



2022 ABC Derby Invitational

Blue Mountain WDA, Booneville, AR

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By Joanne Perry



Many thanks to our Derby Invitational judges this year, Jack Alexander and Richard Beaver, for their time in the saddle, keen eyes and expertise. Both have an extensive background in breeding and running dogs in various venues. We appreciate their time and efforts watching these young dogs present their abilities.

Thank you to all the owners and handlers for showcasing these up-and-coming canine athletes. We also thank Purina for their continued support, as well as providing these dogs the fuel they need to perform at this level. Thanks also to Kent Patterson for being the Field Trial Chairperson; Ed Koska who spent the entire time in Booneville driving the dog wagon; to the marshals and to everyone that helped make the event a success.

Friday, Dec 2, 2022: The weather was cloudy, damp and in the 50's for running the event's braces.

The winners:

Champion (from brace 4): WW'S Miss Carona

Runner-up: withheld

Third place: withheld

Fourth place: withheld

Brace 1:

a) Crosscreek Sovereign Caught Up In Legends – Bob Burchett

b) Diamond Hill Young Sheldon (Sheldon) – Scott Johnson

These two dogs complemented each other in ground race. Bob pointed out his dog multiple times. At 11 minutes, point was called for Sheldon and with a nice covey find, we were off to the front. Bob's dog went left at Lick Creek and Sheldon took to the right. Bob's dog shortened up a bit then went wide. Both dogs came together making a nice wide cast in the open field heading towards the gate. As we came to the bridge both dogs went left and finished deep into the fields.

Brace 2

a) Spartan King Kidd (Kidd) – Stan Williamson

b) K.C. Little Skye Diamond (Skye) – Scott Johnson

Kidd was digging in the brush hunting hard. The dogs handled nicely as they made the hairpin turn. At 27 both dogs hit point on a nice size covey. Skye was very staunch through the flush and both dogs took off together after the shot heard around the world (Stan's shot). Neither dog minded as the birds scattered everywhere with the dogs in hot pursuit. Kidd's range shortened as Skye was more forward.

Brace 3:

a) KDF Kid's All Summer Long (Summer) – Trasa Fowler

b) Circle C's American Eagle (Eagle) – Bob Burchett

Both dogs started very strong, with a nice find for Summer at eleven minutes. Both dogs were forward headed towards Mario's Hill. At 19 Eagle was found standing and had nice bird work on the find. After being out of pocket for a few minutes, Summer popped out front. Both dogs had a nonproductive by the trap house then went MIA until Trasa pointed out Summer down in the bowl going to the front. With no sighting of Eagle, Bob asked for the tracker. At 55, Summer had a nonproductive to complete the hour.

Brace 4:

- a) **Tel Tex Cisco – Scott Johnson**
- b) **WW'S Miss Carona (Rona) – Burton Wise**

Rona came out with a bang! She had a very intense point at 9 then was moved on, taking to the front effortlessly. Rona scored again at 15 with another stylish find, while Scott's dog had good bird work on a covey before Lick Creek. Heading towards the big Oak, Rona had more bird work on the right. Scott's dog seemed to be a little tired as she backed Rona; at 34 minutes, Scott chose to pick up. Rona went very wide all on her own. After going past the Oak, through to the second big field, Rona hit point hard down at the bottom edge. No dogs had gone there yet and Rona was awarded with bird work. Burton's excitement was obvious as Rona was displaying the "WOW" factor, not only with her bird work, but her effortless stride and masterful moves. Coming from the far-right side, crossing over the two-track, she continued taking the next edge all the way down on her own and went straight through a cut to the next field without hesitation or missing a stride. The longer she was on the ground the better she seemed to become,

always rolling forward even at 55 minutes when she cruised the edge of the riverbottom with plenty more left in her tank. WOW! Well done!

Brace 5:

- a) **Sovereign Campbell's Don't Spill The Tea – Bob Burchett**
- b) **Biscuit's Pele's Bubbling Fire – Tom Jagielski**
Both dogs were very close working. Bob picked up at 25 minutes, while Tom's dog checked in often and went birdless in the brace.

Brace 6:

- a) **Dogwood Haley's Natural Pearl (Pearl) – Bob Burchett**
- b) **Wind Mountain Tequila Seniorita Especial – Steve Chang**

Pearl had other things on her mind at the breakaway as she went the opposite way and Bob said "Thank you". Steve's dog was somewhat close ranging and scored a stylish find at 13, with a nonproductive before Mario's Hill. At thirty minutes in Steve called point then decided to pick up.

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Open Derby 1hr (12S)

J: Jack Alexander & Richard Beaver

- 1- FC WW'S MISS CORONA (B), by NFC/GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC CVK'S Spartan King x FC WW's Miss Wendy Peffercorn; o Burton & Sharon Wice, h Burton Wice
- 2-4Withheld



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