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NEW DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN NAMED

President Jim Flythe has announced the directors he has selected to carry out club business for the new year. They are our past president, F. C. (Cliff) Bean, Route 3, Athens, O.; E. J. Lewis, 1600 San Remo Drive, Pacific Palisades, Calif.; Dave Hasinger, The Stafford House, Phila., 44, Pa.; Jack Ullrich, Route 3, Box 197 Joppa, Md.; Ed Schnettler, Route 1, Clear Lake, Minn.; Dee Johnson, Box 416, Route 3, Kansas City, Mo.; and Dr. J. S. VanWye, 1001 E. 47th St., Kansas City 10, Mo.

We suggest that when you have ideas regarding National affairs you contact one of these people in your area or direct them to Jim at Route 7, Raleigh, N. C. It is a fine group of people!

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Here is trial judge V. V. Van Divort's report of our spring event:

"Easter weekend brought the balmiest weather of the young spring season to the Killdeer Plains Public Hunting Area near Harpster, O., for the 1967 renewal of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club trials. The choice of the early date did not bring the followers out in great numbers, though. Late snows and other bad weather in the upper plains states prevented training and conditioning periods necessary to show well in this event. This undoubtedly cost the club entries that would have been here at a later date.

Double Jet, seven year old bitch and a bit on the dainty side in appearance as the Red Setters go, repeated her performance of a year ago over the same courses to take the title of Champion back to her owner Warren Johnson in Hopkins, Minn. While Mr. Johnson handled her to the win in 1966, he was unable to attend this year and Jet ran under the capable whistle of Ed Schnettler who also handled runner-up Autumn Hills Penny.

Jet ran in the first brace which went off at 8:25 on Sunday in excellent field trial weather. At 8:32 she had her first find in fence row with fine style and manners. At 34 she had another on the opposite side of the same fence with similar results. At 20, 31, 38, and 48 minutes she had finds on single quail and on no occasion was there any breach of etiquette evident. Her late finds were not stood with the high style and tightness of the earlier ones, but the pressure did not get to her enough to casuse her to make a mistake. Her positive attitudes and locations were impressive. Except for the bit of softness mentioned Jet was the epitome of the class shooting dog the followers of the red dog seek.

Autumn Hills Count matched brace-mate Jet step for step and bird for bird but required relocation efforts a couple of times that resulted in birds being flushed off to the side or rearward.

One thing the owners and trainers have learned over the years is

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that to win in these events over these courses demands dogs that are in condition and, when the stake requires it, finish in manners. The dedicated long-time fanciers of the Red Dogs have done an excellent job of educating their followers. They know what is needed to win and when they put down the average dog you may depend on it that he is not going to give a sorry performance.

Time was a decade ago when it was considered worthwhile just to have one of these dogs go hunting. Most of them seemed to be out for a walk and sometimes a confused walk at that when they appeared in a field trial. The high standards established by the men who helped found the N.R.S.F.T.C. and the ability to transmit their know-how and devotion to the breed to new owners has paid off richly. They will continue to improve because there will be no lessening of the demands of the devotees. The Red Setter is making his presence felt in many places. This is sure to spread.

The leaders of the Red Setter movement set their sights on the development of a class shooting dog when the revival of use of the Red Dog began. They had much to accomplish. They went in many directions to bring together the qualities they sought. For the most part little remains to be brought out in a goodly number of the entries in any trial except that most desirable of qualities that is needed in many dogs of any breed -- Class. That is coming and there was evidence of much of it in the young dogs seen at this trial.

Club President F. C. Bean quite competently assisted by James T. Flythe, vice-president, and Mrs. Thomas Moffat, secretary-treas., laid all the ground work for a high quality trial and all were on hand every minute to see that things went as planned. Lt. Col, E. L. Schnettler (Ret.) is a powerful help wherever needed in the running of a trial and he was ever pitching in to help keep things rolling properly. Tom Moffat and Terry Unsworth took turns marshalling and doing any other chores that came along while Glenn and Steve Moffat took care of the bird releasing. As usual, Mrs. Bean was hostess for the judges at lunches in the Bean Camper.

The Killdeer Area was much improved for the clubs' use in spring trials. Some well planned shallow ditches have been bulldozed in the right places to drain lands that were many times in the past belly deep with water on a running dog. This improved performances noticeably. Cover was adequate in most places. Plenty of feed patches with the greater portion of the corn still untouched were observed. Native game was practically non-existent with only one hen pheasant being disturbed in the two days of running.

With the running of the spring trials this club has its scheduled annual meeting and election of officers. This was held on Sat. evening at the Evergreens in Upper Sandusky. Cliff Bean presided to welcome all those attending and to again outline the purposes of the club. New members Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrrell of Indianapolis, E. D. Nelson of Hickory, N. C., Glenn Culp of Kitchener, Ont., and the Frank Neilsons of Lakewood, O., were given due recognition while Judge and Mrs. Robert Coleman were welcomed and thanked for their help in feeding the crowd at lunch.

