

National Red Setter Championship Winners. From left: Dave Johnston, Dennis Hidalgo, Roger Boser with Breakstone, Buster Tucker, judge; Kris Hammons, Ken Taff, judge; Brian Gelinás with Rocky's Straight Arrow, Judy Gelinás and Ross Leonard.

National Red Setter Championship and Thirty-Eighth National Red Setter Futurity

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BREAKSTONE successfully defended his 2009 title of National Red Setter Champion by edging out his brace mate, Rocky's Straight Arrow. The 2010 champion is owned and handled by Dr. Roger W. Boser who resides in Seven Valleys, Pa. Rocky's Straight Arrow was named runner-up under the whistle of Don Jones. He is owned by Brian Gelinás of Shelbyville, Ind.

The 38th running of the National Red Setter Futurity was won by Flintstone, Irish setter male owned and handled by Ross Leonard of Cloudland, Ga., and bred by Roger Boser. Second was Redstone, a female and littermate to the winner, handled by her owner, Roger Boser. Come Back Patches, a male, placed third for owner and handler Billy Vaughn of Rose Hill, N. C. Joe Edwards was the breeder. Youtoo was fourth for owner, breeder and handler Roger Boser.

This renewal was held March 4-7 in Berea, Ky., at the Miller Welch (Central Kentucky) Wildlife Area. The grounds were in good shape. The spring Championship is judged on all-age standards. Several supporting stakes were held to round out the event with something for everyone. Tim Hammons and Brian Gelinás co-chaired the trial. It was a well run event; the weather was fair and the birds were plentiful.

The drawing, held on the eve of the trial at the clubhouse and conducted by Tim Hammons and Dennis Hidalgo, was well attended. The headline Red Setter Championship attracted a field of 21; the Red Setter Futurity drew 14 starters.

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a huge difference in the success of NRSFTC events. It would be difficult to continue without their help and in turn the members of the National Red Setter Club support these companies by purchasing their products.

Judges for this renewal were Buster Tucker of Berea, Ky., and Ken Taff of Georgetown, Ky. They are veteran field trialers with plenty of experience in the judicial role. They were personable, attentive and knowledgeable.

We were blessed with the presence of their spouses, Pam Tucker and Janet Taff, who rode with us one pleasant afternoon. Judging the Walking Shooting Dog Classic and the Walking Derby were Dave Jones and Charlie Turner, both of Berea, Ky. The time and effort that all of these gentlemen put in on behalf of the NRSFTC are greatly appreciated.

The Saturday evening banquet, organized by Judy Gelinás, was held at the clubhouse. Three of our judges, Buster Tucker, Ken Taff and Dave Jones, attended with their wives, Pam Tucker, Janet Taff and Jenny Jones. We all enjoyed their company. A general membership meeting and fund-raising auction followed the dinner. Brian Gelinás conducted the auction; proceeds are used to offset the trial expenses.

Trial Chairman Tim Hammons contracted for the birds and saw to it that they were planted each morning with the aid of Charlie Turner. He and Co-Chair Brian Gelinás made sure that arrangements were set for a dog wagon driver for each session of running.

Manning the dog wagon at various times were Rupert Colmore, Stan Zdanczewicz and Brian Gelinás. Good-

ies for the dog wagon were provided by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo with some special treats added to the mix by Pam Tucker.

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS AND OTHERS

Breakstone is a multi-titled five-year-old that was sired by Sharpton and is out of the great Ch. Chantilly. He is owned and trained by Roger Boser who is also Breakstone's breeder. This dog has wonderful application and ground speed and is a consistent performer. His style both running and on game is exceptional.

