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## President's Message

*By Kevin MacWilliams*

Summer is here and a small lull in our dog events. August is the month where we are going to throw the switch and get back in high gear... Our first event is the NAVHDA tests on Wolfe Island. Rene has worked hard and this event promises to be great. There is only 1 testing left at the Natural Ability level. Next is a Specialty dog show and field test in conjunction with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry shows. The field test will be run with the Irish Setter Club of Canada. I know Anne and John are working hard and the events are coming together daily.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events and seeing some of our new puppies run their first tests. I would like to wish everyone good luck and remember to have FUN!

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## PARTICIPATE

Our Club and Chapter have 2 major events coming up in August. Support the group by getting involved either by entering your dog in the events or by volunteering your time to the organizers. The Specialty also needs donations for both the silent auction and trophies.



## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

### Club Officers for 2007-2008

**President**  
Kevin MacWilliams

**Vice President**  
Steve Zlepzig

**Secretary**  
Gail Docherty

**Treasurer**  
Debbie Cook

**Field Director**  
Rene Jones

**Show Director**  
Anne Perkins

**Obedience Director**  
Murray Kemp

1. **Field Training Day**, Sunday August 12, 2007 at 9am at Murray Kemp's in Richmond, ON. See p.14 for full details.
2. **NAVHDA Tests**, August 18 - 19, 2007 at Wolfe Island, ON. Contact Rene Jones, Test Secretary at 613- 257-7319 or email [rnjones@rogers.com](mailto:rnjones@rogers.com) for more info.
3. **2007 OVPDC Pointing Breed Booster Shows**, Friday, August 24; Saturday, August 25 (except Irish Setters), Cornwall, ON. Contact Anne Perkins at 613-826-3297 or email: [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca)
4. **2007 OVPDC Pointing Breed Specialty Show**, Sunday, August 26, 2007, Cornwall, ON. Contact Anne Perkins at 613- 826-3297 or email: [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca)
5. **Pointing Breeds Silent Auction**, Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26 to be held during the Specialty in conjunction with Irish Setter Club of Canada. Donations needed prior to August 24. Contact Anne Perkins at 613-826-3297 or email: [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca)
6. **OVPDC Specialty One CKC Field Test**, Tuesday, August 28, 2007, Maxville. Contact Anne Perkins at 613- 826-3297, email [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca) or John Price 613-489-0086, email [john@mactavishscotties.ca](mailto:john@mactavishscotties.ca)

### Brody, June Training Day



## NEWS FROM OR ABOUT MEMBERS

1. Congratulations to GSP, **Bravepoint's Mud Puddle CD AGN FDJ CGN ADC SGDC FM NA1 (Terra)**, owned by Gail Docherty on earning her Advanced Agility Dog of Canada title at Dream Fields on April 14, 2007.
2. Congratulations to GSP, **Vito vom Osterberg FDJ NA1 (Vito)**, owned by Kevin MacWilliams and handled by Linda Cooney on going Winners Dog all 3 days at the Champlain Kennel Club Shows at Petawawa on April 13-15, 2007.
3. Congratulations to Brittany, **CH Hiddencreek's Unsinkable Molly AGI FDJ MADC TT CGN NA NAJ (Molly)**, owned by Barry and Shelley Price on earning her Field Dog title at the Ontario All Pointing Breeds test in Norwood, ON on May 6, 2007. Molly was also awarded the High Point Dog Prize for the day!
4. Congratulations to GWP **Heywire Cdrbrk Northern Light FDJ**, owned by Eric Beere (Brody) on the completion of his Field Dog title at Wolfe Island on May 12, 2007.
5. Congratulations to GSP **Essers Boots VD Wildburg FD (Boots)**, owned by Peter McCooeye on achieving a Utility prize 1 with 199 points at the Montreal Chapter test on June 3, 2007.
6. Congratulations to GSP **Vito vom Osterberg FDJ NA1 (Vito)**, owned by Kevin MacWilliams on achieving a Utility Prize 2 with 200 points at the Montreal Chapter test on June 3, 2007.
7. Congratulations to Vizsla **Onpoint's Hard Cash AGI AADC (Duke)**, owned by Rachel Delaney on achieving his Advanced Games Dog of Canada title at the All Dog Sports Club on June 28, 2007 and his Masters Agility Dog of Canada at the Absolute Agility Farm on July 12, 2007.
8. Congratulations to Pointer **CH Perryglen's Mark of Distinction FD (Mark)**, owned by Deanna Ross, Murray Spearin, Shelley and Barry Price on achieving both his Agility Dog of Canada and Starters Games Dog of Canada titles at the All Dog Sports Club on June 10, 2007 and June 21, 2007 respectively.
9. Congratulation to Beagle/Pointer **ATCHC Kellie**, owned by Shelley & Barry Price who earned his Veterans Masters Steeplechase Dog of Canada title at 13 years of age at the All Dog Sports Club on June 9, 2007.



