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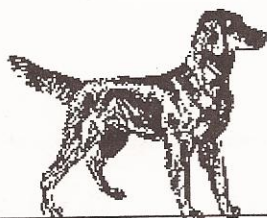
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A Tribute to Bob Sprouse

By Herm David

[Please see Editor's note following this article]

A national organization of volunteers workers which has no more than two meetings a year can long survive without frequent and periodic communication. In plain words, without a lively *Flushing Whip* our NRSFTC would likely have long since faded away.

When club officers dozed overlong in getting their jobs done Bob was there too gently elicit needed performance. When he realized we needed to recruit younger energies because most of our stalwarts were rather uniformly aging, he started remedial and now continuing recruiting.

This next may cost me Bob's treasured friendship -- but I'll risk that to report a couple of persistent rumors about the man. One is that when there were insufficient funds to pay for the birds at one of last year's trials Bob wrote a check. A companion rumor is that he has several times subsidized necessary advertising in *The American Field*.

The NRSFTC wants to find -- and finance -- an appropriate gesture of appreciation. Several possibilities have been mentioned. The suggestions include a painting of his 1998 Futurity winner, updated computer equipment -- and a custom-designed rotating trophy to be awarded annually in Bob's name. The origin of Bob's enduring appreciation of the Red Ones is far more common than unique. Almost all of the earlier members of the NRSFTC --including Ned Le Grande -- related how they had imperishable memories of hunting, years earlier, over Red Ones "of the old kind."

The Flushing Whip had a faltering origin. At a very early NRSFTC meeting a fireball attendee, a fellow named Don out of Illinois, volunteered to edit and publish our newsletter. Don produced one issue -- then his fiery flame fizzled. Our first president, Rusty Baynard, hastened to fill the void. He produced an issue, which addressed his irritation; only with the name he gave his publication -- *The Flushing Whip*.

I was, then, the only member with professional writing and editing experience. At Ned's urgent behest I agreed to take on the fledgling publication, I soon enough learned what unpaid editors of organizational news media come to realize. Keep

improving the publication and make it increasingly effective in building the organization -- and you become a captive of your creative efforts. Bob Sprouse has stayed that course for more than 21 years. Now it is our turn to participate in thanking him.

Editor's Note:

Folks, this was written and was intended to be published in the May-June 99 issue of *The Flushing Whip*. That is the issue in which we sadly published his obituary. For obvious reasons some of the items suggested are no longer fitting. With the Sprouse family's generosity the trophy prepared for Bob will be used as a rotating trophy and some of the remaining funds will be used to cover expenses as they occur. A brass plaque to be posted in the new garden planned for the Bird Dog Hall of Fame is also being considered.

Pioneer member and current NRSFTC director Dale Bruns has agreed to solicit and accept contributions needed to finance a fitting "Thank you." We have already had numerous donations sent to Georgia, Dale and myself. To maintain continuity, please send all donations to Dale. His address is shown below.

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Bob Sprouse Trophy
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The WILD-MAN

By Allen Fazenbaker

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Pick up an issue of American Field, the premier USA field trialing journal, and stroll through the pages. Pointer picture after Pointer picture, white dogs ride the high plains of American success. The English pointer has dominated the United States field trial circuit for more than 30 years. But wait! Here and there a splash of burnished color cuts the monotony. Out of the east, riding the path of the rising sun comes a flash of red. Desperado says the letters scrawled across the pages. Surely, that can't be an Irish Setter! Well cowboy, them could be fightin' words, dependin' upon who you talk to! But, regardless of the name, the red dog is back! And Desperado, a truly American dog, is leading the charge.

DESPERADO AND BEARCAT

Who is this renegade of the bird dog world? Desperado sounds like an old-time American western movie, but there's nothing desperate about this dog. Desperado brings a new dimension to the word "bird dog." Owned, bred, trained and handled by the premier U.S. red setter field trialer Roger Boser, Desperado is no patsy of the dog world. His maker Roger Boser is a veterinarian by trade and has an extensive knowledge of canine genetics. Boser has taken the red setter community on a Wild West ride, producing some of the most spectacular field trialing dogs the world has ever seen.

Boser's Desperado is the son of Bearcat. He has over 120 placements in the field trial world, including the highly competitive Region 16 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. It draws seventy-eight dogs, among them the finest pointers and setters in the United

States, in a regional competition that's always been *major* pointer territory. Guess who won - red dog Desperado! And who took runner up - red dog Bearcat! That's called keeping it in the family.

Bearcat himself is no slouch. In fact, Bearcat is the greatest winning field trial dog in the history of the United States. His accomplishments encompass 158 field trial placements including 14 championships, 10 runner-ups, and placements in over 50% of all entries. Not bad for a red blooded "Americanized" setter in the USA where the red dog has had its ups and downs...

HISTORY

The Irish Setter was bred as an upland gamebird hunter. Built sleek and racy to work effectively through tail grass and brush the Irish had feathery pads and webbed feet to resist boggy ground, with a long blocky head to carry the scent. Highly biddable and intelligent for life in an owner's house, he was equipped with unflagging enthusiasm and endurance needed to cover the bird-scarce terrain of Eire.

By the late 1800's, however, the Irish setter in America, because of its beautiful appearance and striking coat, became the king of the show ring. Like so many breeds in exhibition, this fine dog's hunting qualities began their inevitable decline.

The 1891 formation of the Irish Setter Club of America (ISCA) was driven by a group of 21 fanciers with a mission to show Irish Setters. By the late 1940s, when the American public had extra coin in its pocket from the postwar economic boom, the Irish setter as a premier hunting and gun dog had ceased to exist. The American hunting dollar was being spent on other breeds.

INSTINCT ALMOST EXTINCT

Not everyone was content to let the Irish setter slip away. Ned Le Grande was one such individual. With associate Rusty Baynard, Le Grande began a quest to restore the breed to the status of a premier gun dog from a genepool where instinct was almost extinct.

Le Grande and Baynard realized that to gain the respect of the bird dog community, they would have to compete and do well. In the USA, competing means field trialing: big-running', gut-bustin', horizon-hittin', horseback- handlin' and all-out bird findin' field trialing!

Determined to produce a winning dog in a national field trial, Le Grande enlisted the help of canine geneticist Dr. Leon Whitney. With Whitney's advice, Le Grande began to collect a pool of Irish setter stock. In 1952, he acquired Askew's Carolina Lady, an Irish setter bitch descended from Minnesota prairie breeding stock.

HELP DENIED

Le Grande turned to the ISCA for help in developing his program but the ISCA wanted no part of Ned Le Grande. He was told flatly, "*the Irish setter is a show dog, not a gun dog.*" Le Grande would have to go elsewhere and the task ahead of him would be difficult. In 1952 The National Red Setter Field Trial Club was founded to consolidate the best interests of the working red setter and the group forged ahead without the ISCA.

Aaron Bixler, longtime breeder and red setter field trialer, recalls Le Grande's search for suitable Irish setters to use as breeding stock, and what he found were "*slim pickin's.*"

After a nationwide search in which only a dozen bitches were rounded up, only three were even considered good enough for breeding stock!

"Plodders, dogs with no desire, no ability to run, and very few bloodlines of any substantial difference. The front shoulders were too high, and bio-mechanically they couldn't last an hour in the field," says Bixler. With such a limited genepool available to work from, Le Grande realized he would need to borrow blood from outside the breed.

CROSSBRED IRISH

With the blessings of A.B. Dick, president of the American Kennel Club (AKC), and William F. Brown, president of American Field Stud Book (A.F.S.B.), Le Grande crossbred his Irish Setters with champion English Setters, most notably the Champion Lytle's Ilsly Chip, a white and orange English setter. Lytle's Ilsly Chip was the son of Mississippi Zev, a National Field Trial Champion whose background was heavily infused with Irish setter blood. The offspring were then bred back to Irish setters, purging the gene pool of English setter morphology and by the fourth generation able to register the dogs again as Irish Setters.

The product of these crosses produced a dog with such obvious differences from the show dogs of that time, they were referred to as "redsetters," a name that persists to this day.