Mr. Bean then made the presentation of the Autumn Hills Duke Memorial Trophy to Double Jet for her performances in 1966. Owner Warren Johnson was represented by Dr. Roger Strand who agreed to deliver it to Minneapolis on his return. This trophy was donated by Lucy Jane Myers of Duluth in memory of Fred Kremer who did so much to promote the Red Dogs in the Minnesota area. His Duke was one of

the earlier champions, having won the title over this same venue. First winner of this trophy was Cliff Bean's Mr. O'Leary, one of the grand old campaigners of these trials; second winner was Autumn Hills Count, a Kremer bred dog, and now Double Jet. The award is made on a point system to the winner of places during the year ending March 1st.

In the election for 1967, Jim Flythe was elevated to the presidency, Tom Moffat was elected vice-president and Marjorie Moffat was returned to the office of secretary-treasurer which she has capably filled in the past. For her labor-of-love efforts in maintaining the "Flushing Whip" as the official organ of the Red Setter fancy, Marge was presented with a lovely sweater by the club.

Judges for all stakes were Ted Steifel of Jackson Center, Ohio, and V. V. VanDivort, Perrysburg, O. It was a pleasant and rewarding experience for both of us. We had judged the club's trials before over the years and it has always been gratifying to observe the improvements from year to year. As stated earlier in this report, much evidence of improvement was seen and discussed over this weekend.

The Running

OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP

The first brace has been described above.

County Clare's Mighty Pawn - Autumn Hills Penny. Pawn had a classic find at 6 minutes on far side of ditch. Good all the way. At 16 a back, at 20 another find, flagging, at 25 another with everything taut and again at 38 one in fence row a bit low in back. The score closed with another back at 58 minutes. Penny had a total of six finds all of fine quality. She was ambitious and sensible in her running and needed a minimum of directang. She honored independently and throughout the level race showed she had complete finish.

Schnet's Little Red - Windy Ridge Tammy. Red showed his wares as a strong bird dog with ten bird contacts and a back. He needed a long relocation effort on his first bird, proved to have a real long nose on the second, had a thrilling, stabbing point in open field and bird flew over his head to test him. A non-productive detracted a bit and then he had that one too many and the pressure got to him. He was picked up at that. Tammy had five finds with a good race. She missed an opportunity to honor once but did so at handler's caution note a couple of times later.

Kay's Darky - Miller's Tiger Lily. Changing winds may have affected the scenting conditions for this one which went down at noon. Darky started with a non-productive after 38 minutes of running then had four finds in the next ten minutes. Lil had three for her efforts. Both dogs hunted well and hit all the likely spots but the results were rather scant compared to the birds moved by earlier braces.

OPEN PUPPY STAKE

Deidre of Lodge was full of hunt and happy all the way. A real class pup. Judy of Lodge crowded the winner with a similar performance. Back Lick Red was a likely choice for third.

OPEN DERBY STAKE

Here was a class stake with County Clare Country Lad putting on a performance in the first brace that could have won many a good derby. He had a big race, two birds handled in good fashion with high style. Then along came his bracemate, Country Squire to eclipse this and capture first. Back Lick Red was a deserving third.

AMATEUR SHOOTING DOG

Windy Ridge Tammy had a fine race with one find in bird field. Schnet's Little Red had a fair hunting race was hampered a bit with a trailing brace mate. He had one find which required a relocation. Miller's Tiger Lily was a bit short on the back course; had a good find in the bird field and was whoaed to a back on brace mate's.

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(This actual report will be in the American Field soon but we do have members who are not subscribers so thought you would excuse the duplication in your reading material that all might learn something of the actual running.)

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From Pat Cooper we were sorry to learn of the death of Cooper's Tennessee Riley from injuries suffered from a car accident in which he was run over two days before. He was whelped Aug. 17, 1955 and died April 27 th. He had been a real top notch gun dog on quail and grouse in recent years for his owner Bill Cooper and son, Fate as well as having been a frequent winner in our National trials in his younger years. He was buried by his hunting home grounds at Oneida, Tenn. Pat mentions a visit from Herm David enroute from the Union Springs, Ala., shooting dog championship. In looking up the birth of Riley she noted that The Dude, formerly owned by Herm, and with her for many years is now 15 years old though in pretty good health!

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Frank Glynn, 15901 West Santa Rosa Blvd., New Berlin, Wisc., has a litter of 8 females and 5 males, sired by AKC Field and Bench Ch. Mahogany's Titian Jingo (the only Dual Ch. sired by a dual Ch.) out of Astra of The Lodge. Fee is \$85 to any club member of a club that has field trials; \$125 to general public. Further info. from Frank. His winning pups in the above trial account came on to Michigan the same weekend to do more winning with Dendre of the Lodge placing 2nd in the derby. His Judy was mentioned for her fine race but evidently had no birdwork.

