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# The Flushing Whip



A special gift to the  
NRSFTC and members

## Happy Holidays

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*Merry Christmas*

Wishing you all the best this Holiday season.  
We currently have some started dogs from the Skyliner family  
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**Cedar Creek  
Kennel & Farm**

Ed Liermann 414.625.0715  
[cal1886@aol.com](mailto:cal1886@aol.com)



**NRSFTC Championships  
and 45th Futurity  
March 13-19th 2017  
Jim Edgar Wildlife Management Area  
in Chandlerville, Illinois**



**DRAWING:** Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 P.M. at the Riverbank Lodge, Petersburg, IL.  
Stakes open to FDSB registered Irish Setters. Entries close at the time of the drawing.  
**Contact Ed Liermann for all entries:** <eal1886@aol.com.> Cell:414-625-0715

**LODGING:** Motels, hotels and B&B available in Petersburg. Camping hook-ups available at grounds. NRSFTC BOARD MEETING to be Thursday evening at the Lodge. Membership meeting, Banquet and Auction 7pm Friday 3/17/17 at Riverbank Lodge. The barn at the trial grounds located at intersection of Gridley/Watkins roads. GPS: 39.959195,-90.07268.

*Kennels are not yet available at trial grounds. Permissible to stake out dogs / horses.  
Negative Coggins test for horses as well as health certificate on all horses entering state.*



Wrangler/Horses may be available but reservations needed. Contact E. Liermann to reserve  
Trial begins daily at 8:00 AM

**NRSFTC Open Shooting Dog Championship 1 Hr.**

Qualification: An Open All Age, Open Shooting Dog or Open Derby placement in recognized stake. Judged on Shooting Dog standards. 1 Hour, \$500 purse divided 70-30 Entry \$125  
Judges:

**Open Puppy**

20 Min or course. Awards to place holders Entry \$35  
Judges: To Be Announced

**NRSFTC 45th Futurity**

\$1000 purse divided 60-40 between owners and breeders of 4 placements Entry \$50  
Dogs must have been nominated and all forfeits paid by the running. Entry \$ 50  
Judges: To Be Announced

**Open Walking Derby**

30 minutes. Awards to place holders Entry \$45  
Judges: To Be Announced

**Jack Carter Open Walking Shooting Dog**

30 minutes. Awards to place holders Entry \$50  
Judges: To Be Announced

**Hunter's Stake (Non Regular)**

20 minutes. Ribbons for place holders  
Judges To Be Announced

**NRSFTC National Amateur Championship (All Age standard) 1 Hr.**

Amateur All Age, Shooting Dog or Derby placement by Amateur handler in recognized stake.  
Judged on All Age standards. 1 Hour, Awards to winner and RU Entry \$100

*Grounds and Associated fees collected prior to payout. Solid barrel firearms only.  
Harassment of Judges, Bird planters, or Officials absolutely will not be tolerated  
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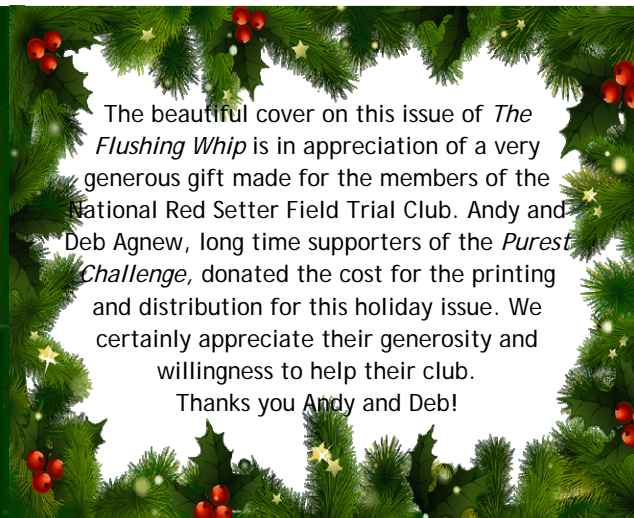
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**Merry Christmas &  
Blessed New Year**



**To all of our  
Red Setter Friends**

**Andy and Deb Agnew**



The beautiful cover on this issue of *The Flushing Whip* is in appreciation of a very generous gift made for the members of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. Andy and Deb Agnew, long time supporters of the *Purest Challenge*, donated the cost for the printing and distribution for this holiday issue. We certainly appreciate their generosity and willingness to help their club.

Thanks you Andy and Deb!



## President's Page



On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, we wish you the warmest of holidays and best wishes for the coming year!

The National Red Setter Club was saddened to hear of the passing of the great red setter Champion Aiken. Aiken was a bona fide All Age performer, and had a successful career on the Kansas prairies where he lived with Don and Linda Beauchamp. Our condolences to Don and Linda on their loss, and thank you to Aiken and Aiken's breeder Roger Boser for your contributions to the Purest Challenge. Aiken was a special dog,

and he will be missed. An obituary can be found in this issue.

Our membership surveys are still coming in but a preliminary look indicates that one standout request by the membership is the hope that the club can sponsor some type of a youth event. Hopefully, our club can organize some type of event in the near future to accommodate this request. It certainly has merit; anything we can do to promote the participation of our young people in this sport will be good for our club, and for the breed. A more complete report on the surveys will be coming in the next issue of the Whip.

Congratulations to the winners of our fall Championship, held outside of Grovespring, Missouri. A big thank you to Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo for their hard work in putting on this trial. Bonnie's report can be found in this issue.

For those of you thinking about the spring Championship, we will be running from March 13 to March 19 at the Jim Edgar Wildlife Management Area near Chandlersville, Illinois. Contact Ed Liermann

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for details. Most of the club members stay at the Riverbank Lodge in Petersburg which is a great place to stay. They offer a special rate for field trialers so if you call for a reservation, mention you are with our club. (Riverbank Lodge 217-632-0202) I do want to



mention that they don't allow dogs in the Riverbank lodge or rooms. If that will be a problem, there are other nice places to stay locally. Contact Ed Liermann for more information.

Speaking of the spring trial, this year the club is planning to offer a gun dog/hunting dog stake. This is a great way to participate in one of our trials, and your dog does not necessarily need to be a "trial" dog. Remember, bird dogs are all about hunting birds, so if you have your favorite red setter hunting dog, consider coming out and showing his stuff! At the spring trial we will offer a twenty minutes (non regular) hunting stake. Judgement ceases at flush. This is a great way to come out, meet people, get good training advice while having fun with your dog. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. More details will follow in the next issue of *The Whip* but circle the date on your calendar today!

It's that time of the year again... time to pay your membership dues! Dues are only \$30 per year, and your membership supports *The Purest Challenge*. A copy of our Treasurer's report is included in this issue; if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the Board. Please help the club by paying your 2018 dues.

