

Pennsylvania Brittany Club Field Trial May 2 & 3, 2009

Everyone arriving at the PA Brittany Club grounds on Friday, May 1 was greeted with steady rain, which turned into a deluge as night fell. We all grumbled as we dug out the rain gear for the next morning. To our delight, the rain stopped over night, temperatures climbed only into the 60's, skies were partly sunny and there was a light breeze for the remainder of the weekend. This created nearly perfect weather for a field trial!

Along with the regular participants at the PA Brittany Club trials from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and West Virginia, we welcomed Ken Blackman from Tennessee, John Sala from Virginia and Delmar & Sandy McAllister's grandson, Seth visiting from Texas. Seth joined the group of children playing in the Cropek "fort" roasting marshmallows, walking dogs and socializing with all the adults. It just wouldn't be a PA Brittany Club trial without the kids!

Saturday was a day of beginnings and endings. On Saturday morning William Hendrickson handled his puppy, Junior for the first time (with a little help from Dad, Brian) and collected his first field trial ribbon. On Saturday afternoon Delmar McCallister ran his 11 year old Buddy for the last time and won the amateur gun dog stake. It was surely a day to remember for both.

We celebrated Cinco De Mayo a few days early with a Mexican themed dinner and happy hour with food provided by club members and those attending the trial. Dinner was followed by an auction and raffle to raise funds for the improvement of the PA Brittany Club grounds. Brian Riggle was our first-class auctioneer and Sandy Sargent announced the numbers for the raffle. Thanks to the generosity of those attending we raised \$1,000!

We were all saddened by the loss of former club member, Frieda St. John last year to cancer. Frieda's husband, John donated horse tack, a tracking collar, training collar, and other dog and field trial related equipment for the raffle and auction. Our sincere thanks are extended to John for his gift. I have to believe that Frieda would be very pleased to have a part in providing a better place to run field trial dogs in Pennsylvania.

By 2:00 on Sunday afternoon just a handful of rigs were left on the grounds and the judges were enjoying some great performances in the, 5 point, open gun dog stake. With the help of an exceptional group of club members we had again pulled off a successful event. I am not going to thank each one but ALL and not just for this event but for all the work done for the Pennsylvania Brittany Club throughout the year. The officers, board of directors and active members have made significant improvements to the club over the last few years and THE BEST IS YET TO COME.....

The fine weekend ended as I presented the Founders Trophy for first place in the open gun dog stake to Stanley Thorpe for his Bear, handled by Chris Rider. The huge smiles on Doris and Stanley's faces were a fitting end to a special day.

OPEN PUPPY (6 starters)

J: Steve Rollyson & Jim Skorik

1. Gran Torino by Cold Mountain X Landslide, o Chris Rider & Greg Sackett, h Chris Rider
2. The Shootist by Pale Rider X High Hopes Tar's White Lace, o/h John Sala
3. Dr. Calamity Jane by Royal Gamblin Gunner X Bebop Tin Pan Alley, o/h John Sala
4. Pecos Bill by Buckeye Cowboy X Klickitat County Twister, o/h William Hendrickson

OPEN ALL AGE (15 starters)

J: Brian Hendrickson & Al Crokek

1. KT's Artic Blast by Chubasco X Flatwood's Artic Express KT, o Bill & Kip Tate, h Jim Winnen
2. Kodachrome by Carolina Ranger II X White Diamond, o Bill & Kip Tate, h Jim Winnen
3. Buckeye Cowboy by Harlan County Cowboy X Shady's Blaze of Glory o/h Delmar McCallister
4. Gladiator's Tuck-N-Roll by KT's Artic Galdiator X The Knockout Whiz-ard, o Dennis & Lori McClary, h Dennis McClary

AMATEUR GUN DOG (22 starters)

J: Rich Pristov & Steve Rollyson

1. Shady's Be Sumbuddy by Shady's Lil' Clipper X SpotlightII, o/h Delmar McCallister
2. Charod's Kickin Sumbuddt's Az by Shady's Be Sumbuddy X Hocking River Brett, o Delmar McCallister & Chad Slone, h Delmar McCallister
3. Vanpo's Lucky Number by Vanpo's Lucifer X Vanpo's White Lady o/h Ron Lisius
4. JJ's Special Edition by The Whiz Kid X JJ Sweet Cinnamon Sue, o/h John Chokran

OPEN DERBY (8 starters)

J: Brian Hendrickson & Jim Skorik

1. White Noise by Broadway Joe VI X Snowball XVIII o/h Jim Winnen
2. The Real Deal II by Choc Talk X Leona o Bill & Kip Tate, h Jim Winnen
3. Alberta Bound by Broadway Joe VI X Need For Speed , o Samuel Borst, h Jim Winnen
4. Piney Run Hillbillie Delux by Piney Run Art X Maxwell's Southern Hospitality, o Randy & Carrie Wippich, h Randy Wippich

OPEN GUN DOG (25 starters)

J: Rich Pristov & Steve Lauterbach

1. Coke's Barton Hollow Bear by Coke IV X Coyote Ugly, o Stanley & Doris Thorpe, h Chris Rider
2. Windy Hill Ben by Bean's Blaze X Shady's Billie Joe, o/h Brian Hendrickson

3. Requet's Above & Beyond by Jordean Up and At'em X Starlight's Shining
Amanda, o Kristi Anglen & Diane Requet, h Carl Anglen
4. Knine's Ghost Rider by Redline's Tequila Smoker X Tucalom Creek Picabo, o
Andre Coulombe, h Brian Riggle