



2021 ABC DERBY INVITATIONAL

Thursday December 2, 2021

Blue Mountain-J. Perry Mikles WDA, Booneville, AR

As seen by Jan Kilpatrick



L to R: Joe Williams, Bob Travis, Stan Williamson with Jowill's Sweet Mandolin Music, Judge Dr. Robert Rankin, Tommy Thomas, Bob Burchett with Sovereign's Sionic Boom, Joe Droel, Richard Beaver with Piney Run White Lightning, Claude Kilpatrick, Jan Kilpatrick, Kent Patterson, Scott Johnson, Judge Tom Milam

Twelve young contenders from around the country were invited to compete in the 6th running of the American Brittany Club Derby Invitational held Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the Blue Mountain-J. Perry Mikles WDA, Booneville, AR. Congratulations to all the dogs, their owners and handlers who earned the right to participate this year. Judges this year were Tom Milam and Dr. Robert Rankin who we thank for their time and thoughtful consideration of each of these fine young hopefuls. Thanks goes out to Purina for their continued support and for the Pro Plan dog food awarded to the winners and placers. This day's weather was mostly sunny and warm. It was dry with low humidity and unreliable variable winds making scenting conditions tenuous to say the least. Still this group of youngsters were eager and a pleasure to watch. The three contestants rising to the top were:

The Recognized: First place: Jowills Sweet Mandolin Music, "Manny". Second place was Sniksoh Sonic Boom, "Sonic". Third place went to Piney Run White Lightning, "Buzz".

The Running

Brace 1: Sniksoh "Sonic" Boom, Handler Bob Burchett, Owner: Dawn and Joe Droel and Dogwoods Quick Cate, Handler/Owner: Todd Paramenter. And so the games began at a coolish 8 am with Sonic and Cate breaking away in a joyful foot race before separating as the whistles to get to work overcame their glee. Sonic made a big circular

cast before rejoining the front at 10 where he settled into a fast forward application. Cate worked the front with a moderate 10 to 2 range making sure no logical objective went unchecked. At 26 birds were seen soaring above an excited Cate but no point had been observed. At 47 Sonic slammed on point before moving a small covey with acceptable derby manners. Both dogs continued their search and finished their hour with energy to spare. Sonic's solid all age performance earned him 2nd place.

Brace 2: Noble Southpaw, Handler: Steve Chang, Owner: J. Muljana and Jowills Sweet Madolin Music, "Manny", Handler/Owner: Joe Williams. After a little head-start by Manny's accidental escape before the official breakaway these two boys started putting it down fast and forward. Noble was a handful from the start and went missing early and never returned to judgment. When we caught up with Manny at 17 he was far to the front and had us leaning forward in the saddle watching his big forward intelligent casts as he made his way over Course 2 in his quest for birds. At 37 handler called point as Manny stood tall and tight in an overgrown strip on the left side of the road. Handler dismounted and moved in front of his dog before putting up a nice covey of birds with Manny staying mostly still through the flush and shot. There was no drama rounding him up and he continued his hour making impressive all age moves to the front as fresh as he started. Certainly an impressive well deserved 1st place performance.

Brace 3: Piney Run White Lightning 'Buzz', Handler: Scott

Johnson, Owner: John Chejne and Hi Knob Pancho, Handler: Bob Burchett; Owner: C. Compton. Buzz and Pancho were thinking birds from the get-go. Both dogs pointed with style at 3 but no birds could be produced. Pancho couldn't get it together after this nonevent and was picked up by handler at 28. Buzz exhibited intense focus, natural physical and mental ability throughout his strong fast forward race. Buzz was awarded a well-deserved 3rd place based solely on his superior ground efforts searching for birds.

Brace 4: Hehi Rambling Roscoe, Handler: Bob Burchett, Owner: T. Healey and Diamond Hill Big Bong, Handler/Owner: Lisa Pollack. A cool breeze was welcomed for this first afternoon brace even though the temperatures had risen into the high 70's. Roscoe and Bong took off enthusiastically each doing their own thing. Roscoe whirled on point at 13 as he was running briskly down the right-side tree line. As handler approached Roscoe dove in the cover sending a huge covey to flight with all in order. Both dogs made steady progress hunting hard when Bong locked up tight at 35 down a lateral tree line. Handler dismounted and began the bird search with Bong standing tall and tight until given the signal to relocate. Birds were still not produced so handler chose to ride hard to regain the front. Both dogs continued hunting though the heat took its toll on their ground efforts.

Brace 5: Black Creek Augustus, Handler: Chad Holman; Owners: Ed & Judy Graves and Sovereigns Indecent Exposure, "Flash",

Handler: Bob Burchett; Owners: Dawn & Joe Droel. Augustus scored early with a small covey find at 3. Sent forward he went to an unknown destination and retrieval device was requested at 30. Flash could not figure out which direction he wanted to run so handler picked him up at 22.

Brace 6: Wichita Hope, Handler: Scott Johnson; Owner: C. Roberds and 6b Sovereign's Sweeter Than Honey, "Clover", Handler/ Owners: Joe Droel & Dawn Droel. Hope and Clover broke away at the double gates on Course 2. The temperature had risen into the high 70's with no breeze left. These girls hunted hard but conditions were not in their favor and neither had bird contact.

With the 2021 ABC Derby Invitational completed we all headed towards camp for the placements.

2021 ABC Derby Invitational Derby 1hr(12S)

J: Dr. Bob Rankin & Tom Milam

- 1 - JOWILL'S SWEET MANDOLIN MUSIC (D), by Roustabout All In x Roll On Ms Bella; o/h Dr. Joseph Williams
- 2 - SOVEREIGN'S SIONIC BOOM (D), by Sniksoh Free Boy x Sniksoh Pattynn; o Joe & Dawn Droel, h Bob Burchett
- 3 - PINEY RUN WHITE LIGHTNING (D), by Piney Run Jake x Piney Run Candy; o John & Connie Chejne, h Scott Johnson



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