



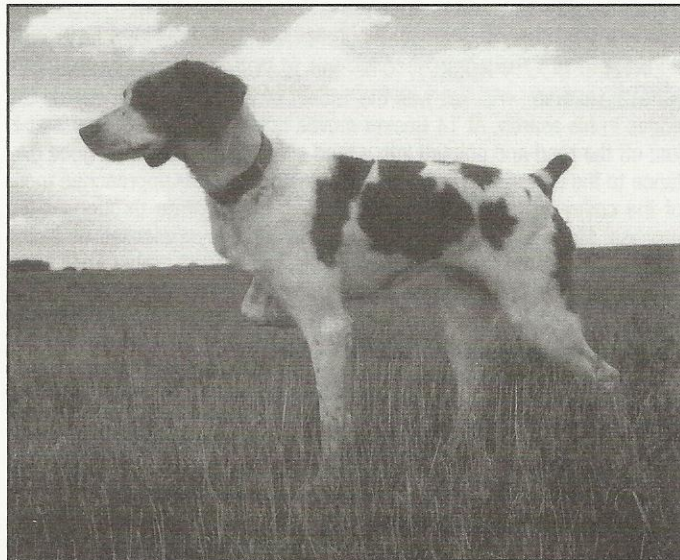
2004 ABC Quail Classic/Championship

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2004 Winner SMARTEYE'S JOKER.



2004 Runner-up AJAX DIAMOND DYNA-MITE.

SMARTEYE'S JOKER emerged the winner from a field of forty-nine starters in the 2004 American Brittany Club Quail Classic/Championship. He ran a smart race with two stylish finds. Jordan was recently acquired by Steve Ralph of Minnesota and was handled by Jim John of Kansas. Named as runner-up was AJAX DIAMOND DYNA-MITE handled by Chad Holman and owned by John and Judy Marinelli of Michigan.

The judges for this event were long-time Brittany man Warren Montgomery of Henderson, Tennessee. He was partnered with Stan Williamson of Longview, Illinois. They rode. They watched. They looked at each performance and were not of a negative nature.

The event was held at the Sportsmen's Association, Inc. grounds north of Grove Spring, Missouri. The association members maintain the grounds. Birds, birds and birds. They have planted extensive lengths of feed strips along the edges of the meadows and atop the hills. The quail are subsidized by broadcasting feed into the plantings. Beneficial plants and vegetation that cover the ground, which in turn produces seed that quail like, were abundant throughout the courses. The creek was not running so the ponds were popular and handlers found it necessary to carry water.

Greater St Louis Brittany Club was the host. A big thank you to the members who made it work. Phil Corlew, chairman and dog wagon driver, Pam Baird, secretary and detail manager. Founding member Ray Trimble, Tim Self and President Burton Wice marshaled. Jim Chase also helped as did Ed and Judy Graves until Ed had a horse wreck. We wish him a very speedy recovery. Joann Covey served delicious meals daily in the clubhouse.

Purina, the world's largest producers of dry dog food were the sponsors for this event. Their research program is extensive and continuing. They donated dog food for winners and participants. *We thank Purina for their generosity and greatly appreciate their continued support of bird dog events.*

THE RUNNING:

TEQUILA JACK II, John and THE TIME MACHINE, Holman – Jack was fast off the breakaway. Tripp started as a veteran hour dog. The course is tight in the early part of the hour. Tripp showed on the right. Jack jumped into the cover. At 23 point was called for Tripp. He stood at the

edge of a feed strip with the early morning sun shining on his profile as we rode to him. Birds were flushed from cover with all in order. Jack was out of pocket was not returned to judgment. The course had opened more as we got into the hour. Tripp extended his casts and was sighted taking a long feed strip to the front, ducking in to the heavy wooded cover. Point was called for him at 38. He stood high and tight through the flush and shot. He momentum increased as the hour progressed. He finished well to the front, going away.

HYBRITTIN SLICK FIFTY (Boozer), Kline and GAMBLER'S JAZZIN IT UP, Holman – Both dogs started at moderate range. At 9 Boozer had a find in a feed strip with all in order. Jazz was pointed out by the judge at 12 as she stood in a feed strip. Extensive flushing and relocations could not produce game. At 24 Boozer had another find in a wooded area. This bird work seemed to put him in a hunting mode and he was leashed shortly. Jazz hadn't gained any momentum and was also up early.

