



Open Shooting Dog Winners. In foreground, from left: Jericho with Don Beauchamp and Prairie Single Shot with Roger Duncan. Standing: Judge Michael Lundy, Gene Beauchamp, Glenda Duncan, Ivan Breckenridge, Nathan Berendzen, Eddie Berendzen and Judge Jay Lewis.



Open All-Age Winners. In foreground, from left: Bocomo Belle with Nathan Berendzen and Aiken with Don Beauchamp. Standing: Judge Michael Lundy, Gene Beauchamp, Glenda Duncan, Judge Roger Duncan, Ivan Breckenridge, Eddie Berendzen and Jay Lewis.

Kansas Red Setter Club

Kansas Open Derby Classic

By DON BEAUCHAMP

THIS year's Kansas Open Derby and Open Puppy Classics and supporting stakes concluded on Sunday, March 21. This event was run over the 11,000 acre Radcliff Ranch at Dexter, Kan., again this year. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Kent and Paula Radcliff for the use of their incredible ranch.

Inclement weather midway through the trial resulted in five to eight inches of snow and howling north winds. Most participants toughed it out and stayed for the conclusion.

The Open Puppy Classic was cancelled this year due to the lack of entries.

I wish to thank all the participants for their support and help with the interior gates. Thanks also to my brother Gene and his wife Betty who helped again this year with the dog wagon duties, camp area, planting birds and helping my wife Linda with cooking the meals.

Also, we thank Eukanuba for their support again this year. They furnished dog food for the winners and financial support for our ad.

Michael Lundy of Edgerton, Kan., and Roger Duncan of Augusta, Kan., judged the Open All-Age. Michael also judged the Open Shooting Dog with Jay Lewis of Ashland, Mo. Eddie Berendzen of Higbee, Mo., judged the Open Derby Classic with Don Beauchamp. Thank you to the judges for their long hours in the saddle and well received decisions.

THE WINNERS

In the Open All-Age, Bocomo Belle, white and black pointer female owned and handled by Jay Lewis, took top honors with a big race and a stylish quail find at 45 on the No. 3 course. Belle had a strong out-of-sight finish at pickup. Second was Aiken, Irish setter male owned and handled by Don Beauchamp of Cheney, Kan. Aiken ran on the No. 1 course and had a big forward race and nailed a wild covey of quail across a ditch below the tank battery at 45. He then drew an unproductive at time. Worsham's Silver Ghost, white and orange pointer male, gained third with a nice forward race. He pointed birds in a draw at 10 just before the triple gates. "Brutus" then suffered an unproductive at 45 near the silo and woods a mile west of the steel corrals. The class race of the stake was put down by Bocomo Cowboy running a huge and showy race on the No. 4 course but without benefit of bird contact.

Jericho, Irish setter male owned and handled by Don Beauchamp, won the Open Shooting Dog with a classy forward race, a strong finish and a wild covey find at 53. "Jesse" drew an unproductive earlier where Bocomo Belle had her bird work in the All-Age Stake. Also, another wild covey was mishandled by the bracemate at 50. Obviously the birds were out moving before the storm hit. Second place was Prairie Single Shot,

white and liver pointer female owned and handled by Roger Duncan of Augusta, Kan. "Babe" ran a smooth forward race. Honor Bound, white and liver pointer female owned by Jake Kirkland of Valley Center, Kan., and handled by Andrew Zink, gained third with a nice race and a stop to flush on a running covey just before pickup in the mile long draw east of the oil tanks.

The Open Derby Classic was held on Sunday following the all-day snowstorm on Saturday. First was Bocomo Bench Mark, white and liver pointer male owned by Jay and Ginny Lewis and handled by Jay. Bracemate Dodge The Bullet, white and orange pointer male owned by Jeff Fraser of Teton Village, Wyo., and handled by Michael Lundy, earned second. "Mark" and "Joe" both put down smooth, pleasing and front running performances on the No. 1 course that were pleasing to observe. Third place was nailed down by Bocomo Cowgirl Up, white and liver pointer female owned by Richard Lewis of Ashland, Mo., and handled by Jay Lewis. "Gal" ran in the last brace of the day and also had a very nice performance. Pete, pointer male handled by Michael Lundy, exhibited a smooth forward race and hunted the cover well throughout his brace but lacked the range of the winners.

One encouraging sidelight of the trial was that after our recent severe winter we observed a slight increase in prairie chicken and most of the wild quail had from 8-12 birds in a covey. This was certainly a pleasing sight and should benefit our fall trials.

Dexter, Kan., March 19

Judges: Roger Duncan and Michael Lundy
OPEN ALL-AGE [One-Hour Heats] — 6 Pointers,
2 Setters, 1 Irish Setter and 1 German Shorthair

- 1st—BOCOMO BELLE, 1570056, pointer female, by Rock N Roller—Mt. Nebo's Bell. J. S. Lewis, owner and handler.
2d—AIKEN, 1561812, Irish setter male, by Rockfish—Chantilly. D. W. Beauchamp, owner and handler.
3d—WORSHAM'S SILVER GHOST, 1555242, pointer male, by Worsham's Silver Cloud—Holler Point Quasi. Joe Worsham, owner and handler.

