

**2011 American Brittany Club National Amateur All Age Championship**  
**Booneville, Arkansas**  
**November 21-26, 2011**  
As seen by Jan Kilpatrick



L-R: Tom Robin, Tom White with Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid, judge, Chris Rider, Steve Ralph, Margaret Horstmeyer with MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio, reporter Jan Kilpatrick, Dr. Robert Rankin, Vicki Rankin, Tom Milam with TJ's Prairie Blizzard, judge Rich Barber, Jessica Carlson, Paul Pollock, Lisa Pollock with TM's Tennessee Twister, judge Mike Aldrich

The 2011 running of the American Brittany Club National Amateur All Age Championship boasted an entry of 43 dogs with all 43 coming to the line starting November 21 at the J. Perry Mickles Blue Mountain Wildlife Demonstration Area (WDA) near Booneville, Arkansas to vie for the coveted title of the ABC National Amateur All Age Field Champion.

Named 2011 National Amateur All Age Field Champion was youngster and first time competitor at this national event **Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid "Sonny"** owned and handled by Joe Gower of California. This exciting not quite 3 year old white and orange dog is out of NGDC/FC San-Dee's Blazing Shane x FC/AFC Stevix Bulletproof Jill and was bred by Steve Cosgrave. Sonny ran as top dog in Brace 9 on the newly charted single course made necessary by an abundance of rain. He topped the field by running fast and forward, hitting all likely objectives near and far on both sides of the course. Sonny and Joe worked in harmony over this environmental challenged looping course. Sonny displayed impeccable manners, style and intensity on all three of his finds, all involving multiple birds. Sonny was just plain fun to watch and his performance best fit the judge's criteria for a true all age bird dog Champion.

Runner-up Champion was **DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio "Rita"** handled by Tom White and owned by Tom White and Margaret Horstmeyer long time California residents that now reside in Idaho. Rita is a 5 year old orange and white bitch out of DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo ("Sammy" who has placed at the Nationals) x DC/AFC Single Shot of Scipio ("Emme" who has placed 5 times at National Open and Amateur Championships). Emme is out of Tom & Margaret's 2002 NFC/DC/AFC Microchips of Nutmeg "Meg" so there is a strong matriarchal component in Rita's lineage. Rita was bottom dog in brace 13 which ran first on Wednesday afternoon. Rita ran a swift, snappy, serious bird finding race carding 6 finds in her hour on the ground. Her second find really stood out coming at 19 minutes into the brace at least 200 yards off the main course along the creek bank where she stood stylishly, head and tail high in full view of the dog wagon gallery before her handler, judges and horseback gallery arrived riding fast to the call of point. A covey rose at the flush with Rita standing statue like throughout their flight and the shot. With all in order she was gathered up and we all took a shortcut back to the course to find more birds. Rita did not disappoint, carding an additional four finds in a truly dazzling performance. In addition to the Runner Up placement, Rita was awarded the Christy Feather Duster "Best

Bitch" Award as well as the W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial ABC National Dual Award for her point performance in both the national field and show championships.

Third place went to **FC/AFC TJ's Prairie "Blizzard"** handled by Jessica Carlson and owned by Vicki Rankin of Oklahoma. Blizzard is an 8 year old white and orange male out of NFC/DC/AFC Tequila's Joker x FC/AFC The Prairie Tornado. Blizzard was top dog in brace 16 which was the first brace out on a mild Thanksgiving morning. Blizzard broke in overdrive with a fast forward purposeful race that required very little handling. His disappearances were never extended and always ended with him showing to the front - exactly what the judges were looking for in an all age race. He hit every area where birds had been seen in previous braces but remained birdless until the faint cry of point went up from his scout right before time was called. Riding hard Blizzard was found standing tall in a long treeline that ran in between courses 1 and 3. A single bird was flushed with Blizzard remaining staunch and mannerly. The dog was released and moved forward briskly but time was called quickly as Blizzard had already shown the judges what champions are made of.

