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Issues and Opportunities, October, 2013

I was having a discussion with an ABC member and she remarked that being president must be a lot like conducting a symphony, likening the different activities of the club to the string, high brass, low brass, percussion, woodwind, etc. sections of a philharmonic orchestra. I do understand her analogy, and I will admit to enjoying Mozart, Dvorak, and other great composers, but upon further reflection I have come to the conclusion that a better model for ABC would be a Bluegrass band.

Bluegrass derives its roots from common people, primarily of the Appalachian region of the United States, just as the Brittany was the breed of the common people (peasants) of northern France. Bluegrass music, like the Brittany breed, is supported by a small but passionate group of aficionados. Bluegrass performers are found at festivals in small towns, or under a shady arbor somewhere, not in concert halls or huge stadiums.

For those not familiar with this particular genre of music, a Bluegrass band typically comprises a small group of musicians, each playing a different instrument. Most commonly, the instruments are a fiddle, mandolin, “doghouse” bass, flat-top guitar, and banjo. Some bands may also include a Dobro, which is a guitar with a metal resonator in the soundboard. These all share the commonality of being stringed acoustic instruments, but each is unique in some way and thus produces a distinctive sound. I liken these components to the many different activities put on or supported by ABC, such as the all age and gun dog classics and national championships, the summer and national specialties, including obedience, and agility, the futurities, etc., and the many committees responsible for these and other activities of the club.

Most participants in a Bluegrass band play an instrument and also sing. Typically, there is a lead singer with one or two other vocalists providing 2- or 3-part harmony. Each of these components is important in producing the Bluegrass sound. At some point in a song, every instrument and vocal part makes a unique contribution. All may blend together in harmony, or one may be featured while the others provide support in the background. For example, the lead singer may sing a verse while all the instruments are playing, then

the other voices come in to provide harmony on the chorus. Between verses, the different instruments play “breaks” in which one instrument is dominant while the others play backup, then another instrument may come in and play its break. This pattern continues throughout the song, giving each instrument and voice an opportunity to contribute its unique quality to the number being played.

Bluegrass bands do not have someone standing in front of them conducting the performance. Instead, the leader of the band is also a participant. Most decisions, such as which song to perform, the key in which the songs are to be played, the order of instrumental breaks, which singer has the lead, etc. are done in advance of a performance and are made with input from all members of the band, not just one person. Each musician is expected to be responsible for his or her own contribution to the whole, such as making sure their instruments are well maintained and are in tune and for keeping the proper tempo on each selection being played, but are allowed quite a bit of freedom when it comes to the actual way a song is played. Individual virtuosity is a hallmark of the best bands. The leader’s job, then is to make sure everyone works together. The key is maintaining harmony among the different components, be they the instruments or the singers; it is critical that everyone is playing the same song in the same key and at the same tempo. A person may be an excellent musician, but if they are trying to play a different song, or at a faster or slower tempo, or in a different key from the rest of the band, the result is disastrous. Cooperation and harmony, then, are key factors in a good Bluegrass band. The same is also true for ABC.



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The one thing most people don't pay much attention to is the bottom half of the dog: the legs and feet. It's easy to take those for granted. The dog has four legs with feet at the bottom, and it can walk and run, so what else is there to look for? Why should we want to look at feet or legs? There's a lot more to it than just

counting limbs to make sure they're all there. Sure, dogs can run and hunt regardless of limb structure. The question is, could they do it better if they had stronger structure?

We're fortunate when looking at point breeds. The very nature of their job, hunting gamebirds and having to cover a lot of ground and run long distances, tends to weed out the really poor structure pretty quickly because they just can't do the work and remain sound. By really poor structure, we mean dogs that break down at a young age due to arthritis, hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, etc. The dogs with such poor structure usually are not used for breeding, with the exception of puppy mills.

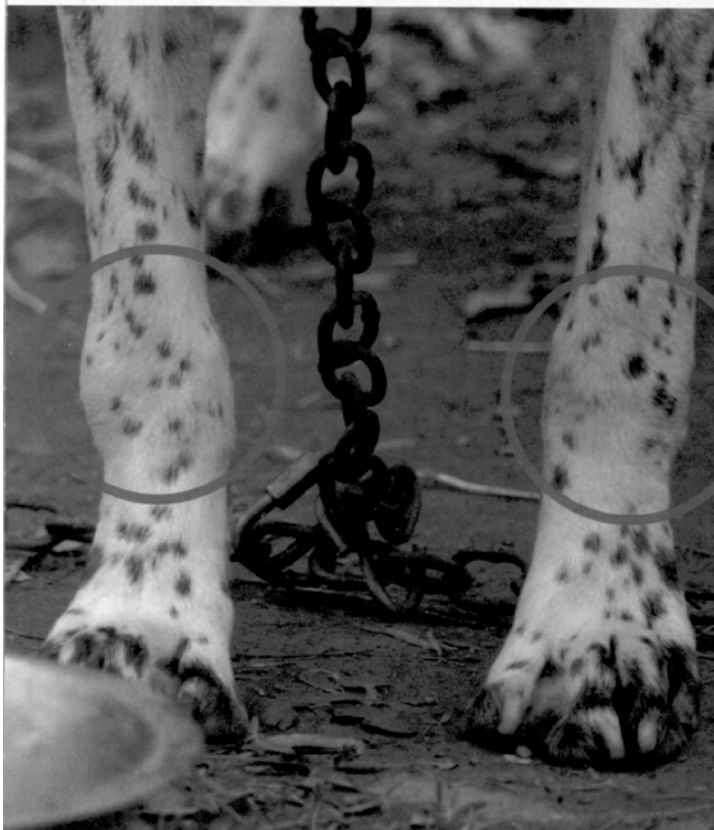
However, there are some other factors that go hand in hand with the ability to cover ground, run hard, and hunt. The angle



Rick Smith has spent a lifetime breeding, training, and handling National Championship bird dogs. His highly popular training seminars teach the "Silent Command System" to dog owners world-wide. During hunting season, Rick can be found on the Mariposa Ranch in south Texas.

Sharon Potter has a strong background in animal behavior, and has been training both horses and dogs for many years, with several National titles to her credit. She is an avid hunter and archer, and in her spare time is working on the first of a series of books on bird dog training with Rick Smith.

Arthritis



Flat feet





Good angles in the hind limbs.



Nice legs, good feet, level pelvis.

and positioning of the leg joints as well as the structure of a dog's feet play a large role in both ability and long term soundness.

When we talk about leg angles in a dog, we're talking about everything from the pelvis to the ground in the back end, and everything from the shoulder to the ground in front all the parts need to work together and match up in order for the dog to cover ground efficiently and smoothly. Good leg angles are a balance of three things: power, speed and endurance. Depending on the use of the dog, those three factors will be ranked differently in order of importance. For example, a Labrador that swims after waterfowl and sprints shorter distances to make retrieves will need structure that leans more toward power first, endurance second, and speed third. Our pointing breeds need to cover a tremendous amount of ground while hunting and they need to be able to do it for hours at a time. As a result, the priorities for a pointing breed will have endurance at the top of the list, with speed second, and power third. There are structural differences between, for example, retrievers and pointers, that lean toward those priorities.

If we think of the angles of the bones in both hind limbs and front limbs, we want to see a fair amount of bend in those joints starting with the way the leg ties into the pelvis in the back end and the angle of the shoulder in the front. A smooth running

pointing breed will want a fairly level pelvis, which promotes a long, free, and easy swing to the hind leg. This helps a dog cover ground with less effort because the joints in the hips, stifles (knees), and hocks don't have to bend any more than necessary to propel the dog forward. Compare this to a retriever working out of a duck blind, or a spaniel flushing birds...those need more angle by virtue of the job they do, since they need the pushing power more than they need a long, swinging loose stride.

The dog's legs and feet are also its shock absorbers. Every time a foot touches the ground when a dog is running, the entire leg feels the impact. Proper angles can lessen the pounding a dog's joints take, which in turn keeps them sound and performing for a long time. Where there is angle, there is flexibility. In a dog with a really upright shoulder, more toward vertical than laid back, or a dog with very little angle to its stifles and hocks, the joints can't absorb the impact as well. The result is a dog that tires more easily, is predisposed to developing arthritis, and labors more when running long distances. Think of those joints like shocks and springs on a vehicle: It's a pretty bumpy ride without something to absorb movement.

One area where pointing breeds tend toward weakness is their feet. We see a lot of dogs with flatter feet and splayed toes. The ideal foot is compact and tight, with toes well-arched and



Nice, tight foot.

thickly padded. Again, this goes toward absorbing the pounding the feet take when running, plus the tighter foot and thicker pad provides more protection and is less prone to injury.

At a seminar a few years back, we had someone's dog standing on the retrieving table, and several people commented on the dog's feet, asking "What's wrong with that dog's feet?" The answer: Nothing was wrong with them. They were an outstanding example of what a good foot should look like. People just aren't used to seeing a thick, really well-made foot, with the toes tight and not flat and spread out. Think of the feet like the tires on a vehicle. Flat is not good. The air in the tires equates to the thick padding under a compact, tight foot on a dog.

A well-conformed dog will cover the ground effortlessly. They almost look like they float over it on air. Clearing a fence is a breeze, and is done gracefully and lightly. They are a joy to watch, and have a much better chance at a long hunting career compared to a dog that pounds the ground with every step and labors to cover the terrain. Arthritis (degenerative joint disease) takes a heavy toll on a dog with heavy movement.

The feet and legs play a large role in our dog's capabilities. While there are a lot of dogs that do well with less than ideal structure, how much better could they be with sounder feet and legs? Are there dogs that could have gone from really good to really great if they'd only had better running gear and suspension? You bet. A dog needs a good set of wheels under it to carry the rest of the dog – the heart, the nose, the desire – throughout a lifetime of hunting and finding birds.

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No angles; too straight.



Older foot flattened with age.

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OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.
NOVEMBER 30, 2013
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New Business

Establish a Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Procedure and Committee: from Jim Brigham

The Board has recognized the lack of an ABC Ethics Code & Disciplinary Procedure for the membership, officers and Board of Directors. The Board will be reviewing various examples of Ethics & Disciplinary policy by other National Dog clubs, non/not-for-profit organizations and others source prior to the Board meeting. The Board will discuss what policy to adopt and establish a permanent Disciplinary Committee. A final product may not be completed at the meeting but the ground work will be set for completion and adding it to the ABC Policy Book or the ABC By-Laws (as determined by the Board). The process, hopefully, will be completed by June 2014.
ABC Foundation Creation: from Jim Brigham

The ABC Foundation creation process has been slowed because of Janet Chase's death. The Board needs to review what the current status is and authorize a loan for the financial needs to complete the filing process and initial operating expenses of the Foundation.

Courtesy of the Floor
Executive Session
Dog Hall of Fame Vote
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Adjourn
NR = No Report

2012 American Brittany Club Board of Directors' Meeting

November 24, 2012

The Meeting Place, Booneville, AR

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8:00 A.M. by President Ken Windom. The first order of business was to seat new Board Members.

Motion # 1: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Dow: I move to seat the newly elected Board members, Dan Riedl and Tom Jagielski. All present voting yes.

The Secretary called the roll of Directors: Directors present: Darlene Dow, Lisa Pollock, Tom Robin, Bo Ackerman, Dan Riedl, Jim Brigham, Steve Ralph, Tom Jagielski, Bob Rankin, Mary Karbiner, Tom Milam, John Henderson, Robert Wire, Susan Kerns. Absent due to work obligations: Ray Gorman East Coast Director.

Motion # 2: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Jagielski: I move to approve the 2011 Minutes as submitted by the Secretary. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 3: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Ralph: I move to add the additional Agenda Reports that were submitted but not printed in the agenda book.

Extra copies were emailed and/or distributed at the meeting. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

The President asked for a motion to suspend Robert's Rules and allow The Agenda order to be changed to allow the 3rd Vice President to address the Board and get back to the National Specialty Show.

Motion # 4: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Wire: I move to rearrange the Agenda Items to allow the 3rd Vice President to talk and get back to Ft. Smith for the National Specialty Show. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

3rd Vice President Chris Ward-Weber addressed the Board. She asked that a separate committee of people who compete in agility nominate judges and determine when a National Agility Show be held. (First Action item deals with page 39 of the Policy Book.) The President said he would appoint a separate Agility, Rally, and Obedience Committee to deal with these events under the direction

of the 3rd Vice President. Secretary Trimble advised the BOD to not require the Summer Specialty to host the show as this would depend on the clubs involved. She then discussed the need to change the wording on two additional classes that were deleted last year.

This is item # 15 of her action items. At that time the Dual Champion and National Qualifier Classes were deleted from the required classes at the National Specialty Show. This needs to be changed to allow these classes to be added at the discretion of the Show Chairman.

Motion # 5: Motion by John Henderson, Seconded by Robert Wire: I move that under 3rd Vice President, Section 14, last line should read "The Amateur Owner, Dual Champion, and National Qualifier Classes may be added at the Show Chairman's discretion. The sections outlining qualifications for Dual Champion and National Qualifier Classes should be put back in with a preface stating, "If Dual Champion and National Qualifier classes are offered, the following qualifications would apply." (See deleted sections in 2012 Policy Book section 15.) 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman absent. Motion Passed.

None of the other show agenda items were discussed at this time and Chris left the meeting.

1st Vice President Tom White addressed the Board. He was pleased with the work on the grounds done by Red Baily who had opened up some sections of the grounds that needed it. We had 110 entries this year with the Amateur side the weaker with only 41 dogs turned loose. He did not suggest changing any of the qualifications but said we do need to encourage new people who have qualified dogs to enter. The hay situation (scarceness and cost) was something we had no control over this year. Timing of planting the birds was discussed. The Board gave Tom a round of applause for his years of service as First Vice President.

President Windom discussed his Agenda Report. This year he approved from his discretionary funds disbursements of \$500 for ABC promotion at the Pheasant Fest and \$100 for a lobbyist working against the federal proposed Pups bill. From the 2013 budget, he has advanced \$300 to the St. Croix Club who will have a presence at the 2013 Pheasant Fest. He has also released \$500 to go to the AKC Sandy Relief Fund.

The President introduced and thanked Interim Treasurer Judy Graves who discussed the search for a permanent ABC Treasurer. Letters were sent to all club secretaries asking for suggestions. Only two people applied and one later withdrew. The remaining application is from Gerilyn Sennott who is an accountant from the Chicago area. Mrs. Sennott said she was comfortable with all the requirements except the IRS reporting. President Windom has talked to Bill Thompson in Michigan who is willing to do that working in conjunction with the new Treasurer. The appointment of the new Treasurer should be April 1, 2013, so Judy can do all the work for 2012 before turning over the duties to a new Treasurer. The President asked that a motion be made stating the date of the appointment and that the actual personnel appointment be held until after the Executive Session.

Motion # 6: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Ralph: I move that the permanent appointment of the new Treasurer be effective April 1, 2013. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman absent. Motion Passed. The President said he would appoint an oversight committee to work with the Treasurer. A discussion took place as to whether or not this is a standing committee and if so how are standing committees established whether by the Board or the President before being listed in the Policy Book. Nothing was decided at this point in the meeting.

The discussion then moved on to whether or not ABC could pay for installing electrical hook ups on the parking area across the road from the club house which has recently been purchased by Director Dr. Bob Rankin. Cost would run around \$15,500. Current Treasurer Judy Graves said the Board could not put money into a Director's property as this is known as Private Inurement which is not allowed for Not for Profit organizations. A NFP cannot give assets to a Director. A straw poll was taken to see if a legal way could be found to accomplish this, would the Board be in favor of doing so. Twelve voted yes, one abstained, one was absent and one voted no. This issue will continue to be researched. We currently donate grounds improvement money to both Ionia and Blue Mountain but that money goes to the respective State or Grounds Association.

