



# 2022 ABC National Amateur Championship

## Blue Mountain-J. Perry Mikles WDA, Booneville, AR

December 7-9, 2022  
As seen by Jan Kilpatrick



**L to R: Stan Williamson, Kent Patterson with Piney Run Hilltop Blew, Judge Howard Burbach, Jan Kilpatrick, Claude Kilpatrick with Rusty Ridge Where U Been, Judge Dave Capstick, Crystal Alexander with JWB Arctic Cat, Jack Alexander, Dr. Robert Rankin, Richard Beaver, Mike Poehler with Tequila Chica Bonita**

Though entries were smaller than 2021 there was no lack of talent in this dynamic gathering of 24 of the topmost titled all age Brittany competitors from across the country. There was high humidity and a few mild rain showers on the first day; heavy early morning rain which caused a delay in the action on Thursday morning. This delay added half a day on Friday morning to complete the running of the 2022 NAFC. The grounds were prime creating excellent viewing of all the action thanks to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Manager Brad Wells and crew.

This was Kent Patterson's final year as 1st Vice-President and as always he managed the multiple tasks of the Field Trial Chairman impeccably. Long time National Field Trial Secretary Steve Ralph was unable to make the journey to Booneville but covered all his duties in an organized and efficient manner. Members of the Field Trial Committee consisting of Bret Lindback, Steve Ralph, Claude Kilpatrick, Bob Rankin, Richard Beaver, and Burton Wice assisted Kent with the scheduling and coordination of all the national activities. Scott Johnson graciously stepped in as Stakes Manager when Ed Tillson fell victim to the Booneville Crud. Bob Rankin served as the Judges Marshall and Bret Lindback again served as the Course Marshall. Bret with his group of volunteers kept the gallery moving in an orderly fashion. Praise to Ed Kostka and Darlene Dow for coordinating the multiple tasks associated with the management of the dog wagon. Let's give a big HOORAH for Judi Tipton and her personable crew who always work diligently to provide us with excellent food and beverages throughout the running of all the American Brittany Club National Events.

Purina has been a consistent sponsor of American Brittany Club events for many years. Purina again donated small bags of Pro Plan to each dog entered and full bags were distributed to the Winner and placers. Performance Purina jackets were presented to the Judges and Reporter and were well received. Garmin provided their quality locating device to the winning dogs. Most of the event competitors use a Garmin locating device trusting they will be able to locate should a dog go astray. Last but certainly not least, thanks to Kevin Parrish, The Saddle Guy for providing gorgeous, functional saddles for the winners of all our National Events.

Events held at the National Amateur Championship began with the National Amateur Championship Calcutta on Tuesday December 6. Wednesday night, December 7 Kent Patterson hosted a party celebrating the 2021 National Amateur Champion, NFC/FC/AFC Piney Run Hilltop Blew. Kent and assistants adorned the Clubhouse tables with nostalgic items he had gathered from his Nebraska Sandhills training grounds. Obelisk table monuments and petite windmills were adorned with miniature cottonwood trees, sand bluestem and prairie lovegrass plus pieces of rusted barbed wire from replaced fencing. Just a few of the tangible items that symbolize an important part in the development of Blew's natural abilities which prepared him to become a back to back 2 time ABC National Amateur Champion. For the celebration Judi Tipton and crew prepared prime rib 'extraordinaire' with all the perfect side dishes and dessert.

This year's judges were Dave Capstick and George Hill both who

reside in the St. Louis Missouri area. These gentlemen expressed their desire to see true all age dogs exhibiting intelligent wide open ground applications with endless amounts of determination and bottom as well as appropriate manners and style on their birds.

The Recognized:

Champion: Bottom Dog Brace 10 2XNAFC/RFC/FC/AFC Piney Run Hilltop "Blew", Handler/Owner: Kent Patterson. Blew, 5 year-old white and orange male out of Piney Run Chalk & Piney Run Chicklet.

