

Iowa Brittany Club
Spring 2014 Horseback Field Trial
Hickman Ranch, Grand River, IA
April 4-9, 2014

The Iowa Brittany Club held its spring horseback field trial at the Hickman Ranch, near Grand River, Iowa. We were extremely pleased and grateful to be allowed the use of these grounds for our trial. Although this was our first visit to this venue, numerous other clubs have run here over the past two decades. However, field trials were suspended approximately one year ago when a portion of the Ranch was sold and we are the first club to be permitted to run here since.

Early spring in Iowa is often a guessing game as far as weather conditions, and this year was no exception. Friday was windy and raw, but conditions improved over the weekend and it warmed up significantly by Sunday. The three days of the Ed Powell Memorial Grand Open Limited Gun Dog, run on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, ran the gamut from freezing temperatures some mornings to highs in the 70s, dead calm to strong winds, and sunny conditions to cold rain. Nevertheless, good dogs rose to meet the variable conditions. DC Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper, handled by Scott Johnson won the 26-dog Open All Age for owner Vern Brunen. Tommy Thomas won the Amateur All Age with his dog CH/AFC TNT's Blazing Shoshoni Shake 'N Bake. Open Puppy was cancelled due to lack of entries, but Open Derby saw Cast-A-Britt Little Dorrit top 13 other young dogs for the win. Dolly was handled by Bob Burchett. FC Sniksoh Sally, also handled by Bob Burchett for owners Phil and Louise Corlew, topped 34-dog Open Gun Dog to continue her winning ways this spring. TJ's Liberty Bell bested the field of 17 in Amateur Gun Dog for owner/handler Bruce Heiter. Tom Tracy, Jr. handled FC Dakota's Gun Runner's Buckshot to the win in the Ed Powell Memorial Grand Open Limited Gun Dog for owner Jim Berkowitz. Details of this stake are given separately.

Putting on an event of this nature requires a lot of hard work and coordination, especially when running on grounds for the first time. We are especially appreciative of the judges who evaluated the dogs and rendered their decisions. Field Trial Chairman Roger Stowell and his committee of Jon St. Clair, Marty McVey, Keith Thompson, Bob Burchett, Val Weaver, and Ken Windom kept things running by planting birds, loading dogs on the dog wagon, keeping the water tank filled, and the many other tasks that invariably come up. Marcy Beveridge kept everyone fed and arranged for a wonderful BBQ dinner Saturday. Most of all, we wish to thank all those who came and participated.

IOWA BRITTANY CLUB SPRING 2014 FIELD TRIAL RESULTS
APRIL 4 - 9, 2014 HICKMAN RANCH GRAND RIVER, IOWA

OPEN DERBY (14S) JUDGES: David Johnson / Charles Schaefer	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st Cast-A-Britt Little Dorrit	Bond's Dura Maxamillion x Cast-A-Britt Swift Taylor	Herbert L Park / Bob Burchett
2nd Big Creek's Sadie	FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x Allied's Dazee Belle	Wes & Karol Shaffer / Bob Burchett
3rd Broxden Lady Wing Shot At Westwood	GCH/CH Dual Lanes Cam, JH x GCH/CH Ataboy's Dazzle Me Daphne, JH	Daniel & Diana Borash / Scott Johnson
4th Shady Kid's Dirty Bo	FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x BMJ's Dirty Dozen Dixie	Charlie Pearson / Bob Burchett

AMATEUR GUN DOG (17S) JUDGES: Richard Brewington / Kendall Brown	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st TJ's Liberty Bell	FC Lobo's Blazing Bandit x Allied's Daisy Bell	Bruce Heiter / Bruce Heiter
2nd Blazin Shadow's Bama Jama, JH	FC DB's Blazin Shadow x DB's All Day Alabama	Roger Stowell / Roger Stowell
3rd Kid's Little Ann	AFC Shady's Count Kid x FC Majestic's Sassy Lady	Bruce Heiter / Bruce Heiter
4th Hy Steppin Libby's Liebling	Nolan's Last Bullet x Vanpo's KY Queen	Chris & Gerilyn Sennott / Chris Sennott