The President introduced Bob Fleury, Magazine Committee Chair. Bob has been actively concerned with increasing membership and finding ways to do so. One way has been to increase the types of articles in the magazine increase a more diversified interest among our members. We have been trying to streamline the way people actually pay dues and join the club. We need to submit ideas to clubs to develop better membership recruitment. He asked that a committee be set up to take a hard look at improving membership. President Windom said he would establish a committee to work on improving membership recruitment and retention.

The President's Discretionary Fund was discussed in regard to whether or not travel expenses were included. Nothing was changed as is currently being handled. The treasurer asked that further discussion on this be delayed until her report was given.

Director Brigham brought up that the 3rd Vice President had several other Action Items in the Agenda that had not been discussed or voted on by the BOD. The discussion returned to her items. Some items were tabled so that the new 3rd Vice President could deal with those issues. First issue discussed dealt with clubs not following ABC policy book on classes that can be offered.

Motion # 7: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Pollock. I move that the BOD directs the Third Vice President to notify clubs when they are in violation of ABC policy when conducting their specialty shows and will send a copy of that letter to the ABC Secretary. Continuing violations will result in withdrawal of approval for specialty shows with AKC. 12 Yes Votes, 2 No Votes (Robin & Riedl), Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Action Items were listed on page 14 – 17. The BOD went through each item and in addition to those previously mentioned acted on the following sections:

Motion # 8: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Wire: I move to approve the following action items as discussed by the BOD.

*Policy Book page 39: Delete item C dealing with a committee to select agility show judges since we do not currently have an agility competition at the Nationals.

*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.

*Page 43, Section F: Summer Specialty shall be held in May, July or August. Add June to months listed.

*Page 44, Paragraph 7: Delete section about the Jacques Prince Valiant Memorial Challenge trophy.

Create a new committee for a Performance Brittany Events overseeing Agility, Rally, and Obedience. (Page 17 of 2012 Agenda Book). 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Steve Ralph asked that the Duties of the National Field Trial Secretaries be added to the policy book.

Motion # 9: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Milam: I move that the checklist of duties for the National Field Trial Secretaries be added to the Policy Book to aide the National Field Trial Secretaries in the performance of their job. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Trimble asked that the discussion return to the Gun Dog Nationals. She said she had several phone calls and emails regarding procedures used at the Gun Dog Nationals that had caused concern among the participants. Some had already been presented to the President and been discussed by the President and Field Trial Committee. She read a list of questions presented to her and asked to bring before the Board. She read the list of concerns and was asked to copy the list of concerns to the 4th Vice President.

Continuing her report she read her action items dealing with Membership which are actually being done but were not listed in the duties of the Membership Data Chair.

Motion # 10: Motion by Henderson, Seconded by Kerns. I move to approve the two items of the Secretary Report. Those items are:

1. "Welcome postcards or emails should be sent to new members upon joining the ABC and acknowledgement of renewal dues received should also be sent to continuing members.
2. Update list of Hall of Fame and Life Members magazine label list to reflect newly elected members at the membership meeting and annual Board of Directors' meeting. Deceased members should be removed from the magazine label list as necessary. Acknowledgements may be sent by email if one is available. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Graves asked that the BOD approve an additional item for the duties of the ABC Treasurer.

Motion # 11: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Ralph: I move that the following statement be added to the Treasurer's Duties in the Policy Book: "The Treasurer shall prepare and file (or cause to be prepared) the annual Internal Revenue Report (currently IRS Form 990) for the ABC. Treasurer shall maintain the IRS group exemption for the parent club as well as all sub's included under the group exemption. This includes gathering annual certifications from each sub club and filing electronically for them when necessary. Treasurer should prepare and file IRS 990 - T (report of income taxes due) They should make periodic tax payments to the Internal Revenue Service as necessary in the name of the American Brittany Club. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Interim Treasurer Graves reported that Pay Pal was working well. She has changed the way the club keeps book. She went over all the financial sheets. The new Treasurer should look into ways to cut credit card expenses and deal with magazine charges as well. She reported that the Rappahannock Club had disbanded and sent their account balance to the ABC. She discussed getting back copies of the bound magazines done that have not been done the last few years. The 501 - C3 Foundation was put on hold when Janet became ill and that has not been accomplished as yet. The donation to the Marvin Nelson

Fund at UC - Davis was discussed.

President Windom and the Board thanked Judy for working with Janet during her illness and taking over the Treasurer's duties during this difficult time. Her efforts were much needed and appreciated.

Motion # 12: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Kerns: I move to permanently suspend the ABC \$2000 donation to the Marvin Nelson Fund at UC - Davis. 14 Yes, 0 No, Gorman absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 13: Motion by Milam, Seconded by Pollock. I move to establish the 501-C3 Foundation and turn over completing the application to the IRS to Attorney Sharon Wice, Judy Graves and the ABC Treasurer. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 14: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Wire: I move to donate \$500 to the AKC Legislative Support Fund. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Rick Smith was present and asked to discuss the ABC's work in connection with the Bird Dog Foundation. The Foundation has offered to allow the ABC to display our Rotating Classic trophies in the new wing. The Board was furnished with a drawing of a carpenter's sketch to house the newly re-furnished Pheasant Classic trophy. The Grouse Classic trophy is also at the Foundation but how to display it has not yet been decided. The Chicken Classic trophy will be sent after this fall's running of the 50th Chicken Classic where the club would like to have it on the field trial site at that running. The Gun Dog and Chukar Classic trophies are paintings and will be hung on the wall. The Gun Dog one is already there. Chukar Classic needs to be sent. The location of the Quail Classic trophy is still unknown.

Rick also proposed having an antique or retro Purina sign to hang in the new wing thanking Purina for their continued support of Brittany field trials over all the years.

He and Ray Trimble, ABC Purina Coordinator will be in touch with Bob West of Purina to obtain the sign. Kent Patterson could put some good words on something to hang next to the sign thanking Purina by the ABC. He did find an old Purina Ad with a Brittany pictured in the ad that could hang beside the sign. No money from ABC will be involved with this.

Rick also discussed a touch screen display in the Brittany wing that would have pictures, pedigrees, championship write-ups, etc. available for people to view and do research on Brittany history. This would include people histories as well as dogs. He is asking for people to step up and do research on individual HOF dogs so that it can be verified. We need the ABC to reach out to the ABC members and ask for their help in securing the information to be displayed on this large screen display. We do have a contact who will build us a program for storing this information and possibly be available over the internet for people looking up information.

Jim Chase had been the ABC Liaison with the Bird Dog Foundation until his passing. The Foundation would like for the ABC to have the ABC President act as the Liaison in the future and be involved in their program. This appointment can be made or rejected by the President when he makes his committee appointments.

Rick thanked the Board for giving him permission to address them.

Motion # 15: Motion by Pollock, Seconded by Brigham: I move that in addition to the \$2000 regular donation to the Bird Dog Foundation that we authorize up to \$1500 to have the case built for holding the Pheasant Classic Trophy. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 16: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Kerns: I move that ABC support a retro metal sign thanking Purina for their support over the many years to hang in the Field Trial Hall of Fame. 14 Yes, 0 No, Gorman absent. Motion Passed.

Facebook was discussed. A guideline policy was presented by the Facebook Committee but was not acted upon at this time and will be sent back to committee to revise some inconsistencies. Henderson indicated his wife was a social media attorney and could help ABC with any questions in that regard.

The Board had never actually approved having a Facebook page so a motion was put forward. The motion last year was to do research on setting up a Facebook site. Questions as to how and who was to be allowed to post material was discussed.

Motion # 17: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Brigham. I move to have an official ABC Facebook page. 12 Yes Votes, 2 No Votes (Karbner & Milam), Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Futurity: Futurity Chair Lisa Pollock asked for a change of one section of the Futurity Policy that is actually being done but is not reflected in policy. She also discussed the possibility of re-instating a national futurity runoff. The President said logistically this will be difficult, particularly finding a place to run it, but it bears looking into. Also discussed was the possibility of requiring DNA on sires and dams of futurity entries.

Motion # 18: Motion by Pollock, Seconded by Robin: I move to accept the written changes on page 49 of the Agenda Futurity Report which reads: "The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of final forfeits will be divided equally among the sections holding futurities (Base Purse). The final forfeits due on October 1st shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid

and added to the base amount above. Field forfeits will be allocated based on ratio of event entry (i.e. ratio of All Age to Gun Dog), after the deduction of 10% Administration Fee for the ABC, the balance will constitute the purse for that section. (Starting fees will be used to cover all expenses for the preparation and running of the events). 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman absent. Motion Passed.

Magazine: Magazine Chair Bob Fleury presented several items for Board approval regarding Magazine operations.

Motion # 19: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Jagielski: I move that when a host club of an ABC officially sponsored event requests a color ad over and above the free black and white ad provided by the ABC that the host club be charged the differential cost of color vs. black and white. (Currently that differential cost would be \$140 in 2012.) 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman absent.

Motion # 20: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. I move that there be no extra charge for additional pictures if the ad is submitted photo/print ready. Photo/print ready is defined as the ad is ready to be printed without the publishing staff making any changes, corrections or insertion of file photos into the ad. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman absent.

Motion # 21: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Kerns: I move that ABC will not pay for any pictures published in the magazine and do not print credits for pictures except under the following conditions: 1. Photos will be allowed that have an imbedded watermark when sent to the publisher and 2. Photo credit will be allowed if it appears with the submitted report/write up of that event. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 22: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Ralph: I move that ads for frozen semen be decided by the magazine committee on a case by case basis. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 23: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Jagielski: I move that each January the Publishing Editor send three sets of the twelve previous monthly issues of the magazine be sent out to be bound. Each of these sets will be a designated color. The bound sets will then be sent to the following persons: The Statistician, the Executive Secretary and the Bird Dog Foundation. The company that has been used is Capitol Binding, 1812 Vinton St., Omaha, Nebraska 68108-1435, tel. 402-342-5511. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 24: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Brigham: I move to accept the Magazine Policy as submitted by the magazine committee on pages 55 – 64 of the Agenda Book. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman absent. Motion Passed.

Magazine Chair Fleury also said that the Brittany Bird Dog Hall of Fame had inquired about the possibility of inserting postcards for nominating dogs for the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame inside the plastic covers of the Brittany Magazine like the American Field does for the pointer/setter Hall of Fame. This would hopefully increase participation. They would pick up any costs associated with doing so. A straw poll indicated 11 members in favor of doing this if it could be worked out with the BFTHF.

Policy Book Report, Hank Hartnek: The Policy Book Chairman asked that the description of the Central Region be changed. The board felt that 2 recent email votes nullified this idea and no action was initiated.

Trophy Chair's Report from Karen Schreiber & Robin Tomasi:

Motion # 25: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Kerns. I move the accept the Trophy Chair's recommendations to change wording in policy book, item # 3, change writing to contacting, Delete Items # 9, 10, and 11 as these items are covered under the 3rd Vice President's section and delete information on Dennis P. Jordan D.V.M. Memorial Trophy as it is covered under the 3rd Vice President's section. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, and Gorman absent. Motion Passed.

Obedience Chair Report, Chris Ward-Weber:

Motion # 26: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Rankin. I move that all changes as submitted on page 74-75 of Agenda Book except the final section on page 75 & 76 as the list of obedience winners needs to be preserved. Those sections deleted would be the reference in the Policy Book to the keeping scores for the obedience dogs using the official AKC Gazette magazine which is no longer being published. Delete the section awarding the National Obedience Trophy as it was retired in 1987. Delete the sections saying "Add the name of Award Winner as trophy was retired and delete the scoring section using Delany System as it is no longer used." Delete section awarding a small plaque award since this has not happened since 1998. Detailed descriptions of items to be deleted can be found on page 74 & 75 of the 2012 Agenda Book. 13 Yes Votes, 1 No Vote (Riedl), and Gorman absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 27: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Rankin: I move to bring the tabled motion on DNA requirements for National Championships be put back on the table for discussion. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, Gorman absent.

The original motion on DNA for national events was read. Motion

Motion # 28: Motion by Pollock, Seconded by Kerns. Add the line "Dogs whelped prior to January 1, 2011, may provide American Field DNA certification." This line should be added to the first paragraph of the current DNA policy. The first paragraph will now read "Effective January 1, 2013: All dogs entered in any of the following American Brittany Club Sponsored Events must have a DNA profile on record with the AKC. The AKC DNA number must be included on all entry forms. Dogs whelped prior to January 1, 2011, may provide American Field DNA." 14 Yes votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion Passed.

Motion # 29: Motion by Karbner, Seconded by Brigham. I move that the American Brittany Club establish a Finance Committee to consist of Directors and regional lay persons serving terms on a rotating basis. This committee will provide oversight of the financial affairs of the ABC and report to the Board of Directors. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Motion passed.

The action item on page 80 of the Agenda Book by Director Steve Ralph regarding Guidelines for National Spending was withdrawn after Board discussion.

Motion # 30: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Riedl. I move to disallow any regional championship from being approved to run in direct conflict of any national field event regardless if the regional championship is All Age or Gun Dog. 4 Yes Votes (Dow, Pollock, Riedl, Kerns), 9 No Votes (Ackerman, Brigham, Ralph, Jagielski, Rankin, Karbner, Milam, Henderson, Wire), 1 Abstained (Robin), Gorman Absent. Motion Failed.

Motion # 31: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Brigham. I move to change the wording for the Best Lady Handler and the Best Bitch Trophy at the Gun Dog Nationals. Wording is as follows:

Best Lady Handler at the National Gun Dog Championship

The non-retireable rotating trophy shall be awarded for participation as a handler in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship. At least three women must participate or the award will not be offered. It shall be awarded to the woman who does the best job of handling her dog. The dog does not have to place in the stake as the award is made on the merits of the person handling the dog. The original rules for awarding of the Best Lady Handlers' trophy appear in Fred White's book. They are the rules for the "Chester Award". The winner will receive a keeper plaque or trophy similar to those awarded with other non-retireable trophies. The trophy was donated by Bo and Renae Ackerman in honor of 2x NGDC/FC/AFC Winchester of Hanging Lake. It is a granite laser engraving of Chester framed on a wood base.

Best Bitch Trophy at the Gun Dog National Championship

This trophy shall be called the "Skye" trophy in honor of the first bitch to win the Gun Dog Nationals, NGDC/FC/AFC Perpetuators Misty Skye. It shall be a non-retireable rotating trophy. The owner of the winner will receive a keeper plaque or trophy similar to those awarded with other non-retireable trophies. The trophy was donated by Darlene Dow and is a granite laser engraving of Skye framed on a wood base. At Ms. Dow's request and with the Board's approval, this award is made to the owner of the highest placing bitch in the National Gun Dog trials. In the case of tying placements between the open and the amateur the open bitch will receive the award.

Bob Wire and John Henderson would like to see ABC establish a committee to award a scholarship for a Junior Handler. The President will appoint an Ad Hoc committee to look into this.

Motion # 32: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Wire: I move we contact AKC about allowing Brittans to enter some retriever events that are open to pointing breeds that display retrieving instincts. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. John Henderson will look into this and get back to ABC.

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss Hall of Fame nominees and Officer Elections.

