

National Red Setter Championships

Breakstone Sweeps Open and Amateur Titles; Flintstone is Open Runner-Up; Redstone Named Amateur Runner-Up

By BONNIE HIDALGO

BREAKSTONE turned in an inspiring performance to annex the 2010 National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship title for his owner-handler Dr. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, Pa. The coming six-year-old male has previously captured several red setter titles.

Runner-up was Flintstone, coming three-year-old male running under the guidance of his owner-handler Ross Leonard of Cloudland, Ga. Flint is an exciting young son of Breakstone and was the winner of last spring's National Red Setter Futurity.

In the National Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, Breakstone encored with a phenomenal show that made all others pale by comparison including his own winning effort in the Open Championship.

Redstone was named runner-up for owner-handler Roger Boser. She is a littermate to Flintstone, both being out of the second mating of Breakstone and Applebee.

The National Red Setter Field Trial Club is fortunate to have its annual fall trial held on one of the nation's premier venues, the Sportsmen's Association grounds at Grovespring, Mo. The red setter trial typically follows on the heels of the Southwest Missouri Open Shooting Dog Championship and this year was no exception. The red setter event was originally planned to run for five full days but low entries altered the sched-

ule. The trial commenced November 3 and was concluded November 6.

The drawing took place at the clubhouse on the grounds on the eve of the trial. The drawing was conducted by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo. There was a bit of a panic when it was discovered that the phone number in the ad showed the wrong area code but luckily those who needed to call were able to figure it out.

Entries were down substantially and for several reasons ranging from the obvious effect of the poor economy to schedule conflicts, job demands and mechanical problems. The Open Shooting Dog Championship drew 13 dogs; the Amateur drew an even dozen. The Open All-Age drew seven; the Open Derby, four, and the Walking Shooting Dog had four entries. The Open Puppy was cancelled for lack of entries.

The courses at Grovespring are among the finest in the country. The three one-hour courses containing pre-released coveys of quail allow dogs that hunt the edges plenty of opportunity to find game. The Sportsmen's Association does an excellent job of grooming the courses and farming for quail. Their longtime practice of planting feed strips along all of the edges and scattering feed in those strips keeps the birds on the edges. Birds were found for the most part in large coveys that flushed readily, hanging out in general vicinities but not in predictable exact locations.

The NRSFTC did not supplement the prereleased birds except during the Open Walking Shooting Dog Stake, in order to recreate, as closely as possible, wild bird situations. There was bird work on every course for all braces in both Championships, with the exception of two abbreviated braces.

The National Red Setter Club wishes to thank Purina for its generous support of both the club and this event. Purina's Pat Lamantia worked with Club President Don Beauchamp to ensure delivery of a large amount of Purina Pro Plan Performance dog food to the grounds. This exceptional product was distributed among the winners and small bags were given to the handlers of dogs that were entered. As always it was enthusiastically received. Purina's representative Jim Smith was on hand during the trial assisting with moving the dog food from the Daugherty's into the clubhouse, answering questions and generally being helpful.

Purina's Terry Trzcinski supplied our judges with nice jackets compliments of Purina. Without the help of these three gentlemen and the backing of the fine company they represent, this club would not be able to hold a quality event. The reason that Purina is able to support us is through the fact that they make the best dog food there is and we must always remember to support them in return.

Tri-Tronics is also a major sponsor of this field trial! Every fall they generously donate product which we in turn present to the winners of our National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. These state of the art training collars are highly desired prizes. Warner Smith at Tri-Tronics worked directly with NRSFTC President Don Beauchamp to provide these collars. Tri-Tronics representative Jim Morehouse stays in touch to make sure that all of the needs of this club are met. Each and every one of us appreciates the support but even more the reliability of the product produced by Tri-Tronics which makes the training of our dogs so much easier.

Judges for all stakes were Hank Jansen of St. Charles, Mo., and Kendall Schmidt of Defiance, Mo. They graciously agreed to take on additional stakes when the entry came in much lighter than anticipated. Originally they were to judge the Open Shooting Dog Championship, the Derby and the All-Age. Gary Cowell and Jim Michaletz were slated to judge the Amateur Cham-



Red Setter Open All-Age Winners. From front left: Don Beauchamp with Breakstone, Roger Boser with Touchstone, Ed Liermann with Cedar Creek Karma. Standing: Ross Leonard, Jessica Ludwig, Bruce Ludwig, Hank Jansen and Kendall Schmidt, the judges; Tom Norton, Sonja Norton, Stan Zdanczewicz, Bonnie Hidalgo and John Evans.



