

American Brittany Club Dual Award Committee Report

Committee Chair:

Robert Rankin, Midwest Director (Northern Oklahoma Brittany Club) Midwest

Committee Members:

Ron Auten (Michigan Brittany Club)	East Central
Hank Hartnek, ABC President, (Sahuaro & San Diego Brittany Clubs)	West - Ex-Officio Member
Diane Hedstrom (Minnesota and St. Croix Valley Brittany Club)	Central
Diana Kubitz (Western Michigan Brittany Club)	East Central
Linda Langford (California & Bama Brittany Clubs)	West & East Central
Teresa Richmond (LaSalle Brittany Club) – Did not participate	Central
Sharon Van Wieren (Hoosier and LaSalle Brittany Club)	Central & East Central

This Dual Award Committee set out with the intent to propose necessary changes to the Dual Award point schedule that would clarify ambiguous wording and include a point schedule that would include points for the Amateur Gun Dog Nationals winners. During the course of our interaction, this committee has identified some key concerns that have hindered us from rendering a single unanimous recommendation to the board. We have submitted two separate proposals, and have highlighted the issues that have been addressed.

The debate began with the issue of point allocation between the Open All Age and Open Gun Dog placements. In 1995, when the Gun Dog Champion first earned points toward the dual award, there was a 2 point difference in points earned between the Open All Age winners and the Open Gun Dog winners (See Exhibit 1). An early tabulation of the committee revealed a preference for equal point allocation, with Rankin, Auten, Kubitz and Hedstrom in favor, Van Wieren and Langford opposed, and Richmond positions unknown at that time. After some discussion, a proposal was submitted (See Exhibit 2) which would “split the difference” and change the point differential between the Open All Age and the Open Gun dog winners to 1 point, recognizing the fact that the Open All Age dogs are the only dogs which still have to complete the performance events after the bench show. The debate over this issue caused three of the six voting members of the committee to propose splitting the existing award into two awards (See Exhibit 3 below).

1. The W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial Award to remain in place for the dual dog participating in the concurrent running of the Trials in Booneville and the show in Fort Smith, and
2. A new memorial (possibly in memory of Ron Zook) to be offered for the dual dog participating in the Gun Dog Nationals in Ionia in October as well as the National Show in Fort Smith.

The two award proposal would eliminate the issue about how to allocate points between All Age Dogs and Gun Dogs, and opens the door to the ABC awarding more than one dual dog in a single year. For the first time, however, this proposal will be introducing language that qualifies the way we recognize our duals, by adding a categorization to differentiate a Gun Dog Dual from an All Age Dual. Some members of the committee expressed concerns about the long term effect this may have. (*In favor of Split awards: Rankin, Kubitz & Auten. Opposed: Hedstrom, Van Wieren, & Langford*).

The second key issue was concerned with the allocation of points between the Open and the Amateur Stakes. Again, the committee seemed to be split with 4 members (*Rankin, Hedstrom, Kubitz & Auten*) in favor of Amateur stakes earning same number of points as the Open counterpart, and 2 (*Langford, Van Wieren*) in favor of Amateur stakes earning one point less than the Open counterpart. (Historical notation: When the Dual Dog Award was first introduced in 1943, equal points were awarded for Open and Amateur Stakes, and lesser points for Futurity winners. In 1963, when the W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial replaced the original award, the futurity dual award had been separated out, and the All Age winner and Best of Breed points were increased from 5 to 6 points.)

A third critical issue debated was the tie breaker language. This committee entertained proposals from a) no tie breaker language, allowing ABC to declare multiple dogs as winners in the event of a tie, to b) counting the number of dogs defeated in the field to determine the tie breaker, and lastly, c) in the event of a tie, preference will be given to the Open placement. In the end the committee seemed unanimously willing to accept the wording that in the event of a tie, preference will be to the Open Placement.

The clarification of the wording for the 3 point rule seems to be generally agreed upon.

- Bench Champions entered and shown in Best of Breed competition or in any non-regular classes with single dog entries (such as Veteran's, Field Trial Class, etc) shall receive an automatic 3 points toward the Dual Award, however no additional points are to be accumulated for placements in non-regular classes.
- No points are awarded for participation in Parade of Champions, Stud Dog or Brood Bitch, or any other non-regular classes with multiple dog entries.
- The single highest point value earned in the show will be the one used in calculating the award.

One final issue that was suggested was the addition of 3 points to any dog who earns an Award of Merit in the Bench Competition. This primarily allows a dog who is not a bench champion, but earns an Award of Merit from a non-regular class involving a single dog entry, to earn equivalent points to Winners and/or an existing bench champions.

As a result of our deliberations, this committee has agreed to present two separate proposals to the Board for their discussion and review. Below, you will find the following three exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Existing point system for the dual award.

Exhibit 2: Proposal for a single dual award, where the Open Gun Dog points equal the Amateur All Age points, which are one point higher than the Amateur Walking Gun Dog and one point lower than the Open All Age.

This proposal most closely represents the historical Dual Dog Point schedule, with minimal change.

Supporters of this proposal are Van Wieren, Langford.