The impact of Le Grande on the Irish Setter has been enormous. Bixler believes that in the past one hundred years, two individuals have had a major influence on canine breeding.

Bob Wehle, of Elhew Kennel fame, has produced the finest English pointers in the world, most notably Snake Foot. But Ned Le Grande, in terms of a single individual making a fundamental change in a breed of dog... well, there is no comparison. He literally brought back an entire

breed from the brink of extinction."

REGISTRATION

Call him Irish or red, this little renegade of the American field trial scene is quite a dog! In the USA, the majority of red setters are registered with AFSB, a performance-based registry whose powers have historically supported the efforts of Le Grande and others to regain vigour by cross breeding.

The AKC, icon of canine registration in the USA, initially supported Le Grande's efforts then turned the tables on the red setter, refusing to accept AFSB registration reciprocity. It is rumored that AKC management accepted a behind-the-scenes \$10,000 "donation" in exchange for denying red setter registrations.

Even today, relationships are oftentimes strained between the red setter community and the ISCA. Simply referring to an Irish Setter as a red setter without first discretely inquiring as to its registry could land you in a proverbial hornet's nest in a jiffy. Red dog owners tend to be mighty particular about what you call their dogs.

RED SETTER LOOK

Place a red setter next to a show Irish Setter and the physical differences are obvious. The red setter is smaller, stockier, with a high tail set and shoulder level with the withers. His chest is full, but not overly so. Color can vary from light to dark, and white patches are not uncommon. In the field, he is quick, sprite, and smooth. His run is productive, without rocking or sidehocking. Run a red setter and a show-bred Irish together in the field and the differences become almost comical. Most show Irish today wouldn't know a bird if it sat on their nose. Red setters are considered to be big-running dogs. They must be to compete against

pointers.

They have been accused of being nothing more than "English pointers in a red coat." Red setter field trialer Smokey Hiles, who holds credentials in both the AFSB affiliated National Red Setter Field Trial Club (NRSFTC) and ISCA, says that in some cases this is true: *"Sure, we have some field breeders who are trying to turn the Irish Setter into a pointer. But we also have some show breeders who are trying to turn the Irish setter into an Afghan In truth, most of the red setter breeders I am aware of have a genuine interest in making the red setter the best bird dog in the world."*

BIXLER POLICIES

While AKC Irish Setter breeders may frown upon the cross breeding that brought the red setter into being, they must admit that the red setter is making a name for himself in the American field trial circuit. Bixler looks for three characteristics in his breeding program. *"A red setter must have natural field ability, a good disposition, and must be trainable within a reasonable time."* Irish setters are noted for being slow to mature; this is not the case with red setters, who can be broke gun dogs by the age of three, Roger Boser has some derby dogs running now that are steady at 14 months.

In the early years, one of the big complaints about red setters was their lack of point. *"Strong on run, short on point"* said one Irish setter breeder when asked an opinion of the red setter. This concern is no longer the case. Continued breeding efforts by Boser and others has eliminated lack of point, and in fact, great pointing ability is now considered to be a signature of the red setter.

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BREEDING TODAY

Modern day red setter breeding cannot help but be touched by probably one of the most knowledgeable breeders today in the United States, Joe Edwards. Joe has supplied foundation stock not only for his own breeding but also to Aaron Bixler, Don Beauchamp, Paul Ober, Smokey Hiles, and the current "big dog" of the field trial circuit, Roger Boser, among others.

Says Bixler: *"Edwards and others like him (such as Boser) are able to look beyond the work of their own kennel. They aren't restricted by what I call 'kennel blindness,' and inability to objectively see the faults in your own breeding, and an unwillingness to use something out there that is better. Looking beyond was what made Ned Le Grande the great dog breeder that he was, and it's what continues to improve the breed with these gentlemen today. Roger Boser, for example, has gone through probably five or six major change-ups in his breeding program in the past 20 years. And Roger Boser is no amateur. He has been working with red dogs since he was 12 years old. He is a very knowledgeable individual."*

What about importing stock for breeding? Most red setter breeders haven't been too excited about this option. Roger Boser has never used imports in his program. *"The Irish setter in Ireland has a low tail and headset, and often they will point with their belly on the ground. They tend to creep on the point. While that might be acceptable in Ireland, it's not here in the U.S."*

Roger adds that the dogs of Ireland are fast, racy dogs, with absolutely great noses. *"For the Irish terrain, they are fantastic dogs. We have a different need here in the USA."* Boser knows first hand about Irish dogs; he spent some time with Nash and went hunting with him in his

native Eire before Nash's untimely death. *"He had some great hunting dogs, and they were good looking," he says.*

ALL-AMERICAN LE GRANDE

Boser credits Ned Le Grande with providing the original impetus for the high quality found today. *"When I started breeding setters, I was fortunate to live fairly close to Ned (near Pottstown, Pennsylvania). My original breeding stock came from Ned and I added dogs of my own."*

Boser's first field trial winner: Buddwing, was shed by Ned Le Grande's last winner, Youtz's Red. *"Ned was a fierce competitor, he wanted the best, and was willing to work for it."* To his credit, Boser has been told by the "old timers" around Pottstown that his dogs today are far superior: to those of Ned Le Grande's era. It's a fitting tribute to an American legend and dream. The best has become the very best.

What is the prognosis for the red setter in America? The breed is strong and growing.

The NRSFTC recently opened a website (www.redsetter.com) and business has been steady. Katy Jordan, author and caretaker of the website, says that the use of the Internet can only help the organization. *"The more we talk about what our dogs are doing, the more people will realize that the red setter really is a dog that must be reckoned with."*

Red setters are now being used for hunting as well as field trialing, and are even being used by guides on pricey hunting preserves, where typically only the best bird are to be found. It is a fitting tribute to Ned Le Grande whose efforts at "the purest challenge" have now come to fruition. Bearcat, Desperado, and the dozens of dogs they have shed are taking the field trial community

by the horns. Look out America: the red dog is back!

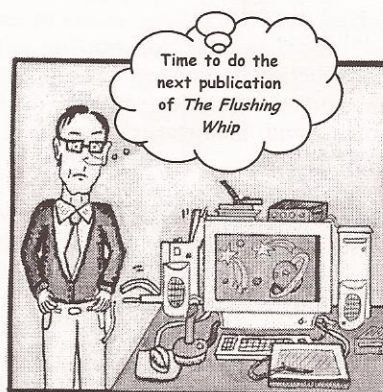
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Thanks to Allen for a fine article. He also had some great photos, which I did not scan well, so they are not shown.

Check out Allen's Working Irish Setter website at:

<http://junior.apk/~pacer>

Well worth your time! -Dan



Technology and The Flushing Whip

From Dan and Mel

With each edition, we seem to learn more about what it takes to put our publication together - and we continue to be awed at the great job our previous editors did without the technology available to us today.

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Dan & Mel

Obituary of Ray Hagan *Former Air Park owner dies*

The Air Park Motel and Restaurant in Mexico, and was the operator of the Mexico Memorial Airport for several years. Funeral services for Mr. Hagan will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Brendan Catholic Church, where he was a longtime member. Officiating will be the Rev. Greg Higley. Burial will be in St. Brendan Cemetery. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Arnold Funeral Home, with the rosary being recited at 7:30.

Mr. Hagan was born Dec. 10, 1913, four miles northwest of Rush Hill in Audrain County, a son of John C. and Margaret Moore Hagan. He attended Dye School, and at an early age he and his family moved to St. Louis County. He graduated from Pacific High School in 1930. During summers and after high school he worked in road construction with Moore Brothers Construction Company out of East St. Louis. He returned to the Mexico area in 1937 to open and operate with his brother, John C. Hagan. The Western Auto Hardware Stores in Mexico and Vandalia. He continued to own and operate the Mexico store until 1957. Mr. Hagan was a veteran of World War II, where he served with the Navy in the South Pacific from 1942 until his honorable discharge in 1945. Part of his duty was served aboard the U.S.S. Saratoga, and the U.S.S. Ticonderoga. He served shore duty at Pearl Harbor.