Finally, we wish to thank Paul Ober and Celtic Farms and Kennels for again paying for the publication of our informational brochure, *The Purest Challenge*. Deb will put a copy of this pamphlet in your envelope when she sends out *The Whip*. The Field sends these out with registrations and if you are breeding dogs, you can give them to new pup owners for their education! Thanks again Paul.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Whip, and most importantly, I hope you have a most blessed Christmas and New Years with your family and friends. Give your red dogs a rub for me, and hope to see you in the spring. Honor the Challenge! Allen Fazenbaker, President

1/1/2017	Ck #	Transaction	Deposit	Checks	Balance
					\$ 14,992.29
1/5/2017		2 Dues deposits	\$ 60.00		\$ 15,052.29
1/12/2017	Dennis	Dues and Christmas Ad Reimbursement	\$ 140.00		\$ 15,192.29
1/13/2017	Roger	Dues and Christmas Ad Reimbursement	\$ 210.00		\$ 15,402.29
1/21/2017		2 Dues deposits	\$ 60.00		\$ 15,462.29
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1/27/2017	1274	AAB Awards - 4 plaques		\$ 235.00	\$ 14,998.34
		Dues Deposit	\$ 30.00		\$ 15,028.34
2/3/2017	1275	Graphic Publishing (Whip)		\$ 362.95	\$ 14,665.39
		Dues Deposit	\$ 90.00		\$ 14,755.39
		Dues Deposit	\$ 100.00		\$ 14,855.39
2/4/2017	1276	Deb Faizenbaker - Hall of Fame expenses		\$ 96.39	\$ 14,759.00
2/7/2017	1277	Illinois Dept of Conservation - Trial Permit		\$ 350.00	\$ 14,409.00
2/13/2017	1278	Bonnie Hidalgo - UPS & Ink for drawings		\$ 59.41	\$ 14,349.59
2/21/2017	1279	Fletcher Printing 2 Ch. Plaques		\$ 100.00	\$ 14,249.59
3/4/2017		Dues Deposit	\$ 30.00		\$ 14,279.59
		Dues Deposit	\$ 150.00		\$ 14,429.59
3/6/2017		Dues Deposit	\$ 130.00		\$ 14,559.59
3/10/2017		Dues Deposit	\$ 30.00		\$ 14,589.59
3/10/2017	Debit	Card Walmart - trial supplies		\$ 55.58	\$ 14,534.01
3/15/2017	Debit	Card Sams Club - trial desserts		\$ 84.52	\$ 14,449.49
3/16/2017	Debit	Card - Thermous for Judges		\$ 30.81	\$ 14,438.68
3/17/2017	Debit	Card - Ice Cream		\$ 18.73	\$ 14,419.95
3/17/2017	1280	River Bank Lodge (Pizza)		\$ 183.38	\$ 14,236.57
3/17/2017	1281	Sean Melvin RU SD Championship		\$ 150.00	\$ 14,086.57
3/18/2017	1282	Rich Lake		\$ 150.00	\$ 13,936.57
3/18/2017	1283	T. Miller - Quell		\$ 1,800.00	\$ 12,336.57
3/18/2017	1284	Merrith Mays - Horses and Judging		\$ 2,654.50	\$ 9,782.07
3/20/2017	1285	Dinner and Lunches - Corner Cafe		\$ 1,508.88	\$ 8,273.21
3/18/2017	1288	Deb Faizenbaker - Cake and Office Supplies		\$ 92.92	\$ 8,182.29
3/19/2017	1289	Al Faizenbaker - 2017 Futurity Income		\$ 400.00	\$ 7,782.29
3/20/2017		Trial Income Deposit	\$ 2,333.00		\$ 10,115.29
3/20/2017		Trial Income Deposit	\$ 6,516.00		\$ 16,631.29
3/21/2017		Dues Deposit	\$ 30.00		\$ 16,661.29
3/23/2017		Trial Income & 2 dues	\$ 732.00		\$ 17,393.29
3/27/2017		Income of Horse Rental	\$ 135.00		\$ 17,528.29
4/3/2017		Dues Deposit	\$ 30.00		\$ 17,558.29
4/4/2017		Dues Deposit	\$ 30.00		\$ 17,588.29
4/5/2017		Dues Deposit	\$ 30.00		\$ 17,618.29
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4/20/2017	1290	Barb Foster - Ill. Extra day of running- Mon.		\$ 70.00	\$ 17,668.29
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4/25/2017	1292	Flushing Whip		\$ 80.00	\$ 17,242.09
4/25/2017	1293	Deb Faizenbaker - expenses		\$ 35.00	\$ 17,207.09
4/25/2017		Dues Deposit & trial Income	\$ 385.00		\$ 17,592.09
4/27/2017		Purina Parent Club Partnership Program	\$ 141.90		\$ 17,733.99
5/1/2017		Purina Contract payment to NRSFTC	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 22,733.99
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7/22/2017	1295	FTC of Illinois Ad in their book		\$ 85.00	\$ 22,693.50
7/24/2017	1296	AFTCA Fall Amateur SD Chp.		\$ 100.00	\$ 22,593.50
7/27/2017		Transfer to CD WEmprise Bank Goddard, KS		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 17,593.50
7/31/2017	1297	Ed Lehrmann - Finish Trial Expenses		\$ 738.53	\$ 16,854.97
8/15/2017	1298	American Field Trial Ad for Fall Trial in Missouri		\$ 840.00	\$ 16,014.97
8/15/2017		Dues Deposit - 2018	\$ 30.00		\$ 16,044.97
8/31/2017	1299	Graphic Publishing - Summer Flushing Whip		\$ 408.40	\$ 15,640.57
9/15/2017		Dues Deposit - 2018	\$ 30.00		\$ 15,670.57
9/18/2017		Dues Deposit - 2018	\$ 30.00		\$ 15,700.57
9/18/2017	Deposit	Championship money- Donor for - A-Age	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 16,700.57
9/22/2017	Debit	Accu Web Hosting		81.84	\$ 16,618.63
9/25/2017		Dues Deposit - 2018	\$ 30.00		\$ 16,648.63
10/18/2017	1300	AAB Awards - Fall Trial		238.00	\$ 16,410.63
10/18/2017	1301	Wendell August Trophies		202.45	\$ 16,208.18

## Rambling from Red Setter Run



Hi folks—

This issue is coming to you late. We've had a very difficult couple of months at Red Setter Run and there was no way that I could sit down and throw together a Whip for you. I'm really sorry and I hope you all had a better fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas than we did. A few years ago we bred Conneaut Creek Lake Erie Storm and she had several puppies. Everything went smoothly; we kept two of the pups and they've worked out well. Allen decided to breed her again last summer. A few weeks later Allen took her (and our other competition dogs) to a trial in Pennsylvania. During the week-end they all came down with Kennel cough. They'd been vaccinated but it hadn't held true. Anyhow, on October 10th Stormie began to whelp but within a short time I could see that she was having serious difficulties. No matter how hard she tried, she couldn't seem to push out the first puppy. The vet determined that the first pup had somehow turned on the way down the birth canal— and he was lodged there. They had to remove it with forceps and warned us ahead of time that it might be torn apart as they tried to get it out. Thankfully, they delivered him alive! But the next two pups were born dead. Those who followed were exhausted and weak. It turns out there are a couple viruses associated with this Kennel Cough and that MAY have impacted the litter. Stormie eventually delivered seven puppies. Three of the five that lived were too weak to nurse properly and had to be hand fed. For the next four weeks I never slept more than 3 hours at a stretch. The pups I was feeding had missed nursing on their mother's colostrum— which is vital for their ultimate survival. In the end, only three of Stormie's seven pups "made it." Then, as they developed and began to walk, one of them couldn't get to his feet; he turned out to have neurologic damage from the difficult delivery. I had to put him on a rehabilitation program— exercising him and helping to strengthen his legs to get him walking. I worked with him for 15 minute intervals four times a day. Simply put, this whole "puppy" experience was about as traumatic and miserable as any dog activity I have ever taken

