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EDITORIAL

Well, in spite of proofreading, correcting and proof-
reading we picked up a completed (Cont'd. on page 17)

(Direct all inquiries to Dr. Roger W. Boser, 369 Hillcrest Road, York, Pennsylvania, 17403)

Hip dysplasia is definitely a congenital defective condition. It is complex and multifactored, meaning it involves many genes and doesn't follow a pattern of dominance or recessiveness as many congenital conditions do. That is why it is a very difficult condition to eliminate and even control.

A breeding study on many litters of German Shepherds indicated that in a mating where both parents had hip dysplasia, 93% of the offspring has dysplastic hips. When one parent had normal hips and the other had dysplastic hip joints, 50% of the offspring had dysplasia. When both parents were normal, 24% of the offspring had dysplasia.

These studies also revealed several physical characteristics that would be very conducive to normal hips. It is believed that when the muscle mass in the hip region is adequate to maintain firm and solid pressure between the femoral head and the acetabulum (the components of the ball and socket hip joint), particularly during the early growth period, the joint will form and remain free of dysplasia.

Generally speaking, dogs with adequate muscle mass will run soundly. Characteristics selected for in the show stock of many breeds are long, lean hind quarters and sloping croucs. These factors are directly contributory to weak hip joints.

It has also been found that pups that gain weight rapidly are more prone to develop hip dysplasia. The rate of development of their hip muscle mass is out of phase with loads imposed on the joint. Slow growing or maturing pups have a lower incidence of hip dysplasia.

The best means of controlling hip dysplasia is to breed only those individuals known to be free of dysplasia. By known to be free, I mean having radiographic evidence that the hip joints are normal. Several breed (Cont'd. on page 15)

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2. Points to be compiled from March 1 to March 1.
3. Report of win must be made to Ed. Schnettler, Route 1, Clear Lake, Minn. within 1 month of win, or not eligible.
4. Responsibility of dog owner to get in report and owner must be a member of NRSWTC in good standing.
5. Report of top 6 dogs to be published in Whip each month.
6. Points to be figured by following base figure:
 - A. All-Age Wins: 1st - 6, 2nd - 5, 3rd - 4.
 - B. Shooting or Gun Dog Wins: 1st - 5, 2nd - 4, 3rd - 3.
 - C. Derby Wins: 1st - 4, 2nd - 3, 3rd - 2.
 - D. Puppy Wins: 1st - 3, 2nd - 2, 3rd - 1.
 Points to be determined by multiplying number of entries by base figure. (For example-a third place All-Age win with twenty (20) entries would be figured by multiplying 20 X 4 - giving 80 points.)
7. Award to be made at annual Spring trial in April, Rotating trophy with permanent award to be kept by owner.

May 16, 1968

From: Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America, Inc.
To: Member Clubs

At the annual meeting March 5, 1968, the Trustees of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America passed the following regulation:

"After July 1, 1968 the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America will not issue winner's certificates for wins in amateur stakes where a cash purse is given."

The following explanation was sent to all clubs that have been giving cash purses, and after some questions and interest expressed by other clubs I was asked to send a copy to all member clubs.

"This regulation applies to amateur stakes only and to the single stake, not the entire trial. For example, if your club runs three amateur stakes in its trial and in only one stake is a cash purse offered, winner's certificates will be issued for the two stakes in which no cash purse is given, but will not be issued for the one stake in which the cash purse is awarded. I ask that you not report winners in any amateur stake in which a cash purse is given.

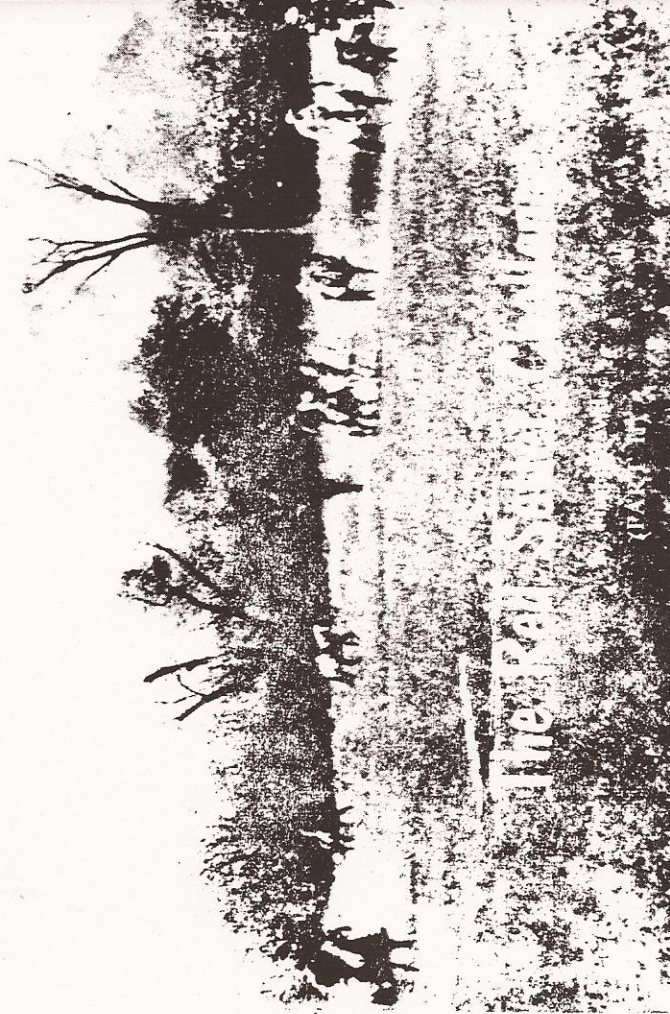
If your club runs an open stake, offering a cash purse, and if an amateur handler wins that open stake, we do issue a winner's certificate for those placements. This regulation applies to amateur stakes only. If you have any questions please let me know."