The Board came out of Executive Session and made the following motions:

Motion # 33: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Tom Milam: I move to elect Mary Karbner and Ken Jacobson to the ABC People Hall of Fame and FC/NFC Poki-Dot and NFC/FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow to the ABC Dog Hall of Fame and elect the officer nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee. Names presented are as follows: 1st Vice President Tom Robin, 3rd Vice President Terry Hilliard, Secretary Mary Jo Trimble, Interim Treasurer Judy Graves will serve until April 1, 2013, and then Gerilyn Sennott will complete the un-expired term of Janet Chase for the rest of 2013. 14 Yes votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent.

Motion # 34: Motion by Rankin, Seconded by Henderson to affirm all email votes taken during 2012. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent.

Motion # 35: Motion by Milam, Seconded by Kerns: I move to adjourn. 14 Yes Votes, 0 No Votes, Gorman Absent. Respectfully submitted, Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC PRESIDENT Ken Windom September 10, 2013

There have been several changes in ABC during the past year, some minor but others fairly major. Our long-time treasurer, Janet Chase, lost her battle to cancer last October. Club member Judy Graves had stepped in to assist Janet during her final months and continued as interim treasurer through March, 2013 until the books for 2012 were closed out. Our new treasurer, Gerilyn Sennott, spent a few days with Judy to learn the system in use for keeping track of the club's financial records and officially took over full responsibility of that office on April 1, 2013. On behalf of ABC, I want to welcome Gerilyn officially and express our deep gratitude to Judy for stepping in during what could have been a time of crisis and tending to the club's financial matters, then affecting a virtually seamless transition to the new treasurer.

Several new committees were appointed for 2013. A Membership Committee was appointed, chaired by Diana Kubitz, and charged with exploring ways to gain and keep new members. A Finance Committee, chaired by Judy Graves, was established to assist in overseeing the club's finances. A Junior Participation Committee, chaired by Robert Wire, is in charge of recognizing our youngest members and to suggest ways to encourage participation of our youth in all activities involving Brittans. A Non-Field Performance Committee was established to oversee and encourage participation in events such as agility, rally, and any other activity involving performance other than those associated with field trials and hunt tests. This committee was originally chaired by Christine Ward-Weber, but she resigned before her term was up and a replacement has yet to be named. Activities of these committees are included in the reports submitted by the respective chairs.

Funds authorized for allocation by the President included several items. A total of \$300 was granted to the Greater Milwaukee Brittany Club to host a display at the 2014 Pheasant Fest in Milwaukee, WI. Funds were allocated to cover the \$150 registration fee for Dr. Margaret Horstmyer to attend the AKC Canine Health Conference in St. Louis, MO. An initial amount of \$1000 was allocated to the National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network (NBRAN) to help defray the costs of a major rescue effort in Louisiana this year. That amount was subsequently increased to \$3000 by the ABC Board of Directors, with instructions that it be distributed among the various rescue organizations that participated in this effort.

Funds were approved for enlarging the base of the Chicken Classic trophy prior to having a cabinet built for it at the Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction, TN. The newly enlarged base will handle name plates for dogs that win this event for at least the next 50 years. However, a permanent arrangement needs to be established to insure that someone is responsible for updating the name plates on this and the other Classic trophies housed at the Bird Dog Museum each year.

Action Item: Establish an agreement with the Bird Dog Museum at Grand Junction for having names plates updated on ABC Classic trophies housed at this facility.

Matching cabinets for housing the Pheasant Classic and Chicken Classic trophies have been approved by the ABC BOD. The Grouse/Woodcock Classic trophy is also housed at the Bird Dog Museum and is in need of having its base enlarged to accommodate the names of future winners. I have authorized Mr. Ken Blackman to consult local woodworkers and have a suitable base built. A permanent cabinet will also be needed to house this trophy, although the size and style may differ from that of the other cabinets built thus far, given that this trophy is substantially smaller.

Action Item: Authorize the design and construction of a cabinet to house the ABC Grouse/Woodcock trophy at the Bird Dog Hall of Fame.

As of this writing, four of the trophies for the original ABC Classics are presently at the Bird Dog Museum: Pheasant Classic, Chicken Classic, Grouse/Woodcock Classic, and Gun Dog Classic. The Gun Dog Classic trophy is a painting and hangs on the wall, hence no cabinet is necessary to house it. Of the remaining two original classics, the Quail Classic trophy has been missing for many years; only the Chukar Classic trophy remains to be brought to the Bird Dog Museum per the directions of the ABC BOD in 2005. This trophy will also hang on the wall and thus will not need a permanent cabinet built to house it. However, arrangement will need to be made to get it to the Museum. The Board may also wish to consider whether to replace the Quail Classic trophy if it cannot be located within a specific length of time.

As chair of the Hall of Fame Committee for Distinguished Members, I have come across a section in the Policy Book that needs clarification. The section discussing the protocol for handling the nomination of a dog that does not receive enough votes to move to the next ballot is addressed in Section 4 of the Hall of Fame portion, page 115. However, the comparable section for members only addresses what happens if a nominee does not reach the second ballot (page 119, paragraph 4). There is no statement as to the disposition of a nominee who makes the second ballot after being nominated but does not receive the necessary 2/3 vote on the second ballot.

Action item: Establish protocol for handling of nominees to the ABC

HOF for Distinguished Members who receive enough votes to be placed on the second ballot one year but do not receive the necessary 2/3 vote on the second ballot to be elected in that year.

Also concerning the Policy Book, I have been contacted by ABC members from different regions concerning the way in which the votes for directors are tabulated. The Policy Book (Article VII, Section 2, page 9, and the section entitled "Ballot Preparation and Voting", item 5, page 126) specifies that election of the directors is the responsibility of the Committee on Nominations and that the votes be "tabulated by the Members of the Committee on Nominations and the Chairman. The results of the election shall be announced by the Chairman of the Annual Meeting of the General Membership and the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors." Further, there is no mention of whether the vote totals are to be announced. Some members have asked that such information be made available to the membership, as is common practice in any election.

Action Item: The BOD should review the policy stated in Article VII, Section 2 and elsewhere to determine if the procedure stated is to be followed or approve an alternate method of tabulating ballots for the annual election of directors. The BOD should also establish a policy of whether to announce the vote totals for each candidate.

Concern has been expressed to me over the method of drawing up the running order for ABC Classic/Championships. Currently, there is no consistent method by which this important task is handled. The drawings for the various national championships have been standardized, but the original classics (Chicken, Chukar, Grouse/Woodcock, Gun Dog, Pheasant, and Quail) are handled by host clubs, not as the assigned responsibility of an officer of ABC. Given the importance of this component in the potential outcome of such events and the desire to make sure all competitors are treated fairly, a consistent procedure should be established by ABC which all host clubs would follow. A double-blind draw, one to determine brace mates and one to determine the order in which braces are to be run, seems to be the fairest way in which this can be accomplished. Further, there should be a stated procedure for handling bitches declared to be in season.

Action Item: Establish protocol for determining the order of running and of bitches declared to be in season at the original 6 ABC Classics/Championships.

I have a concern about the participation in the ABC National Gun Dog Championships currently held at Ionia, Michigan. The overwhelming majority of entrants in these events are from Brittany owners who live within a relatively close distance from this locale. Very few entries come from handlers west of the Mississippi River. Comments from ABC members indicate a dissatisfaction with the location of the Gun Dog Championships inasmuch as it is not centrally located, but especially because it is not neutral grounds, given that at least 3 Brittany clubs run several events there each year which allows dogs from this part of the country to run on those grounds multiple times prior to the National Gun Dog Championships. I agree that any National Championship event should be as fair and equitable as possible to all participants and that the comments should be taken into consideration. I have asked the chair of the Long Range Planning/Future Grounds Committee to look into possible alternatives. I have no proposal to recommend at present, but I do believe the Board should continue to investigate ways to increase representation at the National Gun Dog Championship from all sections of the country.

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Robin

No Report

2013 ABC National All-Age Field Trial Secretary Agenda Report by Steve Ralph

National All-Age Field Trial Secretary

All of the required National FTS responsibilities have been completed for the upcoming ABC National All-Age Championships. We are looking forward to another great National event this year. A checklist of the National FTS responsibilities was approved by the ABC BOD and is now included in the ABC Policy Book.

Agenda Item: I would like to make to following additional note to the DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY (page 71) for clarification of entry eligibility when trials overlap the National Championships' closing dates.

Old: Entries – Receive entries and checks, acknowledging receipt of each entry by email or phone. Check all entries for eligibility with Statistician database.

New: Entries – Receive entries checks, acknowledging receipt of each entry by email or phone. Check all entries for eligibility with Statistician database. A field trial event must complete all stakes prior to the closing date to qualify for the current year's National Championships.

Darlene agrees with the addition.

Thank you,
Steve Ralph

ABC National All-Age FTS

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Judy Robin
September 13, 2013

Nothing to report from 2nd VP. All seems to be progressing normally for the Nationals.

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC 3rd VICE PRESIDENT

Terry Hilliard
September 7, 2013

Since taking over the 3rd VP role I have been working diligently with my dedicated committee members to make some changes to the National Specialty Show. Chris Ward Weber did a great job moving the show to the new location, getting it going and making it profitable. We are working to move it yet another step toward making the National Specialty Show comparable to other Sporting Breed Nationals.

The 2012 National Specialty Show had a total of 75 Sweepstakes entries and Regular classes had an entry of 119 including Non-Regular Classes with 54 Best of Breed entries and 4 Juniors. Best of Breed winner was GCH. Rainbow Splash's Ruggedly Handsome who came out of the Field Trial Class.

The Obedience entries were 16 All Breed entries and 16 Brittany only entries.

This year I am trying to entice more Junior entries with offering free entry for a Junior if entered in another class and reduced the cost of the class entry as a second entry.

I have also added back the following classes for this year's NSS: the Dual Champion Class as well as the Owner Handler Class.

The Agility and Rally participants started to work with Chris to be included at the National level. Since Chris is no longer participating, it fell on me to move it forward. Since I do not compete in that area, it has been a learning lesson for me as well. I am familiar with Obedience and some early Rally but Agility runs by a different set of rules and does not use a superintendent to run the event, so I am getting myself educated by attending some local events and working with some very dedicated Brittany people who are judges and licensed secretaries of Agility Clubs. I am doing my best to get them what they are asking for and that is the ability to showcase their dogs at the National level as well as we do with Confirmation, All Age and Gun Dog as well as Obedience.

In order to allow for the Agility competition, I have made a motion to the BOD to move the start of the National Specialty Show to the week before the start of the Amateur All Age to allow more time for the addition of Agility and Rally. I would like to start on Wednesday and complete by Saturday of the week before the AAA.

We are also having a Top 20 Banquet and Competition this year and recognition of the Top 20 dogs in Agility, Rally, Obedience, Tracking and our Top 20 Juniors at the Banquet. It is a way of recognizing all the hard work, money and time that each individual has invested in our breed over the last year. Most other Sporting Dogs either have Top 20 or Futurity/Maturity Competitions. Since we do not have Futurity at the Nationals, I went with Top 20. The winner of last year's Best of Breed has graciously offered to host a Happy Hour before the Banquet, yet another new venture.

I cannot express the gratitude I have for those that offered to move the Purina Award and Auction to Friday night so we did not have a conflict in order to have the Top 20.

While I have made some mistakes getting to learn the ABC "way of doing things," I will always keep the Mission of the ABC at heart as well as keeping forever the Dual Dog.

It has been my pleasure getting to know the board and officers better and having the opportunity to serve the club and hope that 2014 will bring less change and more positive improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Hilliard

3rdVP and Chairman of the ABC National Specialty Show

Agenda Item: Re-proposal to the Board of Directors of the American Brittany Club

Motion Made by Darlene Dow, East Coast Director

Seconded by Robert Wire, West Coast Director

I would like to re-propose the moving of the National Specialty Show to the week prior to the start of the All Age, starting the show on Wednesday and completing on Saturday.

The reason for the proposal is:

Adding a day of Agility and Rally to the National Specialty Show. Rationale: There were surveys sent out by myself to the Brittany-L and Chris Ward Weber to brittsports Facebook page asking for suggestions. Chris sent her responses to me when she withdrew from being in charge of Agility/Rally. There were 58 responses returned from the Rally/Agility people. They are asking to be included in the National event. If you ever look at the page in the ABC magazine with Obedience/Agility/Rally Highlights, you can see how active these people are in the sport, and Agility is the #1 draw and profitability for the AKC these days. To sum up the results of the survey it would be: 20 wanted the Agility/Rally to be held at the Nationals in November, 13 wanted it to be rotating with the

Summer Specialty and 16 had no preference. They also requested 2 run-throughs/day. This is a large group of members of the ABC that are active and show the versatility of our breed. Agility requires the use of an independent secretary and a lot of manpower that can be provided by our own participants and well as supplemented by the independent secretary, as well as rental of all the equipment. Right now we do not have the ability to offer this event due to time restraints and space. If we are not going to permit this proposal, then we need to eliminate page 39, #2,C from the Policy Manual.

Add Rally to the day of Obedience, which would be moved to Thursday. Rationale: Rally participants want to be included in our National event as well. Right now we do not have the ability to offer this event due to time restraints and space.

Allow the show to have a banquet and Top 20 competition that would not interfere with the Auction and Purina Award. Rationale: While this year the Purina Award and Auction has been moved to Friday night, by moving our event to the week before the AA starts, it would not be in conflict. This would allow the field and the show to provide the opportunity for more people to attend each event and not have to choose one over the other.

Allowing the show to get away from Thanksgiving weekend. Rationale: Thanksgiving is the most expensive time to book flights. For instance, this year's judge is from Ottawa. His flight from Ottawa to Houston is the same amount as his 1 hour flight from Houston to Fayetteville. I did a comparison for costs for flights using the dates proposed for next year. That Ottawa flight to Fayetteville using the dates proposed for next year is \$533.00. This year the cost is \$1073.00. The other reason is that Fort Smith has very limited flights that week, making it necessary to fly into other airports that are a minimum of 1 hour away for anyone who wants to fly to the Nationals. Also, a large number of show people want to spend Thanksgiving holiday with their family. Included in the survey that I sent out to the Brittany-L, the total number of responses to move the date out of the 31 responses received were 23 to move the date and 8 to keep it as it is.

Allow the National Specialty show to have some breed and educational seminars. Rationale: Currently we do not have time to conduct any educational seminars due to time constraints.

Per the Policy Manual, the Show Chairman selects the judges for the next three years. Currently I am unable to contract the judges for 2015-2017 until the dates are confirmed.

While some of the participants in the surveys were willing to have the National Agility Trial held in conjunction with the Summer Specialty, the Summer Specialty is not considered a "National" event as stated on page 44 of the Policy Manual, and not all All-Breed clubs hold Agility trials in conjunction with the shows. It may limit some of the clubs to offer to sponsor the Summer Specialty if it is a condition that they provide Agility.

We have a very versatile breed and not everyone is interested in confirmation or field trials but that doesn't mean that they should not be allowed to showcase their dogs. We need to welcome that group of people into the ABC and encourage them to participate.

