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Officers remain the same following the April business meeting. They are: James T. Flythe, Route 7, Raleigh, N. C.; president; Thomas S. Moffat, vice-president; and Mrs. Moffat, secretary; 4369 Forest Ave., Pontiac, Mich. 48054.

Here is the Spring Trial Report that you have been looking for as written by chairman, Jack Ullrich

Toccata, six year old Irish Setter bitch emerged the winner of The National Red Setter Championship at "Hawfield" near Orange, Va., on March 30 and 31, 1968.

The members of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club were fortunate to run over this famous venue, and they are deeply in the debt of R. H. Cross, Jr., The Virginia Game & Inland Fisheries Commission, and especially to Stuart B. and Guy H. Lewis III.

Stuart and Guy H. are maintaining the standards of congeniality, affability, and hospitality so highly set by their father, The Squire of Hawfield", Field Trial Hall of Famer, Guy H. Lewis, Jr.

The NRSFTC is indebted also to Verle Farrow of Clifton, Va., Dr. H. Q. Tucker of Orange, Va., and R. C. Baynard Jr., of Dover, Del., for handling the judicial assignments. Rusty Baynard is, of course, one of the founders of The National Red Setter Field Trial Club, a longtime president, and collaborator with W. E. LeGrande on a far-seeing and ambitious breeding program. Popular decisions were rendered by this trio and their presence was enjoyed by all.

Dick Brinkley ably marshalled with Stuart Lewis. Especially appreciated was his gate opening style.

The President Madison Inn in Orange served as comfortable and accomodating headquarters.

The weather was sunny, warm, and breezy both days. There was a little rain the eve of running, but its benefits were quickly dispelled during the first couple of braces by the sun & wind. Mostly it was hot, dry, and dusty. Birds were ridden up by the gallery with regularity; some were singles indicating that they were beginning to pair off.

The Champion & Others

The new titleholder, Toccata, is by Jimmy K ex. Nita Jo by Mr. Mack Tripett so she comes by her abilities naturally. Kathy has a deceptively effortless, ground consuming, way of going. Her gait never slowed during her hour, even with temperatures in the eighties. Handling kindly, she finished as she had begun; each time her feet hit the ground her tail cracked with gusto; her swings, particularly one at about 50, were wide and full of purpose. Toccata's efforts were rewarded with one find at about 40. Under trying conditions one bird was produced to her point some 30 ft. over bluff edge above the bowling alley. She stayed nicely for the shot. This writer is happy to own and handle her and is grateful to Elgin H. Nininger of Trevilians, Va. for her development.

The runner-up spot was amply filled by Valli Hi Country in the string of Stanley Head of San Mateo, Calif. He is owned by E. J. Lew of Pacific Palisades, Calif., and David Hasinger of Philadelphia. Down in the first hour his race was adequate to dig up a well-handled covey near old slave cemetery and have a stop-to-flush on a covey feeding by cornfield near Mountain Run. This on a warm, dry, hard-to-find birds, day.

An impressive race was laid down by Autumn Hills Count (Jim Flythe), unfortunately his lines of communication were severed when he made an over hill cast and was too long out of judgement. Peet's Contention (Dave Peet) & Autumn Hills Penny (Dr. Bloom) rendered class races in their hours but found no birds.

Open Derby

Goldleaf Mr. G. and Backlick Red the first & second place dogs met in the second brace. Their casts through the bowling alley were prodigious enough so that the marshalls reported extending their course to accomodate them. This fleet pair did it on class. Other braces of derbies required shortened courses to made the dog wagon on time. In third place was Emerald Isle ~~Leg~~ (Frank Glynn) who used heels to better the rest of the field.

Open Puppy

(Eilers)

Clancy O'Ryan used his 20 minutes to show us just how a really classy puppy looks. He showed merrily at the edges with a sophistication that belied his age. (I believe this is Pat Ryan's) He knocked a few birds puppy-style and made a nice cast along Mountain Run. Turkey Talk Chip (Jim Flythe) showed plenty of go and was attractive moving. Had he cast more forward he might have more closely pushed the winner. Third was divided between Copper & Red Penny. Both like-able but lacking the range of the first and second dogs. Cinammon O'Satan impressed. With a loftier more active tail he might have replaced one of those placed. (I don't know these owners --another unfortunate element in not being able to attend!)