Facebook phenom, Piney Run Hilltop Blew was the winner of the 2021 NAFC and repeated this prestigious accomplishment at the 2022 National Amateur All Age Championship. Blew sprinted effortlessly from breakaway giving us glimpses of his swift application to all objectives on both sides of Course 1. Blew worked all likely bird areas and was observed entering the long stretch around the Cotton Fields as the judges and gallery rode down the horse path looking for him to reappear. After a short disappearance a loud distant cry of POINT reached us at 32 when Blew was discovered standing tall in heavy cover with bracemate Dottie backing. Birds were put to flight with all in order and Blew enthusiastically resumed his trek. Displaying far flung casts to the front Blew flowed down to the river run staying mostly out of sight. Trusting Blew would make the right turn onto the road leading to the horse bridge, towards the end Kent rode the tree line paralleling Ryan's Lane and in perfect synchronization handler and dog joined up right where the roads intersect just as time was called. It was an incredible extraordinary finish to an outstanding Championship run.

RU Champion: Bottom Dog Brace 2 GFC/FC Rusty Ridge Where U "Been", Handler: Claude Kilpatrick, Owners: Claude & Jan Kilpatrick. Been, 7-year-old white & orange male out of NAFC/GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid and FC Blew By Yet ?. (As witnessed by Scout Jan Kilpatrick)

Been exploded onto Course 2 demonstrating a lot of horsepower in his flying effortless gait. My trusty horse Liberty snorted when I kicked him into second gear to let him know we were the scouting team for Been this day and we must both stay on task. Inhaling deep breaths, we both attempted to maintain an approximate location for our fast, cover-crashing charge. Fortunately, both handlers were loud and thoughtfully using their got 'em whistles which made it simpler to stay somewhat connected. When I finally sighted Been moving rapidly through a far frontal tree line heading towards the old 109 bridge, for 20 seconds or so I relaxed and enjoyed the show. After rimming the meadows tree line at warp speed Been crossed the road to quickly hunt the long center mott never slowing down as he headed through the first gate into Parish Field. Things got interesting when Been chose to go left onto the dog wagon road instead of taking the right bend of the course. After a few choice words Been rejoined Claude and headed back on course kicking up mud. At 55 Been spun like a top in mid stride, landing locked-up glaring intensely into the overgrown roadside tree line. Claude quickly dismounted and as he entered the dense cover a small covey took flight. Shot was fired with Been standing tight and mannerly through the encounter. With 3 minutes left in his hour Been took off down the course like he was just getting started

but remained in sight when time was called this year. It was an exhilarating all age performance that's "Been" a long time coming.

3rd: Top Dog Brace : GFC/FC/AFC Jwb Arctic Cat "Kimber", Handler: Jack Alexander, Owners: Jack & Crystal Alexander. Kimber, 6-year-old white and orange female out of Maxwell's Outer Limits & Chancey's Frozen Asset.

Kimber is no stranger to the recognized write up section of many National and Regional All Age events and she is always a force to be reckoned with every time she hits these Blue Mountain grounds. 2022 was no different as she broke away onto Course 3 on Wednesday afternoon guns-a-blazing. Her first half-hour was filled with impressive casts to all the objectives Course 3 had to offer. Though most of moves were to the front occasionally she would circle back then take off again. At 40 she backed her bracemate with intensity and perfect manners. From that point on Kimber was all business. She hit the front and made her way through the challenges of the windy overgrown course hitting all objectives. Her fast frontal ground game paid off big time when she was found standing at 55 in the middle of that particularly woody viney area in the vicinity of the gas well. Birds are known to exist in this area, but they aren't easy to find but Kimber found a big covey of them and locked up tight. Jack had to navigate around the obstacles to reach her but finally a big covey rose with Kimber standing tall looking like a million bucks through the flush and fire. She finished her hour to the front as strong as she started. A truly exciting performance by an exceptional all age bird dog.

