

Willow Winds Farm

AT STUD

IKE JACK KENDRICK WILLOW WINDS HOBBO

FDSB 469340

FDSB 516558

By Ike Kendrick out of
AKC F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady

By Rusty's Jinx
Out of Willow Winds Eve

Jack was named to Henry P. Davis' first All-American Irish Setter team. He has 15 shooting dog wins, several of them in competition open to all pointing breeds.

Hobbo has been a sensational winner. He has defeated at least twice as many pointers and English setters as any Irish stud available. He's stylish, fast and wide. Should be an excellent sire choice to produce field trial prospects or wide quail dogs. Hobbo is a proven producer of birdfinders. Fee - 50.00

Jack is a stylist (see below) of moderate range and a good choice to sire bird-finding shooting dogs. He's small and dark red. A proven producer. Fee - 50.00.

WILLOW WINDS DUKE - FDSB 518356

By Willow Winds Mike out of Willow Winds Smada

Duke was the 1954 winner of the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship stake. He has drive, hits cover hard--has an excellent nose. Has wins in competition open to all pointing breeds. Medium range. His sire, although he died young, established himself as one of the greatest Red setters of modern times. Duke's dam is probably the greatest producer of all time, get's ~~not~~ considered. A proven producer. Fee - 50.00.

Lady's Last litter!

We going to consult with some specialist veterinarians, but it appears that the litter whelped by AKC F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady on August 9th will be her last. She has developed a serious mammary tumor.

Hopeful of reproducing Lady, herself, we mated her to her own winning son, Ike Jack Kendrick. There were nine pups, five males and four females. Both Jack and Lady were on Henry P. Davis' 1954 All-American Irish Setter team of field dogs. Lady repeated on the 1955 team--again leading the list. Lady has 20 shooting dog wins, half of them in trials open to all pointing breeds. Perhaps her biggest win was in the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship stake at Kelleys Island in 1953. Besides being a field trial dog, Lady is also a superb gun dog. An excellent retriever, she had hundreds of quail shot over her points in South Carolina before she came to Willow Winds Farm. As a stylist Lady is pretty much in a class by herself. Her high-tailed points have thrilled many sportsmen. She was bred by Earl Bond of Albert Lea, Minn., now retired, who kept his "Shell Rock" strain free of bench breeding for fifty years.

Jack has 15 shooting dog wins, several of them in all-pointing-breed competition. He might have had more if he hadn't had Lady to beat almost every time down. He exhibits a thrilling high-tailed style almost always on quail, but only about half of the time does he point tail straight skyward on pheasant. He is inclined to relax if the pheasants move off on him.

This is the first--and probably the only--public announcement of this litter. When these are gone there will be no more. These pups will be ready to go to new homes at about the time of the National Red Setter trial. Suggest you write, wire or phone now.

Willow Winds Farm, Route One, Douglasville, Ga.

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which requires no postage--unless you are either a member of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club or a paid subscriber. Better do it now so you won't forget! If you wish to enclose a money order or your check it will save us billing you. Either way, we will welcome your membership or subscription.

The 5.00 annual membership in the NRSEFC includes the WHIP subscription. It will give you a voice in club affairs and help furnish funds for furtherance of the club's objectives -- which are to improve the Red setter as a class shooting dog and foster friendship among Red setter enthusiasts by:

- 1. Providing a proving ground for our dogs through the sponsorship of semi-annual field trials.
- 2. Aiding and supporting local clubs sponsoring field trials.
- 3. Calling the attention of breeders and prospective purchasers to dogs proven in public trials.

- 4. Making available to those who wish to participate, a cooperative national breeding program.
- 5. Serving as spokesman for the Red setter on matters of interest to the breed's field enthusiasts.
- 6. Encouraging good sportsmanship and field safety, especially among the youngsters and other newcomers to the sport--and by stressing the role of a trained bird dog in practical conservation.
- 7. Undertaking projects which will stimulate interest in the field capabilities of the Irish setter.
- 8. Disseminating information in furtherance of the above.

LAST-MINUTE WORD ON NEW ENGLAND TRIAL

A new course, at North Sudbury, Mass., has been selected for the ISC of New England's trial. All stakes will be open to Irish, English and Gordon setters and Brittanies and Weimaraners. Judges will be Jim Coogan, Charles Doherty and James Margotta. Mr. Margotta will also report the trial. Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in this AKC point trial

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM -- THE NATIONAL RED SETTER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Ralph C. Baynard, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer
The National Red Setter Field Trial Club
Dover By Pass, Dover, Delaware.

Here is my application for membership in the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. I understand that if I join now my dues will be paid through October of 1956 and that my subscription to THE FLUSHING WHIP --amounting to 1.00--is included in my membership fee of 5.00.

Please bill me 5.00 for membership and subscription.
1.00 for FLUSHING WHIP subscription only.
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FIXTURES

ELECTION, CHAMPIONSHIP STAKE TO CROWD WEEKEND FOR NRSFTC; GORDONS VIE IN THREE OF FOUR STAKES

Dover, Del.--Final details for the National Red Setter Field Trial Club's tenth program have been decided upon amid reports of a very high population of quail on the Petersburg, Del. Wildlife Conservation Area.

Four stakes will be offered during the two-day program under the management of club secretary Ralph C. "Rusty" Baynard, Jr. In the order they will be run they are: Amateur Shooting Dog, Open Derby, Open Puppy and the Field Dog Stud Book-recognized National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship. Entry fees for the first two stakes have been set at 6.50. The puppy fee is 5.00 and the Championship will carry a 15.00 entry fee. The first three stakes will be open to Gordon Setters and all but the Amateur Shooting Dog stake are open to professional handlers. The Amateur Shooting Dog and the Derby will consist of 30 minute heats. Pups will run 20 minutes and Championship contenders will go an hour. All except the Championship will be on liberated quail over a single course. The Championship will utilize three one-hour contiguous courses.

An important meeting and election of officers will precede the actual running. Club President Archer Church urges all members to make a special effort to arrive early enough on Friday, Oct. 28th, to attend the meeting in "Red Setter Headquarters", Rusty Baynard's service station located on the Dover By Pass near Dover, Del. The walls of this most unusual business establishment are covered with pictures and records of Red Setter greats, making it a most fitting setting for both the meeting and the drawing which will follow. President Church has put great

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To introduce the National Red Setter Field Trial Club to folks around the country, we've been sending THE FLUSHING WHIP to them for the past several months. Since we want THE WHIP to go only to those who are interested in it, we are proceeding on the theory that if a man isn't interested in us at least one inflated dollar's worth--he isn't interested in us at all. Therefore, if you're one who started receiving THE WHIP with the July issue, it will be necessary for you to fill out and mail the attached reply card

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DAVIS PUTS FIVE AKC CHAMPS ON HIS 'ALL-AMERICAN'

Henry P. Davis, dean of America's active dog writers, has named five AKC field trial champions to his second SPORTS AFIELD team of Red Setters. Honored were: Askew's Carolina Lady, W. E. LeGrande; Oxton's Shosaph, Jake D. Huizenga; Pride of Millis (or Erin), John Cassidy; Tyron's Mahogany Mike, Ed McIvor and Jackson Brook's Angler's Rusty, Fred White in the order listed. Newcomers are Mike, Pride and Shosaph (Jo-Jo). Huizenga's California dog was an honorable mention on the last list. All of these dogs have from one to ten shooting dog wins in stakes open to all pointing breeds.

