

## United States Brittany Championship

Premier Stake Prepares to Celebrate 35th Anniversary Running

By JUDY WEBB

**T**HE United States Brittany Championship Association is the oldest, continuously sponsored AMERICAN FIELD recognized Brittany Championship. The 35th renewal of this time-honored stake will be held March 9-16, 1997 at the Lake Murray venue near Ardmore, Okla.

In recognition of this landmark occasion it seems fitting to honor the participants (both men and dogs) from previous renewals.

A group of dedicated breeders and field trialers initiated the U. S. Brittany Championship in 1963 in Oklahoma. Their goal: To establish a vehicle to promote and advance the Brittany as an all-around bird dog. After reviewing the winners, we must conclude that their formula is correct.

In 1963, sixty regional clubs in the American Brittany Club (ABC) sponsored more than 100 field trials. There was an ABC AKC National Championship and American Field Brittany Grouse Championship. These were foot handling trials. The originators of the United States Brittany Championship Association determined that it was time to take the next step, to initiate a stake for those who wanted to handle their Brittanys from horseback. The objective: recognize and promote the superior Brittanys, dogs that all Brittany owners should include in their breeding programs, dogs whose names should be found in every Brittany pedigree. The test would emphasize endurance and intensity on point.

To realize these objectives they chose to emulate the National Free-for-All Championship. The rules call for a one-hour qualifying series followed by one-hour finals. One change occurred over the years. No prior placement is now needed for the qualifying series. Pointing game in the first series and some slight lapses may be overlooked if the overall performance of a dog warrants another look.

When the first series is completed, eight or more dogs are "called back" for the championship series. The judges pair the dogs for the second series and the slate is wiped clean. No dog may be called back to run in the finals on the day of his original effort. A second series contender must be braced with a new brace mate and run on a different course.

There's a major departure from most trials. To put it in the vernacular: "It ain't over 'til it's over." The judges have great latitude in picking the best entry. After the second series, if no dog has shown the performance sought, the judges can call for additional dogs from the first series and/or rerun dogs from the finals. No dog is eliminated from the stake until the judges have found the best and a winner named.

These principles place extreme pressure upon those chosen to judge but also allows them freedom to select a premier winner. If the judges do

not see a performance worthy of the honor "champion" they can award first, second and third.

Reading through the list of judges who have presided at this stake brings fond memories, not only of the rich experiences they bring to the Championship, but the wonderful fellowship exchanged during the trials. They have garnered respect by being avid sportsmen, hunters, trainers and campaigners of dogs. They are eminently qualified, possessing judicial experience, and they have earned the respect of the competitors. To this group, and to all who judge now and in the future, we offer sincere appreciation and thanks.

**T**HE Lake Murray venue is considered by many to be among the premier field trial sites. The courses follow the lake edge over gentle rolling prairie, along treelines, draws, open meadows and sometimes through thick scrub oak groves. It is some of the most picturesque landscape in field trialdom.

The Lake Murray site were developed in the mid-1940s and has seen great dogs of all breeds traverse its courses. Over the years, funding for a barn, kennels and corrals has come from clubs and dedicated field trialers. For many years its care was under the Oklahoma Parks and Recreation as was the lake and other recreational areas. For the last several decades the stewardship of the grounds has been supervised by the Oklahoma Field Trial Clubs Association and its grounds committee.

[A special note. J. W. (Dub) Emde has spent innumerable hours and days on the care of these grounds. He lives in Ardmore and he is the man called when help is needed. Always cheerful and possessed of great patience, he solves problems and moves on to other business. In the Spring he organized a much needed cedar tree clearing project. Several weeks later workers convened to trim trees, weld corrals and plow feed strips. The extremely dry Spring made a controlled burning by the OFTCA a great finale. The courses are now in superb shape. Great demand for these grounds sometimes drives the birds into the reeds and into unused areas. The quail population seems cyclic but in most years adequate game is found.]

The directors are another element that makes this a superior stake. Delmar Smith must be noted as the first dean. He was truly a visionary in establishing this test. He saw Brittany trials begin in Michigan and move steadily westward. In 1963 the Brittany was gaining favor in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and other nearby states. He knew a trial such as this would draw both noteworthy dogs and an exceptional corps of workers.

Delmar Smith won his first Brittany National Championship in 1955 with the legendary Towsey; he repeated it in 1957 and '59. In 1960 he and Holliday Britt took top honors; Towsey was

named runner-up. His final National Championship came in 1966 when Bazooka's Brandy won the title. For the first six renewals of the United States Brittany Championship, Delmar Smith won with Way Kan Jill (twice), Britt's Bazooka, Bill's Buddy Boy II and Bazooka's Brandy. He was not only interested in the trial dog but wanted to see a superior line of bird dogs developed that would please the hunter.