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part in. But there's more. Thirty years ago when Allen and I first moved to Ashtabula County the first couple we met were Frank and Fedora Stenger. We became devoted friends; the Stengers were considerably older than we were— and they became sort of step parents to me. (My own parents both died very young.) Anyhow, Fedora collapsed suddenly in early November and was taken by ambulance to the hospital. As it turned out, she was terminally ill. I spent the next month running between her hospice bedside and back home to bottle feed the pitiful pups. Fedora lingered for nearly a month— dying the day before Thanksgiving. It was devastating. Even now, I'm still in the midst of helping Frank straighten out all the legal junk that follows someone's death... and of course, I miss her terribly. Finally in December two of the pups went off in great homes. The wee lad is on his feet now, running around our cabin, destroying the holiday ornaments and having great fun. He looks fine but Al is keeping him longer to assure that long term (neurologically) he's going to be OK. I'm trying hard to catch up on everything I missed this fall while life (and death) passed me by. I mailed in the annual Christmas Ad to the American Field today— only to find out I'd missed the deadline. The Field agreed to put it in the issue between Christmas and New Years but I do apologize that I missed getting it in the holiday edition. John Lennon once said, "life sometimes happens while we make other plans..." Isn't THAT the truth?? I'm trying to catch up but really, it's December and I'm still struggling with exhaustion. Well, enough about me— As it happens, I'm not the only one! Stan ZZZ called me a couple weeks ago. He'd finally gotten his bum shoulder (rt side) repaired and was doing well, playing with his dogs and feeling years younger. Two days later he fell in the bathroom and shattered his left elbow— leaving nothing for them to "set." They expect his hand will work fine but the arm itself looks pretty much shot. I can't imagine how devastated HE must be— PLEASE send him a card with good wishes. Allen and I certainly wish him the best!!


**Stan Zdanczewicz, 4823 Schoen Rd # 112 Union Grove, WI 53182**  
There's more! Many club members will remember Dale Bruns trainer, Don Jones. Don and his wife Wilma were well known at our trials. We haven't seen much of them of late because Wilma has been hospitalized in a nursing home. I'm sorry to say that she died on

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November 29th. The ladies at the trial always enjoyed Wilma's great sense of humor; she was such fun! We extend our deepest sympathy to Don and all who knew and loved her. I hope you'll send him a cards of sympathy: **Don, 1151 South County Road 800 East, Velpen, IN 47590** I'm sorry to also report that the great Aiken died, just a week prior to his 14th birthday. "Clay" was a fabulous All Age competitor and a very loving, sweetheart of a dog. When my granddaughter attended the trial in Petersburg, she loved hanging out by the Beauchamp's trailer with Aiken. We've lost a good one there for sure. Our sympathies go out to Don and Linda Beauchamp.

**Beauchamp's 1401 South 359th Street W. Cheney, KS 67025**  
Well, that's more bad news from me than you hoped to hear for sure. Let's talk about the Whip. This issue has a couple trial reports, and some info about the Spring Trial in Petersburg. Also, Pheasants Forever asked Tom Davis to write a piece "profiling" the Red Setter for their membership. It is included here for your enjoyment. Tom is a marvelous writer and I found myself smiling as I read what he wrote! Spot on Tom!! We thank Tom Davis and Pheasants Forever for allowing us to share it here with you!

The survey cards we mailed out are still coming in a bit at a time. I have about 40 so far. In attempting to "personalize" your NRSFTC membership experience. I asked for birthdays and anniversaries. My plan was to make a excel sheet and then extend birthday and anniversary wishes to each of you as your special dates rolled by. But then Kris Hammons pointed out that I shouldn't be asking that— and I realized she was right. My intentions had been generous but in this day and age— we have to be so very cautious. So, as soon as I get the basic information about the club itself organized, I will tally that part up and then destroy the cards and the personal info. Meanwhile, something worth thinking about is that every card except 2 (so far) encouraged the club to offer some type of hunting/field trial experience for our youth. When Jim Ashby was on the Board he participated in such a program for several years and the kids loved it!! That might be a great "service and educational" idea for our club. Well, I'm about out of room— and I went over page with all the bad news to report. Keep us all in your prayers. Blessed Holiday Wishes to each of you— I hope the coming year will be a kinder and gentler one for us all. Enjoy your Whip!

Deb (and Chance too) 





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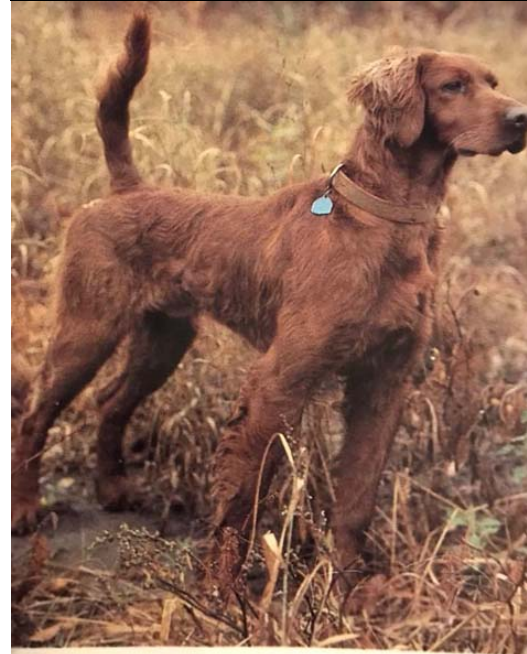
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## IRISH SPIRT: Today's Red Setters Have It !!

By Tom Davis



The first great dog artist born on American soil was a man named John M. Tracy. He not only drew and painted all the prominent pointers and setters of the 1870s, '80s, and early '90s (he died in 1893), he judged them in field trials and hunted over a number of them as well.

It's instructive, then, that shortly before the end of his life Tracy reflected "The very best field dog I ever saw was an Irish setter. For those who shoot a great deal, and work the same dog on a variety of

game, there is no dog like a good Irish setter."

By the middle of the 20th century, however, "good Irish setters" of the type Tracy knew had become as scarce as leprechauns. Circa 1950, the country's leading gun dog writers—Horace Lytle at *Field & Stream*, Henry P. Davis at *Sports Afield*, Henry L. Betten of *The American Field*—sounded a collective alarm, warning that if something wasn't done, and fast, the hunting Irish setter was in danger of going the way of the passenger pigeon.

What had happened? Well, to put it as simply as possible, the Irish setter became a victim of its own beauty. Its breeders emphasized coat, conformation, and looks—the qualities prized in the show ring, essentially—at the cost of virtually everything else, and as a result the red dogs' once-vaunted hunting prowess eroded to a pitiful remnant of what it had once been. Many Irish setters wouldn't even point, for

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crying out loud, and even when they did they were so lacking in style and intensity they looked like they were waiting for a bus.

They were awkwardly gaited, too, which not only hampered their ability to get over the ground and hit the “birdy” places but absolutely killed their stamina. By the time a pointer or English setter was just getting warmed up, an Irish setter would be gassed.

The breed was also deficient on the mental side, earning a reputation for being flighty, scatter-brained, and “soft”—a far cry, again, from the rugged Irish of John Tracy’s day, who were renowned for their intelligence, level-headedness, and toughness.

The bottom line is that from a hunter’s perspective the Irish setter of the mid-20th century was, for the most part, a pretty sorry animal. Indeed, the majority of sportsmen had written it off as a lost cause....but a few refused to admit defeat. In the early 1950s a group of Irish setter diehards organized the National Red Setter Field Trial Club and devoted themselves to what they called “The Purest Challenge”: the challenge of bringing the Irish setter back from the brink and restoring it as a field dog par excellence, a dog that doesn’t give an inch to the pointer, the English setter, or any other pointing breed.



Many contributed to this effort but the lion’s share of the credit, without question, goes to the Pennsylvania sportsman W.E. “Ned” LeGrande. LeGrande literally scoured the United States looking for Irish setters that had the “whole package,” meaning dogs that not only could hunt and find birds but looked good doing it, with a flowing gait, attractive tail carriage, and riveting style on point. He followed up countless leads, looked at

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dozens of dogs, and ultimately found one, as in only one, that satisfied his criteria. She belonged to a farmer in North Carolina, her name was Askew’s Carolina Lady....and, through the bloodline LeGrande built on her foundation, she changed everything. Trying to imagine the field-bred Irish setter without Askew’s Carolina Lady is like trying to imagine bluegrass music without Bill Monroe.