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MICHIGAN, NEW ENGLAND, MILWAUKEE LAUNCH SEASON

Before another issue of THE WHIP reaches you another season will be well underway and three Red setter trials will have been run. Leading off is Michigan with its first two-day stake at Highland, Mich on Oct. 24-25. The following week the ISC of Milwaukee offers another two-day

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Sept. 24-25, ISC Michigan Highland, Michigan

Oct. 1-2, ISC Milwaukee Kettle Moraine, Wisconsin

Oct. 8-9, ISC New England North Sudbury, Mass.

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Oct. 23, ISC Pacific Fort Ord, California

Oct. 29-30, National Red Setter Field Trial Club. National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship. Petersburg, Delaware

Nov. 6, ISC Indiana Glenns Valley, Indiana

Nov. 12-13, Southeastern Red Setter Field Trial Club Raleigh, North Carolina

ISC of Southern California (Date, location not set)
* Subject to AKC approval.

NRSFTC ELECTION, CHAMPIONSHIP, THREE OTHER STAKES ON TAP; GORDONS INVADE

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stress upon the importance of attending the meeting which will be held at 7:00 p. m. Said he: "The club's recent rapid growth has compounded the problem of administering a club that has only one meeting a year. I hope every member will be able to attend."

Hope is still high that the Championship will find all six of the living AKC field trial champions contending. Certainly it will be the greatest field of Red setters ever entered in one stake.

Rusty Daynard stresses the importance of early horse reservations. If you know now that you're going to want a horse to ride during the trial it is essential that you advise Daynard now to insure that you will not be disappointed. It will not be possible to follow the running of the Championship without a horse.

FIVE AKC CHAMPS ON DAVIS' ALL-AMERICAN

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Checking the All-Americans, of the living AKC champs, only Sharon IV was omitted--and Tom Ward, the Rhode Island squire, has not campaigned his still-young star during the past year.

There are some dogs we don't think we could have left off, but, for the life of us, we can't say which of the honored dogs we would have displaced to make room.

As reported in last month's WHIP, in the future the winner of the NRSFTC Championship stake will be an almost-automatic choice. Had that decision been made earlier by Davis, Willow Winds Duke would have made the list. Except for the Championship, only wins in all-age or shooting dog stakes open to all pointing breeds can qualify. The team is announced in the September SPORTS AFIELD, currently on the newsstands.

MICHIGAN, NEW ENGLAND LEAD OFF

RED SETTER SEASON; OHIO CANCELS

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trial under field secretary Jack Lane, Route One, Box 205, Muskego, Wis. Details haven't been furnished us but information can be had from Lane at the above address.

Last minute information is that the ISC of Ohio has cancelled its trial because, we understand, the bench crowd resisted. The New England chairman, after a switch, is Mrs. B. M. Leighton, Route One, South Sudbury, Mass. Last minute information on this trial is on page 18. It has been switched to North Sudbury, Mass., for this trial. The ISC of the Pacific's trial is fully covered in another article in this issue. Later trials will be covered in our October issue.

Field trial secretary in Michigan is Robert Beringer, 19498 Blackstone, Detroit 19, Mich.

NRSFTC MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Mrs. G. Wood Smith, NRSFTC membership chairman already has in progress an extensive mailing campaign designed to find out who, among brooders and owners, is interested in the field.

ISC SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PLANS TRIAL

The ISC of Southern California is making plans for its first trial. It will be held late this year. The date and site have not been set.

There's a free FLUSHING WHIP subscription for a year for Fred D. Payne of Rockport, Ill. if he reads his WHIP closely enough to find his name here--and if he writes us to tell us.

WINTERSTAR JOHNNY RAY DEAD

Winterstar Johnny Ray, sent to the country to run during the summer, is dead. The stylish stud of Jim and Bob Finn was crushed under a car

Michigan's - a Must!

Highland Recreation Area, Highland, Michigan - September 24-25 - 8:00 a.m.

Heading our judging panel will be Paul J. Treadway of Berkley, Mich., one of America's greatest field trial judges. He will be paired with the equally-popular Dr. C. F. DeVries of Lansing, Mich. for the following: Amateur Gun Dog, open to all pointing breeds, entry 10.00, 60% of fees divided 50-30-20; Novice, 3.50 and Open Gun Dog stake, 7.00.

Beautiful trophies are offered in all stakes except the Amateur Gun Dog. Paired to judge the following stakes are Dick Wood and Wm. Sczubielak, both of Livonia, Mich.: Open All Age, 7.00; Open Derby, 6.50 and Open Puppy, 5.00. AKC point trial. AKC Rosettes to all placed dogs. Drawing at 24100 Union, Dearborn, Mich., Sept. 23. Bob Beringer, 19498 Blackstone, Detroit 19, Mich., Field Secretary.

WHIP'S WRONG AGAIN ! RED ONES VIE
FOR FOURTH FDSB TITLE IN NATIONAL

In our July issue we said the entrants in the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship at Petersburg, Del., on October 30th will contesting for the honor of

Another Special Article

BY A FAMOUS WRITER

IN THIS ISSUE OF THE WHIP

TRUMAN F. COWLES

writes on what a Red Setter champion must be to earn the respect of all bird dog men. Read what the man who judged Rufus McTybe O'Cloisters in his hour of greatest triumph says about the future of Red Setters. On page seven in this issue of THE FLUSHING WHIP !

being the second Irish Setter to gain a FDSB-recognized crown. We also said that only twice had such title been awarded to a Red one. We were wrong on both counts. If we have given the impression we are confused, we have company. In a 1950 listing of "all" champions, the FDSB did not list any Irish. But there it is in the records that the FDSB recognizes--and there is no question that two Red ones did win three championships in the long-ago of early field trials.

We have written to the FDSB requesting a belated correction. Here is a part of our letter to the FDSB:

"In America's second field trial, held at Memphis by the Tennessee Sportsmen's Association in October of 1875, the Irish setter, Tom, was adjudged the champion, having scored 92 points out of a possible 100. His nearest competitor, Harry, scored only 71 points.

"The following year the same club's championship was won by the English setter, Drake. His title is duly noted in your listing.

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DUDE WHIPS POINTERS IN FUN TRIAL

The Dude, owned and handled by Herm David got an excellent start on his derby season with a first place win in the derby stake of the United Pointer and Setter Club's Fun Trial at Louisville, Ohio, on August 21. He defeated two pointers and an English setter. Judge Gene Harris was kind enough to say the victory was clear-cut.

