

## AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB 2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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### PINEY RUN ART NAMED CHAMPION

After a week of meetings, gatherings and parties the American Brittany Club National Championship commenced on Monday, November 28, 2011 on the grounds at Blue Mountain Wildlife Area, Booneville, Arkansas. There were seventy four dogs drawn and taken to the line.

The courses had to be altered due to the 9 inches of rain that fell during the first days of the Amateur Championship. The abbreviated courses used parts of #1 and #3 courses with a couple of tight turns which the handlers navigated well.

**The winner was Piney Run Art** owned by Martha Greenlee of Virginia and handled by Ben Lorenson of North Carolina. Artie is a leggy white and orange male born January 2004. He covers the country and points staunchly. His sire is FC Keystone's White Label bred by Dave Walker, on the top side going back to Ricoche-T, Chubasco II and Shady's Lil Clipper being bred to White Lightning, Lobo's Scipio's Dreams and Spotlight II.

**The runner-up was Cedar Valley Bandit** handled by Tom Tracy of Virginia and is owned by David Webb of Pennsylvania. Bandit was also runner-up in last year's open championship. He is a six year old leggy, white and orange male. His sire is Ortho Acres Booker T X Flying Feather Cocobean. The sire's pedigree on the top side shows Chubasco II, Shady's Lil Clipper bred to Shady's Chik-n-Little and Spotlight II. Bandit's dam is out of FC Uncle Sam's Sumpter X Magnum's Magic Buon Natale.

**Third place was awarded to Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper** owned by Vern Brunen of Canada and handled by Scott Johnson of Kansas. Ned is a five year old, orange and white male with a flowing ground gait. He was sired by CH Kinwashkly Mac Magoo FDJ X CH Kinwashkly French Velour and going back to heavy Kinwashkly lines whose breeder Leslie Andreas was on hand to ride the brace along with the owner. Ned had the find of the stake buried deep in the scrub trees.

**Jacks Tequila Jake garnered fourth place.** He was handled by Jim John of Kansas and owned Pedro & Susan Rodriguez also of Kansas who also scouted him. Jake is a hard driving orange roan male just three years old. He points stylishly with a high head and tail. He was sired by NAFC Tequila Jack II X Trucker's Willow Run. Sires top side of the pedigree shows NFC Tequila's Joker and NFC Microdot. On the dams side she is out of FC Blaze Dakota Trucker and Snake Eyes Double Down.

Our returning judge was Ken Chenowith of Missouri. Ken campaigns German Shorthaired Pointers in the Midwest region. Joining him this year was Hall of Famer John Rabidou who also trains and campaigns German Shorthaired Pointers. Rick Smith, who the Brittany world knows well was joined by his lovely wife Kay for the running. Ronnie and Susanna Smith joined the table to visit and ride several days. To write about these judges' accolades would take pages to list them all. The camaraderie was evident during the six days of running-courtesy, good humor and a keen eye. Our panel of judges' years of experience totaled well over 100 years. To be more exact would continue the job of who were the "old" est and more sensitive. It was all done in good humor. These men are truly gentlemen of the sport and it was most enjoyable to ride with them. By the fourth day they were carrying a number of dogs on the board. They conferred with the handlers whose charges were not changing the list of winners. This usually took place at about the half hour mark. We are sure some wanted to out run the "hand shake".

Nestle Purina is the original and long standing sponsor of major Brittany hour events. Their research and development is ongoing as one of the world's largest animal feed producers. Purina also donates product for all participants and winners. Also, Tri-Tronics has been a long time sponsor. Their equipment to aid training and recovery of animals has opened a "new" world for all facets of training not only dogs but of other animals. We greatly appreciate their donations throughout the years. Christie Enterprises of Alvord, Texas again builds the saddle for the winner. Larry Cox has a tack supply business offering custom made leather products for horses and dogs.

