

Six Runs Trials

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AFTER a hiatus of over ten years, the Six Runs Field Trial Club was pleased to host a four-day trial that offered something for everyone.

The Six Runs Club, originally formed in the 1980s, hosted both horseback and walking stakes, open and amateur, shooting dog and all-age, at its traditional location — the grounds of Come Back Red Setters, owned by Joe and Brenda Edwards of Warsaw, N. C.

These grounds, a bastion of the red setter restoration effort known as the Purest Challenge, are located just south of Clinton, N. C., in the eastern part of the state. This region has long been a haven for bird dog enthusiasts. Six Runs provides an ideal venue for that traditional game bird, the bobwhite quail.

Six Runs Farms is typical of the habitat in this part of the state, consisting of level to gently rolling terrain, with a combination of crops and lowlands, and broken up by stands of loblolly pine. Six Runs Creek, a fork of the Cohaire River, cuts through the farm, offering a natural edge and also a safety for the bigger running dogs to keep them in the pocket.

Thanks to the generosity of owner Joe Edwards, the farm was in excellent condition and very suitable for the running of both shooting dog and all-age stakes. The field trial community is grateful to the Edwards for their willingness to open their personal grounds to the field trial community.



Amateur All-Age Winners. From left front: Joe Edwards with Come Back Hightider, Sammy Giddens with I'm Southern Style and Tom Brigman with Brown's Tom Tom. Standing: Dr. Roger Boser, judge; Jasean Melvin, Mrs. Sammy Giddens, Alijuan Melvin and Jaevion Carter. [Photos courtesy of the Flushing Whip]

This trial could not have been conducted without the help of many friends and neighbors who lent a helping hand during the long weekend. Joe's wife Brenda outdid herself with a menu that would rival any restaurant! Friday night we were served fresh flounder, as well as steamed oysters in the shell. Saturday's menu included charcoal-broasted chicken with all the trimmings. Sunday was "leftover day" — oysters, chicken, potato salad, green beans, boiled potatoes and pumpkin or rhubarb pie.

No one went away hungry.

Brenda was assisted in the kitchen by Mary Boser, neighbor Becky Todd, and East Coast resident Kay Graves; these ladies kept the kitchen humming, serving the constant stream of handlers, visitors and judges.

Joe Edwards' good friend Dwight Ingram was the faithful bird planter, and Sean Melvin's sons Jasean, Alijuan, and good friend Jaevion Carter assisted with the many chores that need to be done during a trial — bird planting, tending to horses and helping move dogs to the breakaway. It was especially heartening to see these young folks so excited about bird dogs and horses; we hope they will continue their interest in this great sport.

Judges for the stakes included Ohio native Allen Fazzenbaker; Pennsylvania native Roger Boser; Maryland native Tom Brigman; North Carolina resident Billy Vaughn; Sammy Giddens of Faison, N. C.; John Campoli of Illinois, and John Outlaw of Warsaw, N. C.

The combined experiences of this judicial staff brought an exceptional degree of quality to the trial, and their services were well received and much appreciated. The trial, originally scheduled to run three days, ran into Monday morning due to the number of dogs.

THE WINNERS

The trial began with the Open Derby breaking away into cool temperatures and high winds. These winds would increase throughout the day, reaching over 40 mph as the temperatures dipped to the freezing mark by nightfall.

Fazzenbaker and Vaughn marked the red setter Nantucket with the win. The



Amateur Shooting Dog Winners. From left front: Dr. Roger Boser with Rendition, Alijuan Melvin with Brown's Tiger and Joe Edwards with Breakstone. Standing: Jasean Melvin and Sean Melvin.

little female, handled by Dr. Roger Boser, showed a classy forward race and three finds, with high style and maturity on her birds. Close behind was Abby, pointer female with Eric Russell, which scored two finds and a stop to flush with a nice forward race and aggressive hunting style. Eric rounded out the placements with the pointer male Medlin's Shellshock Hank which likewise exhibited excellent bird work with two finds but was a tad shorter in range.

A talent-filled group of dogs competed in the Open Shooting Dog. Every brace had dogs worth watching. Taking the blue for Roger Boser was Justified, classy red setter male that rendered a wide and forward race with five finds, a perfect shooting dog performance. Close behind was Come Back Audie, big running red setter for Joe Edwards. Sean Melvin guided Celtic's Spectacular around with one find and another wide and forward race to take third.

The Open Walking Shooting Dog began late on Friday and continued Saturday morning. The stake was won by Flushing Whip Roger Ramjet, red setter male owned and handled by Allen Fazenbaker. Roger ran a wide forward race with three finds and a stop to flush. Taking the red was Adella, snappy red setter handled by Sean Melvin. Close behind was Her Ruby Red Slipper, handled by Allen Fazenbaker, with three finds and a slightly shorter race.

The Amateur Derby began mid-morning Saturday after the completion of the Walking Stake. First was Come Back Superfire, classy red setter male handled by Sean Melvin. Superfire garnered three finds and a pleasing forward race to take the blue. Red setter Come Back Tracker (Joe Edwards) took second with a slightly shorter race and three nicely



COME BACK AUDIE
Second in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

handled finds. Rounding out the Derby placements was Come Back Winder, another of Joe Edward's nice going red setter males which pointed three quail and had a very nice but slightly shorter race.

