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Issues and Opportunities, March, 2013

I am of THAT age in my life. Many of you will understand what age I mean; it's when the doctors think they need to look inside you, using tools other than just x-ray machines, to find out if anything undesirable is hiding in your lower GI tract. The odd thing about this medical procedure, at least as described to me by the physicians who perform it, is that they need you to be alert during the examination, but don't want you to remember anything about it given that it is not the most pleasant experience you will ever have. They accomplish this by using an anesthetic that allows you remain alert during the examination but will cause a form of induced amnesia so that you have no remembrance of anything that happens afterwards. Although I am glad that I do not recall the unpleasant portions of this procedure, I must admit that I find it a bit disconcerting to know that I actively participated in something for which I have no memory. It makes me wonder how those people who have suffered head trauma or disease that resulted in long-term amnesia go about living their lives. What must it be like to have no memory of family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas, or your best friend from high school, not to know your spouse, or have any recollection of the birth of your first child? A person can go on living, of course, but not knowing who you are or what events have shaped your past must make it extremely difficult to move forward. Understanding our history is a very important thing for each of us as we plan our future.

Institutions and organizations also have histories that are important as they make plans for the future. This includes the American Brittany Club. One way this history is remembered is by electing both dogs and people who have made significant contributions to the breed to the ABC Hall of Fame (ABC HOF) and/or the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame (BFTHOF). Although the ABC HOF does not have a physical facility where portraits and write-ups for the inductees can be housed, such a facility does exist for the BFTHOF. This new space, an element of the Field Trial Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, Tennessee, is currently being furnished with portraits and photos of the people and dogs that have been elected to the Hall (many of whom are members of both the BFTHOF and the ABC HOF). And although the ABC HOF has no physical facility, we do have a virtual facility utilizing our website as a place where one can view pictures and comments of the inductees. However, neither the ABC HOF nor the BFTHOF began induction proceedings until the 1990s, meaning that dogs and people who were active several decades previously were inducted well after their death and often after people who best remembered them were no longer available to tell of their exploits. Sadly, we continue to lose members who remember these and other dogs, often without many of these memories being recorded for posterity.

With this in mind, I would like to propose an exercise for ABC members. My proposal is based on activities initiated in 1966 by Mr. Elliot Wigginton at the Rabun Gap - Nacooche School, nestled in the beautiful but economically depressed Appalachian Mountains of extreme northeastern Georgia. Mr. Wigginton had come to this school to teach English to ninth and tenth graders, but ended up facing many challenges from students who had no interest at all in what he was trying to accomplish. He recounts students tossing paper airplanes or breaking off knife blades in the wooden floor of his classroom, and of one student who actually tried to burn his lectern during class! Mr. Wigginton realized he had to change the way he was trying to teach his class and ended up with a project in which the students would interview the older residents of the area and have them describe their lives in this part of Appalachia. The students took on his challenge and began writing up the stories told by the older people. A magazine was formed, named *Foxfire* after a small luminous plant native to that region of the country. The magazine was very successful and eventually the stories were compiled into a series of books that garnered critical acclaim, both as an innovative way of teaching English (and history and business and several other disciplines) and as an archive of a way of life whose finer details might have been lost with the passing of the older generation. I think it would be wonderful if ABC members, especially the newer members, would make a concerted effort to find out as much as possible from some of the long-time members while the opportunity still exists. Offer to buy someone dinner, or even a cup of coffee, and take the time to ask them about their recollections, not only of their own exploits but memories of other people and dogs no longer with us. Then write down these stories while they are fresh on your mind. You will learn a lot as well as develop closer ties to people you might not otherwise have a chance to get to know that well, and you will be preserving information for someone else in the future. Perhaps some of the stories could be published in the magazine, whereas others might be stored on the ABC website, or a link established that would make them accessible from there. If you would like to research any of the dogs or people that have been enshrined in either Hall of Fame, I am quite sure anything you learn would be well received and might even be used in the displays planned for the BFTHOF space in Grand Junction. This would require access to records from the period of time in which the dogs or people were active, but I believe there exist copies of all the ABC magazine issues, along with books by Maxwell Riddle, Dr. Fred White, Nicky Bissell, and Rheta Cartmell, among others, that contain information of this sort. I think you will find such an endeavor to be educational and a lot of fun as well should you choose to do so.

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Choosing a Puppy

By Rick Smith & Sharon Potter

With the season upon us, doubtless many reading this are looking at Old Sport lying by the fire, and in your heart, you know this is his last season. And even if it's not, even if he has two or three more good years in him before retirement, isn't it time – even now – to start thinking...”puppy”? And even though we think picking a pup is something we've mastered, it's amazing what we can forget in the decade since we last had to do it. Some of this may sound basic, but they're good basics.

Whether it's your very first dog or your tenth, choosing a puppy is a big decision. More importantly, it's a decision that will be at your side every day for a decade or more,

so taking the time to research before buying is imperative. It's not unlike building a house. You need good, solid, raw materials to use, starting with the foundation and moving up from there. Your breeder is your contractor. The pedigree and genetics are the foundation you build on when choosing a dog. The walls are the structure and socialization, and the training you put into the dog is the roof...that's what keeps the weather out so that the foundation and walls don't crumble.

The primary consideration in choosing a dog, whether selecting a breed or picking a puppy from a litter, is the dog's purpose. Will it be a family dog that hunts a few

Note the broad head and wide-set nostrils on this pointer. Wide airways take in more air, making scenting easier. Also, the eyes are set well and will be less likely to attract seeds and grass.



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weeks in the fall and spends the rest of the year as a beloved pet? Is it going to be used in competition? Will it be hunted hard over half the year? Or any combination of the above, plus whatever else you may want the dog to do?

Now it's time to locate a breeder who breeds the type of dog you want. Any responsible breeder will be happy to show you their dogs and provide references, and if the breeder is within driving distance, a visit – and a look-see – would be in order. Is the kennel clean and neat? Do the dogs look healthy and friendly? And the big question: Do the breeder's dogs perform the way you want your dog to work?

If you're wanting a close-working dog for foot hunting, you're not likely to be happy with a pup from an Open All Age caliber field trial litter. The same goes for wanting a competition dog...if that's on your list of wants, make sure you look for a breeder who is competing in the game you want to play. Find a balance of the traits you want. If you can't personally see the dogs from his line work in the field, as for references from previous puppy buyers and call them all.

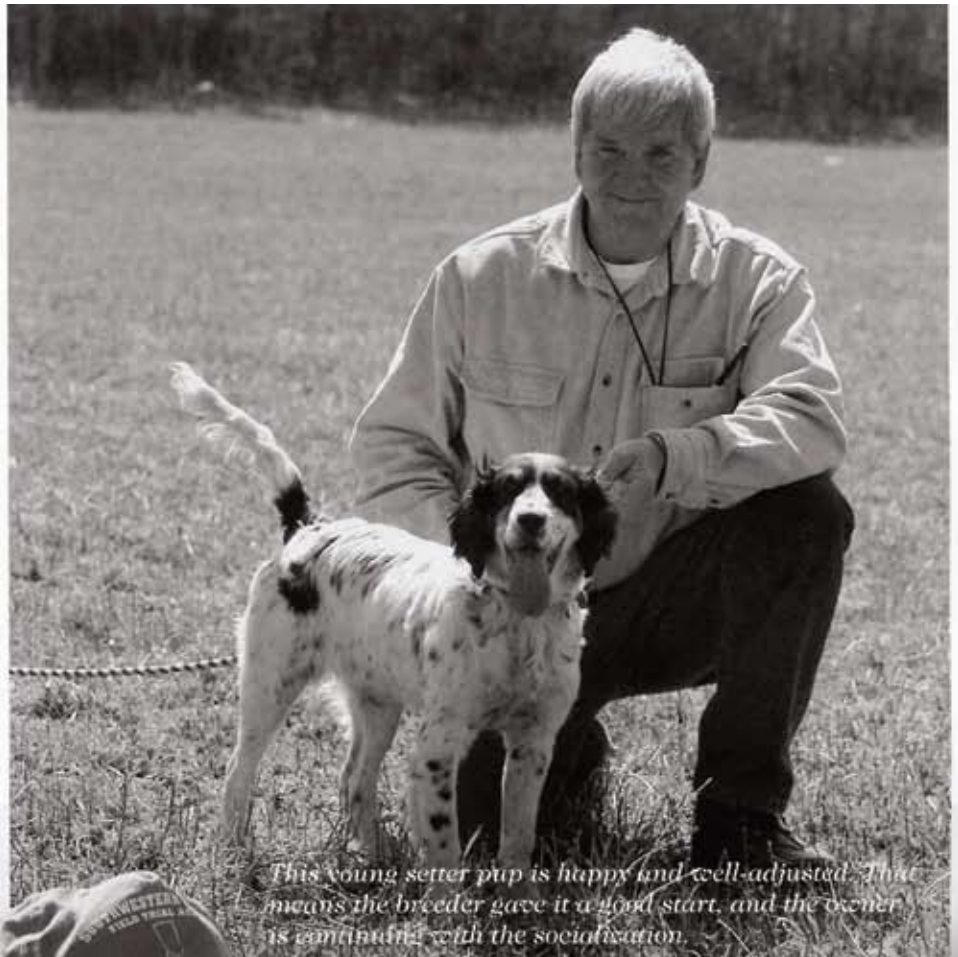
Another important area to research is the most common health issues in the breed you've chosen (they all have them), and then ask the breeder about the clearances they have for the known breed issues. At minimum, the parents should be OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) or PennHIP graded for their hips. OFA has a website where you can look up a dog's clearances, but you will need the exact registered name of the dog to find it www.offa.org. Hip dysplasia, a common malady, takes a combination of genetic factors to

cause it rather than one defined gene. That makes it hard to guarantee that a pup will never be dysplastic; but choosing parents with sound structure and OFA hip clearances will certainly stack the genetic deck in your favor.

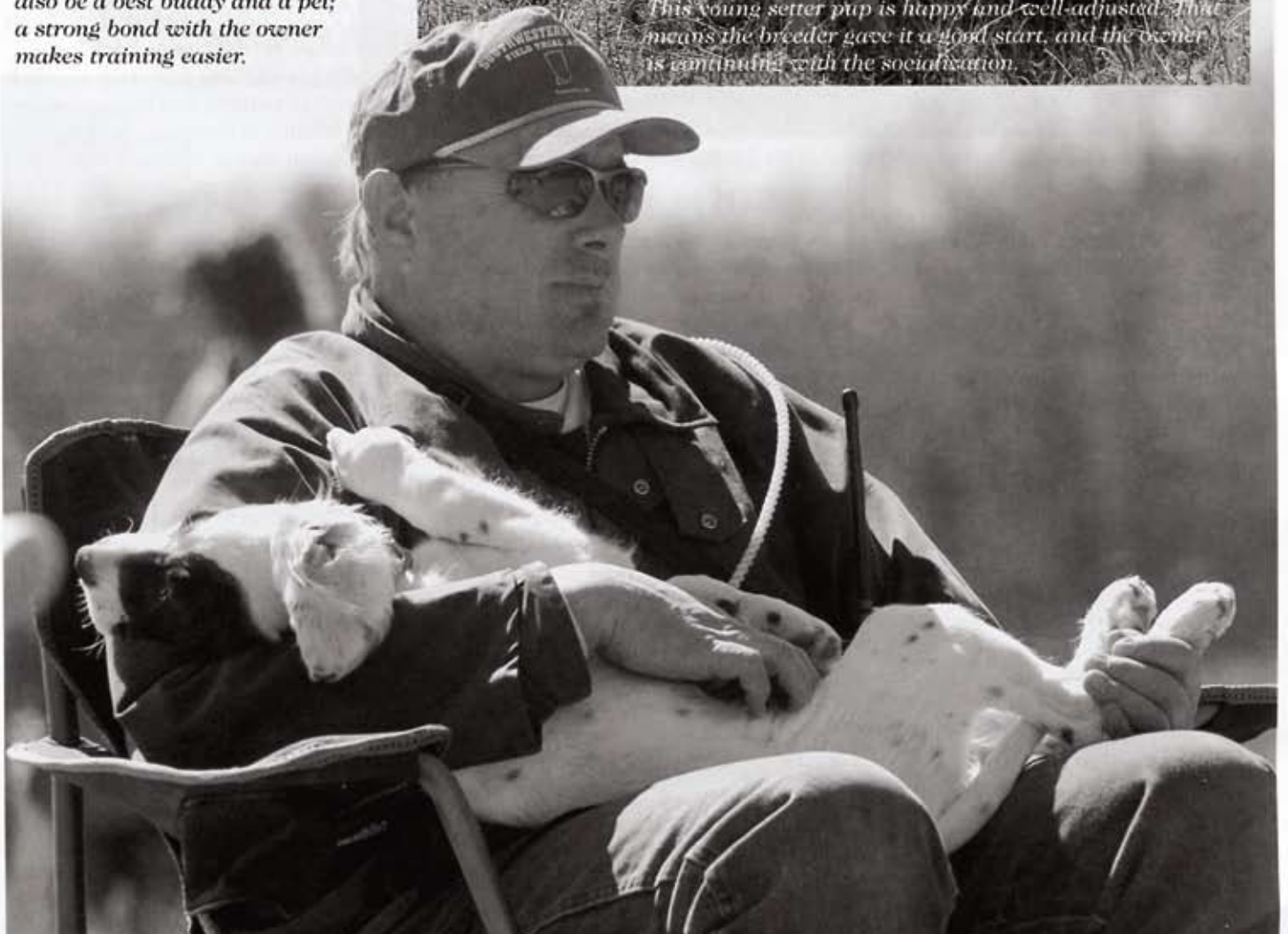
So, the big day is finally here. It's the day to pick that puppy! You've researched the breed, chosen a good breeder, decided which sex you want, and all that's left is to decide which pup will become part of your family. Sometimes distance plays a role, and you aren't able to choose your puppy in person. This is where a good breeder can really help. They know the pups and their personalities and have watched them develop a pecking order within their litter.

Be very clear with your breeder as to what you want the pup to do, and let the breeder select the puppy that best fits your needs. If you want more of a family dog but that still will be used for hunting, a pup in the middle of the pack will likely

A good bird dog puppy can also be a best buddy and a pet; a strong bond with the owner makes training easier.



This young setter pup is happy and well-adjusted. This means the breeder gave it a good start, and the owner is continuing with the socialization.





If the breeder introduces the pup to birds, that's a positive thing and gives you a head start.

be best. If you plan on spending a lot of time afield and having a house pet is secondary, then go for a pup closer to the top of the pecking order.

If you're going to spend time with the litter to choose your pup, take your time. Look at the overall structure of the pups. If you plan to hunt heavy cover, you'll want a dog with some substance and bone. If you hunt mostly wide open spaces and need a dog with speed, look for one with a lighter build. Big feet usually mean bigger dogs, so take note of that as well. A head that is broad and has a wider nose can help with scent, but be careful of a pup with an overly broad head; that can also mean loose, heavy flews, which can mean that a dog could get feathers caught in all that extra lip when retrieving – plus they'll likely drool watching you munch on popcorn in front of the TV. Look for eyes that are set wide and don't bug out or aren't set too deep in lots of skin. A proper eye will be less likely to collect weed seeds and dust.

Puppies play hard and sleep hard, so make sure to spend plenty

of time observing and interacting with the litter to get a good sense of each pup's personality. Sometimes it can be deceiving: The puppy that may seem the liveliest when you get there may well be the normally quiet one that just woke up from a nap; that sleepy puppy resting in the corner may be the toughest one of the bunch, but it has just played itself out. When the pups are active and playing, you can get a good feel for who's the dominant one – the pup that is often jumping on all the others, chewing on them, wrestling with them, and generally trying to take charge of everybody. These dogs can be bullies. Unless you want a challenge and know you can deal with a tougher pup, pass on that one. And if there's a pup that seems scared of everything and isn't engaging in the play, skip that pup, too.

Have they been well-socialized? Puppies must be touched and played with and handled every single day in order to become happy, well-adjusted adult dogs. A pup that shies away from human contact is not a good bet. Good breeders spend tremendous amounts of time socializing their pups. They make sure the litter has had a chance to meet a lot of other people and children; they make sure the pups have been outside playing and exploring as much as weather permits and have seen the world outside of their pen. Socialization starts when they're born and continues after you take the puppy home.

The purchase price should be the least of your considerations when choosing a pup. Spread out that cost over the lifespan of your dog, and it's minimal. Plus, the purchase price is the least of your expenses. It costs just as much to feed and care for and train a \$100 puppy as it does a \$1,000 puppy. The difference is in the breeding and the breeder.

Bottom line: Be actively involved with and well-educated in every step of the process. Everything that puppy becomes, from the minute you pick it up and say, "This is the one" is up to you. It may be the puppy that chased the pigeon around the most, or it may be the one that licked your face when you picked it up, or it may be the one that kept chewing on your shoelaces and followed you around the most. You've done your homework, chosen a pup, and invited it into your heart and your home. Be confident in your decision and never look back or second-guess your choice. Give it your best, and the pup will give you its best.

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AKC DELEGATE REPORT

December 16-17, 2012 Meeting,
Orlando, FL

Field Trial and Hunting Test Committee: Board Member Steve Gladstone attended the meeting. Vice President, Doug Ljungren reported on the trends to date with pointing breeds up 1%; retrievers up 3%; spaniels up 4% and hounds up 2%. Totals are up 5% for all entries in all performance venues. Board actions – retriever hunt test limitations passed in October. Retriever clubs will be able to limit entries to 60, 90, 120 entries as of April 2013. In Master only, retriever clubs may impose a limit. English Springer Spaniel field trial clubs are now allowed to have 3 field trials per year. The Retriever advisory committee will not pursue the triathlon title at this time

AKC entry fees will be \$3.50 for all entries, even the additional entry of the same dog, which will go into effect July 1st, 2013. When questioned about this, Doug Ljungren advised that the Performance Department does not pay for itself, but is subsidized by other departments of AKC. Irish Setters are requesting a walking gun dog championship. This proposal will be voted on in June.

Marketing is working on a pilot program to pull geo-specific events and send out announcement e-mails to owners in that area. Clubs can choose to “opt-in” the program. This will work through the Performance Department for field events. Some type of protocol must be drafted in acquiring e-mail addresses to send out these notices.

Nelson Sills resigned and we now have a vacancy to fill on the committee. David Hopkins, chairman, announced to the audience that anyone interested in filling the vacancy, please write a letter to the committee. We will focus on filling the position at the March meeting.

The mean seeds program was discussed with the main question about how long these grasses will last. David Hopkins is requesting another grant to assess mean seeds on CRP tracts. Common perception is that native grasses crowd out the mean seeds. Dave said we would need clubs to contribute and he will put together a letter requesting a modest grant for this study.

Colleen McDowell discussed club information that goes out to new owners. She handed out copies of handouts and information from club websites. She advised that the problem with some parent clubs is they do not know about performance events. Bob Amen, AKC Board member recommended repetition, repetition, repetition with articles in the delegate magazine (which is on line only) “Perspectives”

The committee discussed and recommended an education forum on “form and function”. We also discussed how much clubs are charged per insert into new owners’ registrations. Board Member, Steve Gladstone, suggested we need to think about how to interact with the parent clubs and new hound and sporting dog owners. Chris Sweetwood moved this committee make the effort to draft a template to increase awareness of available performance events within each breed. Colleen seconded, motion carried.

Judy Tighe brought up the new Grand Champion Field Champion title that AKC passed. Doug Ljungren explained that it is not trying to take away from an active club like Brittanys. The Brittany clubs do not have to offer Grand Champion stakes. AKC is trying to upgrade to pull other breed clubs away from American Field, only, field trials and entice them into holding AKC field trials. AKC will now host an AKC Walking Gun Dog Championship in April, 2013.

PARENT CLUB COMMITTEE: This is the first time I was able to attend this meeting due to a new committee meeting rotation. There was a discussion on a proposal to recognize Parent Clubs of Excellence to recognize the parent clubs that performed above and beyond the support of their breed as custodian of the breed, encourage their members to become breeders of merit and increase their membership. There are some Board reservations on the proposal and the Committee will revise and come back in March with a revised proposal to be taken to the BOD in April.

Pat Laurans thanked everyone for working hard to pass the 3 point major reserve. At the September meeting about 25 opposed the change. She felt the key was the “opt-in” as it does not force a parent club to do anything but the opportunity is there if your club chooses it. It was reported that so far twenty-six Nationals have already opted in. This is effective for Nationals as of January 1st, 2013.

It was reported that the 4 year moratorium on jump heights was lifted at the last Board meeting and was effective immediately.

An update on the new “Complete Dog Book” – ABC has already sent in a “meet the breed” write-up which was gone over by the ABC Breed Standards Committee and approved. Pictures have been a problem and we are waiting for actual photos to be sent.

Judges Education – When the parent clubs give breed seminars, in order to get credit, you must take the exam. This does not have to be taken at the seminar but it is up to the presenter to return the test results to AKC. If you are a presenter and you want special arrangements with the judge applicants to submit the tests later, you can do this. Again, they are open book, so the attendees shouldn't have a problem with completing the exam at the seminar.

The Meet The Breeds has been very successful albeit hard on some participants that are there for over 8 hours a day. In New York there is a gate of 30 to 40,000 people over the weekend. There are 159 clubs participating in the Orlando Meet The Breeds. It was reported at the regular delegate meeting that there were 105 legislators in attendance from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS: Many of the shelters in New Hampshire and Maine run low on adoptable pets and have resorted to importing them. In 2010 over 43,000 were imported to these states. It was very profitable for those transporting the animals. One transporter would bring 50 to 70 dogs per vehicle. The dogs were coming from the southern states and Mexico. The only requirement was a 24 hour hold period. These animals were mostly street dogs and from overcrowded shelters. People ordered dogs on Pet Finder. Buyers would meet a transporter at a rest stop or parking lot. The deals are cash only and then the seller is gone, never to be found again. There is now a 48 hour hold period in New Hampshire. This has deterred a lot of transporters as they have to go to a USDA licensed facility for 48 hours and be inspected by a licensed and certified veterinarian. Most of these dogs carry diseases and parasites.

Be aware as the new year begins and legislators begin new sessions, the animal rights activists will again ramp up new bills and push on older, tabled bills. The AKC Legislative Department is available to help all breeders and clubs. You can find out about bills in your region by visiting the AKC website.

From the Board of Directors meetings: AKC Rally is being restructured. These new changes take effect for Rally Trials held on or after April 1, 2013. To access these changes, check the AKC website under Rally Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 1.

The Board revised the eligibility dates for the Junior Showmanship Master Class to be consistent with the eligibility dates of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Staff was directed to publicize the exact dates as soon as possible each year.

The Board considered a Staff recommendation to modify the eligibility criteria for the 4-6 month Beginner Puppy Competition which is non-regular. Since no dog in the Four to Six Month Competition is eligible to enter a regular class in the show, AKC Staff recommended that the judge of the Four to Six Month Competition be eligible to compete in the other competition at the show. This was unanimously approved effective immediately.

It was reported at the regular Delegate Meeting that the not-for-profit AKC Humane Fund and Hurricane Sandy Sub-Fund had outreach and grants of over \$200,000 awarded. Many people do not realize the great work that AKC does behind the scenes which was very evident in their assistance with Hurricane Sandy victims and their animals.

And finally, I must thank all the people that assisted with the Meet The Breeds in New York. Unfortunately we do not have some last names but here are some of the great people that put on the Brittany Booth in New York:

Ann Marie (Luisi) Martucci and her husband; Stephanie Russell plus three others from SNE Club; Nancy Morabito; Deb Rudert and chairman Terry Hilliard. New York is tough and very expensive so these folks gave a lot to support and educate folks about Brittanys.

The Orlando event was taken over by Diana Kubitz at the last minute and had wonderful response from the Florida Brittany people that helped set up the booth and manned it for the weekend. Again, we do not have some last names but the following folks need to be recognized for their contributions: Vikki Calvanno, Christine Youngblood, Janice Hightower, Ed ??, Linda Pruitt, Sherry Foster, Eva Bailey, Karen ??, Victoria Macvicar and out-of-towners Wendy Archinal and Judy Tighe. Diana did a great job organizing, as usual. Thanks to all the above listed folks that contributed their time and energy to this event.

Our next Delegate Meeting will be in March in Newark, NJ, where we will be voting on new members to the AKC Board of Directors.



Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Tighe



AKC Delegate for The American Brittany Club

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A person wearing a hat and jacket is standing in a field of tall grass. A dog is sitting to the right of the person, and a horse is partially visible on the left. The background is a soft-focus landscape.