## OVPDC FIELD TEST RESULTS

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Field Dog Excellent (3 entries)

Qualifying scores were earned by the following dogs:

Essers Boots VD Wildburg FD, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned by Peter McCooeye

Shortcreek of Marchus FD, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned by Darko Brozovic

Field Dog (5 entries)

Qualifying scores were earned by the following dogs:

Vito vom Osterberg FDJ, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned by Kevin MacWilliams

Heywire N Cdrbrk Northern Light FDJ, German Wirehaired Pointer, owned by Eric Beere

Winoka 'N' Damask Only FDJ, Weimaraner, owned by Hayley Soar

MLM Just Hitchin A Ride FDJ, Brittany Spaniel, owned by Kirk Jones

Bravepoint's Mud Puddle CD AGN FDJ CGN, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned Gail Docherty

Field Dog Jr. (3 entries)

Qualifying scores were earned by the following dogs:

Dora vom Brundfeld, Drathaar, owned by Allen Davis

Matriarch Baron Sheridan Rapids, English Setter, handled by Deborah Cook

Huntersglen Eragon, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned by David Branson

Sunday, May 13, 2007

Field Dog Excellent (2 entries)

No qualifying scores were earned

Field Dog (4 entries)

Qualifying scores were earned by the following dogs:

Vito vom Osterberg FDJ, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned by Kevin MacWilliams

MLM Just Hitchin A Ride FDJ, Brittany Spaniel, owned by Kirk Jones

Bravepoint's Mud Puddle CD AGN FDJ CGN, German Shorthaired Pointer, owned Gail Docherty

Field Dog Jr. (1 entry)

Qualifying score was earned by the following dog:

Matriarch Baron Sheridan Rapids, English Setter, handled by Deborah Cook

## HOW TO ENTER THE SPECIALTY ....

*By Anne Perkins*

Gail has enclosed the relevant portions of the Premium Lists for the upcoming Specialty - which takes place on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Woodlands Campsite, Long Sault Ontario (near Cornwall), and for the Field Test (Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Retriever Site near Maxville).

Because some of you have never entered a conformation dog show, you might want some information about how to enter - what classes, what to pay, etc. You will find an entry form in the newsletter, with the key elements filled in.

### Explanation of what each entry category means:

#### How to get championship conformation points?

You must enter a regular class (or official class) competition to receive points if you win. If the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex in Breed winners have already received their championships, the Best of Winners gets the championship points available (figuring out points is sometimes complicated, but someone at the show will explain it to you if you win beyond first place in the classes). A dog may win a maximum of 5 points per show (a specialty and each day showing are considered to be *separate* shows - so you can get more than 5 points on the weekend).

#### Why enter an unofficial class?

If you enter an unofficial class (puppy or veteran sweepstakes, or the Field Dog Class), you must *also* enter "exhibition only" or one of the regular classes.

There are several reasons for entering an unofficial class in a Specialty:

- For experience - for example, it is an important way to give a quality puppy or accomplished field dog experience in the ring when he or she is not yet mature enough to compete in the regular classes (puppy) or the owner-handler has no experience with conformation.
- Another chance in the ring - it is a way to let an older dog that loves to compete another chance in the conformation ring, and indicates to the audience that he or she is of special quality (as breeding stock, as representative of breed or a line).
- To show off quality working stock - in our Specialty, this is the Field Dog Class.

A win in an unofficial class is prestigious, especially in a Specialty like ours that is likely to have a number of entrants in these classes. It does not result in CKC points, however.