Fourth place was awarded to **NAFC/DC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister "Sway"** handled by Lisa Pollack and owned by Brooke Caviness and Lisa Pollack. Sway is an 8 year old white and orange bitch out of FC/AFC Rimarda's Trademark x FC/AFC Lane's End Bowtie Annie. Sway ran in the first brace on Monday afternoon as the top dog in brace 4. Sway suffered a foot injury that shortened her range and speed a bit but she still had a solid application and efficient ground race. She remained undeterred by her injury and ran with determination to complete her hour. She stayed strong and always forward throughout the hour, handling two nice covey finds with style and intensity. It was a gutsy performance by a proven National Amateur Field Champion.

Judges for this year's National Amateur Championship were returning Judge Mike Aldrich from New Mexico, Rich Barber from Illinois, and long time Brittany enthusiast Chris Rider from Pennsylvania. All of these guys have been in the competitive world of bird dogs for years both as judges and competitors. The depth of their experience and knowledge was apparent in their discussions of each dog's individual performance. They were united in their preference for true all age performance with exceptional style on birds and the ability to get the job done correctly without a lot of direction from the handler.

The following dogs met the judge's criteria and made the posting board during this years running.

Brace 2a Piney Run "Hank", Handler/Owner: Rob Donahue

Brace 4a NAFC/DC/AFC TM'S Tennessee Twister "Sway", Handler: Lisa Pollack, Owners: Brooke Caviness & Lisa Pollack

Brace 5a TLM Comanche "Chief", Handler/Owner: Tom Milam & Linda Milam

Brace 6b FC Wolf River's Winning Ticket "Cash", Handler: Leland Dye, Owner: Ken Blackman & Leland Dye

Brace 9a Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid "Sonny", Handler/Owner: Joe Gower

Brace 13b DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio, Handler: Tom White, Owners: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

Brace 15a Gun Runner's Gotta Lotta Mo "T", Handler/Owner: Bill Hancock

Brace 16a FC/AFC TJ's Prairie "Blizzard", Handler: Jessica Carlson, Owner: Vicki Rankin

A National Event such as this takes months of planning from a lot of dedicated folks. Thanks go out to Tom White who serves as the Field Trial Chairman and his wife Margaret who is Tom's right hand "man" managing a ton of event duties as well as serving as the on site veterinarian. Members of the Field Trial Committee dedicated many long hours scheduling and coordinating all the national activities. Steve Ralph is a most efficient field trial secretary exhibiting monumental organizational and coordination skills. Tom Robin capably served as Gallery/Stakes Manager and Joyce Miley offered firm guidance as the Course/Judges Marshall. Thanks go out to all the people who volunteered their time as Gallery Marshals. Thanks to Donna Pride and her helpers for keeping the dog wagon stocked with goodies and hot beverages and to Linda Milam for collecting the Parking Fees. Judy Robin served as Hospitality Chairman and undertook most proficiently all the hundreds of details this job requires. Nancy Clendenen headed the Auction Committee and Mary Karbinger the Raffle Committee both fun as well as profitable events. And of course a special thanks to Larry McAnally and Red Bailey for grooming and maintaining the grounds all year, releasing and feeding the birds, and driving the dog

wagon all day throughout the Championship. We missed Will Langley of Bottom Creek Farms who got delayed but thanks to everyone who stepped in to provide horses for the judges and spectators who needed one.

Once again special thanks go out to our Sponsors. Purina has provided financial support as well as Pro Plan dog food for many years. Tri-Tronics and Garmin donated electronic products that have become a staple and life saver for dogs and their humans alike. Thanks again this year to Ann and Lary Cox owners of Christie Enterprises for their donation of hand made Trooper saddles to both the NAFC and NFC winners. These saddles are a source of lifetime pride to all who have dogs good enough to be awarded one. We all appreciate the good food, beverages and service provided by Judy and Ron Button throughout the running of this trial. Also we are grateful to the City of Booneville and its friendly merchants who extend every courtesy and service to the Brittany crowd.

