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and Rex Cottle with Runner Up, Come Back Casey**

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Piccadilly, owned and handled by Roger Boser took the 2008 Spring Championship. Come Back Casey ran a great race behind her as he secured the Runner Up position. Casey is owned and handled by Rex Cottle of Mount Olive North Carolina. The dogs delighted the gallery— each providing an exceptional performance. Details of the Championship, supporting stakes and the 36th NRSFTC Futurity begin on page 9.

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From Deb's Desk



Hi everyone!

You may notice that I have replaced my worn out fall hunting picture with this photo. Last week I was sitting on the back porch wearing my Purina hat. Finn McCool came along and I playfully put the cap on HIS head. When Allen saw us, he took this picture and I decided to trade that old hunting shot with this one. But listen— I don't want you to think by Finn's appearance that he'd rather play dress up than get out and find birds! I promise, there really isn't a finer pheasant dog anywhere, and just to prove it, I've decided to share the story behind that old hunting picture. It begins on page 6. A true hunting yarn about my truest companion; hat's off to you Finn, and thanks to our sponsor, Purina.

Martha Greenlee's *Japanese Tea Bowls and Birds Dogs* is a great article on dog training. We appreciate her generosity in allowing us to include it.

The late Herm David wanted the NRSFTC to establish an educational foundation which would ensure our "quest for the purest challenge." Mike Jacobson and Brad Guinn CPA agreed to assist the NRSFTC in the application process. I'm delighted to report that their efforts HAVE finally fulfilled Herm's dream. The Internal Revenue Service recently notified us that the Red Setter Foundation has been granted non-profit status. We certainly owe Brad and Mike a huge debt of thanks! Visit the website: www.nrsftc.com/foundation/ to learn what this means to our organization. The Red Setter Foundation can now accept your donations. Also, please remember us in your estate planning; all donations made are tax deductible. Because the Red Setter Foundation is tax exempt, we will have considerable savings with any purchases. And, if we can obtain non profit mailing status, our postage rates will be dramatically lower. We've applied for those rates but even if our application is denied, there are still some physical changes we CAN make to reduce our mailing costs. With postage rates about to increase, that's a priority. Please be patient over the next few issues while we experiment a bit to find the least expensive manner to publish and send *The Flushing Whip* out to you.

The Spring Championship and supporting stakes were held in Berea Kentucky the first week of March. Tim Hammons did an exceptional job putting the trial together. It was quite a challenge because of weather issues... "weather" the sun was shining, "weather" it was raining or "weather" we had snow— and OH, did we have snow... regardless of the weather, we still had fun! Bonnie Hidalgo served as recorder for the trial and her report begins on page 9. As an aside, we were needing a judge for the walking stakes and Dewey Mullins got Barry Stumbo to help us. We so appreciated it because Dewey was in the midst of recovering from a 20 foot fall off a ladder on his farm. We thank him for his help and hope to see him back in the saddle real soon. God Speed Dewey. (Please send cards to: Dewey Mullins, 542 Dryfus Rd., Berea, KY 40403)

The NRSFTC Board appreciates the long term contributions of Teresa Bruns and Linda Rollinson. They voted to honor the two women with life time memberships at the Berea trial. Teresa is one of our longest standing members. Her husband Dale loaned the club money to help publish *The Modern Red Setter* by Truman Cowles. After Dale's death last summer, Teresa notified the Board that she would forgive that debt as a contribution to the club. It's yet another example of how our club has benefited from the kind generosity of Dale and Teresa Bruns. Linda Rollinson was also recognized. Linda took on an enormous task several years ago when the club had to replace its Treasurer. Linda conducted an audit of the books in spite of difficult circumstances. She agreed to serve as club treasurer until the books were in order and back on tract. Our club is deeply indebted to Linda Rollinson for her work on what was an extremely tedious task. We welcome both women as honorary lifetime members and we thank them for their service and support.

If you're new to Field trialing, don't miss some vital advice by well known field trial author, Tom Word. We appreciate his willingness to share it on page 20. Also, special thanks to Jim Baker who sent in a short little story. Jim wonders if the wild prairies are lonesome enough to leave a man alone with his thoughts.... or are they haunted? What do you think? Page 21.

I found an old poem that was written many many years ago by Michelle Hand, a young teen. It amazed me that a fourteen year old had such an astute "handle" on the nuts and bolts of field trialing. Check it out on page 22. We don't see too many youngsters at field trials today and it's a shame. We really need to bring the young folks back into the mix if our efforts to "*Honor the Challenge*," are to continue. Perhaps the Red Setter Foundation could help?? Think about how that might happen— I'd like to hear your ideas about it. But for now, looks like I'm out of room.

Remember our soldiers on Memorial Day... God Bless them All!

Deb

The pheasant who “didn’t get away.”



We belong to a local hunt club not too far from our home. It’s a nice place to plant birds, train dogs and have fun! Al likes to go there on Saturdays. He and his pals spend the morning chewing the fat and working their dogs. Sometimes Al tries to talk me into going

along with him but it’s predominantly a “men’s group” and I usually beg off— unless Finn is scheduled to go. Finn is strictly my dog and if he goes to the club, I go along so I can be the one to work with him. Finn isn’t a “field trial” caliber dog, but he’s an **exceptional** hunting companion, especially on pheasant.

Well, one Saturday morning Finn and I went out to train with Al. Unfortunately, when we got there we found out the club had NO birds! I hooked poor Finn up to the chain gang and left him there. He had no idea that I didn’t plan to come back to let him hunt. Finn just settled in and waited patiently with hopeful anticipation. It didn’t seem like it was meant to be.... but then, an incredible opportunity flew our way.