His military duty led to his interest in flying and in 1946, he and his brother, John, purchased Green Field, which was a private dirt runway established by A.P. Green southeast of Mexico. In 1947, the Hagan's built a 50-unit motel, restaurant and service station adjacent to Green Field. In 1953, Mr. Hagan and his brother donated 45 acres to the city of Mexico to start the first hard surface runway for the Mexico Memorial Airport, where the present north south runway is located. Starting in 1967, Mr. Hagan tore down the original units of the motel and rebuilt it on the same site. He sold the motel and restaurant in 1978, but continued to be the field-based operator at the airport until the city of Mexico started to manage it in 1988.

On June 30, 1941, he married Margaret B. King of Mexico at St. Peters Church in Webster Groves. She survives at the home. He is also survived by the following children, James Hagan of Ellisville, Michael Hagan of Louisville, Ky., and Steve Hagan and Ann Hagan, both of Mexico; one sister, Kay Erdel of Mexico; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One son, Dan Hagan; two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Mr. Hagan was a past president and treasurer of the Mexico Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the Mexico Chamber of Commerce and the Mexico Industrial Board. He was also past

president of the Missouri Motel Association and a director of the Motel Association of America. He was also president and treasurer of the Missouri Motel, Resort and Travel Association. He was vice president of the Missouri Travel Council for the Mark Twain Region and was a member of the executive board for the Mark Twain Lake and of the Cannon Dam Association until the dedication of the Clarence Cannon Dam. Mr. Hagan was a past president and past treasurer of the National Highway 54 Association and was instrumental in getting the original highway 54 bypass project located closer to Mexico. He was also a founding member of the Rural Fire Association and of Public Water Supply District No. 2. He was active in the Missouri Pilot's Association.

Mr. Hagan was an avid quail hunter and a past president of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club Association and treasurer of the Mexico Field Trial Association. He ran bird dogs in trials from Kansas to Pennsylvania and one of his red setter bird dogs won the National Red Setter Field Trial championship.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and treasurer of the St Brendan Cemetery Association. He was also a faithful deliverer of Meals on Wheels for the Mexico Senior Center.

I know this is a couple years late but I was just informed of his passing and contacted his wife for the information. I never had the honor of knowing Ray, but the folks I have spoken to have nothing but good to speak of him.

- Dan

The Call

By Jim Baker
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The sun had set some time back. Now the night sky was filling with the Milky Way and Doc could begin to pick out familiar stars. This evening his mind was filled only with the little lady he had lost. When he first saw her, her brown eyes were dancing. She seemed to have a secret that only she would ever know. She met Doc half way across the yard and promptly jumped into his arms. He looked into those eyes and she nuzzled him and licked his face. There was simply no way he could have left her there. From that day she had owned Doc, heart and soul.

Doc took her home and she immediately established that she was not going to live in the kennel. Rather she bounded into the house, licked Toby once and took

over his chair. Toby looked at Doc, seemed to shrug and lay down next to the fireplace. They were both in love and the little scamp knew it.

As she grew she became Toby's shadow. Constantly biting his tail and licking his face she just would not leave the poor old man alone. Toby's only relief came when Doc was near, she could not bear to be away from Doc. She was raising the two of them and they loved every minute. When it was time to begin in the field Doc realized he had never named her. She was Little Lady, Stinky, Fred and other things that only they ever knew but she had no call name. Finally Doc settled on Ann, she seemed to approve so Little Ann she became. From the first it was apparent that Little Ann was not going to do things the regular way. Not that this surprised Doc; after all she hadn't up to this point so why start now?

From the first day Little Ann ran! She ran for the pure love of hunting and was seemingly tireless yet Doc was always able to call her in and was careful not to push her. She went to her game with an abandon that could be breath taking. Never halfway about any thing, she had a passion for her quest and she would hit her game like a zephyr.

It was some time before her speed, nose and pointing instinct came together but Doc was willing to wait. She would figure it out of this he had no doubt, but she had to do it on her own terms. It was a cold snowy day in December, when Little Ann completed her journey. She was flying through the snow when she simply stopped. Never one for half measures Ann became a pointing dog in that moment.

She was beautiful, tail on high, chin reaching for the scent and not a muscle moving. Doc would never forget the beauty she displayed nor would he ever forgets her eyes as he came to her. They were on fire, every bit of her passion could be seen and Doc swore that he saw flecks of green deep within them. That day Doc killed the only bird he would ever shoot for Little Ann, a magnificent cock Pheasant. When he showed it to her she seemed some how saddened by the loss. Ann went on to become everything her breeding had prepared her to be. She won more than her share and when she didn't she was still the regal lady that had them all talking. Around camp she would captivate every one she met but she still was never far from Doc's side. They just seemed to need to be together. Now the Nationals were coming and it was time to get both Ann and Toby ready.

Toby was already a proven factor in the Nationals but

Doc knew if her fire could be contained that Ann would leave them all talking. He began slowly, working the pair and watching them as they hardened into trial shape. Toby always changed when he worked, becoming quieter and somewhat withdrawn as though he was holding all his strength in reserve for the test to come. Little Ann, well she became nearly uncontrollable. Her newfound strength seemed to fire a deeper drive that Doc had never seen. She was running so wide that he was beginning to fear he might lose her. They continued to work, inseparable partners.

Toby ran first that year. He was an old hand on these grounds and drove hard as he took the edges to the limits of the grounds. Doc's scout pushed her little bay as hard as she could and dug the old man up four times. Each time standing proud with his birds well pointed. At the end of his hour Toby was in every one's mind and Doc could barely fight back the emotions as he hugged his scout and thanked the judges. Two days to wait for Little Ann. Doc was becoming a nervous wreck. He had run and re-run the course Ann drew a hundred times. He pestered his scout until she threatened to quit if he didn't. To make matters worse it had begun to rain. Not hard at first but a little more each day. Ann broke away in a heavy mist. She sent mud and water flying back into the gallery and disappeared into the countryside. At five she shot across the front and dug into the feed strips, the scout found her pointing at ten. Sent on she was gone nearly fifteen minutes. Doc knew she was to the front, crossed his fingers and rode on. As they came through the gate there she was, standing tall in the rain. Her birds flew as Doc approached and she stood waiting for Doc to release her. As Doc prepared to release her his scout informed him that Turtle Creek was nearly out of its banks and the judges wanted to change the course to reach a safer crossing. Running parallel to the creek they hunted toward the road and the car bridge. Ann was running along the bank when it gave way. She simply disappeared. Doc was there as fast as possible but there was no sign of Little Ann. She had been taken from him. The trial was stopped and for the next two days they hunted for some sign of Ann. Doc knew that if she could she would come back to him but he also knew he must accept that she might not. Finally he realized there was nothing more he could do, it was up to Ann now. Doc left before the running was completed. He and Toby made the long drive home with the memories of Little Ann.

Once home Doc couldn't stop thinking that there must have been some thing he could have done to protect Ann, to help her come back to him and yet he knew there was not. He heard Toby bark before he heard the

phone. As he lifted the receiver his only thoughts were of Little Ann.

Thanks to Jim for a great job. Hopefully he is back and will contribute a story or two in between training sessions!!!

The Desk of the Editor

Dan Moore

Well, life has made this editing job somewhat exciting to start off. The sad passing of Ned, then Bob passing before we could get together and pass the torch with a sense of order and then the printer having oral surgery and resulting in the last issue getting to you after the voting. I had planned for it to reach you and give you a little kick of needed to get the votes rolling in for Ned.

The next issue will follow shortly behind the last and we are now on schedule with "The Whip". Hopefully you enjoy this issue. I had many requests for Jim Baker to provide a story again so here it is. Also have a story from Allen Fazenbaker that should make Roger proud. I thoroughly enjoyed them both so let hear from you so we can express our appreciation for their contributions.

I have added the AKC Petition Smoky has been working on so diligently. A good number of us signed it at the last meeting in March in Berea. Take the time to read it and if you agree take it to your local club meeting, hang it in the vets office, etc. This is not just a field trial issue. Hunting club members will gladly support you. I took it to my club meeting and all the white dog people signed it. Not a lot of effort folks to support the breed you have chosen. We have to stick together!!