Dan Huddleston, an Oklahoma City businessman, was named first president (1963-1968). He donated the beautiful Buddington Prince Memorial Trophy. Prince is the first field champion in Oklahoma and the sire of many notable winners, including National Champion Holliday Britt.

The Championship honors Dan Huddleston and Delmar Smith as Honorary Life Members for their enormous contributions over the years.

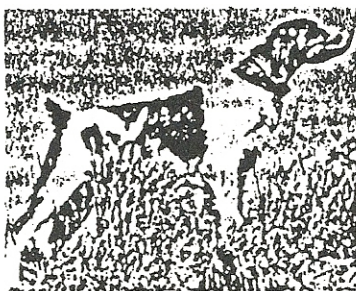
Next to serve as president, and later as secretary, was Dr. C. T. Young (1969-1973), an Oklahoma City dentist. Not only did Dr. Young guide the association but also competed fiercely and won this Championship with Gundy in 1971. He also served as president of the American Brittany Club for six years and was elected as an ABC Honorary Life Member in 1989. He remains active in the Sooner Brittany Club, serving as its treasurer. In his retirement, he co-founded and is the current director of Manna Ministries, an organization that ministers to and feeds the needy of Oklahoma City.

After John Doak retired and moved from Illinois to Oklahoma he was immediately enlisted as president (1974-1978). He continued until health problems slowed his travel. Under his leadership, in 1974, the companion Victoire Derby Nationale was launched. He and his lovely wife Ann donated the beautiful trophy; this Classic is the only hour Derby for Brittanys.

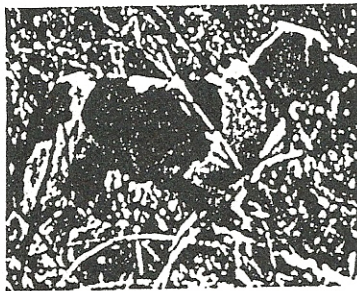
Doyle Bradford stepped up to take the reins as president for 1979-1980 and enjoyed great success with both his dog Red River Lady and as leader of the Championship. A job transfer to Pennsylvania forced him to resign.

Dr. John Webb of Texas made his first contributions to the Championship in the mid-1970s when he began marshalling the stake. He then assumed the secretarial duties and reporting. From 1981 until 1985, Dr. Webb served as president, marshal and reporter. He has not only been active in this Association but has held other numerous positions in the American Brittany Club, including the presidency for six years. In 1992 he and this scribe were honored by election into ABC Honorary Life Membership. Dr. Webb is still very active in the Championship and is noted as the "on time" dog wagon driver. He serves as a trustee of the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America and the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.

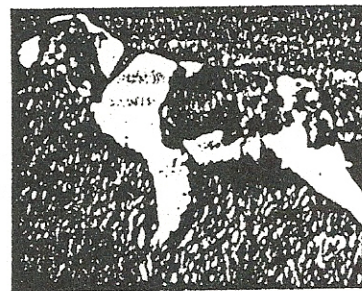
Dr. Robert Rankin holds the all-time record for service. Since 1986 he has held all three positions: president, marshal and reporter, and has done a superior job. His love of quail hunting brought him into the field trial world. Dr. Rankin is an internist in Oklahoma City. He leads a busy life apart from



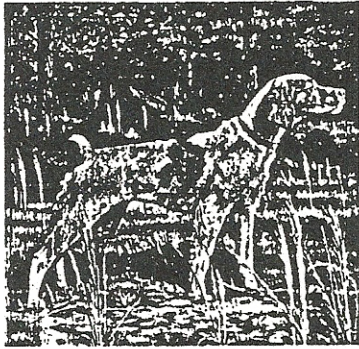
Perry's Rustic Prince



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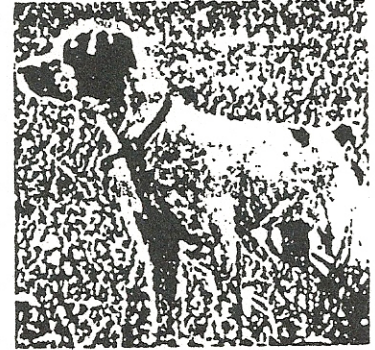
Gringo De Britt



Jacolet's Wandering Star



Minnehaha's Tammy



Home Acres Risk

dogs, notably with wife Laura raising two teenage daughters and refereeing soccer games. He has served on the Board of Directors of the ABC for many terms. He organized and keeps points for the Iams Brittany of the Year Award awarded annually at the ABC National Championships. Dr. Rankin owns Minnehaha's Tammy, a two-time winner of this Championship, an ABC National Champion and National Invitational, plus other hour placements.

Much credit must be given the secretaries over the years. They are the glue that holds everything in place, the detail people. Their names are recognized as breeders, judges, and strong supporters of the advancement of the Brittany: Delmar Smith, Don Norris, Joe McCrary, Walter Hume, Jr., Dr. C. T. Young, Dr. John A. and Judy Webb; Barbara Wade and now serving, Mary Karbinger.

