

## **The American Brittany Club**

### **2010 All Age National Championship**

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The Open All Age National Brittany Championship started with light rain that turned into lightning and heavy downpours. At 38 minutes into brace one the Judges called time and asked the handlers to gather up their dogs. Several in the gallery had already had enough and returned to camp. As we waited for the dogs to be caught the rain and lightning stopped. After a ten minute wait the dogs were cast off to finish their brace; the rain would continue with no lightning. Three braces ran before lunch; two had bird work. The afternoon running saw all the dogs picked up early. The posted dogs for the day were Black Creek Deacon and TLM Comanche Chief.

Tuesday morning was bright, breezy and cold. In the first brace Dandy had a nice find after relocating the covey. In the second brace both dogs found birds; one unproductive was charged to Bandit. The third brace picked up early after two non-productive points by Jack and too much reverse running by Blue. The afternoon saw multiple bird work for several dogs. In the eleventh brace DC Shadow Attack broke a leg and was taken to a clinic. The last brace of the day had last year's winner running but he had no bird work; his bracemate had one find. The posted dogs on Monday were scratched out and replaced by Grand Junction Jake, Cedar Valley Bandit, FC/AFC Brisco's Mr. Stub and FC/AFC Maxwell's Gunsmoke.

Wednesday was a nice day with no problems for man or beast. Some dogs didn't have their best day as Mr. Stub was removed from the posted dogs and DC/AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition was added.

Thursday ended the 2010 National All Age Championship. The ultimate winner ran in the next to last brace. Congratulations to DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon handled by Jerry McGee who placed above all as the 2010 National All Age Champion.



Left to right 1<sup>st</sup> place DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon owned by Ruth and Jerry McGee handled by Jerry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cedar Valley Bandit owner David Webb handler Tom Tracy; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Junction Jake, Richard and Carol Pulliam owners handled by Chad Holman; 4<sup>th</sup> DC/AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition owner handled by Tom White.