#### Entering an unofficial class

See the Club's section in the Premium List (our logo is on top) for classes. The unofficial classes are: puppy sweepstakes (junior, senior, 12-18 months); veteran sweepstakes (7- under 10, and 10-over); and the Field Dog Class.

**How to enter:** Select the unofficial class (sweeps, vet sweeps, or Field Dog) at an entry fee of \$15 + either the exhibition only category (@ \$10 to total of \$25) or the appropriate regular class for possible points (@\$26 to total of \$41). If you don't mind the extra money, why not enter the appropriate regular class instead of exhibition (unless my dog was older and I didn't want him or her to run around the ring twice in the heat)? You never know, you might win some points toward a championship - you have nothing to lose and everything to gain!

*How to Enter the Specialty cont'd*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The entry must be received by Canine Show Services by 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> with payment in full. It may be faxed (the Entry Line - Fax 519-754-0796 or Canine Show Services at 416-694-8418 with credit card information) or mailed (to Canine Show Services 2000 inc., 80 Orchard Park Blvd, Toronto, Ontario M4L 3E2). If mailing, allow for 4 working days (need to mail by August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the latest)

#### Entering the Field Dog Class (unofficial)

The same requirements apply here as above. However, it is important that you know that this class has been added in recognition of the nature of our Club - we support the working field dog. For this reason, the Best Field Dog in Specialty trophy and rosette are of equal or greater value than that given for the Best in Specialty (official conformation). We are also recognizing the winner with a perpetual trophy on which the dog's and owner's names will appear for posterity.

#### Entering Boosters

I encourage you to enter the regular SD & G Show, especially on Saturday and Sunday because the Club is "Boosting" these events, which means we get some money back per entry. Note Irish may not enter the regular show on Saturday (they already have 2 specialties that day), so we will get no credit for them. On Sunday, other clubs will be boosting Setters and English Pointers - so we will get no credit for those entries.

The Versatility Awards. The Versatility Award for all Pointing Breeds (with the most valuable permanent trophy as well as a take-home trophy) is intended to highlight dogs that are capable in more than one area. For the first time this year, this includes field, conformation, obedience, and agility (the agility premium list is available at [www.canineshowservices.com](http://www.canineshowservices.com)). Dogs already having completed their FDX must enter *at least* one other event (conformation, including Field Dog or obedience) to be able to compete for this Award. **Also new this year** are a Versatility Award for German Short-haired Pointers only (with Perpetual Trophy, take home trophy and Rosette), in recognition of our Club's roots in the former German Short-haired Pointer Club of Eastern Canada. **There is also a new Versatility Award** for all Pointing Breeds where the dog has completed one level of field competition but is not ready for the next level or has completed to the FDX title and wishes to compete in Versatility - in the Field Test, the dog must be entered in Exhibition. The same rules and point structure apply to the three Versatility Awards (except for rule # for exhibition entries). For the point structure, see our Club website or contact Anne Perkins at [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca) or 613-826-3297.

If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to contact me.

The premium lists for the CKC All Breed Agility Trials being held by Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Dog Association, August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at Long Sault are available at this web site, <http://www.k9klubhouse.ca/Trials.html>  
Online entries are also available.

If you have any questions - email Sharon Dunsmore at [k9klubhouse@sympatico.ca](mailto:k9klubhouse@sympatico.ca)

## OTTAWA VALLEY POINTING DOG CLUB

## VERSATILITY AWARDS 2007

The purpose of Versatility Awards is to encourage owners and breeders to develop their dogs in performance activities and, in particular, in hunting, obedience, and agility. The main Award is given to the Pointing Dog who accumulates the highest number of points based on performance in two or more events held in conjunction with the Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Specialty.

**NEW THIS YEAR** is a Versatility Award for the **GERMAN SHORT-HAIRED POINTER** -- in recognition of the Club's immediate predecessor, the German Short-haired Pointer Club of Eastern Canada **and** the Versatility Award – **Exhibition Field**, for dogs that have completed one level of field competition or the FDX, and wishes to compete in versatility (there is a special Exhibition Class in the Field Test on August 28<sup>th</sup>). Rules and point structure are the same for all three Versatility Awards, and reflect the Club's commitment to performance activities.

The winners will receive trophies and specially inscribed rosettes. The dogs' and owners' names will also be inscribed on Perpetual Trophies retained by the Club.