Judges: Jay S. Lewis and Michael Lundy
OPEN SHOOTING DOG [One-Hour Heats] —
14 Pointers, 2 Setters and 2 Irish Setters

- 1st—JERICHO, 1594525, Irish setter male, by Chaparral—Sunset Silk. D. W. Beauchamp, owner and handler.
2d—PRAIRIE SINGLE SHOT, 1594422, pointer female, by Prairie Buzz Bullet—Prairie Cowgirl. Roger & Glenda Duncan, owners; Roger Duncan, handler.
3d—HONOR BOUND, 1589580, pointer female, by Amarige—Martha's Menu. Jake Kirkland, owner; Andrew Zink, handler.

Judges: Don W. Beauchamp and Ed Berendzen
OPEN DERBY CLASSIC — 14 Pointers

- 1st—BOCOMO BENCH MARK, 1608832, male, by Bocomo Cowboy—Frontline Lexus. J. S. & Ginny Lewis, owners; J. S. Lewis, handler.
2d—DODGE THE BULLET, 1615693, male, by Westfall's White House—Powder Day. Jeff Fraser, owner; Michael Lundy, handler.
3d—BOCOMO COWGIRL UP, 1608865, female, by Bocomo Cowboy—Bocomo Pearl. R. E. Lewis, owner; J. S. Lewis, handler.



Open Derby Classic Winners. In foreground, from left: Bocomo Bench Mark with Jay Lewis, Dodge the Bullet with Michael Lundy and Bocomo Cowgirl Up with Nathan Berendzen. Standing: Judges Don Beauchamp and Eddie Berendzen.

High Country Bird Dog Club

By R. T. HENDERSON

THE AFTCA Region 12 season closed with the third annual High Country Bird Dog Club spring trial on the Walking Cane Ranch in Winona, Ariz. Unlike years past the wind did not have a negative impact on the trial in any way. The entries, support volunteers and judging were strong, the dogs were competitive and the food was great!

Ranging in elevation from 5,000 to 7,000 feet above sea level, the Walking Cane Ranch is vast, offering endless objectives, terrain and lines to run, all suited well for field trialing. The trial took place on a one-hour continuous course this year.

Temperatures for the event dipped into the low 20s overnight and warmed to nearly 60° in the daytime.

Entries were strong and exceeded 60 dogs prior to a handful of scratches. The final number of dogs starting was 55.

All dogs and handlers were judged by some of the best in the business. Don Lee, Phil Casdorff, Jim Schultz, R. T. Henderson, Steve Johnson and John Beauchamp all did a great job in the saddle.

As usual the trial was a success due to the many volunteers who coordinated dogs, dog transportation and dedicated, consistent bird planting.

Without Aaron Howard, Quentin Britt and Stevie Casdorff, the dog wagons

and coordination of braces would not have been possible. Another of many highlights was the consistency in birds on course and contact opportunities experienced by all running. Kim Esplin and her crew of bird planters did an exceptional job keeping the right number of birds at each station throughout the trial.

The quality of dogs and variation in breeds made for a competitive event regardless of the stake.

OPEN STAKES

In the Open Shooting Dog, there were 14 "teams" with 13-month-old Senator's Chicken Hawk, pointer male out National Champion Miller's On Line, taking the blue. Hawk ran as big as the cover would allow and had one find that was preceded by a far-reaching cast. Hawk held point for several minutes until his handler R. T. Henderson rode to his partner, dismounted, flushed and fired. All was in order. Tekoa Mountain Phoenix, or Remy as she is called, took second. Remy, a classy and well known setter female owned by Robert Sexton of Chandler, Ariz., is no stranger to Region 12. Frequently in the action, Remy ran an animated and tough to beat race. Rounding out the top three was Steve Rutkowski with Caladen's All Business, a pointer female that, when on point, is all business.

In the Open Derby, again Senator's Chicken Hawk was crowned the top dog. Application, run and broke finds helped Hawk rise above his competition. Sean Swanson, a true asset to Region 12, and Collateral Damage, setter male, placed second. Sean and "Jack" presented the judges with a front going race, multiple finds and bird work exemplified in that of broke dog stakes. Lindley's Lucky Lady (Tana) and owner-handler Steve Johnson took third. Tana, pointer female, a light footed and efficient running little machine, and Steve have been in the hunt for Region 12 Derby Dog of the Year all season. And, as proved in trials past, they are a team to keep an eye on in the future.

Winona, Ariz., March 27

Judges: Phil Casdorff and Don Lee
OPEN SHOOTING DOG — 11 Pointers
and 3 Setters

- 1st—SENATOR'S CHICKEN HAWK, 1611660, pointer male, by Miller's On Line—Rebel's Royal Addition. R. T. Henderson, owner and handler.
2d—TEKOA MOUNTAIN PHOENIX, 1574392, setter female, by Tekoa Mountain Patriot—Tekoa Mountain Belluka. Robert Sexton, owner; Bill Gibbons, handler.
3d—CALADEN'S ALL BUSINESS, 1605230, pointer female, by Attitude's High Finance—Magic's Spice Girl. Steve Rutkowski, owner and handler.

OPEN DERBY — 5 Pointers, 4 Setters and
2 German Shorthairs

- 1st—SENATOR'S CHICKEN HAWK, 1611660, pointer male, by Miller's On Line—Rebel's Royal Addition. R. T. Henderson, owner and handler.
2d—COLLATERAL DAMAGE, 1603752, setter male, by Berg Brothers Silverado—Logan's Brandy Girl. Sean Swanson, owner and handler.
3d—LINDLEY'S LUCKY LADY, 1614291, pointer female, by Idaho's Lucky Strike—Lindley's Cloudy Days. Steve Johnson, owner and handler.