Amateur Shooting Dog

This stake was run over one, hot, dry, liberated-bird course. Ample birds were released but finds were sparse. Scenting conditions, as we humans surmise, were probably poor. Schmet's Little Red had one well-handled find and a level effort. Autumn Hills Count spent considerable time out of ken, and when returned to the front had let down. (both Flythe dogs) Count had one clean find and another in thicket who bird refused to fly. Due to scarcity of birdwork a second series was called for third place which was soon filled by Lindell's Red Dawn on the strength of one find. Your scribe appreciates the use of Dr. Roger Boser's notes on this stake.

And I appreciate your writing this up Jack for the Whip and the Field though we wish we could have seen it first hand!

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Many kind words have come in regarding all of our nice new members who were able to attend the trial including the Eldon Whitesides who have also brought us another, Bill Forrest, 227 Castlewood Rd., Portsmouth, Va. Bill has Peg's Kathleen O'Forrest of their breeding who has been bred by David Hasinger's Valli Hi Counselor and been trained by Joe Cannon. (All in the NRSPTC family so to speak.) Welcome!

From the Mail . . .

Faunt Ekey writes that it was too bad that once again the Michigan trial conflicted with the National. Our dates have varied for the past several years but not through choice; we have to decide our grounds and take what date is open. It hasn't made as much difference as we would like in the respect that we have had no actual Michigan Club people attending since the McIvors dropped out. It was once a regular thing to people attending the one to continue on to the other and on up to Minn. and Wisc. trials with usually the Ohio one preceding them all. Unfortunately AKC people didn't appreciate our coming and showed their displeasure in many ways prior to their working on the new rulings which did the final kill. We again have people that are interested in both show & field so perhaps something could still be done to bring the areas closer instead of further apart with their trials which too often should be called "fun days" or something. This is only my opinion after seeing so many disinterested Irish out in the field for the first time since the last local trial. Have to get my last licks in as I happily bow out of Whip editorship. This began at an Ohio trial as a temporary newsletter to bring us in contact with each other, now a few years later you will be happy to know that your news will come from retired Lt. Commander of the USN Lawrence C. Crum! Send items to him, please, 133 Hampton Roads Ave., Hampton, Va. 23300. And thank you for your patience in waiting for me to find time to run news off to you each month.

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Western New York Irish Setter Club will hold its spring program on May 18 & 19. This is an open breed trial sanctioned by The American Field, and anyone will find all the competition he can handle generally at this. This is running also under the New York State Bird Dog Assoc., this year with Open Shooting Dog, Open Puppy, Amateur Shooting Dog, Open Derby and restricted shooting dog (all breeds except English Pointers and setters). Programs & entry forms should be requested from Faunt L. Ekey, 104 Gordon Road, Spencerport, N. Y. 14559. Let's support this if you can!

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The Irish Setter Club of Minnesota is also holding a May trial on the 4th and 5th at the U. of Minn. Agricultural Research Center by Rosemount, Minn. Entries should be sent to Clayton Enebo, 10752 Zenith Ave., S. Minneapolis, Minn. 55431 & the drawing will also be at their home on Friday, May 3rd at 9 p.m. CST. Stakes included in this are Open Derby, Open All Age, Frederic A. Kremer Memorial Shooting Dog and Open Puppy. Judges will be Charles Metelman, Des Moines and Bill Harley of Grimes, Iowa.

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Santa Caligon Irish Setter Club Inc., is running this April 27-28 at the James Reed Wildlife area under the chairmanship of Ronald A. Hoppes, RFD 1 Latour, Mo. 64760. This is a member club of AFTCA & MSFTA. An unrecognized stake is also being held called the Irish Setter Quail Hunters. Good luck!

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.

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