**GENERAL RULES**

1. A dog must compete in at least 2 of 4 disciplines (conformation, hunting, obedience and/or agility).
2. Qualifying scores must be earned in the Field Test, Obedience Trials and/or Agility to be counted.
  - (a) A dog may enter a field class only if he or she has NOT completed a title in that class (for example, an FDJ dog must enter the field test at the FD level). **A dog entering the Exhibition Class in the Field Test is an exception to this rule, and may enter at the last level achieved or the next one** – e.g., FDJ or FD). With respect to Agility, the usual CKC rules and regulations apply about who is allowed to enter which level.
  - (b) A dog may continue to compete at the CDX and/or at the Utility level once he/she has completed the title. A dog competing in Utility may continue to compete in the CDX class. Once a dog has completed the CD title, he/she *may not* continue to compete in the **regular** CD class (Novice A or B). However, **NOVICE C COMPETITION AVAILABLE** will be available this year for any dog with an obedience title – irrespective of level – may compete. Novice C has been introduced by the CKC: (1) to keep obedience dogs competition-ready, and (2) to allow older dogs who should not be jumping to continue to compete. Scores achieved in Novice C will count towards the Versatility Awards.
  - (c) An altered dog may enter any performance event. However, altered dogs are only allowed in the Veteran classes (regular class and Sweepstakes), the Field Dog class and Exhibition in the Conformation portion of the Specialty. See premium list for additional requirements.
3. Only the highest possible points will be given per competition. For example, a dog receiving both Best in Breed and Best of Opposite in Specialty will receive a maximum of 15 points. See attached point structure. Similarly, if an entry wins both Best of Breed *and* Best Field Dog in Breed he or she will receive only 15 points. Or, if the same dog receives High in Trial for both trials on the same day and therefore HQS for the day, only 16 points will be awarded (in other words, NOT 16 + 14 + 14). A Best in Specialty who also wins Best in Field Test would receive a total score of 40 (two different disciplines).

**The competing obedience or agility team WILL DECIDE** which of the two days (Saturday or Sunday) will be counted when competing for **Versatility**. It will be the team's responsibility to **notify the Specialty or Field Chair of the Team's choice BEFORE** the commencement of the Field Test on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, estimated to be 8:00 am. Only ONE day's score(s) will be counted, therefore.

4. A Specials dog in conformation will be given 5 points if entered into another discipline - e.g., field, obedience or agility). However, because CKC rules do not allow a dog to compete at a field level he/she has already completed, the dog must either move onto the next level in formal competition OR enter in the Exhibition Class, which makes her/him eligible to compete for the Versatility Award – Exhibition Class.
5. In the case of a tie, the initial tie breaker shall be the highest score in Obedience, Agility or the Field. Where there is still a tie, the final tie breaker shall be the highest qualifying Field score.
6. The individual responsible for determining the winners of the Versatility Awards must be a member of the Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club or his or her appointee, but cannot be the owner or handler of any dog competing for the Titles. Note that the points used to determine Versatility Award winners have no official standing with the CKC and are strictly OVPDC awards.

### POINT STRUCTURE VERSATILITY AWARDS

Breeds Combined		Breeds Combined, continued	
<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Best in Specialty; Best Field Dog in Specialty <b>Specialty Obedience</b> Highest Qualifying Score (HQS) for the Specialty (Highest Saturday <b>OR</b> Sunday) <b>Specialty Agility</b> Highest Qualifying Score (HQS) for the Specialty (Highest Saturday <b>OR</b> Sunday) <b>Specialty Field Test</b> Highest Qualifying Score (HQS) in Field Test	20	<b>Specialty Obedience / Agility / Field Test</b> Qualifying Score	3
<b>Specialty Obedience</b> HQS on the Day (HQS, <b>each day</b> , Saturday & Sunday) <b>Specialty Agility</b> HQS on the Day (HQS, <b>each day</b> , Saturday & Sunday) <b>Specialty Field Test</b> Highest Qualifying Score in Field Class	16	<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Best of Breed in Specialty Best Field Dog in Breed	15
<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Best of Opposite in Specialty <b>Specialty Obedience</b> in a Single Trial on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each trial</b> , Saturday & Sunday) <b>Specialty Agility</b> HQS in a Single Trial on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each trial</b> , Saturday & Sunday)	14	<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Best of Opposite Sex in Breed	12
<b>Specialty Obedience</b> HQS per Class on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each class</b> , Saturday & Sunday) <b>Specialty Agility</b> HQS per Class on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each class</b> , Saturday & Sunday)	12	<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Best of Winners Best Puppy in Breed Best Veteran in Breed	8
<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Best Puppy in Specialty Best Puppy in Sweepstakes Best Veteran in Sweepstakes <b>Specialty Obedience</b> Second Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday <b>Specialty Agility</b> Second Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday <b>Specialty Field Test</b> Second Qualifying Score in Class	10	<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Winners Male / Winners Female (Official Classes) Winners Male / Winners Female (Field Class)	6