Everything changed when a guy showed up to train his dogs. He brought two pointers and two pheasants. “PointerMan” planted his birds in the training field and released a derby aged pup—eager to show us its mettle. The young dog pointed a pheasant hen and waited as his master shot it. Then, a few minutes later, the dog pointed again—this time he’d found a big cock bird. When the shot missed its mark, the bird took off with the pup in close pursuit. Within seconds the bird disappeared and no one could see it. The dog hunted enthusiastically but just couldn’t locate the bird. After about 20 minutes, PointerMan put the young dog up and brought out an older more seasoned one. When their luck didn’t change, a Shorthair guy took his 2 dogs out in the field too. All three dogs hunted aggressively for over 45 minutes. But no matter how hard they tried, the bird eluded them. Those dogs worked every inch of

the field without success. Finally, both men gave up and brought their dogs back to the clubhouse. I’d been watching it all—thinking about poor Finn, stuck out on the chain gang without birds. I knew he’d overturn heaven and hell to get that pheasant for me. So, when the two men gave up, I decided to offer them short course in Red Dawgs 101. “Would you mind if my dog and I give it go?” I asked.

The Shorthair guy gave a loud snort but PointerMan just smiled and said, “knock yourself out, but I ’spect that bird ran off some time ago.” I went and unhooked old Finn and brought him to the bird field to set him loose. I had planned to shoot some pictures so I turned and asked a local teen to gun for me incase we made contact with the bird. He grabbed his gun and followed along but I don’t think he believed there was one chance in a million that we’d ever see THAT pheasant again. In fact, as we walked along he told me several times that the bird was “long gone.”

Although the field had rows mowed, much of the natural cover was a couple feet high and pretty rough. Finn started quartering back and forth checking objectives along the way. I took my first picture as he paused, lifted his head and worked the wind from the west. He caught scent and changed course, bounding over to the far side of the field where he continued working



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intensely. Finn was making a long cast adjacent to the far hedgerow when he turned abruptly, slammed on point and stood staunch. I quickly focused and took another shot. I knew by the fire in Finn's eyes that the bird WAS right there. Jared, (my young shooter) didn't believe it and muttered something like, "Probably old scent..." I turned and asked him—"Are you loaded up or not?" He rolled his eyes dramatically and gave me a patronizing, "yeah, yeah yeah!"

Finn was across from us-- maybe 30-40 feet. He was looking hard towards a matted pile of brush so we moved in that direction. As we got closer, the bird sensed trouble and took flight. Jared easily brought it down with one shot. I released Finn who quickly retrieved it right to my hand. It was some FINE bird work! And Jared? All the way back to the clubhouse he just kept talking:—"that was sooooooo cool, he's a great dog! Thanks for taking me. Man that was fun. Did you see him work that field? I can't believe he found that pheasant! Now, THAT's a bird dog!"

When we got back, Al traded me my camera for his gun and took the picture you've seen so often in *The Whip*. Jared was too busy talking to pose with us. When I thanked PointerMan and gave him his pheasant back, he returned the favor. "I should thank YOU," he said, "that was a great show!" The Shorthair guy seemed dumbfounded by it all. "What kind of dog is that anyhow?" he asked. I was about to tell him but before I could answer, Jared jumped in and said, "he's the best bird dog ever, that's what!" Jared was right and I'll tell you what else— Nobody snorted this time!



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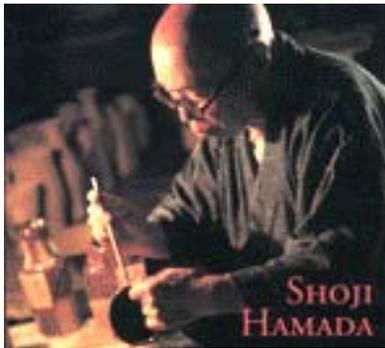


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Japanese Tea Bowls and Bird Dogs

By Martha H. Greenlee

Shoji Hamada was a gifted Japanese potter who was named a living National Treasure in 1955. Most of Hamada's life was dedicated to creating simple utilitarian objects such as tea bowls that were unassuming and beautiful. He believed the objects he created were born, not made. By reacting to the material rather than imposing his will on the form, his pieces had a natural appearance, a closeness to nature that looked neither mechanical nor man-made. He once explained that it had taken him thirty years to learn how to make pottery, thirty years to unlearn, and now he was ready to begin learning.



A pro-trainer I know describes training a bird dog in a similar fashion only he uses the face of a clock. He says people begin their training at the top, at 12 o'clock. As they learn, they descend. They think they are getting better, but, actually, they are getting worse. About the time they think they know everything, they are at 6 o'clock. Once they realize that dog training isn't as simple as they thought it was, and that maybe they don't know everything, they begin to ascend and eventually get back to 12 o'clock where they began. This analogy may explain why a person's first dog is often the best dog, and why it is so hard to have a great second dog. The problem doesn't lie as much with the dogs as with the trainers, their expectations, and the fact that they take credit for their first dog's success.

How well I know this scenario. My first field trial dog was a big winning dog. A couple of dogs followed, each a little more broken in spirit until I found myself with a one year old pup I had corrected for just about everything her predecessors had done wrong. I started to turn upwards on the face of the clock when I realized that each dog is an individual and that sound bird dog training has to be a reaction to an individual dog's actions. It is not imposing my will to create something mechanical or man-made. I had to

learn to think like a beginner again. I had to unlearn everything.

As I unlearn, I begin to see that each dog is unique. I begin to understand when to build independence and when to take some of it away. I understand the difference between dogs that are tough in the kennel and dogs that are tough around their game. I learn to let the dog tell me when he is ready to be "broke" rather than breaking him the summer of his second year. I learn to correct a dog on deer only if he chases them.

Most importantly, I learn how much uncertainty there is in bird dog training. The more I learn the less I know. In the words of the pro-trainer, "It's a guess. You never really know." But it takes someone who has learned to train bird dogs and then unlearned it, who has gone from 12 o'clock to 6 o'clock and back to 12 o'clock to admit this. Maybe like the potter, the job of the trainer is not to impose his will but to be humble and unassuming so the beauty of the bird dog shines through. Perhaps, like the Japanese tea bowl, a bird dog is born— not made.

Martha Greenless describes herself as an amateur trainer and field trialer. Her Brittany's have won or placed in national all-age and gun dog championships. Besides working with dogs, she enjoys writing about them. Martha has written numerous articles and a couple of books including co-writing THE BRITTANY: Amateurs Training with Professionals.