MARJO'S RED RUM (Johnnie), Kline and LANE'S END BOWTIE ANNIE, Holman – Johnnie had worked to find game. Annie pointed at 23 at the edge of a feed strip with all in order. Both dogs continued along the edges of the meadows hunting the cover. Annie was seen under a bird and leashed. Johnnie continued his forward search to finish the hour. The only other feathers we saw was a turkey flying off the top of the hill well before the deer stand.

CHEYENNE JOKER'S STARBUCK, John and FADE TO BLACK (Mack), Holman – Both dogs were slow to start. Buck was out of pocket mid brace and not returned to judgment. Mack was pull and tug in places. He had a non-productive in a feed strip near the end of the hour.

JENNY TWO SHOES MARJO, Kline and HARLINGS BRETON SMITH, Holman – At 8 Bret was standing in the cover near a cut that we pass through. Bird flushed as Jenny passed by, stopping to honor, released herself after the shot. Bret was fired over and taken on. At 29 Bret was credited with a stop to flush. At 30 Jenny pointed and was relocated to no avail. Another non-productive for Bret at 37. Both dogs were up before the hour ended.

G & M HI-SPIRIT ROWDEE RADAR, Kline – Radar ran as a bye as the brace mate was scratched. At 15 he had a stop to flush with nice style, handler approached, shot and more birds lifted. Radar raced along a feed strip doing a nice job, popped through the cover, into a covey and was leashed.

LINVEL'S ACE OF DIAMONDS, Kline and BRISCO'S BUDDY BOY, Trimble – Ace was away in a flash. Brisco gained momentum as he went, making some nice moves. Ace was making wider and wider casts until the string broke and he was not returned to judgment. Brisco ran the edges being wide on some turns, needing to be gathered and returned to the front. Near the end of the hour he jumped into a feed strip. Scout was dispatched. As he searched for the dog birds were put up. Brisco was buried in the feed strip. He moved to get a better look and was leashed.

Sunday, day two was sunny with patchy frost in the low areas and temperatures near 40 degrees. No breeze could be detected.

LINVEL'S BLAZIN ROCKET, Kline and HI-POINTS DISAPPEARING ACT (Ghost), Holman – Rocket was the widest of the pair. Ghost worked the edges in his search. At 14 Rocket moved across a wide meadow that is just off the road and pointed into a feed strip. We had to ride a good distance to the dog. A single flushed, then as the handler approached more of the covey lifted. He maintained a very lofty posture throughout the process. More birds lifted as he was collared away. Released he sailed to the front, gaining range as he attacked the course. Ghost would disappear into the cover and be sighted at appropriate times. We passed through the gate after horse killer hill and at 32 Rocket was sighted pointing, high and tight into a feed strip far to the front with Ghost backing nicely. Both dogs stood nicely for flush and shot. After being released they continued their wide races. Rocket soon disappeared and not long after Ghost followed suit. Neither dog was returned to judgment.

T J'S THUNDER, John and FARTHER OUT ACE, Holman – Both dogs were off with a flourish. Thunder hit the edges popping out to the front. Ace was absent, returning about 15. At 22 point was called for Ace. He was buried up in briars. A single flushed with all in order. Thunder continued the hour, having a flowing ground gait making reaching casts. At 53 Ace pointed in the heavy cover, only a rabbit was seen. He slowed near the end of the hour. Thunder had no bird contact in his hour.

BREEZE COUNTY CLYDE, Kline and BILLIE'S RANDOM TASK, Holman – Temperatures had been climbing quickly this morning. Dew had evaporated and the ground dusty. Clyde hunted hard in his time on the ground, slowed into the hour and was leashed early. Billie worked places where birds could be. He was out of pocket midway and not returned to judgment.

UPLAND ACRES PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (Shane), Holman and TRACE OF TIME, Merryman – Shane hunted the cover, looking in the likely places. He was not attaining the range needed and was up early. Trace sailed forward on the course in a strong and attractive way in the first half of the hour. He slowed about 40 and was leashed before the end of the hour.

SMARTEYE'S JOKER (Jordan), John and LANE'S END WE-BE CLEAN, Holman – Temperatures were very warm and conditions dry after our lunch break. The breeze had picked up a bit from this morning, giving some relief. Jordan launched his effort like a rocket. Webe showing purpose in his application hunted the cover. Jordan covered ground with a flowing gait. He fringed the edges well forward, sighted coming out of a corner and along a feed strip; he disappeared behind a mound in the shadows on our right. Point was called by the scout at 28. He stood with impeccable manners throughout the flush of a very large covey. More birds lifted after the shot. Webe worked the edges, ducking into the cover from time to time however his pace was slowing. He was leashed about 40. Jordan continued to attack the course showing at the appropriate times, well to the front. At 47 he pointed in a tangle of brush, a single flushed, he maintained his intensity through the shot. Jordan swept the edges of the meadows with savvy, maintaining range and stamina to end the hour.