The late Barbara Wade served as secretary from 1985 until her untimely death in August, 1995. She first became active in the association in 1978 when she retired from the faculty of the University of Michigan and moved to Oklahoma. She immediately expanded her kennel, buying Jack Flash O'Dolly and later Tall Oaks Bandolero. Her objective was to better the breed through trialing, breeding the best to the best and supplying hunters with the best gun dogs available. She was an intense competitor. In early 1995 she guided Country Roads Bay Arbor Jodee to runner-up in the Region 6 Amateur Championship, and Bay Arbor Dolly to runner-up in the Region 7 Amateur Championship. Her kennel produced eight field champions. Bay Arbor Dolly won three championships and four runners-up.

The following, from a wide geographic area, have served as Directors from time to time: Joan McCrary, Cy Springfield, Star Taylor, Marc Appleton, Bill and Rheta Cartmell, Luther Bell, Paul Hinch, Ken Jacobsen, Lewey McCrea, Frank Norris, Bill Novell, Wayne Oliver, Tim Poling, Rick and Deborah Smith, Robert and Carol Storez, Leon and Evelyn York, Ike Zamrzla, D. W. and Ethel Dawson, H. M. Holthoff, Lloyd and Billie Manck, Loyd Budd, John and M. E. Mercer, Martin Riphahn, Jerry and Julie Hoffman, Jim Askins, Joe Epperley, Al Gorrow, Francis Clasen, David Ayres, Charlie and Doris Johnson, David and Joyce Lincoln, Bob Weisz, Jake and JoJo Schroder, Tom and Linda Milam.

The beginning of the Brittany importation into the United States began in the 1930s. From the very beginning breeding was taken seriously and important strides were made.

As you glance down the table of winners, you will note four multiple winners: Jacolet's Wandering Star, three times; Way Kan Jill, Minnehaha's Tammy and Tall Oaks Bandolero (two each).

Of the 62 winners (winner and runners-up) named fifteen are Brittany females. Three amateurs have won: Dr. C. T. Young, Dr. Tim Poling and Jake Schroder. Six U. S. Open Champions produced get that have won a total of eleven U. S. Open Championship titles.

#### THE CHAMPIONS

**WAY KAN JILL** was the product of proven breeding. Her sire was a two-time National Amateur Champion and had other hour placements. The Price Kennels produced many other important winners of the 1960s. Both Jill's sire and dam have been inducted into the American Brittany Club Hall of Fame.

Hank Havens, judge and reporter for the 1966 Championship, wrote: "Way Kan Jill, seven-year-old brilliant performing bitch, came into this stake with impressive credentials, having garnered an impressive total of placements, a number of these against pointer and setter competition in shooting dog stakes. She won this stake in 1963, and was a finalist in 1964 and 1965.

"Jill gained the crown by almost perfectly fulfilling the purpose of the stake. In any endurance test, great emphasis is always placed on a strong race with a good finish. In her first hour, Jill ran up a remarkable score of five corking covey finds and a race without error. In her final hour, on a different course, she had a wider, more powerful ground heat and added two sparkling covey finds."

She produced one field winner from Tic Toc Bobby, one by Towsey's Bud and eighteen by Britt's Bazooka. By far, her most successful prodigy was Bazooka's Brandy. She was honored in 1971 by election in the ABC Hall of Fame.

BRITT'S BAZOOKA's performance in the 1965 championship is recorded by Joan McCrary.

"Britt's Bazooka topped a star-studded field. His was a sharp race and he handled well. A champion in every sense of the word. Bazooka began and ended strong . . . he made an intelligent and thorough search of all the likely cover. A flashy, high-headed enduring individual, his was an action-packed hour.

"His first bird work was viewed through heavy briars in timber, where he pinned a covey. The second was a splendid relocation on another covey. The last took place when handler discovered him in a plum thicket. Bazooka never twitched a muscle as Smith flushed a lone Tennessee Red. Bazooka had not only won the championship but also the admiration and praise of all the galleryites, other handlers, and judges . . ."

He was runner-up in the 1966 Championship.

Britt's Bazooka is considered the fountainhead of the Bazooka line. However, it should be noted that his sire, Holliday Britt, was a National Champion and produced other field winners. Britt's Bazooka produced 35 field winners including five hour winners. He was chosen for the ABC Hall of Fame in 1985. Bazooka's Brandy and Gundy, which also won this title, are two of his outstanding get. His most notable son, Hi Spirit Bazooka's Pistol, was inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame in 1987.

Bazooka's Brandy was an outstanding producer— 59 field winners, three hour winners and thirteen field champions. Pistol is the sire of Hi Spirit Buck, also a ABC Hall of Fame honoree.