I have a new article in "The Archives" Thanks to Herm. Hope you all enjoy it and watch for the conclusion in the next issue. I hate that too but space is limited. Also, I do not have any info from the first 25 years! HELP!!

Please check the postings for the Shoot-to-Retrieve and Walking Shooting Dog standings. I am responsible for them and just not sure if they are accurate. Let me know! It is my understanding that only members in good standing (dues paid) are eligible for the awards. Therefore if my listing does not reflect dues paid at the time of the win and current dues paid the win will not be credited. I feel that is only fair.

Now, speaking of trials! I know it is hot and the dogs (and you) are laying in the shade, but it will be time before long to get ready for trial season. I envy those of you headed for the prairies. My dogs could sure use it - and so could I. Remember, it isn't only the dog that has to be in shape. Oh, I forgot, some don't have to walk! Seriously folks, get in shape, you will enjoy the season more.

The information for the Fall Championships is here. Make your plans and be there. Mel and I will be interviewing our membership and guests to develop future articles for *The Flushing Whip* - which we will also post to our web-site.

I can't believe that you hunters and others with red dogs don't believe they can beat a shoot-to-retrieve dog in the walking stakes. Don't even have to be wing and shot! Jack, Mel and I need some more support for the stake. Come join us and have some fun. We all enjoy the time with the dogs and each other.

Two red setter lovers, both writers, one from Australia and one from Holland, are coming to the Fall championships. Let's make them welcome.

-Dan

The Archives

The Red Setter Challenge

By Herm David

This story is reprinted from the May & June 1968 issues of *THE FLUSHING WHIP* and first appeared in the PENNSYLVANIA GAME NEWS. This is a second in my series "The Achieves." -Dan

The human race has many more important problems than whether or not the Irish setter can be bred and developed into a bird dog equal to any. But, because it is a matter of trivial importance compared to such things as peace, health, economics and security, a great many folks find the Red Setter challenge compelling fun. They are folks who feel the sight of a good bird dog slamming onto point is just about the most thrilling sight in the world-especially if it is performed by a Red Setter. Assets to the upland gunner and Pennsylvanians are playing a major role in bringing about their resurgence.

Largely organized and sparked by Pennsylvania men and women, the National Red Setter Field Trial Club was launched in 1952 to undertake what its members have called *The purest challenge in sportsdom*- the development of the Irish setter as a class gun dog.

The story had its modern beginnings when a most determined sportsman, W. E. "Ned" Le Grande of Douglasville, stood watching a field trial for Irish setters only. The competitors were almost all of them, beautiful longhaired dogs that had been bred for competition in dog shows. They were built all wrong for an animal that must run. Almost

invariably they were too big to get out of their own way. It was rather pitiful to watch some of them attempt to respond to long-dormant instincts, only to find that their physical equipment wouldn't respond.

Ned Le Grande, who had, as a boy in Virginia, hunted over his dad's good Irish setters, found it a disheartening, and challenging sight. He turned to his lovely wife Helen. "Something" he said "is going to have to be done for Irish setters". Mrs. Le Grande, who had seen that look in her husband's eyes before-when he'd encountered problems in his business, when he was a star athlete at William and Mary College, and when he had undertaken successfully another challenge in connection with show horses. "Here", she said to herself, "we go again."

Now the books, which record the history of bird dogs, tell, over and over again, the history of good men who had, through the years, undertaken this same challenge. Most of them were wealthy and determined. But none of them enjoyed any lasting success. Le Grande studied the history of their efforts and vowed that he would not repeat their mistakes.

The first of America's early fanciers was Charles H. Turner of St. Louis. Back in the fall of 1874 he imported his first Irish setters- a pair called Don and Guy. A year later he brought over Loo II and the great bench campaigner, Elcho, to which every Irish setter in America can trace his pedigree through several lines. Turner also imported Erin, Rose, Frisk and Thor. Matter of fact, he imported another "Erin", this one a female. Of the lot of them, only the male Erin ever won an American field trial and only

Thor pleased Turner as a bird dog. He turned to importing Pointers.

Distant relatives of Turner's, the Campbell brothers of Spring Hill, Tennessee crossed Elcho to their own native Red Setter line of bird dogs and produced Joe Jr., a dog that was twice Field Trial Champion of America. He won his second title in 1878. In the nearly 80 years since then, the Red Setter challenge has captured the imagination of many other men. One of them was Dr. L. C. Sauveur who registered and entered all of his dogs under the name of Seminole Kennels at Chestnut Hill, Pa. He purchased the bench and field winner, Tim, in an effort to found an outstanding kennel only a few miles from the spot where Ned Le Grande was to found his kennels- 60 years later.

The first Pennsylvanians to register Irish setters, although they had been hunted in the State for at least 50 years before that, were W. G. Sargent of Meadville and Fred A. Phillips of Corry. Each had dogs bred in 1870 by D. B. Merriam of Corry, their registrations appearing in a book published in 1876. Pennsylvanians probably first hunted over Irish setters as early as 1820 to 1830. The first American studbook of substance didn't come along until 1878. Until shortly before that time, there were no pedigrees, no field trials, and no bench shows. Hunters bred dogs for one purpose only; effective bird dogs- and they had them. In those days of game abundance Irish setters and part Irish were favorites of market hunters and sportsmen alike. They cost a little more, then, than other breeds of bird dogs, but many thought that their ruggedness and endurance made them well worth it.

Undoubtedly, some present day Pennsylvania sportsmen will find the names of their fathers and grandfathers in the first studbooks of the National American Kennel Club. A. H. Moore of Philadelphia purchased the bench and field winner Raleigh to head his kennel. However, the dog never produced a field winner.

Mr. Moore had somewhat more success with the bench and field winner, Berkley, which he purchased for \$1,000. Berkley sired the winners, Chief and Victoria. These dogs had nine wins and, in turn, produced field winners.

John McIntosh's Biz was second in the member's stake at the Pennsylvania Field Trial Club's second annual program. This was held over 750 miles from the nearest part of the Keystone State- in *Grand Junction, Tennessee*. A year before, on October 26, 1880, the group had attempted to hold a trial at Lancaster, but finding it impossible to get the first 17 entries in the first stake onto birds, they cancelled the entire program.

The measure of their enthusiasm for the sport is shown by the distance they were willing to go to hold their trial where they could be assured of an adequate bird score. McIntosh had another win with Biz, this one in a very high class stake offered by the National American Kennel Club and run on prairie chickens at Fairmont, Minnesota on September 4, 1882. Don, a pointer owned by Pittsburgh's R. T. Vandervort was judged best of the 28 starters. A total of six dogs were placed ahead of Biz, but the judges were offering more prizes than a church picnic, and they named to what is recorded as a divided fourth

placement.

It was many years before another field trial was scheduled for Pennsylvania. But the state did not lack for enthusiasts. The trials of the Philadelphia Kennel Club were held in nearby New Jersey and Delaware. Through the eighties as Irish setters gradually faded elsewhere in field trial prominence, Philadelphia remained a stronghold for them. Members J. A. Stovall and I. H. Roberts both had several fine wins in the Philadelphia Kennel Club's trials. Charles T. Thompson and the Chestnut Hill kennels of Henry Jarrett each had significant wins in the Philadelphia Club's trials. And, through the nineties, Pennsylvanians were prominent in meeting the Red Setter challenge. In the year 1892, of the 21 members of the Irish Setter Club of America, one-third of them were Pennsylvanians. Perhaps there are sportsmen of the present day in the Keystone State who will be able to recall such men as William H. Childs, Dr. G. G. Davis and Charles T. Thompson of Philadelphia, E. M. Beale of Lewisburg, Boyd D. Rothbrock of Williamsport and W. I. Washington of Pittsburgh.

The last named gentleman had an extremely strong kennel ("Kildare") of bench competitors, but was nonetheless interested in the breed as bird dogs. He went to the field trial wars in 1890 with imported Marshfield, but the highly bred, much-heralded dog eventuated into an all time clunk of the breed. The dog was an all around flop. He couldn't win on the bench either and, although he had great opportunities, he never produced a quality pup.

