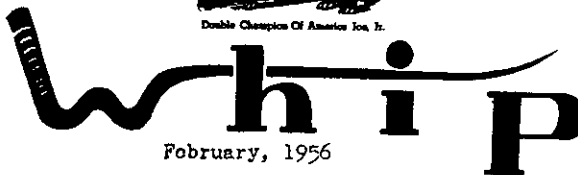


- Feb. 25, 26 - Southeastern Red Setter F. T. Club, Garnor, N. C.
H. B. Price, Box 128, Solma, N.C.
- Apr. 14, 15 - Nat. Red Setter F. T. Club, Fourth Annual Spring Classic, Ashloy, Ohio, Fred Cameron, 1116 Kenilworth Pl., Columbus 9, Ohio.
- Apr. 21, 22 - ISC of Michigan, Highland, Mich. Tom Moffat, 4381 Forest, Watkins Lake, Pontiac, Mich. (Subject to AKC approval)
- Apr. 29 - ISC of Ohio, Ashloy, Ohio, Cliff Amundson, 1276 Clifton, Akron, Ohio. (Subject to AKC)
- May 13 - ISC of Milwaukee, Eagle, Wis. Jack Lane, Route One, Box 205, Muskego, Wis.

The Flushing



Double Champion Of America For 1912



February, 1956

PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY THE NATIONAL RED SETTER FIELD TRIAL CLUB
MEMBER - THE AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA
Horn David, Editor - Box 3557, Cleveland 18, Ohio

BOB HABGOOD, KITTY VAWTER TO JUDGE CLASSIC

PAIR HORACE LYTLE, OLLIE NEIMEYER FOR THE PUPPY STAKE

Columbus, Ohio -- A four-star panel has been named to judge the National Red Setter Field Trial Club's spring trial. When the fourth Spring Classic program is run over Ohio's Delaware Dam Wildlife Area near Ashloy, Ohio, on April 14, 15, a quartet of America's top bird dog experts will be in the judicial saddles. Passing judgement on the entries in the Classic, the amateur shooting dog stake and the open derby will be Robert P. Habgood, Jr., of Bradford, Pa., and George R. "Kitty" Vawter of Glenns Valley, Indiana. Bob Habgood is widely known as an amateur handler and as a genial and skilled club secretary. He is the owner of the famed Orchard Valley Kennels. Among his winning dogs are Double Open Champion Orchard Valley Skylight, Plago, Sam L's Skybomber and Orchard Valley Skysprite, Kitty Vawter is the keen Hoosier arbiter who has judged the program of the ISC of Indiana seven of the eight times it has been offered.

And -- for the first time in its history, the NRSFTC has scheduled Red Setter men as judges. Horace Lytle and Ollie Neimeyer have agreed to judge the open puppy stake. Thirty and more years ago these men had the finest field Irish in America. It was Lytle who developed and campaigned the famed Smada Byrd. Lytle is a former judge of the National Championship, a former secretary of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America. He's written many successful bird dog books. It was Ollie Neimeyer's stud that Lytle used those many years ago when he bred his little red lady. Neimeyer has entered, ran, won and judged many trials.

The Classic will be run under championship conditions on native quail and pheasants over several one-hour courses. Entry blanks will be mailed with the March issue of the FLUSHING WHIP, or they may had from Fred Cameron, trial secretary, 1116 Kenilworth Place, Columbus 9, Ohio.

Generous cooperation is being extended by the members of the Central Ohio Bird Dog Club. Their clubhouse will be the drawing site and trial headquarters. All stakes except the Classic will be drawn on Friday, April 13 at 9:00 p. m., EST. The clubhouse is located on Delaware County Road 220. This hard-surfaced
(continued on page three)

RED PUP WHIPS POINTER GUN DOGS; IRISH PEG PLACES IN CUMBERLAND

Two pretty, little Red Ladies have put bids for stardom on the record books. They are Tweed Hall Sue and Irish Red Peggy.

Sue, not yet out of her puppy year, showed the pointers how to do it, placing over them in the members' shooting dog stake at the Durham County trials at Durham, N. C., on December 9. Placed third, Sue is owned and was handled by J. DeWhitte Davis, new president of the Southeastern Red Setter Field Trial Club. She is by Rusty's Jinx out of Willow Winds Eve. A full sister to the winners, Ch. Double Jay and Willow Winds Hobo, she is a product of a repeat of the earlier successful mating. She's the youngest Red One to have earned consideration for Henry P. Davis' All-American team by placing in a mixed shooting dog or open all-age stake. Irish Red Peggy, owned by J. R. Alderton of Martinsburg, W. Va., is also qualified with a third in the members' stake at the Cumberland Valley trials. She defeated two pointers and two
(continued on page three)

Dear Rusty Baynard,

THAT MAN - RUSTY!