KESLER ASKEW TELLS THE STORY OF
ASKEW'S CAROLINA LADY

By Kesler Askew, Enfield, N. C.

This is the history of Lady as I know it.

You never know how to pick a puppy. Back in 1947 Mr. J. J. Burt got the Irish Setter fever and bought five puppies in the one year. But none of them turned out to be any good except Lady. He bought Lady's brother from Earl Bond in Minnesota. Mr. Bond told him he could have the little bitch--the runt of the litter--for \$25, so he bought her too. He gave both dogs to his hunting partner, but they appeared to be so man shy that nobody could do anything with them.

Mr. Burt, knowing that I broke my own dogs and that I enjoyed taking and working with a dog that no one else could break, told me that if I wanted Lady to come to the house and get her. I did.

Several times I thought I was going to have to give up. I turned her loose twice in the first four months that I had her and it took me three and four days to get her back. One frosty morning in October of 1947 I had her on a lead tied to my belt. I had made up my mind that I would not turn her loose again until after she had started to notice birds. That was the morning Lady was broken. My old pointer bitch pointed in a peanut field and I started toward her. I was about 20 steps away from her when I was stopped short by the leash tied to my belt. I stopped and looked back at the most beautiful scene I have ever witnessed. There was Lady--head and tail as high as she could get them--backing with all of the intensity a bird dog man could wish for. From that moment on she always pointed and backed with high style. A year later she began to retrieve.

I bred her in 1949 and she raised eight puppies. Ike (Jack Kendrick) is the only one of them living today.

No one else would ever have owned her if she had not been so bad about biting ladies. After she bit the third of my neighbors I decided to sell her and I ran an ad in THE AMERICAN FIELD for several weeks. When I did not get an answer I gave her to my best friend. He kept her in the country for a couple of years until Mr. LeGrande heard about her and bought her.

I'd like to see her run one more time before she gets too old.

IKE JACK KENDRICK FIRST IRISH TO WIN

RECOGNIZED STAKE IN FALL SEASON

Ike Jack Kendrick, Willow Winds Farm color-bearer, gave the Red ones a fast start on the new, fall season. He placed third in the members shooting dog stake of the very first trial of the season.

Only an unproductive marred his performance at the Columbia County Field Trial Association trial at Orangeville, Pa. on August 21. He had two stylish, steady and productive finds. The trial was open to all pointing breeds.

WHIP WRONG - IRISH HAVE THREE TITLES

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"The next following year, in November, 1877, again at the Tennessee Sportsmen's trial, Joe, Jr., by Eloho out of Buck, Jr. (a full sister to Champion Tom), won the championship stake. Among the dogs he defeated was D. C. Sanborn's Champion Nellie, an English. Except for Drake and Tom she was the only other champion then existant. There were nine English, ten Irish and one Gordon entered.

"At the same club's championship event in December of 1878 Drake, the 1876 champion, and Joe, Jr., the champion of 1877, fought it out. A reporter wrote: "If my life were to be the forfeit, I could not say one had bsted the other." The judges called it a perfect tie and awarded the championship to each of the dogs. M. C. Campbell was listed as Joe's owner and handler in the 1878 stake. In 1877 he had also handled him, but the ownership was listed to George W. Campbell, the man who owned and handled Tom to his championship.

"It was five years before another championship stake was scheduled. Sue and Gath, both English were the only starters, apparently, in the National American Kennel Club stake at Grand Junction, Tenn., in December of 1883. H. M. Short was the handler of both and the championship was declared divided without running. This same pair was the sole entry at the turn of the year in the Southern States Field Trial Club's championship stake. Short handled Gath to the title. You list each of these dogs for one title. The latter was the only championship actually run between 1878 and 1887 when Gloscoer defeated defeated four other English and three pointers to win the Eastern Field Trial Club's championship at High Point, N. C., in November. In that stake Roderigo became the sport's first 'runner-up'"

BEG PARDON, MARNA I

WE'RE GIVING CLEM BACK TO YOU

We're wrong. Tommy Miller doesn't have a promising puppy prospect as we told you. His wife, Marna, does.

The youngster, by Willow Winds Hobo out of AKC F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady, was handled to his first "win" by Marna in a shooting dog stake for novice handlers at the mid-August fun trial of the Keystone Pointer and Setter Club. The pair was placed first against older dogs of all breeds.

The Marna Miller pup has been named Happy Valley Clem.

The Reading couple had a big day at the trial which was held near Kutztown, Pa. The READING EAGLE informs us that Tommy Miller placed his Patrick Michael O'Brien second between a couple of pointers in the stake for novice dogs.

HEPATITIS HITS ONE SECOND HOPEFUL;

SECOND PROSPECT STARTS TO RAIBBLE

It seems that Bob Seidel of Center Valley, Pa., can't avoid tough luck. From Dr. John Henry Melzer of Georgetown, Ky., he bought a fine young bitch which he named Lory. She was to replace Bob's Tippy Tipperary McKerry, the winner of the NRSFTC's 1953 Spring Classic and a member of Henry P. Davis' first "All-American" team of Red setters. Tippy was killed in a highway accident. Now we learn that while Bob has brought Lory safely through hepatitis, she is still suffering from the injury to her nervous system by the disease.

Bob's cheered, though, by the way another of his youngsters is developing. The pup is by Willow Winds Hobo out of Van's Cindy from a breeding by John VanAlst of Harrisburg, Pa. Both the sire and the dam were really moving puppies.

There is good reason to expect some hot competition in this season's puppy stakes. DeWhitte Davis of Cary, N. C., has a couple he's readying by working them daily with a pointer son of Stormy Mike. Davis says they can really carry the mail. OFFERS 5 DOGS, 4 FEMALES BY THE DUAL

Mrs. Howard L. McGinnis of 19215 Sumpter, Cleveland, Ohio, is taking reservations on five males and 4 females whelped August 17 by Tho Dudo, winner, out of Lee Mac, McGinnis' personal shooting dog. If breeding and the old hunter's belief that an Irish had to have a dab of white to be a good hunter have any bearing, these should be top shooting dogs.

GOALS-TO NEWCASTLE' SWITCH FINDS KENTUCKY RED SETTER GOING TO IRELAND

At least one Irish sportsman is anxious to improve the Red setters as they are found today on their native heaths. Mr. John McManamon of Moytown, County Mayo, Ireland will train Dr. John Henry Holzer's Danny of Springwillow, recently arrived on the "Gold" side, whilst using him at stud. Danny's high-tailed style is apparently greatly desired by the Irish breeder.

Danny will be trained according to American field standards in a 20,000 acre area blessed with an abundance of grouse and partridge.

When his training is completed, Danny will come home to Georgetown, Ky. Heavily insured, he was air-expressed to New York where he sailed aboard the Mauritania.