Only two significant Irish setter wins stand out in the score of

years that followed those early Philadelphia Kennel Club trials. They were by Finglas, imported by S. L. Boggs of Pittsburgh that won the absolute stake of the American club in 1892. His son, Fingalin, was second in the derby stake of the International Club in 1893 after that; the Irish record was largely a blank for many years. There were many men who accepted the challenge, but failed to produce lasting results. Canine historian Joseph P. Graham mentioned a Mr. Guthrie of Mexico, Missouri, who was determined to produce "a plan of selecting specially fast and heady Irish setters with the object of breeding them up to field trial class".

Graham added, "It is much to be desired that gentlemen like Mr. Guthrie, who has abundant means and is an indefatigable student of the breeding science, will pursue this object perseveringly." Unfortunately, we find no record that Mr. Guthrie, or others of that era, achieved any notable success. And, it was in 1900 that the first of today's breeders registered his first Irish setter. A tall and straight young man of the Connellsville area, Clyde L. Standish, embarked upon what has become over 60 years of devotion to the Irish setter as a field dog. He and his late wife never had less than one each. They once told the writer that they had to have at least two Irish, one to keep each of them warm on cold nights. While taking an Irish setter into bed has never been the sort of practice that we would recommend, the Standish's always demanded that their Red Ones be useful bird dogs.

Through several decades, sometimes as the only ones in the country supporting Irish in field trials, the Standish's held to their faith in the breed. In April,

the National Red Setter Field Trial Club honored two old timers of the breed. Both were Pennsylvanians. Clyde L. Standish and Charles Coale of Allentown were voted Honorary Life Memberships. A club officer stated, "The club is more honored to have had their support than we can ever honor these two men.

For a time in the years from 1911 on, it appeared the breed had found a man who could and would lead it into new prominence afield. The man was Otto Pliol, a druggist of Fremont, Nebraska. His Donegal's Alizon, in 1918, won the first significant placement an Irish setter had in many years when she was placed third in the high class derby of the All America Club's winter trials. On October 26th of that same year Phol died in the terrible epidemic of Spanish influenza. It was a great blow to the Irish setter. It was impossible to keep the Phol kennel together. Others profited for a time from the start Phol had made. The most famous of the dogs of his breeding was Horace Lytle's Smada Byrd, which, under Lytle's skilled training and adept handling, developed into a campaigner equal to the severest of amateur competition.

Several others who remain as contemporary fanciers of the Red Ones afield got their start in the early twenties. Prominent among these are Elias C. Vail who was to have considerable success as a breeder, owner and trainer. The late Edwin Berolzheimer who gave liberally of his time, energy and wealth, and today, his wife Myra continues as one of the breed's staunchest supporters. O. H. Niemeyer of Prospect, Ohio, who although he started with the breed in 1906, only in the twenties began to get deserved

recognition.

About 1923 the Irish Setter Club of America was making plans to hold its first field trial since 1907, but no lasting benefit came from this effort. The club continued with its dominant interest in bench shows.

Another fine sportsman and determined enthusiast, J. Leferdink of Hickman, Nebraska, was embarked upon a determined effort that was to continue until his death a few years ago. One dog of his breeding was later to be carried into today's successful field strains.

In Albert Lea, Minnesota, Earl Bond was trying, without help, to breed against the tide of bench only fanciers. He was to pass quietly from the scene after 50 years of effort without knowledge of his greatest triumph. Old, alone, in broken health, he shot his last two dogs when unfeeling and unknowing neighbors complained that he was feeding his dogs from his relief money. He then went off to Iowa to live with his sister and he thus disappeared from view without knowing he had bred the foundation bitch that was to eventually spark the revival of the Red Ones.

In 1924, an Irish by the name of Red Hot-- was just that. He was owned by Royal A. Ferris of Texas and trained by the famed handler Ed Farrior. Among the dogs he defeated was the pointer, Triple National Champion Becky Broom Hill. The great field trial historian, Al Hochwalt, wrote of him: "There was something about this dog that impressed one the moment he was seen in competition. His action was more like an English setter; he possessed quite an abundance of style on point and as a bird dog he was the equal of most of the bird dogs of his day. Irish setters of the period hailed

him as the wonder of his breed, but alas when it came to investigating his bloodlines, nothing was forthcoming. It was even whispered that occasionally he sired white and black pups on the few occasions he was used for the perpetuation of his breed. Alas, yes. Red Hot was born too soon. Today he would find at least a few sportsmen who would not be averse to borrowing back from the English that were built openly and covertly upon Irish blood and that of pointers.

It was also in 1924 that Elias Vail achieved a significant divided-third placement in a field of 47 in the member's all-age stake at the English Setter Club's trials.

Ben Curtis of Oklahoma was next to take up the challenge and he had two good ones in McKerry's Pat and Pat's son McKerry's Pat's Dusty. But Pat didn't much resemble the bench type and despite some truly fine wins in rugged competition, he was little used at stud. That the majority of the Irish setter fancy was unable to divorce itself from a complete fixation for bench show competition is evidenced by the fact that Vail continued his winning ways in the east, but breeders shunned his stock, even though his dogs were capable of minor bench winnings. In 1925 Vail went one-two with Elcova Kinkie and Modoc Bedelia, in the all-age stake at the Orange County trial over ten English and five pointers. At the same trial Dr. P. H. Faivrie's Terry Boyne's Wynky was first in a derby that had fourteen starters.

Through the next few years only Horace Lytle and his beloved Byrd, Vail and Ben Curtis had any notable success with the Red Setter challenge. A new club, the Gordon and Irish Setter Club was formed and ran a trial at

Cornwall-on-the-Hudson in October of 1930. The effort was in the right direction-but apparently the dogs were not. Only one prospect was uncovered, and he, Cloud Burst Red, was unbroken. The club held another trial the following year in which Vail won the major stake with Elcova's Admiration. After that, this club was heard of no more.

The Irish Setter Club of America which, because it was the first club for the breed in the United States, is recognized by the show minded AKC as the 'parent' club for the breed and as such is custodian of all of the breed's rights and privileges under the AKC. It held its first trial in 26 years in October of 1933. Mostly it was a field day with a picnic atmosphere. Elcova McTybe was the winner over 19 other starters and became the first of the AKC Field Champions among the Irish. About this time Vail had a little company in the east. H. A. Sims came along with his Tipperary McKerry, a really good one that won regularly in New England. He also became an AKC Field Champion.

In the early thirties a young fellow who had been Elias Vail's kennel boy refused to let severe physical handicaps dissuade him from becoming a professional bird dog trainer. Although he has not specialized in the breed, Paul Long has since had some part in the training of ninety percent of the successful Irish that have come upon the scene. It was Paul Long who piloted Sally of Kildare to an unprecedented twenty recognized field trial wins between years 1935 and 1941. Sally was owned by Patrick W. Hehir, long time Fish and Game Director of the State of Massachusetts. The Berolzheimers had meanwhile concentrated their attention upon

field trial activities and campaigned two Irish, bred in Pennsylvania, to AKC Field Championships. They were Clodagh McTybe O'Cloisters and Shaun McTybe O'Cloisters. The breeder was William Monan, then living in the Williamsport area.

The first real sensation in the breed since the days of Smada Byrd came in the years immediately before World War II. This dog of blazing speed was Skyline Ephriam, the property of Judge Thomas M. Maeshall of Pittsburgh. He was campaigned fearlessly and won consistently. Field trial men depreciated him because he did not show a high flag on point and show folks let him pass by because he did not meet their concept of classic beauty. But as a bird dog he was hard to beat and won eleven placements in a short career.

Alvin R. Bush, former congressman from Pa. enjoyed gunning over his Red Ones afield. The star of his kennel was Uncle Ned R. He had many good ones and their bloodlines continue strong in the winning Irish of today. Under the leadership of Charles Coale and Alan Bortz, the Allentown area became a stronghold for field bred Irish. Joyce and Carl Schollenberger became particularly strong devotees. Bortz did some admirable winning with his Jeep. Archer Church, although he lived in New Jersey, became closely allied with them.