Thank you for your letter expressing pleasure that our Mike was present to compete in the National Red Setter Club trial at Dover, Delaware. And thank you for all of your friendly help at the trial. I'm sorry I wasn't sharp enough to take advantage of all of the excellent advice you gave me. (A 600 mile drive is tiring.)

An Open Letter -- By Ed McIvor

Remember when you said, "Bring him over here and you'll find birds." ? And, "To hell with that, you're playing for keeps now. This is big time!" And I didn't ?

I want to tell you I took more away from that trial than I think you realize. Sure, Mike's win was pleasing--and especially because it was his first trial on quail and his first to be handled from horseback. But of more importance was knowing that the National Irish (sic) Setter Champion is owned by such a grand sportsman as yourself. I believe you did everything you could to help the visiting trialers. I feel that I know you better than I know your Champ.

I want Irish Setter fanciers to know that a combination like you and Ch. Double Jay will always be hard to find. And if anyone is lucky enough to find such a combination, they'll find it hard to beat in trial or sportsmanship !

Forgive me for expressing myself thus in public print, but I want all to know how pleasurable a Rusty Baynard trial is.

ABOUT ED McIVOR

Very sincerely yours, "Ed"

Ed McIvor is just starting his fifth term as president of the Irish Setter Club of Michigan. He is the breeder-owner-trainer-handler of AKC Field Trial Champion Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, C.D.X. and the field winner, Ivor Glen's Red Hellion. His Mike is the only proven field Irish with major bench points. At the Dover trial Mike was second in the amateur shooting dog stake which, with 19 entries, boasted one FDSB field champion and seven AKC field champions.

THE FLUSHING WHIP

Published Monthly by The National Red Setter Field Trial Club

Vol. I, No. 10

February, 1956

By subscription, 2.00 the year. Advertising rates: One dollar per column inch; full page, 25.00; half-page, 13.00; quarter-page, 6.50.

BIG IRISH, SMALL IRISH - OR MEDIUM SIZED IRISH ?

By Mrs. M. Ingle Bepler

It is generally conceded that a moderate sized Setter is the best for all purposes, for though the small ones are often excellent workers and very fast and enduring, they are not so well liked for show. On the other hand, the ultra big Irish Setter has serious drawbacks. He is seldom built in perfect proportion, failing mostly in hind quarters, and his very size and bulk are against his staying powers.

The writer's personal experience is that at five or six years old the very big dogs go wide and coarse in the shoulders, down on the pasterns and spread in the feet, whereas the small and medium sized ones keep their fine shoulders, strong and straight pasterns and close round feet until their twelfth year.....

A good size is 25 to 26 inches

at the shoulder for a dog and an inch less for a bitch.

From PEDIGREE DOGS, G. Howard Watt, New York, 1927.

Mrs. Bepler's famed Rheola Kennels have been the most successful of modern times in England. So successful that the Rheola strain is to be found somewhere in the pedigree of almost every Irish Setter in America. She sought and bred, to the satisfaction of British standards, a dual-type dog.

REGIONAL FORMING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Of the several Red Setter regional clubs now in the process of formation, none is more promising than that underway in Pennsylvania. Interested readers can write Mrs. Schollenberger for information.

STILL TIME TO GET LISTINGS IN FOR WHIP'S STUD REGISTRY

There's still time to get your stud list in the 1956 Red Setter Stud Registry. This initial effort was originally scheduled to appear with this February issue of THE FLUSHING WHIP, but, to permit time for checking for errors, its appearance has been delayed for one month.

By allowing ample time for its preparation, we hope to improve its appearance, its completeness and its accuracy.

Red Setter activity is moving at a continually accelerating pace and breeders face a confusing task in selecting a proper stud--one that will conform with their own ideas of perfection--and yet be within reasonable shipping range. Therefore, owners will be rendering their breed a service by making the details on their studs available to all through the Stud Registry which will be used throughout the year in answering queries from breeders. If you have not already sent your listing--or listings--in, do it at once. Write THE WHIP for full information.

ISC OF MILWAUKEE PICKS MAY 13th

Taking advantage of the later nesting season in its more northerly location, the ISC of Milwaukee has set May 13 as the date for its spring trial near Eagle, Wis. AKC approval and permission from the state to use the grounds were obtained in January. It will be the club's second trial under AKC license and FDSB sanction will also be offered.

The one-day trial will offer derby puppy and open all-age stakes. Club members are working now on the prize list. Jack Lane, Route One, Box 205, Muskego, Wis., is trial secretary.