Rocky's Straight Arrow is out of the mating of Come Back Rocky and Lightning Lucy. Arrow is owned by his breeder, Brian Gelinás. He was handled to the runner-up title by his trainer, Don Jones. He is a six-year-old that has been impressive since an early age. He easily won the 34th National Red Setter Futurity in the spring of 2006. Arrow is always a contender; he is a big running dog with lots of class on game and on the ground. His wide range and his strong hunting desire have always shown that he is a force to be reckoned with but at the same time have often caused him to be a "hard luck dog". His day finally came as he measured up to the task and gave Breakstone a run for his money.

Breakstone and Rocky's Straight Arrow were paired in the 7th brace and appeared in the first brace Friday morning. At 13 separate but equal finds were carded for this pair. Breakstone was pointing stylishly, standing in a gap, in full view of the gallery. Birds were flushed and the shot was fired for the immobile Breakstone before Arrow was discovered. Arrow was buried in cover with birds of his own in front of him, not

40 feet away from the site of Breakstone's find. Arrow showed high style and perfect manners. Point was called next at 24, both setters standing side by side in a divided find in the back loop of course No. 1. Arrow notched his third classy find at 40 in the cedar grove with Breakstone backing with excellence. When the course reached the road, Arrow was absent and Jones sent Gelinias in search, imploring him to use his spurs. Breakstone continued forward across the road and pointed at 53. At nearly the same time someone could be heard calling "point" in the distance indicating that Arrow had been found. Breakstone's find was completed in short order with all in picture book fashion. Breakstone finished the hour to the front. Arrow's final find was discovered by a Beagle man who had the good sense to call point. The work was of top quality. Both dogs ran searching races, reaching for the limits of the course. They were both impressive but the judges' nod was given to Breakstone for a preference to his pattern.

Aiken, owned and handled by Don Beauchamp, made a strong play for the title, appearing in brace No. 4 but unfortunately he was lost just before the hour ended. His performance is given in the order of running.

CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNING

Jordin (B. Hidalgo) pointed unsuccessfully at 12 in the cedars on the left. Code Red (T. Hammons) scored a good find at 13 in the brushy edge of the ditch. He scored again nicely at 26. Jordin carded a find at 28 with all in order. She was inconsistent in her hunting pattern and picked up before the hour was out. Code Red ran a good forward race but wrecked on a third find at 48.

Chaperon (Leonard) found game at 19, handling them correctly and with class. Patina (Boser) was forward and scored a find before "Chap" regained the front. Patina scored a second fashionable find at 29 with Chap backing politely. Both dogs were forward for the hour.

Moonshine Again (K. Hammons) and Come Back Cutter (Edwards) turned loose from the red gate. A good find was credited to Charlotte at 3; she showed high style and intensity. Cutter notched his first find on the far left treeline at 5. Charlotte was under a bird at 14, while Cutter was forward. Cutter's second stylish find came at 18. Cutter was absent at 37 and came back on a rope at 43.

Aiken (Beauchamp) and Rockit (T. Hammons). Nice finds for Rockit came at 9 and 12. She displayed top style and manners. Aiken was absent at 12 but was found to the front on point at 15 near the tobacco barn. It was a beautiful piece of

bird work. Rockit's third find came at 22 with Aiken backing. All was correct and attractive for both dogs through the flush and shot. Upon release Rockit delayed chased and was up. Aiken showed periodically at wide range and forward. Aiken was seen on the left before the road crossing but did not show at the road. Several minutes later at 55 he was found on a limb find and handled his birds to perfection. After the find and across the road Aiken turned left when the course went right and he was not returned under judgment. Aiken had been quite impressive on the ground for 55 minutes, making splendid all-age casts.

Come Back Audie (Edwards) and Come Back Gloria (Liermann). At 10 a very nice find was credited to Gloria with Audie standing close beside her. Audie had a smart, well done find at 20. Gloria pointed again at 22, Audie coming along, backed the situation when he saw Liermann on the ground. Gloria was asked to relocate and was successful; birds were flushed with all in order. A mannerly find was recorded at 43 for Audie, which had No. 3 at 54. Gloria came through after his work and pointed in the same place but her handler collared her and went on. This pair showed commendably on the ground but slowed by late in the hour.

