

2022 ABC National Walking Amateur Gun Dog Championship

October 25-27, 2022 Ionia Recreational Area, Ionia, MI





L-R: Chair, Lisa Pollock, Teresa Richmond with Starlight's Mercury Out Ryder, Chris Logan with Dogwood's Moose, Judge Kevin Remmers, Bob Bakas with Red Granite's Henry Will Be A Star, Jackie Hutwagner with Atos, Judge Jeff Currier.

The weather for the 2022 National Walking Amateur Gun Dog Championship was post card perfect. The dog wagon was full and it was lovely to have many new faces and their dogs coming to compete. Championships don't run themselves and Chair, Lisa Pollock and FT Secretary, Darlene Dow had the help of many people. Huge thanks to Kathy Gulembo, course marshal, bird planter extraordinaire Richard Lipsky and his lovely wife Katherine; Dog wagon driver Paul Renius & Josh Bambrach. Robert Bakas for keeping the water tanks full! Carlos Gust, bird guy and all- around helper, Eileen Gust for keeping the dog wagon stocked and folks fed. Cheryl Pelligrino for organizing the opening dinner and Jacquie Jolly for manning the raffle. Many apologies if anyone has been left out.

Most especially the continued support of Purina and Garmin is truly a blessing. Our judges were well received and made for an enjoyable experience for the handlers. Judges Jeff Currier & Kevin Remmers are no strangers to the event given they have both won the prestigious Iron Dog in this stake

Brace 1

Jolly's Royal Point Reegan, Dan Jolly Pretty Blue Eyes A Sweet Touch of Charlie B, Bob Bakas

We broke away at 8:37 am. Both dogs broke strong with great range. As we headed left at the top of the hill, Charlie broke to the right. Reegan returned from a cast on the right and joined his handler to the front. Charlie ended his bid at 10, under a bird on the right

hedgerow. Reegan continued until 15 where he went on point at the end of hires field and left when the bird flushed wild.

Brace 2

Kip's Bay Flat Out Ridge Run-N Annie, John Kipp Rebelflame Run For The Roses, Mary Tyson

Broke away at 9:03 am in the Hire's field. Both dogs made some wide snappy casts. At 8 minutes, Rosie had a stop to flush on the right edge before the dog leg field. Both dogs continued their forward race until 18 minutes when Annie hit point in a mowed strip just before the hill down to the boy scout bridge. Rosie had a nice back. It was a dead bird which was thrown and shot fired. As we headed down the hill, Annie had a clean find on the left at 28. A few minutes later, Annie scored a second find in a small island before the boy scout bridge. Rosie was to the front, but didn't have any bird contact until the second hedgerow in the derby course where she was leashed. Annie had another find at 45 on the left edge as we entered the derby course. Annie had her final find on the hedgerow before the sand road just before time, all was in order.

Brace 3

Hy Steppin Ali's Got Attitude, Chris Sennott Kdel's Eagle Magnum Hotshot, Ken Delong

Broke away at 10:25, just beyond the sand road. These 2 dogs exhibited great range in the search for birds. All had her first find on the left edge just before the dyke, at 18 minutes. Shooter was to the



front and over the dyke and Ali and her handler quickly caught the front. Both ranged wide in the open fields from the big oak toward the orchard. At 37, both dogs were found standing together on the hedgerow into the orchard. At 45 minutes just before the gun dog parking lot Ali stood for a find, the bird released on its own and Shooter had a stop to flush on that bird. Both finished the hour strong, as we entered the derby course.

Brace 4

Saradac's Dangerous Diamond Caper, Lisa Pollock Miss Behavin', Dan Dodson

Breakaway at 1 pm. Ivy was a tad closer and working in front of Dan while Caper cast herself wide to the right. Making the turn towards the gap on the low side of Hire's field Cap was still wide right and was pointed in the right hedgerow. Ivy came in from the 2 track and failed to back and was leashed. Caper handled the pressure with a clean find. Moving forward up the hedgerow she had another clean find. Moving up Hire's field Caper appeared warm looking for water. She took a mud bath in the 2 track before lighting out again. She swung wide left toward the horse parking lot gate and then worked her was back across to the far right hedgerow. She pointed staunchly and Lisa had to walk 300 + yards to flush for her. All was in order and she was moved on. Going down the hill toward the boy scout bridge, Caper again pointed at 55 with all in order.

Brace 5

Starlight's Mercury Out Ryder, Teresa Richmond NMR Labyrinth Nite Summer Skye, Eddie Manifold

Broke away at the derby course. At 5, Ryder had his first find on the back side of the second hedgerow on the derby course. Skye came in for a back. At 37, Ryder hit point on the left edge just before the dyke. It was a pile of feathers and he was moved on. Ryder caught the front without his handler and point was called for him by the course marshal at the hedgerow entrance to the orchard at 57. The marshal remained with Ryder while Teresa made the long uphill trek to her dog. Skye ran a good race, but only had a back and a stop to flush along the way.