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We hope for your continuing support in 2013!

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DAVID KENNEY REPRINTS # 31

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THE LAST BOBWHITE, DAVE KENNEY'S OUTDOORS IN FACT AND FICTION

"WITH MEMORIES OF . . . ROY QUICK"

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That quiet smile—and his great pride in his dogs. There was never any doubt in his mind whose were best. We first knew him when Jane de Carlo was running in puppy stakes. Once “turn ‘em loose!” was heard he thought of nothing else but the dog.

At the Crab Orchard grounds the first year we handled from horseback he got down to flush a bird over Janie. In his concentration on the job at hand he returned to the horse on the right hand side to mount. The pleasant old animal did not think that was proper and objected mildly. Finally someone suggested he try the other side and off we went.

On another occasion he had a piece of bird work and then tried to mount a horse that already had a rider. I believe he would have made it except for the fact that he could not wedge his foot in the stirrup with another one already in it.

Janie got called back one day at Crab Orchard and in a second series had a find. Roy flushed a big covey in front of her and as he fired his pistol and the birds flew another group rose about the same distance behind her. She was midway between them. She won that stake and Roy was pleased and proud.

Roy worked hard at hosting trials at the Busch Wildlife Area. One March when he was chairman there and Dick Sweet and I were judging together there was snow and ice and mud and at Saturday's dark we and Roy sat our horses in a frozen cornfield wondering where the dog wagon was. He was concerned about us—not about himself.

He told us of a good place in the Ozarks to fish for trout, at Rockbridge, and went there again and again. He wanted to be with us there; and arranged it all for the next May. If we had gone we would have thought of him often where we were there.

He was as involved with his last dog as with his first. At the Illinois trial last fall he talked with me about (his Gunrunner's) Far Out's success in puppy and derby stakes. He was as proud as any beginner might have been.

He and John Sellito had the room next to ours in Moscow, Tennessee, the night of November 5, 1976. We arrived late in the evening and talked with them a bit. I wish now it had been longer. The next morning while Far was running in the puppy stake, Roy fell virtually lifeless from his horse.

(Reprinted from the American Brittany, May, 1977)

{Side note from Mary Jo Trimble: Roy Quick was a co-founder along with Ray Trimble of the Greater St. Louis Brittany Club. Roy was gone when he hit the ground at the field trial in Tennessee but had left his mark on the development of both trials and dogs in the Central part of the United States and the American Brittany Club. I began field trialing in Arizona where Gun Dog Stakes were common back in the 70's. That was not the case when I moved back to Illinois. I remember attending a Greater St. Louis trial when they ran their first gun dog stake. At that time, there was no Gun Dog Nationals so gun dog stakes did not qualify a dog to run in any national

Championship. I remember Roy standing under a big tree announcing to the group gathered for the stake and giving a short speech on what a gun dog stake was all about. His most profound statement was, “Now folks, just think of this stake as a real field trial stake just like the all age even if it doesn't qualify for anything.” I've often wondered what Roy would say today if he could see how prevalent gun dogs stakes have become throughout the

country some 40 years later. In addition, I know he would have been so proud of the success that Bill Dierberg had with that winning puppy of his: GunRunner's Far Out.

When I think back on times when no one handled from horseback in any stake, to clubs furnishing the horses, to people owning horses, to the addition of many different stakes from the puppy, derby, all age (all open) to the addition of gun dog and amateur stakes, hour stakes, and championships, from bird fields to continuous courses, to never touching a dog to being able to collar one away from a find, hunt tests, I have to smile when I hear people say we never do anything different and stay the same year after year. Stick around long enough, and some of you will also see changes. This sport has never remained stagnant. It does even an “old-timer” good to stop and reflect on where we've been and try and see where we're going. Thank you David Kenney for helping us to do just that.}





2013 ABC Illinois Championship

Pyramid State Recreation Area, Captain Unit

January 12-16, 2013



First let me apologize for the brevity of this report. Our reporter was to be Ray Trimble. Ray ended up in the emergency room on Sunday evening with some medical issues and then surgery on Thursday in Mt. Vernon. Surgery went fine, but a nasty cold has set him back and kept him confined to the recliner. Those of you who know Ray, know how he is normally never sick so this is not easy for him to take. Hopefully, after a month's rest, he'll be back in the saddle again.

The weather during the trial week went from short sleeve summer temps to freezing rain and bitter cold temperatures and wind. All and all through, we had a great week with everyone pitching in to do what needed to be done to put on a quality event. I think everyone at the trial was involved in helping out one way or another. As I ran back and forth to motel and hospital looking after Ray, others at the trial took care of dogs and horses for me. Thanks to Kevin Stonehouse and Al Gorrow for taking over for Ray in caring for our animals. Maureen Richter manned the care of the food. I can't say enough about Judy and Ed Graves who added the Trimble trial duties to their duties to keep things running smoothly. We were glad to have the Harlings from New York with us this year. We appreciate Joe Jug for driving the dog wagon for us and keeping things running on track.

When the ice storm hit, horses and handlers alike were certainly proud of the new barn donated by Field Trial Clubs of Illinois and for the water lines run to the barn area by the Friends of Pyramid. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Nestle-Purina for both their monetary support and dog food for our winners. Without them, many clubs would not be able to continue. We always appreciate Terry Trzinski, Purina Rep, for attending our events and helping us with anything he can to keep things working smoothly between Purina and our clubs.

I would particularly like to thank our judges for helping us out. Veteran judges George Hill and Hank Jensen judged the Open All Age Championship. Filling the judicial saddles in the Amateur Championship were Kevin Stonehouse and John Burkhart. Welcome back John to the pointing dog field trial world. The Open Derby Classic was judged by Tim Self and Jerry McGee who are always helping out in one capacity or another.

We appreciate the support of professional trainers Chad Holman, Al Gorrow, Kevin Stonehouse, Jim John and Tom Tracy. Quality and competition make for great championships and trials. We look forward to having all of you return.

In the meantime, I'll just give you some highlights from the Championships. The week belonged to two dogs in particular: Jagoub's Buzz'n Bayou and The Ace of Spade.

OPEN DERBY CLASSIC



Jim John with Sniksoh Sweetness, Judge Jerry McGee, Joe Jung with JNJ Fearless Sam, Stan Williamson with Alleycat's Drought. Absent from photo Tom Tracy with Brendi Brooks Cowboy Up.

ABC ILLINOIS DERBY CLASSIC

OPEN DERBY 45MIN (12S)

J: TIM SELF & JERRY MCGEE

- 1 -SNIKSOH SWEETNESS (B), by FC Rocklan's Whizzle Stop x Cast-A-Britt Micro Sammie; o Steve Ralph, Jim John
- 2 -JNJ FEARLESS SAM (D), by FC Rocklan's Whizzle Stop x Cast a Britt Sammie; o Joseph Jung, h Al Gorrow

- 3 -BRANDI BROOKS COWBOY UP (D), by Broadway Joe x Brandi Brooks Cowgirl Up; o/h Tom Tracy
- 4 -ALLEYCAT'S DROUGHT (D), by FC/AFC Dakota Alley Cat x NAFC/FC/AFC Tom's Tennessee Twister; o/h Stanley Williamson

“Skeeter” is a four year old male owned by Tom and Debbie Jagielski. Spade, a seven year old male, is co-owned by Dave Capstick and Tim Self.

Spade started off the weekend by winning the Amateur All Age Championship and finished the week with a Runner-up Championship in the Open All Age. Spade was handled by Tim Self and scouted by co-owner Dave Capstick. Judge Stonehosue relayed the following comments to me regarding the Amateur Championship.

“Spade started with a huge move in the Amateur Championship that carried him up the power line way to the front where he headed toward Cutler. We saw him go over the hill but scout found him standing. Despite a re-location, no bird was produced. Turned loose, he made another huge cast across the dirt road and as we topped the “mountain” he was way off to the right across the field on the tree line. He came across the field and up the mountain, where he was found standing. A bird was produced and all was in order. He went down the mountain and across Goose Lake parking lot where he again made a huge move to the front, was found standing but this was waved off by the scout. He

continued forward finishing way to the front at time.

“Runner-Up Champion in the Amateur was the 10 year old veteran National and Purina Award winner Ru-Jem’s A Touch of Bourbon, (Chug) owned by Jerry and Ruth McGee and handled by Jerry. Chug had three finds pretty much evenly spaced with a couple of nice All Age moves.”

Pushing the winners were Skeeter and Rider. “The Jagielski’s Skeeter, 3rd place, made some really nice All Age moves, had two finds, but was a bit of a handful. Fourth place Rider also made some nice All Age moves and maintained a very consistent forward pattern with two finds. He slowed a little at the end but was still forward at time. All four of these dogs were close as far as birdwork and style. Any of the four could have won an hour stake with their performances, but Spade stood out as he had the All Age power from start to finish.” Trucker’s Wild Ride is owned by Ray and Mary Jo Trimble and handled by Ray.

Having another good performance and improving to be the Champion of the Open All Age was the Jagielski’s Skeeter under the direction of his professional handler Tom Tracy. Skeeter had a point when they made the turn at the



Tim Self with Champion The Ace of Spade, Dave Capstick, (Absent from photo was Runner-Up Champion Ru-Jem’s A Touch of Bourbon with Jerry McGee.) Tom Tracy for Tom Jagielski with Jagoub’s Buzz’n Bayou, Mary Jo Trimble, Al Gorrow for Ray Trimble with Trucker’s Wild Ride.

**AMATEUR ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIP
AMATEUR ALL AGE 1HR (16S)**

J: KEVIN STONEHOUSE & JOHN BURKHART

- 1 - THE ACE OF SPADE (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Farther Out Ace x Gizmo’s Child Gone Wild; o Dave Capstick & Tim Self, h Tim Self
- 2 - NFC/AFC RU-JEM’S TOUCH OF BOURBON (D), by DC/AFC Bourbon XIII x FC Moka Bimbo; o Ruth & Jerry McGee, h Jerry McGee

- 3 - JAGOUB’S BUZZ’N BAYOU (D), by FC R & J’s Buzz Cut x CH Jagoub’s Jambalaya; o Thomas W. Jagielski & Debbie Connell, h Thomas W. Jagielski
- 4 - FC/AFC TRUCKER’S WILD RIDE (D), by FC/AFC Buddy’s Trucker Express x DC/AFC Mischief Apricot’s Wild Thing; o Ray & Mary Jo Trimble, h Ray Trimble



Front Row: Tom Tracy with Jagoub's Buzz'N Bayou, Tim Self with The Ace of Spade, Al Gorrow with Brisco's Mr. Stub, and Ed Graves with Cedar Valley Bandit.
Back Row: Dave Capstick; Judge George Hill, Mary Jo Trimble, and Judge Hank Jensen.

power line. The covey had left so he was taken on running an all age forward race with a find close to pickup. Runner-up Spade had three finds and a forward race but was harder to handle and his race was not as smooth as the Champion's. Pushing the winners in Open All Age were 3rd place Brisco's Mr Stub also owned by the Trimbles and handled by Al Gorrow and 4th Place Cedar Valley Bandit owned by David Webb and handled by Tom Tracy. Stub had three nice finds but had shorter range than the first two. Bandit had a lengthy absence at breakaway but had an adequate finish with a clean find. I appreciate Judge George Hill speaking with me on the phone to help with some comments on the Open Championship.

The Open Derby Classic had 12 fine entries. Following a cold front moving in, the Derbies showed their skills by finding several native coveys of Quail. The 45 minute classic was won by Steve Ralph's Sniksoh Sweetness, handled by Jim John. Sweet was born March 14, 2012. I believe this was the 6th time she has been entered in Puppy and Derby stakes, winning the blue ribbon in all six stakes. Congratulations to Steve, Jim, and breeder Ken Windom.

Runner-up in the Derby was Sweet's littermate J N' J Fearless Sam, owned by Joe Jung, and handled by Al Gorrow. Sam has also had multiple wins and placements during the last year. Other good performances in the derby were by Brendi Brooks Cowboy Up (Tuff) handled and owned by Tom Tracy and Alley Cat's Drought, owned and handled by Stan Williamson. Tuff and Drought had some native covey finds which rounded out an excellent Derby Classic.

**ABC ILLINOIS OPEN ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIP
 OPEN ALL AGE 1HR (29S)
 J: HANK JENSEN & GEORGE HILL**

- 1 - JAGOUB'S BUZZ'N BAYOU (D), by FC R & J's Buzz Cut x CH Jagoub's Jambalaya; o Thomas W. Jagielski & Debra Connell, h Tom Tracy, Jr.
- 2 - THE ACE OF SPADE'S (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Farther Out Ace x Gizmo's Child Gone Wild; o David Capstick & Tim Self, h Tim Self
- 3 - FC/AFC BRISCO'S MR STUB (D), by FC Brisco Buddy Boy x FC Sting; o Ray & Mary Jo Trimble, h Al Gorrow
- 4 - FC CEDAR VALLEY BANDIT (D), by FC Ortho Acres Booker T x Flying Feather Coco Bean; o David Webb, h Thomas Tracy, Jr.



2013 EMAIL MOTION ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION TO Repeal the Motion regarding BOB Rotating Trophy

MOTION BY: Robert Wire, West Coast Director

SECONDED BY: Steve Ralph, Central Director

MOTION MADE & SECONDED: January 8, 2013

DISCUSSION FOR 7 DAYS: Tues. January 8 – Mon. January 14, 2013

VOTES ACCEPTED FOR 5 DAYS: January 15 – Sun. January 20, 2013

Rationale: I have received the following motion from Robert Wire, West Coast Director. At the Annual Meeting the BOD made and passed a motion to retire the rotating Best of Breed trophy as it was believed it had been won 3 times by the same people and to accept a new Rotating trophy from Bob and Polly West. As it turns out, they had not won the trophy 3 times and it should not have been retired. We need to repeal that motion.

MOTION: I move to delete section 21 of Motion # 7 passed at the 2012 Annual BOD meeting, approving the 3rd Vice President's action items on page 15 of the Agenda Book that read in part:

*The 2006 BOB trophy has been replaced with Best of Breed Rotating Trophy offered by Bob & Polly West and Sanbar Kennels for the National Specialty Show with criteria spelled out."

Since the Current BOB trophy was not retired this year, the trophy will not be replaced at this time and the Board action accepting a new trophy should be repealed.

BOD Motion: Please add Vote totals as follows:

Yes 15 No 0, Abstained 0, Not Voting 0

MOTION: PASSED x

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2012 ABC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CLUB HOUSE, BLUE MT. FIELD TRIAL GROUNDS, BOONEVILLE, AR

NOVEMBER 22, 2013

MARY JO TRIMBLE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Windom of Iowa who gave the initial welcome. He introduced 1st Vice President Tom White of California who is chairman of the National All Age Championships.

Executive Secretary Mary Jo Trimble of Illinois was called to the podium to give the Necrology Report of members who had passed away since last year's nationals. The purpose of this is to remember those people who have been part of the Brittany Family and recognize their impact on the breed and our organizations.:

Bob Gakenheimer, MD Club, along with his wife Velma and his daughter Josie Molesworth for over 30 years. Bob loved to hunt with his Brittans, He field trialed and had a field champion in the late 1980's. Josie showed the Gakner Brittans, finishing many champions. When the Hunt Tests first started, Bob was also very active with getting club members involved with them. Bob was a gentleman, always willing to help anyone who needed help and welcomed all new comers to the club and the activities that were held. **Jerry Rosenberg**, CA who had served as President of the California Club and the Grand Canyon Club, trialed for over 30 years, December 2011. Jerry had also served as the ABC Western Dates Coordinator. **Dave Munson**, age 74, June 2012. Dave had been President of the Greater Phoenix Club. **Millie Frame**, St Croix Valley Club, March 2012. Millie had been involved in field trials, shows, obedience and rescue activities. **Alan Blume** was an active member of the LaSalle Club, Jan. 2012. **Sheila Myhre**, March 2012, Oregon & Washington Clubs. She was involved in showing and was one of those people who always sent notes of congratulations to people whose dogs had placed and been mentioned on the chat lists. **Bill Clark**, 83, June 2012, of Illinois and Arizona, LaSalle Club. Bill was involved in rescue and therapy dogs and took dogs into schools to have children read to the dogs to increase their love of reading. **Betty Hatfield**, Midwest Club, July 2012 of an aneurism. **Don Staszewski**, LaSalle Club, was killed in a car wreck. **Kaitlyn Sanchez**, July 2012,. Kaitlyn was a junior handler and was the daughter of Nancy Crandall of Texas. She was involved in shows and trials and had shown at Westminster. **Ray Barringer**, Feb. 2012, of Washington. **Billy Martin**, 84, of Georgia. Billy was well known as the Site Superintendent of Green River State Park in Illinois and owned the outstanding pointer named Slipknot. Billy had judged the ABC Nationals and Pheasant Classic. **Wayne Oliver**, Jan. 2012, whose dogs Ban Dee and Prince de Sandra had a great impact on the breed. **Shirley Chilcote**, Sept. 2012, Mid-Florida Club. Shirley was remembered for her outstanding show dogs and dedication to getting new people involved in the sport by giving them their first Brittany. **Ethel Dawson** a long time member of the ABC and Southern Kansas. **J. Michael Dogin**, Dec. 2011 of the Texas Coastal Club. **Ed Peace** who worked diligently for the Indian Nations Club. Professional Trainer **Ed Wild** passed away around the time of the Nationals in 2011. **Jim and Janet Chase** of Illinois. Jim died in his sleep of a heart attack in May 2012. Janet fought a brain tumor for a year and died in Oct. 2012. Both were stalwart members of the Illinois, LaSalle,

and Prairie State Clubs. Jim was a Director of the ABC and Janet was a Life Member and Hall of Fame Member and long time Treasurer of the ABC. Janet will be remembered for her desire to make new members feel welcome. Jim was also on the BOD for the Bird Dog Foundation. They started the IL Paw Paw trial where everything was donated and all proceeds went to support several American Field Championships. Jim was the driving force behind the new Brittany Wing at the Bird Dog Foundation in Grand Junction, TN and a member of the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame. Janet will be inducted into the BFTHOF in Feb. of 2013. A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday evening by Rick Smith of the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Mary Jo thanked everyone for listening to these names and helping us all to remember contributions and influence on our Brittany Family.

President Windom then introduced the **officers present**: Executive Secretary Mary Jo Trimble, 1st Vice President Tom White. Directors present were East Coast: Lisa Pollock, Darlene Dow; East Central: Dan Riedl, Bo Ackerman, Tom Robin; Central: Steve Ralph who also serves as the ABC Webmaster; Tom Jagielski; Midwest: Tom Milam, Dr. Bob Rankin, Mary Karbiner. Ken asked everyone to be sure and thank these "un-paid" workers for their service and to feel free to discuss any of the Agenda Items with them prior to the Board meeting on Saturday.

Life Members were introduced who were present: Mary Jo Trimble, Ray Trimble, Bob Fleury, Francis Clasen. Leslie Andreas. **Hall of Fame members** present: Mary Jo Trimble, Ray Trimble, Bob Fleury, Francis Clasen, Warren Montgomery.

This was our 26th year of running the National Championships at the Blue Mountain Grounds. Ray Trimble, Diana Kubitz, Nancy Clendenen, Bob Rankin, Mary Karbiner and Fish & Game's Red Baily have been **in attendance all twenty-six years**. Red was thanked for all the extra duties he takes on when we are there.



Stan Truksa accepts Bill Tiedeman HOF Certificate from Pres. Windom.

Judy Button and her crew were thanked for providing us with great meals during the two weeks we are in town.

Several **guests** were recognized who had come to see Nolan Huffman inducted into the ABC Hall of Fame.

Ken announced that Janet Chase had been elected to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame and was aware of that before she passed. He announced the memorial service to be held on Sunday evening in honor of Jim and Janet.

Diana Kubitz came to the microphone to start the **ABC Hall of Fame nominations**. Diana had nominated **Bill Tiedeman** for the ABC HOF. Diana told the group that many were familiar with the work Velma Tiedeman had done for the ABC as its Secretary for many years but that many were not familiar with the work Bill had done over all those years deserving of HOF honors. Bill served for many years on the ABC Board of Directors. He was very active in the Nebraska Brittany Club and the field trial program for Nebraska. He was responsible for serving on AKC's committee to write the original rules when Hunt Tests first started. Bill has also been elected to the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame. The plaque for Bill was accepted on behalf of the Tiedeman family by Stan Truksa of the Nebraska Brittany Club who worked closely with Bill for many years.

Ken then read the many accolades for the **2011 Dog Hall of Fame inductee, Nolan's Last Bullet (Buddy)** owned by Nolan Huffman. He holds or co-holds all of the significant NSTRA field trial records. He still holds the most championships (32), most national placements (13), most National Top Performance Award single season points (102), and co-holds the records of Most National Championships (6), and most National Top Performance Award wins (3). All of these records were previously held by either English Pointers or Setters! He has produced six NSTRA National Champions from 5 different females. He and his direct offspring have accounted for 13 National Championships and sired 38 NSTRA national champions. He has produced AKC Field and Amateur Field Champions and a couple of Show Champions. At the ABC national level he has sired a runner-up ABC Nat. AGD Champion as well as a fourth place in that championship. He is the grand-sire of NOGDC/NAGDC/FC/AFC Peter Gunn and also the 2011 NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid. Buddy has made his mark on the Breed and brought the Brittany to prominence on a national level among all breeds. Nolan and his wife were on hand to accept the award from President Ken Windom. Nolan thanked everyone for their support. Mary Jo told Nolan that she had never seen two people walk into the club house and have as many people anxious to meet and greet and talk to them as they were the Huffmans. Thanks to Buddy, many people have bought Brittanys that may

never have looked at our breed before.

President Windom asked people to check out the items for the **ABC Auction** and to be sure and purchase their raffle tickets for some great prizes. Proceeds from the auctions and raffle are a major funding source for the national events.

Mary Jo then read the results of the **Directors' election** for Directors serving terms from January 1, 2013, to December 30, 2014. They are: East Coast Darlene Dow, East Central Gilbert Hopper, Central Jim Brigham, Midwest Bob Rankin, West Coast John Henderson.

President Windom then opened the meeting up for **comments from the members**. Secretary Trimble asked to say **Thank You** to the people who keep the stats and records all year long and make sure the AKC has the correct information on their website which affect championship points and qualifications for our nationals. Thank you statistician Mary Karbiner and National Field Trial



Nolan Huffman accepts Nolan's Last Bullet HOF Certificate from Ken Windom.



Mr & Mrs Nolan Huffman

Secretaries Steve Ralph and Darlene Dow. Mary Karbiner also pointed out that Michigan FT Secretary Rob Bukholtz was her idol in that in the last 5 years as he had only had one minor error on his reporting forms. Mary Jo also mentioned that his fine black gel pin on white report forms were easy to read and scan and send to those who need the information. President Windom introduced Bob Magazine Committee Chair and thanked him for all the improvements in the magazine.

He then introduced Deb Rudert who is responsible for keeping our ABC Membership lists and working with clubs to keep them informed of their new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Trimble
Executive Secretary

Deworm It! by Jessica Hlebak



We've all said it before..."I need to worm my horses". Really, we need to deworm our horses and essentially rid them of any possible internal parasites. There are several different internal parasites that can affect horses. All have adverse effects which is why a comprehensive deworming program is essential. Now is the time to start your program, do not wait until your horse has parasites.