The field trial committee headed by Tom White used their vast experience to keep the snags to a minimum. Stake Manager Joyce Miley stepped in for Warren Montgomery who was called home. Course Marshal George McCann along with the gallery marshals made sure things went smoothly. Donna Pride and helpers kept the dog wagon supplied with coffee and snacks.

Sunday evening kicked off the Open Championship with a welcome dinner and Calcutta. Ron and Judy Button have provided the food service for several years and enjoy creating healthy and tasty meals. Tuesday evening was the traditional "Winners Party". It was hosted by Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon owned by Ruth McGee, handled by Jerry who says that "he also pays the bills". Chug was also the Purina All Age Dog for 2011 – for the THIRD time. They will be presented with an oil painting of Chug done by Ross Young of Missouri.

The Brittany group is the last event to use the grounds this year. We have been privileged to have had Larry McAnally for 25 years as the overseer for all the things that develop a good event site. Larry will retire at the end of the year. His wife Linda says that she has a list of "honey dos" for him. We will miss the relationship that has been established with Larry and his crew. We also hope that the plan that is in place for our return will continue with the catalyst that has been evident in the past. Our best wishes go out to Larry and his family. Red Bailey will be with the Arkansas Fish & Game for several more years. We know that the grooming, plantings and general maintenance measures will continue to be of the quality that we have enjoyed in the past.

## **The Running**

**Desert Rose IV, Berneathy and Ru-Jem's Fist Full of Dollars, McGee.** Overcast skies and upper 30's for the start of the open championship. Both dogs had unproductives early in the hour. At 35' Dollar had a find in the u-turn tree line where we turned back to course three. His find was mannerly. He dug in the cover causing him to be lateral in application. At 47' he had another find along the road in the tree line again with all in order. Rose hunted the cover throughout the hour. She had birds in the grace period.

**Cedar Creek Surgeon, Waitman and Black Creek Deacon, Holman.** At 7' point was call by Docs' handler for D. He stood at the brush line turn. Birds flushed across the path. He was fired over and taken on. Doc was credited with a back. At 11' Doc pointed and when the birds were flushed he went with them. D had a find at 42' in heavy brush. His style was lax through flush and shot. He ran the edges of the course with forward application.

**Rocklan's Whizzle Stop, Burchett and TJ's Prairie Blizzard, Tillson.** Blizzard had an unproductive at 8'. At 28' Whiz pointed along the path with Blizzard backing. Whiz was sent on a lengthy relocation but not rewarded. Blizzard was leashed with an injured paw. Whiz had a hard time maintaining a forward pattern and at the Y he had a conflict with birds at 50' to end the morning braces.

**Starlight's Blazing Sirius, Thomas and Wimberley Rowdy Bo-Dandy, Johnson.** Sunny skies and a light breeze. Sy had finds at 6' and 10' displaying very good manners. Rowdy had a nice find at 12' in a brushy motte. At 16', 22' and 38' Sy carded finds, handled nicely. At 28' Rowdy pointed at the far edge of the big field, a covey was flushed as he stood staunchly through flush and shot. Rowdy started to hit the cover and at 55' he pointed at the edge of a briar tangle. Birds were flushed as he stood solidly. Both dogs were forward as the hour ended.

**Mb's Make Mine A Double, Dorion and Shady's Count Kid, Burchett.** Sunny skies prevailed. At 15' Kid had an unproductive. Mack had a nice find at the cedar tree turn at 19'. He made some reaching casts as he worked the country. At 41' Kid had a find in a tree line showing good manners. He was out of pocket before pickup but showed at the gallery. Mack handled the terrain showing forward at time.

**Georgia's Texas Two Step, Tracy and Shadow Attack, Tillson.** From above the #2 Lick Creek crossing this brace broke away. At thirty two seconds point was called with both dogs standing in a waist high brushy motte. The birds were flushed and both handlers fired and took their dogs on. At 16' Gigi pointed, a brief flushing attempt and she was relocated. She worked forward cautiously, nailing the feeding covey at the edge of the tree line. She stood nicely through the flush and shot. Tack was credited with a stop to flush which he handled nicely at 27'. He was forward at the u-turn tree line when the scout called point at 36'. He stood staunchly at the edge of the brush as his handler put the birds to flight. At 42' Gigi was credited with a stop to flush during which the other dog caught the front and honored the stand, crediting Tack with a back. Both dogs were using the country and at 53' Gigi had a find at the edge of the tree line, standing staunchly through all. At 57' Tack spun and pointed at the edge of the road but nothing could be produced. Both dogs finished the hour forward.