Brace 6 6A Scratch 6B moved to 18B Brace 7

Burning Glen Cover Girl, Mike Mercanti

Dogwood's Benelli, Bob Bakas (for Todd Parmenter)

Broke away at 3:57 pm in the orchard. At 3, Benny went on point and Lucy backed. Unfortunately, Benny went with the flush. As we entered the derby course, Lucy was pointed in the wooded area on

the left side as we came up from the wooden bridge. At 23, Lucy pointed again on the right side of the first hedgerow into the derby course. No bird was produced. At 34, Lucy established point on the next hedgerow in the high grassy area. Upon relocation she had a breach of manners.

Brace 8

Red Granite Henry Will Be A Star, Bob Bakas Magnum High Velocity Top Gun, Vince Anderson

After a fog delay on Saturday morning, we broke away at 9:10 am. Both dogs had a strong start. Henry ranged wide to the left showing in front as we went down the hill to the apple tree. As we headed back up the hill at 6, Gunner was seen standing on the right edge. Handler was not able to produce the bird and upon relocation, Gunner ended his bid. Henry continued his strong race on the edges of the Hire's field. He had a find on the far end of the field. Henry left no stone unturned, but wasn't able to come up with another find until 40 as we approached the boy scout bridge. Henry shortened some as we headed down cardiac hill and entered the derby course. He appeared to go on point by the sorghum strip, but it turned out to be the remnants of a lucky deer hunter from earlier in the day. We thank Ron Gulembo and Cindy Cropek for removing the remains before we encountered this part of the course again! Henry finished the hour with a stop to flush on the next hedgerow.

Brace 9

Kala's Thunder And Lightening Shortbarrels, Tom Christnagel Sigbrit's Evil Side Of The Road, Eddie Manifold

Broke away at 10:18 after the second hedgerow on the derby course. Ren was in and out of pocket for a while, but after crossing the wooden bridge, he had a find on the hedgerow before the sand road, with Boomer backing nicely. Ren had a second find after the sand road on the hedgerow to the right side. At 20, Boomer was not pleasing his handler and was leashed, while Ren was seen under a bird up front.

Brace 10

Atos, Jackie Hutwagner Hall's Baby Girl Madelyn, Shaun Hall

Breakaway at 11 am. At 2, Atos hit point on the left wooded edge. No bird was produced. Maddie continued her very snappy race forward, and hit point at 8, with Atos coming in for a back (Jackie was not far behind). Maddie was relocated and Atos moved on. Maddie was leashed for self-relocating while handler flushed. At 20, Atos had a find in the field by the big oak. He continued to zip along the orchard, hitting as many objectives as possible. He had a second





find in the orchard and cast wide to the right, where he encountered 2 bikers that were heading in our direction. Atos was heeled across the dyke while the course marshal rode to the bikers and had them hold up. All was in order as we crossed the wooden bridge and headed for the derby course. Atos took some time to be sent forward from the right side of the first hedgerow, but when he came forward, he finished well as we headed up cardiac hill.

Brace 11 Fairleah's Gambit, Richard Johnson Bark River Fresh Water Pearl, Jeff Stanton

Broke away at 1:43. Pearl was seen standing on the right edge just up the hill from the apple tree. Chess failed to back and was leashed. Pearl scored her second find by the cattails before the Hire's field. At 17, after working the entire center line of the Hire's field, Pearl established point by the fence in the Hire's field, all in order. Seen standing again at 30 on the right side before the dog leg field, Pearl was relocated with no bird produced. At 30, she had another unproductive at the cross hedgerow in the dog leg field.

Brace 12

Declared in Season, moved to the last brace Waypoint Deacon Of The Hunt, Thom Christnagel

Broke away 2:29 pm. Deke hunted well for his handler, but after disappearing in the sorghum strip in the derby course he was leashed as he came out under birds.

Brace 13

Parker de L'Etoile du Nord, Robert White Bantam'n Dr Jac's Shooter, Mike Magnuson

Broke away at 3:07 pm on the derby course. These 2 dogs hunted well together. After the wooden bridge they gained some range. At 14 they were both standing by a small mott to the left of the hedgerow before the sand road, birds were produced and all was in order. At 27, Shooter pointed before we head down the hill. No birds were produced. After the dyke, Shooter drew the line out toward Riverside and went on point. Parker displayed bad manners and was leashed. At 50, Shooter displayed excellent manners on a bird that crossed the path in front of him as we approached the orchard. He had another find at 52 in the orchard. He finished the hour in the orchard.

Brace 14

Rebelflame Ace Alec Hentges, Mary Tyson Nalko de Sentier du Ramier, Jackie Hutwagner

Broke away at 8:36 am Sunday morning. Ace was somewhat out of pocket at the start, while Nalko scored his first find at 5 along the

right edge after the apple tree. Nalko had a second find at 10 while catching up to Ace, who was already into the Hire's field. At 15, Ace had a find at the end of the field, with Nalko backing. Nalko then cast out toward the island in Hire's field and scored another find at 20. Five minutes later, Nalko had a breach of manners and was up. Ace took a good deal of time working the dog leg field. When he headed forward, he pointed on the cross hedge row and pointed a dead bird. Ace went on to make some very wide casts as we headed down toward the boy scout bridge. He had another find on the left edge just before the bridge. He finished the hour as we approached cardiac hill.