Some factors to consider when planning your deworming program are:

Age of horse: young horses are more susceptible

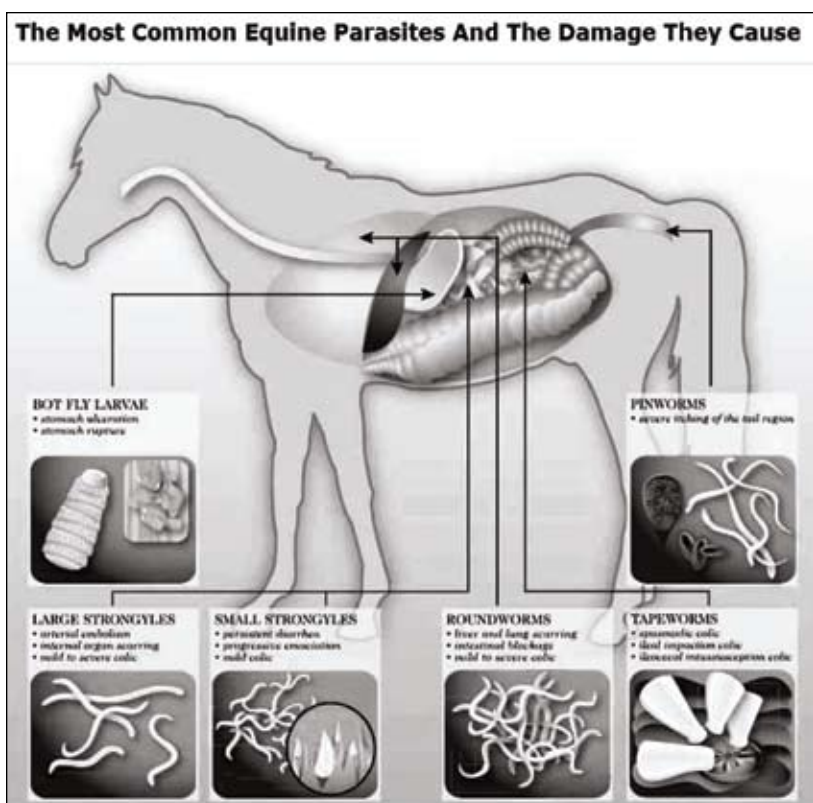
Location: location specific parasites are more common in certain areas or climates

Season: some parasites are only active in certain seasons

Travel: horses who travel can come in contact with infected horses

Pasture load: more horses in a given area can increase parasite infestation

There are several ways to go about setting up or planning your deworming program if you do not already have one. The most common deworming program is a continuous yearly program where a dewormer is administered every 8 weeks. There is a possibility of drug resistance developing when using this method if the horses are dewormed too frequently. However, if you are travelling a lot with your horse it is wise to use the every 8 weeks method. Another method is a daily feed-through dewormer that is fed throughout the year. The advantage to this is that not only does it eliminate any existing parasites, it also prevents reinfestation because it contains a drug (pyrantel tartrate) which attacks worm larve before they can reproduce and also makes manure inhospitable to worm reproduction. The final method is to have your Veterinarian perform fecal egg counts and administer dewormers accordingly.



The most common and important worms that affect horses are:

- Ascarids (roundworms)
- Large strongyles
- Small strongyles (cyathostomes)
- Tapeworms
- Bots (Gasterophilus)

Less common and usually less threatening worms are:

- Lungworms
- Pinworms
- Stomach worms
- Thread worms

Below is the deworming rotation chart that I use:

- Jan/Feb-1 tube Pyrantel Pamoate
- Mar/Apr-1 tube Oxibendazole or Fenbendazole
- May/June-1 tube 1.87% Ivermectin
- July/Aug-1 tube Pyrantel Pamoate
- Sept/Oct-1 tube Oxibendazole or Fenbendazole
- Nov/Dec-1 tube Praziquantel Combination

The above chart gives the names of the various main ingredient drugs that you will want to rotate between. Several retailers offer yearly packs with one type of each dewormer in the rotation which makes things very easy to keep track of.

There are some steps that you can take to help decrease the occurrence of parasites on your property.

Clean regularly: remove manure and dispose of it at least twice a week

Harrow pastures: break manure piles apart to expose parasite eggs and larve to the elements

Rotate pastures: moving horses between pastures will help to naturally break the parasitic life cycles

Use elevated feeders: feed horses off the ground to lessen their chances of ingesting parasites

By keeping your horse on a regular deworming program and also reducing their exposure to parasites you will keep your horse happy and healthy.

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ABC Says Thank You ... Tri-Tronics/Garmin

In January, during a day off from the Arizona trials, Tom White and Margaret Horstmeyer visited the Tri-Tronics / Garmin International offices in Tucson to present them with a plaque expressing the gratitude of the American Brittany Club for years of support. Warner Smith of Tri-Tronics/Garmin Marketing Department accepted the plaque.

During a prior visit, Tom and Margaret noticed that the lobby of Tri-Tronics contained gratitude plaques from many dog groups and breeds, but none from Brittany folks. They created a plaque from a donated award won by Larry and Barbara Marsh at the 1984 Rend Lake Nationals. It is a unique tooled leather Brittany set with the ABC Logo on a piece of rough leather. The addition of a Thank You message completed this beautiful piece of art.

Please support the ABC – Tri-Tronics/Garmin Intl relationship by purchasing and recommending their quality products. If you are ever at the Tucson office, look for the ABC plaque.





2012 ABC National Amateur Championship



Booneville, AR

November 19-22, 2012

By Leslie Andreas



AAA CH Gallery

The 2012 renewal of the ABC National Amateur All Age Championship began Monday, November 19, and concluded Thursday the 22. Forty-one dogs were drawn to run, one absentee made 40 starters. As always, we used the grounds of the Blue Mountain Wildlife Demonstration area, just outside the friendly little town of Booneville, Arkansas. We were to enjoy pleasant weather for most of the stake. A gentle mist of rain came down on Monday, but moderate temperatures prevailed and no one suffered because of it. The rest of the week, we had blue skies, and near ideal conditions to be outdoors watching dogs. A high of 70 degrees on Wednesday afternoon seemed to be the warmest we encountered; most days, highs were in the 60s.

A year made a large difference in the grounds too, as last year torrential rains made it impossible to use portions of all of the tree courses. After the first day of the running, the courses were reverted to a single course made up of safe bits of the first and third course. This year, a summer of drought and low water levels permitted us to run all three courses in normal fashion. The courses themselves were in top-notch shape. Many improvements could be seen, brush cleared, and a couple ponds added, with more of the same planned for the future. We were all introduced to new staff members Brad Wells and Adrian Lloyd. Under the guidance of Red Bailey, they took part in their first Brittany nationals and seemed to make a lot of friends. Larry McAnally, who retired last year after so many years of service, came out to ride the dog wagon one

day—his first time ever as a passenger, after being the driver of the same dog wagon all those years. Everyone was glad to see him, and we hope he returns in 2013!

Birds make or break a championship, and we had birds. There has been a trend to higher numbers found as well as larger coveys the past few years, and that points to good management of resources as well as favorable weather conditions. There were 42 bird contacts by dogs in the three and a half days of running. There were several dogs that had multiple finds, gone are the days when the winner has to be



How many people fit in the bed of a PU Truck

chosen from a small pool of dogs.

The work that goes on for a trial such as this is hard to imagine. Steve Ralph as field trial secretary printed premiums, took entries and kept track of qualifications prior to the trials as well as keeping a website updated and the post trial paperwork. Field trial chairman Tom White is wrapping up his last year of being the chief man in charge, he put his organizational skills to good use in an often-thankless job. The field trial committee consisted of the above two workers, Ken Windom, Joe Gower, Margaret Horstmeyer, George McCann, Tom Milam, Joyce Miley, Warren Montgomery, Lisa Pollock, Tom Robin, and Ray Trimble. Three ladies pitched in to put on another successful Calcutta, thanks go to Joyce Miley, Linda Milam, and Linda Thomas. With Judy Robin absent, the hospitality chores were shared by Linda Milam and Margaret Horstmeyer. Kevin Stonehouse was the course marshal, making sure all first time to Booneville handlers had a person riding beside them that knew the course. Joyce Miley was the gallery marshal assisted by many appointed volunteers. Mary Jo Trimble always volunteers to drive the road and keep competitors safe from traffic, always appreciated by those who draw the course parallel to Hwy. 217. Bill Hancock and Nancy Clendenen took care of auction duties, a fund raising event for the club to offset some of the costs of putting on this trial. The dog wagon always carries coffee, soft drinks and pastries, which are enjoyed by all between course two and three breakaway. As usual Donna Pride, helped by Linda Milam, Linda Thomas, Darlene Dow, and Diana Kubitz handed out the goodies. Judi Button returned with her hard working staff to provide us with great meals starting with a very early breakfast hour, lunches, and topping off the day with dinners that everyone enjoyed. Included in this is a Thanksgiving feast on Thursday night, complete with turkey and all the traditional fixings.

Our wranglers, Will and Kathy Langley, provided us with dependable and well-gaited horses. Last year, his truck broke down and he did not make it to the trial. We learned just how much we depend on and need him here from that experience! Will has a knack for matching up horses with riders in a way that will provide the best experience for both. It's a long haul for them from Attica, Michigan, but they seem to have as much fun as the rest of us when they get here.

We are always appreciative to our sponsors, Purina, TriTronics, and Pacific Coast Supply for their support of this trial. In addition to donating dog food to the winners, Purina gives financial donations as well. Purina is a world known leader in the production of quality dog food. TriTronics has been generous to give one of their excellent e-collars to the winner of this stake, and it is a prize much coveted by the competitors here, as the company is not only the first maker of such a product but their reputation for quality is unmatched. The Pacific Coast Supply donated a Tucker trail saddle, hand tooled, and a work of art in its own right. Our sport would not be the same without them.

Our three judges were Stan Truksa, Garvin Collins and Dave Taylor, all from the Midwestern United States. They all have many years of experience of competing in field trials with success and judging in championship stakes. They seemed to enjoy the work, and were pleasant people to ride up front with.

As is customary, a party was held by last year's winner, Joe Gower to honor his fine young dog, NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid. A western theme fittingly for a California dog, we all partook of a barbeque meal fit for a champion. Joe introduced us to his lovely wife and daughter, and entertained us with stories about Sonny. On one wall, a slide show of his dog took us through his life so far. A rockin' good band played dancing music with a good time had by all. Maybe the best time was had by Judge Garvin Collins, who was dancing up a storm!

THE WINNERS!

The new National Amateur All Age Champion, DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita de Scipio, is a six-year-old orange and white bitch owned, bred and handled by Tom White and Margaret Horstmeyer, of Melba, Idaho. "Rita" came out of Brace 12, running on course three late on Tuesday afternoon. Rita displayed purpose and a single-minded intention to find birds for her entire hour. She scored her first find at four and her last find at 53, with three more finds in between. Every one of them was handled with style, intensity and impeccable manners. She made good use of the course, always forward, handled kindly and was moving as strong when she finished as when she started. Her find at 49 on a spread out feeding covey was outstanding, a picture book find with the soft late day sunlight filtering through the trees still decked out in their autumn colors. Rita is a daughter of two other duals owned by Tom and Margaret, each having place in this stake in previous years, sire DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo and dam DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio. Rita is line bred on Tequila's Joker. She received her early training from the team of Paul and Peggy Doiron, and since then she has been in the hands of her owners. Margaret, as usual, scouted her. Later in the week, Rita was runner up in the National Open championship, and for a second year in a row, won the dual dog award for combined placements in field and show. Last year, Rita was runner up in this same stake. She has shown remarkable consistency on these grounds.

The runner up, NFC/FC/AFC Piney Run Art, is a large white and orange eight-year-old male, owned by Martha Greenlee of Virginia who unfortunately was unable to be here to watch. Kent Patterson of Franklin, Tennessee ably handled Art around the course. Running on course one in the very first brace of the stake, Artie impressed the judges late in the hour with some showy casts, running the lines with determination. At time, Artie was out of sight, and scout Rob Donahue rode to find him. At seven minutes into the grace period, point was called. A stellar piece of work on a small covey was scored. Artie is from Art Cohen's breeding of FC Keystone's White Label out of Hybrittin's Hullabaloo, and concentrates much of Dave Walker's breeding in his pedigree.

The third place dog, FC/AFC Oz II, is a small white and orange male, owned by John and Allison Cotten, and on this occasion handled by Dave Lincoln and scouted by his wife Joyce. Oz ran in brace 19 on course one Thursday morning, braced with FC/AFC Cedar Creek Surgeon owned and handled by Joe Waitman, also a white and orange male. "Cutter" as the latter dog is called, was the fourth place dog, and this was the best brace of the stake! Oz was seen

sparingly in the first half hour; when seen, he was always out front, going away with good speed. He had two sterling finds, the first a limb find, the second found out front after not being seen for some time. Cutter had scored a very stylish find earlier in the hour. Both dogs displayed great application and had strong finishes down the chute to the left side of the river at the end of the course. Oz was outstanding in his ground coverage. Cutter did a very good job on the ground also, and we all enjoyed watching two quality animals running at the same time.

THE RUNNING

Monday morning, 8 a.m., the gallery arrived at breakaway on course one, under overcast skies. We would have short periods of light misty rain throughout the day, never cold enough or wet enough to make us miserable.

BRACE 1: SHADOW'S TEQUILA TRYST-STEVE RALPH AND PINEY RUN ART-KEN PATTERSON. Trystan and Artie were slow off the starting line. Trystan was trying hard to get something pointed, with points called and waved off at 2 and 19. At 22, she had a stylish, high at both ends find just before the Lick Creek Crossing. As Judge Taylor tried to get in position to see the birds, he flushed a nice covey. Trystan continued on hunting hard but with a tendency to hook backwards at times. Steve picked her up short of the hour. Artie, who had started slow, gradually began to move out. He was behind through the cotton field, but brought to the front, he began to stretch forward and taking lines in all age fashion. At 45 minutes, point was called. A non-productive resulted. A gentle rain began to fall. Time was called at the double gates, with Artie not in sight. The scout found Artie well ahead on course, buried in the cover, intensely pointing a small covey seven minutes into the grace period. All was in order at the flush.

BRACE 2: TJ'S PRAIRIE BLIZZARD-BOB RANKIN AND UNCLE KRACKER-BO ACKERMAN. This brace broke away at the double gates on course one, and crossed the bridge to the normal course two. Blizzard ran a somewhat erratic race, at times getting on an edge and taking it in good fashion, at other times checking into the handler as if confused. Kracker had the tendency to dig deep into the woods, just popping out front occasionally. At 48, both dogs were on point side by side at the 540 road crossing. The birds were running during the flushing attempt. Blizzard crept in to get closer to the action. Kracker stayed in position but lost some intensity as his bracemate was picked up. He hung up briefly in the corner across the road late in the hour acting like he had scent. Once he left that corner, he went to the front and finished strongly.

BRACE 3: Hi Proof Whizki drawn to run in this brace was not here, so his bracemate **BANDIT'S CINDERELLA MAN** and handler **VIC RUTHERFORD** went alone, breaking away on course three. "Jake" and his handler were first timers here from Oregon. Jake has an attractive, flowing gait. He hunted hard at gun dog range for his hour, ending up birdless.

BRACE 4: MAXWELL'S OUTER LIMITS-BILL HANCOCK AND DIAMOND HILL'S DEUCES GONE WILD "COOTER"-LISA POLLOCK. At six, Cooter scored a nice find on a little knoll. He had a stand a few minutes later,

looking unsure. Lisa tried to move him up, but he stayed in place, no birds were found here. At the feed strip on the left hand of the course just past the Lick Creek Crossing, Cooter again stood. No birds were flushed, and a relocation was also futile. As we rode on, birds lifted as the judge on the far side of the strip came through the cover to join us. As we caught the front gallery, Cooter was kicked by a horse and injured. Bill's dog made a couple eye catching big moves in the cotton field, but his race lost momentum and his owner elected to pick him up short of the hour.

BRACE 5: TERRA'S CABO WABO-"SAMMY"-TOM WHITE AND TRUCKER'S WILD RIDE-RAY TRIMBLE. Sammy retires after this National championship. This brace was put down by the double gates. Sammy scored first at four in the Hayden camp area with a pretty find. He looked very happy and animated running the edges following the find. At 24, point was called for Rider out front. Sammy came in, failed to back, stole point and was picked up. Rider stood firm through this action, but self released and helped Ray when he was not getting the birds flushed as fast as Rider thought he should. A short brace.

BRACE 6: SPANKY'S LITTLE PILL BANDIT-BILL HANCOCK AND WAYSIDE'S BLUERIDGE RUNNER-TOM LONGFELLOW. This was a fun brace to watch. Bandit had a strong race all the way around the course with only a non-productive to show for all the ground he covered. Blue, on the other hand, was a hunting machine. He scored finds at eight, 18, 24, and 37. Each one was well located with Blue displaying proper manners and handler increasingly excited. He had a stop to flush at 53 in a very thick briar tangled cover that took a lot of maneuvering to get out of. Tom was glad when time was called and he could calm his nerves with a cigarette!

Dogs posted for Day One: Piney Run Art and Wayside's Blueridge Runner

DAY 2: A fog delay was called for half an hour. Once the fog burned off, we had a warm, sunny day with a beautiful scenic ride in store for the entire day.

BRACE 7: CHIEF'S NUBBIN'S MY LIL LADY-MATT KITCHEN AND KINWASHKLY FAT BASTARD-BO ACKERMAN. Lady is a quick moving, energetic little dog that covered a lot of ground, but had a tendency to check back and sometimes used the road to get to where she was going, that marred her performance. She was to be birdless but made the hour. Fatz had a good start. Point was called for him at 16 near the Barking Dog House. No birds were flushed. Fatz got hung up momentarily at the creek crossing, but once he got to the front, he made some big moves on the tree lines on the right hand side of the course and had a great strong finish, swinging left to parallel the river down the chute.

BRACE 8: PETER GUNN-JIM CARTER AND JJ'S TASMANIAN DEVIL-JOE WILLIAMS. Pete, the 2009 National Open and Amateur Gun Dog champion, was here for the first time, as his handler elected to run him in the National Amateur All Age instead of the gun dog championship. The brace broke away on course two with Taz, the roan dog fast and forward to the front, and Pete taking the left hand tree line at a thorough but slower pace. Pete is a well-trained dog

that has a special bond with his handler and knows how to find and handle birds. At 10, he scored a pretty find on a small covey. At 16 a large covey rose near the old bridge road crossing with Pete stopped and Taz going with the birds. Pete continued on taking lines well to their conclusion and handling with minimal effort. At 46 point was called but no birds were flushed. He finished his hour hunting diligently.

BRACE 9: GR'S BOOKIN' & COOKIN'-"RACE"-BILL HANCOCK AND J & M BLAZIN DIXIE CHICK-JIM CRAWFORD. Race started out well and made some good effort, but as time went on, his handling response began to be rough. Bill tired of pushing and pulling to keep him on course and he removed him from judgment. Chick was not having her best day. At 14, she had an unproductive point. Her race was short and quartering, but she stayed down the hour.

BRACE 10: JO LOCKAPEX DARK ROUX GUMBO-DAVE LINCOLN AND LAPAT'S ROCKY-LARRY MCDONALD. The brace left breakaway on course one flying to the front, appearing way out front the first twenty minutes just often enough to be interesting. After awhile it became apparent that Rocky was trailing Roux, and was picked up by his owner. Roux continued with a strong ground race, his all age race was the kind to make you sit up in your saddle and pay attention! He made a huge left hand cast rimming the entire left side of the tree line through the Hayden Camp area. He finished strong down the chute beside the river without the one thing he needed-a bird would have perhaps changed things!

BRACE 11: LOST CREEK TIMBER RIDGE "ROWDY"-GEORGE MCCANN AND ONE OFF MOJITO MIKE-KENT PATTERSON. Rowdy scored at five with good manners on a small covey while Mike was making a good move on the right hand side of the course. Rowdy was very fired up, and took in a lot of country on the left. A distant call of point was made as we went through the piney tree area, far up on 540#, for Rowdy, but as I rode towards the distant road crossing indicated, I realized I saw the dog moving, and we all had a long ride to catch up with Mike. Rowdy was seen briefly once up front but ended up lost at the end of the hour and not found in his grace period. He retires at these Nationals and gets to move to Alaska next month! Mike continued to give a good forward effort. Coming out of the new pond at 40, he stood intensely with water still dripping off his body while Kent tried vainly to make quail fly-they were seen by judges running on the ground. All in order, Mike hunted his way across the Parish field, and connected with the reliable covey that is so often found at this road crossing. He looked good as this covey rose and flew away. He showed good conditioning as he made the hour.

BRACE 12: GUNRUNNER'S GOTTA LOTTA MO-"T"-BILL HANCOCK AND MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO-TOM WHITE. "T" ran a good race; at 49, he had a point that proved to be barren, and finished a little slower than he started. Rita got things rolling right away with a find at four, an intense stylish piece of bird work. At 11, she swapped ends in midair for a pretty point, although no birds could be flushed for her on this stand. Her run was fast and purposeful. There was no doubt to anyone watching, Rita was here to find birds and she was mighty good at it. Her second find at 23 was perfectly executed, as was her next find at 27. At 49, she found a new covey, with birds spread out and

feeding flushing all around her. Again, she displayed perfect manners. At 53, she hit pay dirt again, with a point far to the front on the woods edge going toward the beaver dam. Her style, intensity and manners were championship caliber. She finished as she started, looking for birds at a fast pace. Sunlight was diminishing as we got to the end of course three, filtering through the trees in a soft, pretty display. The fog delay that morning had meant we ran right up to dusk.

Dogs posted for Day 2: MTB Cabo Rita de Scipio, One Off Mojito Mike, and Peter Gunn

BRACE 13: A short fog delay of 10 minutes again as we gathered at the hill where course one breaks away. RU JEM'S A TOUCH OF BOURBON "CHUG"- JERRY MCGEE AND RED SKY RILEY-DAVID KIRK. Chug ran a smart race to the front, handling kindly. Riley scored a stylish find on a large 30-bird covey at a feed strip running into a plum thicket at 13. As we got closer to the river, we ran into fog again, and the dogs were held for a short delay till visibility was restored at 26 minutes, and more fog again at 46 minutes, interrupting the flow of the races, but both dogs handled it well. Riley was found on point on a dirt mound tall and proud just before the double gates, with no birds flushed. The brace concluded with Chug found standing at 59 way down the chute paralleling the river. No birds, a rare thing for Chug.

BRACE 14: TLM FREQUENT FLYER-"JACK"-HARLAN GERARDY AND EARLY TIMES-BO ACKERMAN. Both Jack and Earl broke away strong to the front. Jack took out the covey that Peter Gunn had pointed the day before, early in the hour to end his bid. Earl worked hard to complete all the lines, sometimes getting a little hung up, but moving out strongly at all times. He was brought back by the scout after a big move to the left, where we turn sharply right towards the fishhook. Earl was standing at 34 in a known covey area but they were not there this time. At 51, he had a dug up find deep in the woods, all manners in order. At 55, he scored on another covey on the right hand side of the tree line going through the parish field. Again, it was handled properly. The hour ended just short of the road crossing.

BRACE 15: PRIMETIME OUTLAW JOHNNY-"CASH"-HERB REA AND MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE II-TROY HOVERTER. This brace was put down in the Parish Field. Johnny made a beeline cast to the horizon and was not seen again in the hour. Max was a little short on range, but hunted the edges hard. At 12, he pointed near an old feeder taking a non-productive. He pointed again at 26 in a large mott just across the bridge on course three. When birds lifted during the relocation attempt, Max went a few steps with them.

BRACE 16: J & M JAX SUGAR BABE-JIM CRAWFORD AND MTB CAN AM FORMULA FUN-"FRANI"-TOM WHITE. A local newscaster came out and filmed the breakaway for the nightly news. Both dogs showed speed off the line-Frani taking lines to the left and out of sight for a while, and Sugar settling into a kind handling race hunting the front at moderate range. Frani took a non-productive on the line parallel to Hwy. 217 by an old feeder just before the Barking Dog House. Frani lost some steam in the heat and was picked up at 45. Sugar had a find at 50 just past the double gates, with all in order. Again at 58, she pointed with one of the birds running directly



AAA CH Point near 109 Course

at her, she handled it with poise through the flush and shot.

BRACE 17: JOKER'S JACKPOT-STEVE RALPH AND STARLIGHT'S BLAZING SIRIUS-TOMMY THOMAS.

A fast pace was set by these two handlers. Jack had had a phenomenal year, ending up as the Purina Dog of the Year, but today was not his day. He did not line out and go anywhere the way he usually does. He was present when a large covey flushed and left the scene of the crime quickly. The judges appeared to be watching his bracemate, Si, in the same vicinity who stopped just as the covey started to get up. Tommy was able to flush birds directly in front of Si and was credited with a find. Tommy let Si hunt the edges while Steve continued to push to the front. Si did a good job of hunting the likely spots for the rest of the hour. Jack was tiring at the end of the hour.

BRACE 18: BRISCO'S MR. STUB-RAY TRIMBLE AND WINDTUCK ROCKET'S RED GLARE-TOM MILAM.

Red was seen a couple times as a little spurt of dust in the distance, but eventually he wasn't even that. Handler called for the tracker. Stub did not run an all age race, probably because he was too busy finding birds. He scored at two with a bird lifting on its own, again at five, added a non-productive at 12, added another find at 22, a second barren stand at 41, and big coveys at 49, 51, and 59. Stub looked good on all these finds. He has been the bird finding-est dog other years, too that I have reported the National Amateur championship.