The trustees are most anxious to keep the amateur stakes for amateur competition and enjoyment.

Sincerely
/S/ Leslie Anderson
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NEED LeGrande had accepted and met challenges before—and he knew, back in 1951, how he was going after this one—all-out! The Douglassville sportsman read everything he could get his hands on—and he hasn't quit searching for additional material even now. He advertised in sportsmen's magazines that he wanted to buy Irish Setters that were honest-to-goodness bird dogs. He put a number of professional trainers to watching for worthwhile prospects. He sought and obtained advice from such world-famous authorities as Dr. Leon Whitney, Henry P. Davis, Horace Lytle, McDowell Lyon and many others.

He faced the fact that he could interest himself in bird dogs as bird dogs. Beauty and every other factor would have to be ignored, at least until immediate goals could be reached.

We can recall writing to him about that time that the history of the breed indicated that there was too much challenge for any one man to master, no matter the extent of his wealth,

his determination, his energy, his scientific breeding knowledge—or luck.

That warning was unnecessary. Showing the measure of a true sportsman, LeGrande had determined that it would not be enough for him to develop a successful strain for himself, even if that were possible. He set his sights on the much larger goal of popularizing the Red Ones among average hunters by breeding the dogs up to true field quality. It was at about that time that LeGrande read an article by Horace Lytle suggesting that the Irish could most speedily be bred up to field quality by borrowing from the field trial English Setters.

LeGrande accepted the suggestion even though he knew it would take several generations of training, trying and selecting before he could have even one dog that could be registered as an Irish Setter—and with no guarantee of success. And, that's the way it has eventuated. Just one product from the seven years of breeding, a

cross-breed called Hard Tack, shows the makings of a good one. Hard Tack's progeny, at last, will be eligible for registration with the *Field Dog Stud Book* as Irish Setters.

But a man doesn't live forever. Ned LeGrande started breeding programs along at least two other lines at the same time. A lot of dogs have come to, a lot of dogs have left the hilltop farm outside of Pottstown in the last few years. The process of breeding, training, selecting and disposing has been an endless one that has survived many discouragements. A virus took 28 puppies within two weeks during July, 1956. The best male he ever owned died in a kennel accident at the age of two. The biggest running dog died while still a Derby. His greatest prospect lost an eye to spear grass on the Canadian prairie. The "winningest" Irish Setter in history at the time of her death at age three died in whelp.

Breeding programs on the scale that LeGrande planned them would produce far too many dogs for one man and a platoon of trainers to house, feed, train and try. Mindful of the experiences of so many others who had tried it alone, LeGrande planned from the beginning that he'd have to have all of the help he could get. To help and encourage others he both sold and gave away his best products.

The rest of us who were pursuing the challenge were scattered all about the country. For a time during 1951 we looked to the existant national breed club for leadership—but found neither interest nor understanding. We weren't about to wait forever for the Irish Setter Club of America. Mostly by mail, but with LeGrande doing the traveling that unified us, we founded the National Red Setter Field Trial Club late in 1951.

A suggestion to LeGrande that he take part in the new club as an officer already with this gruff reply: "I have received plenty of work to do. Let someone else have the spotlight."



SPEARHEAD of "the greatest challenge in sportsdom" is William E. "Ned" LeGrande of Douglassville. Since 1951 when he first began to play his part in the Irish Setter's revival afield, he has run up a score of about 200 field trial wins. The former star tackle at William & Mary has inspired many with his determination.

The initial officers of the club were the diplomatic Archer Church of New Jersey as president, Allen Bortz of Allentown, vice-president, and—in the key role of secretary-treasurer—a genial Eastern Shoreman, Ralph C. "Rusty" Baynard of Dover, Delaware. When business responsibilities dictated the resignations of Church and Bortz, Baynard was moved up to the presidency, Ray Hagan of Mexico, Mo., was elected vice-president and Mrs. Carl Schollenberger of Allentown became secretary-treasurer.

Modestly begun, the National Red Setter Field Trial Club, Inc., has become the largest club in the world exclusively devoted to field trials—and the largest Irish Setter club in the world. All of this in something less than six years.