SEEKS RED DOG DEVOTEES NEAR ROCHESTER

A new NRSFTC member, Russell F. Knoxe, 484 Linden Road, Rochester 10, N. Y., would like to hear from any folks living in the Rochester area who share his fondness for the Red Ones afield.

Knoxe has a pup out of Mrs. Myra Berol's Wendy McTybe O'Cloisters that shows considerable promise.

PUPPIES BY NATIONAL RED SETTER CHAMPION DOUBLE JAY

Nine healthy puppies, three males and six females by National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Champion Double Jay out of the thrilling winner, Van's Red. These January pups represent a repeat of an earlier, successful mating. Not one of them is priced beyond the average pocketbook. Can be shipped safely to any point in the United States or Canada. Ch. Double Jay at stud -- 50.00. R. C. Baynard, Jr., Route One, Dover, Delaware.

STARS TO JUDGE CLASSIC

(continued from page one)

road is south off of Ohio 229 and west of Ashley. A detailed map will be furnished with the March WHIP.

Starting time each day will be at 7:00 a. m. Liberated quail will be used in the birdfield for the derby and amateur shooting dog events. Rotating trophies are offered in each stake, plus fine permanent trophies for all of the dogs placed.

With the WHIP's first announcement queries came in from nearly a dozen states. A first place win in the Classic would qualify a dog for the National Championship--and if it is gained under an amateur handler it would qualify the dog for any stake in America.

Motel reservations and all entries should be mailed to Fred Cameron at the address given.

RED ONES BID FOR STARDOM

(continued from page one)

setters. With the spring season still to go, the following dogs have already qualified in addition to Sue and Peggy. AKC F. T. Ch. Ike Jack Kendrick, Ch. Double Jay, Shelley's Red Sugar and Van's Cindy. Not one of last year's All-American has qualified as yet.

Mr. Alderton writes that although he has eleven pointers in his kennel, Peggy is his favorite for hunting, trials or as a companion.

NRSFTC THANKS TO CHURCH, SCHNEIDER

Arch Church, we're sorry. In publishing the financial report of the fall trial we failed to note that you had continued your usual generosity with a cash donation. Thanks to our efficient treasurer for bringing the matter to our attention.

And thanks, also, to new member, Neil Schneider, for his cash donation to the trophy fund for the spring trial. Others wishing to participate in the same way can send checks to Treasurer Joyce Schollenberger, 220 S. Muhlenberg, Allentown, Pa.

THE SPORTSMAN'S LIBRARY

Second Article of a Regular Series

Last month we recommended a number of periodicals for the sportsman who would be well informed. Chief among these was THE AMERICAN FIELD, the weekly field trial "bible". Others included FIELD AND STREAM, OUTDOOR LIFE and SPORTS AFIELD. We urged interested readers to send for a most useful booklet, STANDARDS OF JUDICIAL PRACTICE AND FIELD TRIAL PROCEDURE, obtainable from Gaines Research Center, 250 Park Ave., N. Y. 17, N. Y. Send 25¢ to cover costs. Another useful book is RULES APPLYING TO REGISTRATION AND FIELD TRIALS, published by the American Kennel Club, 221 Fourth Ave., N. Y. 3, N. Y., and available upon request to that organization. Both the FIELD and a listing of the Field Dog Stud Book's minimum requirements are to be had from the American Field Publishing Co., 222 West Adams St., Chicago 6, Ill. Annual subscription to the FIELD is 6.00. You should have all if you're going to field trial.

This month we're going to suggest some books which could be called "the pillars of a bird dog man's library." If you're only going to own one book we suggest you make it THE COMPLETE BOOK OF HOME PET CARE by Leon F. Whitney, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, 1950. Proper and sensible care of your dog should be the first consideration. This book by a great, good friend of the Red Ones is unchallenged in its field.

For historical and general information about dogs there is nothing more attractive or authoritative than THE MODERN DOG ENCYCLOPEDIA edited by Henry P. Davis, Stackpole and Heck, Harrisburg, 1949. Here are the answers to thousands of questions and the means to a working understanding of dog activities.

We shudder to think of the many "breeders" who plan litters without any knowledge of genetics. If you're going to enter into this field and would prefer to do it with an up-to-date understanding of how to plan and what to expect, we suggest you first study Dr. Leon Whitney's book, HOW TO BREED DOGS, Orange Judd, New York. Here is the result of thousands of experiments and years of work in a form you can understand.

