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Dear Jim:

It flatters me that you want me on the Board of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club. I have talked it over with Stan Head and he has pledged he will give me every help he can to justify your confidence. I will contact Dave Hasinger and Dr. VanWye, the only other Committee members I know, immediately and go on from there.

You ask an opinion on where to hold the Spring Trial. I have none about Hawfield for I have never seen it. The Ohio area is, obviously, somewhat more centrally located and moving elsewhere might jeopardize your established dates in Ohio. (Established?)

But it seems to me there might be locations where weather, and soil conditions at that time of year could be a bit more dependable. You guys that live back there are better judges of that than I. And one further thought. Some of the Middle West people might be less inclined, for reasons of economy, to go to, say, Virginia than to Ohio. It would make little difference to Stan and me. Just a little added plane fare and a couple of hours time each way. It would be different if we drove it, as most of the Mid-westerners, I believe, do.

And now a suggestion, altho none of us may have any influence here. Tho the Spring Trial was held a month ago there has been no account of it in the American Field thru April 22nd, tho two or three Trials run after ours have been reported. Our fault in being slow to report? Or a snub to the Irish?

And speaking of reporting. Stan is doing a masterful job of getting wider and wider attention for the Irish Field dogs out here. He is actually blazing a new trail on the Coast. We bred Fawn again last week to Malli Hi Country and we have quite a list of hopefully expectant owners of her next pups. So I was disappointed that she, and Stan, got no recognition in the Flushing Whip as a "contender" in the Championship Stake at the March Trials. Stan said he felt she made a real good try and as dam of some pretty good derbies and with a new litter coming, (I hope) any publicity from back there that reaches the Coast will be of great benefit to him and the breed.

Sorry I missed seeing you last month and hope Stan and I can be of some help to you in the coming year.

Sincerely