The competitive one-hour Amateur Shooting Dog commenced mid-afternoon on Saturday and was decided in the first brace. Breakstone (Boser) earned the win with a reaching shooting dog race and four superbly handled finds. His brace mate, Brown's Tiger (Sean Melvin), likewise had a wide shooting dog race with two finds and two backs to take second. Dr. Boser's Rendition rounded out the placements with six finds, all handled to perfection, and a pleasing shooting dog race.

The Amateur All-Age began Sunday afternoon to mild temperatures and sunny skies. Tom Brigman's pointer



JUSTIFIED
First in the Open Shooting Dog Stake

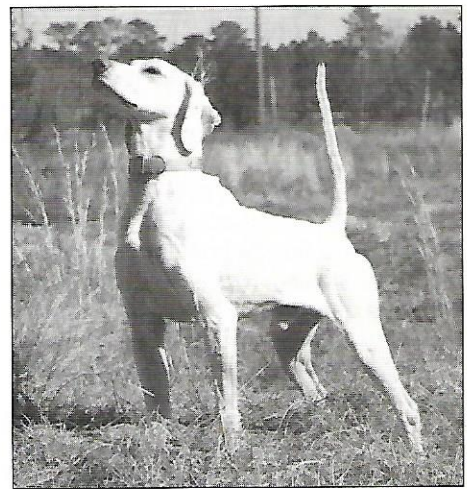
Brown's Tom Tom won the stake in convincing fashion with three finds, two backs and an aggressive forward race. I'm Southern Style (Sammy Giddens), a nice moving young setter male, scored four finds and an impressive race. Come Back Hightider (Edwards) rounded out the placements with three finds and a stop to flush.

Thanks again to all the participants who supported our trial. Mark your calendars and plan to run some dogs at Six Runs Field Trial Club in 2013.

Rose Hill, N. C., December 21

Judges: Allen Fazenbaker and Billy Vaughn
OPEN DERBY —
8 Entries

- 1st—NANTUCKET, 1641135, Irish setter female, by Justified—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—ABBY, unreg., pointer female, breeding not given. Richard Warters, owner; Eric Russell, handler.
- 3d—MEDLIN'S SHELLSHOCK HANK, 1628664, pointer male, by Fire Field Hybrid—Crestline Sadie. Crystal Medlin, owner; Eric Russell, handler.



BROWN'S TOM TOM
First in the Amateur All-Age Stake

Judges: Allen Fazenbaker and Tom Brigman
OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 3 Pointers, 2 Setters
and 9 Irish Setters

- 1st—JUSTIFIED, 1619859, Irish setter male, by Breakstone—Come Back Judy. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—COME BACK AUDIE, 1581969, Irish setter male, by Come Back Johnson—Come Back Diddle. J. A. Edwards, owner and handler.
- 3d—CELTIC'S SPECTACULAR, 1622978, Irish setter female, by Come Back Johnson—Celtic's Adjudication. P. R. Ober, owner; Sean Melvin, handler.

Judges: Roger W. Boser and Billy Vaughn
OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 1 Pointer and
6 Irish Setters

- 1st—FLUSHING WHIP ROGER RAMJET, 1595852, Irish setter male, by Breakstone—Flushing Whip Flash Edition. Allen Fazenbaker, owner and handler.
- 2d—ADELLA, 1602753, Irish setter female, by Celtic's Sedition—Celtic's Litigatrix. Andrew Brown, owner; Sean Melvin, handler.
- 3d—HER RUBY RED SLIPPER, 1584625, Irish setter female, by Sharpton—Applebee. Allen Fazenbaker, owner and handler.

Judges: John Campoli and Billy Vaughn
AMATEUR DERBY — 3 Pointers, 6 Irish Setters
and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—COME BACK SUPERFIRE, 1642191, Irish setter male, by Come Back Cutter—Celtic's Superfire. Andrew Brown, owner; Sean Melvin, handler.
- 2d—COME BACK TRACKER, 1646582, Irish setter male, by Come Back Hightider—Come Back Finally. J. A. Edwards, owner and handler.
- 3d—COME BACK WINDER, 1647205, Irish setter male, by Come Back Hightider—Come Back Finally. J. A. Edwards, owner and handler.

Judges: Sammy Giddens and John Outlaw
AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] —
4 Pointers and
10 Irish Setters

- 1st—BREAKSTONE, 1582163, Irish setter male, by Sharpton—Chantilly. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—BROWN'S TIGER, 1625912, pointer male, by New Salem Buddy—Harbor City Sadie. Andrew Brown, owner; Sean Melvin, handler.
- 3d—RENDITION, 1627352, Irish setter male, by Touchstone—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

Judges: Roger W. Boser and John Outlaw
AMATEUR ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] —
5 Pointers, 1 Setter and
5 Irish Setters

- 1st—BROWN'S TOM TOM, 1593856, pointer male, by Belfield Silver—Harbor City Sadie. Andrew Brown, owner; Tom Brigman, handler.
- 2d—I'M SOUTHERN STYLE, 1629365, setter male, by Try Me—San Dee. Sammy Giddens, owner and handler.
- 3d—COME BACK HIGHTIDER, 1621020, Irish setter male, by Come Back Audie—Celtic's First Option. J. A. Edwards, owner and handler.