2022 ABC National Gun Dog Championship

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L-R: Lisa Pollock Chair, Judge Dennis Sullivan, Joe Williams, Richard Beaver with Tequilla Chica Bonita, Bob Burchett, Mike Poehler & Hyatt Burchett with Sovereign's Judge N Jury, Chuck & Marcia Lawrence, Dawn Droel, Scott Johnson with My Lil Classic Mercedes, Judge Andrew Campbell, Jackie Hutwagner with Atos, Tom & Debbie Jagielski, Bill Hancock

For the 2022 National Open Gun Dog Championship in Booneville, Arkansas, 55 dogs were entered. There was one weather delay for the first day, but after that all flowed well.

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Our prestigious judges Dennis Sullivan and Andrew Campbell have been in pointing breeds for many years, bringing extensive knowledge in trialing and judging a variety of breeds. Many thanks to Dennis and Andrew for their time in the saddle, expertise and contributions to the event's success.

Thank you to our sponsors Purina and Garmin. Purina fuels many of the competitors and provides financial support for the event and complimentary bags of dog food for each entry. The winners received Pro-Plan dog food, an electronic training collar and a trooper saddle that was hand tooled and crafted by Kevin Parish, The Saddle Guy. Trophies and plaques were awarded to the placing dogs.

Thank you to the Field Trial Chairperson, Lisa Pollock, along with Darlene Dow for serving as the Field Trial Secretary and Joanne Perry as the reporter. Members of the Field Trial Committee were Darlene Dow, Ed Koska, Teresa Richmond and John Perry who also served as the Stakes Manager and organized the Marshals. Thank you to Linda Thomas for making sure the donuts and coffee were on the dog wagon. Thank you, Darlene, for taking care of the Calcutta. Thank you to all who volunteered to marshal; to Ed Koska for driving the dog wagon; and the countless others who volunteered their time, effort, knowledge and support.

Friday night was the welcome dinner catered by Judy Tipton and her awesome team; many thanks for keeping everyone well-nourished throughout the event. Following the dinner was a fun and successful Calcutta. Saturday was a rain delay however, last-year's winners' dinner was on for Copley-Shelttany Echo of Angels (Zoie). Julio and Connie

Rodriguez gave a very nice presentation and everyone enjoyed a fantastic meal. After Saturday's running, Purina catered the dinner for the Magnum's Masked Man award. Thank you to Bob Burchett for presenting the award and the perpetual trophy. Congratulations to Vince and Denise Anderson on winning the Magnum's Masked Man award with Gauge along with providing music for the evening. This was Gauge's 5th time winning this award. Sunday evening was the Garmin Award presented to Julio and Connie Rodriguez. They were awarded a beautiful picture of Zoie. Congratulations once again! What a year for Zoie!

To our sponsors, the competitors, the gallery and to everyone who volunteered, we greatly appreciate all that you did to make the event successful and fun. Thank you to all!

The winners: Due to bitches in heat and one medical cause, bracing was modified.

The Champion from brace 11, Tequila Chica Bonita

a) Tequila Chica Bonita (Chica) – Richard Beaver





b) TNT's Nymph in Harlem Pants (Jazz) - Bob Burchett

Chica came out the gate with her game face on with "Jimmy" (aka Richard) at the helm. Chica hit point on a covey in the island of trees at 23 with pizzaz. Both dogs handled the Fish Hook like no others so far, hunting and reaching to the edges then making a nice move, rimming the far side of the pond. Chica scored again at 40 before old 109, again very stylish with stellar manners. Jazz also had a find in the dirt road at old 109 with good manners. Chica was seen standing again at 57 well off her game at the motts leaving the old 109-area. With all manners in order and looking quite good Chica finished strong to the front with Jazz close on her heels.