There were several noteworthy events held throughout the week of the National Amateur All Age Championship. On Sunday, November 20 Tom White guided a horseback tour of the grounds (prerain condition). For those in a shopping mood the downtown Booneville Merchants hosted an Open House to display a wide assortment of quality merchandise. That evening the Buttons provided a delicious dinner followed by the spirited Amateur Calcutta. Monday morning, November 21 the Amateur Championship began at 8 am in spite of the 3" of rain that had fallen through the night. At the end of the first days running a Welcome to all Dinner was celebrated by friends from across the country at the Clubhouse. Tuesday morning, November 22, dawned soggy as almost 6 inches of rain had fallen overnight. This rain combined with the 3 inches from Sunday night was enough to postpone the morning braces while the Field Trial Committee convened with Red and Larry to assess which parts of the grounds remained usable. A consensus was reached and a single course laid out that would go into effect for the remainder of the Amateur Championship beginning Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday evening the 2010 National Amateur Party was held at the Clubhouse celebrating Terry Maxwell's 2010 NAFC Champion NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You, aka "Chuck". Fajitas, booze, and dancing were the order of business this night. Thanks and congratulations to Terry and Chuck for this memorable event. Thursday, November 24 was Thanksgiving Day. After running 6 more braces the Buttons served up a delicious Turkey dinner complete with all the traditional fixings. A membership meeting followed dinner and Mary Jo Trimble spoke of those American Brittany Club members who had passed during 2011. Though it deeply saddened our hearts to listen to such a long list it was also a time of special remembrances. Hall of Fame inductees were announced. Inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame was 32X NSTRA CH Nolan's Last Bullet owned and campaigned by Nolan Huffman. Inducted into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame was Home Acres Allspice bred and owned by Bobby & Barb Youngs. Bill Tiedmann was inducted into the ABC Member Hall of Fame and Robert Fleury was inducted into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame. It was also announced that Robert Fleury was receiving the prestigious AKC Lifetime Achievement Award for Performance Events. On Saturday November 26 Purina hosted the award for Purina All Age dog of the year. The 2011 award was presented to NFC/DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon "Chug" for an unprecedented third year in a row. Chug is owned by Ruth & Jerry McGee and handled by Jerry McGee. After the presentation the always exciting annual auction was conducted.

## **The Running:**

Nine inches of rain, 3 coming Sunday night and 6 on Monday night was a course changer for this 24<sup>th</sup> running of the American Brittany Club National Amateur All Age Championship. The first day was run using all three courses but after the 6 inches of rain fell Monday night a single course was set since all of Course 2 and most of Course 3 were underwater. The modified single course that was put into use starting with Brace 7 on Tuesday afternoon was comprised of most of Course 1 and a small portion of Course 3. The first braces to breakaway in the morning and afternoon took the normal route of Course 1, leaving from the top of the hill behind Cartmell's place and remained on course one through the Cotton Fields until just before the old corrals. Here a hard right hand loop was navigated which came out onto Course 3 where it continued past Mario's Hill, through the # 3 Lick Creek Crossing and then entered the field with the pavilion and continued down the road towards the gas well. There it looped right again and rejoined the first course just south of the Big Oak. Wherever one brace finished, the next brace was put down at the next decent breakaway place. There were areas of extreme mud throughout this modified course and it took a toll on the dogs, horses, handlers, scouts and gallery but interesting enough no rain fell during daylight hours that interfered with the running and the dog wagon was able to navigate without incident thanks to the driving skills of Larry and Red. Birds were plentiful with many wild flushing coveys moved.

**BRACE 1: TLM FREQUENT FLYER "Jack" (Harlan Gerardy) and STARLIGHT'S BLAZING SIRIUS "Sy" (Tom Thomas)**

The first brace of the Championship began at 8 am under overcast skies with the temperature a mild 46 degrees. The dog wagon was full and the horse gallery strong as both dogs broke with enthusiasm racing each other down the road. At 7 Jack turned into a treeline on the left side of the road where he busted a covey. Sy joined the fun and both dogs were picked up after a little chasing and hollering by the handlers.