BRACE 19: CEDAR CREEK SURGEON "CUTTER"-JOE WAITMAN AND OZ II-DAVE LINCOLN.

This ended up being the best brace of the stake. Cutter scored a stylish find at 11, with Joe flushing a big covey by the culvert near the lone pine. Oz was seen sparingly in the early going, but when he was seen, he was always far to the front and going away. A distant call of point at 16 was for Oz. Although found by Joyce, her voice did not carry and her fellow scout David

Kirk, in a show of good sportsmanship, made sure we found the standing dog, not leaving until we knew where Oz was standing. He was obscured from sight unless you were right there, by a bend in the cedar line, and had probably been there a long time. He still looked good, and handled the find with good manners. He shot to the front following this find and was again out of sight. As we rode on again, we heard one single cry of point in the distance, and a long ride ensued. We never did see a dog or a scout on this diversion. Another show of sportsmanship was displayed by Jerry McGee who rode off to see if he could find the missing scout, who we were happy to say was just fine. We went back to the front, and once we got there, point was called for Oz up front. He had gotten there all on his own, and looked proud as Dave flushed his birds. Cutter had been performing in an admirable fashion taking lines forward and smartly handling for his owner Joe Waitman. Again, the chute at the river was used



AAA Ch Judges Truksa, Taylor, Collins



AAA CH Mag Chair Bob Fleury and Judges' Ed Coordinator Diana Kubitz



AAA CH Table setting



L to R: Tom Robin, Tom White with MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio, Margaret Horstmeyer, David Taylor (Judge), Tom Ettinger with Piney Run Art, Stan Truksa (Judge), Garvin Collins (Judge), Joyce Lincoln with Oz II, David Lincoln, Joe Waitman, David Kirk with Cedar Creek Surgeon, Steve Ralph

as we ran out of course. Both dogs finished with strength, going to the front with determination and speed, to end an excellent hour for both dogs.

BRACE 20: SPANISH CORRAL'S SUNDANCE KID-JOE GOWER AND TLM CO-PILOT-"HANK"-HARLAN GERARDY. Sonny, last year's champion, and Hank broke away on course two. Sonny did not have his pattern right his day and was not completing his casts. He did have a pretty find at 26 in the fishhook area. Joe had a good attitude and had fun anyways. Got to like that! What would you do with two saddles anyway, Joe? Hank put in a solid performance but did not connect with birds. He covered a lot of country trying to find them.

BRACE 21: JAGOUB'S BUZZ N BAYOU-TOM JAGIELSKI. Buzz made some nice moves along the edges of course three; as we passed Mario's Hill, at 20, he came down an edge out front, slowed, acted birdie, ducked into the trees, and came out behind a covey to end this year's running of the National Amateur Championship.

**ABC National Amateur Championship
Amateur Limited All Age 1hr (40S)**

J: Garvin Collins & David Taylor & Stan Truksa

- 1 - DC/AFC MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO (B), by Terras Cabo Wabo x TJ's Single Shot of Scipio; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White
- 2 - NFC/FC/AFC PINEY RUN ART (D), by Keystone's White Label x Hybrittin's Hullabaloo; o Martha Greenlee, h Kent Patterson
- 3 - FC OZ II (D), by Tee-Bone x Countess Mon Petite Whiz; o John & Allison Cotten, h David Lincoln
- 4 - CEDAR CREEK SURGEON (D), by Jalo's Intern x Jalo's Running Josephine; o/h Joe Waitman



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2013 ABC Chukar Classic/Championship

California City, CA
January 29-30, 2013
By Joe Gower



The Mojave is a desert of extremes, its basin and range topography covers parts of California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona with winter temperatures often dropping into the teens and summer temperatures in the famed Death Valley reaching one hundred and twenty degrees. It is here in the greasewood, sage, cactus and yucca that the California Brittany Club hosted the 2013 Chukar Classic. The event was chaired by Ed Dixon who kept things running smoothly with the substantial influence of his chosen secretary and wife Linda. Throughout the event, Ed was quick to acknowledge the efforts given by the balance of his veteran committee that consisted of Margaret Horstmeyer, Tom White, Bill Landress and Bill Leffingwell. A special thank you goes out to Joe Gower, from the Southern San Joaquin Brittany Club, Mark Ambre and Michael Frane from the San Diego Brittany Club, in addition to Paul Doiron and Bill Landress for their tireless efforts.

Many of the top competitive dogs were fueled by Purina Products and kept secure by Garmin/Tri-Tronics; perennial sponsors that recognize the needs of the all age dogs that it takes to be competitive in such an event. The California Brittany Club would like to thank Purina for hosting the Judges' dinner for all participants. The committee and competing clubs offer their thanks and continued support. The entrants showed uncommon unity in their support for well-respected judges Mike Vaz of Castro Valley, California and Bruce Hale of Riverside, CA they handled the event with strict attention from the first to the last brace. In an event otherwise unmarred, Judge Mike Vaz should answer for littering the desert with what appeared to be a semi load of white feathers. It is reported that it was the result of a down comforter mishap with an unattended Shorthair puppy in his trailer, but as the aftermath blows into Las Vegas, many still wonder.

The winner of the event is of little surprise to many; DC MB's Make Mine a Double was named the 2013 Champion following his runner up performance in 2012, and his win in the same event in 2011. These accomplishments and his 2012 win of The Western Shooting Dog Championships gave Mac his third American Field Championship in the dual sanctioned events. Mac and the professional handling team of Paul and Peggy Doiron work in exceptional unity around a course of broken terrain. His ground application, style and consistent ability to find game were evident in this trial like many in the past and Mac delighted owners Christine Landerholm-Miller and her husband Bob Miller with the well-deserved hardware. The runner-up is an emerging young dog owned by Ed and Lois Mayhew, K Nine Tucalota's Chance (Jim). Jim has shown solid performances out west placing in a number of big stakes and with this placement earning a qualification from the American Brittany Club National and National Amateur Championships in 2013. Third place and qualification to both National Championship stakes as well went to FC Mini's Midnight Smoke owned by Ed and Linda Dixon. The fourth place winner was HVK's High Flying Kyte a bitch with an impressive career and owned by Dan Doiron.

THE RUNNING:

BRACE ONE: DC/AFC TERRA'S CABO WABO (SAMMY) WHITE AND HIDEAWAY'S OUTBACK JACK (JACK) BORINE. Jack and Sammy broke away with an 8:00 a.m. start on Tuesday to begin the trial. They moved past the starting ridge of the All Age Course and down through Chukar Alley to the flats where Jack was found on point at 15. He handled the bird at the flush with a turning mark to the shot and was released to carry on. At 18, Sammy was found on a limb find at the turn and handled it well. As the dogs moved through the flats, their race shortened and at 20, Jack was credited with his second clean find. As we moved forward, a bird was seen in the air laterally on a ridge and Jack came in from that direction to be picked up. Sammy did not show in a time that suited Tom and was found on point with the Garmin to end the first brace.

BRACE TWO: NAFC/DC/AFC MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO (RITA) WHITE AND KIGER HILLS LOUEE (LOUEE) DIXON. Rita and Louee broke away at 9:15 with Rita lining straight out from break away and Louee making a huge move left across a big flat and an edge formed by the greasewood. At 10 in Chukar Alley, Rita was found standing with Louee backing; both dogs handled the situation with class and were moved on to repeat the exact scenario five minutes later on the ridge before the turn. At 24 on the ridges below Limb Find Mountain, the handlers were credited with a divided find with all in order. At the release Rita headed for the water barrel and Louee moved down the ridge to a point a few hundred yards west on a dead bird. After watering, Rita cast wide right and forward while Louee moved straight through the flats. At 36 before Bald Mountain, Louee found trouble roading up a Chukar and was up. Tom called for his Garmin for the second time in as many braces and had the same heartache of needing the device to find his lost dog on point.

BRACE THREE: DC/AFC MEGASMOKE GRAND FINALE (AL) DOIRON AND K-NINE TUCALOTA CHANCE (JIM) MAYHEW. Al and Jim broke away cleanly with Jim taking a straight away approach and Al moving to the right to the ridgeline where Jim joined him at the saddle. At five, scout Peggy Doiron called point for Al in Chukar Alley; he stood with impeccable style as the bird rose early and wild as the riders rode up and through the subsequent shot. At 10, Al was standing again at the other end of Chukar Alley and handled with great class. At 13 point was called for Jim just under a rocky ridge, the young dog looked good on game and all was in order. At his release, Jim made a very nice cast around the bowl at Limb Find Mountain and headed to the water barrel. Al took a moment to decide where the course was but found it with Paul's direction. At 25 in the flats before Bald Mountain, Jim stood a bird nicely through the flush and shot on one of the ridges just left of the road. Both dogs showed good movement through the Prospect Rocky Range and as we hit the Gun Dog Course Jim hit a bird at Monument Rock. After a bit of relocating a bird was seen on the rocks and Jim handled the temptation well. Moments later Al came

in and stood a bird at the top of the rocks while he came down from the upper ridge. Both dogs finished heading to camp with a good brace that produced the runner-up.

BRACE FOUR: FC BLUEWATER SHADY PETE (PETE) DOWN AND FC/AFC SPANISH CORRAL'S SONNY PATCH (PATCH) GOWER. At 1:00, Pete was off in a veteran line forward and angling for the hills, while the youngster Patch looked up and headed laterally for high ground. Pete ran hard forward seen in the distance going through Chukar Alley, Patch took the ridges and we lost his sky-lined silhouette going into the saddle, he was pointed out in Chukar Alley standing in a show of sportsmanship by his brace mate's handler Wayne Down. Patch handled the bird well and was taken on, Pete was gathered at the turn and moved big through the flats, Patch went around the bend wide and was found by scout Paul Doiron 300 yards south of the first water barrel. Once again, he handled with all in order. Across the flats, Pete disappeared hard right not to be seen again under judgment. Patch had a beautiful limb find high on the right hand ridge before Bald Mountain. Patch finished the hour forward by the not yet two year old slowed in the last quarter of his race.

BRACE FIVE: FC MVP REDLINE'S HIGH OCTANE JH (TIGER) DOIRON AND HIDEAWAY'S WHISKY GIRL (BONNY BELLE) BORINE. The seasoned duo broke away at 2:10. As expected, Tiger disappeared forward, a veteran of many trials on the grounds. Bonny was handier but worked the ridges and high ground well showing her ample experience as a wild Chukar expert. At 10, Bonny's work paid off with bird contact but the liberated birds were too great a temptation and she was off with them ending her day. Just moments later Peggy called point for Tiger in the flats to the extreme west of Chukar Alley, it was a beautiful find and a fancy piece of scouting. After a clean find Tiger was off and found again at 16 on the ridges before the turn, after an extensive relocation Tiger returned a dead bird to hand. Tiger navigated the turn and headed for the flats wide of the water barrel where he established point again but Paul could not produce a bird and moved him on. Tiger worked north through the flats and turned into the Prospect Rocky Range where he was found standing again at 50. Paul and Tiger worked hard to produce in the warm afternoon conditions but again they came up empty and moved on. At the release, Tiger headed for high ground where he finished the brace with a beautiful point and all in order.

The evening festivities were meticulously planned by the hosts, and a catered Mexican meal was enjoyed by all and a warm campfire under the starry desert skies ended a perfect day of dogs and horses.

BRACE SIX: FC MTB CAN AM FORMULA FUN (FRANI) WHITE AND FC HVK'S HIGH FLYING KYTE (KYTE) DOIRON. At 8:02 Frani and Kyte started day two with a strong breakaway down the flats of the desert floor. Kyte was handier as we moved down the ridge to Chukar Alley while Tom rode singing for the hard charging Frani. At nine Kyte was found standing on a rocky knoll, she stood the bird at an impressive distance as judges and gallery watched Paul flush some 35 yards out. At 14 while the gallery crossed the flat, judge Mike Vaz had Frani far to the front navigating the horseshoe turn. At 18 Kyte pointed again in the bottom with all in order on a

bird likely a flyaway from the ridge on a previous brace. At 32, Tom decided that Frani was a bit independent in her race and called for the Garmin. At 33 point was called on Bald Mountain for Kyte, but by the time we reached her she had moved on without incident. A similar occurrence came at 41 in the Prospect Rocky Range and Paul turned Kyte toward the Gun Dog Course where she ended her day with a nice point on the isolated knob.

BRACE SEVEN: DC MB'S MAKE MINE A DOUBLE (MAC) DOIRON AND MTB SCIPIOS HOT SHOT OF WHIZKI (CALI) WHITE. The 2011 Champion and last year's runner-up Mac broke away at 9:21 with the recently promoted youngster Cali. Both dogs broke right and took the ridge to Chukar Alley where Mac had the first bird at 10, which he handled with impeccable style. Just one rock pile south Cali was on point simultaneously and she too handled her birds, the handlers were gentlemen and released their dogs together. Cali moved down the same bony ridge and hit another bird at 13, at the flush she marked the bird cleanly left and was moved on. At 16 Cali hit another, this time in the flat and dangerously close as she ran by, her mark was antsy and Tom took a moment to water her. At 29 Mac was found standing south of the road in the flats and handled his bird cleanly, young Cali showed she wasn't over the previous temptation and roaded up a bird north of the road and took it over the hill with Tom in hot pursuit. Mac did a journeyman job to Bald Mountain where he had his third find at 39. He followed it with two more in the Prospect Rocky Range at 41 and 43 all handled beautifully. He moved forward and at 50 high on a peak in the very back of the Gun Dog Course he stopped on a point and stood statuesque above us facing down hill. Paul could not locate a bird and released Mac who turned 180 degrees and inched upward into a beautiful point on a relocation to a bird that had moved behind him. Mac was released but the consummate bird dog wasn't finished, he raced forward to the Gun Dog Course and ended the brace with another clean find to cap the winning run.

BRACE 8: NAFC/FC/AFC SPANISH CORRAL'S SUNDANCE KID (SONNY) GOWER AND FC MINI'S MIDNIGHT SMOKE (CHIP) DIXON. Sonny and Chip broke away hard and split off the line. Chip moved up the ridge right and Sonny headed straight for the saddle and Chukar Alley. Chip was handy to start and needed water at eight, Sonny was not seen until he was found on point in the craggy rock piles of Chukar Alley at nine minutes, he handled the birds with all in order. One minute later Chip pointed just south of Sonny's find and Ed chased a non-flier for a moment before the judges ordered the shot and Chip was collared and received an ear scratch. Sonny broke across the flats and disappeared at the horseshoe, he was found at 19 standing near the ridge rest, he remained strong and still through the flush and shot. Both dogs were taken to water and released to the flats, Sonny disappeared at the first ridge lining out and disappearing forward. At 35 Chip worked up Bald Mountain and had a find near the top. As both handlers rode up Sonny came into the picture up high and was moved north to the Prospect Rocky Range, while Chip handled his second find with impeccable style. Chip was also released forward and had three finds between the Bald Mountain and the Gun Dog Course; he handled them all nicely and was moving forward and with more animation as the hour progressed. Sonny was found above the water barrel on point at

43 and after two relocations took a non-productive on a feather pile. At 49 Chip had his sixth bird on the south side of the gun dog course working down a ridge toward the wash. After the release Chip disappeared in the bottom forward. Sonny had been wide out of pocket and was found by scout Paul Doiron moving forward far down in the flats arching his run to the gun dog ridges. At 56 Ed could not see Chip and rode back to find him standing his seventh bird of the brace, he handled it well and finished the brace with a third place performance. Sonny looked very strong and was making a presumed bid for the lead; he flashed through the grease wood and drove hard up Gun Dog Hill. As the handler and judge rode into view Sonny ran into a Chukar running freely in the wide open...the remainder of the commentary has been omitted.

Brace Nine: FC/AFC Here We Go Again (JD) Hale and FC Mikey's Spice Girl (Spice) Doiron. JD and Spice broke away at 12:15 to a warming desert and the end of the 2013 Chukar Classic. Both dogs were handy at the break away but showed some life entering Chukar Alley where Spice had a find with all in order on a rock pile at 10. Paul watered her with hopes that the find would open up her run, but the post partum Spice is still working on her

mojo after a recent litter and at 15 Paul chose to pick her up in the flats. JD moved on through the flats and made a very nice move up Limb Find Mountain and was rewarded with a bird at 16. Wayne flushed the bird and collared JD pointing him down the horseshoe to the water barrel. At 32 JD had a non-productive point in the flats and had a flat run showing the effects of heat as he moved to Gun Dog Course. Just after the third water barrel, JD showed some life with nice work on a find and relocation, albeit he was a bit steppy on the flush. Moments later Wayne decided that JD was finished and picked him up to finish the stake at the Gun Dog Monument.

The California Brittany Club wishes again to express its thanks to all who participated and helped this event to be a memorable one. We also would like to recognize and thank Roger Borine for his support all the way from Oregon and Wayne Hale for his tireless work as a bird planter supplementing and helping those on the committee. Ed and Linda Dixon are recognized for their leadership and attention to details. The Dixon's would like to thank their family and all who assisted in making this a successful event. Lastly, congratulations once again to the winners.



Judge Bruce Hale, Paul Doiron with 1st Place DC/AFC/FC MB's Make Mine A Double, Ed Mayhew with runner up K Nine Tucalota Chance, Wayne Down, Lois Mayhew, Bill Landress, Ed Dixon with 3rd Place FC Mini's Midnight Smoke, Linda Dixon, Peggy Doiron with 4th Place FC HVK's High Flying Kyte and Michael Vas, Judge



2013 ABC Chukar Classic
 Open Limited All Age 1hr (18S)
 J: Michael Vas & Bruce Hale



- 1 - DC/AMFLDCH MB'S MAKE MINE A DOUBLE (D), by DC/AFC/2xAmFid CH Redlines Tequila Smoker x Timberline Scip-O'Dee-Do'Dah; o Christine & Bob Miller, h Paul Doiron
- 2 - K NINE TUCALOTA CHANCE (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You II x K Nine's Peek-A-Boo; o Arlette Hennessey & Ed Mayhew, h Ed Mayhew

- 3 - MINI'S MIDNIGHT SMOKE (D), by DC/AFC Redlines Tequila Smoker x Rebledogg's Mini-Me; o Ed & Linda Dixon, h Ed Dixon
- 4 - FC HVK'S HIGH FLYING KYTE (B), by DC/AFC/2xAmFid CH Redlines Tequila Smoker x Timberline Scip-O'Dee-Do'Dah; o Daniel R. Doiron, h Paul Doiron

Personal Heart Dog

They come in all sizes and breeds. Those fortunate to have experienced one, understand immediately what that means. A name or memory jumps forward just from reading this. Those still fortunate to be with theirs feel a warm smile, but a sad realization. As George "Bird" Evans wrote: "The Perfection of Life with a Gun Dog, like the Perfection of an Autumn, is disturbing because you know, even as it begins, that it must end. Time Bestows the Gift and Steals it in the Process." I had to say goodbye to my heart dog almost three days ago. Her name is Briar. A wonderful liver Brittany I had the great fortune to meet in Oct. 1998 and spend over fourteen years of life with.

Briar taught me more about myself as a person than I care to admit. We shared great travels, hunts, and adventures in life together. Though she wasn't my first dog, many firsts were experienced with her. My first litter was with her (oh my was I scared!), first field trial (we spent many nights sleeping in the back of my truck after that first amazing fourth place ribbon...), first dog show (she really thought this was silly..the Dual concept was lost on her, but the treats! And Mom in a skirt! Awesome entertainment!), first hunt test (she was perfect tens...to me...), best grouse hunts (a book of stories...), and first understanding of the amazing bond one can have with another living creature.

She was the first dog that I alone broke, well, she allowed the foolishness to occur since it seemed to please me so. She would stand there motionless as I fumbled nervously about, chasing some unfortunate game to show the judges at trials. I think it made her laugh at times. Dogs can laugh. She also so enjoyed holding point hard as backing dogs came unglued...she knew..."I just have to wait a little longer, then it's all Mine, as it should be!" She didn't prefer quail trials, wild birds were her obsession, but she put up with them since that little scrap of ribbon seemed to make her human so happy. She never allowed other handlers to advise her, that was just asking far too much. I remember friends Shan W. and Pat C. chasing her back to the clubhouse after every handling attempt...as she trotted back in dismay that I wasn't there to flush after her great efforts... It was soon decided I was the only one for her. She taught me patience during a hunt, which helped my game bag go from pine

cones to fowl. She always greeted every dog in the house, to the end still warmly nudged her ten and a half year old son Cutter. She only really liked one other dog from outside our home, Little Guy Levi. Just mentioning Levi's name would make her bark and jump in joy...looking for her trial and best hunting friend.

I have never loved anything more than Briar. She consoled me through hard times and great losses, always there, always willing, always loving. A friend wrote me the evening before I had to say goodbye to Briar and said "Your heart is going to feel like it's made out of lead tomorrow but don't doubt for one second that your girl doesn't know you love her more than you love yourself." I don't think he realizes how true a statement he made. Her collar is empty, her bell retired, my heart is filled with grief. She was a blessing to me, and continues to be.

I saw a covey of wild quail moving through the woods behind my house when doing chores this morning. At first I thought I left my bird pen open, but they were wild. Something I have not seen in over ten years. I wish Briar could have seen them. Who knows, maybe she did.

Thanks for reading some of our life story,
Tania Lewandowski



"BRIAR"

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*An Affair With Grouse by
George "Bird" Evans*

None Held Back and Other Bird Dog Stories

Part Two

By Tom Word

The National Championship



Gift From The Ghost

January 18, 1922

The Model T Pick-up bounced through iced over potholes. Its black driver squinted his one good eye to garner the dim light from the muddy headlamps. A thin, gray-bearded man with a needle-sharp nose rode beside him, absorbed in his thoughts. In a hay-filled express crate behind them slept a setter dog. This was the third day the men had made the pre-dawn drive from Hickory Valley to the trial grounds at LaGrange, Tennessee. In years past, the gray-bearded handler had won the stake eight times out of the twenty-five it had been run. Today in the sixth and final brace he would handle perhaps the most gifted dog he had ever blown a whistle over. The dog had won first in the U.S. Open the week before. The handler expected the dog to win today, but he knew it would not be crowned National Champion. He smiled at the irony of it. The driver caught the smile, a rare thing.

“What you smilin’ ‘bout, Mista Jim?”

“Nothing, Willie...just rememberin’.”

They reached the brick horse barn as the horizon began to glow, and the Ames’ hands came in to feed and tack up the officials’ mount. Soon their murmurs and laughs mingled with the crunch of teeth on oats and the clink of iron-clad hooves on brick. Smells of horse sweat, molasses, hay and fresh manure mingled in the cold air. Other handlers and their helpers came in to ready horses. Their chores completed, all gathered in the tack room around the pot-bellied stove and pitched penny crack-a-lou. The helpers joked in a dialect understood only by them. When the clock on the tack-room wall showed five ‘til seven, the handlers walked to the manor house for breakfast, except the handler Jim, who remained by the stove. He didn’t feel welcome in the manor house, although in years past he had enjoyed many a meal in the big dining room with the spaniels underfoot.

The handler and Willie would ride the morning brace to see how birds were behaving. Then at one-thirty, Judge Hobart Ames would give the nod, and for three hours the setter and his half-brother, Kid, both sons of 1911 Champion Eugene M, would seine the course for quail. The handler knew the course better than any man alive, knew its every ridge and gully, knew the haunts of every

bevy on it. He had hunted the grounds for fifty years, as boy for rabbit and robin, as man for quail, deer and turkey by day, and fox, bobcat and ‘coon by night. For a few years after Ames bought the land, he and Arthur Merriman, also judging today, had taught Ames woodcraft, following the handler’s hounds and bird dogs. Then that camaraderie had vanished, thanks, the handler believed, to the jealousy of the Englishman who would be riding as the third judge today. If the Ghost got the job done today, Merriman might want to give him the title, but he was old and sick and owed too many favors to Ames; even with Merriman’s vote, it would be two to one against the Ghost.

The best race so far had been that of Becky Broom Hill, a pointer handled by the only man present taller than Ames, six-foot-six-inch Ches Harris from Alabama. She’s had twelve bevy finds and handled easy, which Judge Ames set great store by. She would be hard to beat, in fact impossible for the Ghost to beat, though she’d been second to the Ghost in last week’s U.S. open.

The morning brace was commonplace, but the handler was pleased to see birds were moving. After the lunch break, Willie walked Ghost to the breakaway, and the handler followed on horseback, leading Willie’s horse. The three judges were mounted and waiting. The handler touched his hat and met the eyes of Merriman, ignoring Ames and the Englishman. Merriman smiled involuntarily. Young Ed Farrior rode up and spoke effusively to the judges; he was nervous, for this was his maiden brace as a handler in the National Championship.

