

Reserve April 10
for National!

the Flushing



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If you think you have troubles this month of hearts and famous birthdays just think of this tale of woe from somewhere in Minnesota: "It's 24 below. The truck is stuck in the snow, the car won't start, the well is frozen and the horses and dogs want water" and his wife wants him to "do something about it!" You'll never guess! Meantime, back here in Michigan where it is a balmy 5 today we're getting a beautiful snowfall (making everyone's lawn as pretty as their neighbors') the skings fine and the dogs are getting fat and sassy in their kennel.

Club activities are now of course wrapped up for the 1964 season and
DUES ARE DUE!

By official membership provisions the club met its obligations to hold field trials and news of the breed, our members and trials has been going out to you. Some of the regular members' winners came through, and many new names were added with former non-trialers having a fling at the sport. The National Red Setter Field Trial Club., Inc., is a corporation chartered in the state of Delaware and the charter (I recently noted) specifies that all memberships regardless of time of joining or paying during the year shall be dated January 1 for the current year of membership. Many members have sent in their annual dues prior to this because they desire to be a continuing part of the only organization devoted exclusively to keeping the red setter in the forefront in the field, trialing or hunting. Others measure the value of their membership (justifiably but regrettably) in terms of what they have received from the club.

The primary function of the club is to offer a field trial that conveys the opportunity for a red setter to win a recognized championship. It has fulfilled this obligation without fail through the years and will again offer a trial in April at the Kildeer Plains near Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The Whip was considered a service as an information piece with available news about red setters. You can do yourselves and Irish Setters a favor by assisting in the promotion of the red setter as a hunting companion and as a field trial entrant by sending in your \$5 dues for 1965 now while you're thinking about us! And if you have news of any kind, the editor will be happy to use it in a forthcoming issue of the Whip.

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In January I wrote that "Mighty Fawn" had a new owner and received a quick reply from Mr. Ernie Lewis that this is not "the" Mighty Fawn owned by them and our National Red Setter fall champion! Evidently a young pup and I believe a male from the pronoun used in referring back was sold. So please note!

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In the monthly newsletter mailed out by The Santa Caligon Irish Setter Club., Inc., Dr. J. S. Van Wye noted that they had 19 new members and two associates join them in the past year including Mr. William C. Thompson whom accepted a lifetime honorary membership in their club. They had four registered field trials and have now made arrangements to hold our National there in Missouri in Oct. 16 & 17 of 1965. A splendid record of progress! March 6 & 7 are their dates for their first trial of '65 so join them if you can!

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Michigan's News and Views brought the news of the sudden passing of Myron Valiquette. "Mike" and his wife, Rosemary, had been members of the Michigan club since 1956. He had served as vice-president, treasurer, and show chairman. They were recipients of the Dog World Award in '59, the ISCM special merit award in 1960, the new member award in 1961. They promoted shows but were also interested in obedience and field. Valmar

Kennels though not too long in existence has contributed much to the betterment of the Irish Setter. Though Mike only had one arm as a result of a war injury he could be counted on to attend and support all of the club functions. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and little three year old Kathi.

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Reference above to Dog World magazine reminds me that Ned LeGrande wondered if someone in the club might not find time to answer an offensive article on the field Irish in their December issue. This is the magazine in which Herm David has a monthly article but certainly was not his doing! I have not located a copy yet but I'm sure many of you whom are also show followers will or have read this and can make proper rebuttal to the effect that the Irish are not now just "lap dogs"!

Ned also states that he has several nice puppy prospects at this time that he would place with someone who would guarantee them a chance with a trainer and in field trials if they prove worthy.

Reccomended book out is entitled "The Hunting Dogs of America" by Jeff Griffen, and published by Double Day & Co., Garden City, New York. It has a wonderful story on the accomplishments of the National Red Setter Field Trial Club in the bringing back of the Irish Setter. In fact, refutes the article mentioned above. It has pictures of various field dogs including Cliff Bean's "Ch. Mr. O'Leary" and one of Dave Hasinger's Valli Hi contenders. Two dogs who contributed heavily to the recovery Rusty's Jinx, owned of course by R. C. Baynard of Dover, and Askew's Carolina Lady, owned as every one knows by Ned LeGrande of Douglassville.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leif Thorsten, Wadsworth, O., have two nice field prospects we understand, so we'll hope to renew friendships come April with these nice people!