**BRACE 2: PINEY RUN HANK “Hank” (Rob Donahue) and DIAMOND HILL SHE’S GONE “Cleo” (Lisa Pollack)**

The dogs break away from the Big Oak at 8:30. Hank pointed at 7 in a stand of trees on the right. A small covey was flushed; the dog stood mannerly through the shot and was moved on. Hank casts to the left and had another point at 12 this time in the treeline near the White Post. The handler flushed a huge covey, all was in order and on we go. As we joined back up front, Cleo was on point in the thick brambly feed plot on the left just after the Lick Creek crossing. After an extensive search and relocation effort no birds were found and the dog was moved on. Hank had a non productive at 28 and another covey find at 45 as he ran through the Cotton Fields. As we approached the horse bridge we turned down the chute to complete the hour. Hank had another clean find at 59 and Cleo who had searched hard and made some really nice moves finished the hour without birds.

**BRACE 3: WINTUCK ROCKET’S RED GLARE “Rocket” (Tom Milam) and HI PROOF WHIZKI “Whiz” (Leland Dye)**

The dog’s breakaway at the beginning of Course 2. Whiz immediately gained the front while Rocket cast deep to the right into the Horseshoe Bend. Whiz pointed at 12 in a grassy area just in front of a scrubby tree line along the road. Rocket came in through the trees and failed to honor. After Rocket was leashed the birds are flushed with Whiz maintaining good manners through the shot. Whiz made a big cast out to the far trees and was seen moving forward at a fast pace through the bottoms. Whiz continued to roll over the course being out of sight but then appearing again to the front in an acceptable amount of time. At 30 Whiz goes missing in Parish Field and at 52 the tracker was requested.

**BRACE 4: TM’S TENNESSEE TWISTER “Sway” (Lisa Pollack) and CHIEF’S NUBBIN’S MY LITTLE LADY “Lady” (Matt Kitchen)**

The temperature moved into the high 50’s as we start the afternoon braces. Both dogs take off to the right with Lady moving more lateral than forward. Sway had first bird contact at 15 in the mott on the right just after the Big Oak. Sway stood tall and intense through the flush and shot. Sway pointed again at 24, this time in the treeline on the left just before Lick Crossing. A huge covey came up with Sway displaying picturesque form and manners. Lady has gone missing and the tracker came out for her at 30. In spite of a foot injury Sway finishes the hour moving forward strongly at a slightly more moderate pace and range. (See the placement descriptions on page 1 for a more detailed account of Sway’s run.)

**BRACE 5: TLM COMANCHE CHIEF “Chief” (Tom Milam) and MAXWELL’S GUNSMOKE “Pete” (Kent Patterson)**

At the breakaway Chief heads right into the horseshoe bend and Pete goes straight forward, both dogs moving at a fast clip. Chief reappears to the front and has his first find at 20 in Fords Bottom. Birds are flushed, shots fired with all in order. Pete bumps a covey at 27 and is leashed. Chief has his second find at 40 in a clump of trees near Parish Field which he handles with proper manners. Chief is released and finds birds again at 46 near Horton Pond. The birds are running everywhere but one finally lifts, the shot is fired with Chief standing patiently through the whole ordeal. With all in order Chief is released and finishes the hour at moderate range hunting hard for more birds.

**BRACE 6: TSUNAMI “Sue” (Dave Lincoln) and WOLF RIVER’S WINNING TICKET “Cash” (Leland Dye)** Both dogs breakaway fast at the start of Course 3 with Cash heading left and Sue moving straight ahead. At 3 Sue points in a small clump of trees just off the road through the cut. Sue looks terrific as the covey rises at the flush and the shot is fired. With everything in order we move on. Just down the road at 10 Sue has a 2<sup>nd</sup> find in a treeline just off the road. Sue is once again picture perfect, standing tall through the flush and shot. After Sue is released she makes a huge cast to the far trees in the Lower Woods. The handler finally brings her out but she goes missing again after Mario’s Hill. At 52 the tracker comes out for Sue. Cash is handling kindly making good use of the course and is rewarded with a covey find at 20 just before the creek crossing. Cash displays good manners on his birds and continues to run to the front and finishes the hour strong. The first days running is complete and we all head back to headquarters.

There are no morning braces on Tuesday.