Spring 2008 National Red Setter Championship

By Bonnie Hidalgo

Piccadilly came through with a smooth, front running, bird finding performance to snatch up the title for her owner-handler, Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, PA. Hot on her heels was Come Back Casey with his owner-handler Rex Cottle of Mt. Olive, NC. Casey found plenty of birds in a big race. The Championship kicked off four days of field trial, fielding 20 of the Nation's top Irish Setters at the Miller Welch Wildlife Management Area (formerly Central Kentucky WMA) at Berea, KY. The trail ran March 6 through 9th.

The 36th National Futurity followed with 16 fine young red dogs. The winner emerged in Her Ruby Red Slipper, owned by Al and Deb Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio. Ruby was handled by Al.

Chaperon was named second. He is owned and handled by Roger Boser. Third place went to Celtic's Charisma owned by Paul Ober, Reading, PA and handled by Rex Cottle. Come Back Dally was fourth for owner, Rupert Colmore of Duck River, TN. She was handled by Joe Edwards.

The Drawing was held at the Clubhouse on the grounds on March 5. Trial Co-Chairmen Tim Hammons and Brian Gelinis were assisted by Dennis Hidalgo and Ron Young. The National Red Setter Championship trial was well attended, with the premier stakes attracting a total entry of 36 dogs. The combined number of Irish Setters drawn in the three horseback supporting stakes was 28; another 12 were entered in the two Walking stakes. Running orders were printed out on the spot.

Sponsors for this renewal were Purina and Tri-Tronics. The continued support of these great companies is invaluable to the success of the

event. Aside from the support they give; these companies are essential to the four legged athletes with the products they create. We were honored by the presence of Purina Rep, Jim Smith and Tri-Tronics Rep, Jim Morehouse. The knowledge they possess regarding the products they promote and their outgoing personalities were enjoyed by all.

Nasty weather plagued the March 2008 running of the National Red Setter Championship field trial. Thursday's mild temperatures and partly cloudy skies proved too good to last. Rain was falling steadily by Friday morning. It continued without mercy for the entire day as the mercury dropped. The clubhouse at noon break looked like a refuge for shipwrecked sailors. Oh, but it got worse! During the Friday evening banquet the rain became ice, leaving a half inch thick layer on everything. Truck and trailer doors were nearly impossible to open and ice scrapers were the order of the evening. Saturday morning we woke to four inches of snow and it was still falling. The one consolation was that the grounds were spared the 15 inches that fell along the Ohio River Valley a mere hundred miles to the north. There was talk of cancelling the remainder of the trial but since the Futurity had



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commenced on Friday, it was decided to complete it. Starting time was delayed until 10 am. By the time the Futurity was finished, the snow had stopped and the sun was out. Footing was reasonably safe for the horses and the trial continued to completion on Sunday evening.

Judges CW Shelton of Cincinnati, OH and Tim McClurg of Warren, OH endured through three seasons worth of weather in order to observe the Championship and Futurity entries. The dedication these men showed was awesome. Their knowledge of bird dogs and their willingness to watch closely regardless of conditions made them extremely popular with the entire group.

Dave Jones and Barry Stumbo were the Judges for the Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog Classic and for the Red Setter Open Walking Derby. Many thanks to these Judges for paying close attention to the dogs in the miserable conditions of the day.

The Red Setter Open Puppy was judged by Tony Johnson and Tim Hammons. That stake followed the Futurity on Saturday afternoon.

Tony Johnson and David Sparks judged the Open All Age and Amateur Shooting Dog which were run on Sunday. Their decisions were well received.

Trial Chairman Tim Hammons planted birds early each morning with the aid of Charlie Turner. Several people pitched in to fill the role of Dog wagon driver throughout the course of the trial. They were Charlie Turner, Stan Zdanczewicz, Rupert Colmore, Tom Norton and Brian Gelinas. Tim and Kris Hammons handled the majority of field marshal duties. Trial Co-Chair Brian Gelinas organized a tremendously successful fund raising auction that was held in conjunction with the Friday night banquet.

The club was pleased to have as its guests Holly Bruns and friend as well as Linda Rollinson and her daughter, Renee Rollinson. Theresa Bruns and Linda Rollinson were awarded Life Time memberships in the National Red Setter Club in honor of past contributions to the club by them and their late husbands, beloved club members, Dale Bruns and Harry Rollinson.

The Winners and Others

Piccadilly was beautifully animated when she ran on Thursday morning, in the third brace of the stake. Roger Boser had great rapport with her. Judges Shelton and McClurg set her on the Champion's dais and none of the performances knocked her from it. Piccadilly scored very nicely at 12 and 20, each time her birds were well located and she looked great. Her third find came just prior to the Tobacco Barn at 39; again she was stylish with superb manners. At 43, she was pointing with high class, this time it was a covey rise and her manners were impeccable. Her race was consistently forward and her handling was sweet.

Come Back Casey turned in a stellar performance, which unfortunately was witnessed by very few, due to the miserable conditions on Friday morning. Rex Cottle's dog was predominantly forward at strong pace and range. He scored finds at 7, 39 and 45, showing high style and superb manners on all of them. Casey's find at 39 showed his keen manners when his handler could not produce and asked for relocation. Casey went about a foot and locked up again. The bird was directly in front of the dog's nose when Cottle kicked it up, but Casey never flinched. He was absent briefly near the end of the hour but scout Kris Hammons saved the day and the dog was able to finish forward. It was an exciting hour to witness.

Don Beauchamp's Bolero divided a find at 4 with

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his brace mate. He scored nicely at 12, before the Clubhouse Woods. Bolero went on to notch two more quality finds at 27 and at 45. He made some big, smart moves with only a couple glitches. The Judge's carried Bolero for placement until the eighth brace gave them their Runner-up dog.

Breakstone, a Roger Boser entry, scored a very nice find at 12. At 25, he found his out of judgment bracemate on point; backing him like a champ. Breakstone scored his second find at 52, all vey much in order. This young dog was a crowd pleaser; his race and bird work were top notch. The Judges gave him honorable mention and rightly so.