How do you select a dog? How can you tell which dog is best equipped to do the job he was bred to do. Do not depend on back-yard gossip for you will get as much misinformation as you will information. Get the only book ever published in America that does an incisive job of showing how and why each breed is "engineered" so that it can best perform its own speciality. It's heavy going at times and requires study, but master it and your knowledge of how and why a dog works will surpass that of many of the nation's bench judges. The book is THE DOG IN ACTION, McDowell Lyon, Orange Judd, New York, 1950. You'll have to send to England for it, but another most helpful book in this respect is THE POINTS OF A HORSE, Captain M. H. Hayes, Hurst, London, 1950 (sixth edition).

We've never seen but one really good book devoted exclusively to Irish Setters. That is THE IRISH SETTER IN WORD AND PICTURE by William C. Thompson, Denlinger, Washington, D. C., 1953. This is a thorough and scholarly work, although we could wish its emphasis was less on bench activity and more on field work. It is a "must" in the library of any lover of Irish Setters. For a look at the modern Irish on his home heath--and an absorbing chapter on the White and Red Irish Setter as a revived breed or variety, have your bookdealer send for THE DOGS OF IRELAND by Anna Redlich, Publisher, W. Tempest, Dundalgan Press, Dundalk, Ireland. Cost is approximately 1.50.

We've come to be great believers in owner-training of bird dogs. Many good books, fortunately, exist that are helpful. We suggest you get and study at least two or three so you can obtain a good perspective on the problem at hand. Further, no one author is going to have all of the good ideas. Any of the following will be useful. BIRD DOG TRAINING, TODAY AND TOMORROW, Er M. Shelley, G. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1947 -- an up-to-date book by an all-time great trainer-handler. BREAKING A BIRD DOG, Horace Lytle, D. Appleton and Co., New York. This book is doubly enticing for it is also a biography of that great field Irish of an earlier day by her owner-handler-trainer. HOW TO TRAIN YOUR BIRD DOG, Horace Lytle, A. I. Hochvalt, Dayton. Now in its third edition and tenth printing. TRAINING YOUR OWN BIRD DOG, Henry P. Davis, Putnam, New York, 1955. This is the latest on the subject, by a master storyteller and eminent authority. Slightly wider in scope is HOW TO TRAIN HUNTING DOGS, William F. Brown, Barnes, 1942. Brown is editor of THE AMERICAN FIELD.

NEXT MONTH -- Some reading for relaxation--about bird dogs!

SHEILA'S A MOVIE STAR NOW! N.R.S.F.T.C. CALLS MEETING

By Mrs. Dee L. Johnson

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Independence, Mo. -- Our old setter, Sheila, has taken a new lease on life.

She romps and plays with Peggy and I believe she is good for many more years -- all because of a movie made here this fall. We call her the "Movie Queen".

A film company from Minneapolis was in our part of the country making full-color wildlife movies. The local conservation officer contacted us because he knew we had Irish (the film was being made for the Red Wing Boot Company whose trademark is an Irish Setter). I suppose the fact that we have a quail farm helped too.

Dee told them that our young Peggy was not steady and that Sheila was not entirely reliable either, but that she never failed to find and retrieve. They wanted to try her.

She did everything she was supposed to do -- and she did it to near-perfection! Guess that's part of the compensation for having bird dogs -- they never cease to be unpredictable.

The film will be available to sportsmen's groups. It is in four sequences, quail, pheasant, duck and deer.

CORN BELT CLUB ORGANIZING

The Corn Belt Red Setter Club is already in the process of organization with Mrs. Dee L. Johnson, Route Four, Box 416, Independence, Mo., as the temporary secretary. Also an enthusiastic booster is Dr. Earl H. Brown, 2120 South St., Lincoln, Neb.

The group hopes to hold either a fun trial or a recognized amateur shooting dog stake on the Johnson Quail Farm this spring. Interested readers should contact Mrs. Johnson as soon as possible.

SOUTHEASTERN OPENS SPRING TRIAL SEASON FEB. 25-26

Selma, N. C. -- Here, where Southern hospitality is both tradition and everyday practice, the best Southeastern Red Setter field trial is set for running on February 25, 26. The actual site is the Henry Buffalo estate at Garner, N. C. -- just south of Raleigh. The Saturday program of open puppy, open derby and open shooting dog stakes will be for Irish and Gordons only. The Sunday schedule of amateur puppy, amateur derby and amateur shooting dog will be open to all pointing breeds. Judges will be Henry Murdock and Fred Aiken, both of Durham, N. C. All entries close at the time of the drawing, 8:30 p. m. Feb. 24 at the Garner Grill in Garner. Entries and requests for reservations should be mailed to the SRSFTC secretary, H. Blake Price, Box 128, Selma, N. C. Entry fees in both the open and amateur stakes are: puppies, 5.00; derbies, 6.00; shooting dogs, 8.00.