POSTED DOG: Black Creek Deacon

**Rocklan's Misty AllieT-Bear, Burchett and Grand Junction Jake, Holman.** Sunny skies and low 30's this morning with frost in places. Allie was wide from the start, being out of pocket at 20'. Jake had an unproductive at 27'. Allie had not returned to judgment midway in the hour. Jake had a nice find in the u-turn tree line with all in order. He hunted the edges and finished the hour at moderate range.

**Ru-Jem's A Touch Of Bourbon, McGee and MVP Redline's High Octane, Doiron.** We left from above the #2 Lick Creek crossing. Both dogs were fast and forward off the breakaway. Tiger was the wider of the pair. At 14' Chug had a find at the edge of a large motte with all in order. Tiger showed to the front as Chug was released. Tiger again went wide to the far edges. Chug hit the cover with forward application. Tiger, again, showed to the front reaching toward the next tree line. At 54' point was called for Tiger. We rode a distance to the find. He stood high and tight through flush and shot. Tiger was sent to the front as the hour ended.

**Lafayette Kinmont Willie, Carrington and Cast-A-Britt Micro Sammie, Burchett.** Sammie was wide from the breakaway being out of pocket at 7'. Willie hunted the cover causing him to be lateral. Sammie was not returned to judgment midway in the hour. Willie had slowed and was leashed at 40'.

**Eleets Colorado Blue, Stonehouse and Cedar Valley Bandit, Tracy.** At 8' the brace mates scout came forward calling point for Bandit. We rode quite a distance to the find. Birds flushed in the judges' view as Bandit stood his ground admirably. When we caught the front, Blue was out of pocket. At 22' point was called for Bandit at the edge of the property corner tree line with all in order. Blue had just caught the front and had a find at 34' in the motte on our left in the big field. Bandit had finds at 37' and 49' with good manners. Blue caught the front at the same time but had shortened in application. Bandit made a wide swing along the creek edge. He finished the hour forward as strong as he started.

**Megasmoke Grand Finale, Doiron and Sniksoh Sweet Hershey Kiss, Burchett.** At 8' Al pointed at the 90 degree turn with the dead leafy tree. He stood high and tight through flush and shot. Kiss was out of pocket at 10'. At 18' Al had an unproductive. Kiss was not seen and the tracker was called for at 25'. Al had slowed in application and was leashed shortly after.

**Sandy Pines Chase The Wind, Holman and Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist, Tillson.** We saw Chavy at the breakaway and that was the last. The tracker was called for at 20'. Taryn ran at moderate range. She had a find at 23' with all in order. She was leashed midway in the hour to end the days running.

POSTED DOGS: Ru-Jem's A Touch Of Bourbon, MVP Redline's High Octane and Cedar Valley Bandit.

**Diamond Hill Deuces Gone Wild, Pollock and Breton's Myever Sol Corbin, John.** Cooter was last seen at the breakaway. Corbin hunted the cover not getting untracked. This brace ended midway in the hour. Carolina Sea Biscuit, Johnson and Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid, Doiron. Frost and very chilly temperatures this morning with sunny skies. Both dogs were wide off the breakaway. Biscuit making wider and wider swings until the string broke and the tracker was called for at 33'. Sonny was in and out of pocket the first half. His application became lateral and he was up at 50'.