But, a long membership list does not, of itself, make bird dogs. That there has been equal, if not greater, progress in the quality of the dogs is attested to by a recent study of the record books which reveals that the Irish are now winning breed-open



NATIONAL RED SETTER CHAMPION Willow Hobo—"One-eyed Hobo"—lost his right eye while training on the Canadian prairies as a puppy. This Pennsylvania-owned and bred star is one of two Irish to win a *Field Dog Stud Book*—recognized championship since 1878. The other is his litter-brother, Double Champion Double Jay.



DOUBLE CHAMPION is Pennsylvania-bred Double Jay. He is a member of one of the most successful litters ever bred. From a mating Ned LeGrande of Douglassville, made in 1952 came Double Jay, Willow "Winds Hobo" and other outstanding winners. Double Jay is owned, trained and handled by "Rusty" Baynard of Dover, Delaware.

stakes in direct proportion to the number of their entries.

LeGrande's initial inventory of bird dogs was a slim one. He had two females that were capable bird dogs. Willow Winds Bessie was a bird finder and fully broken, but she offered little promise as a brood female—although she could and did win in the smaller trials. Bessie had too much of a hippity-hop in her gait—indicative of a serious failing in her running gear. The other female, Willow Winds Smada gave greater promise, although she, too, had many shortcomings. Bittie, as she was called about the ken-

LUCKY ACCIDENT was the discovery of AKC Field Trial Champion Askew's Carolina Lady, foundation of the sensationally successful Willow Winds Kennel of W. E. LeGrande. This stylish birdfinder was discovered in a small North Carolina town at the age of five. Since then she has had 28 field trial wins.



nel, traced back through several lines to Horace Lytle's old Smada Byrd. Although she was also a winner, her greatest achievements were destined to be accomplished in the whelping box.

Early in 1951 LeGrande received a report from a bird dog trainer in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. There was a Red Dog puppy down there that was cutting quail country up into little pieces. Ned went to look for himself and returned with a youngster he named Willow Winds Mike. The youngster displayed an unlimited amount of the desire and competitive fire his breed needed so badly. He was bred to Bittie and the result was a litter of both winners and producers. Among them were Willow Winds Doctor, Willow Winds Viceroy—and Willow Winds Eve. She was to produce the greatest litter of field Irish bred in modern times.

Meantime, the friendship between LeGrande and Baynard had grown warm—as any real bird dog man could tell from the unmerciful way they kidded each other about their respective dogs.

Baynard had a male that seemed to LeGrande, to be far too handsome to be an honest-to-goodness bird dog. And, although Rusty's Jinx had several wins in breed-open shooting dog stakes, Ned refused to accept him as a bird dog until he could see him in action. Baynard marched both LeGrande and Jinx out to the Peterberg recreation near Dover and treated the doubter to the sight of his big fellow wheeling into intense point on a native covey.

Baynard having proven his point and his dog, it only remained for them to wait until a suitable female could be found for Jinx' service.

Even at this early stage of the game LeGrande had a great many more dogs than he could possibly handle. He had given, with strings, a sister of his young winners, Viceroy, Doctor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Marge Moffat - Cliff Bean stopped by and he, Tom, and our son went to Alcona Bird Dog Club trial at Lincoln. Cliff's English Setter took 2nd in Amateur Shooting Dog. Miller's Tiger Lil just missed 3rd. Have Ned's article on training pups and some of Dr. Van Wye's articles if you want them.

Dear Marge: Hope you don't mind that I condensed your letter, one of many in our continuing stream of correspondence regarding The Whip, new members, etc. One of these days we will get organized. By all means, send the articles. Will run Ned's next month. (Ed.)

From Faunt Ekey - Was disappointed in the Irish Setter entry at our ISC of Western New York Spring Trial. Only had five Irish in 76 entries, which was just 4 short of maximum. Disappointed that I couldn't run Hennessey due to a bad leg which he sustained in the kennel run about a week before the trial. Did run Kopper Key Lavinia in Open Puppy, P. Kiordan ran Maymore Barney in Open Derby, P. Griffin ran Flame in Restricted Shooting Dog, and in that same stake Dan Pahy ran Shane and Kevin.

Dear Faunt - Sorry to hear about Hennessey. Thanks for the trial report, looks like the Pointers took the cake. Hope our NRSFIC members will plan to get up to Brockport next May. You can count on my Mollie or Jill (Sassy's daughters) being there with Joe Cannon. (Ed.)