(There’s a tragic sidebar to the story of Askew’s Carolina Lady, though. She’d been whelped in Albert Lea, Minnesota, of all places, but when LeGrande back trailed the breeder, one Earl Bond, he couldn’t find hide nor hair of him. Upon making further inquiries, LeGrande learned to his horror that Bond, following an argument with local authorities over his dogs—the details remain murky—had destroyed them all and skipped town. It’s awfully tough to wrap your mind around that.)

Following LeGrande’s lead, many other devoted sportsmen (and sportswomen) embraced the Purest Challenge: E.J. Lewis, David and Jane Hasinger, Col. Ed Schnettler, Paul Ober, Roger Boser, Joe Edwards, the list goes on. To say that their efforts have been successful is to understate their accomplishment. You can make a strong argument, in fact, that the overall quality of today’s field-bred Irish setters (or red setters, as some prefer to call them) is higher than it’s ever been.

“They’re so much more consistent than they used to be,” notes legendary professional trainer Sherry Ebert of Mott, North Dakota. “You used to get one or two good pups out of a litter; now every pup is good.”

Noting that she began her career in the early 1960s, Ebert recalls “In those days a lot of Irish setters tended to be hyper and, frankly, kind of dense. Not now! They’ve bred the ‘hyperness’ out of them. They’re so much smarter and more trainable, and they have a better temperament all the way around. They’re still setters, though, so you can’t train them with a heavy hand. They want to learn, and to please you, but you have to go at their pace. You have to teach them, not try to pound it into them.”

One of the knocks on the field-bred Irish setter has been that it sometimes doesn’t look like an Irish setter, especially the classic “Big Red” type of the popular imagination: silky mahogany coat, deep square muzzle, and so on. When you see a nondescript-looking dog

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with a sandy-colored coat, splotches of white on its chest and head, and at best a fringe of feathering on its tail and legs, you can be pardoned for questioning its ancestry. But this is changing, too, as breeders strive to produce functionally handsome dogs with dark red coats and ample (but not excessive) feathering. You won't mistake them for "show" Irish but you'll have no doubt what you're looking at—and they'll be easy on the eyes to boot.

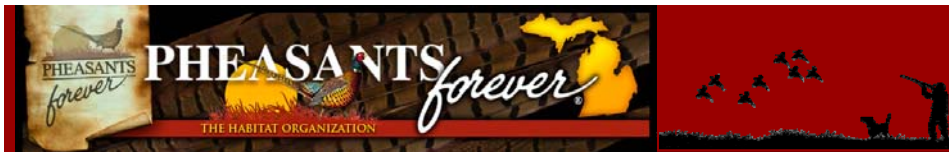
This brings up the critically important point that if you're thinking of bringing home a red pup you should steer clear—as in "Bridge Out" clear—of any breeding with so much as a whiff of show blood. Whether the dogs are registered with the AKC, the FDSB or, as is increasingly the case, both organizations, you should insist on 100% field lines. Anything else is a deal breaker.

What are you likely to get? Well, to make the grossest kind of generalization, a dog with a lot of natural ability that's similar to the English setter in terms of its personality and performance characteristics—but with a dash of that swashbuckling, devil-may-care swagger that's so quintessentially Irish. Perhaps not quite as much drive as the typical pointer, but more than the typical representative of the Continental breeds. A boot-polisher it ain't, in other words, so if your preference is for a fairly methodical, close-working dog the Irish setter's probably not a good fit for you.

By the same token, while many reds retrieve naturally you shouldn't expect them to measure up to the Continentals' standard in this respect. Their primary mission is to find and point birds; the fetching part is secondary.

Still, given everything that today's field-bred Irish have going for them it's a little puzzling that they're not more popular with the bird-hunting rank-and-file. The flip side of that coin, of course, is that without overwhelming demand to distract them breeders have been able to keep their eyes on the ball and do what they do for the right reason: producing even better Irish setters.

Hmmm. Come to think of it, it's about time I thought about bringing home a new pup.....



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## Obituary: Clay Aiken

The red setter Champion Aiken has died. One of the true All Age red setters, Aiken was whelped out of Rockfish x Chantilly in 2003. Dr. Roger Boser was responsible for the early training and development of Aiken, and he campaigned him on the eastern circuit as a young shooting dog. He placed in his first derby stake at the Cumberland Valley Field Trial Club, and his career quickly moved forward from there. After placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Red Setter Futurity, Aiken scored his first placement as a Shooting Dog at the Spring Valley D. G. Nichols stake. His first All Age placement occurred the same spring of 2006, where he won the Open All Age in Berea Kentucky. In 2007 Aiken took the Runner-up at the National Red Setter Open Championship, and his All-age career was established. In 2008, Aiken took the Runner-up at the Can-Am Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, run on the wide venue of Kill Deer Plains in Upper Sandusky Ohio. I had the pleasure of scouting for Dr. Boser in this stake, and it was one of the most exciting performances I have seen in a red setter. Braced with the eventual winner, Timbercreek's Rushcreek Darcy, both dogs put down a phenomenal forward and far reaching race, each scoring a separate find with less than one minute to go! The Judges, Sonny Mills and Jim Yaeger noted that it was a pleasure to see the quality of these two dogs. It was at this event that Dr. Boser realized that Aiken had potential in the All Age venue, and he sold him to Don Beauchamp of Cheney Kansas, where he would be better able to utilize those talents. Don Beauchamp didn't waste any time, and Aiken won the Northeast Kansas Field Trial Club Open All Age the following spring. Don campaigned Aiken until he was 10 years old; he won the Kansas All Age Dog of the Year in 2009 and 2010. Don retired Aiken after he won the Kansas All Breed All Age Classic in northwest Kansas, scoring 5 pheasant finds and drifting out of sight to the front at time.

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to see Aiken run on numerous occasions, as well as witness his training on the prairies of North Dakota. "Clay", as he was affectionately called, was a pleasure to watch. He was classy, and moved with apparent effortless motion across the ground, always forward, and with a determination to find birds. At home, Clay was an affectionate and personable companion; he loved to be with people, and he was happiest when he was hanging out with his human companions, or hunting birds. His get continue to do what bird dogs do best, find birds and win field trials.

Our condolences to Don and Linda Beauchamp on the loss of their beloved red setter. Aiken joins the other great red setters who have graced us with their love of running and hunting birds, from the time of Askew's Carolina Lady and before. Thank you Aiken for your part in the "Purest Challenge."

Al Fazenbaker, President, National Red Setter Field Trial Club

# IN MEMORY OF AIKEN



Owned and loved by  
Don and Linda Beauchamp

May you hunt in those places where illustrious bird dogs go, joining the legions of distinguished red dogs who have slipped away before you.... Running the great hunt with Askew's Carolina Lady, Rufus McTybø, Sua Spontø, Abra, Rock the World, and all the rest

## National Red Setter Championships By Bonnie Hidalgo



Rendition annexed his fourth National Open Red Setter Championship title with an awesome performance. He was handled by his owner, Dr. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, PA. Rendition put down a big, powerful race with three lofty finds, one of which was an impressive limb find to the front. Kindle was Runner-up for Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo, Brighton, CO with Dennis at the helm. She scored two nice finds in a strong, predominantly forward race.

Kindle captured the title in the National Amateur Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship. She scored three stylish finds in a consistently forward hour for handler Dennis Hidalgo. Rendition took the Runner-up position with five finds, a back and an unproductive in a strong race. Roger Boser handled him



The companion Red Setter Open Derby was won by Firefly's Beeline, a female owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo, and

handled by Dennis. Touchback, a male, was second for owner and handler Dr. Roger Boser.