<b>Specialty Obedience</b> Third Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday <b>Specialty Agility</b> Third Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday <b>Specialty Field Test</b> Third Qualifying Score in Class	7	<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Specials Entry	5
<b>Specialty Obedience</b> Fourth Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday <b>Specialty Agility</b> Fourth Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday <b>Specialty Field Test</b> FDX Titled Dog entered in another discipline Fourth Qualifying Score in Class	5	<b>Specialty Conformation</b> Veteran Male / Veteran Female (Official Classes) Best Puppy Male / Female in class (Official Classes)	4
<b>Specialty Conformation</b> <b>Puppy &amp; Veteran Sweepstakes</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place 4 <sup>th</sup> place	<b>Specialty Conformation – Official Classes &amp; Placements in other activities</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place 4 <sup>th</sup> place	4 3 2 1

### **DUCK SEARCH**

Taken from [www.ducksearch.ca](http://www.ducksearch.ca)

#### **Bucket Drill (Yard Work):**

Use a white (or other visible color) low and wide profile bucket. The kind that contains wall spackling versus the tall ones that are harder for a dog to nose in and grab the dummy/treat item.

Pre-requisites: Dog is willing to retrieve, FF complete, and understands the sit/stay command.

Training Objective: This drill reinforces obedience (release command) and encourages the dog to leave the shore and widen its search pattern. A common problem at utility tests is a close-shore pattern resulting in low scores.

1. Sit/stay the dog by your side in front of a bucket 2-3 feet away. Leave the dog and drop a dummy or treat into the bucket. The dog sees this. If the dog moves reset the dog.
2. Return to the dog and use your water search command (over, back, etc) and encourage the dog (if necessary at first, by walking beside him) to move forward and dip his head into the bucket and retrieve the dummy/treat.
3. Increase the distance each time and stop after 4-5 successful retrieves. A good idea is to start close each session and then go out to the last/furthest successful distance. (Advanced Tip: Use a low e-collar setting to encourage a straight return to you, no goofing off on the way back).
4. Start on level terrain and then vary around trees or hilly terrain where the bucket is ahead but ends up out of sight.
5. The bucket needs to be visible and then transition across creeks, small ponds, and larger ponds.
6. Transition from the bucket to ducks.

#### **Visual Chase Technique (Method #1)**

Pre-requisite: Forced Fetch (FF) complete and a high prey drive dog.

Training Objective: This drill reinforces obedience (release command) and encourages the dog to leave the shore and widen its search pattern. A common problem at utility tests is a close-shore pattern resulting in low scores.

1. Take the dog and a duck to a small pond with some cover and do a visual chase. Release the duck and allow the dog to chase. The dog must succeed.
2. Some time later [15 mins (low drive dog) or 1 day (high drive dog)]. Go to the same spot and out of sight of the dog throw a shackled duck into the water. Get the dog and release. A gun shot maybe used for the release. The dog must succeed, so have a duck nearby to toss as a spare.
3. Do this on a progression of more difficult sites, and remember that the dog must succeed. Be prepared to seed the pond with a standby duck, dead or shackled, if the first duck is going to win.
4. As the dog gains confidence and skill you must train sending the dog for a second duck. Many good dogs have missed a prize I in the utility test because they were so quick in finding the first duck that they faltered for another send. A gap in training had not prepared them for this possibility.
5. Dogs with a strong prey drive will have great success with this method. Dogs with a low prey drive require another method.