Buck is a five-time champion; he won the National Amateur Championship twice.

BAZOOKA'S BRANDY. Don Bodiford judged and reported the sixth renewal. He wrote:

"Brandy did not show the sparkling burst of speed he had in his qualifying hour, due to a severe cut in his hind leg. With all the chips down, and running on sheer guts, he reached deep into timber at 17 to dig up his first bevy. Smith flushed the birds directly in front of Brandy's stand and everything was letter-perfect. At 42 Brandy cast down timber line, bore into woods and was lost. At 51 Smith found Brandy very deep in the woods, stacked up like a million dollars. The ground was muddy in the woods and Brandy had left skid marks two feet long . . . pushing up a small pile of leaves as he was sliding to point. It was a thrilling find and warmed the cockles of the hearts of those few that beheld it. Brandy held his head high, breathing in deeply that succulent aroma as Smith flushed an enormous bevy in front of the statuesque Brandy."

Brandy is a product of breeding the best to the best. His sire and dam won the U. S. Championship. He completed 1968 by being named National Champion. He produced 32 field winners that included Brandy's Bullet, a National Amateur Champion, and Scipio Spinks, the latter chosen for the ABC Hall of Fame in 1984.

Brandy's record shows 58 field winners, sixteen field champions and five get that placed in hour stakes. He was whelped in Oklahoma but did most of his winning on the West Coast where he set an all-time winning record.

Enough cannot be said for Scipio Spink's contribution to the Brittany world in California and all points West. His influence, and the influence of the Bazooka breeding, is still seen in dogs campaigned now. Hi Proof Rum Runner, Microdot and Rambling Rose VIII, each a National Champion and multiple hour winner, are Bazooka bred through Brandy's line.

GRINGO DE BRETT. "In the qualifying heats, Gringo De Brett had an excellent ground heat with one find. He took to deer for about ten minutes which detracted from his over-all performance but he was brought back on course and he finished strong. In the finals Gringo ran a hard driving forward race with one find on a single which he handled letter-perfect. He handled well throughout the entire hour. Gringo had an over-all class performance and he was the obvious choice for Champion." [Walter Hume, Jr., 1969.]

In Missouri another line was being developed that would strongly influence the Brittany breed. This line started at least two generations before Gringo. His grandsire was Butch Dandy's Gunsmoke, which by two different dams, produced two ABC Hall-of-Famers: Le Car's White Smoke and Kay Cee Bandit. Bandit, in turn, by two different dams produced two ABC Hall-of-Famers: Gringo De Britt and Ban Dee. Gringo won two National Amateur Championships and had two other hour placements. He produced 39 field win-

ners, thirteen field champions and in 1989 his son, Gunrunner's Far Out, was inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame. Far's record includes National Amateur Champion and R-U National Amateur Shooting Dog Championship against pointers and setters. Far is the sire of Jake's Sonofa Gunrunner which won this Championship in 1991.

**PACOLET'S CHEYENNE SAM.** Truman F. Cowles judged and reported the 7th renewal. He records Sam's brace: "Pacolet Cheyenne Sam had offered a superb ground race in his first hour but had not registered contact on birds. He managed to remove all reservations regarding the matter of a deserving champion by performing in highly notable form. Sam's early ground coverage was a bold repetition of his hour on Sunday, sweeping widely to the front, gathering up large amounts of forward country and coming around to the front almost without handling. At 16 he breezed along the ridge top timberline and put on the brakes just inside the edge of light oaks. Rick Smith flushed a big covey of birds from a very accurate location and Sam's manners were perfect as the gun spoke.

"Brandy's Bullet, his brace-mate, had pointed some distance down the slope near a marshy inlet and was essaying a relocation when handler sent Sam on. Sam moved briskly along the edge, out into the open area, and pointed just off the ridge line, some hundred yards from his first covey locale. Brace-mate moved down towards next woodsedge and when Rick Smith couldn't get up any birds, Sam was sent on. The dog turned downgrade and crossed a dirt road, just as we turned to get a glimpse of the action as we had been covering the brace-mate. Sam wheeled as he crossed this dirt lane and circled back, moving directly downgrade into a quartering wind, and pointed again about forty yards up the slope from where brace-mate had been standing. He had them pinned dead to rights and it was an admirable relocation effort, carried out with finesse. His style and manners were perfection."

Starting in the late 1960s Sam left many memories. He was National Champion in 1970 and added two more AMERICAN FIELD recognized championships to his list. He is the only Brittany to win the three-hour International Endurance Shooting Dog Championship!

He was bred to 23 different dams producing sixty field winners and sixteen field champions. It is interesting to note that two of his most successful offspring were both females: Jacolet's Wandering Star and Red River Lady. Both won this Championship. Sam, like both his sire, Pacolet's Sam and dam, Pacolet's Cheyenne, is in the ABC Hall of Fame.