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC 4th VICE PRESIDENT

Jeff Currier

No Report

September 13, 2013

2013 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/SECRETARY AGENDA REPORT

As usual, 2013 has been a busy year with many ups and downs. Last year I asked in my report for members who have complaints to go directly to the Committee Chairs in charge and try and work out their issues. This still needs more consideration by the membership. I would ask that before you start openly calling for people to be replaced on the various chat lists and Facebook pages or condemning their efforts that you instead deal directly with those volunteers who are trying to serve the ABC. Several times this year people have called for the President/BOD to replace committee chairs. This has happened not once, but several times and directed at several ABC individuals. This reflects badly not only on the ABC as a whole but on the people slamming the actions of many of the most dedicated workers we have in our organization. You may disagree with what is being done, but airing your thoughts against individuals in inappropriate ways for all the world to see on the internet is damaging to our organization and drives new people away. It is hard enough to find people willing to give of their time and talents without being embarrassed by these hateful posts. Many times you do not have all the facts for an understanding of why things may have been done a certain way. Former President, the late Ron Zook, once told me, "The only people who never make mistakes are those who are doing nothing."

I would also like to ask people who are event secretaries to take a close look at the results they send to ABC and proof read them before sending. Too many reports are very difficult to read and will result in reporting errors in the magazine. If you copy the AKC "blue" colored book result form and do not use the ABC result form, they will not scan clearly and make it very difficult for the typists and statisticians to get accurate results as well as the extra information we need to determine qualified dogs for the nationals.

Committee Chairs need to review their section of the Policy Book and

update them. Many references are very outdated and no longer apply.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Several places in the policy book refer to who pays the \$2 per starter fee to the ABC. In the past Agility Events have been considered part of the Show Results and clubs have been paying the fee. Now that Agility is becoming more prevalent and often independent of actual specialty shows, I would like to ask that where these fees are outlined, that Agility be listed as a separate category with the same status as Specialty Shows, Field Trials, and Hunt Tests to further clarify that in policy. (2013)**

2. **I would like the BOD to update Page 47 of the Secretary's duties in the Policy Book. It currently reads: 5. Mail membership lists to regional club secretaries for their region and the member -at-large list. Membership lists may be sent by electronic means. Hard copies of changes may be obtained for a nominal fee. Directors receive a list of their region plus a member-at-large list. Officers and Futurity Secretary receive a complete list of all regions and the member-at-large list. Additional copies may be purchased for \$10. Regional club officers, chairman/secretaries of events may request an updated list of their club members at times other than when the complete lists are sent in May or times other than the Quarterly updates by the Membership Data Chairman and Treasurer, for a \$10 fee. (1989) (2002) (2004)**

Change to: 5. Membership lists will be updated and posted to an ABC FTP site by the Membership Data Chair for club secretaries to access. Directors and Club Secretaries may request the Regional Club membership lists and Members at Large for their region from the ABC Secretary. ABC Officers, the Futurity Secretary, the National Field Trial Secretaries, and Magazine Chair may request a complete list of the membership of the ABC or a link to the FTP site for the entire membership list. (2013)

3. **Page 48, Secretary Section: 11. Provide the nominating committee with a candidate questionnaire. Change to: Provide the Membership with a candidate questionnaire to be included in the ballot mailings. (2013)**

4. **Clarify the wording on Page 50, Treasurer's Section: 23. A donation of \$500 shall be made to the NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) on a yearly basis on behalf of ABC shall be made by the Treasurer. (2003). (2004). (Rose by \$500 each in 2007 for both NAIA and NAIA Trust.)**

Change to: 23. The Treasurer shall send a donation of \$500 to both NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) and the NAIA Trust on a yearly basis on behalf of the ABC.

4. **Add Al Ady's name and 2003 date to the list of ABC HOF Member in the policy book.**

5. **Page 147: Update contact information for the American Brittany Rescue**

6. **Ask the newly elected 1st Vice President and 4th Vice President and their National Field Trial Secretaries to work with the Executive Secretary and the Policy Book Committee to combine the policy book sections of both the National Championship All Age and Gun Dog Championships so that rules, basic policies, stale, trial duties assigned, reporters, and financial considerations etc., will be uniform. Separate sections may be listed for such policies regarding Hospitality or Event duties that do not apply to both events. Revisions should be presented to the Board of Directors prior to the 2014 annual meeting.**

7. **Executive Secretary Section, page 52, #5: Current: 5. Aid and the Committee on Nominations to prepare and mail ballots for the election of Board of Directors to the General Membership.**

Change to: 5. Aid and assist the Committee on Nominations to prepare and mail ballots for the election of Board of Directors to the General Membership. The August 1st ABC membership mailing list will be used to determine full members eligible to vote. (2013)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble,

ABC Executive Secretary/Secretary

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC TREASURER

Gerilyn Sennott

September 15, 2013

In March, I took a trip to Missouri to train with Judy Graves. I spent a few days learning the procedures and the accounting system. At this time we transferred all records from her office to mine. On April 1st, 2013 I began my term as Treasurer. I ran the first quarter parallel to Judy's accounting system with my new software, QuickBooks 2013. We have accomplished an accurate income activity and ledger reporting system.

I have been working with The Finance Committee to establish an accounting reference manual which will be maintained by the ABC Treasurer on a perpetual basis.

I plan on working more closely with the ABC Officers and event chairs to establish revenue and expense budget estimates for their activities.

The American Brittany Club donated \$3,000.00 to the National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network. These funds will be dispersed equitably to five groups, American Brittany Rescue, NBRAN, Brittany Rescue in Texas, Florida Brittany Rescue, and The New England Brittany Rescue.

The Book of The American Brittany - 1990-2010 Edition has been completed, paid for and shipped. We are currently receiving orders through PayPal.

Action Item: To allow the Futurity Secretary to take care of all futurity receipts and expenses with a monthly reporting requirement of the ABC Treasurer. To open a new checking account at Commerce Bank for the futurity receipts and expenses and close the current checking account located at First Bank in Red Bud, IL

Respectfully Submitted:
Gerilyn Sennott
ABC Treasurer

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.
BALANCE SHEET
(UNAUDITED)

	Dec. 31, 2012	Dec. 31, 2011
ASSETS:		
Cash on hand & checking accounts	\$ 75,339	\$ 59,129
Certificate of Deposits	218,465	226,883
Tax & Postage Deposit Accounts	3,805	1,969
Pre-paid Expenses	4,569	3,874
Accounts Receivable	6,468	10,963
Medallion Inventory	1,816	1,072
Furniture/Equip (net of accum. Dep.)	1,145	835
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 311,607	\$ 304,725
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,785	\$ 17,489
Unearned Dues (multi-yr)	9,811	6,882
Unearned Mag. Revenues	1,160	1,190
Futurity Nominations/Forfeits	17,335	13,875
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 34,091	\$ 39,436
FUND BALANCE:		
Board designated:		
Future Grounds Fund	\$ 87,576	\$ 80,637
Breed Issues Fund	11,426	9,916
All Age Grounds Fund-current	10,476	9,321
Gun Dog Grounds Fund-current	1,757	554
Show Site Fund-current	1,446	- 0
Investment in Fixed Assets & Inventory	2,961	1,907
Undesignated	161,874	162,954
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 277,516	\$ 265,289
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 311,607	\$ 304,725

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AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
ACTIVITY STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/12
(UNAUDITED)

	2012			
	Total	Gen & Admin	Magazine	Events
Revenue				
Dues	40,802	40,802		
Recording Fees - FT/HT	27,754	27,754		
Recording Fees - SS/OB/RL	2,279	2,279		
Misc./book Sales	3,445	3,194	252	
Corporate Sponsors	6,283	6,283		
*Purina Parent Club Program	2,904	2,904		
Interest Income	2,926	2,926		
Advertising	29,020	4,325	24,695	
Misc.	5,438	5,438		
Event Generated Income (see attached)	103,908			103,908
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 224,759	\$ 95,905	\$ 24,947	\$ 103,908
Expenses				
Professional Services	27,420	10,878	16,542	
Supplies & Materials	1,048	1,048	0	
Postage/ mailing	15,888	2,328	13,560	
Printing, etc	43,612	3,371	40,241	
Phone/Fax/Web	4,091	3,794	298	
Insurance	2,468	2,468	0	
*Breed Development	9,799	9,799	0	
Bank Charges	2,374	1,438	936	
Annual Meeting/Election Expense	3,820	3,820		
Event Expenses (See Detail)	100,549	707		99,842
Other Misc. Expenses	1,463	1,463	0	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 212,532	\$ 41,113	\$ 71,577	\$ 99,842
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	\$ 12,227			
Recording fee transfers out	\$ (15,017)			
Auction/Raffle 25% to current grounds	\$ (3,235)			
Fix asset additions (net of depreciation)	\$ (1,054)			
*Breed Issue funding source	\$ 5,999			
Net (Decrease) in undesignated fund balance	\$ (1,080)			

2013 ACTIVITIES REPORT

Judy Robin and Bobbie Sigmond

No Report

2013 Agenda Book Committee Report

Hank Hartnek, Chair.

September 15, 2013

As in prior years, trying to obtain all reports and actions items in time was a challenge.

NR indicates No Report was submitted.

I would personally like to thank everyone for his or her cooperation.

It made the job a lot easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Hartnek

Agenda Items: As a cost saving measure, I would like BOD approval to eliminate from future Agenda Books all pages with NO REPORT.

These would be indicated only in the Agenda Book index as NR. This year we had 21 pages with NO REPORT. This would have saved over \$50.00 this year.

There is an increase in the use of color for reports. This year we had 26 color pages. Costs for color copying are 2 to 3 times as much as black and white. This year color costs are about \$150. If this trend continues, we will have to increase the Agenda Book budget by \$100.

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC BREEDER
REFERRAL COMMITTEE

Pennie Peterson

September 15, 2013

The American Brittany Club Breeder Referral is the first point of contact for people who are interested in more information about our breed, or who are actually looking for a puppy. Since January, I have received an average of 75-100 e-mails a month in addition to 5-10 telephone calls a week. Educating people about our breed certainly is a large part of this job.

Breeding and selling pet puppies has become a big business. The average pet Brittany puppy is now selling for between \$500-900 and there are many web sites designed to do nothing but market puppies.

Probably 80% of the contacts are looking for a family pet. There are a number of people who's Brittany have recently died and they are looking for another dog. Probably less than 5% who are looking for hunting dogs. I have received no inquiries for competition dogs - either show or field.

People are referred to the American Brittany Club web site and encouraged to contact people listed in breed club closest to them. They are also given the web site addresses for the breed rescue web sites along with general breed information.

Pennie Peterson

BRITTANY

Built for hunting, this breed does best with plenty of room to roam and an active owner.

"Do you know how to catch a Brittany? Put fly paper on the ceiling."

Although Nancy Clendenen of Ruston, La., admits the above truism is an exaggeration, it does have some basis in fact. Clendenen, 3rd vice president of the American Brittany Club, recalls a phone call she received one week after placing a 7-week-old pup in a home. "The new owner asked, 'When did they start breeding cat into the Brittany?' When I asked what he meant, he replied that he had come home to find his puppy on top of the refrigerator.

"The Brittany is very active, and some could be called hyperactive," says Clendenen. "They are incredibly intelligent, absolutely full of

themselves, and not a couch potato. You must rain them in or you won't be able to live with them. That being said, they are very loving dogs."

The Brittany is a spirited companion, a loyal friend, and a hunter extraordinaire. Without the proper exercise and a job to do, the Brittany will become bored and invent things to do often not to the owner's liking.

HISTORY

Unlike some breeds, the Brittany has retained the working persona of its forefathers, which explains its need to keep busy. The Brittany originated in its namesake



region of France; the area between the Bay of Biscay and the English Channel. By 1850, the people of Brittany were known for their small adroit spaniels. In time, sportsmen came from near and far to breed their dogs to these acclaimed hunters.

Breed historians believe early Brittanys were crossed with Scottish Setters (Gordon Setters), English Setters, Welsh Springer Spaniels, Pointers, and Irish Red and White Setters.

From these breedings the Brittany developed its adaptable manner of hunting; unlike other spaniels, the Brittany points. In addition, unlike its Cocker Spaniel and English Springer Spaniel cousins, the Brittany doesn't hunt in a zigzag pattern or spring in the field and flush game from cover. Instead, it ranges over the ground like a setter or pointer.

Early Brittanys were orange and white, liver and white, black and white or tri-color. Hunters favored tailless dogs and believed long tails would catch burrs and be injured in dense brush. The Brittany Spaniel Club of France formed in 1907 and set an official standard for the breed to stabilize these physical characteristics.

Although a few Brittanys arrived earlier, the first major influx of breeding stock arrived in North America in the 1920s. AKC recognized the breed in 1935, and the breed has since maintained moderate popularity, currently ranking No. 30 in registrations.



NATURAL-BORN HUNTER

Potential owners attracted to the Brittany by its looks should keep the history in mind when deciding if the breed is right for them.

"Individuals who want a trophy dog who sits by the hearth will not make a Brittany happy," says Jodi Engel of Albany, Ore., a breeder and judge of Brittanys in field trials, hunt tests, and the show ring.

"These dogs are pretty, compact, and can live in the house, but they are bred to hunt and that's what they should be used for," says Mary Jo Trimble, of Carterville, Ill., secretary of the ABC, and a member of the ABC Hall of Fame.

Hunting is the Brittany's first love and he comes alive in the field. Brittanys use instinct there and act independently.

Clendenen tells of one of her dogs, Puff the Magic Dragon, who figured out a unique hunting partnership with his best friend, a Whippet. "Puff would point a rabbit, and the Whippet would run it," says Clendenen. "Puff would figure out where the rabbit was going and head it off. Then he would bring his prize home to Mom."

Intelligence and instinct serve the Brittany well in field trial competitions. "The Brittany as a breed has more dual (field and bench) champions than all the other Sporting breeds combined," says Clendenen. While she admits that some people breed only for hunting instinct or only for looks, many more are dedicated to keeping the Brittany versatile and competent in both the field and the show ring.

MAYBE A BRITTANY

"The Brittany demands an owner who is willing to spend time with him, willing to train him, and who is active," says Clendenen.

"They need lots of exercise and love to run," says Trimble. "They can live in the house, provided they get plenty of exercise and activity at the same time."

While apartment living is not ideal for this working Sporting breed, a dedicated owner can provide plenty of exercise and mental stimulation to channel the dog's abundant energy. For a young Brittany, Clendenen recommends at least 30 minutes of hard exercise twice a day, with an hour or two twice a day being ideal. "It's not so much the amount of activity as the type of activity," says Dorothy MacDonald of Carmel Valley, Calif. MacDonald is an AKC multi-group judge and a 48-year veteran of the breed. "More important than physical exercise is mental exercise. Brittanys need something to occupy their brain."

Hunting as well as organized canine sports such as fly-ball and agility provide excellent opportunities to exercise both a dog's mind and body.

"Brittanys don't care if their hunting companions carry a camera or a gun, they just need to hunt," says MacDonald.

The Brittany's love of running makes it a great self-exerciser, but its drive to hunt dictates that you should not turn a Brittany loose in an unfenced yard. Clendenen stresses that not any fence will do.

"Brittany's are great escape artists," she says. "A friend once watched one of my Brittany's, Bitty, for a few days. He was confident his 6-foot fence would hold her. I told him that even though she was small for the breed, he needed to stake her out inside the fence or she would find a way out. He didn't, and she promptly jumped the fence. He ended up chasing her down the street in his underwear."

Due to the Brittany's intelligence and energy level, obedience training is a necessity.

"Brittanys are thinking dogs," says Clendenen. "You have to be smarter than they are. Brittany's think they know how to do things better. That's why they love agility, because it is a challenge, not the same thing every time like obedience. In fact, I know one Brittany who barked at his owner in the agility ring if the owner made a mistake. Brittany's themselves are a challenge, but because of that they also are a lot of fun."