Open Shooting Dog Championship Winners. From front left: Roger Boser with Breakstone, Dennis Hidalgo with Flintstone. Standing: Jim Smith, Hank Jansen, judge; Ed Liermann, Ross Leonard, Kendall Schmidt, judge; Don Beauchamp and Rich Lane.

pionship, Walking Shooting Dog and the Puppy (which was cancelled). Gary and Jim kindly released the club from commitment and instead will consider judging the trial in the fall of 2011.

Hank and Ken rode hard, watched closely, made the right calls and did all this with good humor. Both gentlemen are knowledgeable and fair. Their efforts were noticed and favorably remarked on by all participants and their decisions were popular. The NRSFTC was fortunate to have them in the judicial saddles.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS AND OTHERS

Breakstone was the popular winner of the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship. He has a wonderful rapport with owner-trainer-handler-breeder Dr. Roger W. Boser of Seven Valleys, Pa. He is a consistent performer which obviously has a great desire to please his handler. That desire appears to be exceeded only by Breakstone's desire to find and point birds.

Prior to this renewal Breakstone had won three out of the last four National Red Setter Championships to be held. His last win on these grounds was in the fall of 2009, the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. He has been pleasing judges and galleries since his Futurity debut in 2007.

In this Championship, Breakstone ran on course No. 2 on Wednesday morning. He had a find on the north end of the bull pasture with a covey nicely located; he showed great style and composure. His

second find came late in the hour on the woodsedge before the twin barns and was perfectly done in all aspects. Breakstone ran a strong, forward, kind handling race. He combined intelligent hunting with a stylish way of going.

Runner-up Flintstone is a first year dog that is quickly becoming a force to be reckoned with. He is bred in the purple and proved it last March when he won the National Red Setter Futurity under Ross Leonard's guidance. The only dog to defeat him in this championship stake was his own illustrious sire.

Flintstone, handled by his owner Ross Leonard, was awesome on the ground in his runner-up winning bid. He ran on course No. 2 starting at the little vine hill. Point was called by scout Dennis Hidalgo for Flint at 5 near the deer stand at the back of little vine loop. Birds flushed at the rapid approach of the handler but fortunately the judges were close enough to witness it all. Flintstone was high and tight throughout. Point was again called for Flint in bull pasture at 44 above D Highway at the red shed. The flush was unsuccessful and Flint went on with an unproductive added to his card. Hidalgo again found Flintstone pointing at 53 in heavy reddish grass at the bottom of a draw in the bull pasture. Flint had a big covey nicely pinned. He finished well forward having displayed a ground eating race from start to finish.

Touchstone, handled by owner Roger Boser, was noteworthy with a big race, headstrong at times but showing plenty of forward propulsion. Pointing stylishly on the north fenceline in the bull pasture

at 10, he shared a large covey with his brace mate. He displayed excellent style and manners. Touchstone was still going strong at time.

Texas Roughcut (Beauchamp) and Zan Sett Walter Ray (Zdanczewicz) were released at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday. A nice find for "Wally" occurred at 14 on the right edge. He showed good style and manners. Roughcut pointed at 19 in the draw to the left before the road crossing; he was high on both ends. Unfortunately he went with the flush and was done. Wally made some fine moves through Davis bottom, taking the edge correctly. He was picked up forward at the end of the hour near little vine road.

Berken of the Snows (Norton) and Aiken (Beauchamp) were turned loose heading up the hill into little vine loop. Aiken was absent by the time the course



**JUSTIFIED
First in the Open Derby**

reached sycamore bottom and was not recovered under judgment. Berken continued forward all the way to the Don Arnold gate. He stopped to the flush of quail on the approach to the blue house but released himself and was taken up.

Touchstone was down with Jordin (B. Hidalgo) in the final brace of the morning. Jordin was visibly upset by calls directed at Touchstone and her race was tentative at best. She pointed stylishly on the north fenceline in the bull pasture at 10, about fifteen feet to the left of Touchstone. A large covey rose from in front of her and she displayed superb manners through flush and shots. Jordin scored a second find along the edge of the woods as the course approached the twin barns at 26. Her birds were in the feed strip and flushed readily while the stylish setter remained correct. Jordin made the hour but needed more drive.