4th: Top Dog Brace 11: NGDC/DC Tequila "Chica" Bonita, Handler: Richard Beaver; Owner: Richard & Amanda Beaver. Chica, 4-year-old white and orange female out of NAFC/GFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid and Sniksoh Tequila Caliente

Though not as powerful or self-confident as the other winning performances Chica was a fantastic coming of age bird dog to watch. Her enthusiasm was contagious, and intelligence apparent as she made her way to all the objectives Course 2 had to offer. She pointed with intensity, style, and manners on her two finds at 24 and 54 and finished to the front with energy to spare. Her performance was exciting, entertaining and certainly deserving of her 4th place finish.

The Running:

First Day, Wednesday Morning, Dec 7, 2022, Temp range 56 to 58, 98% humidity, light NE winds with intermittent rain.

**Brace 1 NFC/NAGD/FC/AFC B & T's Sonndance Kid Rock, "Rocky", Trasa Fowler and Mr. Staley, "Doc", Dan Campbell**

Rocky and Doc were in a foot race down the horse path when they broke away over Course 1 on this cool humid first day of the 2023 NAFC. At 14 both handlers called point for their dogs who could be seen standing in a small grove of trees right off the road in close proximity to each other but in slightly different areas under the trees. As handlers moved to flush the birds Doc decided to help Dan and was picked up for his indiscretion. Rocky stayed mannerly through the drama, flush and fire. When released Rocky crossed over to the left side of the road and scored another find under the big cedar where quail love to gather. A bird flew out at 20 with all in order and Rocky continued his journey at a moderate pace.

Rocky never ventured too far from the horse path but posted a nonproductive at 27, two more finds at 42 and 57 with all being in the edges along the horse path. Rocky exhibited good style and manners on all his birds, but his race and range lacked what the judges were looking for this day.

**Brace 2 GFC/FC/AFC TJ's Black Diamond, "Coal", John Perry and GFC/FC Rusty Ridge Where U "Been", Claude Kilpatrick**

Coal and Been broke away at 9 from Course 2 with speed and intensity. There was light intermittent rain on and off throughout the hour, but nothing slowed down these two fast and forward contenders. Been's race is described in the recognized section above. After a short disappearance as we approached the old 109 bridge Coal was brought back heading to the front when he locked up tight at 30 into a patch of grass in the small meadow on the left side of 109. After a short search by John a bird was put to flight with all in order and Coal continued his lively quest for more birds. Coal pointed again at 45 but no birds could be found. Coal finished his hour as strong as he started but his application became erratic and sticky towards the end.

**Brace 3 GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC MK's My Lil Ammo, "BB", Nick Blasi and FC/AFC WW's Miss Wendy Peffercorn "Wendee" "Mac", Burton Wice**

Trouble started early after the Course 3 breakaway for Wendee and BB. Wendee pointed at 4 in a small mott on the left side of the road with BB backing. Wendee was relocated and BB moved slightly forward and was ordered up. No birds could be found so Wendee moved on. At 12 Wendee pointed again in a different location. Again, no birds could be found so Wendee headed for the dog wagon.

Wednesday Afternoon Temp Range 59 to 62, 93% humidity with NE winds 8-10 mph

**Brace 4 NAFC/GFC/DC/GAFC2/AFC Anj's Ohio Hellion, "Hank", Mike Poehler and NFC/GFC3/RFC/GAFC/FC/AFC CVK's Spartan King, "Leo", Jack Alexander**

First afternoon breakaway came at 12:45 with Hank disappearing and never returned to judgment. At 10 Leo scored a nice covey find in that small grove of trees right off the horse path. Leo stood tall and tight through the flush and fire and was sent forward. Leo's next point at 18 proved non-productive and at 48 he had another non-productive which ended his run.