National Championship Running

Firefly's Solid Dollar (Hidalgo) with Texas Roughcut (Beauchamp)

Sol and Roughcut were wide and strong. Sol scored on quail at 23; after which, he turned his ears off and was picked up at 30. Roughcut backed at 23. He pointed woodcock at 45, but went with the flush to end the brace

Come Back Audie (Edwards) with Rocky's Straight Arrow (Gelinias)

This pair broke away at "the mailbox". They were fast and forward. Arrow pointed at 10 while Audie was being gathered up. It was a stylish, well mannered find on the edge before the Clubhouse Woods. Audie came through as the bird work completed and pointed in the grass at the opposite end of the tree row. Only a rabbit was flushed and Edwards took him on. At 21, Audie was on point on the right side of the field; Edwards took Arrow with him as he rode to his dog. Arrow passed Audie before stopping and was picked up. This worked proved barren even after relocation and Audie was taken up.

Piccadilly (Boser) with Rock Steady (Martin)

Thursday morning's final brace released at the gate. Piccadilly's performance was described earlier. Rock Steady displayed great speed and snap. She pointed stylishly at 18 but went with the flush.

Breakstone (Boser) with Comeback Rock (Jones)

Rock was lost soon after the cast off and was counted out at 22, he was found forward on point at 25. Breakstone's hour was described above.

Bolero (Beauchamp) with Celtic Charisma (Edwards)

Charisma shared a find at 4 with all in good order. Bolero's effort is related under Winners & Others. Charisma was attractive on the ground but showed occasional immaturity.

Creed (Beauchamp) with Moonshine Again (K.Hammons)

They shared a find at 5, both showing good style. Creed pointed again at 20; Moonshine failed to back and was harnessed. Creed remained mannerly through all of it. At 45, he stopped to flush but released himself and was done.

Aiken (Boser) with Come Back Pretty Lady (Jones)

This was the first brace on Friday. Conditions were much harder on man and beast than on the previous day. Aiken carded a high styled find at 3 with Lady honoring nicely. He pointed again at 19 but no birds were produced. Jones, having seen more than he liked picked Lady up and advised that the birds may have been flushed previous to Boser's arrival. Past the tobacco barn at 23, Aiken was high and tight on a covey find. Aiken ran a big strong race but was nowhere to be found at the end of the hour and was counted out.

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Come Back Casey with Montana's Full House (Turner)

The latter was lost at two and was not recovered under judgment. Casey's Runner-up gaining performance is described above.

Code Red (T. Hammons) with Chaparral (Beauchamp)

Chaparral pointed at 11 but it was unproductive. No birds were pointed this hour and both dogs were frequently out of pocket.

Come Back Gloria (Liermann) with Comeback Judy (Cottle)

Gloria scored nicely at 4, 12 and 18. Judy failed to back at 18 and was up. Gloria was consistently forward throughout the hour. She covered the course very nicely although she finished a bit slower than she began.

The 36th National Red Setter Futurity

This renewal of the National Red Setter Futurity was one of the best in recent history. The number of litters enrolled and the individuals nominated were up significantly from 2007. There were 25 litters nominated, from those litters 22 individual dogs were nominated, coming from 16 different litters. The 16 dogs actually drawn and run were from 14 litters. The leading sire in number of litters nominated was Chaparral with three; There were three Chaparral offspring in the stake; one of them placed second. There were three sires with 2 litters each nominated. Those sires were Come Back Rocky, Hondo Muldoon and ZanSett Captain. Of those only Rocky had individual dogs nominated; all three of which competed. The overall quality of the entries was high and the four winners gave excellent performances; showing a promising future for the Irish Setter as a breed.

Judges CW Shelton and Tim McClurg picked popular winners and adhered to the Futurity

Standard.

The following is an excerpt from the National Red Setter Futurity Judging Standards. These standards were set in 1983 and were revised in 2002.

"The Futurity shall be run in the spring of each year over preferential bob-white quail territory. Placed dogs shall display an intense desire to find birds, a keen nose to detect the presence of game and ability to locate it quickly and accurately by body scent. Placed dogs must show staunchness and style on point but not necessarily be steady to wing and shot (Staunchness meaning being positive on point; where the dog establishes point but not necessarily where the handler can dismount, flush and fire before the dog moves on.) Placed dogs must show determination under adverse conditions and intelligent adjustment to terrain and cover, the ability to hunt independently with speed and proven endurance. Placed dogs shall adjust range to cover and character of the country and to show desire to please the handler."

The Futurity Winners

The 2008 Futurity winner, Her Ruby Red Slipper was sired by Sharpton, himself a past Futurity winner, and out of Applebee. Ruby's litter was bred by Roger Boser. She is proudly owned by Al and Deb Fazenbaker of Kingsville, Ohio and was handled by Al. Ruby's brace was just after lunch



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on Saturday; it was snowing and blowing pretty hard at the break away. Ruby made a big cast at the start from headquarters and was gone for 3 or 4 minutes. Fazenbaker rode toward the Mullins fence line, and found Ruby standing about 15 yards from the line, high and tight on both ends. A small covey was flushed and put in again on the far side of the fence. Ruby never budged at flush or shot. From there she made a huge cast to the tree line in front, along the creek. She continued in that manner, always to the front, and always hunting. She was kindly in her response to her handler's bidding. It was an impressive performance.

Chaperon garnered the second spot for owner and handler Dr. Roger Boser of Seven Valleys, PA. Sired by Chaparral out of Sizzlin Belle, Chaperon's breeder was Don Beauchamp of Cheney, KS. Chaperon appeared in the first brace of the Futurity, turning loose on the number one course on Friday afternoon. He pointed in the pines at 2. Chaperon was perfectly finished on this and displayed great style. Chaperon showed a worthy ground effort with a mature pattern.

Celtic's Charisma placed third. She was sired by Celtic's Subordination and is out of Celtic's Covenant. Charisma is owned and bred by Paul Ober. Rex Cottle handled her. Charisma had two contacts and ran a nice race. She displayed good manners on the initial find.