At the request of Secretary Joyce Shollenberger, THE WHIP herewith publishes official notice of a meeting of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club to be held in connection with the spring trial near Ashley, Ohio on April 14-15.

The meeting will be held in the clubrooms of the Central Ohio Bird Dog Club at 8:00 p. m., EST, on Saturday, April 14. The meeting time is just one hour after darkness and one hour before the drawing for the Spring Classic. Members desiring to attend will be able to combine supper, oratory and club business.

There will be no oratory from club officers who seek decisive action on several matters of importance. The recent, rapid growth of the NRSFTC has made a general tightening of the organizational procedure necessary.

SOUTHEASTERN LOOKS TO FUTURE ROLE AS HOST TO RED SETTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Cary, N. C. -- From President J. DeWhite Davis of the Southeastern Red Setter Field Trial Club comes word that his organization is building toward the day when it can play host to the running of the National Red Setter Open Shooting Dog Championship.

Davis reports a course at Hoffman near Pinehurst, N. C. that offers 16 miles of continuous running. The area is available only to top bird dog events.

If enthusiasm and rapid, solid growth are valid claims for the role of host to the championship, then the NRSFTC officers will have to closely examine the application of the Southeastern group which is just now entering its second year.

WOODS AND WATERS

BY CHAMBLISS PIERCE
THE KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL

Bill Cooper showed me eight coveys of quail in half a day's hunting -- and apologized.

I have become accustomed to finding fewer birds than that in an entire season.

But Bill and Tom Gentry know they can go into the fields of Scott County and find quail any time. In the first place, they have scoured the surroundings since boyhood days, know every hill, valley and backwoods road, and are personal friends of every farmer and land owner.

Secondly, they always hunt with good dogs -- and it was to see Cooper's dogs in action that we embarked on our Scott County junket.

Bill is the other half of a husband-wife combination to be envied by any confirmed bird hunter. His wife, Pat, shares his love of fine dogs and constantly encourages hunting trips so Bill can train and handle their growing pack of Irish Setters.

Many hunters never give the Irish Setter a second thought as a field dog. And it's true that their beauty on the bench has been a deciding factor in causing the species to be bred away from their natural traits as hunters. But Bill and Pat are practically obsessed with the idea that these beautiful "Reds" can regain their position of importance, both in the field trials and under the gun as bird dogs.

And, frankly, I was as skeptical before as I am convinced now.

For a study in contrasts, Bill went out of his way to put on the show I wanted to see. And that may have been the reason for his apologies. But I wouldn't have had it any other way. Breaking custom, Bill took Golden, a full grown Red (he calls them Reds rather than Irish Setters), a couple of Red pups -- Cooper's Hollyberry Scarlet and Tennessee Riley -- and one young Pointer, Colonel.

The pointer was for comparison. Golden was for dependability and the two pups were to show contrast in style as well as to display the amazing talent of such young dogs. Holly and Riley are the real hopefuls. Already Holly has the distinction of two wins in field trial competition. She was first puppy in Ohio and she also placed in the National Red Setter trial at Dover, Del., last fall. And Holly was just a precocious seven-months-old when she gained her first win. Riley, just four months old now, was to show the unusual trait of working successfully in the field at such a tender age. And the results were certainly surprising.

As was the case during the entire hunt, Bill correctly called a covey in the first field at which we stopped. And it was the dependable Golden who first came to point. But the eye-catcher of the whole scene -- for those who appreciate the beauty of working dogs on point -- was little Holly as solid as a post honoring the older dog's point . . . and fully 150 yards away from where the birds were flushed. Later on in the day, both Holly and Riley were to display their ability even more convincingly, both in finding downed birds and in seeking out and pointing singles. And it was semi-darkness on the last covey of the day that Riley, too, came up with almost a duplicate of Holly's long-distance honor.

And it was then that Holly's "new" trait was most apparent. The covey find was hers -- and what a beautiful picture she was on point. Fanciers of class in bird dogs want a high tailed point as an indication of intensity and to make the pointing dog easier to find when on point. Well, Holly can show it to them. Bill said that was something special, but I was impressed already.

(The above column appeared in the KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL, along with four pictures and another article on the Cooper dogs, on Sunday, January 22, 1956. We can verify the plentitude of birds and the sparkling bird work because Bill Cooper and his dogs put on a similar show for us just a few days after Mr. Chambliss Pierce's visit. After watching Holly (Willow Winds Duke - Willow Winds Kate) in action, we feel she -- at eleven months -- is a real threat for any Red Setter stake anywhere. Tennessee Riley (The Dude - Lee Mac) is proof we're developing Red Ones that point early. He had his first bird killed over his point at four months. Congratulations to Bill and Pat Cooper, new members of the NRSFTC, on their splendid progress.)