From brace 8 came the runner-up Sovereign's Judge and Jury

- a) MK's My Lil Classic (Classic Nova) Scott Johnson
- b) Sovereign's Judge and Jury (J.J.) Bob Burchett

After the dogs broke away, at 24 Bob called point, however, this resulted in a nonproductive. At forty-four minutes, at the sorghum strip J.J. had a bird find with all in order and another find at 45 minutes at the end of the strip in the evergreen. Classic Nova had a nice run with no bird work. Both dogs finished the hour at the bridge.

Third place from brace 1 was My Lil Classic Mercedes

- a) Hurricane Banjo (Banjo) Bob Bakas
- b) My Lil Classic Mercedes (Cedes) Richard Beaver

Both dogs hit the ground running. At 11 minutes, point was called for Cedes; after the covey lifted we were off to the front. Banjo was seen standing to the front at 16 minutes as Cedes came in for the back. Bob



flushed a covey while Banjo remained stylish and staunch. Twenty-three minutes in by Lick Creek both dogs were seen standing; Cedes' bird lifted as Banjo backed. Cedes scored again at 28, while at 36, point was called for Banjo; he was moved as deer were seen leaving. At 52 minutes Cedes had a nonproductive; with a minute and a-half left, a bird lifted in front of Banjo and he went with it as Cedes finished at the bridge.

Awarded fourth place from brace 6 was ATOS

- a) Ramblin' Gamblin' Willie (Willie) Al Cropek
- b) ATOS (ATOS) Jackie Hutwagner

Willie scored a nice find at 4 minutes. ATOS was seen forward standing very staunch on the right, before Mario's Hill. The covey lifted with everything in order, and Jackie's enthusiasm could be felt as ATOS and Willie ran forward nicely. At the trap house Willie had a nonproductive, with a second find at 20. ATOS scored another nice find at 38, grabbing with ground with gusto, while in Willie came back and forth looking for direction from Al. At 55 going through the cut, they had a divided stop to flush. Both dogs finished the hour, with ATOS a bit more forward.

Saturday, November 26 was a rain delay

Day 1 – Sunday, November 27, 2022. The breakaway was cloudy and very damp due to the previous day's weather

Brace 5 – Coos Triple Six scratched due to medical. Kinwashkly King Louie moved to 26

Brace 2:

- a) Big Canyon Chasing the Rising Bar (Cam) Scott Johnson
- b) Hoochie Coochie Man (Karl) Ed Tillson

The dogs did a nice job on the ground, Cam thought Scott needed assistance with the bird work. Karl had a good find at 23 before the Fish Hook, which he handled nicely before going MIA. At 49, Ed pulled the tracker for Karl.

Brace 3:

- a) Starlight's Callisto Moon (Cal) Bob Burchett
- b) Magnum's High Velocity Top Gun (Gunner) Vince Anderson

Cal made several nice casts throughout the hour with bird work at 22. Gunnar was short running with no bird work.

Brace 4:

- a) Lila's Winchester ShotGunn (Lila) Bob Burchett
- b) Turning Points Shenanigans (Shandy) Julie Nelson

Bird work for Shandy at 17 minutes was a bump and then a chase. Lila was a close running dog then went missing. At 44 minutes Bob pulled the tracker.



Brace 5:

- a) TMR Rosie's Emerald Lass (Emmy) Scott Johnson
- b) Firestarter Born Among the Stars (Glory) Shawn Macleod Seven minutes into the brace, Emmy went for the chase and Glory had a stop to flush. Glory was close in range and had no other bird work.

Day 2 - Monday, November 28, 2022 - This morning was a 45-minute fog delay.

Brace 7:

- a) Crosscreek Sovereign Pop-A-Top (Jackson) Bob Burchett
- b) Mystical Foxy Lady (Roxy) Diane Vater

Jackson seemed to have other things on his mind today. Roxy had a nice gun dog run with an unproductive at 57 with Jackson backing. That was the conclusion of the hour.