The trial was held November 8-10 at the Field Trial Sportsmen's grounds at Grovespring, MO. These grounds are undeniably among the best in the nation. Since the whole purpose of this venue is to be a

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premier field trial grounds, they are groomed to perfection. Each of the three one-hour courses has a smooth flow, allowing dogs to show to their best advantage. Birds were plentiful which always makes for an excellent trial. Numerous coveys were moved on all courses; most coveys held 20 to 30 quail. Many dogs had multiple finds and every dog that finished its hour had at least one find.

The drawing was held in the Grovespring Clubhouse on the eve of the trial, Tuesday November 7. Conducting the drawing was Dennis Hidalgo, assisted by his wife, Bonnie. Dinner was served before the drawing and a congenial atmosphere existed. Absence of some National Red Setter Field Trial Club members who typically enter dogs in Club events adversely affected the entry numbers. Even so, the entry in the Open Championship was up by two over last year with the total drawn at fourteen. The Amateur Shooting Dog Championship drew an entry of 12 while the Open Derby only attracted four entries. Walking Derby and Puppy stakes were added this fall at the request of some members; unfortunately, no dogs were entered in them or in the Walking Shooting Dog stake. Bob and Valerie Burchett of nearby Conway, MO had consented to judge the walking stakes and attended the drawing find out which days they would be needed. The Open All Age attracted entries that were withdrawn because there were not enough entries in the other supporting stakes to enable dogs that entered it and the Championships to have a break between stakes.

Manning the dog wagon each day was NRSFTC Past President Don Beauchamp who was assisted at times by Tom Norton and Jim House. Dennis Hidalgo conducted the drawing, marshaled and was head chef. Bonnie Hidalgo handled the paperwork, prepared lunches and assisted with other meals served at the clubhouse each day. Club treasurer Linda Beauchamp handled the finances, provided some delicious desserts and ran errands. Sue Norton brought her famous pecan pies. Mary Boser led the kitchen clean-up detail and was assisted by Sue, Linda and Margaret Horstmeyer.

Board member Milt Schaefer and his wife Wendy showed some much-appreciated support of this trial by donating a beautiful lap quilt she created for a fund raiser.

Jim House gets the award for traveling the farthest. He came all the

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way from the Portland, OR area for the second year in a row. Jim was the only person to compete in both the AKC Irish Setter National and the Red Setter National this fall and we appreciate his support.

We were pleased to have Jim Giles attending from Iowa. Missouri professional Jeremy Gulick handled Jim's dog in the Open Championship. Jeremy was accompanied by his wife, Alissa. We greatly enjoyed their company.

A big thank you to Club Secretary, Ed Liermann who dropped off club items prior to the drawing while on his way home from competing in the AKC Irish Setter Nationals in Arkansas.

Purina has been a faithful and generous sponsor of this field trial and of the National Red Setter Club in general. The Club thanks them for the financial and product support. Purina Representative, Terry Trzcinski provided Purina logo jackets for our judges, which were then embroidered with the judges and the club names. Purina also sent training gear bags, dog food measuring cups and towels. The winners and participants happily received the dog food. Purina Pro Plan Sport Performance is the most popular food among bird dog enthusiasts, it fuels more Champions than any other dogfood. It gives performance dogs that boost they need to stay on top of their game. Thank you so much Purina for your support!

Garmin supports this event each year by providing training collars for the winner of each Championship. These products are very much appreciated by the winners and by the National Red Setter Club. Garmin continually makes advances in technology for training and tracking collars and they are in wide use.

A silent auction is held as a fund raiser at NRSFTC events. This fall's major items included two SportDog 2525 training collars kindly provided by SportDog and a beautiful lap quilt created by club member Wendy Schaefer. The sale of these donated items allows the NRSFTC to put on better field trials. The fall trial co-chairs extremely appreciate these donations!

Judges were as advertised, Dr. Jim Mills, Searcy, AR and Everett Brannan, Powderly, TX. These two knowledgeable bird dog men watched all entries closely and kept a consistent pace. They were

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accompanied by their wonderful spouses, Marian Mills and Peggy Brannan whose company we all enjoyed. Credit for the Win photos goes to Peggy Brannan.

### **National Red Setter Championship**

CH Rendition holds six Championship titles, all of them won in All Age competition. He has won this National Championship four times, twice here at Grovespring and twice at the Jim Edgar grounds in Illinois. He has also won the National Amateur Championship on two occasions. His only Runner-up title came in this season's National Amateur Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship. Rendition has proven himself in all breed competition; one of his most prestigious wins came last spring, first in a 34 dog Amateur Shooting Dog stake held on George Tracy's Summerhill training grounds. Whelped May 26, 2010 he is a result of the mating of Touchstone and Solitaire. Rendition is linebred, tracing back to Champion Breakstone and Hall of Famer, Champion Chantilly. He was bred, and is owned, trained, and handled by Dr. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, PA.

Rendition broke strong and fast to the front. Scout Jeremy Gulick was sent out early and Ren was spotted in the far corner of the Little Vine loop. He came out of the pocket, down the hill and powered on toward Sycamore bottom. When the gallery made the turn into Sycamore, Ren could be seen on point on the crossline far to the front. This limb find was at 22, it was an impressive piece of work in all aspects. It was obvious that Rendition was shutting the door on his competition. On the hillside at 25, he politely stopped to honor the flight of his brace mate's covey. West of the twin barns, he notched a divided find at 40 with all in good order. Further down the right edge he scored another stylish find. Ren made some beautiful moves in the bull pasture before making a wrong turn into the private property. It took some effort to return him to the front, but he was there when time was called. His race showed the range, independence, power, and speed of a fine all age dog. Combined with flawless bird work it was a fantastic performance.

Kindle, the eventual Runner-up, was braced with Rendition. They appeared on Wednesday afternoon. Kindle was handled by Dennis Hidalgo and scouted by Bonnie. She ran the left edge of Little Vine loop and took it into the northwest corner. She hung up for a bit in

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the private property. Kindle came down the right edge of Sycamore bottom and headed for the hill, missing Rendition on his first find. Kindle pointed on the hillside at 25, just as a big covey lifted all around her. She was mannerly. She shared a nice find with Ren just past the barns with all in order at 40. Kindle made good, fast moves in the bull pasture, but Rendition was bigger ranging. She turned through the gate into Clymer's property and her scout was dispatched; Kindle was soon recovered. She was forward, on point when time was called; she was stylish on a pair of turkeys.

### The Running

*Firefly's Hot Tip (B Hidalgo) with Bellwether (Boser)* Tip was strong and forward showing well to the front on the edges. She disappeared along the right edge of Davis bottom and the tracker was out by 40. Bell scored a nice find at 13, before the second creek crossing. On Appletree hill at 49 she carded a second find with all in order. Bell was consistently forward in her race.

*Waycross (Boser) with Russell's Shots Fired (House)* released into Little Vine loop. Roy powered away to the front and was lost early. Waycross was forward and attractive the entire hour. He scored an excellent covey find on the hillside leaving Sycamore bottom at 25. His second find came just beyond the barns at 44, all nicely done. Waycross finished forward in the Bull pasture.

*Firefly's Power Play (D Hidalgo) and Kylie's Rising Star (Harriman)* released near the blue house, both were powerful and covered the ground quickly. Star slowed as the hour progressed and was taken up. Puck was lost in the Clubhouse loop.