In New England, another hotbed developed with such as John Cassidy, Fred Shaw, Jim and Bob Finn and Paul Long of Massachusetts. Tom Ward of Rhode Island. Mrs. Dorothy Lee Winter of Connecticut and Fred White and Ted Grant of Maine. On the west coast Jake Huizenga

was having some success with his Oxton's Shosaph.

In 1950 the Irish Setter Club of America offered the last of the trials it held under its own initiative. It demonstrated two things. First, that there was enough interest to draw entries from both coasts to Iowa. Second that the ISCA wasn't much interested in fieldwork. Club officials dragged out the process of granting approval until the last minute and the trial secretary found it too late to invite seasoned field trial men to judge the event. The men who did officiate made a conscientious effort, but grave errors were made, they became confused as to which dogs did what and the event closed on an angry note. Also, during the fall of 1950, came a most significant achievement for an Irish setter. The star of the Berolzheimer kennel, Rufus McTybe O'Cloister, rose to new heights when he was named Runner-up in the National Amateur Pheasant Championship. Rufus was not only a solid bird dog, but he was a handsome fellow. However, his fee was set rather high, he was seldom advertised and the bench folks cared not at all for his unfashionable bloodlines. In his limited opportunities he produced rather well.

The small field trial element within the Irish Setter Club of New England inaugurated post-war field trials wherein Ned Le Grande became introduced to the Red Setter challenge and some fine sportsmen.

And- that's where we were when Ned Le Grande shook his head and said, "Something is going to have to be done for Irish setters."

To conclude next issue- Dan

The Modern Day Domestic Dog and the Molecular Clock

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From the last article that I wrote, we learned that DNA is made of four basic units called nucleotides (A,C,G,T) that are strung together in a specific sequence to make up the chromosomes that reside in the nucleus. Now, for some more in Depth information on DNA and chromosomes: Every time a cell divides, its chromosomes are copied and partitioned to the "daughter" cell of the original cell. There is machinery in the cell that is responsible for making a new copy of the DNA. Although this process is quite faithful, occasionally mistakes are made where an A is replaced by a T, for example these are called mutations.

Mutations can be good, bad or indifferent, but the fact remains that we all carry mutations. In humans, for example, the prediction is that there are three mistakes or mutations per lifetime. Given the vast amount of DNA that has been copied (each cell in humans contains 3 billion letters), this is really quite remarkable. The point is that these changes over the generations can be counted and reflect evolution of each species. Since these changes occur at a relatively regular rate, distances between populations can be measured by differences in their DNA sequence. Evolutionary biologists call this the molecular clock.

A few notes on mutations: Each gene contains a set of instructions that tell the cell what to make. This is called a product. In the majority of cases, these products are proteins that are strings of units called amino acids. Proteins have many functions in the cell such as enzyme or structural components. Here's how

the proteins are made.

The cell machinery first makes an intermediate molecule called RNA (ribonucleic acid) that is taken out of the nucleus as a copy of the genes instructions, and proteins are made from these instructions. RNA is chemically similar to DNA except it contains the four letters A,C,G,U where U is the RNA version of T. The cell machinery reads the instructions three letters at a time. The letters AUG mean that they are to start adding amino acids to the protein chain, whereas UAA, UAG or UGA tells the machinery that the job is finished and to stop adding amino acids to the chain.

Good mutations may make the protein more efficient (that is how desirable traits evolve). Bad mutations can be cases where the three letter code is changed to UAA, UAG or UGA, and the protein's product is not complete because the machinery was told to stop. Indifferent or silent mutations make no difference on the function of the protein product.

A recent study using the principle of the molecular clock: Keeping in mind that mutations are made in the DNA in each generation, Dr. Robert K. Wayne at the University of California in Los Angeles along with colleges at Brigham Young University, Texan A&M and the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden recently undertook a study to measure how long the domestic dog had been mans' best friend. Their study included 140 domesticated dogs, including 67 breeds and 5 crossbreeds, and the comparison group was 162 wolves from 27 different populations in Europe, Asia and North America, 5coyotes and 12 jackals. Measurements by the molecular clock, indicated that the modern day dog was domesticated as many as 100,000 years ago. Until this study, the fossil records indicated that dogs were domesticated about 14,000 years ago. The study also showed, and not too much surprise, that domestic dogs are more similar to wolves than they are to jackals or coyotes.

The 100,000 estimate of years was determined as follows. Wolves and coyotes are thought to have diverged or separated from each other as groups about 1 million years ago. Their DNA differs by 7.5% whereas wolves as domestic dogs have about a 1% difference indicating that the time of divergence between wolves and dogs is about one seventh that of wolves and coyotes.

Archeologists still argue that the molecular clock measurements are untrue based on their findings of bones that would only point to the 14,000 year mark of cohabitation. Others could not understand why man would want to domesticate the wolf, because man would be competing with the animal for food. Then, there are those who agree with the study citing that it would not be unusual for primitive man to want to take advantage of the wolves keen senses of smell and hearing. One thing that everyone seems to agree on is that the domestic dog has been with man much longer than the cat. The cat is currently thought to be domesticated only 7,000 years ago. So, you may ask, what does this have to do with the Red Setter? First, it introduces the concept of mutation and changes in the genome, a common and regular occurrence in all species. Second, it makes us wonder about the numerous molecular changes that have occurred to give us the present day Red Setter. What else can we learn from our dogs DNA?

In the continuing articles, I will discuss how we can use DNA to map traits. In the not-to-distant future, scientists believe that we will be able to crack the code for behavioral traits. Perhaps the Red Setter would be a fine example for a DNA study on behavioral traits, since I think that all of us who watch these dogs work agree that certain behaviors in these animals can be scored to some extent..."that dog has along nose, or that is a big running dog, or a good foot hunting dog". These are some things that all of us who work with these animals

observe. Any comments or questions are greatly appreciated.

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-Ned LeGrande-

Folks, the votes are in and we know the results, so I would like to thank all of you that supported Ned through endorsements, strong armed your friends, and most of all, VOTED for Ned! No matter how it turned out. Once again THANK YOU for supporting a most deserving individual. "United we stand-divided we fall."

- Dan

Gun Control-One Year Later

One year after gun-owners were forced to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed, including semi-automatic .22 rifles and shotguns, a program costing the government over 500 million dollars, the results are in.

A dramatic increase in criminal activity has been experienced. Gun control advocates respond **"Just wait... we'll be safer... you'll see..."**

OBSERVABLE FACT, AFTER 12 MONTHS OF DATA

- ❖ Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2%
- ❖ Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6%
- ❖ Australia-wide, armed-robberies are up 44% (yes, FORTY-FOUR PERCENT)
- ❖ In the state of Victoria,

homicides-with-firearms are up 300%.

- ❖ Figures over the previous 25 years show a steady decrease in homicides-with-firearms (changed dramatically in the past 12 months)
- ❖ Figures over the previous 25 years show a steady decrease in armed-robbery-with-firearms (changed dramatically in the past 12 months)

There has been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly. At the time of the ban, the Prime Minister said, "self-defense is not a reason for owning a firearm."

- From 1910 to present, homicides in Australia had averaged about 1.8-per-100,000 or lower, a safe society by any standard.
- The ban has destroyed Australia's standings in some international sport shooting competitions
- The membership of the Australian Sports Shooting Association has risen to 112,000, a 200% increase, in response to the ban and as an attempt to organize against further controls, which are expected.

Australian politicians are on the spot and at a loss to explain how no improvement in "safety" has been observed after such monumental effort and expense was successfully expended in "ridding society of guns". **Their response has been to "wait longer".**

Something for us to keep in mind. This includes blank pistols. We loose our places to hunt, train and trial, then they take the guns. Who need them then??? We must safe guard our children's rights!!

-Dan

Hunting dog shoots his master dead

News From The Internet

A dog blasted his master to death by triggering a shotgun with his nose during a hunting trip.

Helmut Olpp, 51, died instantly when both barrels were fired from his car in a wood near the German spa town of Bad Urach. Forester Ulrich Meissner, who found Herr Olpp's six-year-old dog Bodo whimpering by the body, said, "If an animal can be said to look guilty, then it was this dog."