In fourth place was Come Back Dally sired by Come Back Johnson out of Come Back Diddle. She was bred and handled by Joe Edwards and is owned by Rupert Colmore. Dally ran a good race with one nice, dug up find.

The Futurity Running

Chaperon (Boser) and Celtic's Salient Point (Fazenbaker)

They both pointed in the pines at 2.

Chaperon's effort gained him second place and was described earlier. Liz moved during the flushing effort and left with the birds. She ran a medium race.

Celtic's Charisma (Cottle) with Fermanagh Tango (White)

Charisma placed third and her bid was previously related. Tango had one bird contact.

Redhawk (Jones) and Come Back Dally (Edwards); Redhawk was lost early. Dally's performance was described earlier.

Celtic's Superfire (Edwards) with Poison Creek Rose (Cottle) turned loose at the mailbox. Rose was stronger on the ground and ran a nice forward race. Both went birdless.

Celtic's Consensus (Edwards) with Firefly's Flash Drive (Hidalgo)

This brace started from the gate, Vicki pointed quail briefly and ran a medium forward race. Flash caught a wet bird early, and her handle went up in smoke. She was exuberant but immature.

Celtic's Syntax (Edwards) with Her Ruby Red Slipper (Fazenbaker)

The weather was miserable when they released. Ruby's winning effort is described above. Petite was forward in her application.

Kalamity Ballyhoo (Sloan) -Rocking Doc (Jones)

Doc put down a good race. He came around a corner at 20, pointing then bumping a covey and was picked up as Bally came into the picture. She winded birds and pinned a single on the edge of the woods, all was nicely in order. Bally was very animated and she handled flawlessly. Her race was not as big as the winners.

Celtic's Bottom Line (Fazenbaker) - Jericho (Boser)

No birds were found this brace. Jericho ran a tremendous race. He was strong, wide and forward. Quick was attractively gaited and ran

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well.



IronFire's Ailis (Ray Kendra OH) Rohan (Ray Equi)
Moonshine Again is not pictured. Row 2 Barry Stumbo,
Jim Morehouse (TriTronics), Kris Hammonds, Dave
Jones

Red Setter Open Walking Shooting Dog

Judges for this stake were Dave Jones and Barry Stumbo. Michael Jacobson was the Walking Stakes

Chairman and saw to the details of the running of those stakes while the horseback trial continued on the main courses. The stake ran on Friday across the road from headquarters. A field of six Red Setters competed in less than ideal conditions.

The winner was Ironfire's Ailis, a female owned and handled by Ray Kendra, Traverse City, MI. She ran a good race and scored three very nice finds. She handled kindly and finished nicely forward.

Celtic Ridge Rohan was second for her owner and handler Ray Equi, Knoxville, TN. Rohan had one find and one nonproductive in a good race.

Moonshine Again was named to third under the whistle of her owner, Kris Hammonds, Berea, KY. She ran a great forward race but had no birds.

Red Setter Open Walking Derby

Deb Sloan handily won this stake with a finished performance from Kalamity Ballyhoo. Bally displayed excellent style and manners on game and handled kindly. Judges Dave Jones and Barry Stumbo said they were quite impressed with Bally's performance.

Celtic's Superfire was second and was handled by her owner, Joe Edwards. Waltz ran a nice race.

Celtic's Consensus was third for handler, Joe Edwards. She is owned by Paul Ober. She hunted well and ran a good race.

Open Puppy

The Puppy was judged by Tony Johnson and Tim Hammons. It ran following the Futurity, late Saturday afternoon. Five puppies competed. Al and Deb Fazenbaker own the two winning puppies, Al handled both of them. In first place was Flushing Whip Roger Ramjet. He was consistently to the front at nice range. He had bird contact. Flushing Whip Photo Op was second by virtue of a quality race.

Open All Age

Aiken ran all over the country and pointed birds three times with style to win this one for Roger Boser. His first find was on a covey at Dewey Mullins fence line, all was in order. His next find was past the tobacco barn in the left corner. All three finds were on the edges of the course.

Breakstone was second and is also owned and handled by Roger Boser. He displayed good birdwork and a nice race but with less range than the winner.

Third place went to Rocky's Straight Arrow, owned and handled by Brian Gelinas, Shelbyville, IN. Arrow's performance was excellent for the first 20 minutes; his pace slowed after that. He carded a beautiful covey find at 20 showing high style and good manners as he slammed into point in full view of the gallery.

Amateur Shooting Dog

Piccadilly won the Amateur Shooting Dog, once again proving her consistent prowess as a high class bird dog with three finds in a steady, forward race.

Second place went to Come Back Audie owned and handled by Joe Edwards, Rose Hill, NC. Audie combined a nice race with three classy finds.

Third place went to Solitaire, owned and handled by Dr. Roger Boser. Solitaire ran a good race with a stylish find and a mannerly back.

Riding out the storm...



These ladies (above) prepared to leave for a day of fun and shoppingwhile these guys (below) fought the elements and just tried to find ways to stay warm!



Baby it's COLD outside!



2008 NRSFTC Championship

RU Come Back Casey (Rex Cottle) and Champion Picadilly (Roger Boser)
Al Fazenbaker, Jim Morehouse, Judge Tim McClurg, Judge CW Shelton, Rupert Colmore and Stan ZZZ



Open All Age

Aiken (Roger Boser), Breakstone (Mary Boser) Not pictured Rocky's Straight Arrow
Tim Hammons, David Sparks and Phil Johnson



36th Futurity Winners

Ruby (Al Fazenbaker O/H), Chaparone (Roger Boser O/H) Celtic's Charisma, Rex Cottle H., (Paul Ober O not pictured) and Come Back Dally, Joe Edwards H for owner, R. Colmore
Row 2 Judge CW Shelton, Judge Tim McClurg and Tri-Tronics Rep. Jim Morehouse



Amateur Shooting Dog

Picadilly (Mary Boser) Audie (Brenda Edwards) and Solitaire (Roger Boser)
Tim Hammons, David Sparks, Joe Edwards, Tony Johnson



Open Puppy

Photo taken after the trial. Flushing Whip's Roger Ramjet with Jordyn Dickey, Flushing Whip's Photo OP with Colton Hutton Row 2 is Dillen Hutton, Al Fazenbaker, Tyler Dickey

In case you don't recognize the young men in this picture— they are from my other life, the one where I coach pole vault. These four young men are just about the nicest kids in America... and the older guy in the middle isn't too bad either!



