoring finds at 19 and 33, handled with good manners. He showed a strong forward race to finish

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Amateur Shooting Dog Champion

Firefly's Power Play w/ Dennis Hidalgo, Firelys Kindle w/ Bonnie Hidalgo Roger Boser, Don Beauchamp, Judge Jeff Wallace, Ed Liermann



47th Futurity Winners

Hatcreek's Lady Red w/ Joe Edwards, CB Billy Boy w/ Ed Liermann, Stiletto w/ Don Beauchamp and Gratitude w/ Roger Boser.
Back row Al Fazenbaker. Judges Al Janulius and Stan Williamson



Open Shooting Dog Championship

Don Beauchamp with Rendition and Dennis Hidalgo with Talon
Judges Stan Williamson and Al Janulius flank Terry Trzcinski Bonnie Hidalgo, Roger Boser Joe Edwards, Paul Ober, Pat Sheehan Ed Liermann



Open Walking Shooting Dog

Al Faze w/ Stormy, Don Beauchamp with Mac, Roger Boser with Miss Scarlet

the hour.

Brace 7: Conneaut Creek Lake Erie Storm (Fazenbaker) & Kindle (D. Hidalgo). The Amateur championship finished up on Saturday morning on Course one. Stormie scored a find at 23, on the west side of the road, but suffered two nonproductives to end her bid. Kindle scored two finds at 29 and 37, showing a strong and forward pattern to take the Runner-up in the stake.

Gun Dog Stake

Our last event of the week, but certainly not the least, was our gun dog stake. This is an opportunity for handlers to run their hunting dogs and get their feet wet with some field trialing experience! Taking the blue for Garth Sellen was Sunsetter Kid Rock. Second place was Chapel Valley's Rising Sun, handled by Amy Gauthier; Cedar Creek Shadow rounded out the placements for handler Milt Shafer.

Brace 1: MacArthur Maggie Mae (Schafer) & Sunsetter Kid Rock (Sellen)

Brace 2: Come Back Bob Cassidy (Cassidy) & Chapel Valley's Rising Sun (Gauthier)

Brace 3: Cedar Creek Shadow (Schafer) & Sunsetter Lucy (Sellen)

Thanks again for everyone's efforts in supporting the Purest Challenge.

Hope to see you this fall at our All Age Championships! Al Fazenbaker



Open Puppy

Friday (Tom Waite,) Sunsetter Lucy (Garth Sellen) Abralena (Mike Fox)
Judge Stan Williamson, Bonnie Hidalgo, Judge Ed Janulius, and Ed Liermann



Gun Dog Stake

Sunsetter Rocky (Garth Sellen), Gauge (Amy Gauthier), Shadow (Milt Schafer)
? Joe Edwards, Don Beauchamp, Jeff Wallace, Brian Sheehan, Ed Liermann



Walking Derby

?, Sin City (Paul Ober) Wee Lad (Al Faze)
Ed Liermann, Ed Janulius, Stan Williamson



Liemann comes to the line bundled up against the cold.
Talon on Ed's left and His horse on the right



Al brings Beau and Mac from Barn and is headed for the dog wagon
Ed walks along with his horse too— they're just good company !



Ron & Bob



Al & Stormy

**Quick Shots
during the trial**



Talon, Ed & Milt



T Miller & Milt Schaefer



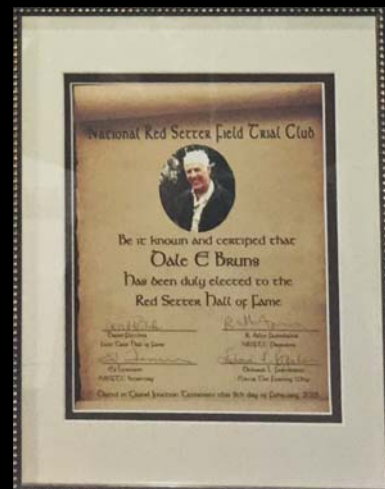
Roger Rides!