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Other wins of the Michigan event were OPEN Gun: Mahogany C J Duchess, Urban; 2nd Kelly's Red Erin, Holtz; Ch. Runwild Fiona, third. Only 9 entries were in the OPEN LIMITED for all pointing breeds with Fld. Ch. Bird Comet of Ardee, Colburn taking a first for the Irish. Second and third went to German Shorthairs and a fourth to Mahogany C. J. Duchess (fourth was withheld in the Open Gun). Puppy winners were Springtime Tassy O'Day, owned by a National member, Bill Law of Berkley, Mich.; 2nd was Hey Mister O'Red Witch, Pentecost; third Runwild Connemara of Runwild Kennels and fourth Sunnymoor Radiant Ruffy, Pierce. We won't get into the Dual Dog stake (? in it) but Open All Age was won by Dual Ch. Mahogany's Titian Jingo, Walker; 2nd was Mahogany C J Duchess; 3rd was Fld. Ch. Bird Comet of Ardee, Colburn and 4th, Kelly's Red Erin, Hältz. Evidently some good young dogs were seen. I'm not so sure on the older ones accounting after reading that "Duchess's beautiful back course and perfect control were climaxed by very good handling of two dead birds"!!!! "And there wasn't another clean dog to place for fourth place"!!!!

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IRISH SETTER CLUB OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC., has changed their dates for spring trial to May 20 & 21. Drawing will be held May 19th. Mrs. Faunt Ekey, 104 Gordon Rd., Spencerport, N. Y. 14559 is secretary. Phone is 716 352-6251. Dr. Ebertz, Ed McIvor and Leonard Williams are to judge the event. Quail will be liberated in all but puppy.. Horses will be furnished to handlers.

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Orville Millsap, Box 111, Garden City, Kansas is looking for a good hunting dog. Contact him if you have something for sale as he is anxious to replace the one he recently lost.

A card from Dave Hasinger also states that Robert Branch is interested in purchasing a year old pup. Californians might call him at 213-573-3403 or 389-8915 if they have one in which he might be in the market for.

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Member LaVern Palmer, 721 Griffith Dr., Holdrege, Nebraska is also looking for a top notch, started dog. (He has English Pointers so I hope someone has a good Irish for him!)

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Welcome to another new member, Milton H. Daniel, Rt. 2, Box 332, Newburg, Oregon. Mr. Daniel has just purchased a dog and bitch from H. E. Grace of Middlesboro, Ky. by Mr. O'Leary out of Schnet's Jenny K and one by Schnet's Little Red out of Carmine. Sounds like good starters for field bred Irish in Oregon!

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DUKE trophy score at last report was Shannon of Redwood 132 ?! (I wish someone would give me some info. on this one--owner? breeding?); Vanita's Wild Gael, 80, Van Wye; Double Jet, Johnson 40; Windyridge Tammy, 40, Bean and County Clare's Country Lad, 40, Lewis. Again, for new members, here are rules and again, you must be a member in good standing or it will be quite embarrassing!

1. FDSB recognized trials 2. Points to be compiled from March 1 to March 1. 3. Report of win has to be made to Ed Schnettler, Route 1, Clear Lake, Minn. within month of win or it will not be eligible. 4. Responsibility of dog owner to get in report. 5. Report of top 6 dogs to be in Whip every month. (I see I gave you 5 so 6 would be Schnet's Little Red, 32) 6. Points are to be figured as follows:

- A. All Age wins: 1st place (6)
2nd " (5)
3rd " (4)
- B. Shooting or Gun Dog wins:
1st place (5)
2nd " (4)
3rd " (3)
- C. Derby wins 1st " (4)
2nd " (3)
3rd " (2)
- D. Puppy wins 1st " (3)
2nd " (2)
3rd " (1)

Points to be determined by multiplying number of entries by base figure. (For example a third place all age win with 20 entries would be figured by multiplying 20 by 4 which would be 80 points.)

7. Award to be made at annual spring trial in April. Rotating trophy with permanent award to be kept by owner.

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Those of you who attended the trial heard of Cliff Bean's call from Jack Norton (new address, Box 325, New Haven, W. Va.) and were most sorry to hear that as he was loading his two winning dogs to come to join us they ran off. Red (out of Lady Sarnia Kendrick by Valli Hi Counselor) got hit by a car and killed. He was developing into a really fine bird dog, having won at our National at 9 months and only two weeks before death taking the Amateur Puppy stake at an all breed Ohio event! If anyone has another pup of this breeding or breeds this combination again, Jack would like to get a pup. Rather is someone has a sister to Lady to use as Dick Swanson says Lady is dead too of a cornary. He found the other dog not far from the body of Red and seemed to be very frightened but all right.

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Sorry to be so late in getting this May issue out; too many school events right now!