#### In line Retrieve Technique (Method #2)

Pre-requisite: Forced Fetch (FF) complete.

Training Objective: to build desire and trust that whenever sent there is something to retrieve.

1. Start young dogs with some duck chases in a very small pond so the dog can easily locate and catch a duck.
2. Formal training does not start until FF and the dog is 100% on land.
3. Put out several dummies in a straight line on land and when the dog returns with one, resend for the next, and through repetition the dog learns that every time he is sent there is a dummy out there to retrieve.
4. Do the same at the water but use disabled ducks (duct tape around the body/wings and plastic tie the feet together). The live duck is now a decoy. Use approx 6 ducks.
5. Place them in a straight line and close together out to only 25 yards on the pond.
6. Bring dog to the bank where he can see the ducks on the water and send him to retrieve, when he returns with a duck, resend again. Same as with the land dummies.
7. This builds desire and the dog learns that every time sent there is something to retrieve.
8. For each session, move the ducks farther out but still in a straight line until the dog goes all the way across the pond to retrieve the ducks. Once the dog is 100%. Vary the duck pattern left and right. First close then wide. If there is any regression, tighten up the pattern.
9. Do not have the dog retrieve all the ducks. Generally retrieve only 3 or 4. This way the dog is always successful.

10. Eventually the ducks can be hid anywhere and the dog will search; as he gets better put out fewer ducks.
11. As long as the dog does not kill the ducks you can train all summer with just 6 ducks.

### Pond Seed Technique (Method #3)

Background: It is fun to let dogs chase some ducks, alone or in a pack, just to get them excited about water work. This builds positive excitement and lets you evaluate where your dogs prey drive is in the water. I own a young female who was indifferent to the water but after her first duck chase now enters every pond and starts a search on her own. She will not leave the water now until I force her out. I have also had success chain-ganging dogs next to the pond to watch finished dogs perform as commanded and be praised for their successes. **WARNING.** It is difficult to truly build the duck search until after FF complete because the search has to end in a well-mannered retrieve. If the dog does not understand this portion you will have set backs.

#### Seed Drill # 1 (Water Track):

1. Using a light boat or wade chest deep to pull a live duck across the water for the dog to track. You might even pull two or three tracks the first time on different angles if you suspect there might be some difficulty.
2. At the same time, salt the pond with dead ducks, several to start with, and then gradually reduce the number of ducks.
3. Keep the first several training sessions short, maybe 30 mins to start with. Use the wind to set the dog up for success. A cross or head wind is preferred. Have game both up wind and down wind of the starting point.
4. What is important is that the dog finds the duck away from you.

#### Seed Drill # 2 (Partner Drill):

1. Start the dog sitting with head up and alert.
2. On the opposite side of the pond (50-75 yds away) have your training partner ready with some ducks (3 live, 4 dead) and a duck call.
3. The call is used to get the dog's attention in the beginning, and maybe as a hint once the search begins.
4. Starting from your left, about a 45 degree angle, have your partner throw a dead duck up high so the dog sees it and fire a shot. You and the dog wait and watch.
5. The partner moves to your right a little and this time tosses a live clipped-wing duck up high so the dog can see it and fires a shot. You and the dog wait and watch.
6. The partner moves further right and repeats with a dead duck. Then another live duck, and then one last dead duck.
7. The partner keeps one live and one dead for use as needed as encouragement or in case the live ducks escape. Remember the dog must be successful.
8. Finally, remove the lead, fire your one shot and send the dog.
9. Your partner may hit the duck call to help the dog expand at first (some guys overlay the duck call with the partner throwing/shooting to associate the call with the presence of the duck).

10. WARNING: You the handler may never help. The dog needs to leave you and search. You may encourage them on the return leg. FF must be 100% complete prior to starting.



## A Brief History of the Irish Red and White Setter

*Reprinted from the Irish Red & White Setter Association Inc. Web Site*

The absolute history of the Setter from Ireland is questionable by the lack of records from ancient times. The story is further clouded by the exaggeration of sportsmen who have owned and bred the dogs in the past. Finally, one cannot discount the distortion by myths that seem to be a main constituent of the heritage of a land and people famous for their myths and legends. What has survived the distortions of time and oral history are several paintings and a few written descriptions from the 17th and 18th centuries that attest to the presence of the white "setting dogges" with red markings.