% members of Dale's Family joined us to celebrate their dad's induction. Seated clockwise are John and Tess Boldrey, Tom Bruns, Tim Bruns, Donna Bruns Stockholm and Club President Al Fazenbaker



John and Tess display the blanket of Dale and Hobo Sal



Dale's Scroll



The Goves receive the Hall of Fame Scroll and a blanket for their beloved Restless Wind aka "BUNS"

Random Prints



*Karen & Ron
Cassidy*



Mary & Roger Boser



*Dennis & Bonnie
Hidalgo*



*Milt & Wendy
Schafer*



*Renee & Mike
Harryman*



*Don & Linda
Beauchamp*



Mary Boser



Garth Sellen



Amy Gauthier

NRSFTC Awards Lifetime Honorary Membership to: **Thixton "T" Miller**



"T" Miller was named after his dad, but early on everyone got used to simply using his first initial ("T") to avoid confusion. He grew up in Iowa and began hunting quail at about twenty-one years of age. He loved the outdoors so it was no surprise when he majored in biology at college. After graduation T enlisted in the US Army. T was assigned to Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, California, as a Wildlife Officer to set up a hunting/fishing program. Once he'd accomplished that task, T was reassigned as a Security/Operations Officer, watching over the shooting ranges etc. The boring "range safety" work wasn't T's preferred mission but actually, the assignment may have saved his life! With the "Vietnam" war in full swing, T spent his whole "tour of duty" in California.

After discharge, T went back to doing what he loved best. He took a job at the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources. Once in Illinois, he met NRSFTC members, Bill Wittgan and Betty Durham. They became fast friends and that introduced T to our club. He officially joined in 1970. Club member Henry Taylor of Taylors Whirlaway Kennels had pups sired by his great dog, Whirlaway Chief. T took a pup and it was a perfect "match." He named the dog Whirlaway's Tomahawk and over time they had considerable success; Tomahawk placed twice in our National Championships. T loved the dog and became a lifetime devotee of red setters and our club. He worked hard, serving several years on the Board of Directors and chairing some National trials. T retired from the DNR and began a second career as an ecologist for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers— still in Illinois!

T and his wife Mary lived happily there for nearly 33 years until she died. Today he lives "alone—" except for his six dogs: 4 REDS and 2 LABS. He keeps busy, hunting over the dogs, raising birds, or with his family. T still supports the NRSFTC by planting birds at our spring trial. As a former Wildlife Officer and lifetime quail hunter, T knows plenty about wild bird habitat and behavior. He simply plants the birds in places where he'd find them if he were out hunting. Still, it's no easy job. During the week of the trial, T gets up at 4 am in order to be on the road by 5. By the time club members arrive at the grounds, T has the first brace seeded and we're ready to go. We appreciate his generous service and commitment to the NRSFTC. Congratulations T Miller on your Lifetime Honorary Membership; we're blessed and honored to have you in our midst.

Ambassadors for the NRSFTC



The NRSFTC appreciates the commitment and support that Jerry and Amy give to Pheasant Fest and the Bird Dog Parade. At the spring trial, the club presented Amy with an Appreciation plaque for their great work as Ambassadors of the breed! Unfortunately, Rev Jerry could not be in attendance because of church commitments but the NRSFTC certainly appreciates their help and support!

*Thank You Amy and Jerry
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PHEASANT FEST'S BIRD DOG PARADE