Danny's picture is featured on the cover of HAPPY HUNTING GROUND, official magazine of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

COME WITH, OR WITHOUT DOG SAYS PREXY OF NRSFTC WHO LISTS TEN REASONS WHY

NRSFTC President Archer Church has extended a hearty welcome to all to attend the National trial at Petersburg, Del., on October 29-30. He points out that there many facets of enjoyment for the visitor--even though the visitor doesn't have an entry. President Church listed some of the reasons as follows:

1. The trial affords the novice an unparalleled opportunity to find out for himself what is going on.
2. The visitor will meet many new friends. One of the great attractions of field trials is the opportunity they offer to become acquainted with some of the world's finest sportsmen and sportswomen.
3. The thrill of seeing a Red setter snapping into a proper, proud and stylish point is one of the seven most beautiful sights in the world. It'll thrill you so that you'll forget to ask what the other six are!
4. Damon Runyon wrote: "It's worth a man's time to go to see the champion of anything." The possibility remains strong that we will have not one--but six--champions (AKC) in competition.
5. Delaware is beautiful at October's end. It is not only healthful, but delightful to be outdoors in such a place at such a time.

6. A new and spacious club house is on the edge of the trial grounds. It boasts a comfortable upstairs veranda that overlooks the bird-field. There is every facility for spectator comfort.

7. Housewives of the area dispense some of the greatest Eastern Shore cooking ever at the daily noon recesses in the clubhouse. What means red snapper soup and other delicacies.

8. If the visitor is a breeder he can, within the space of two days, see most of the top Red setters in America, in action and under pressure. He can be his own judge and take home with him a knowledge of which dogs have the characteristics he values most.

9. If it's an Irish setter gun dog you want to buy the trip would be valuable for much the same reason. While few of the dogs competing have a price on them, they are the dogs from which our puppies are bred. The close observer who buys the get of the performer that pleases him most is reducing the risk of dissatisfaction to a minimum.

10. We'd enjoy having you. We like our sport so much that we'd enjoy sharing our pleasure with you.

A T S T U D

The Dude

A M E R I C A ' S B E S T

B R E D R E D S E T T E R

By Willow Winds Duke out of

AKC F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady

The Dude's sire and dam are the only dogs that have won the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship stake since its recognition by the FDSB. Each has wins in competition with all pointing breeds--as has The Dude. Now one-and-one-half years old and ready to launch his first derby season, The Dude won two puppy firsts, two derby seconds in his puppy year. Even has a sanction win on bench over competition. High-headed, 11:00 o'clock tail, sure-nosed, fast, he is a proven producer. Fee 50.00. Advance reservations to Herm David, Box 3557, Cleveland 18, Ohio. Phone: FAirmount 1-0280.

NEW MEMBER FINDS YEAR-ROUND SATISFACTION, ENJOYMENT IN TRIALING RED DOG

By Frederic A. Kremer, Route Two, Box 181, Hopkins, Minn.

Please find my check for 5.00 enclosed with my application for membership in the NRSFTC. I believe that the objectives of the organization will prove to be the most beneficial influence that the breed has been subjected to for years, and should result in re-establishing the Irish as a popular shooting dog. What really impressed me was the informative nature of the July issue of THE FLUSHING WHIP, particularly the well-written article on stud book differences. Since I am a rank amateur as far as field trials are concerned, the more I can find out about them the greater my interest and desire to participate becomes. Although I have hunted behind bird dogs since I was ten years old, there has always been a certain mystery about field trials and their operation and requirements which kept me, and I believe others like me, from discovering how much satisfaction and enjoyment the ownership of a bird dog can give a person on a year around basis.

If more dog owners could be interested in participating in this sport, it should follow that the interests of improving and increasing the use of the breed would be well served. It looks to me as if there are two big factors operating to keep the average fellow from becoming interested. The first I have already mentioned, the second is the financial burden connected with traveling around the country in order to make the various trials. So far as I know there is no Irish Setter club here in Minnesota which holds trials. I am fairly sure that there are other Irish setter owners here that would be interested in running their dogs if an event were held in this area. Maybe this idea isn't feasible, but I have been wondering about the possibility of the NRSFTC sponsoring trials on an area basis, wherever sufficient interest was shown as a sort of preliminary to the national event. This would enable the neophyte to wet his feet at a nominal cost. It would also serve to increase the competition.

Recently the Northwest Field Association accepted me as a member, and I had an opportunity to run my 11-month-old Irish in an impromptu stake at the annual picnic. We didn't set the world on fire, but I have hopes for him as a shooting dog entry. I plan on entering him in the puppy stake in the fall trial at Ft. Snelling, Minn. He is out of Canadian Dual Ch. Lady Amber of Ardee. I bred him to a bitch that I own and am looking forward to a litter of good shooting dog prospects.

THE WHIP would like to thank Mr. Kremer for the sincerest compliment of all--an application for membership. Mr. Kremer is so typical of the fellow we're trying to reach--a hunter who enjoys his shooting over the Red ones and is willing to put a bit of effort into improving the breed as a shooting dog. He has already discovered that field trials can extend his enjoyment of his dog through the year.

Mr. Kremer has made an excellent start in joining his local field trial club. It will afford him an incomparable opportunity to learn more about field trial procedures. When he feels he is ready, the NRSFTC will extend every possible assistance to him in the promotion of an Irish setter trial in his area. Through the years the NRSFTC has laborously built up an extensive mailing list and we can furnish interested groups in any area with a list of names from their own and surrounding states. It may be that an existing Irish setter club will want to participate in the undertaking. Whatever the case, the NRSFTC stands ready to support, advise and publicize. The Southeastern Red Setter Field Trial Club got its fine start in just that manner.

We'd also suggest that Mr. Kremer plan now to patronize the trial of the ISC of Milwaukee at Kettle Moraine, Wis., on October 1 - 2. He will find the week-end enjoyable and illuminating. He will undoubtedly make several new friends there--and he might rack up a win. To ease the financial and the driving burden he might very well find someone else with an entry who will share the trip with him. Perhaps a WHIP reader would like to write Mr. Kremer at the above address.

We'd like to welcome the following new members whose names arrived just a day too late to be included in our August issue: Dr. Stewart Barkdull, Box 967, Blackfoot, Idaho; Nathan Patchat, 45 N. Stockton St., Trenton 8, N. J.; Dr. Herman J. Carr, Palatine, Ill.; Henry W. A. Hanson, Jr., Blackstone Bldg., 112 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa.; Sylvia Kochiss, R. D. #5, Fairfield, Conn.; Herbert A. Miller, 31 New Jersey Ave., Bergenfield, N. J., and Roger Doser, R. D. #4, Pierz, Minnesota. Welcome!

A recent article in THE FLUSHING WHIP entitled "How Demanding Should Judges be of a Champion?", has prompted me to write my comments.