**BRACE 7: DIAMOND HILL DEUCES GONE WILD “Cooter” (Lisa Pollack) and BRISCO’S MR. STUB “Stub” (Ray Trimble)**

Breakaway is at 12:30 pm under overcast skies and a mild 60 degree temperature. It doesn't take long for the bird work to begin with Stub having first bird contact at 10 in the mott on the right before the Big Oak. Birds are flushed with all in order. Cooter has moved on down the road and points at 18 in a treeline just off the right side of the road. Stub is found on point in heavy cover about 50 yards down this same treeline at 19. Birds are flushed for Cooter with everything in order and he is moved on. Stub's birds are hunkered down in the briars but they are finally put up with all in order. During Stub's flushing effort Cooter took about five steps from his release spot and points hard at a different group of birds just around the corner at 20. He stays staunch through the flush and shot and both dogs with two finds apiece leave this birdy area hunting hard. The birds are obviously hungry and feeding in those areas close to the road where food is put out. Stub moves on through the Lick Creek Crossing and logs multiple bird finds at 32, 36, 48 and 57. At time Stub points in a knarly clump of brambles but the birds refuse to come out so time is called without incident. Cooter has been moving moderately over the course hunting hard. He has a NP at 50 and a Stop to Flush at 54 to finish his run.

**BRACE 8: JJ'S TAZMANIAN DEVIL "Taz" (Joe Williams) and UNCLE KRACKER "Kracker" (Bo Ackerman)**

The dogs are put down to breakaway just below the pavilion at 2 pm. Kracker puts on the brakes at 9 standing tall and intense into some heavy cover just off the road. Taz comes in, fails to honor and is collared. The birds are flushed with Kracker standing rigid and mannerly. Kracker is released and takes off like a rocket. He is seen briefly at 16 to the front but then loses contact and the tracker comes out for him at 40.

**BRACE 9: SPANISH CORRAL'S SUNDANCE KID "Sonny" (Joe Gower) and RU-JEM'S A TOUCH OF BOURBON "Chug" (Jerry McGee)**

The breakaway is at 2:45 with both dogs attacking the soggy course. Sonny is found standing tall at 24 in the strip just after the S turn on the left. A nice covey is flushed with Sonny standing tight and mannerly through the flush and shot. Sonny charges on to the front and has a 2<sup>nd</sup> find at 32 in the treeline just after the boggy right hand turn back towards course 3. Chug is backing and both dogs stay mannerly through the flush and shot and both are moved on. Sonny moves straight forward and Chug breaks right and points running birds in thick cover at 36. Birds finally go up with everything in order and Chug is released only to point again at 42 in the same treeline just down from the last find. After much effort the birds are put up, the shot fired and Chug is moved on. Sonny has his third find at 56 in the long treeline on the right between course 1 and 3. He stands tall to the flush and shot and finishes out the hour full of vim and vigor. Chug makes a big cast across the road and down the left treeline and is found standing in a heavily covered mott at 58. Birds are flushed with all in order and Chug is released to finish out the hour. That concluded the days running and we all head to camp to clean the mud off.

**BRACE 10: MEGASMOKE LIMITED EDITION "Ted" (Tom White) and JAKE ACRES IN DISQUISH "Jake" (Rick Crites)**

Wednesday morning begins with partly cloudy skies and a 45 degree temp. The dogs have a spirited breakaway to the left at 7:52 am. Jake is a handful and goes completely missing at the S turn without any bird contact and the tracker is called for him at 54. Ted ran a good race, searched hard and handled kindly in all the right places but no birds were found this first brace out.

**BRACE 11: SHADY'S COUNT KID "Kid" (Bruce Heiter) and WIMBERLEY JIMDANDY "Dandy" (Dave Lincoln)**

Breakaway is at 9:08 just after the second crossing of Lick Creek. Both dogs hit the ground moving fast to the front. Kid goes missing from the start and the tracker is called for him at 20. Dandy runs a fast forward all age race always showing to the front in all the right places. At 23 he points for the first time in a small mott to the right of the road. Dandy's posture is tentative but birds are put up shots fired and the dog is moved on. Dandy points running birds at 29 and it takes some time for the handler to work the birds but when he does Dandy stands his ground with all in order and is sent forward. Dandy continues running a fast forward race and has a third find at 50 in a small clump of trees which he handles mannerly but without much intensity. Dandy finishes his hour strong with an excellent ground race.