Come Back Ballette (Edwards) and Firefly's Solid Dollar (D. Hidalgo) were the last brace on Thursday. Point was called for Ballette at 6; she and her handler were in the brush as the troops arrived. "Sol" was around the corner on an outer edge, pointing staunchly. Birds were flushed with all in order. Sol was lost not long after the find and not recovered under judgment. Ballette scored one find and finished the hour.

Breakstone (Boser) and Rocky's Straight Arrow (Jones) were described under the heading earlier.

Jericho (Beauchamp) suffered a time consuming unproductive beginning at 12, then scored a find on way to front at 25. Come Back Silverado (Williams) was forward in pattern. Point called for Silver at 30 with Jericho backing nicely. All transpired in good order. Point was called at 37, with birds put up in front of Jericho. Jericho went the hour and finished forward at time. Silver was absent late but found on point after time. A lengthy relocation covered a lot of ground before the birds were found.

Texas Roughcut (Beauchamp) and Come Back Dally (Williams) were released at the red gate. Dally pointed at 32 but the work was less than satisfactory and she was taken up. Roughcut was mainly forward but slowed late in the hour.

Touchstone (Boser) and Cedar Creek Trixie (Liermann) comprised the first brace Friday afternoon. Trixie was hard to manage and was picked up early. Touchstone was mainly forward in pattern.

Scout (Edwards), as a bye, was taken up when her performance was not making a difference in the stake.

Berea, Ky., March 4

Judges: Ken Taff and Buster Tucker

NATIONAL RED SETTER CHAMPIONSHIP

[One-Hour Heats] — 21 Irish Setters

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

Runner-Up—ROCKY'S STRAIGHT ARROW, 1564386, male, by Come Back Rocky—Lightning Lucy. Brian Gelinias, owner; Don Jones, handler.

RED SETTER OPEN WALKING DERBY

Judges for the walking stakes were David Jones and Charlie Turner. They were kept busy all day and had to deal with delays caused by handler conflicts with the horseback stakes. Their efforts are greatly appreciated. Six entries came to the line in the Open Walking Derby stake.

Natural Red won the Red Setter Walking Derby for her owner-handler, Bill Augenbaugh. Red ran a forward reaching race while showing good rapport with her handler. Red scored two nice Derby fashion finds.

Second place went to Celtic's Firestarter, owned by Paul Ober of Reading, Pa., and handled by Billy Vaughn. Firestarter ran a stylish forward race with several mannerly finds.

Conneaut Creek Holly's Memory placed third for Al Fazenbaker. She is owned by Al and Deb Fazenbaker of Statesville, Ohio. Holly ran a stylish forward race with slightly less range than the first two dogs and handled her two finds with good Derby manners.

Judges: Dave Jones and Charlie Turner

OPEN DERBY — 6 Irish Setters

1st—NATURAL RED, 1611398, female, by Jericho—Solitaire. William Augenbaugh, owner and handler.

2d—CELTIC'S FIRESTARTER, 1618109, male, by Celtic's Super Special—Celtic's Firegirl. Paul Ober, owner; Billy Vaughn, handler.

3d—CONNEAUT CREEK HOLLY'S MEMORY, 1617591, Irish setter female, by King Cormac—Flushing Whip Flash Edition. Al & Deb Fazenbaker, owners; Al Fazenbaker, handler.

RED SETTER OPEN WALKING SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC

The heats in this Classic were 45 minutes. It was officiated by Charlie Turner and Dave Jones. Ten dogs were drawn and judged.

Her Ruby Red Slipper won the Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic for her owner-handler Al Fazenbaker. Ruby ran a beautiful forward race, hitting objectives and reaching out. Five finds were handled with perfect manners and pleasing style.

Hondo Muldoon was second with

seven good finds in a kind handling, forward hunting race. Hondo is owned and handled by Jim Ashby of Robards, Ky.