Brace 9:

- a) Supernova (Nova) Scott Johnson
- b) Miss Behavin (Ivy) Al Cropek

Nova scored first at 13 before Mario's Hill; she was gone then showed up from behind seeming a bit tuckered. Ivy took the two-track, often checking in with AI; she continued birdless and was picked up at 50 minutes. Scott pulled the tracker at 45 for Nova as she was MIA.

Brace 10

- a) Starlight Mercury Out Ryder (Ryder) Teresa Richmond
- b) Wingra's Indy-Go (Indy) (Ed Tillson)

From the start, Indy was handling closely; he had an unproductive at 14 and 17 which ended his time. At 16 Ryder on the other hand had a nice find. He looked somewhat tired as we headed toward the double red gates and finished the hour at the bridge.

Brace 12

- a) Crosscreek Sanbar Windrider (P Ryder) Bob Burchett
- b) Red Granite's Henry Will Be a Star (Henry) Bob Bakas

Henry started out like a missile, landing a covey find at 10 before Mario's Hill; he settled in a little more as the hour went on, at 33 point was called, it turned out to be an unproductive. At 37 P Ryder had point called; it also turned out to be an unproductive, and at 40, Bob Burchett opted to pick up P Ryder. Henry also started to call it quits as the hour came to a close.

Day 3- Tuesday, November 29, 2022 - It was humid and quite warm. Brace 13

- a) Blaze Away Bonita (Boo) Bob Burchett
- b) J & M Rodeo Romeo (Tuff) Ed Tillson

Both dogs started well; however, at 28 Ed picked up Tuff as he was not accomplishing his goal today. Boo went the hour birdless.

Brace 14 Over Under's Amos Moses (Amos) – Scott Johnson

a) Sovereign's Hanky Panky (Ollie) - Bob Burchett

At 8 minutes Amos had an unproductive. Both dogs worked the cover





closely. At 41, Bob elected to pick up Ollie and Scott picked up Amos at 43.

Brace 15

- a) Maxime ConSessor dela Trinite (Moose) Matt Basilone
- b) Knine Finale's Way to Go (Allie) Ed Tillson

This brace was a brace of legs and speed. Both dogs hit the ground and were gone, only Intermittently seen on far edges or often not at all; and with that race both went birdless.

Brace 16

- a) Nalko des Sentier du Ramier II (Nalko) Jackie Hutwagner
- b) Jowill's Sir Walter Raleigh (Raleigh) Joe Williams

With the winds that picked up, conditions were not conducive for scenting. At 44, Nalko had a nonproductive while Raleigh went birdless. Both dogs finished the hour.

Brace 17

- a) Over Under Reign the Field (Reign) Al Cropek
- b) Copley-Shelttany Echo of Angels (Zoie) Scott Johnson

At 17 Reign ran through a covey of birds. At 46, Zoie scored a find but looked tired. At old-109, Scott elected to pick her up at 51.

Brace 18

- a) B & T's Sundance Kid Rock (Rocky) Scott Johnson
- b) Pretty Blue Eyes a Sweet touch of Charlie B (Charlie) Bob Bakas

Both dogs hunted well. There was a rather large hawk sighted, but that was the only bird work in the brace that ended the day.

Day 4 – Wednesday, November 30, 2022 – A good cool day for running dogs

Brace 19

- a) Royal Flush Sire Oliver Twist (Ollie) Al Cropek
- b) Marjo's Pineyrun Blew Genes (Levi) Matt Basilone

Point was called for Levi at 17 with Ollie coming in for the back before Lick Creek. Then at 24 Levi and Ollie had a divided find before the Big Oak. Levi left point and was gone, while Ollie stayed for a relocation that unfortunately did not produce a bird. Thirty minutes out, Ollie's handler opted to pick him up.

Brace 20

- a) Pursuit's Little Phoenix (Phoebe) Bob Burchett
- b) Magnum High Velocity (Gauge) Vince Anderson

Both dogs started a nice race. Gauge had a nice covey find at 34 and a nonproductive at 39. Bob elected to pick up Phoebe while Gauge was a bit tuckered, he went on to complete the hour.