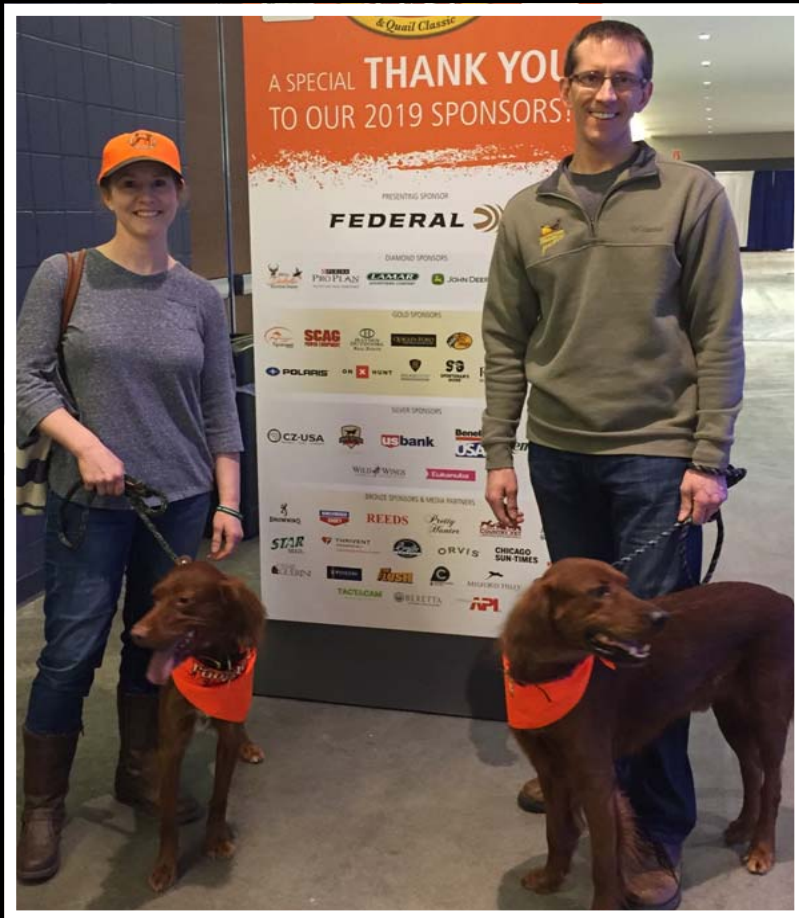
THE BIRD DOG PARADE

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic, the nation's largest upland themed event, was held February 22nd through 24th at Schaumburg Convention Center in suburban Chicago. It marked the first time Illinois hosted Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's signature event, a three-day celebration of upland habitat, hunting and conservation that annually draws more than 20,000 supporters. The event was presented by Federal Premium Ammunition.

The annual Bird Dog Parade kicked off the event. This year's show featured the largest Bird Dog Parade to date with over 40 breeds and over 100 bird dogs participating. You can be sure that the NRSFTC was well represented here. Amy and Jerry Gauthier traveled from Wabash Indiana to march in the parade once again with their two red setters. Mary Kay Prusnick, our Registered Agent in Illinois, went along to photograph the event. The emcees for the parade were Bob St. Pierre, Pheasants Forever VP of Marketing and Karl Gunzer, with Purina Pro Plan.

Here's some happy REDS waiting for their big moment to stand on the platform for introduction





Jerry and Amy Gauthier (pictured above) drove nearly 200 miles from their home in Indiana to participate in the parade. It was their second year to represent our club at Pheasant Fest. The Gauthier's passed out *Purest Challenge* materials, Red Setter "interest forms," and answered LOTS of questions. We appreciate their help! Thank you Amy, Jerry, Braden and Gauge for a great encore performance. Added thanks to our "on-site correspondent," photographer, registered agent, and super daughter! Well done Mary Kay!



Sweet Grace fell in love with every dog and every breed she saw. From Musterlander to Red Setters— she wanted to take them ALL home.



Once the parade festivities were complete, members gathered for "Upland habitat accounts for some of the most threatened ecosystems in America. Those



prairies, grasslands, and forests are critical to diverse populations of birds, mammals, insects and plants, while also being cherished public lands for hunters," explained their opening speaker. "Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever members recognize that habitat conservation is the responsibility of every hunter and they put their blood, sweat, and dollars into the organization's mission. I was proud to be a part of the program and share the weekend with the dedicated members of 'The Habitat Organization' in Illinois."

Pheasant Fest in Schaunburg was an ideal setting. Illinois is strong Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever turf, boasting 39 Pheasants Forever chapters, 25 Quail Forever chapters (tied with Missouri for most QF chapters in the country) and 10,000 Pheasants Forever and/or Quail Forever members. In addition to providing significant economic impact for the host community and attending outdoor industry vendors, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever uses its National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic to discuss habitat with landowners and recruit members to its wildlife conservation mission. Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division, Quail Forever, is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 140,000 members and 740 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent \$867 million on 540,000 habitat projects benefiting 18 million acres nationwide.

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Little More Shine	F	Tim/Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered in Red	128
Roses Are Red	F	Tim/Kris Hammons	Time To Rock	Red Rush	118
Lily An Creag	F	David Creagan	Justified	Red Stone	93

A new season is now in effect for the Duke Standings. The Purina Amateur Shooting Dog Points trials that count for this award are found on page 2 of the August 25, 2018 issue of the American Field. A list of the Purina Open Shooting Dog Points trials that count are on the inside cover (Page 2) of the August 11, 2018 issue of the American Field. Also all Amateur Shooting Dog Invitational Points trials count toward this award. Please send the information on your dogs wins within (30) thirty days to: Don Beauchamp, 1401 South 359 St W., Cheney, KS 67025

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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	2392
Little More Shine	F	Tim/Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered In Red	1692
Lily An Creag	F	David Creagan	Justified	Red Stone	1180
Bellwether	F	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Redstone	130
Waycross	M	Roger Boser	Justified	Redstone	52

2019 High Performance Award
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	492
Little More Shine	F	Tim & Kris Hammons	Red Rock	Covered in Red	240

2018 Derby Standings as of 4/8/19
Runs July 1, 2018 through June 30th, 2019

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 Billy Boy	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 Standings as of 4/8/19
Runs July 1, 2018 through June 30th, 2019

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 Boon	M	C Lewis/D Reinke Tom Wait H	ZanSett Simply Red	Foxy's Lil Red Missy	12

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