Meteu Medicine Man was third for Al Fazenbaker with a fast paced, well applied race and four clean finds. Man also was credited with a mannerly back.

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CLASSIC — 10 Irish Setters

- 1st—HER RUBY RED SLIPPER, 1584625, female, by Sharpton—Applebee. Al & Deb Fazenbaker, owners; Al Fazenbaker, handler.
- 2d—HONDO MULDOON, 1546398, male, by Winnabow—Gillian. Jim Ashby, owner and handler.
- 3d—METEU MEDICINE MAN, 1567747, male, by King Cormac—Grainne Ni Mhaille. Al & Deb Fazenbaker, owners; Al Fazenbaker, handler.

RED SETTER OPEN SHOOTING DOG

Four scratches reduced entries in this stake to sixteen. It was a very nice stake, judged by Ken Taff and Buster Tucker, with some top quality performances.

First place went to Rockit, owned by Tim and Kris Hammons of Berea, Ky., and handled by Tim. Her brace was released at "The Mailbox". She scored two beautiful finds in a strong race. Rockit's first find was a divided piece at 2. Rockit was sent forward after the find, went about 100 yards before crossing the road to point a single on the other edge. She was stylish and steady for the flush of her bird. She caught the front before the woods and continued forward until time was called. Rockit was impressive and put one in mind of her dam, the late Ch. Rock the World.

Second was Breakstone, owned and handled by Roger Boser. He appeared in the third brace which was the final half hour brace on Saturday morning. Breakstone scored two top quality finds in an attractive, forward race.

Touchstone, son of Breakstone, was third for Roger Boser. He ran late afternoon on Saturday, turning loose at the red gate. Touchstone scored a stylish find before the Agee house. His manners were perfect. His pattern was consis-



Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog Classic Winners. From left: Don Beauchamp, Al Fazenbaker with Her Ruby Red Slipper, Brian Gelinias, Bonnie Hidalgo with Meteu Medicine Man, Tom Norton and Dave Johnston.

tently forward.

Judges: Ken Taff and Buster Tucker

OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 16 Irish Setters

- 1st—ROCKIT, 1575249, female, by Another Time Around—Rock The World. Tim Hammons, owner and handler.
- 2d—BREAKSTONE, 1582163, male, by Sharp-ton—Chantilly. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 3d—TOUCHSTONE, 1605747, male, by Breakstone—Applebee. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

RED SETTER OPEN PUPPY

There were six entries in the Puppy Stake which ran Sunday morning under the watchful eyes of Buster Tucker and Ken Taff.

First was Little Briar Patch, owned and handled by David Johnston of Ely, Minn. Briar hunted forward at a good pace and range. Red Rush was second with a snappy hunting pattern. She is owned by Tim and Kris Hammons and was handled by Tim. Red Rock was third with a good race. A littermate to Red Rush, he is owned by Tim and Kris Hammons and was handled by Tim.

Judges: Ken Taff and Buster Tucker

OPEN PUPPY — 6 Irish Setters

- 1st—LITTLE BRIAR PATCH, unreg., male, breeding not given. David Johnston, owner and handler.

- 2d—RED RUSH, 1618843, female, by Silver Creek Solution—Silver Creek Lizzie. Tim Hammons, owner and handler.
- 3d—RED ROCK, 1618836, male, by Silver Creek Solution—Silver Creek Lizzie. Tim Hammons, owner and handler.

RED SETTER AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG STAKE

Buster Tucker and Ken Taff were in the home stretch of their judging assignment with this stake that began mid-morning on Sunday. Ten dogs were drawn, six came to the line, some would-be participants having been over anxious to head home.

First place went to Patina by virtue of an exquisite find and a predominantly forward race. Patina is owned and handled by Roger Boser.

Second was Fermanagh Jive, owned and handled by Bob White of Cassatt, S. C. She scored one find and had one unproductive in a handy race.