THE DUDE

ONE OF AMERICA'S

FINEST YOUNG STUDS!

The Dude is a winning, producing son of AKC F. T. Ch. Askew's Carolina Lady, greatest living Irish Setter. He was sired by Willow Winds Duke, like Lady, a winner of the Red Setter National Championship stake. The Dude weighs only 51 pounds at maturity. Advance arrangements, please, as he is now in training.

Herm David, Owner, Box 3557, Cleveland 18, Ohio

How Far?

AN EDITORIAL EVALUATION

How much further must the Red Ones travel along the road to field respectability before they will be able to make their bid for championship status in trials open to all the pointing breeds? We wanted to know--so we made the long trip to Somerville, Tenn., for the running of the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship.

It was unfortunate, but the area was struck on the morning of the trial's start with the heaviest snow fall it had experienced in eight years. We were unable to wait, so, after exchanging greetings with many old friends, we went on our way. Thus, we are not able to offer you a first-hand report. But we do have the report of the AMERICAN FIELD's able reporter, Sam Magee, at hand--and we have talked to trusted friends who saw the running.

The 1955 Champion is reported to have chased his birds in both the first and second series. This year the Champion left his birds before they were flushed. Here's an excerpt from Magee's report: "(Jerry M) Zev went bird-hunting, ranging wider (than his brace-mate) and taking more handling. At 14 minutes he was found pointing in hardwood bottom. He was styled up and tense and was steady to the rice and shot. At 38 minutes he pointed in high weeds, just to left of trail, with slightly waving tail. As handler slashed about with his whip, Zev left the point and came toward the gallery but turned and was steady as the bevy, which he had accurately located, flushed and the shot was fired. Both dogs were taken into bottom to work singles, but failed to find and were gone some minutes in bordering woods. Zev showing first. Resuming the course, Zev pointed, standing on road directly ahead of the gallery, and was steady when handler finally produced a single from his other bevy find. He stood high-headed and tense. Both dogs finished strong and out front."

There was no second series. That was the performance that won the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship. The new Champion flagged on point and the kindest explanation possible for his leaving his birds is that he proved himself whip-shy. How far he ran back depends upon which of the witnesses you talk to. Some say just a few steps. Dr. Richard Jackson (who voted to withhold the Championship title from Askev's Carolina Lady after she'd passed a severe test at Kelley's Island in 1953) declares Zev came back a matter of some 25 feet to the gallery. He feels it is a matter of regret that it was a mandatory championship.

We know many of the other top dogs in that stake, having seen them run, some of them, since they were puppies. There's not one of them that can not be beaten by the very best of our Red Ones--when our Red Dog is having a good day and his share of the breaks. There were some, and we can respect their viewpoint, who wondered if our judges hadn't been too generous in awarding the title to our own Champion--in view of the fact that his heat was not quite perfection. Certainly all such doubt must now vanish with the realization that the same heat, transplanted to the famed Hobert Ames plantation might have made him the National Amateur Shooting Dog Champion.

While we must maintain great caution to avoid overselling our Red Setters, we must be equally certain that we are not underselling them. Let's hope that next year the Red Setters will have able representation in the National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship.

WILLOW WINDS FARM

Has bred more Red Setter Field Trial Winners than any other kennel in history. Has achieved more breed and more open wins than any other Red Setter kennel. Pups usually available to those who will campaign them. AKC F. T. Ch. Ike Jack Kendrick at stud. Fee: 50.00. Route One, Douglassville, Pennsylvania.

WESTERN ISC TIES TO INTERNATIONAL

The Western Irish Setter Club will again combine its specialty bench show with with Chicago's big International on March 31 and April 1. Percy Roberts of Noroton Heights Conn., will judge the breed and Virgil D. Johnson of Savannah, Ga., will do the sporting group. Jack Funk is Western's president.

Every now and then we read of an Irish setter that's earned the AKC obedience title of Utility Dog, Tracking. We have been in obedience work ourselves and we feel we're capable of appreciating how difficult it is to attain the Utility Dog recognition. But the idea of nose-to-the-ground tracking for a bird dog repels us. Until about 75 years ago the Irish setters selected for breeding stock were those that, among other things, worked head-high on air-borne scent. Is this nose-to-the-ground stuff the bottom of the black pit we must see before we can climb to the top ?

TRACKING TESTS, PHEW !