'MATCH RUFUS FOR A CHAMPION'
SAYS MAN WHO JUDGED HIM IN TRIUMPH

By Truman F. Cowles

My thoughts on the matter are strictly this--you have no worries as a club or committee as long as your officials continue to invite people of the caliber of Henry P. Davis, Mrs. Evelyn Monte, Austin Smith, Curtis Miles and Dr. Richard Jackson to judge your annual events and extend to them the discriminatory powers of awarding the Championship title. Eminently qualified personages such as these are well enough versed in the background of bird dogs and field trials to realize without hesitation when the sought for qualities are demonstrated in the field, regardless of what breed they may be judging.

You have made it perfectly clear that there has been no intent to criticize those of us who have been charged with the responsibility of judging your last two yearly Championships and I am sure none of us feel it that way. However, I am equally sure that there are many followers who were at last fall's event who would have been very disappointed had the title been awarded on the basis of the winner's performance. And this is not detracting one iota from the caliber of his hour, nor from that of the runner-up. Both were outstanding in the stake.

To my way of thinking, there should be but one standard for awarding a field trial Championship, regardless of the breed being considered, because fundamentally they are all bird dogs and if they are to be Champions their right to wear the crown should be as a Champion Bird Dog, not as an Irish Setter Champion, English Setter Champion, or by any other respective breed. By this same token, they should be capable of holding their own on a par with some of the greats of the past such as the great Rufus McTybe O'Cloisters, Smada Byrd and others who gained respect in their own breed--but as dogs in competition against all pointing breeds. They should also be capable of stepping out in all breed competition today and standing an equal chance of gaining top honors among the top-flight bird dogs of today among the other breeds in Open titular events.

If the objective outlined in your second statement (the ultimate development of a class gun dog second to none) is to be accomplished there can be no compromising on ideals and there is no other way to accomplish it.

We happen to have been in the very tenable position of also occupying one of the judicial saddles at Cranbury, N. J., in 1950 when the famous Rufus was accorded his high honors as Runner-up at the National Amateur Pheasant Championship of that year. THE FLUSHING WHIP has often referred to this win for the merit of its attainment. From my vivid recollection of this event and reference to the account in THE AMERICAN FIELD, I would hesitate to compare this great performance to that of any in last year's field. There is far greater support to attest to the greatness of Rufus than the weight of my meager testimony in mere examination of the great winning record he hung up as he was campaigned fearlessly in all breed trials on a wide front--and could always be counted on to be a contender.

So, the rugged and determined constituents of the present day Red Setters should not be confused nor allow themselves to lose face by lowering their standards to those of some of the other breeds who have taken to naming Champions within their own groups, whose only respect will come from those who already want to believe in their greatness.

That kind of "Champion" will beget little regard from real bird dog people who appreciate a good one, regardless of his breed, color or ownership.

In conclusion, the substance of a quote from a source we can't recall might serve as a guide--"The sin is not in trying and failing, but only in aiming too low," or something like that. Keep up the standard and let's make the contender that becomes a Champion be a real Champion.

ABOUT TRUMAN COWLES

Although still a very young man, Truman F. Cowles has established a very enviable reputation for himself as a judge of top field dog events, as a reporter and as a writer on field trial topics.

In the 1950 National Amateur Pheasant Championship he proved his objectiveness with the unprecedented placement of Rufus. It hadn't been done since 1878. Mr. Cowles was paired with Henry P. Davis last fall for the second running of the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship.

Despite the optimistic reaching of some researchers the history of the Irish setter can hardly be said to have a positive beginning before 1805. The earliest "standard" we've been able to find was written by Frank Forester (Henry William Herbert) in his FIELD SPORTS OF THE UNITED STATES, Woodward, New York, 1848. It was written as a guide to prospective purchasers in days when Irish Setters were so rare that folks had to be told how to tell one that was from one that wasn't. It preceded all registry books and either field trials or bench shows. As a youth of 18 Herbert had hunted behind Irish setters on the Yorkshire moors of his native England. That was in 1825. Later he wrote:

"It is a difficult matter to put on paper, in a manner satisfactory either to the reader or writer, the peculiarities of any animal whereby he may be judged pure or mixed. However there are, generally, some few points in each species, that can be selected as proofs of their genuineness and ability to perform certain actions peculiar to the race.

"But, after all, more reliance must be placed upon the good faith of the seller, or the previous knowledge of the strain from which the purchaser selects--and what is better than either, from actual observation in the field; all of which precautions may, nevertheless, prove abortive, and our dog be worthless."

Of the "Setter", Herbert wrote: "It may be well to call attention to some of those points which peculiarly indicate purity of breed; the first of these is undoubtedly his coat, which, in the finest and purest strain is long, sleek and wavy, but not curly, even upon the crest and ears--a tendency to curl indicating an admixture of the Water Spaniel--it should be as soft, and almost as fine and glossy as gloss silk, and on his stern and along the back of his legs should expand into a fringe known technically as feathering, often of many inches in extent. The head should be broad between the eyes with a high boney process or ridge at the hinder extremity of the skull, between the ears, which is by many sportsmen thought to indicate the degree of the animal's olfactory powers. There should be a rather deep indenture between the eyes; the nose should be long rather than broad, and somewhat tapering, with soft, moist, well-expanded nostrils, and above all things, a black nose and palate, with a full, dark and singularly expressive eye. The best breed is not very tall or bulky, and the great, heavy-shouldered, coarse, square-headed, club-tailed, fleecy brutes which are generally called Setters in this country, are probably the result of some such cross as that recommended by Mr. Tolfrey, on the original Setter stock."

("Mr. Tolfrey", an English author of the time, offered the following "receipt" for "making a breed of Setters". According to Tolfrey: "The preliminary step is to put a fine bred and an exceptional (sic) Pointer bitch to a noted Foxhound.....cross the offspring with the small and slender race of Newfoundland dog." Herbert felt that Setters were "a pure mixture of unmixed spaniel blood." He gave Tolfrey a pretty thorough going over.)

Herbert continued: "The best and most useful dog is of medium height, very deep chested and high-withered, what we should call in a horse, well coupled, or closely ribbed up, and very strong and broad across the loins. The legs should be straight, and the longer to the knee and hock joints, and the shorter thence to the pasterns the better. The feet should be hard, round, and cat-like, and well provided with ball and toe tufts, which are of great efficacy in protecting the feet from becoming sore, either from wet and ice, or from hard, stony, or stubby ground. Their action, when in movement, is very lithe and graceful, the stern is carried high, and constantly feathered, and it is a good sign if the head is likewise carried high, and if the dog snuff the air when scenting his game, rather than stoop his nose to the ground and puzzle for his scent, which habit is often the result of a deficiency in his olfactory power."