Jordin placed third on race for owners Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo of Brighton, Colo. She was handled by Bonnie.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG — 10 Irish Setters

- 1st—PATINA, 1606940, female, by Aiken—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
- 2d—FERMANAGH JIVE, 1565112, female, by Fermanagh Woody—Fermanagh River Dance. Bob White, owner and handler.
- 3d—JORDIN, 1605749, female, by Breakstone—Applebee. Bonnie & Dennis Hidalgo, owners; Bonnie Hidalgo, handler.

THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL RED SETTER FUTURITY

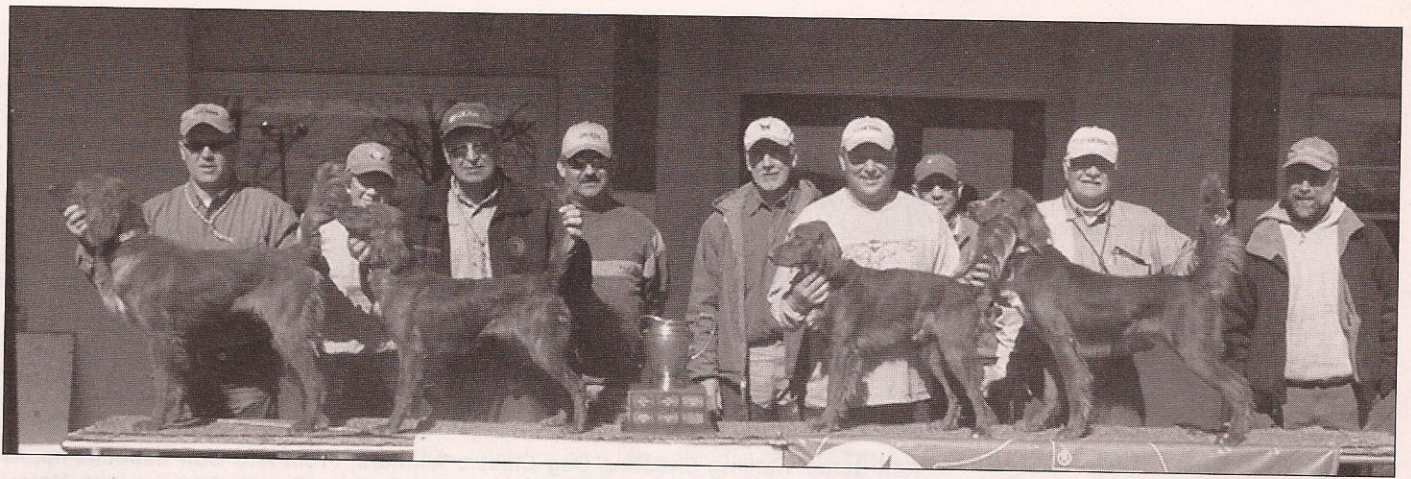
The Futurity commenced Friday afternoon, March 5, with two braces completed before day's end. The remainder of the stake ran Saturday morning.

Futurity Chairman Al Fazenbaker was on hand for the running and apprised the judges of the Futurity standards which were adopted in March, 1983 and revised in November, 2002 by the Board of Directors of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. [See box.] This breed has come a long way in the right direction.

The advertised judges, Ken Taff and Buster Tucker, were attentive to all entries and selected as winners dogs that



Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Winners. From left: Dave Johnston, Dennis Hidalgo, Kris Hammons with Rockit, Tim Hammons, Buster Tucker, judge; Mary Boser with Breakstone, Ken Taff, judge; Roger Boser with Touchstone and Ross Leonard.



National Red Setter Futurity Winners. From left: Ross Leonard with Flintstone, Bonnie Hidalgo, Roger Boser with Redstone, Brian Gelinias, Al Fazenbaker, Billy Vaughn with Come Back Patches, Tom Norton, Don Beauchamp with Youtoo and Dave Johnston.

they felt had the potential to go on to win the National Red Setter Championship. They had a high quality field to select from. It is exciting to see this Futurity growing in numbers with championship caliber contenders.