An Editorial

Working air borne body scent, a dog's chances of finding birds are multiplied over those of the ground-tracking, foot scenting dog. He can cover more territory, look better doing it and he stands far less chance of alarming and flushing his quarry. Over 400 years ago a Spanish sportsman, who shot his birds on the ground with a bow and arrow, extolled the advantages of such a class dog and declared that the higher he held his head in questing, the more he could be "lord of the air". How, then, do bird dogs become tracking dogs ? Our guess is that a gross error like this is born out of a blind faith that the American Kennel Club knows best. "If the AKC offers it for Irish setters, then it must be right and worthwhile." We've heard that kind of rubbish, but the AKC would make no such claim for itself. We can remember that some years back the utility obedience tests and the tracking tests were inseparable. Possibly because it recognized merit in claims that tracking tests were silly for bird dogs, the AKC changed its rules to permit a dog to win his Utility Dog obedience degree without passing a tracking test.

Back before that change was made, Miss Lois Logan of Pittsburgh brought her Irish setter, Sky Lad, up to Cleveland for an advanced obedience test. Lad was a big one, young and strong. He hit the track at a full gallop--working it on air borne scent. The handler, then as now, is required to work the competing dog on a long lead. Lad may have been built for speed, but Miss Logan is not. She flew along behind him in a more-or-less horizontal position. On the dead run behind them came the judges and gallery. Running the track as any self-respecting bird dog should run it, if run it he must, Lad hit it head-high. That day he set an elapsed-time record, official we believe, for tracking tests -- and Miss Logan happily spread antiseptic on her record number of small cuts, bruises and abrasions.

Regardless of Sky Lad's solution, the idea of bird dogs tracking with head low is a betrayal of the qualities of their ancestors and it is odious to lovers of class gun dogs. Let's leave this low-headed routine to those breeds of part-hound bird dogs from central Europe whose originators valued versatility more than the thrilling performance and maximum effectiveness one expects from a skilled specialist.

Recently we read of a pretty good bird dog with obedience degrees that would have done much better in an important trial if he hadn't set down on point. And that's another reform we'd like to suggest to the makers of obedience trial rules. We believe a bird dog should never be taught to sit. It is contrary to what is sensibly expected of him in doing the job he was bred to do.

We believe obedience training is a necessity for any dog, pointer, setter, mongrel or pekingese if they have neighbors and/or are exposed to traffic and other modern machinery. But can't bird dogs be trained and allowed to take their obedience tests without sitting ?

DALE McIVOR GROOMS HIGH-TAILED PUPPY

Ed McIvor, ISC of Michigan prexy, sent us thrilling snapshots of a bit of a puppy stacked up on high-tailed point. A check revealed she is Ivor Glen Devilera by AKC F. T. Ch. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike out of Mike's own daughter, the winner Ivor Glen Red Hellion. Whelped on Aug. 12, she is the property of McIvor's son, Dale.

We'll be watching to see what she can do to enhance her sire's reputation.

DR. MELZER PLANS BREEDING EXPANSION

On a recent visit with Dr. John Henry Melzer we found the Professor to be more enthusiastic than ever. He is hoping to find a home further in the country than his present site in Georgetown, Ky., so that he can expand his breeding activities. Right now he is trying to decide if he will use Ch. Double Jay or the champ's sire, Rusty's Jinx, when he breeds again.

HOW FAR BACK DOES THE IRISH SETTER'S HISTORY GO?

We've been studying the history of Irish Setters for some time now -- and we're just about ready to settle for the date given in a recent find of ours as the earliest we're going to see. The date we've been able to document is 1801--and that pushes the written history of the Irish Setter back further than any other record we've seen. A little-known work, THE FIELD BOOK, by William Hamilton Maxwell, published by Effingham Wilson of London in 1833, is our source. Maxwell credits Brown and Thornhill for most of his information -- but it is his own, final, note that interests us most. This is what was written:

"There is not a country in Europe that can boast of finer setters than Ireland; they are there called English spaniels, and differ widely from the setters of England and Scotland. They are not esteemed in Ireland unless their colour be either a deep chestnut and white, or all red; a black and white setter, or any colour but red, or red and white, would not be looked upon or reputed well bred, allowing them to be ever so good. It matters not whether they are all red, or red and white; but those esteemed most have a black nose, and a black roof to their mouth,--as most sportsmen conceive the black nose to be finer and superior to any other. Sir William Barker, Mr. Oliver of Castle Oliver, Mr. Macarthy of Spring House, and many other gentlemen of Ireland, have the most beautiful and steady of this kind.