Personalities of Brittany's vary, and owners need to try different training methods to find the one that suits each dog.

"Some you look at and they wilt," says Clendenen. "Some are both hard and soft; these are the hardest to train. They are very stubborn but at the same time you can't get rough with them. In general, dogs from field lines tend to be a little tougher."

Engel believes in gentle, consistent training. "If your obedience instructor is of the choke-chain-and-jerk mentality, then find another trainer to teach you."

Once you find the best way to communicate with a Brittany, the dog will remember your lessons. Clendenen tells of her Brittany, Wee, who started to mark in the house when he became a teenager.

"I caught on to where he had been piddling. I showed him where he had gone and he rolled his eyes at me. I scolded him and put him on a 20-minute-long-down-stay. You could see him growing more and more uncomfortable. He never peed in the house again."

Some Brittany's do well in competitive obedience despite their stubbornness. Clendenen's dog, Nolle, never achieved higher than a Companion Dog title in spite of her capabilities. "Even though Nolle had received a Judge's Award of Merit for retrieving in the field, she thought retrieving a dumbbell in advanced obedience was dumb," says Clendenen. "If it had fur, feathers, or was good to eat she would gladly pick it up, but she saw no point in picking up a piece of wood."

Clendenen also tells of the antics of Nolle's father, Buddy. "Buddy knew that 'sit' meant he wasn't supposed to get up, but he wanted to be with me," she explains. "I left him on a sit and walked across the ring, then turned around to find him sitting directly in front of me. He had followed me, scooting on his butt across the entire ring. In his mind, he hadn't broken his 'sit.'" You definitely have got to have a sense of humor to live with this breed."

FAMILY FUN

"Brittanys are 'people' dogs who love attention," says Judith Tighe of Hoffman, N.C., a judge and 40 year veteran of the breed with 10 dual champions to her credit. "Brittanys are highly intelligent and do have wonderful senses of humor."

Although they will happily spend time in a crate or kennel, they need to spend most of their time with the people they love. "People who should not own a Brittany are those who cannot devote time to an animal," says Tighe. "If they are away a lot of the time traveling or work long hours with no one else around, they should not have this breed."

The Brittany generally is loving with its human and canine family members. All Brittany's are good watch dogs, sounding the alarm at a stranger's arrival. Most Brittany's protect their people if they sense danger. Some Brittany's are more outgoing than others; some can be standoffish with people they don't know. The same goes for other dogs. While most Brittany's get along well with other canines, male-to-male and bitch-to-bitch tensions can occur.

"The Brittany is not an aggressive breed and most will walk away from a fight and look to their owner for guidance," says Engel. "However, if really, really provoked, they will stand their ground."

"A Brittany's attitude toward other dogs will depend on the dog and how it has been socialized as a small pup," says Trimble. "Hunting dogs normally get along, as they hunt with other dogs."

MacDonald agrees. "Any bird dog has to get along well with other dogs. You must be able to go hunting with a friend without worrying about a dogfight. An aggressive Brittany is a useless Brittany."

One of Clendenen's males is the self-appointed teacher of the younger dogs in the family. "I put him out with the pups and he teaches them manners. For example, he teaches them not to rush the gate by pushing them back with his body. But he is never aggressive with them."

Trimble notes that you need to teach Brittany's their proper place in the family. "Dogs no matter what the breed will establish who is the alpha dog. The owner must establish that he is the boss over each of the dogs in the family."

Some Brittany's get along with cats, while others see them as prey. Some Brittany's even distinguish between "their" cats and other felines.

When it comes to the younger human members of the family, the Brittany can be the ideal companion. The dog can be a best buddy with school-age children but may be too rambunctious for younger children.

"Brittanys are good with children, but can easily knock down a child when they romp and play, so parents with small toddlers should take this into consideration," says Trimble. "Also, as puppies, like any dog, they like to bite and chew and tug on clothes."

Clendenen agrees, and generally won't sell a puppy to a family

with children younger than 4 years of age. Engel restricts her sales to families with children 8 years of age or older. "Children younger than this will confuse a young puppy with irrelevant or inconsistent commands," says Engel.

HEALTH

Brittanys have relatively few health problems. Their coat requires a once- or twice-a-week brushing to keep it looking its best. With proper nutrition and exercise, most Brittany's live 12 to 14 years.

The most common health problems are hip dysplasia and epilepsy. Hip dysplasia is a condition in which the femoral head of the thighbone does not fit properly in the hip socket. Treatment ranges from anti-inflammatory medication for mild cases to surgery for severe cases. Potential owners should ask if a puppy's parents have been X-rayed, and OFA or PennHIP certified clear of this genetic disease.

Epilepsy also appears to be genetic. While some dogs live relatively normal lives without much intervention, others need medication to control seizures. Again, ask breeders if this disorder runs in their lines.

If you think the Brittany might be the breed for you, buy your puppy from a reputable breeder. If you prefer an older dog, there are always rescue dogs that need a good home. The ABC website links to rescue organizations.

The Brittany is not the breed for everyone, but if you are an outdoorsy type searching for a likeminded companion, you may be worthy of this mighty hunter.

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A CHAMPION'S CHAMPION

While many breeds have strayed far from their original purpose, this is not the case with the Brittany.

"The Brittany is a breed that is still doing what it was bred to do" says Nancy Clendenen of Ruston, La., 3rd vice president of the American Brittany Club. "The Brittany has had over 500 dual field and show champions throughout the years, which is more than all the other Sporting breeds combined. In the case of a lot of other Sporting breeds, dogs are not that versatile. Many show dogs never set foot in the field."

Clendenen notes that some individuals consider the Brittany the mutt of Sporting dogs. "While most other breeds were developed by the gentlemanly class, the Brittany was developed as a poaching dog by the peasants of Brittany. These dogs were bred to hunt fur and feather and also do anything else needed around the house, such as catch vermin. Eventually, members of the richer classes would come and breed their dogs to these lower-class dogs in the middle of the night so no one would know. These dogs were bred for their talent above anything else."

"I always love to quote what one of the early dog experts, the Colonel Dommanget, wrote in 1936 about the Brittany: "Why did the Brittany progress so much? Because they are mongrels manufactured only by crossing quality with quality . . . because not being fashionable, the only reason for their existence is to be good . . . because their standard has been conceived according to a study of their best field dogs, and so nothing restrains the concentration of the hunting qualities."

Clendenen states that this commitment to preserving instinct is the mantra of many Brittany breeders, which explains the breed's dominance as a dual champion.

I breed dogs first as hunting dogs," she says. "If I get a show dog or field dog, then that's great, but hunting always comes first."

MacDonald notes that there was a tendency 30 years ago to breed dogs with extra coat for a "prettier" look. Many Brittany fanciers felt this was a purely cosmetic change, and pushed to have the standard rewritten to keep the Brittany's no-fuss appearance. The standard now states: "Dogs with long or profuse feathering or furnishings shall be so severely penalized as to effectively eliminate them from competition."

Some breeders feared that last year's Sporting Group win at Westminster by a Brittany would lead to a popularity surge, which could lead to a decrease in hunting talent. So far, however, this hasn't been the case.

"It's interesting to note that the dog that took first has left the show ring to pursue hunting," says MacDonald. "And the national all-age field champion in 2002 was also a show champion."

It seems for now, the Brittany's renown as a dual-purpose dog is safe.

BRITTANY

Country of Origin: France

First use: Hunting dog

Use Today: Companion, hunter, canine athlete

Life Expectancy: 12 to 14 years

Weight Range: 30 to 40 pounds

Height Range: 17-1/2 to 20-1/2 inches

Colors: Orange and white or liver and white in either clear or roan patterns. Some ticking is desirable

Good with Children: Yes, although pups may be too rambunctious for toddlers.

Good with other pets: Yes, if socialized early

National Breed Club: American Brittany Club - www.clubs.akc.org.brit

Eyes: Expressive, protective by heavy eyebrow; no hair

Ears: Set high; short; triangular; flat and close to head

Topline: Slight slope from withers to root of tail

Tail: Tailless or docked to 4 inches

Hindquarters: Strong powerful thighs; stifles well bent

Chest: Deep, reaching below elbow

Feet: Strong; thick pads

Nostrils: Open to permit scenting; black color is a disqualification

2013 REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE

Judy Tighe

No Report

AKC Gazette Report

Submitted by David Webb

September 11, 2013

The opportunity to write the AKC Gazette column on behalf of the American Brittany Club is much appreciated. Martha Greenlee asked that I be the guest writer for the April 2013 issue of the Gazette. The column that was written had to be divided and the second part was published in the July issue.

Martha will be a "hard act to follow". Her writing for the AKC Gazette was outstanding and provided insight into training of our beloved Brittany. My focus in writing the "column" will be based on my 40 years having the Brittany own me and to deliver a message to celebrate everything there is to be said about the Brittany - field and show.

There may be times that future articles may question the actions of people involved with our breed. It always must be remembered it is all about improving the Brittany.

Thank you for the appointment as the reporter for the AKC Gazette.

David Webb

AKC HUNT TEST ADVISORY

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September 15, 2013

No Report

2013 Judge's Education Report

Diana Kubitz, JEC

September 13, 2013

As I write this report my committee is reviewing photos submitted in response to a request I made for new photos to update the current presentation. Jessica lost most of what she had in the fire as she lost both her computers. She had sent the excellent field video that she had worked so hard on and I had already sent it to the committee, so that was not lost.

I've attached a list of the seminars we did this year. I'm sure you are tired of hearing my raves about Metamora and the Sporting Group Judge's Seminar, so suffice it to say that Brittany's led the way again this year. We had tremendous support from our membership and were able to show the judges 25 dogs, the most any breed had there. Mike Poehler and Paul Renius put on a show with the field and water demos and the buzz around the grounds was about "those amazing Brittany's."

I attended the AKC's first Judge's Education Symposium in Orlando last December and also spearheaded the effort on ABC's Meet the Breed booth. In the 2 1/2 hour symposium we learned the new AKC rules regarding judge's education and were given some ideas on how to improve our presentation. The one thing that was emphasized was that we needed to define the "essence" of our breed and build the presentation around that. I think our presentation does capture the essence of the Brittany because we emphasize the "dual dog" concept as it is laid out in our mission statement. The changes we are planning for the presentation have to do with updating photos and adding video where appropriate of both show and field. I felt the symposium was worthwhile enough that I have already purchased my ticket to Orlando for this year's event and have offered my services for Meet the Breed.

Ken Windom asked me to write an article for the Brittany Edition of ShowSite Magazine and I'm in the process of putting together the article with photos for this project. My article will be titled "Brittany Judging Simplified". Judges have suggested that Brittany's are difficult to judge and I've been using the 3M's in seminars in an attempt to try to make our standard easier to understand. For instance, the differences between Brits and other sporting breeds are, scissors bite instead of even or scissors, same height standard for both males and females (most sporting breeds give a separate range for each sex) and our over-reach in movement. Our standard calls for a Brittany gaiting properly to step into or beyond the print left by the front foot and other sporting breeds do not have the over-reach. Our breed standard uses the terms "medium" and "moderate" throughout and "movement" is perhaps the most important part of our standard for out dogs to perform in the field. I think some of these differences are why we have more dual champions than all the other breeds combined.

Which brings me to my final point. I have had judges calling me and speaking to me at shows regarding the fact that AKC's reps

criticize their judging when in fact, the rep has never been to a breed seminar. While AKC requires that judges attend each breed's judge's education, they don't require it of their reps that are critiquing the provisional judges in order for them to get the breed permanently. I intend to speak to this matter in Orlando as I've had other JEC's from other breeds tell me the same things. I will invite AKC to send their representatives to our judge's education programs so that they hear the same things we tell the judges. One comment that stood out was that a rep told a judge that the dog he placed second had a better head than the one he placed first. His comment was: "the head was of the correct type and the dog does not run on its head; movement of my first place dog was far better than the second." Obviously he retained what he had heard in the seminar he had attended. My fear is that we will miss out on some good judges who are afraid to apply for our breed or any breed because of what the AKC representatives put them through. AKC now requires that the presenters give the AKC test at seminars and forward them to AKC to be graded. It seems that they are depending on us more and listening to us less.

My thanks to my committee members who continue to work hard promoting our breed and educating the show judges. I know it's sometimes hard to juggle work and everyday life, let alone throwing in shows, field trials and working on this committee. I thank them for their continued efforts and their dedication to our breed. Diana Kubitz

Brittany Judging Simplified
By: Diana Kubitz

I am the judge's education coordinator for the American Brittany Club. One of the comments I hear routinely is that the Brittany is a hard breed to judge. When I ask why they think it's hard, usually they start by listing the difference between Brittanys and the other sporting breeds.

Scissors bite – The Brittany is required to have a scissors bite, while most sporting breeds call for an even or scissors bite.

Height Standard – The Brittany height standard is 17 ½ inches to 20 ½ inches for both males and females. Most of the other sporting breeds have one height standard for males and one for females. We generally explain that you can have a 17 ½ inch male and a 20 ½ inch female and have it be perfectly correct. Anything below 17 ½ or over 20 ½ is a DQ. (The only other DQ is black in the nose or coat.)

Movement – The Brittany calls for having an athletic gait that is ground covering without clumsiness, but we also have an overreach. The standard says that the back foot should step into or beyond the print left by the front foot. Most of the other sporting breeds do not overreach.

Of the three differences stated above, movement give judges the most trouble. First, a Brittany should never be judged standing. Judge's mouths drop open when I say this or they disagree right away. I had a judge recently take up 15 minutes of a hands on class telling me what he liked about each dog standing. I finally looked at him and said, ok, now let's have them move. When the dogs began to move, his jaw dropped and he looked at me and said, "I see what you mean. The dogs I liked standing fell apart when they moved." Now this isn't always the case, some dogs that look good standing, look good moving too, but that is the point. Many dogs' toplines change the moment they start to move, some dogs have a short upper arm that causes them to "flip" their front and others lose their "balance" when they move. Balance being the overall balance of the dog's conformation.

I tell judge's about what I call the "3M's" – Movement, Moderate, and Medium. Add balance to those three things and you have a true Brittany type. Everything about the Brittany standard is written so that the dog can perform in the field. The American Brittany Club's mission statement includes the phrase: "to keep the Brittany forever a dual dog." We have more dual champions than all the other sporting breeds combined – at last count I believe it was 608.

All through our standard you hear the words moderate and medium, describing various aspects of the breed's conformation. As I stated above if you add movement and balance, you have the essence of a Brittany. AKC reps sometimes get on judges because they think a specific dog may have a better head than the one the judge put up. One judge recently called to tell me of his experience and he said, "I told her the breed does not run on its head, and the dog I put up had much better movement than the one you liked." He couldn't see my smile over the phone, but I was beaming! As a JEC I love to hear that judge's like this one actually listen to our presentations, but it concerns me that most AKC reps haven't even attended our classes.

When judges ask us what percentage the head makes up in our standard, we smile and say we took that out of our standard because this is NOT a head breed. While we like them to have beautiful heads, it's more important that they have a prominent brow that protects their eyes in cover, that their nostril are full and open so they can smell birds and that they have a good bite so they can pick up the birds for a retrieve. The most important thing is their movement, because if they do not move correctly, they will wear out quickly in heavy brush. When they have that short upper arm, they can actually injure their front legs moving through the brush. While coming and going is important, most important is the side movement, because that is where you can see our breeds beautiful ground covering stride.