Twenty-three litters with 15 different sires were nominated for this 38th renewal of the National Red Setter Futurity. The twenty dogs that were individually nominated resulted from a dozen litters. Fourteen entries were drawn; they came from ten litters, the progeny of eight sires.

The breakdown of the litters sired, individuals nominated and dogs entered is as follows:

Chaparral, 5 litters, 2 individual nominations from 1 litter, 2 entries (Red Autumn Leaf and Dynamic Dancer); Come Back Audie, 2 litters, 2 individual nominations from 2 litters, 2 entries (Come Back Bedford and Celtic's Supercharger); Come Back Johnson, 2 litters, 2 individual nominations from 2 litters, 2 entries (Come Back Patches and Come

Back Tough); Come Back Shagdancer, 2 litters, 1 individual nomination, no entry; Aiken 1 litter, 2 individual nominations from 1 litter, 2 entries (Youtoo and Lillian); Altamuskin Leftover, 2 litters, no individual nominations, no entries; Breakstone, 1 litter, 3 individual nominations, 2 entries from 1 litter (Flintstone and Redstone); Celtic's Bottom Line, 1 litter, 1 individual nomination, 1 entry (Come Back Cutter); Celtic's Accommodator, 1 litter, 3 individual nominations, 1 entry (Celtic's Sparks Fly); Celtic's Super Special, 1 litter, 3 individual nominations, 2 entries (Celtic's Firebird and Celtic's Firestarter); Iskote Ani Mosh, 1 litter, 1 individual nomination, no entry; Rocky's Straight Arrow, 1 litter, no individual nominations, no entry; Harry O'Flain, 1 litter, no individual nominations, no entry; Saturday's Junior Burgundy, 1 litter, no individual nominations, no entry; King Cormac, 1 litter, no individual nominations, no entry.

FUTURITY WINNERS

Flintstone captured top honors for owner-handler Ross Leonard. Flintstone was bred by Dr. Roger W. Boser and is a result of a repeat of the highly successful mating between Ch. Breakstone and Applebee. Flintstone was wide and strong, reaching the limits of the course. Just when it appeared that he had been lost he was discovered on a forward line, buried up and on point. This was a very nice find; the youngster displayed high style and superb manners to leave little doubt as to the outcome of the stake. It was the second year in a row that Ross Leonard owned and handled the winning Futurity entry, having won in 2009 with Come Back Buck.

Redstone, a littermate to Flintstone, captured second. She had one find early on in which she evidenced epic style and polished poise. She ran intelligently but with slightly less range than the winner. Redstone pointed feathers but was quickly taken on. She showed forward consistently but was out of pocket after

National Red Setter Futurity

1. The Futurity shall be run in the spring of each year over preferential bobwhite quail territory.

2. Placed dogs shall display an intense desire to find birds, a keen nose to detect the presence of game and ability to locate it quickly and accurately by body scent.

3. Placed dogs must show staunchness, certainty and style on point but not necessarily be steady to wing and shot. (Staunchness to mean that the dog establishes point but not necessarily where the handler can dismount, flush and fire before the dog moves on.)

4. Placed dogs must show determination under adverse conditions and intelligent adjustment to terrain and cover, the ability to hunt independently with speed and proven endurance.

5. Placed dogs shall adjust range to cover and character of the country and to show desire to please the handler.

6. The event shall be run under standards established by the American Field and *Field Dog Stud Book*, the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of

America and the National Red Setter Futurity.

7. The Futurity shall be run, if necessary in order to name a winner under these standards, in two series.

8. The first series shall be run over continuous multiple courses, each brace to be run for thirty (30) minutes unless earlier ordered up. Said continuous multiple courses shall contain native birds plus liberated quail which shall be released in coveys in such manner as to simulate natural conditions as much as possible. The numbers of liberated quail shall be decided by the Futurity secretary, the club president and the trial chairman in consultation with the area manager.