*Tornado Alley (Harriman) and Dawson's High Chaparral (D Hidalgo)* were fast and forward. Both were absent after the rocky creek crossing. Chaparral was found on point in the field below double gates at 14. He was high and tight throughout. Tornado had apparently crossed the road at double gates and was not returned under judgement. Chaparral pointed feathers on Appletree at 46. He put down a beautiful forward race and finished going away.

*Rendition (Boser) and Kindle (D Hidalgo)* were named Champion and Runner-up and their performances are described above.

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*Keechi of the Snows (Norton) and Windfall (Boser)* turned loose near the blue house. Keechi was lost near the twin barns. Windfall was forward but not pleasing his handler; he was up before the hour.

*Hawkeye Red (Gulick) with Firefly's Intrepid (Burchett)* ran as soon as the frost cleared on Thursday morning. Red was predominantly forward and hunted his edges with good speed and range. On the left edge of the Island field he pointed beautifully at 35 and stood mannerly for the flush of a huge covey. Just before the rock cut he ran through another covey, ending his bid. Intrepid took out birds in Davis bottom at 24.

### **The Open Derby**

This four-dog stake began at the base of Don Fox hill immediately following the final Championship brace on Thursday morning. Firefly's Beeline owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo emerged the winner for Dennis, her handler. Bee was fast and snappy and searched the cover and edges with enthusiasm.

Touchback stayed forward and mainly on the edges which gained him second place. His owner, Dr. Roger Boser handled him. Touchback is a full, younger brother to Rendition.

### **National Amateur Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship**

Kindle won the 2017 National Amateur Red Setter Shooting Dog Championship, her first Championship title. Dani, as she is called, has been named Runner-up on five previous occasions. Her first Runner-up title was in the 2014 National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. In the spring of 2015 she went Runner-up to Rendition in the National Amateur All Age Championship. Then in the fall of 2015 she took Runner-up in the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship. Her remaining two Runner-ups were in the National Open Championships of 2016 and 2017. She was born June 30, 2010 in one of the last mating's of Breakstone and Applebee; a cross that produced several Champions and Futurity winners. Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo purchased her at 4 months of age from Roger Boser. Kindle has been bred twice and produced Champion Dawson's High Chaparral from her first litter.

Rendition was named Runner-up for Roger Boser. He scored five finds during his hard driving hour.

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The winners appeared in the second brace of the stake. They motored through Little Vine quickly; Kindle handling it kindly to be first down the hill. Rendition scored a nice find along the ditch at 11. Kindle notched her first find at 15, just before Sycamore bottom, with Ren honoring. Both dogs were high and tight through flush and shot. Ren had an absence near the base of the hill, Kindle remained nicely forward. Ren reappeared on the hilltop, but his handler was searching the alley. Ren caught up to Kindle at 31, just in time for the pair to score a divided find on the left edge. Boser arrived as point was called. All was in perfect order for both setters. At 35, near the twin barns Rendition pointed stylishly, carding his third find. His fourth find occurred on the right edge, west of the barns, he had the birds well located. He noted a squirrel in passing, near the blue house. Dennis called "Squirrel!" and we all laughed. Ren pointed staunchly but unsuccessfully coming to the bull pasture. Both dogs made attractive moves through the pasture. Back to the blue house, Kindle ran the right fence line past the pond and then kindly swung across the front for the left turn at the barns. Rendition was on point next to the barn at 58, his birds were put up quickly and he finished going down the hill with five excellent finds to his credit. Kindle pointed with pretty style in a thorny thicket below the barns at 59. Her bird was flushed with effort; her handler fired and then had to crawl on his hands and knees to reach the steady Kindle. Both setters ran attractive, edge running races with excellent speed and range. Kindle's race was more consistently forward due to her desire to please her handler.

### The Running

*Bellwether (Boser) with Dawson's High Chaparral (D Hidalgo)* released at 9 am after a delay to let the frost dissipate. Both were attractively forward. On the north edge of the double gate field they were each pointed in separate locations at 15. Luke took steps on the flush and was up. Bell handled her birds perfectly. Her second find came at 41, just before Horse killer hill; she was attractive and mannerly. Bell's third find occurred on Appletree hill at 48 she displayed manners and class. She finished her hour forward in Rocky hollow.

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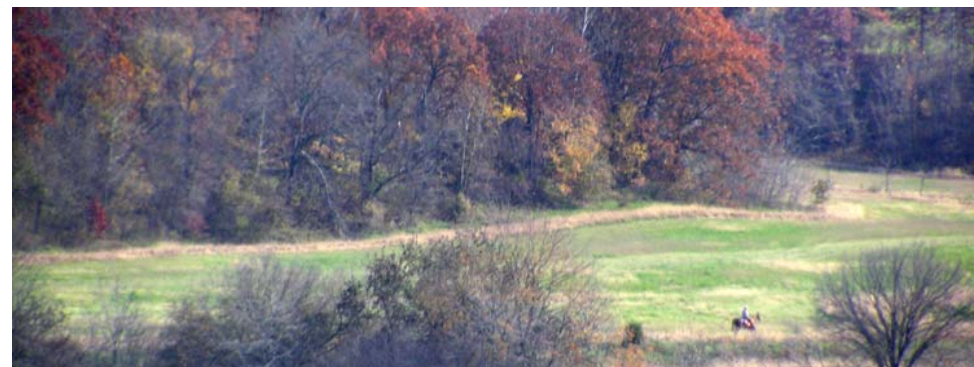
*Kindle (D Hidalgo) and Rendition (Boser)* again topped the field of entries, their winning ways are described above.

*Waycross (Boser) with Firefly's Power Play (D Hidalgo)* were released behind the barns, heading into Clubhouse loop. Puck chased deer before the clubhouse and his handler opted to pick up. Waycross scored three stylish and mannerly finds while running a forward race for the hour. His first two finds came in the Clubhouse loop early in the hour. His third find occurred just before the hour mark, in Break-Away bottom.

*Firefly's Hot Tip (B Hidalgo) ran with Caddo of the Snows (Norton)* Tip made some good moves before becoming hard of listening. She was picked up following an armadillo find in Davis bottom at 27. Caddo ran the edges and made a nice move in the field below the double gates. He was lost in Davis bottom, returning not long after the tracker was taken.

*Russell's Shots Fired (House) and Windfall (Boser)* were released into the Island field. Windy scored his first find at 13 on Appletree. Roy pointed stylishly just before Sycamore at 36 with Windy backing, all very nice. Near the big Sycamore, Windy pointed a perfectly located covey. Windy's third find and Roy's second were in Sycamore's far cross row in separate locations. Both dogs showed great style and manners for flush and shot. Roy ran a big race for the hour; he pointed armadillos just before time. Windfall had a fourth find at time.

*Keechi of the Snows (Norton) and Firefly's Intrepid (Hidalgo)* broke away heading west from the twin barns; Intrepid was not pleasing his handler and was up early. Keechi stayed forward into the bull pasture but was eventually lost. (End)







**NRSFTC Amateur Shooting Dog Championship**

Below: Front: Bonnie Hidalgo w/Kindle and Dr. Roger Boser w/Rendition  
Dennis Hidalgo; Margaret Horstmeyer; Tom White; Mary Boser;  
Andy Daugherty; Linda & Don Beauchamp; Judge Everett Brannan,  
Jim House; Marian Mills & Judge Jim Mills,

**NRSFTC Open Championship**

Above: Dr. Roger Boser w/Rendition; Bonnie & Dennis Hidalgo w/Kindle  
Mary Boser; Don & Linda Beauchamp; Tom Norton; Jim House;  
Everett Brannan, judge; Dr. Jim Mills, judge; and Sue Norton



## Colorado Field Dog Association

By Bonnie Hidalgo

Red Setter Open Derby:

Dennis & Bonnie Hidalgo w/Firefly's Beeline and Dr. Roger Boser w/ Touchback Mary Boser; Don & Linda Beauchamp; Tom Norton; Jim House; Everett Brannan and Dr. Jim Mills, the judges; and Sue Norton.