OPEN GUN DOG 34(S) JUDGES: John Houck / Scott Oehl	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st FC Sniksoh Sally	FC/AFC Shiksoh Little Rascal x Sniksoh Next Gen	Phillip & Louise Corlew / Bob Burchett
2nd WW's Million Dollar Mollee	NFC/AFC Aux Arc's Mark x FC/AFC The Far Side's Kid Amee	Burton Wice / Burton Wice
3rd St Clair's Prince Rocco Vulcano Leo	SLW Prince Duke Jr x Misty Morning XXIII	Jon St Clair / Scott Johnson
4th Shiloh's Premiere Lady Dual Oaks	DC Redline's Smokin Gun x CH Shiloh's True Believer, JH	Chris & Leslie Robinson / Scott Johnson

OPEN LTD GUN DOG (30S) – 1 HOUR JUDGES: Kendall Brown / Kevin Stonehouse	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st Dakota Gun Runner's Buckshot	FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat x JB's Georgian Amber Blaze	James Berkowitz / Tom Tracy, Jr.
2nd DC Rico's Hi Proof Bootlegger	DC Barney's Hi Proof Ronrico x FC Jay Hawk's Georgia Girl	Chuck & Jill Schaefer / Bob Burchett
3rd Augustus of Tiger	FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat x JB's Georgia Amber Blaze	Bo & Renae Ackerman / Tom Tracy, Jr.
4th Wild Mtn Head Em Up – Move Em Out	DC/AFC The Whiz Kid x DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous	Marcy Beveridge, Roger Stowell, Helen & Brian Riggle / Bob Burchett

AMATEUR ALL AGE (6S) JUDGES: Todd Parmenter / Tom Tracy, Jr.	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st CH TNT's Blazing Shoshoni Shake N' Bake	DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x CH Country Roads Hunkydory	Tom Thomas / Tom Thomas

2nd FC Shady Way Red Tail Hawk	CH Lost Creek Red x S'No Fun Sea Hawk	Bret & John Lindbeck / Bret Lindbeck
3rd McChesney's I Got My Mojo Working	NFC/DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon x FC Lost Creek Kate	John Chejne & Connie McCaffrey / John Chejne
4th Withheld		

OPEN ALL AGE (26S) JUDGES: Bruce Heiter / Bill Cockrum	SIRE / DAM	OWNER / HANDLER
1st DC Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper	Can DC Kinwashkly Mac Magoo FDJ x CH Kinwashkly French Velour	Vern & Kim Brunen / Scott Johnson
2nd CH Blueridge Hunter Gonna Fly	DC/AFC TC's Match Boks Racer x DC T'Kalis Feel The Wind	Sandra & Don Frost / Scott Johnson
3rd NFC/FC Sparky's Prairie Wind Gypsy	NAFC/FC/AFC Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D x Two Rivers Skyhawk	Barry Koepke & Karen Fujikawa / Jim John
4th McChesney's I Got My Mojo Working	NFC/DC/AFC Ru-Jem's Touch Of Bourbon x FC Lost Creek Kate	John Chejne & Connie McCaffrey / Jim John

Ed Powell Memorial
Grand Open Limited Gun Dog
April 7-9, 2014
Hickman Ranch, near Grand River, Iowa
Reported by Ken Windom

The 2014 running of the Ed Powell Memorial was held at the Hickman Ranch and the adjacent property known as "Rowdy Reserve" near Grand River, Iowa. Although these grounds have been the site of many bird dog field trials, this is the first time the Iowa Brittany Club has run here. Everyone in attendance seemed to be very favorably impressed with the lay of the land, which consists of rolling hills separated by tree-lined draws containing ample cover to hold birds. Several ponds and shallow waterways are situated at strategic locations, providing convenient access to water for dogs and horses. We are indeed grateful to the owners of the properties we utilized for this trial.

Special thanks go to all who helped with the logistics of this trial. Charlie Pearson acted as road guard, Chuck "The Elephant Man" Schaefer drove the dog wagon, and his lovely wife Jill (who thinks all trucks look alike) provided refreshments for the morning and afternoon breaks. Ken Windom planted birds and acted as course marshal and reporter.