**BAN DEE.** The 1973 renewal was recorded by Marc Appleton: "This year's winner, Ban Dee. . ." he wrote, "turned in a sterling all-age performance. During his hour, the orange and white six-year-old ran a beautiful forward race, using terrain and wind to his advantage on all occasions. He officially recorded one find, a back, and was on point at pickup time, but only a rabbit was seen leaving. His handler, Loyd Budd, found him standing near the water's edge on his first find and the birds were flushed from the reeds several feet out in the water."

In the mid-1970s Ban Dee changed the Brittany world. He became famous in 1973 after winning both the U. S. title and the National Championship. The following year he repeated as National Champion.

He was inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame in 1980. He produced nine dogs that won hour stakes: Jack's or Better, Tall Oak's Bandolero, The Real Thing, Hopper's Robber, El Bandito, Black Water Buck, Sholdebrand Acres Noble, F and S Count Geoffrey and Tomar's Ban Dee Sam. The first four in this roster are from the same dam, Princess De Sandra. Ban Dee produced 148 winners, 35 field champions from 61 different females!

The production record from his get is staggering! Tomar's Ban Dee Sam, an ABC Hall of Famer, was National Champion in 1983. Sam sired 57 field winners including eleven field champions and three hour winners. Sholdebrand Acres Noble sired National Champion Bean's Blaze, which in his own right has a spectacular production record. National Amateur Champion The Real Thing sired Rimarda's Trademark, the all-time record holder for hour placements with twenty. Trademark is sire of Rimarda's Gambler, a National Champion and multiple hour winner.

Dr. John Webb wrote: "Ban Dee was handsome with the mannerisms and personality of a gentleman. His range was definitely all-age and he seldom lost contact with his handler. He had an attractive gait and impressive stamina. He seemed to glide across the country with purpose. Probably his two most outstanding qualities were his ability to find birds even when there were seemingly none and his style on point was unequalled."

Rick Smith, who trained and handled seven U.S. Open Champions said: "I scouted Ban Dee a few times and I considered it an honor. I knew when I went to look for him, Ban Dee was either on point (a great stylist on point) or he was far to the front. There was never a time that he wasn't hunting to the utmost. He was a great performer. Ban Dee is the 'Riggins White Knight' of Brittanys. This dog belongs in the Hall of Fame, not just the Brittany Hall of Fame, but the Field Trial Hall of Fame. . ."

**JACOLET'S WANDERING STAR.** "Performance bordering the spectacular," wrote David Fletcher in 1974, "carried Jacolet's Wandering Star, just three years of age, to the title of United States Open Brittany Champion, topping a field of 32 of the nation's best Britts. . . Star is an attractive moving female, blessed with a fluid stride and speed to burn. It is little wonder she catches the eye and appeals to one's sense of beauty and grace in motion. In addition, the dog takes an edge or swings into a draw and by covering the ground with amazing speed, that objective is soon hunted and the forward cast has taken her well to the fore."

"Star went away with the wind and took the country apart gay and reaching, happy and eager and in every sense a bird dog. She was always in the right place, required almost no handling and finished long to the front and going places." [Sam Clements, 1978.]

"Jacolet's Wandering Star's industrious and enthusiastic hunting race, topped by six finds in the qualifying series and coupled with two finds and two voluntary backs in the Championship finals, proved her to be a true champion." [Ken Jacobson, 1979.]

Star is a product of Pacolet line breeding. She holds the record for winning ten AMERICAN FIELD recognized championships and two runners-up.

**PERRY'S RUSTIC PRINCE.** Sam Clements wrote in 1976: "Perry's Rustic Prince quickly established himself as the dog to beat. Both dogs literally blew out of the gate and took the country apart; then at nine Rusty smashed into a point on the side of a hill. The dog stood with loftiness and as handler walked in front, a great covey of bobwhites lifted fifty feet away. . . and history was made."

"The dog pounded it out with a great searching race for an additional 48 minutes. The end was gorgeous. At 58 handler called on Rusty for a sweeping final cast along treeline. He took the objective to the outermost limits, hit the end of it with blazing speed and rolled away yonder on the prairie, in plain sight, for the pickup. Beautiful."

Perry's Rustic Prince had a impressive win and production record. He won both the ABC National and National Amateur Championships. He won seven AMERICAN FIELD recognized championships and placed in six others. He sired 85 field winners, including 31 field champions from 54 different dams. His breeding to both ABC Hall of Famer

Colorado's Jumping Gypsy and Hope's Ruffled Feathers produced five Field Champions each. He produced 5 multiple hour winners: Jack Flash O'Dolly, Gypsy's Leapin' Lena, Rusty's Smoking Dynamo, Thunder VI and Duke of Brittmont. All had imposing winning records and their own production records are noteworthy.