I would be remiss if I didn't point out the other problem that judges sometimes have with our breed. Square is in the eye of the beholder. A dog can look long in body, but when you have a chance to measure from the top of the withers to the ground and then measure from the fore-chest to the rear of the dog, it should be the same length. Measuring from the top of the withers to the elbow should equal the measurement from the elbow to the ground. The length of a Brittany is in the chest which allows it to have adequate room for an athlete's heart and lungs. If you think a dog is long, be sure to look at both sides of the dog, because many times they have markings that further that illusion of length. A dog that is overly square will crab or side wind, because they can't get out of their own way. I encourage students of the breed to make the opportunity to try this measuring experiment as it will help you develop your "eye" for the correct look for a square Brittany.

That brings me to the final point I'd like to make, coat. The Brittany's coat should protect it in all types of cover. Our standard points out that "too little is preferable to too much." It says that because if you've ever seen a heavily coated dog after running in the briars for an hour, you just have to wonder how long it's going to take you to get all those pesky little briars out. The Brittany still functions in the field and while an individual may never get the opportunity of a field experience, if he was turned loose in a field, could he function without injury and in an athletic fashion? That is a judge's responsibility to determine when judging this wonderful, energetic, intelligent, and athletic breed, with "the soft expression of a bird dog."

2013 American Brittany Club Judges Ed Seminars

January	February	March	April
None	None		
May 26, 2013 Bloomington, IL Presenter: Linda Ebert (5)	June 22 & 23 – Boy Scout Camp, Metamora, MI- Diana Kubitz – Presentation, breed, Match, filed demos (15) Oklahoma Kennel Club June 20, 2013 8:00-10:30	July 23, Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association Breed Seminar Fredenrick County Animal Control Center 1832 Rosemont Avenue	Sporting Dog Institute, Aug 19-23 Presenter: Cindy Miller Harrisburg, PA (7) August 16 Summer Specialty Eumunclaw Expo
	Presenters: Amy Booth & Jessica Carlson (2)	Presenter: Cindy Miller (10)	Center Eumunclaw, WA Presenter: Deb Rudert & Dianne Krall 6:00 p.m. (5)
September	October	November	December
None	Harvest Specialties Ionia, MI Sunday, Oct 20 – Presenter: Diana Kubitz	Nov 29 – Ft. Smith, AR Fairgrounds Diana / Committee	None

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**AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON & U.S. SPORTSMAN'S ALLIANCE
AGENDA REPORTS**

I stay in contact during legislative cycles with the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance who lobby mainly on federal issues. For the last three (3) or so sessions of Congress, they have been working against the Pups Bill which is authored by Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois each time it has been submitted. This bill is supported by the H.S.U.S. and opposed by AKC and Dog Clubs. At the present time, it has added 133 co-sponsors but has yet to be presented for a vote. The co-sponsor list continues to grow and we must stay alert and vigilant in opposing this bill.

Right now the biggest threat to dog breeders is not a "law" but the newly announced USDAAPHIS Rule for regulating dog breeders and others. This rule will be published in the very near future in the Federal Register and will go into effect sixty (60) days thereafter. I have attached AKC's resource page of basic facts concerning the rule. The main emphasis will be directed toward anyone owning more than 4 bitches capable of being bred and whose owners sell any dog not raised on their property and sold to an individual who has not met face to face with them or their representative prior to the transfer of that puppy. Many exceptions are listed in the rule but

some references are not clearly defined and it will be a long time and possible litigation before we actually know how this rule will impact our members. For example: Brittanys are hunting dogs and working and hunting dogs are exempt from the rule. However, an exception to that exception is one that says if the dog is sold as a "PET" and not as a hunting dog, then the breeder is not exempt. Supposedly this rule was written to crack down on people selling over the internet and shipping puppies to buyers sight unseen but it has morphed into much more. Enforcement of this rule should be a nightmare for federal agencies.

Please stay alert on current posts on the AKC website and be sure and follow legislation proposed in your state. In Illinois we had 15 bills we worked on last year and anticipate a breeder bill this year. AKC has stepped up their legislative department and is working on more pro-active things to help turn the tide against the animal rights folks who have brainwashed the American public that breeders of purebred dogs are contributing to an over population problem.

I would be happy to discuss any legislative issues or questions any of our members may have. I may not have the answers, but will try and help. As you can see from the organizations listed below my name, I have lots of legislative contacts to help us out.

- Respectfully submitted,
- Mary Jo Trimble
- ABC Legislative Liaison to AKC
- ABC U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Liaison
- Director Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners & Legislative Committee
- Director Field Trial Clubs of Illinois & II Federation for Outdoor Resources
- Director & Legislative Liaison for Crab Orchard Kennel Club



Frequently Asked Questions

Background

Why is APHIS making changes to the Animal Welfare Act?

Regulators at the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) have received numerous complaints about substandard/unscrupulous Internet sales of pets and have been tasked with addressing that issue. The AKC shares their concerns about substandard operations.

What is a rule change and how does it work?

A rule or regulation is different from legislation. The law is already on the books so we *have to work within the confines of an administrative—rather than legislative—process.*

The administrative process involves a public comment period in which stakeholders and concerned individuals have the opportunity to comment on a proposed rule, before the rule is finalized. AKC has been very involved in this process since the announcement of the proposed rule in May 2012.

When did AKC first learn about this? Has the AKC done any outreach?

Since the rule was first proposed in May 2012, the AKC has made significant efforts to educate APHIS on the concerns. This includes a [petition with over 70,000 signatures](#), [providing alerts to breeders and dog owners](#) encouraging them to participate in the public comment period, and [submitting extensive comments to APHIS](#). This is in addition to reaching out to key members of Congress, the US Department of Agriculture, and the White House.

The AKC continues to work with APHIS to communicate questions and obtain clarifications. We appreciate that APHIS has continued to communicate with us and help us answer questions on this regulation. Keep checking this page for the latest information and updates.

What is the background of this rule and is the AKC opposed?

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS)'s finalized version of [new federal regulations that expand the definition of a "retail pet store"](#) is designed to license and regulate internet-based pet breeders and sellers as "dealers" under the Federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The rule expands USDA oversight of pet breeders to include people who maintain more than four "breeding females" of any species and sell even one pet "sight unseen" by any means. The rule was initially proposed in May 2012 and has since that time been the subject of extensive objections by the AKC and other groups and individuals concerned about the future of responsibly bred dogs and small/hobby breeders. The final version of this rule remains largely unchanged in content, although certain key clarifications have been made with respect to the concerns of breeders.

The AKC's concerns stand regarding the lack of definition of a breeding female, the overly broad nature of this regulation, and the imposition of commercial standards on small hobby breeders, and a variety of other issues. [Read AKC's latest Legislative Alert](#) for more information on our specific objections to the rule.

What changes did this rule make to the Animal Welfare Act?

It redefines the term "retail pet store" and removes certain exemptions allowing breeders who sell pets at retail (as opposed to wholesale) to avoid USDA commercial breeder/dealer regulation.

It increases the hobby breeder exemption from 3 to 4 the number of "breeding females" that a person may maintain on their premises and from which they may sell offspring as pets, either at retail or wholesale, without being subject to USDA regulation. [Esee the "Details on New Rule" for more information on what this means and how it applies to those who sell puppies sight unseen.](#)

Details on New Rule

Is this rule retroactive? When does the new rule go into effect?

The rule is not retroactive and will go into effect 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register. APHIS has committed to working with breeders to help them understand the new rule and whether they need to come into compliance. There is no need to make immediate and drastic changes. Please review these [FAQs](#) and other resources [on our resource page](#) to understand if the rule will apply to you. For specific questions, we encourage you to contact Dr. Gerald Rushin with APHIS at (301) 851-3751.

How do I know if this rule applies to me?

This rule applies to those who maintain more than four "breeding females" AND sell a puppy as a pet "sight unseen" or sell to a third party (wholesale). This means that the buyer must actually see the puppy in person prior to the purchase. If you are concerned about buyers coming to your home, you may arrange a location to meet the buyer and allow them to see the puppy.

If you have fewer than five breeding females, and/or allow buyers to see the puppy in person prior to purchase, then this rule does not apply to you.

If you wish to own more than 4 "breeding females" and sell the offspring as pets and do not wish to be regulated, you may avoid regulation by selling all your dogs in a face-to-face transaction. A face-to-face transaction includes one where the seller and buyer are physically present and the buyer has the opportunity to observe the animal before taking custody of it.

Are there any exemptions to this rule?

The new definition of dealer subject to USDA licensing and regulation includes "any dog... for research, testing, experimentation, exhibition", or for use as a pet, or any dog sold at the wholesale level for hunting, security or breeding purposes". (Exhibition as defined in the AWA excludes purebred cut and dog shows).

The rule seems to indicate that if you are selling a dog as a breeding prospect, to maintain bloodlines, or for hunting, working, or security, you would be exempt. If you are selling the dog as a pet, you would not be exempt. It is important that the seller be able to clearly demonstrate their purpose in selling the dog at the time of sale. *However, additional clarification from USDA is needed on this point.*

You are also exempt if you sell the dog in a face-to-face transaction.

Will this rule limit the number of dogs I can own?

No. The rule does not limit the number of dogs a person may keep, breed or sell. It is designed to regulate under the Federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) those who sell dogs as pets over the internet or "sight-unseen".

Enforcement

What if USDA identifies a breeder as being subject to licensure and out of compliance?

After the rule goes into effect, USDA has told the AKC that they understand there will be a significant amount of time needed for them to prepare to enforce the rule and is not providing a time certain by which breeders must come into compliance.

The USDA has indicated that when they locate a person they believe to be out of compliance their first step will be to send a letter asking for information and to help determine whether they need to be licensed. They will then work with that person to come into compliance. You will not be immediately fined or punished. For more information on pre-licensing visit the [USDA/APHIS Animal Care website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/](#)

How will APHIS find out if I fall under this new rule? Will AKC be providing registrant contact information?

All of AKC's records are confidential and AKC will not share your information. The AKC urges all responsible dog owners to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

My state regulates breeders. Will this supersede state law?

This will depend on your individual state laws. Contact the appropriate state agency for specific questions. AKC encourages breeders and dog owners to be in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and laws.

What should I be doing right now if I think this rule will apply to me?

USDA/APHIS is asking individuals who believe they may fall under the new rules to self-identify and have indicated a commitment to work directly with individuals to determine whether their particular case would make them subject to new regulation. You will not be punished or targeted if you contact them. They are committed to answering questions and helping breeders understand the rule, not targeting specific dog owners who are genuinely trying to understand and be in compliance.

For specific questions, contact Dr. Gerald Rushin with APHIS at (301) 851-3751.

2013 AKC POINTING BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

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The AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial Advisory Committee last met in Boise, Idaho, on 11 April 2005. This committee used to meet every 5 years. At this point, we have been told that this is not a required meeting by the AKC, and we have not been advised that any meetings will be held in the near future.

Recent changes in the Field Trial program have been added/changed by the Performance Department and not through any Pointing Breed Committee. Respectfully submitted,
Ray Trimble

2013 American Field Liaison Agenda Report

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The American Brittany Club has been trying to increase the number of regional trials that advertise their events in the American Field in order to make sure that dogs running in the ABC National Championships and Classics are qualified to receive the title of Champion or Runner-Up Champion if they would win one of our national stakes. A derby placement in an American Field sponsored event qualifies a dog for life as does an adult placement. Regional Clubs that are members of the AFTCA will have win certificates issued to their Amateur handled winners which qualify them to receive AFTCA Championship titles.

The ABC Secretary has asked clubs to indicate if their regional trials are also American Field sponsored on the ABC Field Trial application blank. The ABC trial reporting form has a place to check if results are also being sent to the AFTCA as well as the AF and AKC. Not as many clubs are members of AFTCA as are now running their trials under the American Field.

A larger proportion of the events NOT run under the AF are Walking trials which does hurt people trying to get win certificates or placements that would make the dog eligible to receive an AF/AFTCA Gun Dog National Champion Title. They still get the AKC National title but not the American Field or AFTCA ones.

For more information on running trials under both the American Field and AFTCA, contact Mary Jo Trimble, ABC Secretary.

Of special note is the new American Field Field Trial Ad Policy which is now in effect. The information shown below was pulled directly from the American Field Publication and is included for all participating clubs' information:

Reminder of the "NEW" American Field Trial Ad Policy that went into effect last year: In an effort to reduce paper usage and maintain current ad rates, we ask that you please remit payment with your ad copy. An additional fee will be assessed to a field trial ad which is not prepaid. Trial dates that have been scheduled and confirmed for the season may be submitted for inclusion in the Fixture's column to provide an early notice of the club's trial before the formal announcement appears. To comply with the minimum ad requirements, copy should be submitted to the American Field at least 45 days before the start of a trial" You may insert two (2) logos for \$25 or four (4) logos for \$40.

ABC REGIONAL AKC CLASSICS/AF CHAMPIONSHIPS;

In addition to the regular ABC Original Classic/ Championships, the ABC also sponsors Regional AKC Classic/AF Championships in conjunction with several Championship Associations. Clubs running these events need to follow the guidelines as posted on the ABC Website or contact the ABC Secretary for a copy. Please indicate on the result form that the trial is both an ABC Classic and an American Field Championship. There is a space provided on the ABC/AKC/AFTCA/AF result form. Please use this form to report results. Prior to the event, the current insurance certificate and completed AKC Field Trial application and the \$15 AKC fee should be sent to the ABC Secretary who will sign and send to AKC. Associations will be responsible for any AKC late filing fees as well. Please appoint a reporter to cover the trial and get reports and write-ups in promptly to the American Field and the ABC Secretary for publication. Please try and get photos of the winners as well. Respectfully submitted, Ray Trimble

This year the committee will try a different format for the live auction at the clubhouse to be held on Friday, November 29th, following the Purina Awards. A live auction, Chinese raffle, silent auction and a grab bag auction will be held.

THE POLICY BOOK WILL BE ADHEARD TO: *The National Auction Committee has the right to refuse donations NOT deemed appropriate to the benefit of the ABC*

The following revenues were compiled by Interim Treasurer Judy Graves:

AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB 2012 NATIONAL AUCTION/RAFFLE REPORT				
	ALL AGE	GUN DOG	SP. SHOW	TOTAL
Raffle tickets sold	\$3,820.40	\$1,534.00	\$ 3,859.50	\$ 9,213.50
Auction Proceeds	2,289.75	3,916.50	974	\$ 6,200.25
Gross Receipts	\$6,109.75	\$5,444.50	\$ 3,859.50	\$15,413.75
LESS: Expenses	(1,489.08)	(632.57)	(351.86)	\$(2,473.51)
NET INCOME:	\$4,620.67	\$4,811.53	\$ 3,507.64	\$12,939.84

The proposed budget and seed monies shall remain the same for 2014 National Auction event; that being \$1,200 seed money available to each National AA & GD Championships and \$600.00 to National Specialty Show as voted by the BOD.

In 2009 the following motion was tabled "for more explanation" by the President and not returned to the BOD for consideration.

Refer to Original Agenda Page from 2009, Page 55b, paragraph # 7.

Italicized and highlighted wording are the suggested additions/corrections to the current National Auction Committee Guidelines to update that section of the policy notebook.

Rational for changes:

Paragraph 5:

This change will clarify reference to ABC as being the American Brittany Club.

Paragraph 7:

Adding "or frozen semen" will eliminate any suggestion ABC is supportive of a specific breeding line.

Adding "at any auction/raffle/fund raiser at an ABC recognized/sponsored championship or original classic events that will fall under the ABC Auction Committee Guidelines." to include these events thereby maintaining continuity within all the live and silent auctions that may be held at these events. This should avoid any conflicts of the responsibility falling on the ABC.