Judges for this event were long-time bird dog enthusiasts Kendall Brown of Knoxville, Iowa and Kevin Stonehouse of Clay Center, Kansas. Both gentlemen have spent untold hours in the saddle watching pointing dogs of all breeds and gave each dog their full attention throughout the running of this stake. They awarded the blue ribbon to FC Dakota's Gun Runner's Buckshot, handled by Tom Tracy, Jr. for owner Jim Berkowitz. Buck, a white and orange male coming 6 years old, ran to the limits of the course, scoring 4 well-spaced finds plus a back and stood mannerly as the bird flew directly over him while he was backing his bracemate. Second place went to DC Rico's Hi Proof Bootlegger, handled by Bob Burchett. Mason, as he is called, is an orange and white male coming 7 years old and owned by Chuck and Jill Schaefer. Mason showed excellent application during his hour, requiring little guidance from his handler. He carded 6 well-spaced finds, marred only by a small hop on his third find. Third place went to FC Augustus of Tiger, a white and orange male coming 6 years old, handled by Tom Tracy, Jr. for owners Bo & Renae Ackerman. Gus ran a big race, but required more handling than either of the two top dogs. He had 2 finds during his hour. Fourth place went to Wild Mtn Head Em Up – Move Em Out, a liver and white 2 year old male, handled by Bob Burchett. Rowdy is owned by Brian and Helen Riggle, Marcy Beveridge, and Roger Stowell. Rowdy was braced with the winner and proved he has what it takes to be competitive with much more mature dogs. Keep an eye out for this youngster in the coming years.

The Running:

Weather conditions for the first morning braces were cool temperatures and no wind.

Brace 1: WW's Million Dollar Mollee (Wice) and Ricochet Gunsmokes Mr. Dillion (Burchett). The first brace left from behind camp at 8:00 AM. Both dogs broke away to the front. Mollee had the bigger race of the two, but she proved to be somewhat difficult to handle this day and lacked consistency in her application. She suffered a non-productive at 9 but scored a find at 40. Dillon did not have bird contact during his hour.

Brace 2: Sniksoh Sally (Burchett) and Dr. Block's Reacher (Trafton). The second brace broke away on top of the ridge on the east edge of the property, heading north. Both dogs took the fence row north, heading toward what would later be called "Deer Park", an area adjacent to wooded state grounds. Sally disappeared over the hill in this area and handler called for the tracking device at 15. Reacher had a find at 10 but shortened up and handler elected to pick up at 30.

Brace 3: Harper's Windy City Harley Quinn (Burchett) and Dual Lanes Cam (Johnson). Harley's bid was cut short by a fluttering bird at 3. Cam continued forward at moderate range with good application. He pointed at 12 and handler recovered a dead bird. He pointed again at 37 along the creek bank near the far west rock crossing on the south course, but handler was unable to produce a bird. He was finally rewarded with a bird at 53 in a motte south of the road. Unfortunately, he failed to recognize a woodcock at 58 as we were crossing the road to the north course, ending his bid. This crossing was later dubbed the "Big Johnson Woodcock Crossing" by one of the judges.

A weather system began moving in to the region about midday, bringing some light winds early, followed by stronger winds and showers by late afternoon, a definite change from the calm conditions of the morning.

Brace 4: Chesterfield's Molly (Tracy) and Blazin Shadow's Bama Jama (Burchett). The first brace after lunch broke away from camp at 1:30. Molly suffered two non-productives during the first 10 minutes and handler elected to pick up. Jammie ran at moderate range, looking in likely places for birds, but was not rewarded with a find. Handler elected to pick up at 52 at the Big Johnson Woodcock Crossing.