Come Back Gloria (Liermann) pointed across first ditch at 12 but it was unproductive. She was sent on but went

a short distance up the line to card a stop to flush at 15. She pointed again along the ditch bank to the right at 18; this resulted in a very nice find with all in order. As the road was crossed into Davis at 21, Jericho (Beauchamp) was absent. Gloria grabbed the right edge of Davis bottom, looking good at 23. She pointed near midway at 26 but after a lengthy relocation she came up empty. Gloria went on to run the remainder of her hour to the front. Jericho was lost.

Firefly's Solid Dollar (D. Hidalgo) and Breakstone (Boser) went up the hill into little vine loop. Breakstone's winning performance was previously described. "Sol" was absent briefly on the top of the loop. On the way to sycamore bottom he scored a find at 15. He had a covey stylishly located and handled them nicely. Sol's second find was in the bull pasture along the north fence, again his manners were excellent. He ran a respectable race, mainly forward in application. He backed his bracemate naturally on a find that came on the woodsedge late in the hour. Sol finished forward.

Chaperon (Leonard) and Redstone (Boser) kicked off the morning on Thursday. A beautiful perfectly mannered find was scored by Redstone at 15 below the double gates to sycamore. "Chap" was drawn by the horses to the scene and backed flawlessly. Chap pointed at 19 before Davis bottom but it was unproductive. Chap took the right edge at 24; Redstone crossed from the right edge to the left before reaching the center of Davis bottom. Chap pointed at the pond near the end of Davis but a second barren stand earned him a ride on the dog wagon. Redstone continued fast and forward to the end of the hour.

Flintstone (Leonard), the runner-up, ran as a bye in the final brace of the stake. His hour was related above.

Grovespring, Mo., November 3

Judges: Hank Jansen and Kendall Schmidt
NATIONAL RED SETTER OPEN SHOOTING DOG
CHAMPIONSHIP [One-Hour Heats] —
13 Irish Setters

Winner—BREAKSTONE, 1582163, male, by Sharpton—Chantilly. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—FLINTSTONE, 1611016, male, by Breakstone—Applebee. Ross Leonard, owner and handler.

SUPPORTING STAKES

The supporting stakes divided the titular stakes starting with the Red Setter Open Derby. The Derby entry was drastically low with but four entries; hopefully this is not a sign of things to come for the spring running of the 2011 National Red Setter Futurity.

The winner was Justified, and justifiably so! This male is owned and handled by Roger Boser. He turned in a pleasing

ground effort and had one finished find to clinch the victory. Justified pointed again at time near the clubhouse but it was unproductive.

Cedar Creek Gem was second for owner-handler Ed Liermann of Palmyra, Wis. Gem ran a medium mainly forward race with plenty of animation.

The Open All-Age had seven entries.

Breakstone was not to be defeated and ran a beautiful forward race with two perfect finds, one of which was divided to earn the win for owner-handler Roger. This was one of the smoothest performances to be witnessed anywhere, a truly wonderful race and bird work beyond reproach.

Touchstone was second with a strong and forward race. He was handled by his

Jordin won the stake by virtue of a clean race for handler Dennis Hidalgo. Jordin is owned by Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo of Brighton, Colo.

OPEN DERBY — 4 Irish Setters

1st—JUSTIFIED, 1619859, male, by Breakstone—Come Back Judy. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

2d—CEDAR CREEK GEM, 1623518, female, by Come Back Cutter—Come Back Paula. Ed Liermann, owner and handler.