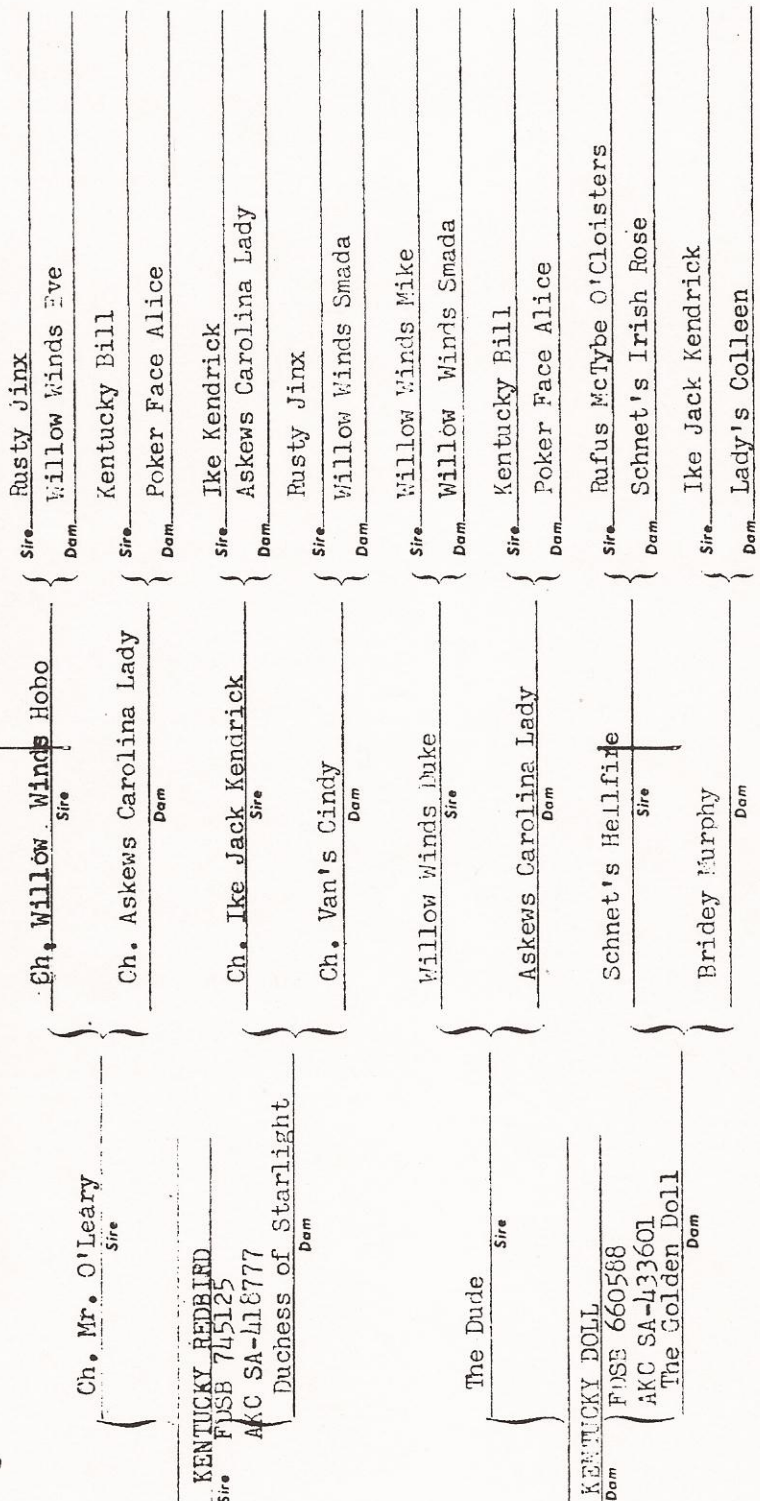
From W. E. Kahler - I am the owner of an A.K.C. Irish Setter of show breeding. I have trained him for the field though, and I have had some success. I recently won a first prize in a local Amateur Field Trial while competing with F.D.S.B. English Setters and Pointers. I realize my dog has limited talent for serious field trial work, however, he fills the role of hunter-companion-house dog rather well.

I will appreciate some information of field bred Irish Setters. Will you please send me a copy of the Flushing Whip and some information on the National Red Setter Field Trial Club? I would also like to know if there are any field bred Irish Setters in this area. 102 Ring Drive, Groton, Conn. 06340
Dear Mr. Kahler - Copy of The Whip and membership form is sent you herewith. You have the right spirit (also the bug) and came to the right place. Members in the New York/New England area will get in touch with you (won't you?). We will soon be publishing an up-to-date membership list. (Ed.) Cont. C-4

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Letters to the Editor - Cont. from C-1

From Dr. Roger W. Boser - Good going on The Whip format but have one complaint - you forgot to add my name on my unclassified ad. I like the booklet form and hope members will submit enough material to keep The Whip worthwhile and interesting. Saw your bitch pups at Joe Cannon's recently. They look impressive.

Dear Roger - Thanks, sorry about that omission though. I'm with you on that material. You are sure doing your part. I'll print whatever members want and send me. Glad you liked the pups. You'll see them in the Fall Trial (at least one of them.) (Ed.)

From Judge Robert I. Coleman - Congratulations on a good "Whip". Sorry I did not make it to Orange but "Dell" was heavy with pups (see centerfold ad.) - and the late, heavy snow in the Kentucky and W. Va. mountains bluffed me out. - I am just trying to breed a few Irishmen that are bird dogs. Have kept bird dogs and a pack of foxhounds for the past forty years and they have afforded me untold pleasure.

Dear Judge - Thank you for your kind words. Your news contribution will be welcome any time. Sorry also that you didn't make it to Orange. How about Ohio in Sept? We need more breeders and bird dog lovers like you. (Ed.)