**BRACE 12: CAROLINA SEA BISCUIT "Biscuit" (Bill Oliver) and GRAND JUNCTION JAKE "Jake" (Richard Pulliam)**

Both dogs do a disappearing act from the breakaway at 10:30. Biscuit is brought to the front by the scout at 18 and takes off again appearing periodically through the remaining hour. Jake is found on point to the front at 32. Birds are flushed without incident and Jake is moved on. Both dogs finish the hour with erratic applications and Biscuit goes without any bird contact.

**BRACE 13: KIMWASHKLY DAKOTA MOLESTER “Lester” (Ken Seivert) and MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO “Rita” (Tom White)**

First brace on Wednesday afternoon leaves at 1 in clear skies and mid 50 temps. Lester goes fast to the right and is not seen again until 26. Rita hits the ground fast and moves quickly down the left treeline where she has her first bird contact. A small covey is flushed with Rita exhibiting the great style and manners she shows throughout her run. Rita’s second find is at 19 and described in detail in the placement segment above. At 29 Rita is found pointing in a mott with a small covey being flushed without incident. Lester has moved stealthfully across the course logging NPs at 26 and 34 before he leaves and is not seen again. The tracker is called for Lester at 55. Meanwhile Rita has clean finds at 39 and 42. At the S turn Rita points in heavy cover but the handler is unable to move any birds and elects to move her on. At 58 Rita has her 6<sup>th</sup> find where she stands tall and tight as the birds are put up. Rita finishes the hour still moving strong to the front. Rita was snappy, swift, stylish and serious about finding birds throughout her run. She worked hard and handled beautifully and earned the well deserved place of Runner-Up Champion.

**BRACE 14: DC/AFC JAYHAWKER TEQUILA WITH A TWIST “Taryn” (Jessica Carlson) and FC BROADWAY JOE VI “Joe” (Bill Haynes)**

Both dogs breakaway quickly with Joe going stealth almost immediately. The always appealing Taryn moves along at a moderate range applying herself smartly with a minimum of handling. At 29 Taryn has a nice covey find in a small clump of cover off the right side of the road with Joe appearing in time to back her. Birds are flushed and both dogs move on. At 41 Taryn has a covey find in the treeline to the left of the sharp right hand turn towards Course 3. She stands tall and mannerly through the flush and shot. Meanwhile Joe has a covey find in the treeline across the road at 42. A lot of birds were found in this area throughout the running. Everything is in order for both dogs and they are released to finish the hour moving at a moderate pace and range with no further bird contact.

**BRACE 15: GUN RUNNER’S GOTTA LOTTA MO “T” (Bill Hancock) and FC/AFC TUB O TEE “Tubby” (Dave Lincoln)**

Breakaway is at 3:25 just after the second Lick Creek Crossing. Tubby is pretty much running his own race giving his handler a hard time but he is not hidden when he has a flush and chase off in the woods just after the S turn and is picked up at 35. Tee hits the birds through the Cotton fields where he cards finds at 44 and 47 standing tall and tight through the flush and shot on both these coveys. T continues to move strong to the front covering a lot of ground and scores another covey find at 58 just before Mario’s Hill. T shows excellent style and intensity on his birds and is released just before time is called for the day.

**BRACE 16: FC/AFC TJ’S PRAIRIE BLIZZARD “Blizzard” (Jessica Carlson) and FC/AFC TRUCKER’S WILD RIDE “Rider” (Ray Trimble)**

Thanksgiving Day breakaway is at 8 am with the usual announcement that turkeys have been planted to celebrate the holiday. Both dogs break to the right with Blizzard taking the lead moving forward in a fast, forward, purposeful manner. Rider continues forward at a more moderate rate and has his first find at 24 in the ugly heavily covered feed strip right after the first Lick Creek Crossing. It takes a while to get these birds up but finally one rises with the dog mannerly. When he is released he travels shortly down the road and points again at 33 in the trees on the right. These birds come up a little easier and with all in order we ride hard to regain the front. We rejoin the front gallery and learn Blizzard is still moving forward fast showing at all the right places, handling like a dream but with no birds. His only bird contact is described in the placement segment above and came right at time. It was a good run for both dogs with Blizzard exhibiting the all age performance the judges were looking for to earn him a spot in the placements.