“Are you ready...? All right, gentlemen, let ‘em go.”

What followed amazed even the handler. The Ghost was on fire. Willie’s shrill call of point came so often the handler could scarcely catch his breath between flushings. At two hours, the Ghost had scored sixteen finds.

“Have him shoot a bird, sir,” the Englishman said to Ames out of everyone’s hearing. He hoped the sight of a falling bird would cause the Ghost to break shot—it was a sore temptation for any dog, especially for one so keyed up.

On the Ghost’s next find Ames said, “Let’s see if he will retrieve.” The handler was delighted, but he took care to look bothered by the request. He grassed a bird on each of the Ghost’s finds thereafter. When the heat ended there were eight quail in his saddlebags.

The gallery was enthralled. Never had a dog had twenty-four finds, all handled without a serious error. Surely the Ghost would be crowned National Champion. Only the handler, Ames and the Englishman knew otherwise. But the handler knew it would cost Ames embarrassment, and that meant more than the purse or the title. At age sixty-two he could savor life’s ironies.

Why could the Ghost not win? The Ghost had been Bill Elliot’s dog—officially, Mrs. Elliot’s dog. Bill, a professional handler who lived just down the road at Courtland, Mississippi, had handled him in the National in 1921 and had boarded at the handler’s Rustic Inn at Rogers Springs. Elliot hadn’t looked well, and the handler had inquired about his health.

“Truth is, I’m dying, Jim. And I’m broke. All we got is the Ghost. When I’m gone, Mrs. Elliot will have to sell him. I ought to

do it now, but she won't let me. I'm afraid they'll take advantage of her... They say Hobart Ames gave twelve hundred dollars for Powhatan. What did he pay you for Monora when he bought her after she won that year?"

The handler ignored the question, for he never told anyone what he got for a dog. Next morning at breakfast he said:

"Tell Mrs. Elliot when she's ready to sell to call Hobart Ames. When she gets his price, she should call me. I'll get her five hundred dollars more than Ames offers--I've got a patron who will top anything Ames offers if I tell him it's the right dog, and your Ghost is right if we can get a handle on him." The handler was embarrassed by his inadvertent use of "we." Elliot was amused by it, but then as he thought of its implications, a tear slid down his cheek. The handler's patron was named Stoner, but he didn't reveal that to Bill Elliot.

From the manor house steps, Becky Broom Hill was declared the 1922 National Champion. The handler saw the shock on the faces on those waiting to hear the news. Seconds ticked away before they broke into applause and shook the hands of Ches Harris and the winner's owner, Lewis Lee Haggin of Kentucky. The handler and Willie faded out of the crowd and walked to the brick barn to gather their horses. "Come on Willie, let's get home. I've got to pick some birds."

That evening at dark, as the Ameses and their traditional guests, the winning owner and handler, sipped juleps in the gun room, the Model T pick-up coughed up the lane to the manor house. Willie walked to the kitchen entrance and knocked. A pretty black woman in domestic uniform opened the door. Willie winked his good eye, and she returned his smile. "Hello, Willie. What you want?"

"Give these to Mizz Ames, please."

Willie handed her a covered dish. Called into the kitchen, Mrs. Ames removed the cover. Beneath it were eight dressed quail, not a tooth mark on them. A note on the top read:

Dear Mrs. Ames,

We hope that you, Mr. Ames, Mr. Haggin and Mr. Harris will enjoy these partridges fresh off the afternoon course. Please tell Mr. Haggin that Mr. Stoner challenges him to a match heat, five thousand dollars a side, judges of his choice from anywhere but Massachusetts or England.

Our very best wishes to you.

The Ghost and Jim Avent

What you have just read is historical fiction, but the key facts are documented, down to the eight quail grassed and retrieved, the Ghost's twenty-four finds and Stoner's \$5,000 challenge. Why did Eugene's Ghost not win? An early rumor said he blinked a covey. Nash Buckingham, who rode that day, put that rumor to rest after Hobart Ames' death. He said Ames told him Avent had unauthorized scouts in the woods to keep the Ghost on track. But how could scouts have influenced the race with the Ghost on point twenty-four times in three hours? Allowing just three minutes to ride to the point, flush, shoot and restart, that's a point every 4.5 minutes of running time!

Did the well-known sour relations between Avent and Ames influence the 1922 decision? Avent and Stoner thought so, of course. But perhaps not, for in the National handling response is a major factor, and the Ghost was at best a rough handling dog.

What might have caused Avent and Ames to fall out in the first place is a more interesting speculation. The writings of A. F. Hochwalt, the respected reporter of major trials of that day, hint at a cause of their bad relations.

Hobart Ames competed with his own dogs in the National regularly up until 1915. His English-born manager, Cuthbert E. Buckle, usually ran the dogs from Ames' Charlottesville Field Trial Kennel, whose original stock Ames had purchased in 1899 from his friend Edward Dexter, first president of the National. In 1910, when Ames was forty-six, he vowed to win the National again (he had won it in 1905 with Alambagh, a setter carrying blood from Avent's Kennel). He knew he must buy the dogs to do it.

The call-back dogs in 1910 were Monora, owned and handled by Avent (and declared the winner) and Powhatan, owned and handled by C. W. Tway. Ames fell in love with both dogs and bought Powhatan for twelve hundred dollars (the price of a twelve-room house or a four-hundred-acre farm). He also brought Monora from Avent—for what Hochwalt called a "long price." With the two top dogs of 1910 in his kennel, Ames figured he had next year's National locked up.

In 1911, Avent handled Monora for Ames--the only time they ever teamed in the National. That may well have been where the troubles between Avent and Ames started. Monora was lost on her opening cast. Avent was also handling his own dog, Moneche, thus creating a conflict of interest. When Monora disappeared in the Pines, did Ames suspect skullduggery?

In 1912, Ames had the highly respected W. H. Martin handle his beloved Powhatan in place of his Englishman Buckle—but alas, Avent beat him that year with Commissioner.

In 1913, Ames, still determined to win the National and still in love with Powhatan, had J. T. Jones (who had judged in 1911) handle. Powhatan made it to a second series against the winner, Phillipides, and found eight bebies, but ironically Powhatan did not handle well enough to suit the judges.

That was Ames' last entry in the National Championship. From then on he judged and provided the grounds, sustaining the National with his stewardship. Through his wife's generosity, the National still runs at the Ames Plantation, its eighteen thousand storied acres held in perpetual trust for the University of Tennessee.

Jim Avent, the Fox of Hickory Valley, won the first National in 1896. He had observed the first American field trial as a boy of fourteen in 1874. He competed in the National regularly through 1930. In all, he handled fifty-seven times and won eight times, for a batting average of .140--remarkable in field trials if not in baseball. He never won the National again after Eugene's Ghost's fabled run in 1922, but as long as men talk bird dogs, Eugene's Ghost and Jim Avent will be remembered for their magic performance on January 18, 1922.

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The Brittany Bites

By Sheila Cordner

Recipe Collection

We are introducing a column with recipes tried by you, our Brittany enthusiasts. Many delightful dishes have been enjoyed by those who attend picnics, field trials, shows and other events where hungry people gather. It is time to share.

Please e-mail your recipes to Sheila Cordner at sheliaskitchencorner@gmail.com. Along with your submission please include your name and club affiliation.

Sheila Cordner belongs to the Southern New England Brittany Club and is known for her culinary talents. Here are a few recipes to get us started!

SAUSAGE MINISTRONE

Ingredients

2 quarts chicken stock
1 head garlic, halved
1/2 pound small rigatoni
Extra-virgin olive oil
8 fresh sage leaves
1 sprig fresh rosemary
1 sprig fresh thyme
3/4 pound loose sweet Italian pork sausage
2 medium carrots, roughly chopped
2 celery ribs, roughly chopped
1 onion, roughly chopped
1 (28-ounce) can crushed plum tomatoes
1 bay leaf
2 (28-ounce) cans cannelloni beans, drained and rinsed
1/2 bunch fresh parsley leaves, finely minced
Coarsely ground black pepper

Directions

Combine the stock and halved garlic head in a big saucepan and simmer for about 15 minutes to give the stock a nice, garlicky taste; strain out the garlic. Keep warm.

Bring a pot of salted water to boil for the rigatoni.

Pour 1/4 cup olive oil in a large saucepan. Add the sage, rosemary and thyme and warm the oil over medium heat to infuse it with the flavor of the herbs, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the sausage and cook, breaking up the sausage with the side of a big spoon until well browned. Chop the carrots, celery, and onion in a food processor. Add to the saucepan and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, until the vegetables are

softened but not browned.

To the pan with the sausage; stir in the crushed tomatoes, bay leaf, cannelloni beans, and chicken stock. Bring to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes stirring occasionally.

Cook the rigatoni in the boiling water for 6 minutes; it should be slightly underdone. Drain and stir into the simmering soup. Add the parsley, and salt and coarsely ground black pepper, to taste. Discard the bay leaf and herb sprigs.

6 Servings

CRISPY ONION ROASTED POTATOES

Ingredients

1 envelope Onion Recipe Soup Mix
1/2 cup olive or vegetable oil
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon thyme leaves
1 teaspoon marjoram leaves
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 lbs potatoes, cut into quarters
Chopped green onions or parsley for garnish, (optional)

Directions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

In shallow baking or roasting pan, thoroughly blend all ingredients except potatoes.

Add potatoes and turn to coat thoroughly. Bake for 1 hour, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender and golden brown. Garnish, if desired, with chopped green onions or parsley.

8 servings

CABBAGE ROLLS

Ingredients

1 green cabbage
1 lb. ground beef, browned
1/4 cup uncooked rice
1 egg
1 onion, minced
1 carrot, minced
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 cup of cider vinegar
1/2 cup of brown sugar
8 oz. canned tomato sauce

Directions

Mix ground beef, rice, egg, onion, carrot, salt and pepper. Mix together vinegar, brown sugar, and tomato sauce. Drop cabbage in boiling water for 5 to 10 minutes. Remove 10 large leaves. Chop remaining cabbage. Place in bottom of crock-pot. Place 2 to 4 tbsp. of meat mixture in the center of each leaf. Roll up and use toothpick to hold and place stem side down in crock-pot. Pour on tomato mixture. Cover and cook on low for 8 to 10 hours.

Makes 5 servings



Obedience/Agility/Rally Brittany Highlights

By Carla Simon



Coming Back to MACH

Smiles were everywhere when Mr. Jim Bryson came back from back surgery to MACH with Meg, MACH Faison's One Moment in Thyme CGC CD JH RAE MXS MXJS.

Meg completed her MACH with three qualifying runs out of four runs offered, with a double Q on Sunday. Their MACH run was judged by Alan Arthur, from Keller, Texas. It was a very challenging course, and of approximately 60 dogs competing in the 20 inch jump height, Meg was one of only 10 dogs to qualify.

Because of Meg, Mr. Bryson recovered from back surgery and a procedure on his ankle, then lots of hard work in rehabilitation so that he could run with his dog. Some people didn't believe in them, and didn't think they'd ever do well, but setbacks didn't stop this team from believing in each other and moving forward. Bryson comments that "Meg's heart is as big as all outdoors. She has no quit in her. She has a joy in living and goes at everything full speed".

Meg is an eight year old orange and white bitch bred by Nancy Clendenen, from Louisiana. Meg and owner Jim Bryson reside in Houston, TX. In 2012, Meg won High in Trail at the all-Brittany AKC agility trial held in conjunction with the ABC Summer Specialty.

Meg received a steak as a reward for finishing the MACH. Bryson, his friends and family will celebrate with a big cake and orange icing at an upcoming trail. (Jim usually wears orange on course, as depicted in his photo.)

Bryson attributes their success to their relationship. "Long after the ribbons and cheers are gone you still have the relationship! So in training you never want to do anything that would affect the relationship. It also helps in your relationship with people too". If Meg makes a mistake, he just brings her back and repeats the sequence, and avoids harsh treatment which may shut her down.

While she gets very excited running agility, Mr. Bryson realizes she finished her MACH for him. Birds were her first love. Meg competed in hunt tests as a puppy, and finished her JH at one year of age. She learned all the skills quickly. When recalled, she would run back full speed. Observers asked what e-collar he used, and he replied that she never wore an e-collar, but simply learned that coming was a good thing.

Bryson notes that hunting did interfere with agility, and stopped hunting while they pursued the MACH. It took about a few weeks to reign in that independence where she ran her own

course. But the main challenge was trying to get over his back problems.

After Meg's puppy training, Bryson needed back surgery, which interrupted competition. He was afraid for several years about what it would take, and feared reinjury. Unfortunately, his previous agility Brittany had to be retired due to wrist arthritis before she could complete a MACH title.

While Meg was Mr. Bryson's first MACH agility dog, it wasn't easy. In her youth, some people called Meg wild. But rather than feeling discouraged, Mr. Bryson recognized her tremendous potential and kept that foremost in mind. He focused on harnessing that energy and steering her in the right direction. Meg enjoys running at full blast. There's no quit in her. At the same time, she's patient. Most of the time when this team makes a mistake on course, it's Jim's fault, but Meg doesn't hold it against him and keeps on running.

Meg had fast contacts with stopped 2 on 2 off contact performance until she reached the Excellent level. But when her chiropractor warned that she was dislocating her shoulders at every competition, and cautioned this would lead to shoulder problems, they needed to adjust. Learning to run through the contacts at top speed has prevented further shoulder issues. To make the change required 3 months off. Together they learned running contacts using Barb Davis' stride regulator method for both the A-frame and the dogwalk. Now Meg runs with stride regulators on the equipment for every practice, only running without them during competition.

Having said that, running contacts are faster and this makes Jim's job as a handler more demanding. Accordingly, they spent a lot of time learning how to turn off the contact obstacle. Since Meg is very fast, she had no difficulty accumulating



1400 points, but the double Q's were harder to manage at that speed. Bryson learned to stay at least one obstacle ahead of her.

Meg and Jim have trained with Jane Simmons-Moake and world team member and 3 time gold medalist

Renee King. Bryson fondly remembers meeting Shirley Chilcote at the last American Brittany Summer Specialty, a few months before she passed away. Some of the awards Meg won were gifts from Ms. Chilcote, who made those achievements feel special.

As far as tips for people starting out in agility with their Brittanys, Mr. Bryson says to be patient. While the temptation is to come down on them, he feels that's the worst thing you could do. He says "don't crush their spirit: it's what makes a Brittany a Brittany".

As for Meg's personality, Bryson says "it's like everyday's Christmas. She's always game for anything you want to do." In March 2013, they'll be trying their luck as one of three 20 inch Brittany teams at AKC Nationals. Also this April, they are looking forward to trying lure coursing. They'll continue to enjoy hiking, and the wildlife photos his wife takes while they're out in the woods. They will continue to compete in USDAA agility,

working on her MAD and ADCH. And hope to return to the field for hunt tests, and perhaps do some tracking. "Not sure where we go from here, but the journey will be full of fun with Meg."

Congratulations to this inspiring team! We wish you luck and joy in your future endeavors.

AKC TOP BRITTANYS IN AGILITY (REGULAR) (Up to Feb. 2, 2013)

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Qs Dbl	Score
1	MACH10 Julia Flying Cinnamon Girl UD RAE MXC3 MJC3 MXF MFG TQX	B	231	7	301
2	CH MACH3 Top Shelf's Crown Royal MXB2 MJB2 MXF MFB TQX	B	187	4	227
3	Marjo's Demon In The Ruff MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF MFB	B	145	2	165
4	Faison's One Moment In Thyme CD RA JH MX MXB MXJ MJS OF	B	141	2	161
5	MACH4 Shiloh Of Agoura MXB2 MJS2	B	128	3	158
6	MACH4 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXB2 MJC2 NAP NJP MXF T2B	B	109	4	149
7	CH MACH2 Exebrit's Sunset Limited CDX MXC MJG NF	D	111	2	131
8	CH MACH2 Rustins Jeweler's Apprentice MXS MJC XF T2B	B	99	2	119
9	Peter Pan's Happy Thought AX MXJ NF	D	89	3	119
10	MACH2 Vanilla Mocha Chipper JH MXG2 MJS2 MXF MFG TQX	D	55	3	85
11	MACH3 Timberlane's Treasured Time MXB2 MJS2	B	74	1	84
12	Credit Kaze With A Perfect Diamond AX AXJ OF	B	68	1	78
13	CH Illusion's Hot Topic JH MX MXB MXJ XF	B	52	2	72
14	CH Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MX MXJ XF T2B	B	68	0	68
15	MACH3 Chilcote's Elusive Flyby CDX RE MXG2 MJG2 MXF	D	41	2	61
16	Swift River's Sweet Deceit MX MXJ	B	49	1	59
17	CH MACH3 Chilcote's Great Idea Of Mariad MXC MJB2 MXF TQX T2B	B	47	1	57
18	CH MACH Mariad Thats My Point Bigoak JH MXS MJG MXF	D	42	1	52
19	Shiloh's Unstoppable Molly CDX RA MX MXB MXJ MJB	B	47	0	47
20	MACH Cupid's Beau And Eros CD MXB MJS XF	D	27	1	37
21	Magical Minded Mandy MX MXJ OF	B	21	1	31
22	CH Tonan's Remember The Time MX MXB MXJ MJB NF	D	29	0	29
23	Tressel MX MXB MXJ MJS NAP NJP XF T2B	D	26	0	26
24	Millette's Don't Stop Believin' MX MXJ OF	D	15	1	25
24	N-Vee's Point Of No Return CD RE AX AXJ	B	15	1	25
24	CH Klear-Ly Wanted MX MXB MXJ MJS OF	B	15	0	15

AKC TOP BRITTANYS IN AGILITY (PREFERRED) (Up to Feb. 2, 2013)

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Qs Dbl	Score
1	MACH2 Cimmaron Sunrise Windsprite RN MXS MJG XF	B	144	2	164
2	CH MACH Brookewood's Mardi Gras CD JH MXG MJC OF	B	86	1	96
3	Katie Barnhart MX MXJ MXP MJP2 MJPB	B	40	1	50
4	PACH Vanilla Hot Fudge Delight MX MXJ MXP10 MXPC MJP10 MJPC PAX4 MXF	D	13	1	23
4	PACH Rusty Ridge Blonde On Blonde OA AXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX NF OFP	B	13	0	13
4	PACH Cinnamon MXP7 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX OFP	B	13	0	13

AKC TOP BRITTANYS IN OBEDIENCE (Up to Feb. 7, 2013)

Rank	Name	Owner	Points
1	Jayhawker's Lucky Jack UDX3 OM5	Greg Hartlmeier3	

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Mollie's Miracle

By Everett Skehan

This one's about heart. It's also about class, style and determination of such an abundance and extraordinary nature that only one in a million might ever hope to possess it. Tip Top Mollie was such a dog.

No one who was there will ever forget that hot day in August 1984 when Mollie was called upon to display every ounce of that fortitude, courage and indomitable spirit. And then some. For on that fateful morning, Mollie became the miracle dog, a setter that defied all the odds and refused to give up, fighting on as only she could when all others around her had lost hope.

Thirty pounds of darkly-flecked silver lightning, the petite little tircolor setter was flying through the woods of Arcadia State Management Area near Exeter, R.I., contending for her first major title against the finest grouse and woodcock dogs in the world at the prestigious Northeastern Woodcock Championship.

And what a win it would be, handler Pat LaBree was thinking as he sang to her and watched his phantom-like ballerina streak through the narrow openings between the trees as if guided by some flawless, magical radar. For things were rough back then at LaBree's Wilderland Kennels in Bradley, Maine. Pat had only a few dogs in his string and the bills were piling up. He needed a champion to gain some attention fast or the business would surely go under. It seemed that Mollie was his last best chance.

Mollie had just started to soar over a fallen cedar when Pat shouted to her to get her attention because the course was changing sharply in an opposite direction. She twisted to look for him and in that very instant slammed into a spear-like root that protruded from the tree's trunk.

LaBree heard her scream and saw her body jerk like a rag doll then crash to the ground. He charged up the hill and found Mollie sprawled on her side, the broken branch sticking from her chest like a knife, a wound so deep and wide that Pat saw the erratic beating of her heart.

He crouched over her and saw the life beginning to slip away as her eyes rolled back and the little setter drifted into shock. A swarm of black flies had already begun to feast on her blood. LaBree swooshed them away, tore off his T-shirt, then dropped to his knees and stuffed the shirt into the gaping hole.

Mollie's a goner, Pat thought. She'll never make it. But somehow, some way, I've got to try to save her.

It would take several miracles to do it. The first would be finding help to get the dog to a vet. They were buried in the deep woods two miles from the nearest dirt road.

Pat swooped the dog up and began running down the path as trial marshal Richie Frisella called frantically on his CB radio for help. He barely reached dog trainer Bob Fleury, who was in his pickup truck at the limit of radio range and was just about to drive away from the area.

Halfway to the dirt road LaBree collapsed with Mollie in his arms. He handed her to trainer Joe Pearson, who ran with the dog until Pat's

energy and strength returned.

When they reached his truck, Fleury wasted no time. It was after 11 a.m. and he knew the only vet in the area closed at noon on Sundays. They had a long drive to get there. Fleury flew in and out of the thick holiday traffic at 80 miles an hour. LaBree recalled crouching in the pickup bed with Mollie in his arms on the wildest ride he'd ever taken. And they got there none too soon. For Dr. Richard Zahora was pulling out of the driveway of his Tiogue Veterinary Clinic in Coventry, RI.

Dr. Zahora grabbed Mollie from Pat and rushed her into the hospital. Then, with Fleury and LaBree as his only assistants, he began to operate. The root had pierced Mollie's neck and penetrated deep inside her chest less than an inch from her heart.

Alone in a nearby motel that night, LaBree paced the floor chain-smoking cigarettes, unable to sleep. His thoughts kept flashing back to his days in Vietnam, when he'd been a member of a 173rd airborne

assault unit. He'd flown dozens of combat missions and been involved in many firefights. He kept remembering all of his buddies that hadn't made it back. Then he'd go to thinking about Mollie and how she didn't stand a chance, how she'd never make it through the night.

"You're not going to believe this," Dr. Zahora said as Pat shuffled glumly into the clinic the next morning to face the inevitable. Then he told Pat to follow him because he was going to show him something amazing.

And then they went through the door to the kennel and Pat was stunned. His heart skipped and his eyes popped open. For there was Mollie, jumping, and yipping with joy when she saw him, bouncing around the cage as if nothing at all had ever happened.

"What a strong dog," Dr. Zahora said.

A miracle? A human would have taken weeks or months to recover from an injury like this if indeed they did. Mollie looked like she wanted to go hunting.

But Dr. Zahora cautioned Pat not to let this fool him. Mollie was far from healed. He'd have to watch her very closely and get her to his own vet in Maine for follow up treatment.

On the long drive up the Maine Turnpike to Bangor, LaBree was just grateful that he still had a dog to worry about. Mollie should have been dead but he was sure glad she wasn't.

Three days later though the dam inside Mollie's chest burst. Pat came back from training and found her gasping for air. Her neck and the side of her head had blown up like balloons.

The race for Mollie's life was on again. This time it was a wild ride through the streets of old town and Orono to Dr. Ronald Lott's Timberland Animal Hospital.

Dr. Lott recognized the problem immediately. There was a hole somewhere in Mollie's chest and air was leaking out under skin, so she couldn't get enough into her lungs. She was already turning blue.

"I've got to get moving," Lott said. "We've got to plug that hole fast. Or Mollie's a goner."



Lott opened Mollie's chest and saw where the root had grazed her heart and destroyed some lung tissue. Then he found a three-inch long hole between Mollie's ribs on the left side, where air was seeping out. He made a patch from adjoining muscle tissue and sutured it in place to cover the hole.

"We're lucky, Pat," Dr. Lott said afterward. "You got her here with nothing to spare. She could have died at any time on that operating table. But we're okay now. The hole is patched and she's breathing fine."

Ten days later, Mollie was up and ready to go home from the hospital. She weighed less than 20 pounds. But as Dr. Lott observed, "There's nothing wrong with this dog's heart. She's got plenty of spunk."

LaBree wanted to know if he could ever run her in field trials again.

"I wouldn't count on it for quite a while," Dr. Lott said frowning. "Maybe someday, because it's obvious that this is a very special dog. Only don't get your hopes too high. Don't expect miracles out of Mollie for at least another year or two if then."

Two years right out of Mollie's prime.