Red Setter Open Walking Derby

Unfortunately we did not get pictures of the winners of this stake. Kalamity Ballyhoo (pictured here in file photo) took first place under handler Deb Sloan. Second place went to Celtic's Superfire (Joe Edwards.) Celtic's Consensus (Paul Ober Owner/Joe Edwards Handler) took 3rd.

Honorary Lifetime Memberships awarded to: Linda Rollinson and Teresa Bruns



Roger Boser presents Honorary Lifetime Membership Award to Linda Rollinson



Holly accepts Honorary Lifetime Membership Award on behalf of her mother, Teresa Bruns. President Don Beauchamp presenting



*The weather outside was frightful..... but the friends inside delightful!
The dogs still knew where to go.... Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!*



The Spring Trial was dedicated to the late Harry Rollinson. His family was on hand for the festivities. In this shot, Kris Hammons is flanked by Linda and Renee Rollinson!



Sue Horton gets acquainted with Berkan, the pup Tom purchased at the auction!

10 Bits of Advice for New Trialers

By Tom Word

What advice would you give a newcomer to field trials if you wanted to help him or her succeed in and enjoy our sport longtime? You could spend days thinking about that question without running out of kernels of wisdom. But here are a few that came to me in one early morning of insomnia.

1. **Don't take yourself or your competitors too seriously.** This advice is counter intuitive and contradictory. Remember I said succeed in and enjoy. Those who succeed greatly often take themselves (and competition) quite seriously, and in the process make themselves (and us) miserable. We can all name examples of deadly serious successful competitors whose after-decision antics can be counted on to ruin the mood of any trial they don't win.

2. **Remember, like fishing and bird hunting, it's a game of averages.** "You're going to win some you didn't think you'd won, and lose some you thought for sure that you'd won—if you let it bother you, it will drive you crazy," said a pro who enjoys the game and his job. Insightful wisdom.

3. **Be aware of the eternal lies, and expect them.** If being lied to bothers you, field trials will disappoint you. The biggest disappointment will come when a fellow judge you trust tells you a fib about what happened with a dog he's following out of your presence. You find out about the fib from a disinterested, truthful observer who was there. But remember the fib may be unintentional—the judge may simply have missed the dog's misconduct. Go back and read point 1.

4. **Don't hang on too long to your losers.** Many are called, few are chosen. You'll go through a lot of prospects to find a real trial dog. Don't be kennel blind is another version of the same advice. Of course, all men (and some women) are kennel blind to some degree, just as we can't (or won't) see clearly the faults in our descendants.

5. **Bite your tongue when a judgment doesn't suit you.** See point 1.

6. **"If they ask you to judge and it's too far to take your horses, maybe you shouldn't go."** This kernel is attributed to Mr. George Moreland. Another version might be, "If they're supplying you mounts, expect and be prepared for anything." If you're young and a good rider, you can sometimes survive. If not, look out.

7 **Remember the 10% rule.** Ten percent of the performances you see will be worthy jobs. The rest will not. We ride to see the 10%. That 10% makes riding the rest worth it. And back to point 1, remember the 90-10 rule applies to your own entries too. Remember point 4.

8. **Go prepared to laugh, especially at yourself.** If you want to enjoy field trials, you must have a sense of humor. It won't help you win, but it will let you tolerate your inevitable losses. Losses you're sure you don't deserve, but perhaps you do. Remember point No. 1 and point No. 2.

9. **Don't expect perfection. All dogs and all men (and some women) are less than perfect.** Especially in all-age endurance stakes, a dog doing a great job may have a bobble. Be slow to throw the dog out for that bobble unless you're sure it's an unforgivable infraction. If you're handling, don't be too quick to pick up—the judge may not have seen what you saw. If he wants you to pick up for a booboo, he'll tell you.

10. **If your dog is clearly not getting the job done, pick up.** This will endear you to judges and reduce your hours of inevitable misery.

Tom Word is (according to "the Word," an old lawyer (70 in June) who loves bird dogs and field trials so much that he writes fiction/non-fiction stories about them compulsively. His latest collection of short stories, The Ninth Pup--Quail Plantation Stories, is now available from BookSurge.com or Amazon.com for \$19 softback, or in a hardcover limited edition of only 400 for \$50. All my proceeds from the hardcover are pledged to the Geraldine Livingston Foundation in support of Dixie Plantation. The hardback is only available by calling BookSurge at 866.308.6235.



Home Covey

by Jim Baker

Is the wild prairie lonesome enough to leave a man alone with his thoughts.... or is it haunted?

Hunting Prairie Chicken deep in the Sand Hills Doc chanced upon an old farm. It was deserted and returning to the land. The quiet of its buildings and the cool shade of the surrounding cotton wood trees stirred thoughts of families working together to build a home. Echoes of laughter and the vestiges of their love for one another filled the glade with life.

How long he had been lost in his own thoughts was not clear but when his horse moved Doc was suddenly aware of a motionless Red Specter. Searching for this little imp had led him into this pocket of memories. As always she appeared exactly where she had been expected. However, as always only she knew how she got there.

Training this little lady had been more than a labor of love it had been an odyssey. No matter how Doc plotted and planned she always turned things around. They had both quit more than once but never at the same time and finally the Champions behind her had carried them both through. More than champions her ancestors had been hunters who answered only to the thrill of the chase. In time their problems were defined. This mud colored ball of muscle, heart and desire would hunt but she had to do it her way! Once Doc was trained life was easier for her and now she stood, motionless, drinking in the elusive scent she sought so fiercely.