In discussing "the three principle varieties of the Setter" Herbert explained: "The Irish Setter is either pure red, or red and white, or yellow and white spotted. His nose, lips, and palate, are invariably black. His coat is somewhat more wiry, and his frame more bony and muscular than the English dog. He is the hardiest and most dauntless of the race, and though apt to be somewhat unmanageable and headstrong, if he is sufficiently worked and managed with a tight hand, these faults can be kept down, while his indomitable pluck, his rapidity, his perseverance, and his dash, render him, in my opinion, for the real hard-

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WHO'LL BE FALL MILEAGE CHAMPION ?

With at least eight Irish setter trials scattered from coast to coast this fall we very much doubt that any person or any dog will make them all. But--we are wondering who'll have traveled the most miles when the season is done.

Art Nelson of Birmingham, Mich., was the unofficial champ of the spring season. With his Rustic Lad of Ardee he made long trips to the NRSPTC trial at Weldon Springs, Mo., and to the New England trial at Woburn, Mass.

If Jake Huizenga can make it to any one of the eastern or mid-western trials from his home in Seaside, California, he'll probably win the traveling title "in a walk." It is now definite that Jake can not be at the National in Petersburg on October 30th because he is going to fulfill a commitment to judge a National German Shorthair Championship in Highland, Mich., that same weekend. However Jake is anxious that his AKC F. T. Ch. Oxton's Shosaph gets his chance at the BIG championship and he is making the best arrangements possible. "Jo-Jo" as the king-pin of the west-coast dogs is known, will probably be run again, either the week before or the week after the National by Jake who with Mrs. Huizenga, hopes to be able to be "east" for a week to ten days.

Others bidding for the mileage championship will include Ed McIvor of Dearborn, Mich. He says: "Wild horses couldn't keep me away from at least the National, Milwaukee, Ohio, Indiana and our own Michigan trials, unless it is the little matter of making a living. Since only the National is more than an overnight trip he'll probably make all of them with AKC F. T. Ch. Tyronnes; Mahogany Mike, C. D. X., and Ivor Glen's Red Hellion.

DeWhite Davis of Cary, N. C., writes that he's going to hit every possible Irish trial this fall season. He notes, however, that he must first reduce the size of his kennel via some puppy sales.

Most of us will concede, right now, the distinction of entering the most dogs in Irish trials to Ned LeGrande of Willow Winds Farm, Douglassville, Pa. And we're also inclined

to concede that he will also have more entries in trials of all kinds than will any other Red setter man. Time was when we'd just as freely predict that Ned would also end the season with the most and the best wins but--with Red setter activity accelerating at a rapid pace and the competition constantly getting keener--Ned'll have scramble harder and harder to get into the ribbons.

MELZER RAPS AKC FIELD TITLES AND POINTER GUN DOG CHAMPS THAT CHASE

Dr. John Henry Melzer of the University of Kentucky is a plain-spoken man who apparently doesn't think too much of the AKC's methods of determining a field champion. He writes: "I'm not going to congratulate Ned LeGrande on that AKC (field) championship Askew's Carolina Lady has. I don't blame Ned for claiming it for she is every inch a champion. I only wish Ned had had her entered in the last National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. According to the official report of that trial the so-called champion chased his birds in both the first and the second series. If Lady isn't better than that (and a dozen more Irish), I'll eat that pointer."

We pass Dr. Melzer's words along, not to stir up a controversy, but because we believe they express not-too-uncommon viewpoints on a couple of subjects.

In previous issues we've pretty thoroughly covered the differences between AKC and FDSB championship procedures--enough so that our readers can establish their own evaluation of each. Dr. Melzer's second point is of much more interest to us because the NRSPTC must decide how stringent it should expect its judges to be about the naming of a FDSB Champion in the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship. We've heard other reports --including some at first-hand-- that the standards in the national shooting dog championship open to all pointing breeds were not as demanding as those imposed in the past on our Red setter titular aspirants. It's possible we'd have one or more Champions now if we'd used the "pointer" measuring stick. See the special article on page 7.

-working sportsman, preferable to his English brother."

FRANK FORESTER'S 1848 'STANDARD'

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Herbert also found occasion to remark: "with Irish sportsmen, who are very choice of their Setters, a cross even with the English Setters, would be regarded as a blemish." He also told of a brace of setters over which he shot eight seasons. One was a liver and white English, "the other a red Irish Setter, with a white ring and four white stockings....I never saw in all respects a brace of dogs so perfect."

We appreciate the nice publicity THE WHIP is giving Michigan's field activities. We even appreciate your having devoted four pages of your fine publication to discussing and criticizing our suggested revisions to the standard. Here are my personal answers to a few of your criticisms.

'HOW RED IS AN IRISH SETTER ?'
MICHIGAN'S ANSWER TO THE WHIP

By Mrs. Roberta McIvor
Editor, NEWS AND VIEWS

1. Red. Of course the word "red" will never be divorced from the Irish Setter, nor can I think of anyone who would want it to be. But you will have to admit that the term is used too loosely to be appropriate for the accurate description of the dog's color in the standard. Red is a primary color, and a true red is pretty far removed from the color of any Irish Setter I have ever seen. If you painted a spectrum red stripe down the flank of your dog, The Dude, you would decide your dog is brown. The only trouble is, brown is a mixture of black and various colors, including red, and to my knowledge there is no true brown designating one shade and no other. So the best terms we could think of to describe the shades of brown found in the Irish Setter coats, was to retain the two words the present standard uses, "mahogany" and "chestnut", which, according to your dictionary, both mean reddish brown or brownish red, and delete the descriptive words, "golden", which a chestnut never is, and "red" which mahogany always is. Doesn't that make more sense than to describe the Irish Setter as "mahogany red" (which would be the same as saying "reddish brown red or brownish red red) ?

2. I don't know when I've been so shocked -- that you of all people, who have spent months in research and come up with a truly fine proposed revision to the standard, with the one aim, if I am not mistaken, of bringing the bench people and the field people closer to a meeting of the minds in their conception of what a good Irish Setter should be, should admit that "the matter of size has been neglected so long that it is now too late to mend it" ! Where else are we more in need of a meeting of minds than in regards to size ? So you have a 24 inch dog ! That in itself is a bit of compromise for you. It wasn't too long ago you were advocating 20 inch Irish as being the ideal field size. You would be no worse off, if our proposal were adopted, than would be the owner of the 30 inch champion you spoke of. We do not expect to see the Irish Setter ring equipped with measuring devices. We did not say that a 24 inch or 30 inch dog would be disqualified from judgement. They should be faulted equally. In fact, I would say you are better off than the follow with the 30-incher. Nature is on your side if you attempt to breed up to the standard, because I believe that our dogs larger for the same reasons that humans are -- better nutrition.

3. Feathers between the toes. What we did there is just what you said we did regarding white on head and feet, "putting the words and sanction to what has been practiced" for many years. Maybe Laverack worked his dogs harder than we do, but we find we have to trim the feet of our Irish to prevent his dragging several inches of burr-laden feathers-between-the-toes after him every step. If we trim the hair so that it does not extend beyond the foot, it could scarcely be called feathers, which, according to Webster is a "fringe or tuft of hair". So, since everyone cuts them off or wears them off, why should the standard call for feathers between the toes ?