"Even that's optimistic," Dr. Lott said. "Most dogs would never come back from something like this. They'd lose their spark."

"Not Mollie," Pat said. "Never."

"Let me put it to you this way," Dr. Lott said. "Suppose you wanted to go right back out and try to win that championship again next summer. That would be like taking a world-class runner, spearing him through the chest, and having him back competing in major events within a year. Highly unlikely. Or does he ever come back? It depends on the individual. But probably not."

LaBree left the hospital that afternoon pessimistic about Mollie's future in field trials but grateful that she was still alive.

Things were so tough that winter, and Pat had so few dogs in his string, that he couldn't afford to go South. The deep snows buried northern Main as the two began their struggle to come back.

Pat began by taking Mollie for short walks, holding her on a check cord as the skinny little setter wobbled her way through the fields behind Wilderland Kennels. But when he finally allowed her to go on her own, Mollie's heart out-ran her legs, and she stumbled and staggered and fell to the ground.

"I don't know," Pat told his father one night after the dog had fallen several times. "She may never come back enough to win again. I can't really expect it."

"Then what will you do with her?" his father asked.

Pat shook his head and shrugged. "Frank Gilley owns Mollie," he said. "I doubt if he'll want to keep her with a trainer if she can't win any trials."

But Dr. Gilley, a prominent dentist and sportsman from nearby Brewer, who had first recognized Mollie's potential as a pup and had brought her to LaBree, wanted to give his dog every chance.

And Pat certainly wouldn't quit without a fight. So they kept at it, battling against the pain, exhaustion and fear day-after-day as they struggled through the chest-deep snow. Often Mollie would fall and Pat would have to carry her out of the field. Progress was almost imperceptible at first. And often the situation seemed utterly hopeless.

But they kept trying and eventually, Mollie was coming back. Her wind and stamina and strength returned.

By spring everyone was amazed to see that she was winning in trials again. Then that fall Pat entered her in the grand National Grouse Championship in Marienville, PA. A record entry of 58 of the world's premier grouse and woodcock dogs were competing for the top prize in grouse trials.

Mollie flew over the rugged ridges of the Allegheny National Forest for a full hour in her quest to find grouse. As the end drew near, she had given so much that she could barely stand and was running on

pure guts alone.

What luck, LaBree thought. A great performance like this and she has to lose because there are no birds.

He watched dejectedly as Mollie came over a hill and started down a grassy swale. She was staggering like an exhausted punch-weary fighter. She'd fought her hardest and had given them a thrilling show, but it seemed now that the effort would fall short.

Forty seconds to go. Then, just when it seemed impossible, Mollie suddenly came alive and streaked forward. As the judges and gallery watched she snapped into a gorgeous point just short of a brushy thicket.

LaBree's heart was hammering as he hurried toward her. He stepped ahead of Mollie's pulsating nostrils and out thundered a grouse.

Richie Frisella, a man who helped save Mollie's Life, was one of the judges who named Mollie Runner-up Champion in that premier event.

"I don't believe it," Frisella told his friends afterward. "I'd call that little setter Miracle Mollie. It took about five miracles for her just to be alive. And it took another one to nail that grouse at the end."

And the miracles were far from over. Mollie won many more trials.

Then, On Labor Day weekend in 1986, Pat and Mollie faced the greatest challenge of them all, a return to the Northeastern Woodcock Championship. Ironically, they were breaking away on the very same course where Mollie had been injured.

This time though the story was altogether different. Halfway through the hour, Mollie snapped into a gorgeous point. LaBree flushed and a woodcock and two grouse exploded from the cover.

Mollie had provided yet another miracle. She had won the Northeastern Woodcock Championship.

Just a few weeks later, she was in the winner's circle again. Mollie captured the North American Woodcock Championship in New Brunswick.

Two major wild bird championships in a row. And then she went on to rack up two more Runner-up Champion grouse and woodcock titles and five wins in wild bird classics. Not bad for a dog that should have been dead years earlier.

Mollie continued to compete strongly until age 11, long after most field trial campaigners have been retired. I was privileged to run her in her last four championships and she was still flying with every bit as much heart and desire as she had before her injury as a young unproven prospect.

Tip Top Mollie passed away a few weeks ago. She was almost 15-years old.

But her legend lives on.

LaBree and Gilley have donated a trophy in Mollie's name to the New England Field Trial Association. It celebrates the accomplishments of each year's best young derby cover dog.

And the legend lives on in the hearts of many New Englanders who saw her go in her prime and witnessed the greatest comeback they have ever known.

There was only one Tip Top Mollie. She was a nonpareil. And she was flying.

This is a true story that started in 1984 and was written and published in the Northland Sporting Journal in 1995 shortly following Mollie's death. The story was written by Everett Skehan a well known newspaper investigative and sport reporter. He was also a published author including, Fields of Glory, the history of field trials 1874-1930. Pat LaBree, Mollie's trainer and handler was a decorated Vietnam war combat veteran who also survived a period spent as a prisoner of war. Both of these men have since passed away.

Field Trials

EAST COAST

MID FLORIDA Battleground Plantation Wrightsville, GA December 18-20, 2012

Open Derby (8S)

J: Leo Ancefsky and Jerry Webb

- 1 - REMY MARTIN LONG (D), VIZ
- 2 - PURSUIT'S SWHIZZLECHIK (B), by DC/AFC The Whiz Kid x DC BBB's Flashy Rose JH; o/h Jay L. & Jean A. Hallaron
- 3 - TURNINGPT AMMO'S HOT TODDY (B), by DC/AFC Ricochet Maggies Jac JH x Ammo's The Show That Never Ends; o Mary E. Morgan & Sandra Leavens, h Jamie Fountain
- 4 - WHISKEY'S LITTLE TIP (D), by DC Hi Proof Whizki x Sandbank Rose; o/h Brian Hodges

Amateur Gun Dog (9S)

J: Ron Lambert & Nikolas Scharpf

- 1 - FC TRINITY'S POP'N THE CLUTCH (B), ES
- 2 - EMMA TAYSHON (B), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o Jim & Drew Carter, h Drew Carter
- 3-4 -Withheld

Open Gun Dog (20S)

J: Jay Houghton and Ron Lambert

- 1 - ISSIE (B), P
- 2 - PINE STRAW BLACKHAWK (D), ES
- 3 - ESHOD'S IN HOT PURSUIT (B), by NAGDC/NGDC/FC/AFC Peter Gunn x DC BBB's Flashy Rose JH; o Kim Trafton, h Jay Hallaron
- 4 - PHOENIX'S LI'L LUCY (B), by FC Shady's Beans Blaze Phoenix x Bull Creeks Shady Mae; o Jay & Jeane Hallaron, h Ray Dohse



NGDC/NAGDC/FC/AFC PETER GUNN

Open Limited Gun Dog (14S)

J: Jerry Webb & Ron Lambert

- 1 - FC/AFC LOKNLODE BLACK BITTY (B), P
- 2 - FC ESHOD'S UPRISING (D), GSP
- 3 - NGDC-RU FC/AFC ESHOD'S ARKANSAS LADY (B), GSP
- 4 - NGDC/NAGDC/FC/AFC PETER GUNN (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Walker's Gunner x AFC Bullet's Renegade Miss Megan; o/h Jim Carter, DVM

Open All Age (8S)

J: Wayne James and Nikolas Scharpf

- 1 - Withheld
- 2 - STUMBO'S JAKE (D), ES
- 3 - HI-TAILYN KATARA (B), GSP
- 4 - EMMA TAYSHON (B), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o/h Jim Carter, DVM

MID FLORIDA Masaryktown Field Trail Grounds Masaryktown, FL January 4-6, 2013

As with many Brittany clubs across the U.S., the Mid-Florida Brittany Club (MFBC) has struggled during the past several years to hold a full slate of field trials due to the economy, weather, fewer dogs, and worse, fewer people keeping the sport alive. We are all hoping that 2013 brings new and much needed vigor to an old sport desperately needing new blood and more field trial grounds to run on!

The year has started well for MFBC. Entries reached the 90 mark for the second renewal of the January field event. This field trial was supported by a fine group of professionals, Ray Dohse and Kim Trafton, Jamie Fountain and Jimmy West. The MFBC truly appreciates their support of this event!

The weather was a concern as misting rain fell as participants began to gather Thursday prior to the event. Dampness and light wind continued through the night and we all worried the grounds would be sloppy and miserable. It was quite a surprise to find the rainfall had done little to wet the grounds and only a few small areas were affected. Weather remained seasonally warm, but not too warm, and only a few sporadic sprinkles fell during the entire event.

Running of the dogs began promptly at 7:30 am on Friday using the old course. All stakes used the out and back format. The event began with Open Limited Gun Dog and 14 starters

showing their talents. FC Loknlode Black Bitty (P) won the honors of 1st Place followed by FC Eshod's Uprising (GSP), AFC Primetime Tebow (Britt), and Broadrun's Tornado AT Winddance (Viz).

The general lack of young dogs coming up was evident in the next stake – Open Puppy. Only four starters were run and the stake was won by On A Beer Run (Britt) owned by Ms. Debbie DeMello. This young pup is creating quite some excitement among the local Florida crowd as he continues to impress the judges!

The Open All Age, a stake we rarely are able to hold due to lack of entries, was the third stake run. Fourteen starters were run with Pursuit's Flashy Chick (Britt) bringing home the blue ribbon with an impressive run and birdwork. This win finished her FC. The other placements were Trinity's Sudden Impact (ES), Onpoint's JR's Hot Stuff JH (Viz), and Zack's Bullet In The Boro Betsy (Britt).

Amateur Gun Dog proved to be the largest entry of the weekend. The stake was won by FC Sinbad's Lil Swami (P) and finished her AFC. The remaining placements were 2nd – DC BBB's Flashy Rose JH (Britt), 3rd – Shadowfax Big Jake (GS), and 4th On-Point's Erbes Little Viper (GSP). The quality of this stake was very high with a number of great performances seen!

The next stake run was Open Gun Dog. Sixteen dogs hit the field and many failed to steer their way around the course cleanly or in a pleasing manner to the judges. Only 1st and 2nd places were awarded by the judges. AFC Primetime Tebow (Britt) was selected as the 1st place performer, finishing his FC! Second place was awarded to Rafter B Bar Colt (Britt), making his return to competition after a severe leg injury and an excellent recovery!

Open Derby brought eight entries to compete and 1st place went to Lindley's Dixie Chick (P), 2nd Nothin' But Trouble (Britt), 3rd Pursuit's Swizzlechik (Britt), and 4th Runnin On Faith (Britt).

The last stake held was Amateur Limited Gun Dog and 13 dogs competed. Emma Tayshon (Britt) took the honors for 1st place, followed in order by Erbes Fire Skeeter (GSP), Shadowfax Big Jake (GS) and Trinity's Sudden Impact (ES).

The MFBC thanks its invited judges for their time and effort watching and fairly evaluating the many fine performances laid down at Masaryktown Field Trial Grounds this weekend! We also want to thank each and every volunteer for their help in so many ways to keep this large event on schedule and its participants well fed!

Open Puppy (4S)

J: Paul Daniel and Bill Bham

- 1 - ON A BEER RUN (D), by One off Mojito Mike x Phoenix's Li'l Lucy; o/h Deborah DeMello
- 2 - TURNINGPT AMMO'S HOT TODDY (B), by DC/AFC Ricochet Maggies Jac JH x Ammo's The Show That Never Ends; o Mary E. Morgan & Sandra Leavens, h Jaime Fountain
- 3 - SHAWNEE'S TWENTY GAUGE LONG SHOT (D), VIZ
- 4 - RUNNIN ON FAITH (B), by Mr. Hires x FC Star's Dixie Pearl; o/h Charles Cantrell

Open Derby (8S)

J: Bill Bham & Will Garrett

- 1 - LINDLEY'S DIXIE CHICK (B), P
- 2 - NOTHIN' BUT TROUBLE (B), by NAGDC/DC/AFC Clyde's Double Trouble x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o/h Jim Carter, DVM
- 3 - PURSUIT'S SWHIZZLECHIK (B), by DC/AFC The Whiz Kid x DC BBB's Flashy Rose JH; o Jay L. & Jean A. Hallaron, h Jay Hallaron
- 4 - RUNNIN ON FAITH (B), by Mr. Hires x FC Star's Dixie Pearl; o/h Charles Cantrell



DC BBB'S FLASHY ROSE JH

Amateur Gun Dog (18S)

J: Charles Cantrell and Paul Daniel

- 1 - SINBAD'S LIL SWAMI (B), P
- 2 - DC BBB'S FLASHY ROSE JH (B), by DC Chick's Blaze'n Sawtooth Sam JH x GCH/CH BBB's Flashlight; o Jay & Jean Hallaron, h Jay Hallaron
- 3 - SHADOW FOX BIG JAKE (B), GS
- 4 - ON-POINT'S ERBES LITTLE VIPER (B), GSP

Open Gun Dog (16S)

J: Will Garret and Paul Daniel

- 1 - AFC PRIME TIME TEBOW (D), by Beelines Bullets Oxidation x Beeline Miss Abigail; o/h Charles Cantrell
- 2 - RAFTER B BAR COLT (D), by Buddy's Mini Cooper x Earley's BB; o/h Michael Bennetch

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Amateur Limited Gun Dog (13S)

J: Paul Daniel & Kary Jorgensen

- 1 - EMMA TAYSHON (B), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o Jim & Drew Carter, h Jim Carter, DVM
- 2 - ERBES FIRE SKEETER (B), GSP
- 3 - SHADOWFOX BIG JAKE (B), GS
- 4 - TRINITY'S SUDDEN IMPACT (D), ES

Open Limited Gun Dog (14S)

J: Albert Allen & Bill Bham

- 1 - FC LOKNLODE BLACK BITTY (B), P
- 2 - FC ESHOD'S UPRISING (D), GSP
- 3 - AFC PRIME TIME TEBOW (D), by Beeline Bullet's Oxidation x Beeline Miss Abigail; o/h Charles Cantrell
- 4 - BROADRUNS TORNADO AT WINDDANCE (D), VIZ

Open All Age (14S)

J: Charles Cantrell and Paul Daniel

- 1 - PURSUIT'S FLASHY CHICK (B), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x DC BBB's Flashy Rose JH; o Jay & Jean Hallaron, h Ray Dohse
- 2 - TRINITY'S SUDDEN IMPACT (D), ES
- 3 - ONPOINT'S JR'S HOT STUFF JH (B), VIZ
- 4 - ZACK'S BULLET IN THE 'BORO BETSY (B), by Bullet's Gambler's Buckeye x Tejas Iron's Brandy; o Mary Elizabeth Morgan, h Jamie Fountain

TARHEEL Hoffman, NC January 12-15, 2013

Tarheel Brittany Club held their Horseback Field Trial at the Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds in Hoffman, NC on Jan 12-15, 2013. During this event, we offered an hour Open Gun Dog Stake. But with the temperatures being warm, and clear sunny days present during this stake, wild birds found by the dogs were at a premium. This year's winner was Jake's Royal Legacy owned by Sebastian Ventura and handled by Ben Lorensen. All other placements were withheld. Again all placements were withheld in the open All Age stake. Winner of the Open Derby was Hope's Chief of Crosscreek, who is owned by Dr. Barbara Pepin, but handled by Tom Tighe. All other placements in the Open Derby were also withheld. Conditions in the field started to change by the third day of the field trial with a weather front coming in resulting in more bird work just in time for the Amateur Gun Dog stake. Placements are: first – AFC

Hit's A Rocky Road owned and handled by the Kiracofes. Second was FC/AFC Diamond Reo, owned and handled by Hans Borgmann. Placing third was Battleground Just Call Me Tang owned and handled by Rick Durham. Finishing out the stake was Rovans Hailstorm Harold owned and handled by Ivan Clark. Completing the running for the trial was and is always exciting the Open Puppy stake with some young pups eager to start their career in the field. The judges chose as the winner Green Mountain Louie Gunn owned and handled by Mike Blondin. Mike Blondin also owns and handled the second and 4th placing dogs that are in order of placement Green Mtn. Rusty Gunn and Kirby Mtn. Lucy. Thanks so much to our line marshals, our chairman Bill Applegate, and to all the ladies in the kitchen at lunch, Judy Tighe, Tina Odom, and Fran Gorman. BIG thanks to Ralph Kiracofe for our delicious dinner on Sunday night. And thanks to Marvin Roth with his tasty smoked sausage meal on Tuesday. Thank you to all who entered throughout the four days of a great field trial.

Bobbie L. Sigmund

Open Puppy (7S)

J: Ivan Clark & Marvin Roth

- 1 - GREEN MOUNTAIN LOUIE GUNN (D), by Green Mountain Brady JH x Green Mountain Shot Gunn Lizy; o Mike & Deb Blondin, h Mike Blondin
- 2 - GREEN MTN. RUSTY GUNN (D), by Green Mountain Brady JH x Green Mountain Shot Gunn Lizy; o/h Mike & Deb Blondin
- 3 - HIT'S ALL CASH (D), by NGDC/FC/AFC Hit's For Pete's Sake x Marjo's Irish Legend; o Judy & Ralph Kiracofe, h Judy Kiracofe
- 4 - KIRBY MTN. LUCY (B), by FC/AFC Coos Rylee x Kirby Mtn Cindy; o John Haynes & Mike Blondin, h Mike Blondin

Open Derby (8S)

J: Ronnie Clark & Ralph Kiracofe

- 1 - HOPE'S CHIEF OF CROSSCREEK (D), by CH Hope's Ranger Rick x Sanbar Crosscreek Play by Play; o Barbara Pepin, h Tom Tighe
- 2-4 -Withheld



BATTLEGROUND JUST CALL ME TANG

Amateur Gun Dog (23S)

J: Marsha Luisi & Joe Luisi

- 1 - AFC HIT'S A ROCKY ROAD (D), by NGDC/FC/AFC Bucks Hit the Road Jack x Marjo's Highest Bella JH; o Ralph & Judy Kiracofe, h Judy Kiracofe
- 2 - FC/AFC DIAMOND REO (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan x NGDC/FC/AFC Coppertop's Alderwitch ; o/h Hans Borgmann
- 3 - BATTLEGROUNDS JUST CALL ME TANG (D), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Hope's Battleground Quick Draw JH; o/h Rick Durham
- 4 - ROVAN'S HAILSTORMIN HAROLD (D), by FC/AFC Rovans Dust Devil Dan Clark x Hits Rovans Twister; o Ronnie & Ivan Clark, h Ivan Clark

Open Gun Dog 1hr (18S)

J: M Blondin & Johnny Miller

- 1 - JAKE'S ROYAL LEGACY (D), by Rimarda's Rebel Jake x Poison Ivy III; o Sebastian Venture, h Ben Lorenson
- 2-4 -Withheld

Open All Age (12S)

J: Fred Potts & Judy Kiracofe

- 1-4 -Withheld

SOUTHEASTERN Hoffman, NC January 17-20, 2013

Our trial started out a lot cooler than the prior weekend with some drizzle and then in the evening, downpour rain and wind. With the cold drizzle on Thursday, the birds were mostly absent from the field trial courses. We had an unfortunate mishap in the first brace of All Age with Tom Ettinger coming off his horse. Thank goodness for cell phones and our "Emergency and Disaster Plan". Within a short time, we had two ambulances, one Army medic, a wildlife fire truck, the county sheriff and two local EMT's on scene. Tom was taken to the hospital and after thorough checking, was allowed to come back to his camper albeit very sore and bruised with a possible cracked rib.

Tina Odom, treasurer, provided some great lunches and everyone donated happy hour goodies to go with our gourmet dinner Saturday evening provided by Johnnie Haas of RUE Thirtytwo Restaurant. One of our guests who is with US Complete trials was impressed with the camaraderie of the Brittany folks. At that time a plaque was presented to Salonge Christopher for all her prior work as Treasurer and Field Trial

Secretary. A great surprise guest was Faye Sawyer with her daughters and granddaughter coming for dinner. Oh my, has the time gone by with great memories of the late Sam Sawyer.

Since the birds on the courses are wild birds only, when the weather is uncooperative, birds hide. The birds are around, but very elusive and many times are gone by the time the dogs arrive creating a number of non-productives. We still had some stellar performances with bird wise Hybrittins BJ Betty winning both the Open and Amateur Gun Dog stakes at the tender age of 11. Due to obtaining an extra day of running from the NCFTA, we hosted a very successful one hour Open All Age. A special thanks to Bruce Jacobs, a pointer/setter pro whose property is adjacent to the grounds, for allowing us to run the puppy stake on his property. This enabled us to take a few more adult dogs.

Our thanks to all the folks that enter our club trial along with Ben Lorenson and Kyle Merrill. A special thanks to all our judges for their time in the saddle. Dr. Barbara Pepin was on hand for a couple of emergencies with dogs and horses and our thanks for her time. And at the end of the trial when everyone is very tired, an angel by the name of Lillian Holbrook, helped clean the clubhouse before we left.

The placements are as follows:

Open Puppy (7S)

J: Tom Tighe & Jeff Wade

- 1 - GREEN MOUNTAIN LOUIE GUNN (D), by Green Mountain Brady JH x Green Mountain Shot Gunn Lizy; o Mike & Deb Blondin, h Mike Blondin
- 2 - HIT'S ALL CASH (D), by NGDC/FC/AFC Hit's For Pete's Sake x Marjo's Irish Legend; o Judy & Ralph Kiracofe, h Kiracofe
- 3 - GREEN MTN.LIZYS ROSE (B), by Green Mountain Brady JH x Green Mountain Shot Gun Lizy; o Mike Deb Blondin, h Mike Blondin
- 4 - KIRBY MTN LUCY (B), by FC/AFC Coos Rylee x Kirby Mtn Cindy; o John Hayes, h Mike Blondin

Open Derby (12S)

J: Ronnie Clark & Ivan Clark

- 1 - MRB'S COOL RUNNING (D), by FC/AFC Diamond Reo x FC Mustang Sally VIII; o/h Hans W. Borgmann
- 2-4 -Withheld

Amateur Gun Dog (21S)

J: Fred Potts & Joe Luisi

- 1 - FC/AFC HYBRITTINGS BJ BETTY (B), by FC/AFC Chubasco x FC/AFC Reba Baloo By You; o Arthur & Judith Cohen, h Art Cohen
- 2 - Withheld

- 3 - GREEN MOUNTAIN LUCY (B), by FC Suemac's Bodacious Pride x Suemac's Blazin Bibi; o Mike & Deb Blondin, h Mike Blondin
- 4 - Withheld



NGDC/FC/AFC HIT'S FOR PETE'S SAKE

Open Gun Dog (23S)

J: Ed Kerr & Bobbie Sigmund

- 1 - FC/AFC HYBRITTINGS BJ BETTY (B), by FC/AFC Chubasco x FC/AFC Reba Baloo By You; o Arthur & Judith Cohen, h Kyle Merrill
- 2 - NGDC/FC/AFC HIT'S FOR PETE'S SAKE (D), by Hits A Boy Named Sioux x FC/AFC Marjo's Spirit of Hybrittin; o Ralph & Judy Kiracofe, h Judy Kiracofe
- 3 - MR B'S BUTCH II (D), by FC/AFC Diamond Reo x Smashing Sarah; o/h Hans Borgmann
- 4 - Withheld



FC DIAMOND HILL DEUCES GONE WILD

Open All Age 1hr (20S)

J: Mills Hodge & Marvin Roth

- 1 - PINEY RUN REX (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Piney Run Art x Maxwell's Southern Hospitality; o Arthur & Judith Cohen, h Ben Lorenson
- 2 - FC PINEY RUN HANK (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Piney Run Art x Piney Run Tango; o Rob Donohue, h Ben Lorenson
- 3 - FC DIAMOND HILL DEUCES GONE WILD (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan x Deuces Bombay Sapphire; o Paul & Lisa Pollock, h Lisa Pollock
- 4 - Withheld

**MISSOURI
Union County Ranch
Thayer, IA
October 4-7, 2012**

Open Puppy (8S)

J: Larry Hagedorn & Terry Gowin

- 1 - STONEY HILL'S PRINCESS FIONA (B), by FC Rocklan's Whizzle Stop x Cast-a-Britt Micro Sammie; o Larry Loftin, h Bob Burchett
- 2 - RJ'S SHADOW RUNNER (D), by DC Shadow Attack x Runner's Tequila Rose; o Rodney Blackwell, h Ed Tillson
- 3 - ONE TOO MANY TEQUILAS (B), by Nitro Express x DC/AFC Tequila With A Twist; o Jessica Carlson, h Ed Tillson
- 4 - TEQUILA'S RED CORVETTE (B), by Nitro Express x DC/AFC Tequila With A Twist; o Jessica Carlson, h Ed Tillson

Open Derby (18S)

J: Jerry McGee & Bret Lindback

- 1 - ALAR'S DIRTY DANCER (B), by DC Lost Creek Timber Ridge x DC Alar's Sky Dancer; o Jessica Carlson, h Ed Tillson
- 2 - SNIKSOH SPANK'S HANK (D), by FC/AFC Sniksoh Little Rascal x Decan's Blazin' Bye; o/h Jeff Hoskins
- 3 - MAC'S TEQUILA ROSE (B), by CH Hintzel's Field Scout SH x CH Faison's Mexican Moonshine; o Clendenen & Hintzel & Barfield
- 4 - KBK'S LIGHT YEARS AHEAD (D), by FC Eleets Colorado Blue x Lil' Miss Natalie; o/h Kevin Stonehouse



FC DIAMOND HILL SHE'S GONE

Open Gun Dog (32S)

J: Larry Hagedorn & Terry Gowin

- 1 - CH TNT'S RENEGADE'S GAL PAL (B), by DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x CH Country Road's Hunkydory; o/h Tommy Thomas



JOKER'S TRAIL BLAZIN BUD-DEE

- 2 - SNIKSOH WINDTUCK WILLY (D), by FC/AFC Sniksoh Little Rascal x Windtuck's Sweet Liberty; o Chuck & Jill Schaefer, h Bob Burchett
- 3 - FC DIAMOND HILL SHE'S GONE (B), by NFC/FC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan x Deuces Bombay Sapphire; o Lisa Podraza, h Lisa Pollock
- 4 - JOKER'S TRAIL BLAZIN BUD-DEE (D), by FC/AFC Smarteyes-Joker x S'No Fun Seahawk; o Susan Januschka, h Jim John

Region 17 Amateur All Age Championship

Joker's Jackpot, a hard-driving five-year-old bird-finder, has claimed the Region 17 Amateur Brittany All Age championship. "Jack" set a standard in the first brace that would not be equaled for two days. It did take three immaculate finds to fend off veteran champion Oz, who garnered the runner-up spot late in the stake.