**BAYOU'S LONESOME SUE.** "This brace began near the bear trap. The first fifteen minutes both had good, wide, meaningful casts hunting their objectives, with Sue slightly longer than (brace-mate). After about fifteen the casts became spectacular. At 58 both dogs were far out, Sue on the edge of a draw, running at top speed full out. At 59 Sue slammed on point in a bushy plum thicket. Handler worked hard to produce birds. Sue had an animated mark of the birds as they rose. This performance had the gallery talking."

"Bayou's Lonesome Sue," wrote Dr. John Webb, "is unique in U. S. Open Brittany history. She is the first to win the Derby Victoire National Derby and we believe the first to win the Championship as a Derby."

Sue ran in eighteen Derby stakes, winning ten firsts and six seconds. She won the Derby Victoire Nationale in 1979 as a puppy. Her 1979 performance is recorded by Ken Jacobson: "Written across this judge's book is one word, outstanding! The winner, Bayou's Lonesome Sue, had one find at the end of a cast a quarter of a mile ahead just before the hour's end. She ran as big as the country would allow and she handled her birds. . . Sue's race, coupled with her find, could have won many a major Brittany championship."

**TALL OAKS BANDOLERO.** "The 1981 winner," reported Dr. John Webb, "was whelped in January, 1974. Throughout Bandolero's career he has been known as an independent runner, always hunting for game and when he found it, was very intense on point and to the flush. His carriage is that of someone doing what he like to do most."

In 1982, he wrote: "The sky was almost completely clear. The wind had calmed a little. Temperature was about 45°. For ten minutes, we were back on the first course in the big field. Both dogs are running well. . . At 26 Bandolero came on point. He was standing across the ditch pointing into heavy brambles into the wind. Wild birds were produced all in good order. Bandolero had shown a strong desire to hunt, intelligence, style and stamina during the entire hour. It was obvious the pace had been set."

Bandolero had an impressive juvenile record and continued on, notching seven hour wins including these championship titles. He produced six field champions.

**MINNEHAHA'S TAMMY.** "Minnehaha's Tammy," wrote Dr. Bob Rankin in 1986, "four-year-old female, was undisputed champion of the 24th running. . . Consistency, range, stamina and class on point belonged to her both times down as she bested a field of excellent quality. . . Both dogs started as they had in their qualifying brace, Tammy's breakaway cast being interrupted at 2. About a block in front of us she was noted to be pointing, staunch on a covey with head and tail up. She was then taken on just as brace-mate had trouble establishing point at 10 and was relieved of her duties. Tammy in the meantime continued along a treeline at 10 o'clock some thirty yards distant. Because of the prevailing winds and a sharp corner she had to be brought around by the handler when she was unable to hear him singing."

"Once again in front going down the No. 1 course, she ran what would be considered close to a perfect race. Always to the front, hunting diligently, taking the edges but not ignoring cover, she continued down past the oil well and towards the fish ponds. She ran the entire brace as if she knew exactly where she was supposed to be at all times, and where to look for birds. She continued on until establishing point at 43 some 200 yards off the course, again with head and tail up on a single

from a scattered covey from the morning. There was no detraction from her style throughout the flushing attempt. She continued in a forward manner; again established point at 56 on a covey previously seen that morning. She put down the best hour of the entire stake. . . . one of the best performances I had seen in a number of stakes and was something anyone would have been proud of."

The 25th anniversary running was celebrated in 1987, when Dr. Bob Rankin wrote: "Both (dogs) broke away from the road down the hayfield leading to the evergreen peninsula, Tammy along the top of the ridge, brace mate along the bottom. As with last year's final, Tammy went to work early, scoring her first find at 2. The intensity was there, location good with a large covey produced in front of her. Brace mate worked on ahead with Tammy coming into the evergreen peninsula from the far side, pointing again at 10. Once again intense, with tail higher than her first find, she stood well for the flush.

"Both dogs joined together and hunted as a team, well ahead, across the mouth of the Bear Trap and back towards the airport. Taking turns in the lead they continued. . . . Tammy stayed well to the front staying on the right treeline approaching Manck's Crossing. Going through and up the left treeline point was called for brace mate at 56. Tammy came up and across the area, shielded somewhat by the cover, and passed (brace mate). Did she not see the other dog on point or did she miss an opportunity to back? Brought back around by the handler and cautioned, she stopped. Not pretty, but no interference. (Brace mate) maintained intensity, but no birds were produced. . . ."

Tammy had a total of ten hour wins. In addition to her two wins in this Championship, she also won the National Invitational Championship; an endurance trial of one-hour heats. Her win there was head and shoulders above all other performers. She also won the National Championship. Tammy produced five champions from four different males.

**MORE RECENT WINNERS**

We have chosen not to spotlight winners of the 1990s. Many are still competing and their winning and production records are incomplete. The list from this era is impressive. Their pedigrees continue lines found in the earlier winners.