First we'd like to beg the indulgence of those among our readers who--to state it plainly--feel they don't give a damn what happens to the bench standard. That the standard will be revised appears certain. If the field-minded fancier doesn't speak up now the chasm between bench and field will widen and become impassable. This matter of size is a good example. Facts, figures and history all support our contention that a big bird dog is not an efficient bird dog. See the table on page 11 and note how many of the breed's great progenitors would have been under the Michigan measuring stick. Yet the Michigan club is possibly the most field-minded bench club in America. If they are so obviously in need of convincing demonstration, what could we expect as a final standard watered down by the opinion of clubs whose no member has ever seen a field trial and few members have ever had their dogs hunting ? There are some such Irish Setter clubs in the United States. May I ask the Michigan folks if I am not correct in stating that not one dog of 25 inches or more placed first in their last trial ? Could there be a more convincing demonstration that they ask too large a dog for field work ? If we ever said we thought a 20 inch dog was optimum, which we don't recall, the fact that we now have a 24 inch dog is not a compromise with our confidence in the smaller bird dog. Our guy

AND -- WITH YOUR INDULGENCE
-- THE WHIP'S REBUTTAL

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Measurements of Irish Setter Stars of Early Shows in the British Isles
From "British Dogs" by Hugh Dalziel (1883), Page 112

	Age, Years	Weight in Pounds	Shoulder Height (in inches)	Nose to Base of Tail	Length of Tail	Girth of Chest	Girth of Loin	Girth of Head	Girth of Arm	Length of Head	Girth of Muzzle (at middle)
Whisper (J. H. Saltor)	2.5-	56	25.5	42	19	28--	21--	17---	7---	10---	9---
Palmerston (T. Hilliard)	11---	65	23.5	44	15	30--	24--	16---	9.25	10.25	10---
Count (T. Hilliard)	2.75	54	23--	37.5	13	28.5	22--	15.5-	10---	9.5-	8.75
Tilly (T. Hilliard)	4.5-	45	22--	37	14	27--	20.5	14.25	8.25	9.75	8.75
Belle (F. A. Bird)	3.25	47	22--	35	14	28--	21--	16---	7.5-	10---	10---

Measurements of Some Irish Setters in America About 1890 and Before
From J. M. Taylor: "Bench Show and Field Trial Records" (1892), Page 286

Irish Setter	Shoulder Height (in inches)	Height of Hips	Height to Elbow	Chest Girth	Length of Head	Nose to Eyes	Length of Neck	Length of Body	Length of Loin	Length of Stern
DOGS										
Beau Brummel	25---	23.5-	14.75	28.5-	10.25	4.25	6.5-	24.75	6.25	14.25
Ben C	25.25	24---	14---	30---	10.50	4.25	7.75	25.25	6.25	14.25
Dick Swivel	23.75	22.25	13.5-	28.5-	10.25	4---	7.5-	22.75	5.75	14.75
Elcho	24---	---	---	28---	11---	5.25	---	---	---	13.75
Elcho, Jr.	23.25	23.25	12.75	28.5-	10.75	4.25	7.5-	23.25	6.25	13.75
Inchiquin	24.75	23.5-	13.5-	29---	10.5-	4.25	7---	23.5-	5.25	15---
Kildare	23.75	23---	13.5-	26.5-	10---	4---	8---	22---	6---	15---
Mack N	23.75	22.5-	13.5-	28.5-	10.25	4.25	6.5-	22.75	6---	14.5-
Plunket	22---	---	---	28.5-	10---	4---	---	---	---	14.25
Red Hugh	23.5-	---	---	27---	10.5-	4.5-	---	---	---	13.5-
Red River	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gloncho	26---	25---	15.5-	30---	10---	4.25	7---	24.50	6---	15---
Seminole	24.5-	23.5-	13.5-	28---	10.25	4.25	7---	24.75	6.5-	13.25
Average Irish Setter Dog	24.04	23.39	13.83	28.41	10.29	4.29	7.19	23.90	6.00	14.27
BITCHES										
Gurror Bell	20.5-	19.75	11.75	24,	9---	4---	6.75	20.5-	6---	12.25
Lou II	21---	---	---	26---	8.5-	4---	---	---	---	14---
Molly Bawn	24.5-	23.75	13.50	28---	9.5-	4---	7---	23.5-	7---	13.75
Nora	24---	---	---	28---	9.25	4---	---	---	---	14.25
Quail II	24---	---	---	30.5-	9.75	4.5-	---	---	---	14.5-
Ruby	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Glenmore	23.25	22.75	13---	26.5-	9.5-	4---	7---	23---	6---	13---
Silk	22.75	22---	13---	26---	9.5-	4---	7.25	20.75	6---	13.75
Spinaway	21.75	21.5-	11.75	26---	9---	3.75	6.25	22.25	6.5-	14---
Winnie II	22.5-	21.75	13---	26.5-	9---	3.75	7---	23.5-	6---	14.5-
Average Irish Setter Bitch	22.66	21.91	12.66	26.83	9.22	4---	6.87	22.25	6.25	13.41

Fortunately, back in the days when it was hard to find someone who would feed an Irish Setter that couldn't or wouldn't hunt, someone went to the trouble of measuring some of the more famous dogs of the breed.

We present those tables here because there has been expressed, on these pages, a difference of opinion on just what the size of a dog should be. Those were the dogs famous when the present standard was made.

ISC PACIFIC TRIES AN ALL-SETTER STAKE
ON ONLY IRISH 'SHOOT-TO-KILL' PROGRAM

By Mrs. Barbara Turra

As an experiment, the Irish Setter Club of the Pacific will open its open shooting dog stake to all setters, English, Irish and Gordon, when it runs its fall program on October 23 at Fort Ord, California. It is to be a shoot-to-kill trial with three pheasants liberated for each brace.

As in the past, the open all-age, the limited, the puppy and the derby stakes will be open to Irish setters only. The actual running will be over the grounds of the Salinas Valley Sporting Dog Association. Judges will be Ken Sutton of Sacramento, Cal. and Roy W. Kimberlin of San Francisco. Paul Brown of Salinas, Cal., is to be field marshal. Official guns will do the shooting. Entry fees for puppies will be 6.00, derbies, 7.50. The other three stakes will all have the same entry fee--9.00. Silver trophies will be presented for 1-2-3 in each stake and ribbons for 1-2-3-4. Running will start promptly at 8:00 a. m. A chuck wagon will serve food. Horses are for rent at .50 per brace.

The drawing will be held at the residence of Holic E. Turner, 3660 Birch street, San Leandro, California, on Thursday, Oct. 20th at 8:00 p. m. Field trial headquarters will be at my home, 17956 Beardsley street, Castro Valley, California. Both my husband, Fred, and I will be glad to furnish any further information desired.