"A circumstance occurred, with respect to the steadiness and discipline of some of this breed, which the compiler was an eye-witness to:--Colonel Macdonald being on a visit to Mr. Oliver's, during the grouse season, and going out one day, took with him five brace of setters; on getting to the mountains, one of the dogs found some birds, all of the rest backed in at once, upon which Colonel Macdonald called to the last dog to take the lead, and in that manner he drew the dogs alternately, until the last became first, and fixed the birds, which had run nearly a mile. These dogs in general fetch a long price The compiler himself sold a brace of setters, in the year 1801, for two hundred guineas, to a Captain Baggot."

James Watson, a careful canine historian of a half-century ago chronicled the purchase by Colonel J. P. Hamilton of "a blood red setter" at Waterford, Ireland, in 1805. In RURAL SPORTS, published in 1807, The Rev. William B. Daniel also quoted Thornhill to much the same effect as above except for the specific incidents mentioned. Watson also quotes a rare pamphlet by Frank Forester (William Henry Herbert) as describing a hunt in England about 1825 with: "Cynthia and Phoebe, a pair of orange and white silky Irish Setters."

Whence came the Irishman's distinctive red color? Writing in 1600, Richard Surflet--who said the Setter differed from the Land Spannyel 'in nothing but in instruction and obedience"--declared, "His beautie is discerned in his colour, of which the motleys or piede are the best; whether they be black-and-white, red-and-white. or liver-hued-and-white; for, to be all of one colour, as all white, or all blacke, or all red, or all liver-hued, without any other spot, is not so comely in the field, although the dogs, notwithstanding, may be of excellent cunning.

If you're satisfied to have the color pushed back, thus, to 1600, it is safe to then assume that some noblemen disagreed with Surflet as to the comeliness of the all-red "Setters" among the "Land Spannyels" and that in the relative isolation of Ireland they were able to fix the color and develop a bird dog suited to their tastes and their climate. It appears that the all-red setter is of equal antiquity with the use of the word, "setter".

If any of our readers can add to our brief history, we shall be delighted to hear from them. And--if anyone has five brace of Irish Setters trained the equal of those Col. Macdonald displayed -- please be advised that we have buyers waiting!

WANTED -- A boarding arrangement for my four-year-old Red Setter bitch from March through the summer months. She will shortly be bred to one of nation's top studs. Prefer a midwestern NRSFTC member. Write at once to A. P. Wolfe, 3120 High St., Little Rock, Arkansas.

PLAN MINNESOTA IRISH SETTER CLUB

Minneapolis -- Now in the process of formation is the Irish Setter Club of Minnesota. Leaders in the fledgling organization are Ray Swanson and Frederic A. Kremer.

Among the folks who form the nucleus there is quite a bit of interest in field work, but the majority are, at present, primarily interested in bench competition. Plans are for a club that will be active in all the phases of bird dog competition.

In all probability the club will eventually run trials under dual recognition by the AKC and the FDSB with membership in the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America.

The group is very hopeful of participating in some form of field activity by late spring.

For information, prospective members can contact NRSFTC member Frederic A. Kremer, Route Two, Box 181, Hopkins, Minn.

LIST WITH THE WHIP'S STUD REGISTRY !

TETREAU YIELDS TO BUSINESS DEMANDS; MOFFAT IS MICHIGAN FIELD TRIAL CHAIRMAN

Fred Tetreau, who pioneered field activity within the Irish Setter Club of Michigan, has resigned his post as field trial chairman due to the demands of his business and other activities.

President Ed McIvor, just re-elected to his fifth term as head of the club, has appointed youthful Tom Moffat to succeed Tetreau. Tom is the successful campaigner of Moffat's Red Mickey and the late Moffat's Red Flame.

McIvor paid glowing tribute to the retiring Tetreau. Said he: "Had it not been for Fred's initiative, his zeal and his patient building, there would have been no field activity in our club on the scale that we enjoy today."

ASKS 'REGULARS' TO MAIL 1956 DUES

NRSFTC Secretary-treasurer Joyce Schollenberger asks all 1955 members to mail their 1956 dues now. Mrs. Schollenberger wants to close those books as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM - THE NATIONAL RED SETTER FIELD TRIAL CLUB

Mrs. Joyce Schollenberger, Secretary - Treasurer
224 South Muhlenberg St., Allentown, Pa.

Here is my application for 1956 membership in the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. I understand that my subscription to THE FLUSHING WHIP, club monthly, is included in my annual dues of 5.00. Please bill me, find enclosed (mark appropriate squares) 5.00 for membership and subscription. 2.00 for subscription only.

(first name)	(initial)	(last name)
(street address or box number)	(city)	(postal zone)
		(state)

THE FLUSHING WHIP
Box 3557
Cleveland 18, Ohio

Returned Postage Guaranteed
2-56

Form 3547 Requested

*Roger Boser
Route 4
Berz, Minn*