

English Setters
Celebrating Field Achievements
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With the coronavirus now putting most dog events on hold, this seems like a good time to take a look at the things our English Setters do best. English Setters are beautiful and we love them for their personalities but they wouldn't exist today were it not for their working abilities.

In order to see how some of our top ES are doing in the field today, I checked with Shelley Garland, Frank Luksa, Terry Barnes, and M.A. Samuelson – all of them field experts. Here are their updates.

Shelley Garland reports on a special bench bred litter whelped in May 2018, co-bred by the Luksas (Windsor Setters) and the Garlands (Pinewalker Setters). Sired by Ch. Kei-Rin's Family Tradition SH (Hank) and out of DC/AFC Windsor's Field Harvester JH (Tessa), the litter of seven is known as "The Amazings" because at less than 18 months of age, all seven pups have all-breed field trial placements. Five dogs in the litter are pointed toward their FC/AFC titles. It's unusual for an entire litter of bench bred English Setters to have field trial placements. To achieve these placements with seven young dogs is remarkable.

One dog from the litter, Windsor's Stormy Nighthawk of Pinewalker (Hawk) has been extremely successful. At 16 months and five days he won a 4-point amateur gundog major. At 18 months of age, Hawk has four broke gundog placements. Three of the placements were in major stakes, earning 8 points toward his field championship (FC). Hawk is the youngest English Setter to win a broke gundog stake at the English Setter Association of America (ESAA) National Walking Field Trial. He has 22 field trial placements.

In 2019 Hank, Ch. Kei-Rin's Family Tradition SH was the winner of the ESAA Heathrow Rainbow Robber Award for most dogs defeated in field trials, for his second time. In January 2020 Hank earned the last point needed for his AFC title. He has 33 field trial placements. He also has 12 points towards his GCH, including two 5-point majors in the show ring. Hank is now an amateur field champion so his title is AFC CH. Hank is also a VES4 – Versatile English Setter, Level 4. Hank is now AFC CH Kei-Rin's Family Tradition SH VES4.

Two other English Setters have become amateur field champions this year: AFC CH Santan A Kiss The King's Court Jester RN, MH, HDX, CGC, TKN, (Jester) owned by David and Cathy Michels; and AFC CH Pantemonium's Winchester Son Of A Gun UD RAE MHA NA NAJ OAP AJP NFP VES4, (Gauge) owned by Terry Barnes and L.D. Madden M.D.

Jester is rated the #1 Amateur/All Age English Setter and #5 Open English Setter. He has been exclusively trained and handled by his devoted owner, David Michels.

Gauge is the first AKC CH to earn the very difficult Master Hunter Advanced title. Gauge has won Awards Of Merit from the Field Trial Dog class at multiple English Setter specialties.

Jester, Gauge, and Hank are the breed's 8th, 9th, and 10th amateur field champion/conformation champions.

Both Jester and Gauge are first and foremost the Michels' and Terry's personal hunting dogs, spending most of the hunting season afield with them.

Terry Barnes is also bringing along a new young dog named Winchester's Having A Field Day (Quail) so look to see her in the field soon!

Many English Setter owners are also taking advantage of hunt tests offered to show off their dog's instincts and abilities. Here are the results from the ESAA Hunt Tests and Field Trial Sweeps in September 2019.

ESAA Field Trial Sweeps Results: Judges Larry Madden/ Garth Gourlay

- 1st Windsor's Sky's The Limit "Skylar"; Frank J. Luksa O/H
- 2nd Windsor's Lightning Over Munroc "Tesla"; Gen. Rhonda Cornum & Frank J. Luksa / H. Luksa
- 3rd CH. Linwood Additional Incentives, JH, BN, CGC, TKN, VES1, "Addie"; Phil Gorman & Amber Bach Gorman/ H. Amber Bach Gorman
- 4th CH Bull Mtns Kiss The Girls, JHA, BN "Zander"; "Rhonda Dillman, Anastasia Swarthout / H. Swarthout
- AOM Bayou Bend La Belle of The Ball, JH, HD, VES1, CGC; "Tessa" Steve & Donna Rolando O/H
- AOM Windsor's Blue Sky, "Blue"; Robert & Kim Sexton / OH

Senior Hunter Passes: Judges: Robert Webb / Jean Webb

GCH Willowpond & Hiddenlane Clear The Deck, "Claire" O/Karen Lishinsky & Ray McVeigh H/R McVeigh
DC AFC Windsor's Field Harvester, JH "Tessa" O/Frank & Hunter Luksa H/Frank Luksa

Junior Hunter Passes: Judges: Timothy W. Cummings / Mary Cernak

Hemlock Lane Evenstar of Rivendell, JH, HD, VES1, CGC, "Ginger"; Steve & Donna Rolando O/H
Huntwood Keeping It Kool, HD, VES2 O/Judi Hunter H/Ray McVeigh
Pine Hollows Isabella's Eyes "Izza" O/Lynda Chase & David Dhewski H/Lynda Chase
CH. Pine Hollow's Don't Question It, BN, CD, RA NAP, CAA "Quest" O/H Barb Mattes
Bayou Bend La Belle of The Ball, JH, HD, VES1, CGC; "Tessa" Steve & Donna Rolando O/H
GCH Pine Hollow's Something To Talk About, HD "Gabby"; O/Lynda Chase & David Otlewski H/Chase
Windsor's Blue Sky "Blue" O/Robert & Kim Sexton H/Robert Sexton
GCH Linwood Additional Incentives, JH BN, CGC VES1 "Addie" O/Amber Bach Gorman, Phil Gorman H/Amber Bach Gorman
Bull Mtns Set'r Ridge's Stetson, BN "Stetson" O/Rhonda Dillman, Anastasia Swarthout, Melissa Newman
Stardom Dancing In The Moonlight "Cassie" O/Donna & Steve Rolando & Renee Metz H/Donna Rolando

Windsor's Sky's The Limit "Skylar"; O/H Frank J. Luksa, Jr.

BJ's Silverline Wind From The Sea "Wyeth" O/H Donna Richardson

CH. Fairray N Wingfield Make No Mistake "Agatha" O/Don Coller & Pat Coller & Eileen Hackett H/Ben Coller

CH. Stagedoor Knight Rider "Rider" O/H Joan Savage

Hiddenlane She's Back To the Future, HD, JH "Ella" O/Karen Lishinsky & Ray McVeigh H/McVeigh

Please stay healthy and well everyone. Remember, even in these times of "social distancing," your dogs need exercise. It's always a good time to take your dog out into the field.

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