Exhibit 3: Proposal for separate Dual Awards, returning the W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial Award to the All Age competitors and introducing a new Ron Zook Memorial for the Gun Dog Competitors.

The two award proposal was developed to avoid the conveyance of preference for one field stake over another. This proposal separates the Dual Winners into All Age and Gun Dog categories, and eliminates the 1 point difference between Open and Amateur stakes that has been in existence since 1963.

This proposal has the slight majority, with supporters Rankin, Hedstrom, Kubitz and Auten.

Our proposed systems follow, and whichever is approved, will update page 67 of the ABC Policy Book.

Respectfully submitted,
The Dual Dog Award Committee 2008

Exhibit 1: EXISTING POINT SYSTEM FOR THE DUAL AWARD

Extracted from the ABC Policy Book, as published on ABC website as of 9/4/2008)

The ABC may designate Dual Dog of the Annual Show and Trial to any dog that has amassed the most points for his or her performance in the National Specialty Show and Field Trials. In case of a tie, preference will be given to the Open All Age Championship, then the Amateur All Age Championship then to the Open Gun Dog Championship. The points upon which the dog is to be chosen shall be based on the following scales for field trials and bench show performance and the points obtained in each shall be totaled. Dogs must win points from both the show and field. Only the higher show placements will be considered but all field placements shall be allowed in the final tabulation. (1995) The Amateur Gun Dog Championship points are yet to be determined. (2006)

Field Trial Placements:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Open All Age Championship	6	5	4	3
Amateur All Age Championship	5	4	3	2
Open Gun Dog Championship	4	3	2	1
Amateur Gun Dog Championship	TO BE ANNOUNCED			

Specialty Show Placements:				
Best of Breed	6			
Best of Opposite Sex	5			
Best of Winners	4			
Winners	3			
Reserve Winners	2			
Champions entered	3			
Any class placement	2	1	1/2	1/4
1st in any class	2			

If there is a single entry in a class 0
If there are 2 entries in a class 1st shall receive 1/4 point
If there are 3 entries in a class 1st shall receive 1/2 point
2nd shall receive 1/4 point
If there are 4 entries in a class 1st shall receive 1 point
2nd shall receive 1/2 point
3rd shall receive 1/4 point

Bench Champions entered and shown in Veteran's, Field Trial Class or any non-regular class with single dog entry shall receive an automatic 3 points - Stud dog and Brood Bitch not included.

Bench Champions do not receive points for Parade of Champions. (1989)

Field Champions in Parade of Champions do not receive points.

Any Show Champion of record entered and shown in the Winter Specialty Show in Best of Breed competition or in any non-regular classes with single dog entries (such as Veterans, Field Trial Class, etc.) would receive points toward the Dual Award according to the current point schedule for show champion. (1973)

Exhibit 2: PROPOSED CHANGES for a Single Award

presented to the Dual Dog Award Committee of 2008 by L. Langford 9/5/2008

Revision 1 – per Ron Auten, add wording to further clarify the 3 point bench points.

Revision 2 – per Linda, Langford add back the exclusion of the Stud Dog & Brood Bitch.

Revision 3 – per Hank, add 3 points for Award of Merit designation (9/18)

- Move wording for “in case of tie” to the end of the paragraph
- Reorganize the wording for class points based on class size for readability .
- Further clean up wording for class eligibility

POINT SYSTEM FOR THE DUAL AWARD
W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial Award

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Best of Opposite Sex	5
Best of Winners	4
Winners	3
Reserve Winners	2
Champions shown	3
<u>Award of Merit</u>	<u>3</u>

Any class placement with 5 or more entries	2	1	1/2	1/4
Any class placement with 4 entries	1	1/2	1/4	
Any class placement with 3 entries	1/2	1/4		
Any class placement with 2 entries	1/4			
If there is a single entry in a class	0			

Bench Champions entered and shown in Best of Breed competition or in any non-regular classes with single dog entries (such as Veteran's, Field Trial Class, etc.) shall receive an automatic 3 points toward the Dual Award, however no additional points are to be accumulated for placements in Field Trial, Veterans or any non-regular classes.

No points are awarded for participation in Parade of Champions, Stud Dog or Brood Bitch, or any other non-regular classes with multiple dog entries.

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Exhibit 3: PROPOSED CHANGES for Splitting the Award

Presented to the committee on 9/18 by Diane Hedstrom

Redline changes on this page reflect changes to CURRENT Wording.

**W.E. STEVENSON SR. MEMORIAL AWARD
and the
RON ZOOK MEMORIAL AWARD
ABC NATIONAL DUAL AWARD POINT SYSTEM**

The ABC may designate Dual Dog~~s~~ of the Annual Show and Trial to any dogs that have amassed the most points for his or her performance in the National Specialty Show and Field Trials. The top All Age competitor shall be awarded the W.E. Stevenson Sr. Memorial Trophy. The top Gun Dog competitor shall be awarded the Ron Zook Memorial Trophy. The points upon which the dog is to be chosen shall be based on the following scales for field trials and bench show performance and the points obtained in each shall be totaled. Dogs must receive points from both the show and field. Only the higher show points received will be considered but all field points received shall be allowed in the final tabulation. In case of a tie, preference will be given to the Open Championship placement.

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