OPEN ALL-AGE — 7 Irish Setters

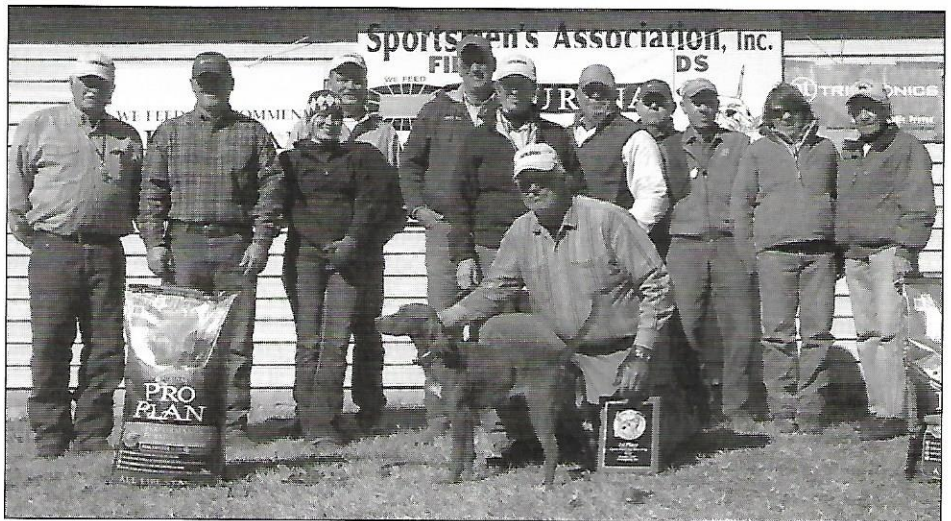
1st—BREAKSTONE, 1582163, male, by Sharpton—Chantilly. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

2d—TOUCHSTONE, 1605747, male, by Breakstone—Applebee. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

3d—CEDAR CREEK KARMA, 1594528, female, by Celtic's Seminole—Celtic's Superior Interest. Ed Liermann, owner and handler.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 4 Irish Setters

1st—JORDIN, 1605749, female, by Breakstone—Applebee. Bonnie & Dennis Hidalgo, owners; Dennis Hidalgo, handler.



Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog Winner Jordin with Dennis Hidalgo. Standing: Don Beauchamp, Ross Leonard, Jess and Bruce Ludwig, Hank Jansen, judge; Bonnie Hidalgo, Kendall Schmidt, judge; Stan Zdanczewicz, Tom and Sonja Norton and Betty Evans.

owner, Dr. Roger Boser. Cedar Creek Karma was third with a forward race and one nice find that she shared with Breakstone. Karma is owned and handled by Ed Liermann.

The Walking Shooting Dog was held on the "Don Arnold loop"; a part of the grounds not typically used during the red setter trial. The loop lies to the south of the twin barns and finishes near the blue house. The purpose of using this section of ground was to avoid the unfair salting of any portion of one of the championship courses. The walking course was liberally planted with quail which accounted for the early pickups that occurred. The course ran as an "out and back" with the second brace turning around at the first brace pickup point and covering much the same ground in reverse. Birds were planted behind the first brace for a fair chance for the next pair. This stake was quite light on entries with only four dogs coming to the line.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Every so often a dog gives a performance that defies comparison. Breakstone rendered one of those incredible shows in the National Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. His extraordinary feat on this day could have won any shooting dog championship in the country. The margin between his hour and that of the next best contender was so wide that judges Hank Jansen and Kendall Schmidt considered not naming a runner-up. Roger Boser remarked that Breakstone is the smartest dog he has had since the great Bearcat. Breakstone and Roger Boser were an infallible team at this field trial.

Breakstone ran as a bye dog on course No. 2 on Saturday morning. He was ever forward through the little vine loop and down into the bottom. He notched his first find at 18 on the upper end of sycamore's right edge. He was far to the



Red Setter Open Derby Winners. From left: Roger Boser with Justified, Ed Liermann with Cedar Creek Gem. Standing: Jim Smith, Hank Jansen, judge; Don Beauchamp, Ross Leonard, Kendall Schmidt, judge; Rich Lane, Tom Norton and Dennis Hidalgo.

National Red Setter Amateur Shooting Dog Championship Winners. From front left: Don Beauchamp with Breakstone and Roger Boser with Redstone. Standing: Ed Liermann, Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo, Sonja Norton, Hank Jansen, judge; Mary Boser, Kendall Schmidt, judge; Sue and Tom Norton.

front when he hit the scent. He slammed on point with impeccable style and intensity; a huge covey was put up by Boser without the dog so much as blinking an eye. The second find occurred at 42 in the bull pasture above the red shed. With the flawless manner Breakstone showed on his game combined with extreme style and an incomparable race, he shut the door on the competition here. Breakstone's third find was along the woodsedge past the blue house near the end of the hour. If he slammed the door shut with his second find, he locked it here and threw away the key. Breakstone went an entire hour without ever being in the wrong place, without ever making a mistake on game or otherwise. It was an exhibition that made one feel privileged to have witnessed it.