**Brace 5 Jowill's Sweet Mandolin Music "Manie", Joe Williams and NFC/GFC/FC/AFC Wild Wild "Willie", Steve Cosgriff**

Manie and Willie started slowly from their 2:00 breakaway and Joe invoked handler's option to pick up Manie at 10. Willie began hunting hard making some nice forward casts and at 20 pointed into the wide oblong feed strip right off 109 that is known to hold large coveys. Steve kicked all around the area and decided to relocate Willie. After his 2nd relocation Willie found a single bird which Steve put to flight with Willie remaining mannerly through the flush and fire. When Willie was released he started making some long solid casts and pointed again at 35 into a tall grassy area off the right side of the road. Birds were flushed with all in

order and Willie sent on his way. At 50 Willie pointed into the tree line on the right side of the road heading towards the horse bridge. 2 relocations later no birds had been produced as time was called.

**Brace 6 GFC/FC/AFC Jwb Artic Cat "Kimber" Jack Alexander and FC Wiyanna, "Annie", Matt Harris**

After a short refreshing break Kimber and Annie were released onto Course 3 at 3:11. Kimber's performance is described in the recognized section above. It was a special tribute to Terry Gowin from his friends Matt Harris and Steve Foster to bring Annie to the 2023 NAFC. Terry was a stalwart to the Southern Kansas Brittany Club and his death in November 2022 was devastating to all who knew, and field trialed with him. Terry had qualified Annie to run at this year's Nationals and Team Terry (Matt & Steve) brought her to complete the job Terry had worked so hard to achieve. Annie is a bird dog to her core. She was meticulous in her search for birds and when she found them she looked like a million dollars on point. Annie was found standing at 15 in a small mott and exhibited perfect manners as the birds were flushed and the shot fired. Released she ran the edges, worked the cover, and pointed again at 35 with her bracemate Kimber honoring. Again, Annie stood tall through the flush and fire and sent on her way. Her last find came minutes later at 40 in that same long tree line. Annie was intense in her point and multiple birds could be seen milling around in front of her. Matt approached and flushed the covey, but one bird flew low directly over Annie's head and the dead-broke string "broke" as Annie turned and chased that bird yipping in glee. Matt just shook his head and softly said, "I guarantee Terry is laughing right now". Annie was gathered up by "Team Terry" and lovingly placed in her seat in the dog wagon.

Day 2, Thursday Morning, Dec 8, Rain Delayed. Thursday Afternoon 63 degrees 98% humidity light NE winds

**Brace 7 FC WW's Miss Carona "Rona", Burton Wice and NAFC/FC/AFC Blew Me Away, "Bud", Norm Ahl**

12:45 breakaway featured this year's winner of the ABC Derby Invitational, Rona and the 2020 NAFC winner Bud. Rona had her running shoes on and looked like a million bucks on her first find at 9. Bud was covering a lot of Course 1 rapidly and shortly after crossing Lick Creek he was found pointing in the long tree line above the road. Bud was surrounded by birds but handled the pressure flawlessly with an abundance of style and manners. Both dogs continued in frontal mode with Rona continuing her fast forward race scoring her second find right after the double gates, again handled with style and manners. Bud geared down, still hunting hard but close in and at a leisurely pace. As we approached the horse bridge, point was called on Rona just before time was called. Burton was instructed to work the point and to everyone's disappointment, at the flush Rona chased the absconding birds. For a youngster Rona did a bang-up job in her first National Championship debut and maybe in her mind it was the perfect ending.

**Brace 8 Piney Run "Patch", Kent Patterson and My Lil Classic Mercedes "Cedes", Richard Beaver**

It was 1:55 when Patch and Cedes broke away on Course 2. Patch moved smooth and swift through the meadows and down

the lines. Cedes was more moderate in her pace but worked the course like a real pro. At 10 we saw Cedes pointing in a small grassy area by the side of the road. Richard stomped through the grass, but no birds were found. Cedes was cast off towards the old 109 bridge we observed Kent holding Patch on a lead waiting for the dog wagon. Kent gave the short scoop of what transpired. Basically, that giant covey of birds that hang out on old 109 in that ugly brier patch year after year claimed yet another canine victim—that victim being Patch. Meanwhile Cedes rolled through the area and headed cross the road to the extreme left of the big meadow. Minutes later a loud cry of POINT rings out and we hustle on over and view Cedes standing tall in the vine infected trees. Richard fights through the jungle and puts a big covey to flight, fires the gun with Mercedes standing like a statue through the process. Cedes continues solo and scores another solid find at 51 with all in order. Near the end of her hour Cedes race and range diminished.