The Colorado Field Dog Association fall trial was held at the Sportsmen's Field Trial grounds at Grovespring, Missouri. On November 4-5. The grounds were in great shape and the weather was beautiful.

The Judges for all the stakes were Fred Smith and Caleb Bryson: they paid attention to all performances and were a pleasure to have around. We appreciate their dedication to the sport. Caleb was accompanied by his wife Lorie and daughters Grace and Evie who rode most of the trial.

Winning the Open Shooting Dog (seven entries) was Firefly's Hot Tip, Irish Setter female owned by Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo, handled by Bonnie. Tippy scored two nice covey finds in a mostly forward race. Placing second was Kindle who ran a forward race for handler Dennis Hidalgo. Rendition, Irish setter Male was third with a fine edge running race for Dr. Roger Boser.

In the Open Derby (Shooting Dog Standards) with eight entries, all dogs were placed on the quality of their races. The winner was Firefly's Sugarland, Irish Setter female, owned by Bonnie and Dennis Hidalgo and handled by Bonnie. Second was Black Jack of Snowcreek, pointer male owned and handled by Dr. Stan Haag. Bandwagon Prairie Princess, pointer female, placed third for Dr. Haag.

Rendition put on a terrific race to win the Open All Age for Dr. Roger Boser. There were six starters in the stake. Dawson's High Chaparral was second with a nice forward race for Dennis and Bonnie Hidalgo. Dennis handled the Irish Setter male.

Five entries were drawn for the Open Derby. Black Jack of Snowcreek won with a strong and forward race. He was handled by owner Dr. Stan Haag. Fireflies Beeline, Irish setter female, was second for Dennis Hidalgo with one find and a good race.

Rosie of Snowcreek, pointer female, won the nine entry Amateur Shooting Dog for Dr. Stan Haag with two pretty finds and a forward race. Bellweather, Irish Setter female, placed second with a nice find and a pleasing race. Bell was handled by Dr. Roger Boser. Dr. Haag placed third with his pointer female Jeannie of Snowcreek which had a nice race.

## Poor lost Dog can't find its way home...

This is a young female dog— her picture was posted on the red setter fb page. She was picked up as “lost” on November 23rd 2017 in Eagen, Mn. She was apparently found at the intersections of Red Pine and Dodd. The local Zip code is 55123. I saw the post and immediately contacted club member Craig Opel who lives within a few blocks of where the dog was picked up. He knew of a red setter living down the road and so he checked there— but everyone was safe and at home. Craig drove over to the area surrounding where the dog was found. All suburban nice



new homes which border a 3000 acre really wild natural area. It's about 4 miles by 4 mile long and wide with trails running through it but very rustic. It is surrounded by 3 major suburbs of about 60,000 people each. The dog could have come from far away on any of those trails. The Opels drove around both ends and visited the nature center looking for any lost dog signs with-- no results. Craig then spoke to local veterinarians. First— I thank Craig and his wife Dolly for their help in this. He really tried to find this little gal's home. In return, all Craig wanted me to do, was speak about the importance of “chipping.” If only this dog had been chipped. Here's an article about it:

## Chip your Dog for Safety

I recently heard a story in the news about a family who had lost their dog. They did everything to find him—putting up posters, checking shelters—nothing. Then, after two years, they received a surprise phone call. Their dog was found. The person who found the dog took him to be scanned for a microchip and it showed who his family was and they were all reunited.

An ID chip is only as big as a grain of rice. It's usually implanted in the scruff of your dog's neck and doesn't cause any pain for your pet. It generally costs around \$25 to \$50, depending on your vet.

Microchipping your dog is so much safer than other forms of identification. If your dog gets lost, he might lose his collar and tags; if your dog is stolen, the thief might remove his collar and tags. With a microchip, you can help people who find your dog find you and if someone else says it's their dog, you can prove the dog is yours.

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They make some neat stuff that works with your dog's microchip, too. Like a pet door that recognizes your dog's chip and lets him into the house (but not the raccoon that comes by later). To be clear, a microchip doesn't track your dog though. Your dog has to be taken somewhere to have it scanned.

To me, the decision whether or not to microchip your dog is an easy one. You SHOULD microchip your dog as soon as possible, and you'll rest easier knowing that if anything happens to your dog, you'll have a better chance of recovering him.

Many communities are actually proposing to make microchipping all dogs mandatory. When Allen and I visited northern Ireland last year, we learned that they require that ALL dogs be microchipped. Aside from finding your dog, there are two other good reasons to make microchips mandatory—although it saddens me that these problems exist.

The first reason is that many dogs aren't really lost—they're abandoned. People get a dog and decide they don't want the dog anymore and then they take the dog somewhere and just leave it. And if they remember to take off the collar and tags, no one would know. If that dog had been microchipped, it could be traced back to the owner. Microchips would reunite lost and runaway dogs with their families, and for the owners who abandon their dogs, they might think twice about dumping their dog in the country or on the streets if they knew there were consequences like fines or jail.

The second reason deals with a subject that is even sadder. There are people who buy dogs to use as weapons. They train these poor animals with incredibly cruel techniques to turn them into vicious killing machines. If the dog was microchipped, just like a gun with a serial number, it could be traced back to the owner, who would then have to answer for any offense that the dog may have committed.

Whether the microchip is ultimately used to reunite a family and a missing pet or to deter criminals from victimizing dogs or using them to victimize others, it's hard to disagree that mandatory microchipping would be a useful thing. It would reduce strays, euthanasia rates, and shelter crowding—all problems that are only getting worse.

I know some might say that it's not the government's place to mandate the microchipping, but you know, every car has to have a vehicle identification number and a license plate and every gun has to be registered to its owner. And for a dog lover, a dog is vastly more valuable than a car, and in the wrong hands, a dog can be more dangerous than a gun.

Please have your dog microchipped. You'll never regret doing it, but if your dog gets lost, you'll always regret that you didn't.

**MEANWHILE—PLEASE HELP.** Club members, especially in the area of Minnesota and Wisconsin— pass the dog's story around, check with your local vets, gun clubs, and animal protective leagues. Maybe we'll be lucky & we can get her back home.



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All Breed Honor Roll by Tom Norton

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Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Brophy's Gonzo Style places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Pavelko & Greg Dixon O/ Greg Dixon H	Brophy's Riding High	Brophy's Sweet Darlin	Twin Cities Wirehaired Pointer Club, 5/15/17, OSD	26 entries
Brae Val Bearcat Laddie seizes 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gregor McCluskey O/ H	Justified	Redstone	Northern New Jersey Field Trial Club, 5/13/17, NBHA OSD	6 P, 1 S, 1 IS
Snowy River's Honest Abe is #3	Chase & Mark Verdoorn O/ Mark Verdoorn H	Lincoln Watch That Tail	Franklin's Better Half	Lansing GSP Club, 5/5/17, Open Derby	10 GSP, 1 IS, 1 W
Moving Target grabs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dr Beth Vandenberg & Clay Alsip O/ Scott Chaffee H	Red N Ready	Matter Of Perspective	Lake States Field Trial Club, 8/12/17, OD	7 S, 1 IS
Moving Target gets another 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dr Beth Vandenberg & Clay Alsip O/ Scott Chaffee H	Red N Ready	Matter Of Perspective	Michigan Woodcock Championship 10/10/17, OD	1 P, 8 S, 1 IS, 1 V
Touchback places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger W. Boser O/H	Touchstone	Solitaire	Delaware Pointer and Setter Club, 9/16/17, AD	4 P, 1 S, 1 IS
Waycross takes Number 2	Roger W. Boser O/H	Justified	Redstone	Delaware Pointer and Setter Club, 9/16/17, ASD	13 P, 8 S, 1 IS
Iskote Biiwaanag places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spero Manson O/Steve Bailey H	Heiligsepp's Blick	St. Jude's Flame	Skyline Brittany Club, 9/23/17, OD	13 entries
Iskote NiBlIng is 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spero Manson O/Steve Bailey H	Zan Sett Simply Red	Eshod's Firefly	Skyline Brittany Club, 9/23/17, OSD	8 Br, 2 GD, 1 S, 1 IS, 5 V
Iskote Animikee get the 2 <sup>nd</sup> slot	Spero Manson O/Steve Bailey H	C C Amos O'Liery	Firefly's Tesla Coil	Skyline Brittany Club, 9/23/17, ORSD	1 Br, 1 GD, 1 IS, 2 V