Jake's Sonofa Gunrunner is a fourth generation champion starting with Gringo De Britt. Blaze and Lobo's Evil Roy, a winner and runner-up within a three-year time span, is from the Ban Dee line and he has already produced a U.S. Open winner, A Bunch of Britt. Jim De Bob's Super Star wins before her sire Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D. Sparky is son of Hall of Famer Markar's Jac A Dan D who was two-time runner-up in this stake, National Champion, other multiple hour wins and producer of eleven Field Champions of which six have won hour stakes and twice runner-up champion here.

The list of runner-up champions is most impressive. Hall of Fame honoree Goldtone's Duke, National Champion, multiple CH, produced ten Field Champions. Ran Bo's Royal Rebecca, 2 X U.S. Open R-U Champion and multiple hour winner; F and S Count Geoffrey, 2 X U.S. Open R-U CH, multiple other hour wins, son of Ban Dee and sire of R-U U.S. Open CH Tumbleweed's Texas Return. Rimada's Gambler is a fourth generation CH starting with Ban Dee. Microdot, line bred Bazooka, National Champion.

The Top Qualifiers represent another group of noted champions, all multiple hour winners: National Champion Franklin County Bandit, National Invitational Champion Foot, National Champion Rimada's Trademark, multiple champion Bay Arbor Dolly, National Champion Aux Arc's Mark.

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**UNITED STATES BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS**