From David J. Hasinger - Congratulations on the good job on your first issue of the "Whip". I intend to save every copy. Dear Dave - Thanks much. Love your post card with picture of Mrs. Hasinger with gun at ready and the two beautiful Red ones on point. Is that Casey in front with Country backing? May we use the picture in a future issue? (Ed.)

From Dell Pound - Sure enjoyed the new "Whip". Our Lindell's Red Dawn has taken two 3rds and a 2nd this Spring. -- Is there any further news on a regional trial for the Va.-Carolinias-Ga. people? Think one reason we enjoy dog trialing so much is that we have met so many nice people.

Dear Dell - That last sentence is the nicest thing you could have said. Thanks, our feelings are mutual. What about it people, interested in a regional trial? Write Jim Flythe or me if you are. (Ed.)

From Robert T. Branch - Read your ad in the American Field. Please send free copy of the Flushing Whip, and information on price of subscription and advertising rates. Dear Mr. Branch - The copy is on the way which contains all the information you requested. (Cont'd. on Page 14)

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and Ambassador, to a friend in Pottstown. The "string" was that he could borrow her back to breed her if he so desired. Thus it was that Willow Winds Eve, daughter of reliable Bitie and the hot-blooded Mike, was bred to Rusty's Jinx, the scion of a three-legged dam. From this mating came such brilliant stars as Baynard's Double Champion Double Jay, LeGrande's National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Champion Willow Winds Hobo and Don Martin's Byrdfield Kate and Byrdfield Zet.

LeGrande continued advertising for Red Setter bird dogs. His widely-proclaimed offers to buy had the appearance of coming from an easy mark. And apparently, there were many who took him for just that. Mail with patently false, impossible, misguided and misleading claims poured in. Just reading and answering it was a diverting task. During this period a great many Irish came to Willow Winds Farm--and almost as many left when they couldn't live up to the claims that had been made for them. This was particularly true of a number that had been offered as pointing with a high tail.

Early in the game LeGrande had become obsessed with the idea of putting high tails on Irish Setters. "You have to have them," he declared, "or you can't win field trials." He conceded that for his own taste a high tail was just a final exclamation mark on an intense bird dog. "But," he reasoned, "there are a lot of men judging who absolutely demand it. If you have a high-tailed point there's no way of calling it a 'stop to bird.'" And, so--the search for a high tailed Irish Setter went on.

One report that came in sounded more promising than a hundred others, if for no other reason than it came from a professional trainer. Near his training grounds in South Carolina, according to the trainer's letter, there was a farmer whose little red female was the best bird finder in the

CHARTER MEMBERS of the National Red Setter Club are these Pennsylvanians. In the foreground is John Van Alost, Harrisburg and behind him is Carl Schollenberger of Allentown.

area--and she pointed with a high tail! Ned checked with a phone call before taking off for South Carolina. He wasn't too optimistic. The female was five years old and a male would be a lot more useful to a breeder.

However, he lost a lot of his misgivings when he had a brief opportunity on the edge of the farm to see her handle a bird. Unfortunately, she wasn't for sale. She was not only the owner's bird dog, she was the family pet.

LeGrande persisted and the owner finally placed a price, a rather high one, on the dog. It was high enough that Ned took one more look before making a decision. The dog had a rather large lump on the side of her neck. The farmer said she'd always had it, but Ned decided not to take the risk.

Then—he took one *more* look—and changed his mind again. Askew's Carolina Lady went home with him. He didn't know it then—but he'd bought a treasure beyond measure. Lady has since proven to be truly prepotent—meaning she has such an attractive combination of inheritance-determining genes that she invariably passes on all or most of her own best qualities. And her "get" and her "get's get" seem, also, to have this happy facility.

LeGrande hadn't had Lady long when he decided he'd better go looking for more of the same. Her breeder, Earl Bond, had disappeared from Albert Lea, Minnesota, but Lady had had one litter in South Carolina. Ned traced every puppy in that litter, found that only one, a male, survived. Thus it was that he found and bought Ike Jack Kendrick. Both Jack and Lady have long-since earned the title of Field Trial Champions from the American Kennel Club. Despite the fact that until her recent retirement Lady spent most of her time in the whelping box, she accumulated 28 recognized field trial wins including the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship stake in 1953. Jack has 51 recognized wins—nearly twice the total of any Irish Setter that ever lived.

LeGrande hasn't kept an accurate count, but in the past five-and-one-half years his dogs have accumulated well over 200 wins. It is unlikely that any kennel has ever been able to approach, in quantity, this success. Although he has had dogs with as many as four trainers at a time, LeGrande has handled his own dogs in most of these wins. He *competes* in more stake than most men would have the energy to attend. Here's what the folks of the Irish Setter Club of Minnesota had to say after their trial of last spring: "This man drove, alone, some 2,500 miles at a considerable expenditure of time, money and physical effort. Not for the glory of the wins—but because of his tremendous interest and

his unselfish desire to help the Irish setter attain its rightful status as a class bird dog. We, here in Minnesota, can appreciate what Henry P. Davis meant when he expressed the opinion that LeGrande has done more for the Irish Setter than any other man in our time."