Only the victim's footprints and fingerprints were found, and suicide was ruled out because he was 15ft away from the gun. His widow Regine, a mother of two, will keep Bodo.

She said, "It was an accident - He knows he'll have to live with it, just like us."

Red Setter Field Trial Hall Of Fame Reactivated

By Dan Moore

Under instructions of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, Dr. Roger Boser approached Mr. Bernard J. Matthys of the American Field about reactivating the Red Setter Hall of Fame program, which has been in a hiatus for a number of years at the suggestion of the American Field to be more certain of electing truly deserving dogs. As there are now a number of Red Setters worthy of this honor, Mr. Matthys was receptive to the resumption and requested that we present him with a proposal.

The following rules for election of a Red Setter to the Field Trial Hall of Fame were approved at the March 13, 1998 meeting of the NRSFTC.

The Red Setters previously elected are:

- ❖ Askew's Carolina Lady (elected in the general election, the only dog not a pointer or setter ever elected in the general election)

Elected by the NRSFTC are:

- ❖ Buddwing
- ❖ Clancy O'Ryan
- ❖ Ike Jack Kendrick
- ❖ Joe Jr.
- ❖ County Clare's Country Lass
- ❖ Saturday Night Ed
- ❖ Valli Hi Country

Rules For Election to the Irish/ Red Setter Field Trial Hall of Fame in electing a distinguished Irish/Red Setter bird dog, which is no longer living

The following criteria must be considered. Overall excellence should be the criterion of each candidate. Questions to be asked are:

- ◆ What did the dog do as a field trial performer in competition?
- ◆ What did the dog accomplish as a producer?

A candidate worthy of nomination is one whose record as a producer of winners is noteworthy.

Election Procedure:

1. Each member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club in good standing may cast a single vote for a candidate for the Field Trial Hall of

Fame. Only the official ballot published in the May/June issue of *The Flushing Whip* may be used.

2. Nomination of candidates will begin in January and nominating articles will be published in *The Flushing Whip*. Ballots are to be posted to the editor of *The Flushing Whip*. Ballots must be postmarked no later than July 15 or in the event the May/June issue is late, no later than three weeks after that issue is in the mail.
3. When the nomination voting by the National Red Setter Field Trial Club membership is completed the top five vote receiving candidates will be submitted to each member of the Election Committee.
4. The Election Committee shall consist of all of the Officers and the Board of Directors of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, including the editor of *The Flushing Whip*. Each member of the Election Committee shall then cast one vote to be received and counted by the editor of *The Flushing Whip*. The dog receiving the most votes will be the Field Trial Hall of Fame Irish/Red Setter electee. One deserving dog will be elected every second year. *The Flushing Whip* and the American Field will publish the official announcement of the election results and a Field Trial Hall of Fame scroll will be presented.

This is to honor the dogs that have helped us get the red dog to where it is today. Think!! Write!! Start now. The owners of the dogs may be embarrassed to send it in. Talk to them. Nominate the deserving dogs!! I will post the nominations and follow-ups!! This will start in January 2000.

-Dan

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Dogs in this stake are not required to be steady to
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**Wednesday, October 20, 1999 8:00 p.m.
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the Year.**

Petition To The American Kennel Club

Instructions: If you agree with this petition and would like to sign it, print it, sign it and return it by fax to me or by mail to Smokey. You can also collect as many signatures as you possibly can before returning it to Katy. **Katy's Fax number:** [202] 338-4915 (this is a 24 hour fax number) **Smokey's address:** Mrs. S.J. Hiles, RD #4, Box 326AA Hastings Farm Rd., Seaford, DE. 19973

Petition

Petition to address the discrimination of the American Kennel Club (A.K.C.) against the Irish Setter Breed. The American Kennel Club will accept Irish Setters registered with Kennel Clubs from all over the world, however, will not accept those registered solely with the Field Dog Stud Book (F.D.S.B.), Chicago, IL. Historically, all Setters have utilized each other's genotype to maintain hybrid vigor. By maintaining the hybrid vigor of a species, the health and life of the total dog is enhanced. Those Irish Setters that are solely in the F.D.S.B. registry have much to contribute to those Irish Setters that are solely in the A.K.C. registry by means of strengthening the breeds performance abilities and bringing vigor to combat the diseases that have developed from only breeding for beauty and not the entire animal. This biased action is only taken against the Irish Setter Breed. We, the bellow signed feel, as fellow owners of a Pointing Breed, owners of Sporting Dogs and other breeds, as well as Irish Setter owners, that this action by the American Kennel Club is detrimental to the Irish Setter breed as a whole. Therefore, we petition that the American Kennel Club cease its discriminatory action against the Irish Setter Breed.

| SIGNITURE | City & State | Breed(s) Owned |
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ISCA 1998 Top 10 Adult Field Dog Standings

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 1. O'Brooks Lil Bit | 248 |
| J Rosenbaum | |
| 2. Red Devil Deaugh | 227 |
| C&S Williams | |
| 3. Celtic's Sunshine Girl | 165 |
| R Didyoung | |
| 4. Brophy's Margarita | 137 |
| P&J Ruff | |
| 5. Clancey of Brophy's | 125 |
| M&M Wegman | |
| 6. Pauncefoot Pageant | 118 |
| S&P Salt | |
| 7. Runnymede Genie O'Brophy | 100 |
| K Culver | |
| 7. Quail Ridge Gabe | 100 |
| Fountain | |
| 7. Pauncefoot Perennial | 100 |
| S&P Salt | |
| 7. Celtic's Superfund | 100 |
| P Ober | |
| 8. Brophy's Patricia Buckaroo | 96 |
| L Shoaf | |
| 9. Brophy's Rider on the Storm | 75 |
| K Ruff | |
| 10. Hazelwood's Betty Lou O'Floin | 70 |
| J Flynn | |
| 10. Brophy's Center Fielder | 70 |
| R&J Marshall | |

ISCA 1998 Top Field Derby Dog Standings

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|--|----|
| 1. Aerowind's Georgia Girl Allen & G Brown | 67 |
| 2. Boston Proper Bright Star M&M Czarnecki | 49 |
| 3. Eshod's Texas Peach R Dohse | 32 |
| 4. Brophy's Absolute Power K&L Ruff | 27 |
| 4. Silver Moon Bright Star Brouchu/Czarnecki | 27 |
| 5. Celtic's Shylock E. Pursell | 16 |
| 6. Hazelwood's Overture R. Baker | 15 |
| 7. Aeries Runnymede Sidekick J Edging | 13 |
| 7. Lachlanmoor's Macushla A McLachlan | 13 |
| 8. Celtic's Sedition P Ober | 12 |
| 9. Private Reserve Bright Star M&M Czarnecki | 9 |
| 10. Amazin Blaze of County Clair B&T Mackley | 7 |
| 10. Sandcreek Strawberry Wine T Hidalgo | 7 |

ISCA 1998 Top Field Puppy Standings

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|--------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Quail Ridge Sugar F Fountain | 83 |
| 2. Brophy's Red Light Roxanne | 39 |
| D&V Tompkins | |
| 2. Aerowind's Georgia Girl | 39 |
| Allen/G Brown | |
| 3. Private Reserve Bright Star | 25 |
| W&M Czarnecki | |
| 4. Boston Proper Bright Star | 23 |
| W&M Czarnecki | |
| 5. Shandar Charisma S Hall | 22 |
| 6. Lachlanmoor's MacushlaA McLachlan | 19 |
| 7. Runnymede Ivor Glen Aladin | 15 |
| K&J Culver | |
| 8. Celtic's Sedition P Ober | 14 |
| 9. Redwing Candied Yam | 12 |
| K&J Plummer | |
| 9. Brophy's Flashback K Holmes | 12 |
| 10. Katie Clancy of Brophy W Ziglar | 11 |

Congratulations to all!! It is especially good to see the young dogs being campaigned!! *Dan*