However, the lack of irrefutable facts has never stood in the way of relating the history of dogs in the past, and it certainly will not impede this effort. If you wish a more authoritative history, I suggest you refer to Anna Redlich's *The Dogs of Ireland*. Another good reference is Patricia Brigden's *The Irish Red and White Setter*. (You will probably have to go to a real library to get these.)

Way back in the early days of what we now call Ireland, the Romans took up a temporary residence and brought with them the sport of hunting birds using trained hawks and falcons to catch game birds on the fly. Eventually the Romans went back to Rome, but left the tradition of hunting for sport. Later on, returning crusaders brought home sporting dogs from the continent, generically referred to as Spaniels. Spaniels find game and flush it so the hunter can get a clear shot (in early days with a bow and arrow). You can easily find references that claim that the term "spaniel" was used loosely and may have been used to describe any sporting dog.

The earliest references to any kind of setter are from the 16th century with depictions of a hunter with a net and a supine dog pointing toward a doomed grouse or quail. The "setting spaniel" is one of the earliest references to the setters we know today. Hunting with a net requires the dog to find the bird, freeze the bird in place and not be so close to the bird that the hunter nets the bird and the dog at the same time. Only a superior dog could manage all of these tasks.

The introduction of firearms into every day life eventually led to shooting birds in flight, which added the additional stress of demanding the dog stand while the bird is flushed so it won't get shot as it chases the bird.



*A Brief History of the Irish Red and White Setter cont'd*

The Irish developed such a dog, a white dog with red markings. Legend and paintings from the 17th century reflect dogs very similar to the documented pedigrees of the 18th century. But before one gets too excited about the fact that we can actually see paintings similar to today's dog from 200 years ago, keep in mind that before the middle of the 19th century dogs were bred to work, and any notion of breeders being concerned about any particular conformation have never been demonstrated.

By the end of the 18th century, the white and red breed was well established and several kennels were known for supplying purebred dogs. There are references to several varieties of white and red dogs, and these varieties were found in different regions of Ireland. Travel was difficult during the 18th century, so it shouldn't be surprising that different varieties developed and were maintained in various regions. All of the varieties, however, had one thing in common: they were white with red markings, varying from the legendary "shower of hail" coloring, to nearly pure white and nearly pure red. The patched variety that is seen today was the most prevalent. But even today's patched variety can vary from scattered small patches to large blankets. Remember this, "ne'er a hair of black on an Irishman." The presence of any black hair on a purported Irish Setter means the dog is not purebred.

## **AUGUST TRAINING DAY**

**Topics: Field Work, tracking  
9 AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2007**

**AT**

**Murray Kemp's  
2772 Harbison Road  
Richmond, Ontario**

- **Bring your own lunch and drinks. BBQ will be on so you can bring something to cook.**
- **Bird costs will be \$30/dog for 2 Chukar and 2 pigeons; \$5/quail (quantity very limited)**
- **There may be pheasants available for anyone wanting to practice the Natural Ability tracking phase. Cost is TBD. Let us know if you want you are interested.**
- **Please RSVP by Friday, August 3, 2007 to Gail at [bravepoint@gmail.com](mailto:bravepoint@gmail.com) or (613) 833-0987 (before 9pm).**

**NOTE: Please let me know if you plan to attend and your bird requirements. There will be no birds available for you if you have not told me that you'll be coming.**

### **Directions:**

**From Ottawa: Take Hwy. 416 south to Bankfield Road/Brophy Road exit. Keep right all the way to the end (T intersection). Turn left on McCordick Road. Then, right on Harbison Road to #2772.**

**From Kemptville or south of Ottawa: Take Hwy 416 north to Roger Stevens Drive exit. Go left and continue to McCordick Road. Turn right. Turn left on Harbison Road to #2772.**

## *Friendship Corner*

*Flowers were sent to Pascale Lacasse on behalf of the Club after she underwent some difficult surgery. Pascale was in attendance at the water training day earlier this month with her husband, Ray and 3 dogs, Tilou, Roxie and Ruby. Great to see you back on your feet, Pascale!*

*A card was sent to Rene and Jean Jones from the Club upon the passing of Rene's sister, Elsie at the age 87 on July 12, 2007.*