**Brace 9 NAGDC/GFC4/FC/AFC Sniksoh Hank's "Hatch", Adam Freeman and Jagoub's Spell Caster "Tabu", Tom Jagielski**

After a much needed break the final brace of the day left at 3:10 over Course 3. Though this pair started with good intentions about halfway through Hatch became obsessed with Tabu and Judge ordered him up. Tabu was moved forward and locked up at 40 pointing into a mott of trees. It was easy for the roadside viewers to see the birds, but they were down in a roadside hole, and it was challenging for Tom to get through the trees to work them. He finally flushed a couple, then fired a shot with Tabu standing with patience, style and manners. When released Tabu just couldn't decide which way she wanted to go so at 55 judge asked Tom to pick her up.

Friday Morning, December 9, Temp Range 52-57, 80% Humidity and light Northerly Wind

**Brace 10 GFC/FC Sigbrit's Not In Kansas Anymore, "Dottie", Richard Beaver and NAFC/RFC/FC/AFC Piney Run Hilltop "Blew", Kent Patterson**

When Dottie and Blew broke away at 7:55 there was no doubt in the gallery's mind that the fog and mist was not going to slow these two all age contenders down. Blew's Championship race is described in the Recognized section above. Dottie was eager and enthusiastic the whole time. At 32 she backed Blew until the two were discovered and the birds worked. Dottie searched smartly and stayed on task for the entire hour but did not connect with any birds of her own.

**Brace 11 NGDC/DC Tequila "Chica" Bonita, Richard Beaver and Prairie Wind Pistol Pete "PD", Jack Alexander**

Chica's race is described in the Recognized section above. PD's speed and determination were only observed for a few minutes after breakaway as he went missing and never returned to judgment.

**Brace 12 GFC3/GAFC2/FC/AFC JJ's "Levi" the Lionheart, Joe Williams and DC/GAFC2/AFC Arrow's Tequila Rustler, "Rusty", Richard Beaver**

These two dogs have many championship wins and placements between them and all in the gallery were eager to watch them as

they broke away at 10:28 over Course 3. What we saw were two mature bird dogs making some great moves but without their usual fire and gusto. Levi had two meticulous finds. One came at 13 with Rusty backing and the other at 54. Rusty finished his hour with no birds and both Levi and Rusty were ready to call it a day and head for home.

The running of the 2022 American Brittany Club National Amateur All Age Championship was completed, and all looked forward to the Announcement in the Clubhouse!

## 2022 American Brittany National Amateur Championship Grand Amateur Limited All Age (24S)

**J: Dave Capstick & George Hill**

- 1- 2XNAFC/RFC/FC/AFC PINEY RUN HILLTOP BLEW (D), by Piney Run Chalk X Piney Run Chicklet; o/h Kent Patterson
- 2- GFC/FC RUSTY RIDGE WHERE U BEEN (D), by NAFC/GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid X FC Blew By Yet?; o Claude & Jan Kilpatrick, h Claude Kilpatrick
- 3- GFC/FC/AFC JWB ARCTIC CAT (B), by Maxwell's Outer Limits X Chancey's Frozen Asset; o Jack & Crystal Alexander, h Jack Alexander
- 4- NGDC/DC TEQUILA CHICA BONITA (B), by NAFC/GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid X Sniksoh Tequila Caliente; o Mary Amanda & Richard Beaver, h Richard Beaver

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