WHIP ADS REACH RED SETTER PROSPECTS

If you're selling grown dogs or pups--or if you're offering a stud dog--or even advertising a Red Setter field trial--an ad in THE FLUSHING WHIP will reach more prospects than any other journal can at double our rates. Use our selling power at these low rates. One inch by 3 1/2" -- 1.00; Quarter page, 6.50; half page, 13.00; full page, 25.00. Pups under six months are publicized free. When they get older than that you'll have to advertise them. Please write your own ad. Make sure we can read it.

SPRINGWILLOW KENNEL

FOR SALE: A female, six months old. Rather on the large side for a field dog. Should make a good shooting dog. Kinvarra Kermit-McKerry bloodlines.

Litter mates: two males and three females, three months old. Bred for high-tailed style. Shooting dog prospects for trial or hunting. Rufus McTybo O'Cloisters-McKerry bloodlines. Dr. John Henry Helzor, U. of Kentucky Georgetown, Kentucky

McIVOR ENDORSES WHIP SUGGESTION

FOR EXPERT PANEL ON STANDARD

By Ed McIvor

(Since Ed McIvor, president of the ISC of Michigan, owns AKC P. T. Ch. Tyronne's Mahogany Mike, a clear threat to become the first dual AKC champion in Irish Setter history, Ed is in a position to speak without prejudice to either bench or field activity--or obedience work either, for that matter, since Mike also has a C. D. X. degree.)

Rather than relying too much on club opinions, I hope the Irish Setter Club of America, in revising the breed standard, will call for the ideas of experts in both work aptitude and the more esthetic qualities.

The recommendations that resulted from our club discussions would have been more satisfactory if we had more time to devote to study and adequate discussion. We were lacking an authoritative opinion on many phases of the problem.

I want the combination of utility and beauty. I think I would be well satisfied to leave the standard where it is, if the qualifications for a bench champion included a requirement that the dog place in a recognized trial. But, I am afraid this will never be approved. I should, however, like to see the idea discussed more.

One recurring source of irritation is the suggestion that the best way to dispose of substandard pups out of a bench-bred litter is to sell them as pets or hunting dogs. Pets, yes. But hunting dogs! Not when the breeding stock hasn't been in the field for generations and no consideration has been given to field qualities when breeding. It is a sure way to ruin the Irish in the minds of many people.

RUSTY'S JINX

America's Leading Red Setter Sire
Of the 1953-54 and 1954-55 Seasons

AT STUD

Jinx is an open winner and a natural quail dog. To get top shooting dogs, breed to the dog that's been producing them. SPARKLE APPLE is 1954 All-American. By Ladine's Irish Pat out of Lady. FDSE 10873. Fee -- 50.00.

Also at stud, Jinx' outstanding son out of Willow Winds Bred for JAY, FDSE 524167. Also a producer and winner. Fee -- 50.00. Rusty Baynard, Dover By Pass, Dover, Delaware.

So many things can happen to a dog, whether he be in the possession of his owner--or of a professional handler, that we once declared we would never recommend a professional handler. We now say that we never recommend a professional handler--unless it's Paul Long.

RED SETTER PERSONALITIES

PAUL LONG

Second in a series of articles on folks who have contributed to the progress of the Red setter afield.

Not that there aren't many other professional trainers who are both capable and trustworthy. We can think of several to whom we would unhesitatingly entrust our own dog. But to recommend to someone else that they do the same, knowing the risks that are always present, would be to ask for a share in the responsibility. *THE WHIP* is not in business to dispense free advertising and the *NRSM* will never recommend one trainer above all others, anymore than it will permit itself to recommend any particular trainer. Please, then, accept these comments as coming from the editor.

We lived with Paul Long at the Kelleys Island trial long enough to learn that a fellow who's made a supper date with Paul can get pretty darn hungry. Every dog in Paul's care must be fed and carefully checked before Paul and whoever's waiting for him can eat. Paul will want the cabin on the end so he can pull the dog wagon right alongside. Then he will want to sleep under the window nearest to the dogs so he can hear if anything goes wrong during the night.

A physical disability has made a walking trainer out of Paul. While still a boy he got his start as kennel boy for Elias Vail. That was many years ago when Vail had Modoc Bedelia and the early O'Cloister dogs. Later Paul went on his own. Since that time he has compiled a most enviable record of success. In planning this article we wrote to the most active Red setter breeder in the east for certain specific information. We could never convey the enthusiasm of his reply, so here are Ned LeGrande's remarks verbatim:

"I believe that if the Irish setters winning the majority of shooting dog trials today were counted we'd find that 90% of them were trained by Paul Long. He has done more for the Irish setter than any other trainer in history. A few years back when the fortunes of the Irish afield were at their lowest ebb Paul was still training and winning with Irish. Even in those now-distant days when most professional handlers refused to take Irish setters Paul was working them and winning.

"He trained privately for Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Berlozheimer for a time and he has been given the major credit for breaking the famous Rufus McTybe O'Cloisters who won the highest field honors of any Irish setter in modern times. Paul is now training for the public and he has enough dogs that he never has to advertise in *THE AMERICAN FIELD* or any other publication. His shooting dogs and field trial winners are his advertisements and he is practically always full. If you want your dog trained by Paul Long you'll probably need an advance reservation--and you may get your dog back inside of a month if Paul thinks the dog can't make the grade. Paul Long is absolutely honest in his every action. If a dog lacks the potential his owner will know about it in less than two months. Paul will not work a sorry dog for long. After he has had what Paul considers a fair chance, the dog goes back if Paul thinks, in his own mind, the dog will not make a shooting dog or field trial dog, whichever the owner wants. I know of one kennel that sent Paul four dogs. Three of them came back within two months time. The fourth one he kept and it is winning field trials consistently. Some owners might have resented the adverse judgement on their dogs--but the fourth dog proved Paul knew his business.

"Here is the list you requested. These are some of the dogs Paul has either wholly or partially trained: Sally of Kildare (20 wins), Polly of Kildare, Rufus McTybe O'Cloisters, Wheelers Red Boy, High Point Captain McKerry, High Point Fleet, High Point Flame, High Point Cadence, High Point Chipper, A.C. F. T. Ch. Pride of Hillis, Willow Winds Pat, Willow Winds Duke, Willow Winds Cathy" (her 31 wins exceed by 11 the highest ever garnered by a Red one), "Van's Cindy, Ike Jack Kendrick, Playgirl's Holiday Lass, Willow Winds Hobo, Rockwood Sally, Red Velvet's Duke, Winterstar Bonny Goodman and Winterstar Johnny Ray. There are many more that I don't recall at the moment.

"Paul lives at 87 Center street in Burlington, Mass. He trains near there on pheasant during most of the year but, when the weather gets bad and the hours of daylight too short, he to Lincolntown, N. C. where he has excellent facilities for training on quail. Hope this information helps you to pay a proper tribute to Paul Long for his long, honest and untiring efforts in behalf of the Red setter."