Dismounting Doc repeated his litany, "forgot your camera dummy," and reached for the scabbard.

"This was the Home Covey"

Had someone spoken? Doc turned but no one was there. Still the words lingered in his mind. Releasing the stock he tuned once again to look. No one was there but still he could not clear the words from his mind.

Turning to his dog Doc knew she would understand. Together they watched the covey fly toward the horizon, as a straggler popped out and rushed to join the flock she turned to him and held him with her soft brown eyes. In a moment she was off, queen of the prairies and of his heart.

Walking back to his horse Doc heard the laughter of children at play. They were by the barn not far from where the covey had been. Stepping into the saddle Doc smiled, whistled to his lady and rode into the hills.

Jim Baker



The Field Trial

By Michelle Hand



Two dogs standing at attention
Ready to run free,
Their owners patiently waiting;
Will the winner be me?

They hear the gun go off,
The two dogs start to hunt.
The dogs are barking wildly,
Even the tiny runt.

A pointer and a setter
Hunting for those birds.
I think a dog has found one,
But it's really a "herd."

They're sniffing and sniffing;
One dog has the scent.
The gallery's full of people
All ready for the hunt.

One dog standing on point,
His tail pointing straight up.
Lots of people and horses,
The gallery watching the pup.

The handler starts to dismount
To go and flush the bird.
The bird flies up and away,
A gun with blanks is heard.

Dogs are in the dog wagon,
They perk up at the sound.
The dog wants to run away
But stays there on the ground.

It is a perfect find,
The owner is very glad.
Some of the finds aren't as good
And the owners are very mad.

They all return to camp
Tired from an exhausting day.
It's the last day of the trial
And the last day of May.

The owners are excited,
Talking about who won.
Everyone wants to win,
But there can only be one.

The judges are discussing
Which dogs and owners have won.
They've come to their decision
And had the owners come.

Third place is awarded first,
The winner is Rebel Retreat.
The owner is excited
And gives the dog a treat.

Second place is awarded next,
Taking the prize was Wild Jack.
While everyone sat and waited
The owner claimed the plaque.

Everyone stood very still
Each hoping for his dog,
Just waiting and praying
While sitting on a log.

The first place dog is awarded last,
It is Nan's Little Mowfry,
Some are disappointed
While Nancy claims the trophy.

The field trial is finally over,
There has been a lot of talking.
There has been lots of picture taking
And lots and lots of walking.

Now that it is over
All are leaving the camp,
Clearing out the animals,
Congratulating the champ.

The camp is empty now.
Nothing at all to be seen,
The only thing that's left
Is the outline of the scene.

The Field Trial was written many many years ago by
a 14 year old girl. She really nailed it— didn't she?

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2008 Duke Award

Runs July 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008

Reporting through May 08

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Picadilly	F	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	115
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	42
Code Red	M	Tim Hammons	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	36
Aiken	M	Roger Boser	Rockfish	Chantilly	28
Bolero	M	Don Beauchamp	Bearcat	Hollywood	24
Creed	M	Don Beauchamp	Come Back Riptide	Come Back Jeanie	24

2008 LeGrande Award

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Picadilly	F	Roger Boser	Come Back Rock	Gillian	1157
Breakstone	M	Roger Boser	Sharpton	Chantilly	778
Bolero	M	Don Beauchamp	Bearcat	Hollywood	418
Aiken	M	Roger Boser	Rockfish	Chantilly	336
Creed	M	Don Beauchamp	Come Back Riptide	Come Back Jeanie	240
Texas Roughcut	M	Don Beauchamp	J.D. Spike	Sunset Silk	91

Hi Performance

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
None Reported at this time					

NRSFTC 2008 National Shoot to Retrieve Award

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
None Reported at this time					

2008 Red Setter Derby of the Year

Runs July 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008

Reporting through April 08

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Jericho	M	Roger Boser	Chapperral	Sunset Silk	616
Chaperon	M	Roger Boser	Chapperral	Sizzling Belle	424
Kalamity Ballyhoo	F	Deb Libby-Sloan	Come Back Rocky	Lightning Lucy	304
Poison Creek Rose	F	Rupert Colmore/ Jason Williams H	Celtic's Seminole	Celtic's Superior Interest	96
Fermanagh Tango	F	Bob White	Sharpton	Applebee	52

2008 Red Setter Puppy of the Year

Runs July 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008

Reporting through April 08

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Lakeview Kant Katch Me	F	Jim Ashby	Breakstone	Applebee	93
Lakeview Rusty Muldoon	M	Jim Ashby	Hondo Muldoon	Lakeview Little Kate	12

2008 Red Setter Walking Shooting Dog of the Year

Runs January 1st 2008 through December 31st 2008

Reporting through April

Dog	Sex	Owner and Handler IF another person	Sire	Dam	Points
Blais' N Red Hottie "Moxie"	F	Anthony Blais	Celtic's Stately Manner	Celtic's Blazin Xena	48



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All Breed Honor Roll

reported by Christie Young

(Dec. 22, 2007-March 29, 2008)



This report period is dedicated to the memory of Jack Flynn's celebrated champion Speedie Edie O' Floin who was lost recently at the young age of six. Last year Edie was named runner up in the Region 2 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship in a field of 30 competitors. She was also twice named champion of the AKC Irish Setter National Championship. Ray Gubernat eulogized her in a Field Trial Pointer's report as follows: "She never failed to make the hair on the back of my neck stand up. She was an amazing dog by any standard. This is a loss to the field trial community as a whole and a huge loss to the Irish Setter breed and field trial community. If you never got to see Edie run, you never saw what a red setter could really do". A proud and fitting eulogy for a great champion! Our condolences to Jack. May the shamrocks fall softly!

Jim Martin's young red setter female, Rock Steady, got some amazing recognition in the Region 6 Amateur Shooting Dog Championship report. "During the running a little red setter named Rock Steady did a heroic deed. A huge mountain lion was waiting beside the trail to pounce on the gallery as it rode by. The little 32 pound dog ran the cat and treed it until the riders passed. She probably saved a horse or rider's life. At supper the handler's friends sang "Cat Scratch Fever" in her honor. Now that's impressive courage! Nice publicity for our game Red Setters Jim!