Therefore I propose a motion that states:

Motion # 1- To Add: "No live animals, stud fees or frozen semen are to be allowed as donations at any ABC recognized or sponsored fund raising event that fall under the ABC National Auction Committee guidelines for fund raisers." This will include National All Age Championships, National Gun Dog Championships, National Specialty Show, ABC Summer Specialty Show, Original Six Game Bird Classics/Championships and Futurities.

Rationale: Items of this nature are volatile and can harbor repercussions and liability for the ABC. This will eliminate any suggestion that the ABC is supportive of a specific line of breeding.

Motion # 2 Refer to Current Policy Book page 80, last sentence.

I move to change "sub-chairs" title to "on-site coordinators."

Sentence shall read: There will be an overall chair of the National Auction/ Raffle Committee with three on-site coordinators to oversee the raffle fund raising for each of the three separate venues.

Rationale: This is to create a chain-of-command to make decisions, follow the guidelines set forth and be responsible for financial reports and monies to Chair, Treasurer and BOD

MOTION # 3-

TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR ADVERTISING FUND RAISERS DONE AT ANY EVENTS THAT ARE RECOGNIZED AS BEING RUN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ABC ie., National Championships (AA & GD), National Specialty Show, ABC Summer Specialty Show, Original Six Game Bird Classics/Championships and Futurities either through the ABC magazine, Face Book, Flyers or other means of communication.

Rationale: There has been much abuse of common sense in "airing" the particulars of some fund raising events. Before the IRS or Federal Government gets wind of something illegal, let's set guidelines for the committees in charge of individual fund raisers.

Respectfully Submitted;


Mary Karbner
National Auction Chair

NATIONAL AUCTION

In 1982 the Board authorized an auction to be set up and run at the 1983 All Age Nationals. This auction should have all items donated ranging from hunting equipment, feed, art items, tack, etc. with the proceeds from the auction going into the general fund with 25% of the net proceeds to go to the grounds on which the current year's nationals are run. The President appoints the chairman for each auction. (1993)

- The Board shall recommend the improvement/development for which the donation shall be spent. (1985)
The 1st Vice President shall be responsible for carrying through with the recommendations of the Board for the donation. (1985)
- All requests for mailing lists are to come through the Executive Secretary office. The price for membership lists is \$250.00. (2009)
- Items donated for the Auction are accepted in good faith. Bidders bid on items at their own risk.
- The Auction Committee has the right to refuse donations not deemed appropriate to the benefit of the ABC.
- For items donated and sold of a non-physical nature (sold from a description or brochure), with future delivery, shall be between donor and purchaser and not the responsibility of the Auction Committee or the ABC.
- No live animals or stud fees are to be allowed as donations.
- Auction Committee members who incur expenses must have prior authorization by a committee appointee to initiate such charges. Reimbursement is by presentation of receipts to committee secretary/treasurer with approval of committee chairman and ABC treasurer. (1997)
- Auction for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships shall be structured the same as the auction at Booneville at the fall National Championships, including proceeds handled in a like manner (25% to grounds). 20% of the Calcutta money shall go toward expenses incurred in putting on the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships. (2001)
- The National Specialty Show, the National Gun Dog Championships, and the National Championships (All Age), shall hold their own raffle/fund raiser, therefore, allowing people to support the event/venue of their choice. Each event will be in charge of organizing their own raffle if they choose to have one which will be run under the guidelines set forth in the Policy Notebook/National Auction committee. There will be an overall chair of the Auction/Raffle Committee with three sub-chairs appointed to oversee the raffle/fund raising for the three separate venues. (2011)

Money allocated by ABC to each of the venues as "seed money" for fund raising was set forth as \$1,200 for each the National Gun Dog Championship and National All Age Championship and \$600 for the National Specialty Show. (2011)

BIRD DOG MUSEUM LIAISON REPORT

Ken Windom

The Brittany section of the Bird Dog Museum at Grand Junction, TN now contains many paintings, photos, and artifacts representing our breed on display. Framed pictures of the vast majority of dogs that have been inducted into the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame (BFTHOF) now hang on the wall and efforts are underway to try to find pictures of the few remaining dogs. Framed photos and paintings of the people who have been inducted into the BFTHOF are also displayed, as are plaques recognizing founders and patrons of this facility and our sport. Trophies from four of the ABC Classics/Championship are currently housed in this section and display cases have been, or are in the process of being, built to house both the Pheasant Classic/Championship and Chicken Classic/Championship trophies.

Induction ceremonies were held in February, 2013 to honor the new inductees. Janet Chase, long time member and treasurer of ABC, was the person inducted this year. Janet passed away last year, but members of her family were present to accept the award. Fortunately, Janet had been made aware that she had been elected to the Hall of Fame prior to her passing.

Much progress has been made in mounting and housing displays in the new Brittany section of the Bird Dog Museum. I believe this area is something all Brittany field trial enthusiasts can be proud of and can enjoy. Although the building addition is paid for, funds are still being solicited to provide for upkeep and maintenance of this area. Items for which ABC is being asked to provide are discussed under the President's report, elsewhere in the Agenda Book.

Ken Windom

2013 Book of the American Brittany - 1990 -2010 Report
Jessica Carlson
September 11, 2013

As I write this, the book has only been for sale for a couple of weeks. After several years of work and with MANY thanks to everyone who helped with all the gathering of information and photos, proof-reading, etc., I am more than glad to see the book finally available for sale. My only recommendation to the Board at this time is to start thinking about the next edition of this book and secure an editor for that edition as soon as possible. It wasn't until

I really got into it that I realized the mountain of work that would be required to gather and cross-check all of the necessary information, request details and photos from everyone possible, etc., and if I were to do it over again, I'd get a much earlier start on it all.

Of course, mistakes are inevitable and regretfully, a few dogs were left out of this edition. Unfortunately since losing all my computers and files, I can't even go back to try and figure out what happened and where along the line. We have been discussing the best way to address any errors and omissions, whether that is an insert to be printed for the current book and/or inclusion in the next edition. My most sincere apologies to anyone affected by any oversights or errors; of course none were intentional. As I've said many times, no one wishes more than me that the book could have been perfect, but most of us realize that just isn't realistic, and we all did the best we could!

My thanks again to everyone who helped in putting this edition together and also to all those who have expressed their appreciation of the book so far. I hope everyone enjoys it!
Jessica Carlson

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9/20/13 ABC Breed Standard Committee Report - The committee reports no new business. Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Droel (On behalf of Judy Tighe)

2013 ABC CLASSICS COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT
RAY TRIMBLE, CHAIR
trimmatchbritts@midamer.net

The following ABC Original Game bird/Gun Dog Classic/Championships will have been completed by the time this report is read:

- The 2013 Chukar Classic/Championship** was hosted by the California Brittany Club 28-29 Jan.2013, in the Mojave Desert, California City, CA.
- The Chicken Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Nebraska Brittany Club, 16-20 September 2013, at the Ted Morton Ranch, Bassett, NE.

- C. The Pheasant Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Iowa Brittany Club, 30 Sept. – 4 Oct., 2013, at Union County Ranch, Thayer, IA.
- D. The Gun Dog Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Heart of Illinois Brittany Club, 25 – 27 March 2013, at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA, Chandlerville, IL.
- E. The Grouse/Woodcock Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Badger Brittany Club on 10-11 October 2013, at the Eau Claire Co. Forest, Augusta, WI.
- F. The Quail Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Southern Kansas Brittany Club, 14-17 October 2013, at the Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS.

Along with our current sponsor, Nestle-Purina, Tri-Tronics continues as a sponsor of these events. Tri-Tronics is supplying collars for the winners of the ABC Original Game Bird/GD Classic/Championships and monetary support for the painting of the winner of the Tri-Tronics Gun Dog of the Year Award of which the Classics/Championships are a big part of the point total.

The 2014 Classic/Championship program will need host clubs for five (5) Classic/Championship events, namely the Chukar, Prairie Chicken, Pheasant, Grouse/Woodcock, and Quail Classic/Championships. Please contact Ray Trimble for information if your club wishes to host a Classic.

The committee has already awarded the 2014 Gun Dog Classic to be hosted by Southern and Northern New England Brittany Clubs in East Windsor, CT, in April of 2014.

Action Items: 1 The Policy book needs to update the title of this section changing the title of the first Classics Section to read: **"Original ABC Game Bird/Gun Dog Classic/Championships"** to further distinguish between the original Classics and the second section dealing with Championship Association Championship trials which are also ABC/AKC Classics. 2. Page 90, Duties of the Classic's Chairman needs to be moved to a page after the **title page of the Original Game Bird/Gun Dog Classic/Championships page**. Respectfully submitted,
Ray Trimble

2013 DUAL DOG AWARD REPORT

Jessica Carlson
September 11, 2013

For the second year in a row, the winner of the W.E. Stevenson Memorial ABC National Dual Award for 2012 was NAFC/DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita de Scipio, owned by Margaret Horstmeyer & Tom White. Rita follows her dam as another two-time winner of this award. In 2012, Rita was named National Amateur Champion, Runner-Up National Champion, and also placed 2nd in the Field Trial class at the show. Congratulations to Tom & Margaret on another fabulous year at the nationals!

Also contending for the award this year by virtue of their competition in both the national show & trials were:

- CH AMMO'S SOME LIKE IT HOT** – Sandra & Gary Leavens
DC/AFC/GCH DIAMOND HILL DANGEROUS MAN – Paul & Lisa Pollock
DC KINWASHKLY DIRTY NED PEPPER – Vern Brunen
DC/GCH MASKED JACK OF DIAMONDS – Rod & Carol Maves & Robin Tomasi
DC SANBAR CROSSCREEK REPETE CALL – Polly & Robert West & Wayne Pepin
DC SHADOW'S TEQUILA TRYST – Jessica Carlson
DC/AFC TERRA'S CABO WABO – Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer
DC/GCH TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUT' ON ICE – Linda McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney
DC WAYSIDE'S BLUERIDGE RUNNER – Tom & Melody Longfellow
 Jessica Carlson

2013 REPORT OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Sue Lehosky

No Report

2013 ABC Facebook Committee Report

Robin Tomasi, Chair.
September 14, 2013

The Facebook Committee policy has been submitted for review and approval. The Facebook Policy was sent to ABC Legal Advisor Sharon Wice and Pamela Henderson. Mrs. Henderson has detailed knowledge of privacy law and regulation, and an understanding of how the law interacts with developing technology, and is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP) Attorney with specialization in U.S. data privacy law. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wice reviewed the policy and recommended changes to the Facebook policy. Their recommendations were incorporated in the final draft.

At the time of this report there are just about 1400 fans (or followers) of the page. Earlier this year the ABC Facebook page was featured by the AKC in their Social Media Spotlight on the AKC website. New this year is the ability to create custom tabs. The 2013 Summer Specialty had their own tab and it was a simple place to find information about the event and link to additional information found on the ABC website and regional club website. Recently an informational

tab was created about Juniors and Junior Showmanship. It provides information on how juniors can get involved in AKC events with links to more information on the AKC website. These tabs enable ABC to change and customize the Facebook page. Thank you to all the committee members for their hard work this year to redraft the policy and closely monitor the page. Dee Hartnek has been collecting photos and write-ups all year for our "Over The Jump Day" feature. Several club members have also sent "Blast from the Past" photos for posting. These have been well received and anyone wishing to submit their items for posting can email us at facebook@theamericanbrittanyclub.org. <https://www.facebook.com/americanbrittanyclub>
Robin Tomasi

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FACEBOOK COMMITTEE

Purpose: The Facebook Committee (FC) shall create and maintain an official American Brittany Club Facebook page, working in conjunction with the American Brittany Club (ABC) website and magazine to share information and promote the goals of the ABC.

The chairman shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the Agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting.

Domain: www.facebook.com/americanbrittanyclub

Communication through the ABC Facebook

Messages received through Facebook will be forwarded to the FC for a response

Content

Content shall focus on Brittany events and achievements on a national level. Wherever possible, content posted on the Facebook page will include links to the ABC Website and encourage membership in the ABC. The members of the FC can post the following content:

Magazine

Subscription information, advertising deadline reminders and mailing updates

After an issue is mailed, the cover photo and advertisements (identified as paid advertisements) may be posted.

Posts to develop interest in an article are appropriate but the content of the article should not be posted unless instructed to do so by the ABC Magazine

Website

Highlight new and improved website items and features

National Events

Work with chair of National event to promote the event with primary focus of directing visitors to the ABC website

Deadline reminders and entry information

Post updates as information becomes available and is updated on ABC website

Request trophy donations, auction & raffle donations, etc.

Add National winners & other select photos to National event album

Post results with link to ABC website National page and with information that more coverage will be available in upcoming issues of the American Brittany magazine

Summer Specialty

Work with chair of event to promote the event with primary focus of directing visitors to the ABC website

Deadline reminders and entry information

Post updates as information is updated on ABC website

Request trophy donations, auction & raffle donations, etc.

Add Summer Specialty winners & other select photos to Summer Specialty event album

Post results with link to ABC website Summer Specialty page and with information that more coverage will be available in upcoming issues of the American Brittany magazine

Classics & Championships

Maintain photo album of Classic & Championship winners, and add new photos as they become available

Photos will be linked to the appropriate location on the ABC website under the direction of the ABC Webmaster

Futurities

Prompt breeders regularly to nominate their litters

Provide reminders of forfeit deadlines

Detail when and where futurities will be held

Post select photographs from events with links to results on the ABC website

Hall of Fame

Reminders for Hall of Fame nominations deadlines

Announce Hall of Fame inductees

Awards

The following annual awards shall be posted: Purina, TriTronics, Magnum's Masked Man, National Dual, Christy Feather Duster and the Woman Handler's, Chester Award and the Misty Sky Trophy.

Outstanding Achievements

Photo and select information for each new Dual Champion with link to Brittany Dual Champions website

Post notable field, show, obedience and agility wins as approved by FC

Other Event Information

Post and highlight AKC, ABC, American Field (AF) and National Shoot to Retrieve Association (NSTRA) news releases and information related to Brittany events

Legislation and Regulations that pertain to ABC, ABC clubs, ABC members and the Brittany

Link to American Kennel Club, United States Sportsmen's Alliance, National Animal Interest Alliance, and Sportsmen's and Animal Owners Voting Alliance legislation announcements on their websites as well as other legislative announcements approved by the AKC Legislative Liaison

Blast from the past/Just for Laughs/Misc.

Post a photo of a past National winner, HOF, Futurity, etc.

Postings of informative links to various pages on the ABC website to direct Facebook users to the ABC website (historical articles, HOF, events calendar)

Removing Objectionable Content

Members of the FC are expected to monitor the ABC Facebook Page for objectionable content. Objectionable content includes, but is not limited to, negative statements towards a dog or person, non-Brittany content and items offered for sale (other than ads from the ABC magazine). Any FC member should remove objectionable content as soon as it is discovered.

The Facebook page is not a place for discussion of ABC policy. ABC Board of Directors Minutes, Motions or other business shall not be included on the Facebook page unless approved by the President or BOD.

The President may reject proposed content or order the removal of posted content. The President shall notify the FC of the decision to reject or remove content.

Facebook Committee Policy

Facebook Page: www.Facebook.com/AmericanBrittanyClub

Email: facebook@theamericanbrittanyclub.org

Purpose of Policy:

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines, procedures and restrictions with respect to content and posts to the American Brittany Club (ABC) official Facebook page.