The judges named Redstone runner-up. Redstone was turned loose heading toward horse killer hill on Saturday afternoon. She traveled forward across apple tree hill and on through little vine loop. Redstone pointed a hawk kill at 36 just before sycamore bottom. She vanished briefly in the alley to the barns; Boser rode birds up while searching the feed strip for her. Soon after she emerged from the bushes on the hillside above. Redstone ran an attractive race, hunting forward on the edges with good speed and an animated gait. The hour ended with a find at the approach to the bull pasture. Boser called point while cautioning her. He flushed a quail from a tree. Redstone was stylish and steady.

Jordin (B. Hidalgo) and Jericho (Beauchamp) ran on a morning with heavy frost. Jordin scored a staunch and stylish find at 15 on the left edge before the road crossing. Jericho honored natu-

rally. Jericho pointed midway through Davis bottom at 26 with Jordin backing smartly but no birds were produced. Both finished the hour with predominantly forward races.

Breakstone was paired with Zan Sett Walter Ray (Zdanczewicz) which was scratched.

Flintstone (Leonard) and Aiken (Beauchamp) turned loose near the twin barns on course No. 3. They made the clubhouse loop with some scouting assistance. Both showed past the twin barns on the second approach but were gone shortly thereafter. As the course angled down the hill toward the double gates one dog was seen heading the wrong way at the opposite end of sycamore bottoms. No one was sure which dog it was and both handlers pulled their trackers at 36. The dog that had been sighted going away was Aiken.

Chaperon (Leonard) pointed a hawk kill at 17. At 22 both Chap and Texas Roughcut (Beauchamp) pointed side by side, each with high-tailed intensity at the cross line just into Davis bottom. By 26 their handlers gave up the search and took the unproductives. Near the far end of Davis at 35 Chap pointed. Ross said the bird had left but it was not officially seen so he attempted to flush more to no avail. Chap was picked up. Roughcut was absent briefly near vacuum hollow but came on to the front at the entrance to island field. He was noticeably slower and Beauchamp opted to pick him up below the Don Fox hill at 40.

Firefly's Solid Dollar (D. Hidalgo) was down with runner-up Redstone heading toward horse killer hill. Solid Dollar was lost on top of apple tree hill.

Come Back Gloria (Liermann) and Patina (Boser) were away heading into the bull pasture. Patina pointed at 11 in the bull pasture but Boser could not produce for her. She suffered a second barren stand at 17 on the left edge beyond the blue house and was put on the wagon. Gloria was forward through the bull pasture. Nearing the twin barns she styled up nicely on the left edge. Her birds lifted as her handler approached and she remained mannerly. Gloria pointed a hawk kill at the edge of the pond in clubhouse loop at 33. Just past the barns for the second time she pointed on the right edge at 47 but it resulted in an unproductive. At 50 she pointed again, a little farther down the right edge. Here she had a huge covey located and handled it superbly. Gloria finished to the front near the double gates of sycamore bottom. Hers was not a big race but it was a consistent, kind handling effort.

With the running concluded, all returned to the clubhouse for the announcement of the winners. The party moved to town after chores were done so that there could be a final gathering before everyone headed home on Sunday. The next meeting of the "Clan of the Red Setter" will be in Berea, Ky., in March, 2011 when the National Red Setter Championship and National Red Setter Futurity will be contested.

NATIONAL RED SETTER AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] — 12 Irish Setters

Winner—BREAKSTONE, 1582163, male, by Sharpton—Chantilly. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

Runner-Up—REDSTONE, 1611023, female, by Breakstone—Applebee. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

SOME SIDELIGHTS AT GROVESPRING

TRIAL Co-Chairs were Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo. Dennis marshalled, conducted the drawing and announced the braces and the winners. Dennis also baked all of the cookies that were available between braces. Bonnie handled secretarial duties, arranged for judges and planned and planted the course for the Walking Stake.

Don Beauchamp assisted in the presentation of awards and allocation of dog food. Ross Leonard, club treasurer, collected all fees and paid the bills.

The most important job of the whole trial is that of dog wagon driver. A dog wagon driver has to collect the dogs and deliver them to the proper place at the right time without ever being in the way of the running. Additionally the dog wagon driver makes sure he has plenty of refreshments for break time. The trial was once again blessed with the services of the best dog wagon driver ever: John Evans of Phillipsburg, Mo. Betty Evans alternated riding and helping husband John with the dog wagon detail.