BUDDY JAC, Holman and THE PRAIRIE TORNADO (Twister), Tillson – Cast off from the bottom of a steep hill this pair took to the left side of the course as we rode to the top. Twister continued wide on the left. Buddy had run across a draw and went up the next hill on our right. He crossed the course near the deer stand. The feed strip turns a ninety-degree corner at a fence line. At 5 Buddy stood at the edge of the feed strip. A scattered covey was flushed from around him, maintaining his

composure throughout flush and shot. Twister continued her reaching casts along the edges of the course. Buddy continued to be methodical in his application. At 13 Buddy moved into a feed strip, birds lifted, he was credited with a stop to flush. Twister was out of pocket briefly at the top of a hill. As we rode atop a ridge, Buddy pointed in a feed strip. A nice sized covey was produced with all in order. Buddy remained consistent but lacked the range previously set. Twister had no bird contact in her hour.

WINDY HILL SKY ROCKET (Cruise), Merryman and AJAX OR BETTER, Holman – This pair had their turbo's charged. Each making wide casts, showing to the front. Their patterns became wider and wider until the strings broke, neither was returned to judgment.

CLYDE'S MICRO BREEZE (Mike), Kline and SMOKEY'S MAGIC (Jag) Holman – These dogs were determined to hit the cover. Mike required scouting, catching the front, he came through a cut, headed along a milo strip, he swapped ends, nailing a big covey, with nice manners. At 37 point was called for Jag. As we rode to him, he left the scene and continued on. It became pull and tug to keep Mike with us. At 44 Jag pointed in some thick briars, relocated, nothing was produced. Judge stated that he saw a single lift a long way in front of the handler. Jag was leashed shortly after. Mike had a non-productive at 50. At 55 the scout called point. After a flushing attempt, Mike was relocated but nothing could be produced. Scout stated that a single lifted when he called point.

AJAX DIAMOND DYNA-MITE (Dyna), Holman and BOURBON XIII (Al), Gorrow – Both dogs took to the edges, Dyna traversing the course in front of us. Al was sighted from time to time in the next meadow across the tree line on our right, continuing to give us glimpses of him. We headed to the dry creek crossing where point was called at 32 by her handler for Dyna. She stood to his left in feed cover well over her body. Birds were flushed with all in order. At 36 Dyna pointed again, she had taken the feed strip forward on our right. She was high and tight through flush and shot. Al lead the way on a nice forward cast on a lengthy feed strip to our right and through an old fence line at the corner. After her finds, Dyna began increasing her range. We rode through the cut, looked to the right as point was called for Dyna at 47 with Al backing nicely. A large covey was flushed as dogs maintained their first rate manners. Al was out of pocket when Dyna entered the large meadow with the two motts. She worked the edge on our left. Handler called point as she stood between the feed strip and woods. Relocated, she moved into the woods, ground scenting. A bird flew out almost in our faces. Dyna was taken on to finish the hour. Al had no bird contact the rest of the hour.

ROWDY MTN RIO BLANCO, Burchette and GAMBLER'S GOOD DEAL (Billy), Holman – Both dogs used the edges of the course. At 26 Rio pointed in a feed strip. A lengthy relocation in the heavy cover was futile and he was taken on. Billy had stretched the string and was not returned to judgment. Rio had a single spotted for lunch and was leashed.

ROUSTABOUT'S KID PARKER, Burchette and T J'S APACHE (Bandit), John – These dogs started with gusto. Each using the terrain to their advantage. Parker was seen under a bird at 15 and leashed. At 29 Bandit pointed at the edge of a briar thicket. Nothing could be produced. He continued to make some nice moves during the hour but was not rewarded for his efforts.