### All Breed Honor Roll Continued

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Dog & Placement	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Competition
Lady Red places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shawn Melvin O/H	Not given	Not given	Duplin County (N. C.) Trials, 10/7/17, OP	1 P, 2 S, 3 IS
Come Back Billy Boy places 3 <sup>rd</sup>	J. A. Edwards O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Bee Gee	Duplin County (N. C.) Trials, 10/7/17, OP	1 P, 2 S, 3 IS
Come Back Trump places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	J. A. Edwards O/H	Come Back Audie	Celtic's Spectacular	Duplin County (N. C.) Trials, 10/7/17, OD	5 P, 1 IS
Come Back Magic places 1 <sup>st</sup>	J. A. Edwards O/H	Come Back Cutter	Come Back Bonita	Duplin County (N. C.) Trials, 10/7/17, OD	4 P, 1 S, 1 IS
Come Back High Liner places 2 <sup>nd</sup>	J. A. Edwards O/H	Come Back Hightider	Come Back Leah	Duplin County (N. C.) Trials, 10/7/17, ASD	3 P, 1 IS

### NRSFTC Derby of the Year 12/1/17

Runs July 1st 2017 to June 30th 2018

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Touchback	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	36
Fire fly Sugarland	F	Bonnie Hidalgo	Justified	Redstone	36
Fire fly Bee line	F	Dennis Hidalgo	Dawson's High Chaparral	Fire Fly Hot tip	30

### NRSFTC Puppy of the Year 12/1/17

Runs July 1st 2016 to June 30th 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Lady Red	F	Shawn Melvin O/H	CB Cutter	CB Doodle	24
Come Back Billy Boy	M	J. A. Edwards O/H	CB Cutter	CB Bee Gee	12

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### High Performance Award as of 12/1/17

Runs Jan 1st to December 31st 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time to Rock	Red Rush	360

LeGrande as of 12/1/17					
Runs Jan 1st to December 31st 2017					
Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Roses Are Red	F	Tim Hammons	Time to Rock	Red Rush	1090
Waycross	M	Roger Boser	Justified	Redstone	604
Rendition	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Solitaire	512
Lily An Creag	F	David Creagan	Justified	Redstone	420
Windfall	M	Roger Boser	Touchstone	Redstone	242
Bellwether	F	Roger Boser	Breakstone	Redstone	63

### Open Walking Shooting Dog as of 12/1/17

Runs January 1, 2017 through December 31st, 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Zan Zett Simply Red	M	Catherine Lewis & Dean Reinke O Tom Waite H	Kevin's Kosmo Kramer	Lucille O'Ryan	400
Lily An Creag	F	David Creagan	Justified	Redstone	192
Hawkeye Red	M	Jim Giles O Jeremy Gulick H	Youtoo	Soldier Creek Sissy	110
Leonard's Strong Bow	M	Al Fazenbaker	Aiken	Sunset Silk	24
Celtic's Spectacular Bid	M	Paul Ober O Al Fazenbaker H	CB Hi Tider	Celtic's Spectacular	12
Braeval Bearcat Laddie	M	Gregor McCluskey	Justified	Redstone	12

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### Red Setter NSTRA Award as of 12/1/17

Runs January 1, 2017 through December 31st, 2017

Dog	Sex	Owner	Sire	Dam	Points
Ace Holiday	M	Steve Witz	Justified	Cherry Bear Holiday	232
Cherry Holiday	F	Steve Witz	Breakstone	Applebee	80
Foxy's Lil Red Missy	F	Mike Fox	Red n Ready	Matter of Perspective	42
Cardo's Red Bull	M	Steve Card	YouToo	Soldier Creek Sissy	16

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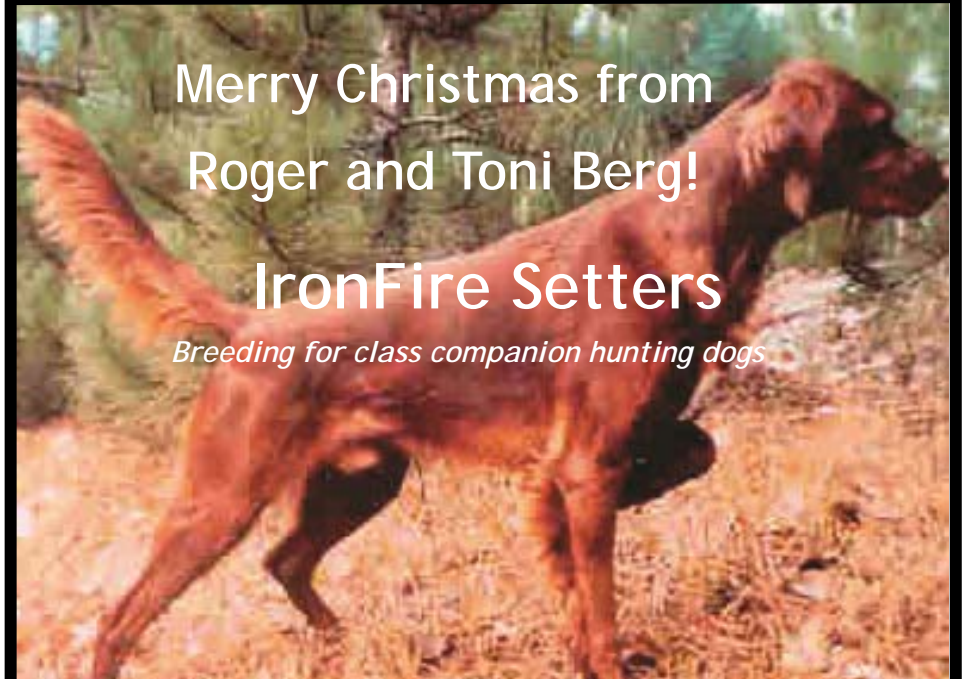
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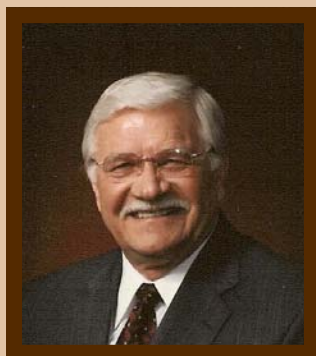
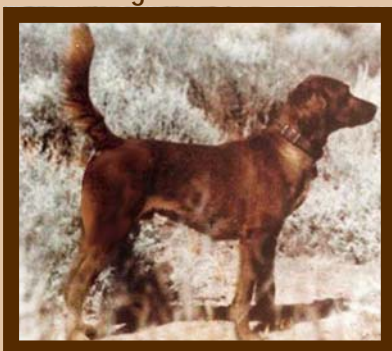


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