**Shady Way Red Tail Hawk, John and Early Times, Tracy.** We crossed Lick Creek to release the dogs. Both dogs were gone from the start. Bo regained the front at 20'. Earl made a wide swing around the U-Turn tree line and at the end of it on our left he pointed a covey. At the flush his posture softened. At 24' he pointed. Extensive flushing and relocations could not produce anything. Bo was out of pocket after the u-turn and the tracker was called for at 40'. Earl had altered his application and he was leashed.

**Trademark's ATM, Holman and Piney Run Hank, Lorenson.** Both dogs were wide at the start. At 21' point was called for Cash. We rode back to the spot where he was buried up on a large covey. He handled the find nicely through flush and shot. At 28' scout called point for Hank. He pointed solid though low in the front. He stood through the flush of a large covey. Each dog made some reaching moves across the fields. We made the turn at the u-turn tree line where at 42' point is called for Cash, he roaded in and pointed. A large covey was flushed with good style. Hank had made a wide swing at the u-turn and caught the gallery after the find. Going forward, Hank was the stronger of the pair. At 52' point was called by the judge as Hank stood at the tree line on our left. Through the tangled brush a covey was put to flight as Hank stood the same posture thru flush and shot. Cash was at heel going across the creek then both dogs were sent to the cover. Cash was forward as time was called. Point was called in the distance at 1 minute into the grace period. We rode to Hank's find, again he was rock solid. The handler stepped forward to the dog and a tight roosting covey boiled from the cover. He remained tight throughout all.

**Blueridge Hunter Gonna Fly, Downing and Uncle Kracker, Tracy.** At 16' point was called for Kracker with Hunter backing nicely. During the flushing attempt Hunter was taken on. Kracker was relocated, he stopped as a single flushed, shot was fired and then more birds left the area. At 26' both dogs turned right down a tree line and pointed. Handlers flushed a running covey and fired as both dogs stood mannerly. At the u-turn tree line Hunter turned right and Kracker made a swing on the other side. At 40' Hunter pointed with all in order. In the u-turn tree line Kracker had finds at 41' and 43' with good manners. Hunter worked into the cover near the path to Mario's Hill. He stood in the heavy cover, Kracker failed to back and was leashed. Hunter was relocated and then taken on. The hour ended at the Lick Creek crossing.

**Hal-J's Smarteyes-Joker EZ Ace, John and Odyssey's Ace of Hearts, Holman.** Off the breakaway and a minute and a half into the brace point is called for Ace # 1 by the Judge. He is standing just in the cover along a mowed strip on our right. Ace #2 makes a move past him, hesitates, and moves on. Ace #2 is leashed. Ace #1's handler continues into the cover and puts a covey to flight with all in order. Ace #1 had an unproductive at 21'. He then proceeded to dig the cover causing him to be lateral and he was leashed before the end of the hour.

POSTED DOG: Piney Run Hank.

**Jay Hawk's Georgia Girl, Tracy and Piney Run Art, Lorensen.** Brisk this morning, mid 30's at daylight. This pair was wide from the start. Point was called for Art at 6'. He stood high and tight on a covey find. He was sent forward and found at 14' on point again, with all in order. Gigi was out of pocket at Lick Creek crossing. She caught the front just before point was called for Art at 30'. He stood at the edge of the large motte in the big field on our left. A big covey was flush with all in order. He shot ahead and in the u-turn tree line he pointed at 34' standing nicely until the handler arrived. Gigi was out of pocket before the u-turn tree line and the tracker was called for at 42'. Going forward Art circled a large motte near the creek bottom and locked up. Extensive flushing in the thick cover did not produce any game. He crossed the creek and went to the right. At 59'30" point was called by the gallery marshal as Art stood buried in the cover. Thick cover and a lengthy flushing attempt produced the covey. He stood staunchly through all.

**Spanky's Little Pill Bandit, Hancock and Traveler' New Twist, Doiron.** Both dogs went to the front. Traveler had a nice find at 26' and again at 37' in the U-Turn T.L. Bandit had run to good places for birds and at 48' he had a find near the end of the tree line on our left with Traveler coming in for a solid back.. Bandit stood high and tight through the flush and shot. Traveler was lateral as he hunted the cover his handler elected to leash him. Bandit was also lateral at the finish of the hour.