Speaking for the rest of us campaigning Irish Setters in field trials, the writer can state that there is nothing—but nothing—that gives us greater pleasure than whipping LeGrande and his dogs. At the last National trial we skunked him. Four stakes and ten placements and—destitute the presence of a full string of stars—LeGrande couldn't get in. He certainly didn't enjoy the situation, but he said "It is the healthiest thing that could have happened."

If LeGrande, the owner-handler, was shut out, LeGrande the breeder had a most successful trial. Of the ten winners, he either bred eight of them or the stock from which they were bred.

As one more measure of the success of this amazing Pennsylvanian, here are the all-time rankings of Irish Setters according to the number of recognized field trial wins: 1. AKC Field Trial Champion Ike Jack Kendrick—52; Willow Winds Cathy (bred by Harrisburg's John Van Alst)—31; AKC Field Trial Champion Askew's Carolina Lady—28; National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship Willow Winds Hobo—28; and Sally of Kildare—20. Of the top five, LeGrande owned and campaigned the top four—with Jack and Hobo still actively campaigning. Ned even managed to win two high quality puppy stakes in a single day back in 1953. Hobo placed first on a spring morning at the English Setter Club of America, the first time in that ancient club's history that any Irish Setter had won a stake outright. Ned packed the dog into the station wagon and got him to the grounds of the South Jersey Club, 90 miles away, in time to win first in that club's puppy stake.



SCION OF TWO GREATS is Happy Valley Clem owned by Mrs. Marna Miller, of Reading, and trained and handled by husband Tom. Clem, a winner in the stiff competition of Lehigh Valley area shooting dog stakes, is a son of Red Setter National Champion Willow Winds Hobo and AKC Field Trial Champion Askew's Carolina Lady.

Photo by Dick Bluhme

As a result of this kind of successful campaigning, the Red Ones have created a new respect for themselves among most field trial men and a great many just-plain-hunters. We still take a lot of kidding about our efforts with the Irish—but those who kid are no longer willing to crawl out on a limb. The time was when they viewed us being foolishly bred-blind. "It can't be done," they'd say. But—after we'd beaten them a few times they'd either have to confess that our dogs were something or that their dogs were not very much. Now it's more likely that we'll be saluted with some sharpened variation of the idea that we are foolish to want to do it the hard way. We see it differently. We feel that these critics are getting only a part of the thrill of the bird dog challenge.

We've heard some folks express the opinion that field trial judges are inclined to be prejudiced against the

Red Ones. We have knowledge of only two instances where this has actually happened. However, the writer does have a theory that explains how and why a great many folks may have gained this impression. We hear them say: "Why, the judges didn't even look at my Irish Setter." One minute of looking at some of the worst Irish Setters is more than enough for good trial judges. If an animal can't move efficiently, if every stride is a strain, if a dog is going up and down as much as he is going forward—then he becomes a painful sight for the discriminating lover of a class bird dog. Result: a first look at the worst of the Irish is more than enough to eliminate them from consideration in the eyes of most judges. And then the owner misunderstands.

There's another area of misunderstanding. That's the belief some hunters have that field trial dogs are different from high class hunting dogs

and that the field trial dogs run too big for practical hunting. In the first respect they are right. In the second as wrong as can be.

The big differences between field trial dogs and high class hunting companions are in conditioning, training—and the opportunity to compete. If your bird dog really is a good one he can be conditioned and encouraged to cover a greater amount of ground. Let those big-going field trial dogs run off their initial head of steam and they become most servicable gun dogs—at a practical range for the foot hunter.

When Hobo won his championship at Petersburg, Delaware last November he was positively brilliant, cutting his course to ribbons. At mid-week Ned LeGrande drove back down to Delaware for some quail hunting. Thanksgiving morning was cold and clear. Ned had hunted both Hobo and Jack hard the day before. The writer was stymied with a back injury—but I watched as Ned and Rusty Baynard set off on the morning's hunt. Ned with his two champions—and Rusty with his Champion Double Jay. Even the late Rusty's jinx, daddy of Hobo. Double Jay and a dozen other winners tried to cut it for a while. There were a lot of birds pointed, handled and shot at that day—a day of great beauty marred only by some pretty awful marksmanship.

One Pennsylvania fancier of the Red Ones doesn't miss—not very often. He's Dave Hasinger of Huntingdon Valley, the owner of the dogs in last month's cover painting. Dave is one of the finest trap shots on the east coast—and his charming wife, Jane, is equally proficient in women's trap competition. Individually they are both many-times champions. In a husband-wife shoot they are a most formidable pair.

Hasinger, although a later recruit, has had an amazing success with his Valli-Hi Lacey (so-named by orchestra leader Paul Whiteman for her

feminine ways) and Valli-Hi Jay. Not yet a breeder, he is now selecting individuals that should blend into stock that will further enhance the reputation of the Red Ones with field men.