Brace 15

Romence's Life Of Riley, Julie Romence It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, Rebecca Walters

Broke away at 9:51 at the derby course. Riley scored her first find on the left side of the second hedge row. Cooper was ahead and did not stop when a bird flushed wild. Riley ran very independently. She had her next find on the right edge after the wooden bridge, and another on the right hedge row before the sand road at 24. At 30, Riley pointed on the cross hedge row after the sand road. At 35, Riley locked up along the path on the S-turn in the woods. No bird was produced. At 50, she had another find on the left side before the hill. She finished her hour at the dyke, with the same independence that she began with.

Brace 16

Dogwood's Moose, Chris Logan Hall's Baby Girl Sophie, Shawn Hall

Break away at 11:13 after the dyke. Both dogs were powerful off the breakaway. They were seen at the end of the tree line, almost to Riverside drive in an instant. As they drew up the hill toward the orchard. Sophie had a stop to flush on the left side of the woods edge. while Moose had a clean find off to the right. At 9, Moose had a find on the hedgerow entering the orchard, with Sophie backing nicely. Both dogs covered the orchard with great speed, not missing a single objective. At 12, Moose was seen on the bottom right edge of the orchard, but quickly came up the hill heading to the left side, where he went on point. Sophie honored again. Both dogs worked their way across the dyke and took off as we headed for the wooden bridge. At 35, Moose recorded another find on the derby course. Both dogs came out of cardiac hill and headed for the quarry. Moose went on point again after the sorghum strip, with Sophie backing once again. After an extensive flushing attempt both dogs were sent on to finish the hour just before the last hill leading to the quarry.



Brace 17

Cedar Glen Disruptin' The Peace, Bill Jones Spring Hill Red Hot Performance, John Bell

Broke away at 1:33 pm. Red headed left at the top of the first hill. He was out of pocket, but showed in front as we approached the apple tree. At 7, Colt went on point on the right edge after the apple tree, but was then seen in pursuit of his quarry. Red showed well in the Hire's field, not missing an edge. He disappeared behind the island at 20, and was found standing. After the find, Red headed north, again showing great application. At 25, he came to a stop in the far right corner, but took some time to pin the birds. When he did, all was in order. Red scored again at 35 after working the dog leg field. Red disappeared to the front and was found standing at the top of the heading down to the boy scout bridge. He stayed forward down the hill and had another find just before the bridge. After the bridge, Red was found standing again off the right side of the hedgerow before the sorghum. After relocation, no bird was produced. Red ended the hour as he headed down cardiac hill.

Brace 18

Alder Zerandipty, Richard Johnson Magnum High Velocity, Vince Anderson

Broke away in the derby course at 2:47 pm. Zera took off forward, while Gauge took the right edge around the field. Zera went on point at 3 while Gauge was leashed for failing to back. After relocation, no bird was produced. Zera was in and out of pocket. At 30, after the S-turn, Zera jumped out of high cover and went on point in front of the bird planting UTV. No bird was produced and the judges allowed her to continue because they felt she was getting scent from the bird planting wagon. She disappeared to the front and was spotted by the

course marshal buried in the woods before the dyke. No bird was produced and she was leashed.

Brace 19

Over Under Reign The Field, Samantha Gauthier

Broke away at 3:45. Reign didn't seem herself, perhaps being in season or wanting a bracemate. She cast up the right-side woods edge and crossed to the left side when she approached the orchard. Point was called, but nothing was produced after relocation. She continued her course at a steady pace. At 39, as we entered the derby course, Reign pointed on the right side of the hedgerow. After the find, Reign had trouble staying forward and was leashed.

**Special Note: Bob Bakas scouted all four dogs in the placements! Congratulations to all and looking forward to another stellar stake next year.

ABC National Walking Amateur Gun Dog Championship Grand Amateur Limited Gun Dog 1hr (34S)

J: Kevin Remmers & Jeffery Currier

- 1- DC/AFC/GFC STARLIGHT'S MERCURY OUT RYDER (D), by DC/ AFC Timberline Strait to the Point JH x FC Rubyridge's Million Dollar Baby UDX; o/h Teresa Richmond
- 2- DOGWOOD'S MOOSE (D), by FC Ringo Rascal x Dogwood's Haley; o/h Christopher Logan C.
- 3- DC RED GRANITE'S HENRY WILL BE A STAR (D), by FC/AFC Starlight's Where There's A Will x Dr. Jac's Ruby Tuesday; o/h Robert Bakas
- 4- FC/AFC ATOS DS (D), by Gatsby du mas D'Eyraud x Lara del Cecchetto; o/h John Hutwagner

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