Red Setter Puppy of the Year

As of July 1, 1999

Runnymede Ivor Glen Aladin

Kevin & J.N. Culver, Owners

Male by Runnymede Ivor Glen Luke ex

Runnymede Genie O'Brophy

Total 184

Looks as if Kevin Culver and his "Rocky" puppy are the only contenders this year for Puppy of the Year. I agree with Smokey, where have all the dogs gone?? Or is it the faith of the owners that has gone?? Puppies need a chance. Many owners do not want to run too many puppy trials; however, it looks as if they are not running at all. Lack of trials?? Get in there folks!! Give them a chance!!! **A new year starts!!** *Dan*

The Maryland Association Dog of the Year

Amateur Walking Derby Winner:
Red Sky -Bixler

Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Winner:
Brewmaster-Bixler

Amateur Derby Winner: Chantilly-
Boser/runner-up Brewmaster-Bixler

Amateur Shooting Dog RU: Prosper-Boser

Open Derby RU: Red Sky-Bixler

Open Shooting Dog RU: Desperado-Boser

Zan Sett Albert Collins-Owners Dale Brun
&Tim Hammons, Male by *Chevelle-Zan Sett*
Chuckles
Total 10

Cantaloop- Stan Zdanezewicz Owner, Male
By *Zan Sett Albert Collins-Zan Sett Charzy*
Total: 9

This year's competition ends June 30, 1999

Please check the August 15th 1998 issue of The
American Field for the Joy Shooting Dog
Qualifying Trials and report all wins for the
Duke Trophy to:

Don Beauchamp

1401 South 359th Street West
Cheney, KS 67025
316-543-0103 Home
316-262-8427 Office

Red Setter Puppy of the Year

As of June 1, 1999

Runnymede Ivor Glen Aladin
Kevin & J.N. Culver, Owners
Male by *Runnymede Ivor Glen Luke/Runnymede*
Genie O'Brophy
Total: 184

Duke's Trophy Standings

1998 - 1999

Standings for the Duke Trophy as of June 1, 1999 are as
follows:

Rock The World - Tim Hammonds, Owner
Female by *Zan Sett Albert Collins/Zan Sett Juice*
Total: 109

Prosper - Roger Boser, Owner
Male by *Comeback Riptide/Comeback Miss Pat*
Total: 96

Jackee - Roger Boser, Owner
Female by *Desperado/Pollywog*
Total: 90

Judy's Time Around-Tim Hammons, Owner
Female by *Zan Sett Albert Collins-Zan Sett*
Juice
Total: 60

1999 High Performance Award

January-December 1999

Judy's Time Around-Tim Hammons Owner, female
by *Zan Sett Albert Collins-Zan Sett Juice* 300

Prosper-Roge Boser owner, male by *Come Back*
Riptide-Come Back Miss Pat 24

This is a new challenge for many of us Red
Setter enthusiasts, and I hope we will embrace
this challenge and continue the tradition that Tim
set in 1998.

Please review the rules and points system and
send your 1999 All-Age wins to:

Don Beauchamp
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Office: 316-262-8427

Walking Shooting Dog Red Setter of the Year

January – December 1999

RUNNYMEADE LUCHORPAN'S IMP- S. J. R. Hills & Kevin Culver, owners.

Female, by *Celtic's Thrilling Tour - Pine Ridge Fox*.

Total: 72

MIKE MULCAIRE - Jack Carter, owner

Male, by *Flash O'Clancy - Bea Mulcaire*

Total: 29

BREWMASTER - Michael Bixler, handler.

Male, by *Outburst - Winter Storm*.

Total: 24

CELTIC'S DIXIE REBEL - Dan Moore, owner. 15

Male, by *Celtic's Superfund - Red Rebel Patches*.

Total: 15

JEFF MULCAIRE - P. J. Shirell Jr., owner. 10

Male, by *Flash O'Clancy - Bea Mulcaire*

Total: 10

Red Setter Derby of the Year

As of June 1, 1999

Chantilly

Dr. Roger Boser, Owner

Female by *Desperado/Come Back Dixie Girl*

Total: 1126

Red Sky

Aaron Bixler, Owner

Female by *Outburst/Winter Storm*

Total: 427

Lakota

Dr. Roger Boser, Owner

Male by *Desperado/Come Back Dixie Girl*

Total: 278

Brewmaster-Aaron Bixler, Owner

Male, by *Outburst-Winter Storm*

Total: 150

Odetta

Dr. Roger Boser, Owner

Female by *Desperado/Come Back Dixie Girl*

Total: 12

Please send your Puppy/Derby wins to:

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1999 W.E. Le Grande Award

June 1, 1999

1. **Rock the World** – Tim Hammons, Owner, Female, by Zan Sett Albert Collins and Zan Sett Juice: 1220
2. **Judy's Time Around** – Tim Hammons, Owner, Female, by Zan Sett Albert Collins – Zan Sett Juice: 942 5
3. **Jackee** – Roger Boser, Owner, Female, by Desperado – Pollywog: 720
4. **Prosper** – Roger Boser, Owner, Male, by Come Back Riptide – Come Back MissPat: 536
5. **Runnymede's Genie O'Brophy** – Kevin Culver, Owner, Female, by Brophy's Rider On The Storm – Brophy's Margarita: 200
6. **Outburst** – Don Beauchamp, Owner Male, by Bearcat – Winter Storm: 175
7. **Zan Sett Albert Collins** – Dale Bruns & Tim Hammons, Owners, Male, by Chevelle – Zan Sett Chuckles: 120
8. **Cantaloop** – Stan Zdanczewicz, Owner, Male, by Zan Sett Albert Collins – Zan Sett Charzy: 108
9. **Glory Bee** – Robert White, Owner, Female, by Desperado – Pollywog: 104
10. **Boot Leg's Moonshine** – Tim ammons, Owner, Female, by Zan Sett Bootleg – Zan Sett Ethel: 24

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This year's competition ends 12-31-99

Shoot To Retrieve Red Setter Of The Year

January – December 1999

1. **Red Lieutenant**-Creig Heller, owner, male by Chevelle & Miss Pandora: **Total: 32**

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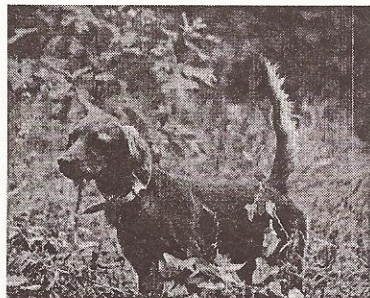
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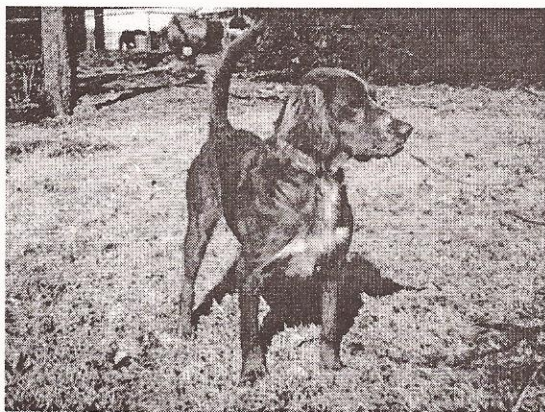
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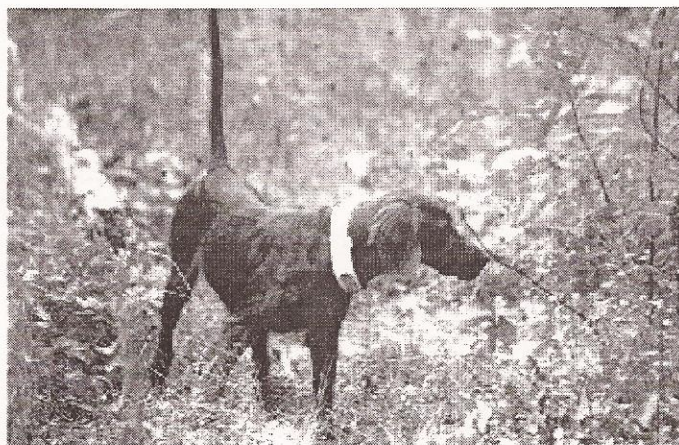
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