When the Red Setter club was formed there were two regional clubs, Indiana and New England, actively holding trials. Now there are ten—with two others getting ready. Trials, all offered by Irish Setter clubs but not all of them restricted to the Red Ones, will be run this fall in North Carolina, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Kansas City area, the Oakland-San Francisco area, the Los Angeles area and in New England. The Irish Setter Club of Canada has some fine field enthusiasts and the Irish Setter Club of Dallas is reported to be well along with plans.

In the spring the NRSFTC holds its Midwestern Red Setter Open Championship over the superb shooting dog courses of Ohio's Delaware Dam Recreation Area. In the fall—and you're all invited for November 8-9-10 this year—it runs its National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship program over the Petersburg grounds near Dover, Delaware. Anyone who thinks he has a dog good enough to compete can enter. Anyone who enjoys bird dogs and brisk fall weather is invited to spend the weekend with us. We get enough enjoyment from our sport that we want everyone to share it with us.

Ask any hunter of upland game birds. One of the most beautiful sights in this world of ours is that of a good bird dog locked up tight on a stylish point. For thousands of sportsmen everywhere this picture is perfection if the bird dog is an Irish Setter—his coat gleaming copper and gold in the sunlight. And the only way that picture could be improved upon would be if there was another Irish Setter backing him! Of course, if the picture has a backdrop of a beautiful Pennsylvania landscape with the crisp autumn air of opening day—well, we're ready. Are you?

UNCLASSIFIED

FOR SALE - Two male puppies whelped early May. Sired by Back Lick Red (Sulhamstead Norse D'or-the Cribber) out of a Schnett's Little Red-Double Jet bitch. Write Dr. Roger W. Boser, 369 Hillcrest Road, York, Pa. 17403.

FOR SALE - One male and one female from litter of 12 whelped 8/1/67 - some of these pups were being shot over in Dec. & Jan. Also one male and two females from litter of 10 whelped 12/3/67 - Sire is "Joe C", Dam "Bitsy's nose" who is from Schnettler's Bitsy. Silky dark red coats. \$60.00 Write Harold C. (Pop) Brinn, Woodlawn, Creswell, N. C. 27928

FOR SALE - One 16 months old female. Sired by Valli Hi Counselor (Casey), out of Murcrest. Mollie Hirschief (Sassy) - a daughter of Ike Jack Kendrick. One of two that Joe Cannon has fully trained for the last eight months. Either could win the Championship next fall-big runners, birdy, stylish high tails, and excellent noses. One solid red, one red and white. \$500.00 Also one female pup whelped 1/18/68 sired by Murcrest Mike's Ike (son of Ike Jack Kendrick) out of a small dark red Murcrest bitch. \$125.00. Write Larry Ginn, 133 Hampton Rds. Ave., Hampton, Va. 23361 (703) 723-9196.

WANTED - A good male Red Irish Setter - registered with good blood lines. 12 to 18 months old, not too large. Write Plato E. Carson, Box 398, Taylorsville, N. C., 28681.

AT STUD - "Himself" - by Double Jack out of Lady's Colleen - a litter brother of twice NRSFTC Champion "Double Jet". \$50.00 Write Dr. Richard L. Swanson, 728 Griffith Drive, Manhattan, Kansas. 66502 (See Letters to Editor).

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FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH

The Whip has just received the news that the Fall Trial will be held at Killdeer Plains, Ohio on Saturday & Sunday,

SEPTEMBER 28th and 29th

More on this as soon as we get it but plan now to attend.

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We are signing you up as a member and running your ad. Send \$5. to Marge Moffat, please. (Ed.)

From Harold C. Brinn - Have received the new styled Flushing Whip and like it - easier to handle. I like things easy and comfortable. Have my dogs down in number to where I can almost afford to feed them. Have none bred for summer pups. Hope to have some by Dec. so kids can have a pup for Christmas and dad a shooting dog next season. Irish are great for this dual purpose dog. I'd like very much to place one of the female pups I'm advertising with some one that will give her a chance in field trials. (See unclassified) I cannot guarantee she will win but do guarantee that if she does not prove to be a bird dog by October, 1968 I will gladly refund the \$60.00 I have never seen nicer pups - silky darkred like Rose and rangy like Joe C. Registered them as having white on chest, now the white has disappeared. Wonder what confusion this will cause?

Dear Pop - Thanks for your letters and continuing support. The pups sound like good ones and you can't beat that guarantee. We've all seen that white flash disappear from the puppy coat - that is just to let you know they are good field Irish! Maybe you can paint it back on if anyone insists. Some don't have this problem. (Ed.)

From Richard L. Swanson - (See unclassified) You probably noted Himself advertised at stud in the Field. You also may have wondered why I waited eight years to put him at public stud. The answer is pure and simple. The dog had not proved to me that he is the type of dog most hunters want. Although he does have a few good trial wins, I still felt he had little to offer except the ability to run a little wider than most Irish I've seen. After two quail seasons here in Kansas I'm fully convinced Himself is really a great bird-dog and can do a lot for the breed! I've been hunting for more years now than I care to remember and have hunted over many good dogs of several breeds. In all honesty, I say that Himself is the best I've ever hunted over. He will range wide to find the covies, he will work close for singles and is a natural retriever. Above all, there isn't a dog in the world any more intense on point. He absolutely never flags on point - in fact he literally is so intense that even the feathers on his legs quiver. Oh yes, there is one other thing which should be pointed out. That is he can (Cont'd on page 16)

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associations have gone far in this regard. Many associations greatly encourage radiographing the hip joints of all individuals prior to their being used for breeding and breeding only those individuals certified to be free of hip dysplasia.