**KD's Slip and Slide, Tillson and Brisco's Mr Stub, Trimble.** We left the mud puddle just above the #2 Lick Creek crossing. At forty-nine Seconds Stub pointed in the tall cover. A hawk flew from the immediate area as we approached. Handler found only feathers and elected to take the dog on. Stub went on to have finds at 16' and 30' with all in order. At 39' another find in the u-turn tree line with all in order. Handler took him to the front. At 48' in waist high cover Stub pointed again, a single was flushed with all in order. Splash had been hitting the edges and hunting the cover. At 53' before the Lick Creek crossing, in a sumac thicket he carded a find with all in order. Splash finish the hour across Lick Creek. At 55' Stub had another find in another briar thicket with all in order. The hour ended just across Lick Creek.

**Maxwell's Blew By You II, John and Roustabouts Sniksoh Sadie, Tracy.** We left the hilltop breakaway after lunch with Chuck being the wider of the pair. At 9' Sadie had an unproductive. Chuck showed just before Lick Creek crossing and continued forward. He was out of pocket until we reached the big field and he showed from the front. Sadie had a hard time maintaining a forward pattern and was leashed at 30'. Chuck had a find across the path of the u-turn tree line at 34'. A small covey was flushed with all in order. He was sent on and hit the edges maintaining a forward pattern. Chuck finished the hour ranging forward.

**Belle's Beau Max, Carrington and MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio, White/Horstmeyer.** Rita had an unproductive at 8' at the turn near the big dead tree. Both dogs hunted the cover nearby and were leashed at 20' and 26' respectively. Diamond Hill She's Gone, Pollock and Mr Magic II, John. Magic was out of sight at the breakaway. Cleo had a find at 3' in the tree line. Later, she had an unproductive. She couldn't get untracked and was up at the creek crossing. Magic was out of pocket and not returned to judgment at 30'.

POSTED DOG: Piney Run Art.

**Trademark's Iceman, Holman and JJ's Tazmanian Devil, Tillson.** No frost this morning. Timmie had finds at 17' and 22' with nice style. He slowed his application and was leashed midway in the hour. Taz was in and out of pocket with some pull and tug. He was leashed shortly after.

**Me And You Alone Maverick, Carrington and Wolf River's Winning Ticket, Gorrow.** This pair dug into the cover causing them to be lateral in application. Both dogs were up early in the brace.

**Jack's Tequila Jake, John and TM's Tennessee Twister, Pollock.** Jake went wide at the first turn and Sway took to the tree lines. Jake made a swing on our left showing forward at the highline along 109 just before the barking dog house. Sway liked the cover. Almost at the end of the u-turn tree line point was called as both dogs stood in the brush. Birds were flushed and both handlers shot. With both dogs to the front, point was called for Sway as she stood at the tree line

on our left. Jake moved through the tall grass and backed stylishly. A long flushing attempt ensued, Jake was taken on. Sway was relocated and worked down the tree line finally pinning the elusive birds. Her game was flushed with all in order. Both dogs hit the course on the right after the creek crossing. Jake finishing the hour forward with energy to spare.

**Shadows Tequila Tryst, Tillson and Tsunami, Johnson.** Trystyn came in season and was moved to the end. Sue ran as a bye. Sue hit the edges, returning from time to time. She was out of pocket at Lick Creek and the tracker was called for. The Crash Scene, Tracy and Joker's Jackpot, John. Crash had a hard time maintaining the front and was leashed at 25'. Jack had bird contact at 8' in the u-turn tree line with loose posture on his game. He was leashed shortly after.

**Shamrock's Sirius, Holman and Terra's Cabo Wabo, White.** Both dogs hit the cover. Sy was the wider of the pair. Terra hunted the cover, being lateral and was up at the Lick Creek crossing. Sy caught the front and had a find at 32' in the far tree line on our right. His find was all in order. Sy made the wide swing left and out across the big field and back to the u-turn tree line. He went to the front, digging into the cover.