Three of our Red Setters are listed in the Purina Top Shooting Dog Standings for 2008: Rex Cottle's Come Back Judy with 115 points, Tim Hammons Code Red with 90 points and Roger Boser's Piccadilly with 69 points. Congratulations on that fine achievement folks.

Red Setters were also represented in the Atlantic Coast Open Shooting Dog Championship (Edwards) and the National Amateur Pheasant Shooting Dog Championship (Boser). Roger's Piccadilly was described as follows: "She scats, moves with style that complements her speed. Five finds, each well located and pointed with beautiful style, kept scout and handler busy. Piccadilly was a pleasure to watch." Roger has also nominated a litter (Applebee/Sharpton) for the 18th National Walking Shooting Dog Championship. Way to go folks!

Red Setters continue to impress! Big congratulations to all of our winners!

Dog	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Placements	Competition
Code Red	Tim Hammons Owner/ Handler	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Commonwealth Trials (KY) 10-27-07	2 nd Open Shooting Dog	8 Entries

From the report: Code Red put down an excellent race to walk away with second.

Rocky's Straight Arrow	Brian Gelinas Owner/ Handler	Come Back Rocky	Lightning Lucy	Commonwealth Trials (KY) 10-27-07	3 rd Open Shooting Dog	8 Entries
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From the report: Brian Gelinas handled his Rocky Straight Arrow on the basis of a well placed ground race.

Code Red	Tim Hammons Owner/ Handler	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	East Kentucky Trials 11-10-07	1 st Open All Age	9 Pointers, 1 Setter, 1 IS
Lakeview Rusty Muldoon	Jim Ashby Owner/Handler	Hondo Muldoon	Lakeview Little Kate	Mid-South Bird Hunters (IL) 10-28-07	3 rd NBHA Amateur Puppy	5 Pointers, 1 IS

From the report: Rusty stayed to the front and the last six minutes ran a bigger race.

Fermanagh Tango	R. D. White Owner/ Handler	Sharpton	Applebee	Georgia Assoc. Amateur Celebration 1 1-23-07	3 rd Amateur Derby	12 Pointers, 1 Setter
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From the report: Susie had a nice finishing cast.



All Breed Honor Roll Continued from page 26



Dog	Owner Handler	Sire	Dam	Trial Name	Placements	Competition
Code Red	Tim Hammons Owner/ Handler	Rocky Branch Show Biz	Silver Creek Illustrious	Kentucky FT Assoc. 12-1-07	2 nd Amateur Shooting Dog (One Hour)	11 Pointers, 6 Setters, 1 Brittany
From the report: The first and second place dog were both in the second brace. Each had two finds and big races. Code Red, the second place dog, was at times a little wild, having to be roped in by his handler occasionally.						
Montana's Full House	Charlie Turner Owner/ Tim Hammons Handler	Wild Card	Turner's Sadie	Kentucky FT Assoc. 12-1-07	1 st Amateur All Age	4 Pointers, 2 Setters, 2 IS
Jericho	Roger Boser Owner/ Handler	Chaparral	Sunset Silk	Eastern Carolina FTC (SC) 12-29-07	1 st Amateur Derby	14 Pointers, 6 Setters
From the report: Dr. Roger Boser's Jericho had three solid finds. Jericho ran and handled well and showed nice manners with his birds.						
Kalamity Ballyhoo	Deb Sloan Owner/Handler	Come Back Rocky	Lightning Lucy	New Brunswick FT Assoc. 10-21-08	2 nd Open Derby	7 Entries
Piccadilly	Roger W. Boser Owner/ Handler	Come Back Rock	Gillian	Spring Valley FT Club (NC)1-19-08	2 nd Open Shooting Dog (One Hour)	6 Pointers, 4 Setters 4 IS
From the report: Piccadilly has always been a force to reckon with on these grounds. She sped around the course and also had her nose turned on, scoring numerous finds in the birdy areas. She had no mistakes.						
Jericho	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Chaparral	Sunset Silk	Spring Valley FT Club (NC)1-19-08	1 st Amateur Derby	3 Pointers, 1 Setter, 6 IS
From the report: Dr. Roger Boser handled Jericho to first with an outstanding Derby performance. He showed staunch self-dicipline on his bird work and rimmed the edges perfectly.						
Celtic's Charisma	Paul Ober Owner, Joe Edwards Handler	Celtic;s Subordination	Celtic's Covenant	Spring Valley FT Club (NC)1-19-08	2 nd Amateur Derby	3 Pointers, 1 Setter, 6 IS
From the report: Joe Edwards has had a special winning touch with red setters, and he handled Celtic's Charisma to second for Paul Ober. Charisma had numerous finds that showed Derby manners.;						
Piccadilly	Dr. Roger W. Boser Owner/Handler	Come Back Rock	Gillian	Spring Valley FT Club (NC)1-19-08	1 st Amateur Shooting Dog (One Hour)	1 Pointer, 8 IS
From the report :Picadilly was named top dog. She pointed seven times with all in exquisite order for the shot. Dr. Boser even ran out of blanks and had to rent W. C. Sanderson's pistol.						
Come Back Casey	R. R. Cottle Owner/ Handler	Come Back Frank	Come Back Dixie Rebel	Spring Valley FT Club (NC) 1-19-08	1 st Amateur Shooting Dog (One Hour)	1 Pointer, 8 IS
From the report: Mr. Cottle's Come back Casey earned second He pointed four different times with a high head and poker straight tail and also had one unproductive. Casey's race impressed with plenty of shooting dog reach and handsome animation.						
Ro Ro	Ray Equi Owner/Handler	Not Given	Not Given	Bluegrass Bird Hunters Club (KY) 11-17-08	1 st Amateur Shooting Dog	3 Pointers, 1 IS



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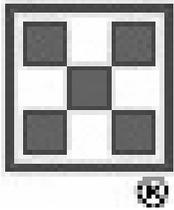
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