Most veterinarians are equipped to and are very capable of radiographing the pelvis and interpreting the results. For the sake of standardization an organization, composed of veterinarians known to be authorities in this field, has been formed to interpret and rule on the X-ray (evidence of the status of hip joints). This organization is the Orthopedic Foundation of Animals in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

To get a ruling on the status of a dog, an X-ray of a prescribed size and prescribed positioning taken by a veterinarian must be submitted with a fee for interpretation and ruling. This organization has already ruled on thousands of dogs and now you occasionally see advertisements of puppies for sale of parents certified to be free of dysplasia.

This program may be worthy of consideration by breeders of field bred setters. Some club officers have already expressed interest in this regard. Even though the incidence of dysplasia in field Red Setters is low now, don't underestimate the importance of this problem. Once the genes for this condition are instilled into our bloodlines it will be in a sense too late. Then the process of removing this condition will be long, tedious, expensive, and frustrating.

With the present knowledge of this hip dysplasia condition, breeders are recommended to follow these suggestions: 1. Breed only dogs with hip joints known from radiographic examination to be normal.

2. Avoid breeding from (a) normal littermates of dogs with dysplasia and (b) normal dogs from affected parents. (Continued next page)

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3. Give preference whenever possible to dogs that have normal hips and pedigrees showing the same condition for several generations back.

Anyone with further comments or questions is asked to write me.

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handle game and bring it under the gun. Conservatively, I would guess he handled at least 150 covies this year. I can only recall 2 or 3 covies he couldn't give me a shot at. They were runners going downwind on him and he got too close and bumped them.

The other day he was retrieving a quail and pointed with the first bird still in his mouth. I've never seen that before and always figured it was just so much baloney. After that happened I started watching him closely on his retrieves and believe it or not, he actually hunts with a bird in his mouth.

I do so want some of the breeders to try Himself and I want a pup out of him so badly it hurts. He was bred once and sired a litter of 16 pups, 16 of which lived. I kept a little bitch which I was very high on. Unfortunately she died.

If I've made Himself sound too good to be true, it is only because I'm convinced he is truly one of the great ones and I think it will be a shame if his talents are not passed on.

I will offer him at stud for \$50.00 or will take a puppy instead of money if the bitch is strong in either Kendrick or O'Leary blood. The bitch owner of course will be responsible for shipping charges of said bitch.

For those unfamiliar with Himself breeding, he is by Double Jack out of Lady's Colleen and is a litter brother of twice NRSFTC Champion Double Jet. Dear Dick: I believe you! (Ed.)

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FIELD BRED IRISH. Best in country. Most National Field Champions represented in this breeding. Pups whelped March 20, 1968. Dam Kelly O'Shandy, daughter of County Clare's Shandy. Sire Mighty Red Rogue out of Mighty Gail by Golden Hoss Colt. Robert T. Branch, 11040 E. Yawcett Ave., So. El Monte, Calif. 312-442-8931.

DON'T WAIT TILL SEPTEMBER TO WORK YOUR DOG

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May issue and the errors glared at us - typing, spelling and omissions. But it was a start and we ask your indulgence until we get used to this overtime work. We deeply appreciate the many nice letters and knowing that you are pleased. We publish them, paraphrased to save space, because after all the Whip is for and about members and their dogs. Keep telling us what you like and want, or dislike, and keep the material coming.

A word needs to be said about our advertising. The policy is set by the desires you expressed at the annual meetings. Short unclassified ads are no problem and are free. That involving printing, photographs etc. must be "pasted up" and photographed in offset or a stencil made. Not having the facilities to make stencils or for offset, we must pay for it. And we can paste up only what you send us - photos, letterheads, drawings, anything printed. Otherwise it must be done with typewriter only.

Finally a word in support of our president, Jim Flythe. A recent letter of his stated: "I have appreciated your comments and opinions in the past and will certainly appreciate your opinions through the balance of this year. I realize that all of us are extremely busy but if we are to run the Red Setter Club and promote the Red Setter and hold a field trial we have got to give it a little time."

We can only say, "Amen" to that. So if Jim or any of the officers or directors writes you and requests your opinions on outstanding issues, please take time to reply. Working together we can keep the NRSFTC at the fore and accomplish its objective - "to promote the Red Setter in the field."

Watch for a surprise next month.

Here is my application for 1968 membership in The National Red Setter Field Trial Club. I understand my subscription to the Flushing Whip is included in my annual dues of \$5.00.

Name _____ Address _____

Send to: Mrs. Tom Moffat, 4369 Forest Ave., Pontiac, Mich.