Brace 5: Wild Mtn's Midnight Rendezvous (Burchett) and Augustus of Tiger (Tracy). Brace 5 was loosed from the top of the hill on the east edge of the property, heading north. Both dogs put down a strong opening cast along the fence line, turning at the north end and rimming the edges of the big draw coming south from the Deer Park. Josey was found on point at 13 by scout and a bird was produced with all in order. Gus pointed at 37 at the head of the large pond, also with all in order. He scored a second find at 43 after crossing onto the south course. Both dogs ran strong races today with Gus being the wider of the two, but also requiring more handling to bring around.

Brace 6: Lost Creek A Shot of Bourbon (Tracy) and St. Clair's Prince Rocco Volcano Leo (Johnson). The dogs left from the big rock crossing on the south course heading north and onto the north course at the Big Johnson Woodcock Crossing. Rocco pointed at 10 along the big draw up from the large pond with all in order, and scored a second find at 16 further down the draw. Unfortunately, a bird popped in front of Rocco at 28 as he went through the first crossing north of camp and Rocco was unable to stop in time. Meanwhile, Streak met with a similar fate about 100 yards further on, ending the first day of running.

Rain fell overnight, but Tuesday morning was sunny with temperatures in the high 30s to low 40s and a stiff wind from the NNW.

Brace 7: Wrigley's Bodemeister (Burchett) and Trasa's Little Sky Dancer (Johnson). Sky went straight to hunting at short to moderate range, checking all potential locations. She scored finds at 10 and 26. Bode did not have his best day today, having problems getting lined out. He pointed at 34 but suffered a let-down in style and was picked up at this point.

Brace 8: Rico's Hi Proof Bootlegger (Burchett) and Cedar Valley Spider (Tracy). The dogs were away to the north from the top of the east ridge, Mason along the east fence and Spider along the draw north of the large pond. Mason pointed at 2 and a bird was produced with all in order. Meanwhile, Spider was credited with a stop-to-flush at the head of the draw, also at 2. Mason scored his second find at 10, with Spider backing, at the head of one of the short fingers coming off the main draw. His third find came at 23 along the west fence line. Judge reported that he took one hop at the flush, but was otherwise mannerly. Spider pointed at 25 with all in order. Mason pointed at 37 south of big pond but no bird was produced and dog was taken on. Mason's 4th find came at 43 after crossing to the south course, standing staunchly throughout the flush and flight. Meanwhile, Spider was credited with a stop-to-flush at 36 and a find at 42. Mason pointed again at 51 along a draw on the west side of the south course. Bird lifted as handler approached, a shot was fired and the dog taken on. Both dogs scored separate finds at 59 along adjacent draws on either side of the ridge near the big rock crossing on the south course. Both dogs covered the course well, with Mason having the better handle of the two and a more consistent race.

Brace 9: TLM Tall Tale (Tracy) and Touch of Bourbon Little Chug (Burchett). The brace began just past the big rock crossing on the south course, headed north. Carson pointed at 3 in the motte south of the road. Sam failed to honor his bracemate and was up. Neither flushing attempt nor relocation produced a bird so dog was taken on. He ran the edge along the east property line, coming out at the road and crossing over to the north course, where he continued his forward race. He pointed at 18 at the head of the draw above the large pond. Initial flushing attempt was unsuccessful so dog relocated across the ditch and pointed again some 50 feet or more from where he initially stopped. Handler flushed a bird, with all in order. Carson continued to rim the edges, requiring little to no handling. He pointed again at 47, but went with the bird before handler arrived, ending what had been a strong bid up to this point.

Brace 10: TNT's Blazing Shoshoni Shake 'N Bake (Thomas) and Power's Amazing Zoe (Johnson). The first brace after lunch left from behind camp headed north. Bubba pointed at 10 along the fence line in the NW corner. Zoe ran past, causing the bird to lift and both dogs gave chase, ending this brace early.

Brace 11: Turning Pts Landslide (Johnson) and Pursuit's Flashy Chick (Trafton). The dogs were loosed just before the course makes a sweeping turn through Deer Park. Mack made the turn and headed forward, but Bonnie hung up in the far corner for several minutes. After returning, she pointed at 9 along the draw north of the large pond but no bird was produced. Approaching the road crossing at 23, Bonnie headed toward camp and handler elected to pick up at that point. Meanwhile, Mack scored a find along the draw south of the large pond at 12. He later pointed along the woods edge on the south course, but attempted to help his handler during the flushing attempt and was up at 26.