Bruce Ludwig also spent some time in the dog wagon learning the role so that he would be able to relieve John if the need arose.

The National Red Setter Club is a congenial group. Every night atten-

dees and participants got together for dinner either at the clubhouse or a preselected restaurant in Lebanon, Mo. On Tuesday night a light meal was served at the drawing; on Thursday evening a cocktail hour was hosted by Roger and Mary Boser in honor of Breakstone's win of the Open Shooting Dog Championship earlier that day. A steak and chicken dinner followed with Dennis Hidalgo at the grill, sides and dessert prepared in the clubhouse kitchen. Dennis received aid from Jim Smith, Tom Norton, Ed Liermann and Bruce Ludwig. The dinner was Dutch treat but served at cost. After dinner a brief awards ceremony followed with some year-end awards presented for the trial season that ended on June 30, 2010.

Club President Don Beauchamp and Awards Chairperson Bonnie Hidalgo presented the various awards. The winner of the Duke Award for high point Red Setter in all-breed competition was Breakstone, owned by Roger Boser. Jericho was runner-up; he is owned by Don Beauchamp of Cheney, Kan.

Derby of the Year went to Redstone, owned by Roger Boser. The Puppy of the Year was Conneaut Creek Holly's Memory, owned by Al and Deb Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio. The pup was named in celebration of the life of much loved former Red Setter Club member Holly Bruns.

The evening concluded with KP duty. Thanks to Sue, Sonja and Tom Norton for washing dishes and sweeping! Thanks to Betty Evans, Mary Boser and Linda Beauchamp for help with wrapping the leftovers and general clean-up.

Attending for the first time was Rich Lane and his wife Nancy who came with their horses from western Iowa. The Lanes were a welcome addition to the group.

We were happy to see Bruce Ludwig and his daughter Jessica from Hatton and Columbia, Mo., respectively for their second year. They witnessed much of the running from horseback and enjoyed the trial; in turn their presence was enjoyed by all.

Also returning for her second trip to Grovespring was a cheerful Sonja Norton of Boise, Ida., who rode most of the braces. Sonja is the daughter of NRSFTC Board member Tom Norton and his wife Sue, who hail from Durango, Colo., and attend all club events. Sonja Norton and Jessica Ludwig left the trial as new owners of Irish setter puppies which we hope to see running here in the future!

Longtime Red Setter Club member Stan Zdanczewicz ran his dog in the Open Shooting Dog Championship and remained for much of the trial accompanied by his delightful companion Sue Chirigotis. We enjoyed their company. B. H.

Tachibana Bird Dog Club

By CHI HARU NIWA

WE hosted a fall trial on October 17. We held an Amateur Shooting Dog and had an entry of 22 dogs. The weather was normal for this time of year.

The temperature was 62° and no wind, a good day.

A lot of members helped at the Tachibana Bird Dog Club trial.



The Winners. From left front: Wideriver Master with Tsugio Nakajima, The Dandy with Minoru Tokita, Moskit Fighter with Masami Fukuda. Standing: Yoshio Sasaki and Hiroshi Nakagawa, the judges.

First was Wideriver Master, white and liver pointer male owned and handled by Tsugio Nakajima of Tochigi Pref. He ran in the third brace, had five finds, one back and did a good job. He finished strongly.

Second was The Dandy, white and black setter male owned and handled by Minoru Tokita of Tochigi Pref. He had three finds, a big race to the front and finished strong.

Placed third was Moskit Fighter, white and liver pointer male owned and handled by Masami Fukuda of Tochigi Pref. He had two finds and a forward ground heat.

Tokyo, Japan, October 17 — One Course

**Judges: Hiroshi Nakagawa and Yoshio Sasaki
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 20 Pointers
and 2 Setters**

- 1st—WIDERIVER MASTER, 1615736, pointer male, by Clark's Moonraker Ace—Wideriver Elhew Rain. Tsugio Nakajima, owner and handler.
2d—THE DANDY, 1572374, setter male, by Kashiwa Masuda Top—Star White Cherry. Minoru Tokita, owner and handler.
3d—MOSKIT FIGHTER, 1516753, pointer male, by Flowertown Bayou Will—The Faitertokita Rie. Masami Fukuda, owner and handler.