Brace 21

- a) Diamond Hill Dangerous Big Bang (Leonard) Scott Johnson
 - b) Sigbrit's Evils Side of The Road (Ren) Eddie Manifold



Ren had his running shoes and was directionally challenged at the start. When he decided to change directions, he was gone and Eddie pulled the tracker. Scott opted to pick up Leonard at 45. Neither dog had any birdwork.

Brace 22

- a) It's 5' O'clock Somewhere (Cooper) Rebecca Walters
- b) Saradac's Dangerous Caper (Caper) Lisa Pollock

The two dogs were nicely hunting the cover. At 17, point was called for Caper; after a relocation she moved on. Forty minutes in Caper was seen standing, however, this would be her second unproductive. At 42, Rebecca called point; as she was flushing, Cooper wanted to assist.

Brace 23

- a) Hit's A Ring of Fire (Ringer) Matt Basilone
- b) Kozy's Rocky Mountain Gambler (Eli) Al Cropek

Eli established a stylish point at 9, which unfortunately resulted in an unproductive. Heading into the Fish Hook, Al decided to pick up Eli. Ringer had already entered the Fish Hook and was MIA; as he was gone too long, Matt also opted to pick him up.

Brace 24

- a) Bama Jamma Willy's Sassie Sadie (Sadie) Bob Burchett
- b) Almaden's Under Lock and Key (Oudie) Ed Tillson

Point was called for Sadie at 11. Bob searched, but it was a nonproductive. On the left, Oudie ran through a covey of birds. Sadie made a lot of nice moves with good ground application; at 56 minutes she established point and Bob had to literally kick the birds to flight. She finished the hour nicely.

Day 5 – Thursday, December 1, 2022 – This morning it is in the 30's with frost on the ground.

Brace 25

a) Ru-Jen's Grand Touch of Bourbon (Touch) - Rebecca Walters

b) Wiyanna (Anna) – Scott Johnson

After being out of pocket for a bit, Touch had a nice covey find before Lick Creek at 18 minutes; at 40 Rebecca pulled her tracker for him. Anna came from behind a couple times. She had bird work at 49 and then an unproductive at 51 entering the river bottom. She moved on to finish the hour.

Brace 26

- a) Kinwashkly King Louie (Louie) Diane Vater
- b) By

This dog and handler worked like a hand and glove. Louie never gave up looking for the elusive game and was always to the front with an awesome ground application. The connection between handler and dog was definitely a special one. Although no birds were produced, he finished

the hour just like he started. Well done.

Brace 27

- a) Romence of Riley (Riley) Bob Burchett
- b) Saradac's Diamond Facet (JoJo) Scott Johnson

At eleven minutes Riley and JoJo established point on the same treeline several yards apart. Both proved to be a nonproductive. Scott pulled the tracker for JoJo at 40 as she was MIA and suspected on a deer run. Riley handled kindly, but had no birds.

Brace 28

- a) Stellar Fifty One (Stella) Bob Burchett
- b) Bye

Stella hunted quite well. A couple times she came from the back then continued forward. At 31 there was barking in the treeline. Bob elected to pick her up.

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- J: Dennis Sullivan & Andrew Campbell
- 1- CH TEQUILA CHICA BONITA (B), by Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid x Sniksoh Tequila Caliente; o Richard & Amanda Beaver, h Richard Beaver
- 2- GCH/DC SOVEREIGN'S JUDE N JURY (D), by CH Sovereign's Cut to the Chase JH x CH Sovereign's Legendary Chocolate JH; o Dawn & Joe Droel & Marcia Lawrence; h Bob Burchett
- 3- MY LIL CLASSIC MERCEDES (B), by Willie Makeit x MK's My Lil Classic; o Richard & Amanda Beaver, o Richard Beaver
- 4- FC/AFC ATOS DS (D), by Gatsby Daoras D'Eyraud x Lora de Cecchetto; o/h John Hutwagner