Year	Winners	Sex	Owners	Judges	Handlers	Top Qualifier
1963	Wr.—WAY KAN JILL R-U—JEFFREY D'OR	F M	Jim Leverich Ted Keliogg	Dr. Dean Grewell Earl Jackson	Delmar Smith Ralph Hoeselkline	
1964	1st—BILL'S BUDDY BOY	M	Dan Huddleston	Dr. Dean Grewell Earl Jackson	Delmar Smith	
1965	Wr.—BRITT'S BAZOOKA R-U—RUSTY BUCK	M M	Al Pillow G. B. Maloney	Earl Jackson Sue Taylor	Delmar Smith Lyle Johnson	
1966	Wr.—WAY KAN JILL R-U—BRITT'S BAZOOKA	F M	Jim Leverich Al Pillow	Earl Jackson Hank Hevens	Delmar Smith Delmar Smith	
1967	Wr.—WAY KAN MANDY	F	Harold Miller	John Munson Hank Hevens	Lyle Johnson	
1968	Wr.—BAZOOKA'S BRANDY R-U—RENDEZVOUS GUS	M M	Dan Huddleston L. D. LaFleur	Donald Bodiford Dr. D. E. Hawthorne	Delmar Smith Les Holman	
1969	Wr.—GRINGO DE BRITT R-U—JUCHOIR'S CHOCTAW	M M	Dr. Tim Poling Bo Guest	Harvey Butler Herm David	Dr. Tim Poling Ed Wild	
1970	Wr.—FACOLET'S CHEYENNE SAM R-U—GIBSON OF RICHMONT	M M	Ken & Erin Jacobson C. R. Nester, Jr.	E. B. Epperson Dr. Adolph Utzinger Truman Cowles	Rick Smith Ed Wild	
1971	Wr.—GUNDY	M	Dr. C. T. Young	Bob Danley Elmer E. Pillers	Dr. C. T. Young	
1972	Wr.—S'NO FUN MACK R-U—GOLDTONE'S DUKE	M M	Dr. Walker Heep Dr. George Peater	E.B. Epperson Dr. Adolph Utzinger	Rick Smith Lloyd Budd	
1973	Wr.—BAN DEE R-U—BOY'S AGATE	M M	Wayne Oliver Marc Appleton	Eugene E. Brown B. Joe McCrary	Lloyd Budd Lloyd Budd	
1974	Wr.—JACOLET'S WANDERING STAR R-U—AUGUSTUS OF RIVERS	F M	Paul Hinch James White	Eugene E. Brown David A. Fletcher B. Joe McCrary	Rick Smith Jim Holman	
1975	Wr.—RINGO DE BRITT R-U—C KILLAM'S SERGEANT MIKE	M M	Paul Hinch E. E. Zamzala	David A. Fletcher Charles Royal	Rick Smith E. E. Zamzala	
1976	Wr.—PERRY'S RUSTIC PRINCE R-U—SANDHILL'S GINGER SNAP	M F	Lester May Dr. L. C. Kelley	Eugene E. Brown Elmer E. Pillers	Rick Smith Lloyd Budd	
1977	Wr.—RED RIVER LADY	F	Doyle Bradford	Robert D. Danley Harold D. Davis Elmer E. Pillers	Marc Appleton	RED RIVER LADY
1978	Wr.—JACOLET'S WANDERING STAR R-U—RAN BO'S ROYAL REBECCA	F F	Paul Hinch Rex Tackett	Harold D. Davis Joe J. Kaitiel	Rick Smith Lewey McCrea	GOLDTONE'S DOC
1979	Wr.—JACOLET'S WANDERING STAR R-U—HARLEY DE BRETT	F M	Paul Hinch R. L. Tiedeman	Francis J. Clason Ken Jacobson	Rick Smith Rosco Staton	RAN BO'S ROYAL REBECCA
1980	Wr.—BAYOU'S LONESOME SUB R-U—RAN BO'S ROYAL REBECCA	F F	John McConnell Lester May	Charley Chalk E. C. West	Marc Appleton Lewey McCrea	BAYOU'S LONESOME SUB
1981	Wr.—TALL OAKS BANDOLERO R-U—TINKER'S PRINCESS JENNY	M F	John McConnell Ray Walton	Bill Banister Charley Chalk	Marc Appleton Lyle Johnson	JACKS OR BETTER
1982	Wr.—TALL OAKS BANDOLERO R-U—DEB'S CEE JAY STALKMOOR	M M	John McConnell Bill Tiedeman	Darrel Gaynor Dr. Tim Poling	Marc Appleton J. C. Fields	EL BANDITO
1983	Wr.—FIRST PLACE JAKE R-U—F & S COUNT GEOFFREY	M M	Ron Curtis Sue Hansen	Harold Davis D. F. Hopson	J. C. Fields Marc Appleton	F & S COUNT GEOFFREY
1984	Wr.—LA'JEAN'S JOHNNIE OF CONNIE R-U—F & S COUNT GEOFFREY	M M	Jim Chase Sue Hansen	Bill Norwell Leon Wilson	Jim Holman Marc Appleton	ACE DBUCE
1985	Wr.—HOME ACRES RISK R-U—MOORE'S COUNTRY SUNSHINE	M F	Bob & Barbara Youngs Don Moore	Jerry Fugitt Gary Purdy	Lloyd Budd Al Gorow	TOUCH OF CLASS
1986	Wr.—MINNEHAHA'S TAMMY R-U—MARKAR'S JAC'S A DAN D	F M	Dr. Robert Rankin Robert Weisz	Darrell Gaynor Warren Montgomery	Lyle Johnson Jim Holman	ACE DBUCE
1987	Wr.—MINNEHAHA'S TAMMY R-U—ROYAL BRITT STARBUCK OF AUTEN	F M	Dr. Robert Rankin Al & Sharon Van Wieren	Chuck Alf Jack Hires	Lyle Johnson Lyle Johnson	FRANKLIN COUNTY BANDIT
1988	Wr.—COUNTRY COUSIN CONTENDER R-U—MARKAR'S JAC'S A DAN D	M M	Gary & Lou Ann Holland Robert Weisz	Bill Klennor Fred Smith	Jim Holman Jim Holman	TRACKVIEW'S RAMBLIN GYPSY
1989	Wr.—TYOGA'S TEDDY BEAR	M	Bill & Rheta Cartmell	Les Marten Bob Robner	Lloyd Budd	FOOT
1990	Wr.—THE MAGIC MOMENT R-U—RIMARDA'S GAMBLER	F M	Don Young Hugh Wilson	Ron Doering Scott Renack	Jim Holman Jim Holman	MINNEHAHA'S TAMMY
1991	Wr.—JAKE'S SONOFA GUNRUNNER	M	Jake & Jolo Schroder	Larry Clark Jim Hoyer	Jake Schroder	RIMARDA'S TRADEMARK
1992	Wr.—BLAZE AND LOBO'S EVIL ROY R-U—TYOGA'S TEDDY BEAR	M M	George Allison Bill & Rheta Cartmell	Larry Clark Rex Tackett	Vic Carrington Lloyd Budd	BAY ARBOR DOLLY
1993	Wr.—BONINE LUCKY BANDIT R-U—MICRODOT	M M	Herb Rea Bill Oliver	Bill Cartmell Rick Smith	Jim John Lyle Johnson	AUX ARC'S MARK
1994	Wr.—A BUNCH OF BUTCH R-U—BLAZE AND LOBO'S EVIL ROY	M M	Jack Murphy George Allison	Allen Vincent Ronnie Smith	Jim John Vic Carrington	BLAZE AND LOBO'S EVIL ROY
1995	Wr.—JIM DE BOB'S SUPER STAR R-U—TUMBLEWEEDS TEXAS RETURN	F M	Roy Hinea Cheryl Carrington	Hugo Ford Rick Smith	Jim John Vic Carrington	TEQUILA'S JOKER
1996	Wr.—JIM DE BOB'S SPARKS A DAN D R-U—TEQUILA'S JOKER	M M	Bernie Crain Ed & Judy Tillson	Hugo Ford Robert Reynolds	Jim John Jim John	MICRODOT