9. If four dogs, which in the sole discretion of the judges are otherwise capable of placement have not pointed birds at the conclusion of the first series, a second series shall be run, each brace being run for thirty (30) minutes unless earlier ordered up on a single course with liberated birds released in the manner previously indicated of sufficient quantity to permit adequate opportunities to point. The number of dogs

called back for a second series shall be at the sole discretion of the judges and may be augmented by the judges if necessary in order to place four dogs that have pointed.

10. All dogs in each series shall be announced as "called back" in the order in which the judges would place them if they shall adequately demonstrate their ability to point birds by doing so. The callback shall be conducted from horseback.

11. Judges may not, except with the concurrence of the Futurity Secretary or his designee, who may seek advice from the Board of Directors of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, deviate from these standards.

12. Dogs with bird contact must be fired over with a blank cartridge gun of not less than cal. 32.

These standards were the guide used in selecting the 2010 winners but the performances were of such good character and substance that there was no need for thought regarding the provisions for a second series.

the commotion of Boser's horse taking a tumble. Redstone was found on point after time, not far from where she'd last been sighted. She had obviously been on point for several minutes; her birds were walking all around her. She showed remarkable manners as her birds were flushed with no sign of mistake in her demeanor.

Come Back Patches, owned and handled by Billy Vaughn and bred by Joe Edwards, placed third. Patches was sired by Come Back Johnson and is out of Come Back Diddle. Patches scored one topnotch find in a predominantly forward race. He was braced with Redstone and shared in the feather find with her. He finished forward.

Youtoo placed fourth for owner-handler-breeder Roger Boser. Youtoo was sired by Ch. Aiken and is out of Solitaire. This was a repeat of the cross that produced the second and third place

Futurity winners in 2009. Youtoo shared two finds with his bracemate. He displayed excellent composure and class. Youtoo ran and hunted with purpose.

Come Back Cutter, owned, bred and handled by Joe Edwards, was braced with Youtoo and in many respects they were similar. Cutter shared two finds, with birds produced directly in front of him. Cutter ran a somewhat bigger race but Youtoo displayed more composure on game.

AND OTHERS

Celtic's Firebird (Edwards) and Lillian (Boser) were in the first brace on Saturday morning. Firebird scored a very nice find as well as a feather find and another that was unproductive. Lillian's race was forward.

Come Back Bedford (Edwards) and Red Autumn Leaf (Beauchamp) were turned loose from the tobacco barn. This was an uneventful brace; no birds were

pointed.

Dynamic Dancer (Beauchamp) was not into the game this day and was up early. Celtic's Sparks Fly (Edwards) scored one find with good style and manners.

Come Back Tough (Williams) turned in a strong forward race with one good find. Celtic's Firestarter (Edwards) ran well but without bird contact.

Celtic's Supercharger (Edwards) ran consistently but was overshadowed by his bracemate's winning performance.

NATIONAL RED SETTER FUTURITY —

14 Irish Setters

- 1st—FLINTSTONE, 1611016, male, by Breakstone—Applebee. Ross Leonard, owner and handler.
 2d—REDSTONE, 1611023, female, by Breakstone—Applebee. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.
 3d—COME BACK PATCHES, 1610390, male, by Come Back Johnson—Come Back Diddle. Billy Vaughn, Jr., owner and handler.
 4th—YOUTOO, 1610607, male, by Aiken—Solitaire. Roger W. Boser, owner and handler.

