

The 2023 ABC Derby Invitational was held December 2, 2023 due to a weather delay. Our esteemed judges were Matt Harris from Kansas and Kent Patterson out of Tennessee. Your vast knowledge of the Brittany breed and years of experience was greatly appreciated. Thank you both for looking at the young, up and coming dogs!

Champion brace 1 – I'm Gonna Bee

Runner-up brace 5 – FarOut Fields Cashed In On Birds

3rd place brace 3 – Sovereign's Legendary Rascal

4th place brace 5 – Tequila Shameless

Brace 1

a) DC's This Better Be The One (Casper) – Bob Burchett

b) I'm Gonna Bee (Bee) – Dan Campbell

Both dogs started out very forward. Casper scored at 16, with good style; though he shortened up in the high cover about halfway through the brace, he still showed some nice moves. Bee showed to the front well, scoring a nice find at the tree line at 38. Casper was rewarded at 47 with a nice piece of bird work, then an unproductive at 52 before finishing in close range while Bee finished very strong and forward.

Brace 2

a) Find A Bird Dixie (Dixie) – Chris Selix

b) Civil War (Stewart) – Mark Aumen

At 15 minutes, Dixie scored a find after the hairpin turn by the bridge; she would later have another find by the broken tree. Stewart stopped and was seeming very birdie, but with no birds the decision was made to move on; he seemed to be preoccupied with other things, going birdless while Dixie accomplished bird work at 47 and went on to finish the hour.

Brace 3

a) Sovereign's Legendary Rascal (Alvin) – Bob Burchett

b) Turning Points Ring of Fire (Johnny) – Julie Nelson

Alvin handled the cover well with nice style on point and a find at 37. Johnny proved to be very independent being on his own quite a bit during the brace, thinking he had this with or without his handler. Johnny had a piece of bird work at 57, as Alvin honored nicely and both dogs finished the hour.

Brace 4

a) Artemis Sunshine Von Huberhaus (Artie) – Travis Patterson

b) St. Clair's Prince of Darkness (Ozzy) – Scott Johnson

Artie was gone from the breakaway and the tracker was pulled. Ozzy's range was short and Scott chose to pick up early.

Brace 5

a) Tequila Shameless (Reo) – Ed Tillson

b) Far Out Fields Cashed In On Birds (Cash) – Kyle Merrill

Point was called for both dogs for a divided find at 35. At the island on course 2, both dogs were seen standing for another divided find. Cash had a nice find as they headed into the Fish Hook. Time was called as we completed the Fish Hook with both dogs.

Brace 6

a) Circle C's Straight Shooter (Annie) – Bob Burchett

b) High Hope's She's All Assets (Fay) – Al Cropek

Fay had an unproductive at 26, then a nice find after Mario's Hill and another find with good manners at 52 by the Skeet house; she did tend to play hard to catch after her finds. Annie had a find at 48. With the cover being thick and high, both dogs showed fatigue as they finished the stake.

2023 Derby Invitational Results

1st I'm Gonna Bee

Janee's Limited Out x Artic Tundra's Heart Breaker

o/h Dan Campbell

2nd Far Out Fields Cashed In On Birds

2xGFC/FC I'm Your Man x FC M & M's Grouse Gunnin Gracie

o/Lee Mustion, h/Kyle Merrill

3rd Sovereign's Legendary Rascal

GCHG DC Sovereign's Chasing Legends x Libby Ann

o/Janet Lioy & Andrew Gruebel, h/Bob Burchett

4th Tequila Shamless

CH TJ's Kickin' Up Dust x Firestarters Guilty Pleasure

o/Pam Baird, h/Ed Tillson