



2018 American Brittany Club Shooting Dog Derby Invitational



Ionia, Michigan
Mike Poehler - Reporter



Front row: (L to R) Harlene Johnson w/ Whizky On Diamonds, Hyatt Burchett, Valerie Burchett w/ Osage Fork Slick, Bob Burchett w/ Sniksoh Diamond Jack.

Back row: Scott Johnson, Mike Poehler, Al Cropek – Judge, Mark Rittner – Judge, Jill Schaefer, Chuck Schaefer, Gaylord Jowett, Tommy Thomas

This year's judges were Marc Rittner from California and Al Cropek from Pennsylvania, both long time Brittany breeders and competitors. We greatly appreciate their time and efforts look attentively evaluate the performances of those invited to compete in the 3rd renewal of this event.

We'd also like to thank Purina for their continued support of Field Trials and providing a supreme feed to fuel our dogs as they compete and for Purina's continual research into all things related to dog health, performance and nutrition – we truly appreciate your corporate sponsorship of the American Brittany Club!

Thank you to all the owners and handlers for coming to showcase your fine young dogs in this year's ABC Shooting Dog Derby Invitational – you have much to look forward to as your dogs grow and mature. Thanks to Dick Lipski for tirelessly planting all of the birds for us as well as each of the Gun Dog National Championships on each end of this event. Thanks to Chuck Langstaff for driving the dog and gallery wagon and to Eileen Gust for keeping us fed. Will Langley of Bottom Creek Farms provided mounts for judges, handlers and gallery members alike – thank you!

This year's winner and runner-up came from Brace 4, characterized by lots of action from both dogs; both exhibited great speed, style and

application superior to the rest of the field. Both of these dogs should have long and distinguished careers ahead of them!

Our winner, Whizki on Diamonds handled by Scott Johnson, grew in speed and application as the hour progressed with a slightly stronger finish than her brace mate. Tracy, a white & orange female, had 8 finds with her last being a large covey near the shotgun range just before the western levy and the lone oak parking lot. This was the first time Tracy had been handled by Scott Johnson as well.

Runner-up, Osage Fork Slick, handled by Bob Burchett, was making huge moves early on and through most of the hour, using the wind and flying around the course having 8 finds. Slick and Tracy slowed some at the 40 minute mark with Slick having less in the tank at the end. Slick's scout Tommy Thomas repeated his Superman imitation by flying off and under his horse in a familiar spot early in the hour; thankfully he wasn't seriously injured and finished the hour as well.

The Running:

Brace 1: Kala's Thunder & Lightning of Shortbarrels (Boomer), Christnagel and Sniksoh Diamond Jack (Jack), Burchett. Jack disappeared to the front upon break-away being spied again on the interior line of Hire's field heading south with speed until his first

find at the pond edge as we took the weekend course backwards in figure 8 fashion. He displayed great style and intensity. Jack had a total of 3 forward and reaching finds and the most consistent pattern of the placing dogs finishing just shy of the Shotgun Range; he placed 3rd. Boomer was at closer range and working between the edges and his handler, taking and completing some lines towards the middle of the hour with 4 finds for his efforts.

Brace 2: Nixo De Cache D'or (Oakie), M.J. Haesche and Sniksoh Slippery Slope (Slick H), Burchett. Slick was away fast and forward, being found standing high and tight holding point for a long time on each of his 3 finds. After his first, he became bullish at times finally getting lined out again midway through the hour and made nice moves throughout the hour. Oakie, a French Brittany, was fast, snappy and animated throughout his hour. He was shorter ranging and frenetic early, growing in his range and application, always using the wind and being rewarded with 6 finds for his efforts; a pleasure to watch!

Brace 3: Lapat's Cody (Cody), McDonald and Turning Points Lady of Victory (Nike), Burchett. Cody and Nike were slow

getting started in their brace showing a bit too much interest in each other. Once their handlers got them separated, both of their patterns improved and they each did some really nice things. Each dog had 5 finds for their efforts; Cody was near broke on most of his finds and each dog looked stylish on their birds.

Brace 4: Osage Fork Slick (Slick), Burchett and Whizki On Diamonds (Tracy), Johnson. Slick and Tracy's brace was detailed earlier.

2018 ABC Gun Dog Derby Invitational 1hr(8S)

J: Marc Rittner & Albert L., Cropek, Jr.

- 1 – WHIZKI ON DIAMONDS (B), by A Trace of Bourbon With Diamonds x Dottie LoaWhizki Nick; o Cory Stokes, h Scott Johnson
- 2 – OSAGE FORK SLICK (D), by Kid's Red Devil x AFC Farm Girl Pearl; o Chuck & Jill Schaefer, h Bob Burchett
- 3 – SNIKSOH DIAMOND JACK (D), by GFC/FC Touch of Bourbon Little Chug x FC Sniksoh Little Diamond; o Gaylord & Weston Jowett, h Bob Burchett



National Specialty Show News

Submitted by Dawn Droel, newly appointed 3rd Vice President dawndroel@gmail.com

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