## 2016 American Brittany Club All Age **Derby Invitational**

November 27, 2016



Blue Mountain - J. Perry Mikles WDA, Booneville, Arkansas As seen by Jan Kilpatrick



Left to Right: Judge Dr. Robert Rankin, Tom Milam, Tommy Thomas, Scott Johnson with Turning Points Shenanigans, Harlene Johnson, Judge Kent Patterson, Claude Kilpatrick (hidden), Paul Doiron with Rusty Ridge Where U Been, Steve Ralph, Jan Kilpatrick

The American Brittany Club's first All Age Derby Invitational was offered as a way to showcase 12 derby age dogs who accepted the invitation to compete in this hour derby stake by compiling the most points in official regional trial derby events throughout the calendar year. The Judges for the All Age Derby Invitational were Kent Patterson and Dr. Robert Rankin, both long time Brittany enthusiasts, who have judged and handled many promising young Brittanys. Both wanted to see a dog that showed the potential to run and win on these Booneville grounds as adults with the instinctive intelligence and independence of an all age contender.

THE RECOGNIZED: FIRST PLACE: Top Dog Brace 2 -TURNING POINTS SHENANIGANS, orange and white female born 7/31/2015. Sire: GCH/DC Masked Jack of Diamonds, Dam: CH Copely Wincrest Grand Theft Auto. Owned by Julie Nelson and handled by Scott Johnson. SECOND PLACE: Top Dog Brace 6 - RUSTY RIDGE WHERE U BEEN, white and orange male born 2/27/2015. Sire: NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid, Dam: FC Blew by Yet?. Owned by Claude & Jan Kilpatrick and handled by Paul Doiron. HONORABLE MENTION: WICHITA WILD WOMAN, white and orange female born 5/25/2015. Sire: FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid, Dam: MK's My Little Ammo. Owned by Chris & Laura Roberds and handled by Scott Johnson

#### THE RUNNING:

BRACE 1 LOL DIRTY DANCER, "ROXIE", ED TILLSON AND MTB LOUREE'S LET'S HAVE A FEE-"ESTA", TOM WHITE. Both dogs broke to the right with Esta quickly reaching the gate and making a turn back toward the road crossing to the left. Roxie hit the right edge and was soon out of sight and counted out at 19. Esta pointed sharply in a small feed strip at 6 but no birds were found so she was moved forward. At 23 Tom called for the tracker right before the Lick Creek crossing. We crossed Lick Creek and took a short break while Ed captured Roxie and brought her back to the dog wagon.

BRACE 2 TURNING POINTS SHENANIGANS, "SHANDI", SCOTT JOHNSON AND ROYAL FLUSH BETTIN' ON BLACK, "JACK", ED TILLSON. Breakaway for Shandi and Jack began at 8:54 just after the Lick Creek Crossing. Shandi's winning performance consisted of a well patterned forward ground race and four bird encounters. Shandi's first bird contact occurred at 32 on a big covey hanging out on the left treeline through Upper Woods Crossing. She was also credited with her 2nd and 3rd finds on this same covey at 34 and 36. Jack was doing a nice job running the edges but ran out of steam at 42 and was picked up. Shandi logged her final stop and chase at 49 before finishing her hour with what the judges felt was the most mature application of the grounds, running every edge to completion at a reasonable range and speed.

BRACE 3 SKF MISS CHEAP BOURBON WHISKEY, "KD", SCOTT JOHNSON AND SONNY'S HOT SUMMER BREEZE, "BREEZY", PAUL DOIRON. KD & Breezy took off on Course 2 at 10:15. Point was called on head high Breezy at 15 which she handled flawlessly through the flush and fire before being moved on. Breezy and KD ran through this course with animation and determination. At 30 Breezy was found standing staunchly on

a big covey and exhibited broke manners to the flush and fire before being moved forward. KD had a nice staunch point at 35 on a covey exhibiting derby manners on the flush. Both girls had a shared bird encounter with Breezy pointing staunchly and KD assisting in the flush at 38. Breezy logged her final broke dog find at 49. Both dogs finish out their hour moving forward at a moderate range and speed. KD had another nice, solid point right at time which she flushed enthusiastically at the shot.

The morning braces concluded at 11:15 and we all headed in for lunch.

BRACE 4 HIGHPOINT SPIKE'S SOUTHERN GAL, "ELLIE", BEN KUYKENDALL AND JACOUB'S SPELL CASTER, "TABU", TOM JAGIELSKI. Ellie and Tabu were off in a cloud of dust at 12:55. These two girls were practically invisible through the Lick Creek Crossing when they both made an appearance but took off again until the turn into the Cotton Fields when both were seen and Tabu began handling and making some really nice casts into the heavy cover on the right. Ellie continued in stealth mode and Ben called for the tracker at 43. Tabu finished out her hour moving moderately to all the likely bird spots but her determined search went unrewarded.

BRACE 5 KB NOR EASTERN BLO WYNNE IN, JH, "WYNNE", KENDALL BROWN AND WICHITA WILD WOMAN, "NICKI", SCOTT JOHNSON. 2:13 breakaway for Wynne and Nicki and the afternoon temperatures had risen considerably. Nicki logged a find at 15 on a large covey which she handled with style and intensity and derby manners. Wynne stopped in a feed strip at 32 but no birds were produced so she was moved on. Both these girls were looking in all the right places but the afternoon heat had probably moved the birds deep into the woods. At the finish Wynne was intelligent in her search but had greatly reduced her range and speed. However Nicki showed little sign of tiring and continued to work the territory in a smart, snappy way. For her efforts Nicki received a Judges Honorable Mention.

# BRACE 6 RUSTY RIDGE WHERE U BEEN, "BEEN", PAUL DOIRON AND TREASURE STATES "TOBY" MACDADDY, ED

**TILLSON.** Been and Toby showed fleetness of foot from the get go at 3:20. Both disappeared for a short time just after the crossing but were rounded up and surged to the front, running the edges. Been slammed on point at 11 where an armadillo was found so he was moved on. Both dogs made another huge right hand cast through the woods, but reappeared to the front at 22 in the vicinity of the gas well. Toby continued forward but disappeared and the tracker was requested for him at 45. From this point Paul handled the stylish running Been to his second place finish with a fast, far reaching race and impressive bird finding ability. Been logged 3 finds at 30, 34, and 52 as he ran the edges through Beaver Slough with intense, stylish points and acceptable derby manners. After the final bird contact Been was watered up and made another more subdued cast just as time was called at 4:20. It was good naturedly reported that his scout's horse demanded more oats and needed two new shoes at the completion of his brace.

The inaugural American Brittany Club All Age Derby Invitational was finished and we all headed to the clubhouse to see how it all shook out.

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- TURNING POINTS SHENANIGANS (B), by Masked Jack of Diamonds x Copley Wincrest Grand Theft Auto; o Julie Nelson, h Scott Johnson
- 2 RUSTY RIDGE WHERE U BEEN (D), by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid x Blew By Yet?; o Jan & Claude Kilpatrick, h Paul Doiron
- 3 WICHITA WILD WOMAN (B), by Shady's Count Kid x MK's My Lil Ammo; o Chris Roberds, h Scott Johnson



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