BOUNCIN BETTY, Gorrow and MAKE MY DAY DUDE, Tillson – This pair went to the edge of the meadow. Betty traversed the course moving back to the right. Dude looked good going forward on the other side of a long feed strip. Handler called point for Dude as he stood in a more open area of the cover. We rode to him and upon arrival Betty was standing at Dude's flank. Game was flushed; both dogs were fired over and taken on. At 16 Betty was credited with a stop to flush. At 33 she pointed at the edge of a foxtail plot, moved into the cover, where she stopped. Birds were flushed with all in order. Dude worked the feed strips for game. Almost to the top of the ridge at 35, Betty stopped, moved up near a big tree, pointed, a single flushed. The handler fired and several more birds left, she was sent on. Dude pointed off the edge of the ridge, just above a pond, Betty had moved into the area. This was very steep terrain for handlers to flush through the sumac, after a brief attempt

both handlers elected to take the dogs on. At 43 Dude was cautiously moving along a feed strip when a single flushed nearby. Taken on, another bird lifted, he was leashed shortly after. The handler rode to Betty at 50 as she ran the edge of a hill above a mowed area. She was making game and a single pitched downhill from her. Handler fired over her and sent her on. Betty finished the hour at moderate range.

WILD IRISH NOBLE CHIKAMIN (Jack), Burchette and HARLAN COUNTY COWBOY, Tracy – This morning was sunny with frost in the lower areas, temperatures in the upper 30's. Cowboy made extended casts, causing absences. Jack hunted at moderate range. At 25 he pointed in a feed strip. After the flush and shot he released himself and was taken to the wagon. Cowboy continued to be out of pocket and the tracker was called for at 40.

SHAMBO'S DARK SHADOW, John and ORTHO ACRES BOOKER-T, Tracy – This pair attacked the course, running to the front, showing in a timely fashion. At 32 Shadow was running down a feed strip, birds lifted, he didn't get stopped in reasonable time and was leashed. Booker made some nice moves down the edge of a large meadow. Handler called point as the dog stood far to the front. As we rode to him he maintained polished manners throughout flush and shot. He continued to make bold casts, being spotted periodically. Just before pickup time he caught the front at ninety-degree turn in the course as the hour ended.

DIAMOND HILL DAN, Kline and THE FARSIDE'S KID AIMEE, Wice – Temperatures have continued to climb. Both dogs went to the edges. Dan was being the widest of the pair. His casts were forward and reaching. At 14 he was credited with a stop to flush. Aimee was slow to get untracked. Dan used the far edges, making a sweeping cast to our left headed toward the cemetery. Point was called at 22 by the scout. After extensive flushing, birds were produced from the area that Dan indicated. His style remained lofty. Aimee wasn't pleasing the handler and taken to the wagon at 25. Dan still was eating up the country. He rolled through the feed strip that makes a lengthy turn on the course. He went along the woods edge where point was called by the scout. We rode quite a distance to the dog. A very long flushing attempt with relocation could not produce birds. Dan was out of pocket before time at horse killer hill and not returned to judgment.

TEQUILA DYNAMITE (Mike), Burchette and GEORGE DUBYA, Tracy – Mike was in a hunting mode searching all the cover. He was leashed midway in the hour. George had several absences detracting from his performance. Handler elected to call for the tracker.

RAMBLIN MAN (Randy), Gorrow and KID'S KID LONE RIVER MOOSE, Burchette – After the lunch break we were away under sunny skies and warmer temperatures. Conditions had dried quickly from the early morning frost. This pair was slow to start. At 18 handlers had passed through a cut, riding up several birds. Randy wanted a closer look and was leashed. Moose had stopped at the flight, was shot over and sent on. He worked the feed strips making some nice moves. At 40, after bird contact, he was taken to the wagon.

SNIKOSH CORKY, Burchette and CHANCY JACKPOT LOTTO, Tracy – Both dogs had an absence off the breakaway, each returned to judgment. Corky was out of pocket and not seen again in the hour. Chance had a non-productive at 32 in a feed strip. He made some good casts the rest of the hour but without bird work.



2004 ABC QUAIL CLASSIC/CHAMPIONSHIP (49S)

J: Warren Montgomery & Stan Williamson

Winner - SMARTEYES JOKER (D), by NFC/DC/AFC Tequila's Joker x Smarteyes Microbeans; o Steve Ralph, h Jim John

Runner-Up - AJAX DIAMOND DYNA-MITE (B), by The Time Machine x Lane's End Bowtie Annie; o John & Judy Marinelli, h Chad Holman

3 - THE TIME MACHINE (D), by The County Lawyer x Jerob's Magic Tradewinds; o Tony Vescoso, h Chad Holman

4 - BUDDY JAC (D), by Rimarda's Rebel Jac x Carbon Copy II; o Edward Sawicki, h Chad Holman

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