Region 17 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship

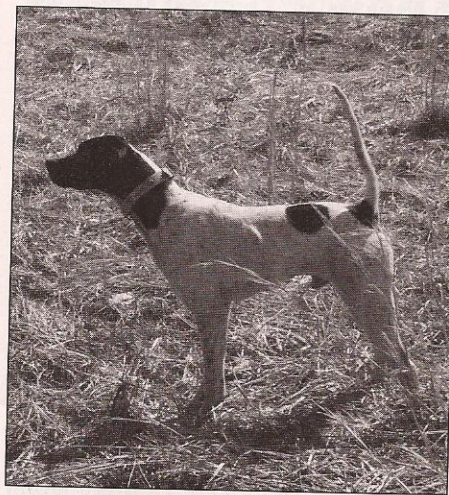
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JUDGES Robert Gove of Princeton, Minn., and Brian Long of Maryville, Mo., named Westfall's Black Cloud the 2010 Region 17 Amateur Shooting Dog Champion. Cloud was handled by Ryan Westfall of Liberty, Mo., and scouted by Ryan's father Bill. Ryan set a fast pace and Cloud responded with a driving forward race using all of the first course and finishing well into the second course. Cloud ran a fast, eye-catching race interspersed with a find that he shared with his bracemate at 20 and independent finds at 30 and 40. The judges rode hard to observe Cloud's finish.

Katybar the Door, pointer female owned and handled by Todd Babbel of Omaha, Neb., was named runner-up. Katy ran a well applied forward race. Seven good finds were well spaced during an exciting hour.

Two one hour courses were laid out on the Hickman Ranch in South Central Iowa. A small portion of the Sand Creek Wildlife Area that adjoins the Hickman property was also used. Rick and Diane Hickman of West Des Moines, Iowa are avid fox hunt patrons and also allow many area field trials to be run on their ranch. The Southern Iowa, Great Plains and Greater Iowa Clubs hold their trials on this venue. The Region 17 Walking Championship, National Amateur Shooting Dog Derby Championship and the U. S. Complete Midwest Championship have been held on these grounds.

Iowa field trial enthusiasts and Region 17 are grateful to the Hickmans for mak-



WESTFALL'S BLACK CLOUD
 Winner of the Region 17 Amateur
 Shooting Dog Championship

ing their property available for this Championship as well as the many other events run on their ranch.

Trial Chairman Mike Majewski did an outstanding job planning and hosting this Championship. Mike is a true gentleman with excellent organizational skills. His team — Mark Livingston, Bob Pringle, Chuck Davis and Dennis Burgess — was attentive to every detail and put on a first class trial.

The Region 17 officers — Dr. Pat McInteer, Todd Babbel, Mark Livingston, Paul Roederer and Doug Meyer — were all on hand for the running of this region event.

Noon meals and a wonderful banquet, featuring great barbeque, were prepared by Brian Deener.

THE RUNNING

Skydancer Big Time (Dennis Lutynski) pointed at 8 but lost his manners and was put in the harness. Hard Rappin Sarah (Alan Worth) had good finds at 13 and 20. She stood again at 35 but bumped a bird when asked to relocate.

Eldad Nicanor (John Shure) stood at 12 but had a mishap when asked to relocate. Noon's Citation (Charlie Beeler) stood at 2. After a extensive flushing effort Citation was asked to relocate but came up empty. He was seen sparingly the next 30 minutes and Charlie asked for the tracker.

Royal Addition Grumpy (Walt Simmons) ran a forward race and stood at 5. After a relocation effort a dead bird was shown. Grumpy suffered an unproductive at 10. He had finds at 20, 25, 40 and 50. He did not show acceptable manners in two backing opportunities. Easy Attitude Buddy (Gary Mandernach) ran a well applied race and demonstrated style and manners on finds at 8, 12, 35, 45 and 56. On his last two finds he showed excellent manners in stressful situations caused by his bracemate. He backed his bracemate from a good distance at 50.

Salty Dog Playmaker (Jeff Fraser) ran a forward race with finds at 10 and 45. He had a stop to flush at 38 and suffered an unproductive at 55. Nemaha Taxi (Dr. Pat McInteer) backed his bracemate at 10. Taxi stood at 30 and again at 45 but