Two highly respected judges came to Thayer, IA, looking for a champion to honor the venerable Region 17 tradition. One of our judges, Jack Murphy, has won this Championship on two different occasions. Ken Sanderson has a GSP background and he too has competed in the highest levels of the sport. In fact, both of these sportsmen were already scheduled to judge at the National GSP Championships in Eureka, KS, later in the month.

The Championship was conducted across the flowing hills of the Union County Ranch, outside the small farm community of Thayer, IA, just 15 miles off I-35, 90 minutes from Des Moines. This ranch is probably the ultimate illustration of what dedicated field trailers can accomplish using creative solutions to real problems.

A few years back, the ranch was for sale. A group of enthusiasts feared losing the rights to conduct trials on the popular venue. At that time the deer/turkey hunters coveted the right to the property. A group of enterprising entrepreneurs developed a business plan, lined up financial support and the rest is history. This small group has managed to attract a number of activities including Futurities and several championships.

The arrangement is particularly successful because of the interest of the working group. Fencing, mowing and clearing is being done to keep the grounds suitable for major events. It is a glowing tribute to the Brittany breed.

The quality of this Championship is reflected in the current Purina All Age Dog of the Year Award which is an annual honor. As this report was being processed, runner-up FC OZ II is leading in the standing. Jack is two years younger and is in the top five. This year's running attracted 24 dogs, a record entry. The move to Iowa certainly added to the quality of the field. Mike Boydston



FC/AFC JOKER'S JACKPOT



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**Region 17 Amateur All Age Championship
Amateur All Age 1hr (24S)**

J: Ken Sanderson & Jack Murphy

- 1 - FC/AFC JOKER'S JACKPOT (D), by FC/AFC Smarteyes-Joker x S'No Fun Sea Hawk; o/h Steve Ralph
- 2 - FC OZ II (D), by FC/AFC Tee-Bone x FC Countess Mon Petite Whiz; o John & Allison Cotten, h Jeff Hoskins
- 3 - DC/AFC TJ'S PRAIRIE BLIZZARD (D), by NFC/DC/AFC Tequila's Joker x FC/AFC The Prairie Tornado; o Vicki Rankin, h Jessica Carlson
- 4 - OCAJE JH (B), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x CH/AFC Nahela JH; o/h Terry Gowin



FC/AFC RU-JEM'S FIST FULL OF DOLLARS

Open All Age (40S)

J: Lisa Pollock & Steve Ralph

- 1- FC/AFC RU-JEM'S FIST FULL OF DOLLARS (D), by FC Trademark's ATM x Red Bud Zipper; o/h Jerry McGee
- 2- MAXWELL'S OUTER LIMITS (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You II x Maxwell's Lucky Strike; o/h William A. Hancock
- 3- FC OZ II (D), by FC/AFC Tee-Bone x FC Countess Mon Petite Whiz; o John & Allison Cotten, h Kevin Stonehouse
- 4- MCCHESENEY'S I GOT MY MOJO WORKING (D), by NFC/DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon x FC Lost Creek Kate; o John Chejne & Connie McCaffrey, h Jim John

MIDWEST

FORT WORTH

Wortham, TX

January 18-20, 2013

Open Puppy (8S)

J: Ben Kuykendall & Terry Gowin

- 1- POINT TO DUBLIN (D), IS
- 2- AUTENS BELLE OF BRIARWOOD (B), by CH The Graduate of Seven Crowns x RJJ's Lil Jadyr Girl CD BN RN; o Jimmy Canada, h David Downing
- 3- REDNECK TEXAS OUTLAW (D), VIZ
- 4- CAPELLO'S ENERGIZER BUNNY (D), by GCH Kabina's Keep The Change x CH Warbonnet's Clever Bag O'Trix; o Tania Downing & Capello, h Cheryl Krajcar

Open Derby (13S)

J: Dale Barker & Wesley Felt

- 1- HIGHPOINT SPIKES SOUTHERN REVIVAL (B), by FC/AFC Shasta's Spike From Evil Roy x FC Southern Breeze; o Ben & Carolyn Kuykendall, h Ben Kuykendall
- 2- POINT TO DUBLIN (D), IS
- 3- SANDCREEK POKER CHIP (D), GSP

- 4- REDNECK TEXAS OUTLAW (D), VIZ

Amateur Gun Dog (13S)

J: Ben Kuykendall & Wesley Felt

- 1- STONEY HILL'S RISING PHOEBE (B), GSP
- 2- DIAMOND C'S RUBY JEWEL (B), VIZ
- 3- CH BK'S REBA (B), VIZ
- 4- STONEY HILL'S CUTTING GYPSY ROSE (B), GSP

Open Gun Dog (20S)

J: Rhonda Berg & Wesley Felt

- 1- DIAMOND C'S RUBY JEWEL (B), VIZ
- 2- FC AMERICAN IDOL (B), by FC Dakotas Copper Nickel x K Tex In Your Dreams; o/h Ben Kuykendall
- 3- FC POWDER RIVER'S TRI UR LUCK (D), by Rebel's Hightail Lukedogg x CH Whisperridge Promise What U Will; o/h Cheryl Krajcar
- 4- WHITEROCK CORDITE (D), ES

Amateur All Age (18S)

J: Ben Kuykendall & Dale Barker

- 1- FC/AFC J&M JAX SUGAR BABE (B), by DC Ajax Or Better x DC/AFC J&M Blazen Dixie Chik; o James & Mary Crawford, h Jim Crawford
- 2- FC POWDER RIVER'S TRI UR LUCK (D), by Rebel's Hightail Lukedogg x CH Whisperridge Promise What U Will; o/h Cheryl Krajcar
- 3- FC STONEY HILL'S CUTTIN' KASEY (B), GSP
- 4- FC STONEY HILL'S JAZZ-A-BELLE (B), GSP



FC/AFC J&M JAX SUGAR BABE

Open All Age (13S)

J: Rhonda Berg & Wesley Felt

- 1- OCAJE JH (B), by NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x CH/AFC Nahela JH; o/h Terry Gowin
- 2- FC/AFC J&M JAX SUGAR BABE (B), by DC Ajax Or Better x DC/AFC J&M Blazen Dixie Chik; o James & Mary Crawford, h Jim Crawford

- 3- FC/AFC TLM FREQUENT FLYER (D), by FC/AFC Hillside Sweet Ol' Bob x TLM Hardhearted Hannah; o/h Harlan Gerardy
- 4- DC POWDER RIVER'S NOBODY BUT ME (D), by Buck's Dream Catcher x Amber Dreams; o Cheryl Krajcar, h David Downing

WEST COAST

SAHUARO

Empire Ranch

Sonita, AZ

January 5-7, 2013

Open Derby (14S)

J: Ed Dixon & Tim Baranski

- 1- TRIPLE SHOT OF TEQUILA (D), by Nitro Express x DC/AFC Tequila With A Twist; o Katherine Thompson, h Ed Tillson
- 2- MTB ZIPNSON VENI VIDI VICI (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid x DC/AFC Zippity Do Dot; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White
- 3- CANEY RIVER SOUTHERN BELLE (B), by Special Duty x Windancer Kansas Star; o Mark Courtney, h Jimmy Berneathy
- 4- KARO N WRIGLEY'S SECRET IS OUT (D), by FC/AFC Renegade's Regal Wrigley JH x NAGDC/FC/AFC Jazz's Sweetest Little Secret; o Gil & Jane Hopper, h Gil Hopper

Amateur Gun Dog (21S)

J: Pam Chavez & T Chandler

- 1- BEAVER'S STRAIGHT ARROW CUTTER (D), by CH Truegritz Briers Gift x Big Sky Brandy II; o Richard & Amanda Beaver, h Richard Beaver
- 2- LAMBACHS RAGS TO RICHES RICO (D), GSP
- 3- FC ROSIE'S RE-FRY (D), by FC/AFC Gunrunner's Lady's Man x Desert Rose IV; o/h Norman Ahl
- 4- BLUE COLLAR'S HIGH STAKES POKER (D), by DC/AFC The Whiz Kid x FC/AFC Martin's Rusty Diamond Hunter MH; o/h Martin Maresh

Open Gun Dog (34S)

J: Jason Chavez & J Gagnon

- 1- K-NINE'S ON THE LOOSE (B), by NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You x K-Nine's Guns & Roses; o Linda McDonald & Arlette Hennessey, h Paul Doiron
- 2- SHANE'S ZIPPITY ZOE (B), by NGDC/FC San-Dee's Blazing Shane x DC/AFC Zippity-Do-Dot; o Dennis Leis, h Paul Doiron
- 3- BEAVER'S STRAIGHT ARROW CUTTER (D), by CH Truegritz Briers Gift x Big Sky

Brandy II; o Richard & Amanda Beaver, h Richard Beaver

- 4- MTB SCIPIO'S HOT SHOT OF WHIZKI (B), by DC Hi Proof Whizki x DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White

Amateur All Age (11S)

J: Tim Baranski & Tom Pescod

- 1- KIGER HILLS LOUEE (D), by FC/AFC Cruz Control x Sidney Kiger Vonspeebles, h Ed & Linda Dixon, h Ed Dixon
- 2- K-NINE TUCALOTA CHANCE (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You x K-Nine's Peek-A-Boo; o Arlette Hennessey & Ed Mayhew, h Ed Mayhew
- 3- FC ROSIE'S RE-FRY (D), by FC/AFC Gunrunner's Lady's Man x Desert Rose IV; o/h Norman Ahl
- 4- Withheld



NAFC/DC/AFC MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO



NAFC/FC/AFC SPANISH CORRAL'S SUNDANCE KID

Open All Age (31S)

J: Lee Holsinger & Ron Yospur

- 1- NAFC/DC/AFC MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO (B), by DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo x DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White
- 2- MINIS' MIDNITE SMOKE (D), by DC/AFC Redlines Tequila Smoker x Rebellogg's Mini-Me; o Ed & Linda Dixon, h Ed Dixon
- 3- NAFC/FC/AFC SPANISH CORRAL'S SUNDANCE KID (D), by NGDC/FC Sand-Dee's Blazing Shane x FC/AFC Stevix Bulletproof Jill; o Joe Gower, h Paul Doiron



DC MB'S MAKE MINE A DOUBLE

- 4- DC MB'S MAKE MINE A DOUBLE (D), by DC/AFC Redlines Tequila Smoker x Timberline Scip-O'Dee-Do-Dah; o Christine Landerholm-Miller & Robert Miller, h Paul Doiron

GRAND CANYON

Las Cienegas NCA

Sonita, AZ

January 20, 2013

Open Puppy (7S)

J: Todd Fielitz & Ricardo Renteria

- 1- RUSSELL'S OCCUPY THE MOMENT (B), IS
- 2- RADBACH'S GOT GRIT (D), GSP
- 3- SHILOH'S LAST DASH OF FLASH (D), by CH Shiloh's Somewhere in Time x CH Shiloh's Razzle N Dazzlin; o Pennie J. Peterson, h Paul Doiron
- 4- QUAIL ROCK TOO TOUGH (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corrals Sundance Kid x FC Wishful Thinking; o Ellen Weinfurter, h Paul Doiron

Open Derby (13S)

J: Dave Garrett & Rick Petersen

- 1- MTB ZIPN SON VENI VIDI VICI (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corrals Sundance Kid x DC/AFC Zippity Do Dot; o Tom & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White
- 2- PINTADO'S CACTUS JOEY (D), GSP
- 3- KARO N WRIGLEY'S BELIEVE IT (D), by FC/AFC Renegade's Regal Wrigley JH x NAGDC/FC/AFC Jazz's Sweetest Little Secret; o Gil & Jane Hopper, h Gil Hopper
- 4- SONOITA'S GITERDONE GABE (D), GSP

Amateur Gun Dog (21S)

J: Mike George & Lee Holsinger

- 1- JEFFERSON'S GRETA VON GREIF (B), GSP
- 2- MTB SCIPIO'S HOT SHOT OF WHIZKI (B), by DC HI Proof Whizki x DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White

- 3- GOLDEN WEST LIP CODY (D), GSP
- 4- YONG GUN'S MEMORIES MADE (B), GSP



NAGDC/FC/AFC JAZZ'S SWEETEST LITTLE SECRET

Open Gun Dog (25S)

J: Guy Rezzardi & Tim Baranski

- 1- GOLDEN WEST ZIP CODY (D), GSP
- 2- COPLEY'S RED RIVER (D), by GCH/CH Copley's Looks Good on Paper x CH Copley's Millennium Martini; o Mary Brown & Rashelle Sytsma, h Paul Doiron
- 3- NAGDC/FC/AFC JAZZ'S SWEETEST LITTLE SECRET (B), by FC/AFC Tee Bone x FC/AFC Wrigley's First Dance; o Jane & Gil Hopper & Charles & Mary Jill Schaefer, h Gil Hopper
- 4- K-NINE'S ON THE LOOSE (B), by NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You x K Nine's Guns & Roses; o Linda McDonald & Arlette Hennessey, h Paul Doiron

Open All Age (14S)

J: Guy Rezzardi & Greg Sand

- 1- NAFC/DC/AFC MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO (B), by DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo x DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White
- 2- FC/AFC RED SKY RILEY (D), by NGDC/FC/AFC Jalo's Intern x FC/AFC Jalo's Running Josephine; o/h David Kirk
- 3- FC MTB CAN AM FORMULA FUN (B), by DC/AFC Mega Smoke Limited Edition x Kinwashkly Lucky Star; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White
- 4- FC/AFC LONEWOLF'S HUACHUKA JAKE MH (D), GSP



Action at AKC

by Peggy Wier

Titles & Awards through December 2012

December

CHAMPION

CH CREDIT KAZE'S CAPITAL GAINS OA OAJ OF (D) by GCH CH Credit Where Credit Is Due x CH Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MX MXJ XF T2B, o Terrence Santelli & Aimee Schilling, b Robert J & Victoria Howell
CH RIVERMIST BROXDEN MAKE MYNAH DOUBLE (D) by GCH CH Dual Lanes Cam JH x GCH CH Ataboy's Dazzle Me Daphne JH, o Allyson Godfroid & Amy Booth, b Allyson Godfroid & Robin Tomasi & Amy Booth
CH RUSTIN'S BRAVEHEART II (D) by Cimmaron's Nightkap UDX OA AXJ x MACH4 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXC MJC2 NAP NJP MXF T2B, o Mark Walker & Christine Walker, b Colleen Driscoll & Aimee Schilling
CH TRIUMPHANT HEALING GRACE (B) by CH Triumphant's Back For More x CH Triumphant's Absolute 24. K.T., o Cheryl Frei & David Frei, b Kristyn McCartney & Linda R McCartney-Roy

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH CH LOCKRIDGE'S SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF (D) by CH RJ's River's Bend MH x GCH CH RJ's Talk Of The Town JH, o Larry Hilliard & Terry Hilliard, b Larry Hilliard & Terry Hilliard
GCH CH NORTH UMPQUA'S MORGUN SHADY LADY LU (B) by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x CH Tk's Tru-Ly Leap-N-Laci JH, o Karen Barrows, b Laurinda Phipps & Steven Phipps
GCH CH TNT'S RAISE'N A RUCKUS (B) by DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x Bourbon's Lucky Penny MH, o Tommy Thomas & Linda Thomas, b Douglas L Sieckmeyer
GCH CH WIND MTNS SHOW ME THE MONEY JH (D) by CH Castle One In A Millennium JH x CH Three B's Goddess Of Love JH, o Connie Strom, b Connie Strom

FIELD CHAMPION-BRED BY EXHIBITOR

FC POWDER RIVER'S TRI UR LUCK (D) by Rebel's Hightail Lukedogg x CH Whisperridge Promise What U Will, o Cheryl Krajcar, b Cheryl Krajcar

COMPANION DOG

RUSTIN'S GOLD OF CIMMARON CD BN (D) by Cimmaron's Nightkap UDX OA AXJ x MACH4 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXC MJC2 NAP NJP MXF T2B, o Kathy Hahn & Joseph Hahn, b Colleen Driscoll & Aimee Schilling

JUNIOR HUNTER

JACK PINE'S SHE PLAYED PATTY CAKE JH (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Wyngold Taylor's Trixie Dust, o Taylor Lynn & George Lynn, b Taylor Lynn & George Lynn
KSTAR SPEAK DE COTTON CANDY JH (B) by DC Delane Speak Of The Devil x CH Canipat Happy Belle De K Star JH, o Mary Kathy Shannon, b Mary Kathy Shannon
LUCILLE LA BELLE JH (B) by Buddy La Belle x Wildberry's Experiment 626, o George Kucsma, b Sarah Moore & Jeannie Wagner
MOUNTAINEER BIRDFINDER RASCAL JH (D) by DC AFC Bourbon XIII x McKayla's Morgan Of Lancer, o George Simons, b Richard J Castello & Bambi L Castello
MOUNTANEER RUEBEN JAMES JH (D) by Spin Top Jett x Spin Top Sandi, o George Simons, b David Holt
SHILOH'S RAZZLE N DAZZLIN DEJA VU JH (B) by CH Shiloh's Somewhere In Time x CH Shiloh's Razzle N Dazzlin, o Pennie J Peterson, b Pennie J Peterson & Miss Katelyn M Ford
YPK BULLETS BLAZING BUCKAROO JH (D) by Bullets Texas Sage x Geisler's Blazing Bobbijo, o Carl W Petrey & Bonnie Petrey, b Mr. Kevin Wayne Geisler

SENIOR HUNTER

CH DOGWOOD HOLLOW RAY OF HOPE SH (D) by CH Dogwood Hollow Hammerin' Hank x CH Dogwood Hollow C I'm Daddysgirl, o Thomas Fetterhoff & Joneen Fetterhoff, b Gary Clements & Cheryl Mika & Geri O Clements
CH ILLUSION'S GEM OF BROOKWOOD SH (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Brookwood's Just An Illusion, o Abbie Hanson & Beth T Kirven & Charles Hanson, b Ms. Cynthia A Miller & Howard Huber III
VEM'S CLOSE CALL JASMINE SH (B) by CH Sanbar Vem Late Nite Call MH x CH Country Road's Adventure, o Sheila Becker & Brent Becker, b Vickie Manifold & Karen Stout & Nickie Redick

MASTER HUNTER ADVANCED

GCH CH MT VIEW'S SHAMUS MCLAINE MHA (D) by CH Mt View's Shooting Star MHA x CH Mt View's Luck Of The Draw MHA, o James McLaine & Linda McLaine, b Mary Ann Breining & Roy Schaeffer & Patricia A Ortelli
CH MT VIEW'S SHOOTING STAR MHA (D) by CH Mt View Weekend Player SH x CH MT View's Hollywood Hit JH, o Domenic Serago & Michelle Sreago, b Patricia A Ortelli & Mary Ann Breining & Richard Ortelli

NOVICE AGILITY

CHERYL'S COOL BREEZE NA (B), o Cheryl Harper
WILD MTN THUNDERBIRD NA CA (D) by CH AFC Requets Above And Beyond RN JH x Wild Mtn's Thunderstruck, o Jamie Thompson, b Kristi Anglen & Carl Anglen & Helen Riggle & Brian D Riggle

NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED

DC AFC HAVAPAL'S REV ME UP REPEAT VCD1 BN RE SH OA OAJ NAP NJP NFP (D) by FC AFC RJ's Microtuck x Havapal's Renegade Mon Amie, o Mrs. Julie A Asmus, b Robert Kossel

OPEN AGILITY

FAST EDDIE OA NAJ (D), o Mj Turner
MOONBABE TWICE AS NICE CD JH OA NAJ (B) by CH Moonbabe Never Say Always JH x CH Moonbabe Windfall Follow Your Heart JH, o Barbara Dunn, b Dimi Morse

AGILITY EXCELLENT

CREDIT KAZE WITH A PERFECT DIAMOND AX AXJ OF (B) by GCH CH Credit Where Credit Is Due x CH Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MX MXJ XF T2B, o Victoria MacVicar & Jessie Schulz & Robert Howell b Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell

AGILITY EXCELLENT PREFERRED

SHOW ME JASMINE "JAZZATAZZ" RN JH AXP AJP OFP (B) by CH Jordean Loki Showme The Leader x Jordean Make You A Believer, o Joyce Golden, b Joy S Crisler & R Patrick Crisler

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT

CH CHILCOTE KAZE JEWEL ON FIRE MX MXJ XF (B) by CH Chilcote's Credit To Ceasar JH x CH Chilcote Kaze Hana JH NAJ, o Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell, b Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell
MT VIEW SHANGRILA CDX JH MX AXJ (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH MT View's Touch By An Angel CD MH, o Jacqueline Erickson, b Mary Ann Breining & Roy Schaeffer

MASTER GOLD AGILITY 2

MACH2 VANILLA MOCHA CHIPPER JH MXG2 MJS2 MXF MFG TQX (D) by Londeree's Chipper x Miss Seabucks Hot Fudge, o Kathy S McNeal, b Elmo Londeree Jr.