Brace 12: Coco Dot (Johnson) and Lost Creek Cast A Shadow (Burchett). Dogs were cast off heading south along the west property boundary. After making the turn back north past the big rock crossing, Cooper struck an edge and made a huge move, only to have a bird pop in front of him at the corner of the field. He gave chase, ending his bid at 14. Coco Dot seemed distracted on this day and handler elected to pick up at 27.

Temperature at breakaway Wednesday was 32, with a cloudless sky and gentle breeze. The forecast calls for much warmer temperatures and stronger winds as the day progresses.

Brace 13: Dakota's Gun Runner's Buckshot (Tracy) and Wild Mtn Head Em Up – Move Em Out (Burchett). The first brace of the final day broke away at 8:00 AM behind camp. Buck was moving well, taking the outside edges of the course. Rowdy took a bit longer to get lined out, but settled in and rimmed the draws. Buck scored his first find at 12 along the west fence line on the north end of the course. Coming forward, he had finds at 17 and 21, both with all in order, before crossing over to the south course. Rowdy pointed at 41 at the end of the south draw before the big rock crossing, with Buck backing. At the flush, the bird flew over Buck's head but he stood mannerly throughout. Both dogs took the west edge of the second field past big rock crossing. Rowdy reached the corner of the field first and indicated possible game but did not locate a bird and went ahead. Buck came in later and spun on point at the same location. Handler flushed a bird with all in order. Rowdy stopped at 56 along draw north of big pond but handler found only a dead bird. The brace ended their hour at Deer Park, both dogs having run hard along the edges throughout the hour with Buck having the bigger and wider race of the two.

Brace 14: MK's Magnificent Bandito (Johnson) and Starlight's Billion Times Brighter (Burchett). Bandito stopped at 6 along bottom of the big draw on north side. Billie came in for the back. No bird was produced. Bandito had trouble finding the front after being asked to relocate and Scott picked up at 18. Billie was not pushing the top dogs and handler elected to pick up at 33 as we crossed onto the south course.

Brace 15: Pursuit's Swizzlechik (Trafton) and Shiloh's Premiere Lady Dual Oaks (Johnson). Final brace broke away south of road. Zoie pointed at 1, but Penny failed to honor and was up. Scott was able to produce a bird with all in order. Zoie pointed again at 12 along the south draw before the big rock crossing on the south end but handler reported that only feathers were to be found and took the dog on. Zoie hunted hard the next 20 minutes but her race today was not pushing the top dogs and handler elected to pick up at 33 after crossing back onto the north course.

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April 7-9, 2014
1-Hour Heats 30 Starters
Judges: Kevin Stonehouse and Kendall Brown

1st: FC Dakota's Gun Runner's Buckshot (D), By FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat X JB's Georgian Amber Blaze; O: James W. Berkowitz, H: Tom Tracy, Jr

2nd: DC Rico's Hi Proof Bootlegger (D), By DC Barney's Hi Proof Ronrico X FC Jay Hawk's Georgia Girl; O: Chuck and Jill Schaeffer, H: Bob Burchett

3rd: FC Augustus of Tiger (D), By FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat X JB's Georgian Amber Blaze; O: Bo & Renae Ackerman, H: Tom Tracy, Jr.

4th: Wild Mtn Head Em Up – Move Em Out (D), By DC/AFC The Whiz Kid X DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous; O: Brian & Helen Riggle, Marcy Beveridge & Roger Stowell, H: Bob Burchett



Front Row (L-R): Tom Tracy, Jr. with FC Dakota's Gun Runner's Buckshot; Bob Burchett with DC Rico's Hi Proof Bootlegger; Tommy Thomas with FC Augustus of Tiger; Val Weaver with Wild Mtn Head Em Up-Move Em Out.
Back Row (L-R): Kevin Stonehouse, Judge; Kendall Brown, Judge; Chuck Schaefer, Jill Schaefer, Marcy Beveridge.