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Some time ago, Dave Hasinger wrote of a most successful fishing trip taken by Helen and Ned LeGrande which reminded us that we never actually got a report on his own trip to hunt grouse though we trust a crack shot

like Dave got more than one bird from which we were fortunate recipients of some always attractive feathers. (You did get more than feathers?)

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Change of address for George L. Markey should be noted on membership lists to be 14149 Yacht Club Blvd., Largo, Fla. 33542.

Cliff Bean has also been a Florida resident off and on this winter but for the sad reason of his father being very ill. Cliff is now back in Athens (I think anyway, never know for sure about these airplane pilots) and his father is at the hospital in Columbus. In spite of many hectic trips back and forth our trial chairman has things well under control for the spring event with information to be seen in the fixtures forthcoming in the American Field.

The Field incidently failed to convey that Warren Johnson's Double Jet gave a mighty fine performance and was asked for a call back (after Col. Ed had had to depart). Jim Flythe and Ed I understand are really going to make them look at Irish next Pinehurst trial "anytime, anywhere on their beautiful 50,000 acres"!

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Several versions have come into the news regarding the following but it was quite something anyway. "A dog sled team of 7 Irish Setters rescued 3 men and a woman from their snowbound car during a bitter High Sierra Nevada mountains storm." Owned by Gary Gunkel of Tahoe Vista they moved the people to a cabin more than a quarter of a mile away & then went for help. The team won the Tahoe Sierra Dog Racing Championship last spring & has competed in Alaska. These amazing dogs answer to the names of Duff, Barry, Sam, Mac, Spook, Riley and Copper.

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Ed and Roberta McIvor recently celebrated a birthday at their house.

Dual Ch. Tyrone's Mahogany Mike, C. D. X. is now 14.

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We were sorry to learn that Mrs. EE John Clark of Ft. Wayne was in the hospital before Christmas and has to return for surgery. A speedy and complete recovery is our wish for you! As can be guessed this was unforeseen and they have two litters of pups probably now arrived. If you are

interested in page that may be run in either AKC or American Field trials here is a good opportunity to get one. More on them next month when I have all the statistics.

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Just a note on how enjoyable the Irish Setter Club of Canada's magazine "Paw Prints" was. Mr. E. McGowan is past president of the club and NRSFTC member Roy Dafoe, owner of Challenger Kennels is president now with his wife serving as secretary. From his desk page, Mr. Dafoe I think made an interesting comment regarding improving the breed. "Who are the famous dogs of this breed we are about to improve?" The happiness, the appearance, the work etc. of individuals are mentioned and then the statement with this heritage of the Irish how can we improve the breed? "By improving the breed, or improving the breeder?"

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Paula (Mrs. Normand) Prindle of Deerfield Kennels in Afton, N. Y., writes of their own Irish that win in novice and member stakes and do a terrific job of hunting but don't run out of the country like their English Setters do to win in any trials in their area against mostly English Pointers. Some of those they let go from a litter of their Flame's do have run however and they are sorry they didn't keep any themselves (the story of our lives). Their Flame (her sire was an Irish import) and Casey (Willow Winds and Ardee breeding) is due to have another litter Feb. 21st and later on in mid-April they are expecting another litter by a dam of the Dude & AKC F.T.Ch. Oxton's Shosaphine for which they will take reservations. \$75.

National Red Setter Field Trial Club

(incorporated in Dover, Del.; member Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America.)

- Officers are: Lt. Col. E. L. Schnettler (ret.) -President
- Don Wilson, vice-president
- Mrs. Thomas S. Moffat, sec.-treas.
- Directors are: F. C. Bean, James T. Flythe, Dee Johnson, J. R. Lewis, Tom Moffat and John T. Ullrich
- New director, recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Fred Kremer, Dale (Rusty Hobo) Bruns.

This is your invitation to participate in the National Red Setter club & enjoy the successful revival of the Irish Setter as an effective gunning companion and by becoming a part of it. Annual dues are \$5.00. Just fill in and mail to Mrs. Thomas S. Moffat 4381 Forest Ave. Pontiac, Michigan 48054

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