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT PREFERRED

4 PACH RUSTY RIDGE BLONDE ON BLONDE OA AXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB
PAX NF OFP (B) by DC AFC Awards Rusty Ridge Jake MH x DC AFC Rustyridge
Bookers LST Fling, o Martha Francis, b Claude Kilpatrick & Jan Kilpatrick

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

JASPER MCGAVIN NA NAJ (D) by Pat Da's Last Bullett Max x Pat Da's Carolina
Daisy, o April McGavin, b Patricia F Clary
WILD WEST GAMBLE NA NAJ (D) by DC Jordean Tough Stuff MH x Lobo's Just In
Time, o Sharon Kalonzes & William Kalonzes, b James Elgan & Diana Elgan

OPEN AGILITY JUMPER

FAST EDDIE OA OAJ (D), o Mj Turner
MOONBABE TWICE AS NICE CD JH OA OAJ (B) by CH Moonbabe Never Say
Always JH x CH Moonbabe Windfall Follow Your Heart JH, o Barbara Dunn, b
Dimi Morse

EXCELLENT AGILITY JUMPER

FAROUT FIELDS NONUKKI NUBI OA AXJ NF CA (D) by Farout Fields Zeus's
Prophecy JH x Farout Fields Wiggy Bridget, o Craig John & Melissa John, b
Jacqueline C Arnold & Rodger Rowles
CH RJ'S SYMPLY DIVINE RN JH OA AXJ (B) by CH RJ's Limited Edition SH x CH
Rj's The Divine Ms M JH, o Sandra Moruzzi & William Moruzzi, b Joyce G Wire
& Robert Wire

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER

MOONBABE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN UD JH AX MXJ OF (B) by DC Oak
Run's Gold Dig N Blake x Pinewoods Special Effects JH, o Barbara Dunn, b Dimi
Morse

MASTER BRONZE JUMPER

CH CIMMARON MADE YOU LOOK JACK MX MXB MXJ MJB XF (D) by CH
Cimmaron Caughtcha Look'n CDX RAE x CH Cimmaron's Taylor Made CD MX
MXB MXJ MJB MXF, o Carol Baron, b Christine Ward-Weber

MASTER SILVER JUMPER

TRESSEL MX MXJ MJS NAP NJP XF T2B (D), o Erica Behnke

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER PREFERRED

MACH2 CHILCOTE'S COMING UP ROSES CDX MXS MJG MJP XF (B) by CH
Sigbrit's Compagnon CD MH x CH MACH5 Chilcote Kaze-Kaoru CDX JH MXB2
MJC2 AXP MJP2 MXF, o Maria T Sparkman & Charles L Sparkman, b Victoria
Howell & Robert J Howell

MASTER BRONZE JUMPER PREFERRED

KATIE BARNHART MX MXJ MXP MJP2 MJPB (B) by FC Sam-Dee's Buckaroo x
Adios My Friend, o Frank Barnhart, b Paul Doiron & Peggy Doiron

AGILITY FAST NOVICE

JJ'S ZEVA NA NAJ NF (B) by Brody's Roger Dodger x Smith's Daisy, o Sandy
Crighton & Jeff Crighton B Ernest Rider & Carol Rider

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION

MACH CUPID'S BEAU AND EROS CD MXB MJS XF (D) by Mickey Lee Shaul x
Jaylin Dunn, o Cathi J Shover, b Joyce A Dunn

TIME 2 BEAT

CH MACH2 RUSTINS JEWELER'S APPRENTICE MXS MJG XF T2B (B) by
Cimmaron's Nightkap UDX OA AXJ x MACH4 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH
MXC MJC2 NAP NJP MXF T2B, o Colleen Driscoll & Aimee Schilling, b Colleen
Driscoll & Aimee Schilling

GROUP WINNERS

GCH CH BRITT'S RAMBLIN' THE PERFECT CUT (B), J Larson/N Larson/K
Schoppa
2 - Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County, Mr. N L Patton
4 - Malibu Kennel Club, Mrs. J McGinnis
GCH CH CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE (D), J Schulz/S Chilcote
1 - South Dade Kennel Club, M Mortera
GCH CH DUAL LANES CAM JH (D), C Robinson/L Robinson/K Sullivan
1 - Conroe Kennel Club, Mrs. A Katona
1 - Conroe Kennel Club, Ms. L Robey
3 - Texas Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. C J Anderson
3 - Trinity Valley Kennel Club, Mr. R Stein
2 - Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. L J Sinclair
CH GERSTDALE'S LAID-BACK JAKE JH (D), D Pfister/A Pfister
4 - Santa Cruz Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. R L Robinson
GCH CH GOURLEY'S DFL 99 CARAT DIAMOND (D), G Stern/C Gourley
3 - Yuma Kennel Club, Mrs. B D Alderman
GCH CH MICH'S MT READY AIM FIRE (D), T Rickard/L Rickard/K Rickard/J
Davies
3 - Savannah Kennel Club, Mrs. J Fournier
GCH CH STAR FLIGHT JUMPIN JACK FLASH RN OA OAJ (D), J Ceres
4 - Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club, Mr. K J Murray
3 - Starved Rock Kennel Club, Mrs. M L Billings
2 - Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. J Webb



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	EAST COAST	EAST CENTRAL	CENTRAL	MIDWEST	WEST COAST
Mar 2-3	Susquehanna	Music City *cancelled	Gr. St. Louis (w) *cancelled	Sooner (1)	
Mar 9-10	Mid-Florida (8) (w)	Buckeye	Heart of Illinois (w)	Skyline (8)	
Mar 16-17	Tarheel (8)	Gr. Indianapolis			
Mar 16-17	Maryland	Ohio (14-17)	Iowa (17) (w)	Indian Nations (15)	
Mar 23-24	Southeastern (w)		Missouri *cancelled		
Mar 23-24			Heart of Illinois (22)	So. Kansas (22-25)	
Mar 30-31	So. New England	Western Michigan	Volunteer (w)		
Mar 30-31			LaSalle (29)	Midwest (28)	No. California (29)
Mar 30-31				Cent. New Mexico (w)	
Apr 6-7	North Jersey (3-7)	Michigan (5)	Iowa (5-11)		Oregon (6-9)
Apr 13-14	Cent. New England	(w) Niagara Frontier	Gr. Milwaukee	Nebraska (12-18)	Whid Isle
Apr 20-21	Upper New York	Kentucky	Badger (19)	Mo-Valley (19-25)	Inland Empire (16-17)
Apr 27-28	Del Val (26)	Hoosier	Hawkeye (26)	Ringneck *cancelled	Washington (19)
Apr 27-28		Pennsylvania (w)			Idaho (29)
May 4-5	Hudson Valley	Pennsylvania	Illinois (w)(3)		Northern Nevada
May 4-5					Wasatch Front
May 11-12	East. New England		St. Croix (11-16)	Skyline (w)	Golden Empire (w)
May 18-19	Anthracite	Michigan Saginaw (15-19)	Minnesota (17)		Grand Canyon (w)
May 18-19	No. New England				Oregon (w)
May 25-26	Cent. Maine (w)			No. Colorado	
Jun 1-2			St. Croix (w)		

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Specialty Show: Heart of Illinois Cluster Shows May 24 through May 27

UPCOMING CLASSICS, CHAMPIONSHIPS, & FUTURITIES

- Mar 4-10 US Open Brittany CH & Victoire Nationale Derby CH (Lake Murray FTA, Ardmore, OK)
- Mar 11-13 ABC Pennsylvania Shooting Dog Classic/Championship & Derby (Tri Valley FT Grounds, Dresden, OH)
- Mar 16-conclusion AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Classic/Championship - (Branched Oak DTA, Raymond, NE)
- Mar 22-25 Region 17 Amateur All Age Championship - Southern Kansas (Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS)
- Mar 25-28 ABC Gun Dog Classic - Heart of Illinois (Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA, Chandlerville, IL)
- Apr 1-5 ABC Michigan OAA, OGD, AWGD & Derby Classic/Championship (Ionia, MI)
- Apr 1-3 International Open Shooting Dog Championship (Ron Zook Memorial) - International (Union County Ranch, Thayer, IA)
- Apr 4-5 ABC Futurity (Central Region) - Host club: Iowa
Section Manager: Roger Stowell, Secretary: Marcy Beveridge Email: mam0709aol.com
Field: April 4 @ Union County Ranch, Thayer, IA
Show: April 5 @ Creston, IA
- Apr 3-5 Delaware Valley Champagne Memorial Shooting Dog Classic - North Jersey (English Setter Club, Medford, NJ)
- Apr 6-9 Western Region Open Shooting Dog Championship - Oregon (Boyce Corral, Crooked River National Grassland, Madras, OR)
- Apr 12-18 Nebraska All-Age Championship - Nebraska (Branched Oak DTA, Raymond, NE)

**NATIONAL OPEN
ALL AGE CHAMPION**



FC Savannah's Hot Shot

**NATIONAL AMATEUR
ALL AGE CHAMPION**



DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio

**NATIONAL OPEN
GUN DOG CHAMPION**



NGDC/FC/AFC Hits All Jack'D Up

**NATIONAL AMATEUR
GUN DOG CHAMPION**



FC/AFC ANJ's Amazing Grace

**NATIONAL SPECIALTY
BEST OF BREED**



CH RAINBOW SPLASH'S
RUGGEDLY HANDSOME

**NATIONAL OBEDIENCE
HIGH IN TRIAL**



OTCH Lane's End Fortune
UDX 9, OGM, AX, AXJ

**NATIONAL DUAL
AWARD WINNER**



DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio

NATIONAL OPEN ALL AGE CHAMPIONS

2012	FC Savannah's Hot Shot	1995	Rambling Rose VIII
2011	FC Piney Run Art	1994	FC Microdot
2010	DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch Of Bourbon	1993	FC Highbrow's Red
2009	Primetime Outlaw Johnny	1992	FC/AFC Aux Arc's Mark
2008	FC Rebel Jac's A Hammerin Dandy	1991	FC/AFC Hi Proof Rum Runner
2007	FC/AFC Lane's End We-Be Clean	1990	FC/AFC Bernie of The Briarpatch
2006	DC/AFC Shady's Tia Maria	1989	FC Rimard's Gambler
2005	NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy	1988	FC Country Cousin's Lone River
2004	NFC/FC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan	1987	FC Minnehaha's Tammy
2003	FC/AFC Farther Out Ace	1986	DC Markar's Jac's A Dan D
2002	DC/AFC Microchips of Nutmeg	1985	FC Franklin County Bandit
2001	FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow	1984	FC Brought-Mar's Jazz DeCampo
2000	FC Diamond Hill Dan	1983	FC Beans Blaze
1999	FC/AFC Lobo's Klickitat County Line	1982	FC/AFC Jumpin' Jack Flash II
1998	DC/AFC Gambler's Ace In The Hole	1981	DC Tomar's Ban-Dee Sam
1997	FC Tequila's Joker	1980	DC/AFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc de'Edwards
1996	FC Rebel Jac's Hammering Hank	1979	Way Kan Feelin' Free
		1978	DC/AFC Perry's Rustic Prince

NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL AGE CHAMPIONS

2012	DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio	1997	FC Walker's Gunner
2011	Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid	1996	FC Allmac's Dark Smoke Di-Na-Mo
2010	NAFC/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You II	1995	FC Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D
2009	FC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister	1994	FC Magnum's Lit'l Buzzsaw
2008	FC Maxwell's Blew by You II	1993	DC/AFC Ojibwa's DLD Bandit
2007	FC/AFC Maxwell's White Spirit	1992	DC/AFC Renegade's Kansas Kid
2006	NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy	1991	FC/AFC Jake's Son of a Gun Runner
2005	Tequila Jack II	1990	FC/AFC Sir Duke Mustachio
2004	FC Just Call Me Roy	1989	FC/AFC Amigo of Aztlan
2003	FC/AFC Pride And Joy's Bunch of Annie	1988	DC/AFC Lobo's Cotton Candy
2002	FC/AFC Pistol Pack 'N Walker	1987	FC/AFC Scott's Gingerbread Lady
2001	FC/AFC Lea's Running Jayhawk	1986	Crab Orchard Jet
2000	FC Piney Run Sam	1985	DC Banded-Britts Red Jinx
1999	Hanging Jaze Hardtack Mack	1984	FC Jaron's Brittany
1998	FC Rebel's Tough Is Tyrone	1983	DC Krissy's Kaptain Kay-Cee
		1982	FC/AFC Gun-Runner's Far Out

NATIONAL OPEN GUN DOG CHAMPIONS

2012	NGDC/FC/AFC Hits All Jack'D Up	2005	FC/AFC Bucks Hit The Road Jack
2011	FC/AFC Hits All Jack'D Up	2004	FC Last Dixie Chick
2010	FC/AFC Celebrations Two Of Hearts	2003	FC/AFC Baby Jane's BB
2009	NGDC/FC/AFC Peter Gunn	2002	FC Coppertop's Alderwitch
2008	FC BJ's Blaz'n Daisy	2001	FC/AFC Keystone's Part of The Plan
2007	Hit's for Pete's Sake	2000	CH Hope's Dandi Don
2006	FC/AFC High Hopes Tar's Dot Com	1999	NGDC/DC/AFC Winchester of Hanging Jaze
		1998	FC Sadie Fair Lady

NATIONAL AMATEUR GUN DOG CHAMPIONS

2012	FC/AFC ANJ's Amazing Grace	2009	FC/AFC Peter Gunn
2011	FC Foster's Buddy II	2008	DC/AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle, JH
2010	FC/AFC Jazz's Sweetest Little Secret	2007	NAGDC/FC/AFC Clyde's Double Trouble
		2006	FC/AFC High Hope's Fly by Nite

NATIONAL SPECIALTY BEST OF BREEDS

2012	CH Rainbow Splash's Ruggedly Handsome	1989	CH Hope's Gunsmoke Blue
2011	CH Sanbar's Ride The Winds	1988	CH Jen-Mars Carosel Jolly Jester
2010	GCH Willowick Talltean	1987	CH Prince Valiant's Spring A'Rival CDX/TD
2009	DC Country Road's Rough Rider	1986	CH Woodstock's Lady Valentine
2008	DC/AFC Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist	1985	CH Le Duc Cimmarron Storm Cloud
2007	CH Sanbar's Call When Readi	1984	CH Twin Oaks Vantage Point
2006	CH Magic Major Player JH	1983	CH Dee's Picante Pepper of JB
2005	CH Jordean Your Wildest Dreams	1982	CH Do-Well's JB Jason
2004	CH Jordean Your Wildest Dreams	1981	CH Do-Well's JB Jason
2003	CH Sanbar's Curtain Call	1980	CH Greenfield Le Duc De Cannelle
2002	CH Jordean A Night To Remember	1979	FC Hi Ace
2001	CH Magic Sir-ly You Jest	1978	CH Jacque's Prince Valiant
2000	CH Magic Sir-ly You Jest	1977	CH Romar's Sweet Whiskey Man
1999	CH Jordean Up All Night	1976	CH Jacque's Prince Valiant
1998	CH Jordean All Kiddin' Aside	1975	CH Greenfield's Mister Mark
1997	CH Jordean I Kid You Not	1974	DC Suzabob's Hedgerow Happy
1996	CH N-Vee's Touch of Romance	1973	CH Credence Skoshi
1995	CH Jordean All Kiddin' Aside	1972	Mechant of Breton's Lightning
1994	CH Jordean All Kiddin' Aside	1971	CH Sequani's Dana MacDuff
1993	CH Chesabrit's Code of The West	1970	DC Pacolet Cheyenne Sam
1992	CH Jordean All Kiddin' Aside	1969	DC Suzabob's Hedgerow Happy
1991	CH Jordean All Kiddin' Aside	1968	CH Bonnie Kay's Duke of Sequani
1990	CH Chesabrit's Code of The West	1967	Elcon's Shotgun Smoke
		1966	CH Sam's Son Buckshot CD

NATIONAL HIGH IN TRIAL WINNERS

2012	OTCH Lane's End Fortune UDX 9, OGM, AX, AXJ	2002	CH Chilcote's Credit Check, CD, JH, NA, NAJ
2011	Jayhawker's Lucky Jack UDX	2001	Voyageur's Brtpatch Rifleman, CD, JH, NA
2010	Jayhawker's Lucky Jack UD	2000	Voyageur's Brtpatch Rifleman, CD, JH
2009	CH Rao Nothin But Blue Skies	1999	Dusty The Brittany, CD, AX, AXJ
2008	OTCH Lane's End Fortune, UDX, AX, AXJ	1998	Jozan's Mystic Mirage, CDX
2007	Lane's End Fortune, UDX, AX, AXJ	1997	CH Chilcote's Credit Earned, UD, TDX
2006	CH/OTCH Chilcote's Credit Check, UDX, AX, AXJ, JH	1996	CH Barkalarm Bonfire D' Labrinth, CDX
2005	DC Lafayette Border Baron, UDX2, MH	1995	Chilcote's Credit Earned, TD
2004	CH/OTCH Chilcote's Credit Check, UDX, AX, AXJ, JH	1994	Lafayette Britannia Rose
2003	CH Lafayette Border Baron, UD, JH	1993	Little Egypt Catapult Cathy, CDX, SH
		1992	Little Egypt Catapult Cathy, CDX, SH

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2012	DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio	1993	DC/AFC Ojibwa's DLD Bandit
2011	DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio	1991	DC/AFC Bi-Mar Cinnabar Cindy
2010	DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio	1989	DC Royal Britt Starbuck of Auten
2009	DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio	1988	DC/AFC Lobo's Cotton Candy
2008	CH Shadow Attack	1986	DC Renegade's Kansas Kid
2007	DC/AFC Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist	1981	DC Tomar's Ban-Dee Sam
2006	DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo	1980	DC/AFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc de'Edwards
2005	CH Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist	1979	DC Pepper's Prince
1998	NGDC/DC/AFC Winchester of Hanging Jaze	1978	DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1997	FC/AFC Tequila's Joker	1977	DC Rockbrooks Andy O'Dee
1996	DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief	1976	DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1994	DC/AFC RC's Sundancer	1975	NAFC/DC/AFC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
		1974	NFC/DC/AFC Ban-Dee
		1972	FC Brandy's Bullet

1977	FC Casey's Chikamin	1959	NFC/DC Towsey
1976	FC Senator TJ	1958	FC Hellou's Yankee Timber
1975	DC/AFC Chipp Britt Jill	1957	DC Towsey
1974	NFC/DC/AFC Ban-Dee	1956	Jeffrey of Argard
1973	FC Ban-Dee	1955	Towsey
1972	Kipp's Trooper Rochambeau	1954	FC Miste de Klemantor
1971	DC Pacolet Cheyenne Sam	1953	Tennessee Luke
1970	FC Augustus of Rivers	1952	DC Pontac's Dingo
1969	Way Kan Fritts	1951	FC Pontac's Dingo
1968	FC Goldtone's Duke	1950	Butch's Lad
1967	DC Colorado's Yankee Timber	1949	Jersey Jeff
1966	Bazooka's Brandy	1948	Bonaire Bob
1965	FC Rendezvous Skipper	1947	Allamuchy Valley Addie
1964	FC Shenango Valley Dingo	1946	Tess of Chippewa
1963	FC Crab Orchard Duke	1945	Britt of Bellows Falls
1962	Miller's Desert Dust	1944	Tess of Chippewa
1961	FC Yankee Boy's Tommy	1943	Atrout Mac Eodaidh
1960	FC Holiday Britt		

1981	DC/AFC Hi-Spirit Buck	1965	FC Rendezvous Skipper
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1979	FC The Real Thing	1963	FC Epper of Siouxland
1978	DC Hi-Spirit Buck	1962	Ferd's Cannonball of Leeway
1977	FC Cindy's Chief Tomahawk	1961	FC Jeff of Minnehaha
1976	DC Perry's Rustic Prince	1960	FC Gladwin Smokey
1975	NAFC/DC/AFC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer	1959	DC Belloak's King
1974	FC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer	1958	FC Ferdinand of Leeway
1973	FC Brandy's Bullet	1957	DC Saxon of Fredan
1972	FC Colorado's Jumping Gypsy	1956	FC Ferdinand of Leeway
1971	DC Char-Lee O'Dee	1955	Holley Haven Dan
1970	NAFC/DC/AFC Gringo de Britt	1954	DC Holley Haven Duchess
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1968	FC Holliday Britts Ed	1952	Domino de Klemantor
1967	FC Little Rapa Luke	1951	Int. CH Diane de Beauch UD
1966	FC Towsey's Bub		

1997	NGDC/FC/AFC JDZ Roc's Ardent Boomer	1989	FC/AFC Perpetuators Misty Skye
1996	FC/AFC JDZ Roc's Ardent Boomer	1988	NGDC/FC/AFC Jessen's Lit'l Dab of Dude
1995	FC Winchester of Hanging Jaze	1987	FC/AFC Jessen's Lit'l Dab of Dude
1994	FC Hybrittin's Hot Pursuit	1986	DC Bernie V CD
1993	FC/AFC Echo Valley Painted Lady	1985	FC/AFC Stedi's Bombin Banjo
1992	FC/AFC Jade's Dirty Dick		
1991	NGDC/FC/AFC Magnum's Masked Man		
1990	FC Magnum's Masked Man		

2005	FC Clyde's Double Trouble	2002	Little Guy Levi
2004	NAGDC/DC/AFC Calistar Del Prado		
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2002	FC Clyde's Double Trouble		

1965	CH Sam's Son Buckshot CD	1943	Patrice de Sharvogue
1964	CH Chief of Appanooch		
1963	CH Juchoir's Tuffy		
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1961	CH Bonnie Kay's Ricki's Image		
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1958	DC Dingo's Little Mike		
1957	CH Harvre des Bois Henri		
1956	CH Avono Corky		
1955	CH Tigre Par Le Tigre L'Argoat		
1954	CH Do-Car's Flashy Showman		
1953	CH Avono Corky		
1952	CH Amos of Edough		
1951	CH Bucaneer de Klemantor		
1950	CH Bucaneer de Klemantor		
1949	Tudor de Roc Hellou		
1948	CH Avono Happy		
1947	Retta of Avono		
1946	CH Avono Happy		
1945	CH Patrice de Sharvogue		
1944	CH Patrice de Sharvogue		
1943	Patrice de Sharvogue		

1991	K IX Rebel Riot, UD		
1990	CH Lafayette Texas Trooper, UDT		
1989	Little Egypt Catapult Cathy		
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1987	Lafayette Texas Trooper		
1986	CH/OTCH/AFC Lafayette King Trooper, UDT		
1985	CH/OTCH/AFC Lafayette King Trooper, UDT		
1984	CH/OTCH/AFC Lafayette King Trooper		
1983	OTCH Lafayette King Trooper		
1982	Dark Sky, CD		
1981	CH/OTCH Turner's Crossroad Samantha		

1971	DC Char-Lee O'Dee		
1970	DC Char-Lee O'Dee		
1969	FC Gringo de Brit		
1966	DC Holley Haven Casey		
1964	DC Tigar's Jocko		
1963	Towsey's Bub		
1961	DC Dingo's Little Mike		
1960	DC Penny's Happy Pepi		
1959	DC Dingo's Little Mike		
1958	DC Dingo's Little Mike		
1957	FC Towsey		
1956	DC Holley Haven Duchess		
1949	Allamuchy Valley Uno		
1947	Allamuchy Valley Addie		

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THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
67TH ANNUAL FIELD & 52ND ANNUAL SHOW FUTURITY



Trial and Show to be run Spring of 2015 • PURSE: 2/3 to Owner of Winner, 1/3 to Breeder of Winner

CONDITIONS AND RULES • NOMINATING FEE: \$30.00 • Nomination must be made within 30 days of whelping or subject to late penalty fees. For all purebred Brittany bitches whelping a litter on January 1 thru December 31st, 2013, who are owned or leased by a member of The American Brittany Club.

- American Brittany Futurities shall be open to every purebred Brittany bitch and her progeny whelped during the calendar year of January 1 - December 31 and whose litters have been enrolled with The American Brittany Club.
- Bitch must be owned or leased by an American Brittany club member.
- All dams nominated and all sires bred to must be registered or eligible for registration.
- **Nominations of dams must be made within 30 days after the bitches have whelped. A sum of \$30.00 must be paid at this time.** This payment will entitle each puppy of this particular litter to be entered in the ABC Futurities (Field and/or Bench) after the dog has been properly registered in a recognized stud book.

- **Late litter nominations will be accepted with the following current fee schedule:** Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 180 days from whelping. In addition to the Nomination fee of \$30.00 the late fees are \$30.00 for 31-60 days, \$60.00 for 61-90 days, and \$100.00 for 91-180 days. Nominations after 180 days will be at the discretion of the Futurity Committee. The ABC Board of Directors may impose additional late fees from time to time. The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations.
- Dogs will be eligible to run in the designated futurity to be held in the Spring of the second year following the year of whelping.
- A final nomination fee will be due by October 1st of the year following whelping. Entry fees will be paid by the owner of the puppy for each Sectional Futurity field or bench event the dog enters.

DATE OF WHELP: _____ MALES: _____ FEMALES: _____

NAME OF BITCH (must be owned by ABC member): _____

BITCH'S AKC and/or FDSB No. _____ DNA Profile # (if available) _____

BITCH'S SIRE: _____

BITCH'S DAM: _____

STUD DOG (not necessarily owned by club member) _____

STUD DOG AKC and/or FDSB No _____ DNA Profile # (if available) _____

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BECOMING A MEMBER: Full membership in one of the Regional Clubs carries an automatic membership in the American Brittany Club. Full Membership cost is \$30.00 per year and \$3.00 per year for each Associate Member. Regional Clubs may charge higher dues. You may apply to join the Regional Club located nearest to you, or if there is none in your area, you may become a Member-at-Large of the American Brittany Club. Joining a Regional Club will afford you with the most opportunities for interaction with other Brittany owners.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC. – Please send this application with payment to: The American Brittany Club, P.O. Box 503, Orfield, PA 18069. A Full Membership will entitle you to the monthly magazine, *The American Brittany*.

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