**BRACE 17: AFC RU-JEM’S FIST FULL OF DOLLARS “Dollar” (Jerry McGee) and DC/AFC TERRA’S CABO WABO “Sammy” (Tom White)**

Breakaway comes at 9:12 with both dogs moving quickly up the road. Dollar has a find at 6 in a brambly strip which holds a lot of running birds. The dog stays anxiously through the shot with all in order and then is moved on. At 20 Dollar chases birds onto the road in front of the judges and executes a perfect pirouette in his efforts to grab the spinning whirlwind of birds. With a chuckle the handler grabs hold of his dog and Dollar’s run ends in a good natured manner. Meanwhile Sammy has been putting down a rather erratic run but at 40 he points stylishly and remains mannerly through the flush and shot. We move forward with Sammy casting laterally and at 56 he points again in the tree mott close to the big oak. No birds are produced and time is called.

**BRACE 18: FC JOKER’S JACKPOT “Jack” (Steve Ralph) and TLM CO PILOT “Hank” (Harlan Gerardy)**

The dogs are released at 10:24 from the big oak. Hank goes like a rocket to the right and is not seen again so the tracker is called for Hank at 20. Jack starts out quickly but his application is erratic as he moves laterally across the soggy course. Point is called for Jack at 30 in the treeline just after the first Lick Creek crossing. Jack is mannerly through the flush and shot and is moved forward. Jack has no further bird work and finishes out his hour at a moderate pace.

**BRACE 19 AFC DEM BONES “Bones” (Dave Lincoln) and FC/AFC SHAMROCK’S SIRIUS “Si” (Wade Haines)**

The first afternoon brace breaks away at 1 pm. Si moves quickly to the front with Bones taking off right into the cover. Si continues to roll through the course and has bird contact at 25 in the ugly feed strip just after the first Lick Creek crossing. Birds are flushed and the shot fired with Si staying staunch throughout. Bones shows up to the front a short time later and has birds at 30 in the right treeline in the Cotton Fields. Birds are flushed and the shot is fired with all in order. Bones charges forward but continues to be a hard handle with extended absences. At 56 Si is seen chasing birds and is picked up. Bones has gotten behind but is shown to the judges in the grace period after time is called.

**BRACE 20 SPANKY’S LITTLE PILL BANDIT “Bandit” (Bill Hancock) and FC JO-LOCKAPERX DARK ROUX GUMBO “Rue” (Dave Lincoln)**

Breakaway is at 2:10 just after the second Lick Creek Crossing. Both dogs surge to the front in a rapid manner with Rue going undercover almost immediately. Bandit handles pretty good and has his first point at 32 in a small meadow on the right side of the road. No birds are produced even after relocation and Bandit is moved on. Rue has not been seen since the breakaway so his handler calls for the tracker about this same time. Bandit points again at 42 but no birds are found and the handler elects to pick him up.

**BRACE 21 CEDAR CREEK SURGEON “Cutter” (Joe Waitman) and DC HI POINTS BET’N HE’LL ROCK “Ozzie” (Ron Gulembo)**

The breakaway of this last brace of the day comes at 3:02 in the field just below the pavilion. There is a divided find at 3 in a small mott of trees to the front. Both dogs remain mannerly through the flush and shot and are moved on. The dogs separate and Ozzie points again at 12 with no birds produced. The dog is released and goes hunting for himself. Cutter points at 18 in a treeline on the right side but no birds are produced. Ozzie has not reappeared and the tracker comes out for him at 42. Cutter continues his run but the handler is not liking his performance so he picks him up at 52 and we head back to camp.

**BRACE 22 FC/AFC EARLY TIMES “Earl” (Bo Ackerman)**

The final competitor of the 2011 NAFC ran in a bye brace and broke away Friday morning at 7:54 under clear skies and a pleasant 45 degrees. Earl hit the course hard but pretty much went where he wanted to go. Earl had extended absences and no birds so at the end of his hour we all headed back to camp to wait for the placements.