**Wimberley Jimdandy, Johnson and Ugh Stublin From The Shadow, Tillson.** These dogs quartered through the cover. At 28' point was called for Dandy. He had passed through a narrow mowed strip and pointed. Birds were behind him as he stood through flush and shot. Bubba hunted the cover to the front. Both dogs were leashed at the Lick Creek crossing.

POSTED DOGS: Jack's Tequila Jake, TM's Tennessee Twister.

**Broadway Joe VI, Tracy and Wayside's Blueridge Runner, Downing.** Saturday morning brought warmer temperatures and mostly cloudy skies with rain to come. Joe had a hard time maintaining the front. Blue ran the edges using the country. At 31' Joe stopped in the u-turn tree line, moved up and pointed. Birds were flushed with all in order. Both dogs finished the hour, Blue without bird contact.

**Kinwashkly Dakota Molester, John and Oz II, Stonehouse.** Lester was out of pocket from time to time. Oz had finds at 15' and 22'. At 28' Lester pointed birds in the u-turn tree line, standing nicely. Both dogs application changed and they were leashed at 50'.

**Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper, Johnson and Hi Points Bet'n He'll Rock, Holman.** At 14' Ned had a find in the thick scrubby cover. He stood staunchly through flush and shot. Rocky didn't get untracked and was leashed. At 27' Ned scored again with nice style. His application was forward and wide. Before Mario's Hill he was out of pocket. Scout called point on our left, deep in the heavy thickets. We had to ride a distance to the find. Ned stood through the flush of a nice sized covey that we had not seen before. He finished the hour forward still showing his pleasing ground gait.

**Pal's Redneck Opie, Tracy and Megasmoke Limited Edition, White.** Opie was wide from the start. He was out of pocket at the dead tree turn and the tracker was called for. Ted pointed a nice size covey in the thick brush, just off our turn at the dead leafy tree. Sent forward, he carded another stylish find at 19', a large covey was flushed. Ted then started to hunt the cover and was leashed at the creek crossing.

**Savannah's Hot Shot, Lorenson and Hi Proof Whizki, Dye.** Over cast skies this afternoon and temperatures getting warmer. After lunch we left the top of the hill. At 5' Hot Shot had a barren stand. Both of these dogs then hit the far reaches being out of pocket from time to time. Hot Shot ran wide at the u-turn tree line. Whiz caught the front and then went deep again. The end of the hour had Hot Shot in the grace period forward and Whiz was not returned to judgment.

**TJ's Thunder, John and WC Beny, Stonehouse.** Thunder had an unproductive at 8'. Beny couldn't get untracked and was leashed at the pavilion. Shortly, point was called for Thunder by the scout at 27'. Handler was out of pocket so scout Mitsue was pressed into service to flush for the dog. With all in order he was taken forward rejoining his handler. At the

Dead Tree corner, point was called at 30' as Thunder stood in the tall grass. A large covey was flushed as he stood staunchly through flush and shot. He slowed his application and was leashed at the creek crossing.

**Shadow's Tequila Tryst, Tillson** ran as a bye. We broke away across Lick Creek. Trystyn went to the edges of the course. She headed to the large motte on our left and pointed. Extensive flushing was futile and she was sent on. At 17' in the u-turn tree line she pointed intensely. Extensive flushing finally produced game. Before the handler could return to her she released herself, moving forward and was leashed to end the running.

Posted Dog: Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper.



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L-R: judge Ken Chenoweth, Ben Lorenson, Kyle Merrill with Piney Run Art, Tommy Thommas, judge John Rabidou, David Webb, Tom Tracy Jr. with Cedar Valley Bandit, Joyce Miley, Carla Tracy, Larry McAnally, Red Bailey, Harlan Gerardy with Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper, Scott Johnson, Vern Brunen, Jim John with Jacks Tequila Jake, judge Rick Smith, reporter Mary Karbiner