Purpose of Committee:

The Facebook Committee is responsible for establishing and maintaining a professional and identifiable Internet presence for ABC on Facebook. In this ever-changing image based media, policies will be developed and modified to stay consistent with current standards while serving the needs of the ABC.

Responsibilities of Committee:

The Committee Chair and all committee members shall comply with the Committee purpose, goals, operating policies, and procedures.

The primary roles of the Committee members shall be to provide expertise and input on all aspects of Brittany activities (Field, Show, Obedience, Rally, Agility, National Shoot To Retrieve Association (NSTRA), Lure Coursing, Therapy, etc.) and to execute any and all operational tasks as directed by the Committee Chair.

Committee members shall have an understanding of Social Media.

The Committee Chair shall submit a report of activities and recommendations to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual American Brittany Club Board Meeting, which normally occurs the third week of November of each calendar year. This shall be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the Agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Board Meeting.

The Facebook Committee shall create standards to ensure that all information is presented in a consistent manner.

All content of the ABC Facebook is subject to continuous review by the Facebook Committee.

Content

Content on the ABC Facebook page shall include, but not be limited to: promotion of the American Brittany Club, Brittany event coverage, motions to be voted on by the ABC Board of Directors, recognition of Brittany achievements, and historical information related to the Brittany.

The ABC Facebook page should be a friendly, enjoyable, and informative place for all our members and Brittany enthusiasts.

Committee members are expected to monitor the ABC Facebook page for objectionable content. Objectionable content includes, but is not limited to: negative statements towards a dog or person, non-Brittany content, and items offered for sale (other than ads from the ABC magazine). If/when any committee member becomes aware of objectionable content, they shall notify the Committee Chairperson of such objectionable content, which may be removed after review.

Content may be removed from the ABC Facebook page when it is no longer current (i.e. event deadline reminders) as determined by

the Facebook Committee Chair.

Requests from individuals wishing to have photos removed from ABC Facebook page must be sent to the Facebook Committee Chair for review. Such requests will always be granted if the individual is the copyright holder of the photograph in question, and will generally be granted if the requesting individual is pictured and objects to the posting of the photograph, or owns the dog pictured and objects to the posting of the photograph.

The ABC President may reject proposed content or order removal of posted content. Requests from the BOD to remove content shall be directed through the ABC President. The ABC President shall notify the Facebook Committee Chair of any decision he/she makes to reject or remove content.

Event Coverage

To ensure proper coverage of events, the Facebook Committee Chair and Event Chair will designate points of contacts between the Facebook Committee and each specific event. These contacts shall work together within guidelines established to present ABC events in a professional and timely fashion. Only Facebook Committee Chair & the Facebook Committee member(s) appointed to each specific event shall be permitted to post event coverage.

Best Practices/Terms of Use Disclaimer For ABC Facebook

Facebook is governed by the following set of community standards. These include, but are not limited to violations that may result in the termination or suspension of your access to our social media sites. Please familiarize yourself with them. By posting on our Facebook page, you indicate that you accept the Terms of Service.

ABC neither endorses products nor services nor the content of communications, postings or data, nor assumes any responsibility for any threatening, libelous, obscene, harassing or offensive material contained in such materials or any crime facilitated by use of the Sites. To report any violations of the Terms of Service, please use contact us at facebook@theamericanbrittany.org to notify us of a possible violation. Our moderation team will review all comments and take appropriate action for each.

The ABC Facebook should be friendly, informative, and enjoyable for all of our members. We reserve the right, but shall not be obligated to remove any material that does not comply with our Terms of Service without prior warning or further explanation. We also reserve the right to revoke posting privileges at our discretion and without warning.

You agree that when using these forums, you will act in a manner consistent with the goals of the ABC, and by way of example, and not as a limitation, you specifically agree and understand that:

- a. You will not violate any applicable local, state, national or international law, including but not limited to any rule, regulation, decree or ordinance;
- b. You will not post information on or download information from any of the Sites unless you have all rights and authority necessary to do so;
- c. You will not post any inappropriate, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, sexually explicit, potentially libelous or slanderous, infringing, harmful, harassing, threatening, illegal or other material or information that ABC in its sole discretion views as objectionable, including but not limited to text, graphics, audio and video files;
- d. You will not defame, abuse, harass, stalk, threaten, embarrass, cause distress, unwanted attention or discomfort or otherwise violate the legal rights (including without limitation rights of privacy and publicity) of any User or representative of ABC;
- e. You may express your disagreement with someone's point-of-view but personal attacks, or attacks based on another person's race, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or other such condition or circumstance, are strictly prohibited;
- f. You will not impersonate another person or entity, including but not limited to an ABC representative, or communicate under a false name or a name that you are not entitled or authorized to use;
- g. You will not post surveys, contests, chain letters, pyramid schemes, unnecessarily long messages, unnecessary or repetitive posts, multiple ratings for the same item, meaningless text, spamming, offensive declarations or other similarly disruptive content;
- h. You will not falsify or delete any author attributions, legal or other proper notices or proprietary designations or labels of the origin or source of software or other material posted on the Sites;
- j. You will not attempt to "crack," "hack," "bomb," manipulate or otherwise gain unauthorized access to another User's user name(s) or other information;
- k. You will not post, transmit or distribute any unsolicited advertising, promotional materials or other forms of solicitation to Users, individuals or entities, except in areas designated by ABC for such purposes;

l. You will not harvest, mine or otherwise collect or store personal information about others, including without limitation e-mail addresses and User profiles;

m. You agree not to collect or harvest any personally identifiable information, including without limitation usernames, from any Site or to use the communication systems provided by any Site for any commercial solicitation purpose;

n. You agree not to solicit, for commercial purposes, Users of the Sites;

o. Always remember that any personal information you reveal can be obtained and used by others. Anything you say here, you say at your own risk. Do not provide anyone with any information that you don't want made public;

p. When participating in an online conversation, never assume that people are who they say they are, know what they say they know, or are affiliated with whom they say they are affiliated;

q. If we judge a submission inappropriate, we reserve the right to delete that post and all replies to it. Re-posts of previously deleted contributions will be treated in the same way. Judgments concerning posts are made at our discretion, and our decisions are considered final.

Links Disclaimer:

Links to non-ABC websites do not imply endorsement of any particular product, service, organization, company, information provider, or content.

Submission of content to Facebook:

Individuals may submit items for consideration to the ABC Facebook Committee using the following guidelines:

Image files accepted in the following formats: jpg, gif, tiff

A minimum dpi of 75 is preferred for optimum presentation. If you have photos that need to be edited or you need assistance, please contact the Facebook for support.

Facebook images are best posted cropped square. Please keep this in mind when submitting photos

Please include the following information:

Name of photographer;
Date and Location the photograph was taken:

Caption: Photo description and a little bit of information about the dog/activity/etc. Please bear in mind that content posted on the ABC Facebook is available to a global audience. Facebook users are best engaged with 1 to 3 sentences. This information may appear in the caption and edited as needed. Please do not submit text in ALL CAPS.

Disclaimer:

I certify that I am the author or sole owner of the material I am submitting to the ABC Facebook. The ABC Facebook may reproduce, display, edit, modify, create derivative works and otherwise use the material on the ABC Facebook. I agree to indemnify the ABC for all damages and expenses that may be incurred in connection with the material.

****NOTE: If you are submitting a photo of your dog taken by someone else - you need permission of the photographer.

Items are to be submitted to the Facebook Committee Chair and once verified that all necessary information has been received it will then be submitted to the committee for a vote.

2013 FIELD TRIAL DATES REPORT

Steve Ralph

No Report

2013 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Judy Graves, Chair

In 2012, the Board of Directors created a new standing committee to oversee the financial activity of the American Brittany Club. Six members were named to join the Treasurer and President to create a very professional group. The first order of business was to define the duties of this committee.

ACTION ITEM: Duties of the Finance Committee (2013)

A. COMPOSITION & REPORTING:

The composition of this committee will be the President & Treasurer (as ex-officio) plus 6 members who are ABC Directors and/or regional lay persons who are members in good standing with a background in financial management and/or extensive experience within the American Brittany Club. Each region shall be represented in the appointments. Once established and operational, the committee members will elect its chair from the 8 sitting members. The chair must have extensive accounting experience. The members will serve on a rotating basis beginning with 5 years, 4 years, etc., as the current Hall of Fame does (with the exception of the office of President and office of the

Treasurer who will serve ex-officio). Re-appointments of 5 years may be made at the expiration of any term. The committee shall report directly to the Board of Directors.

B. SPECIFIC DUTIES

- 1) Establish an annual budget process as follows: Each officer & committee chair shall submit to the Treasurer his/her best estimate of revenues and expenses for the following year no later than October 1st. The Treasurer shall assemble these requests and forward them to the Finance Committee for review and analysis. This budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at its annual meeting by the Treasurer accompanied by the Finance Committee's comments & recommendations. Once the budget is adopted, should revisions (amounts exceeding 10% of a line item or \$2,500 whichever is greater) be required, the requesting party shall submit it to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Directors for immediate action. Any revenue neutral request will not require BOD approval unless such request exceeds \$5,000.
- 2) Ensure the accounting records are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and FASB standards (Financial Accounting Standards Board). As directed by the Board, the Committee shall conduct internal and/or external audits of ABC receipts and expenditures. The Committee shall insure adequate internal controls are in place to safeguard ABC assets.
- 3) Responsible for all financial policies and procedures as outlined in the ABC Policy Book and referenced in the By-laws. This will include any requested increase in fees or revenues for merchandise offered for resale or any other committee action requiring substantial expenditures of ABC assets.
- 4) Assist the Treasurer in creating an internal policy and procedures manual to be maintained as a reference guide for the office of the Treasurer. Such manual will be a living document to be updated by the Treasurer as circumstances dictate. All updates shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval.
- 5) Insure that all applicable IRS reporting requirements are met in a timely manner. This committee shall also be responsible for maintaining the ABC's group tax exemption.

C. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet via telephone conference call as often as necessary. Votes may be taken either through e-mail or telephone conferencing. A quorum must vote consisting of a majority of the members, one of which can include the Chair. Minutes of these meetings shall be retained by the chair and forwarded to the Executive Secretary on an annual basis.

2013 REQUEST FOR POLICY BOOK CHANGE --SUBMITTED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Current Policy Book procedure is to record \$ amounts of all individual fees collected and \$ amount of several (but not all) expenditures to be made during the year wherever references are made to the respective activity throughout the book. When reviewing the book, we discovered there were 25 references to late fees, 21 references to recording fees, 13 references to retail sales, etc. etc. (See attached file).

Whenever the Board approves some sort of fee schedule change, sometimes some of the references are skipped over and changes missed. Such was the case with recording fees which has since been corrected.

Many of the expenses listed should be a part of the annual operating budget as approved by the Board. Revenue estimates should be made based on a consolidated fee schedule listed as an appendix to the policy book (see attached sample for 2013).

More emphasis should be placed on an annual operating budget. Each officer and committee chair should be submitting their annual budget request in time for the Board of Directors to act on it at their annual meeting in November. While serving as interim Treasurer, it became apparent that many committee chairs were not aware of their budget and had not submitted one for board review. By having them submit their budget request and be accountable for them, a sense of empowerment and responsibility will hopefully be attained.

ACTION ITEM #2

The Finance Committee would like to see more emphasis placed on a comprehensive annual operating budget, rather than sporadic references to revenues and expenses in the Policy Book. Each committee chair and officer should submit his/her budget request for the following year to the Treasurer no later than October 1st. The Treasurer will then assemble and send out to the Finance Committee for review and recommendations to the Board of Directors no later than two weeks prior to their annual meeting, thus allowing each board member to review the request prior to the meeting where a formal vote would be taken.

Any reference in the Policy Book to a specific \$ amount should be removed and replaced by an appendix summary page detailing all Board approved fees.

2013 SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF FEES/EXPENSES

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

REVENUES & FEES COLLECTED	EXPENSES
Recording Fees	AKC Fees
Per dog started for Field Trials, Hunt Tests,	
\$ 2.00 Specialty Shows, Obedience & Rally,	\$ 3.50 1st entry per dog
\$ 2.00 American Field Organization	\$ 3.00 Additional entry
\$ 2.00 ABC Regional Classic	\$ 15.00 Application Fee-ABC regional Classics
	\$ 25.00 License Fee - Specialty Show
Late Fees	\$ 35.00 Application Fee - Regional trial
\$ 25.00 ABC Reports	\$ 25.00 Late Fee Penalty
\$ 1.00 ABC per day fine	\$ 5.00 Daily late fee fine
\$ 30.00 Litter nomination 30+days	
\$ 60.00 Litter nominations 60+ days	
\$ 100.00 Litter nominations 120+	
\$ 50.00 Field/Show forfeit per section	
Entry Fees	Nat'l Auction/Raffle Seed Money
\$75.00 Initial Gun Dog National s	\$ 1,200.00 Field Nat'l's (All Age/Gun Dog)
\$125.00 ABC Derby Championship	\$ 600.00 Nat'l Specialty
Memberships	National Events
\$30.00 Full - regional club minimum & M-A-L	\$ 250.00 Field report fee (ALL & GD)
\$3.00 Associate	\$ 100.00 Field judges gifts
\$20.00 ABC share of Full	\$ 75.00 Best of Breed trophy value
\$1.00 ABC share of Associate	\$ 60.00 Best of Opposite Sex trophy value
(\$10.00) Club credit for direct pay Full Member	\$ 800.00 Current Program Dir. Emergency Fund
(\$2.00) Club credit for direct pay Assoc. Member	\$ 0.25 Mileage reimbursement
Retail Sales, etc	Donations:
\$ 1.00 Judges Books	\$ 2,000.00 Bird Dog Foundation
\$ 1.00 Primers	\$ 3,000.00 Sportsmen's Alliance
\$ 3.00 Old Magazines	\$ 500.00 NAIA
\$ 5.00 Championship Pins	\$ 5,000.00 Marvin Nelson Fund thru 2004
\$ 10.00 Club copies of membership lists & updates	\$ 2,000.00 Marvin Nelson Fund 2005-2011
\$ 250.00 Membership mailing lists	suspended Marvin Nelson Fund 2012
\$ 10.00 Magazine Photo File Fees	\$ 50.00 Funeral flowers/memorials
\$ 140.00 Color/vs B&W advertising page	
\$ 500.00 value of auction donation for full page year book ad	
\$300-499 value of auction donation for 1/2 page year book ad	
Other Misc. Charges & Fees	Other expenses:
\$ 15.00 Bad Check Fee	\$ 50.00 Dates Coordinators' expenses
	\$ 500.00 Agenda Book
	\$ 300.00 HOF Certificate printing
	\$ 700.00 Judges Education
	\$ 1,000.00 Membership Development
	\$ 5,000.00 President's Discretionary

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58	MAGAZINE-FIELD TRIAL	2.00	ABC Recording Fee
58	MAGAZINE-FIELD TRIAL	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
58	MAGAZINE-FIELD TRIAL	1.00	ABC daily late fee fine
58	MAGAZINE-FIELD TRIAL	2.00	ABC Recording Fee
58	MAGAZINE-FIELD TRIAL	8.00	Recording fee calculation (incorrect)
58	MAGAZINE-SHOW	2.00	ABC Recording fee
59	MAGAZINE	2.00	ABC Recording Fee
59	MAGAZINE	2.00	ABC Recording Fee
59	MAGAZINE	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
59	MAGAZINE	1.00	ABC daily late fee fine
59	MAGAZINE	2.00	ABC Recording Fee
60	MAGAZINE	2.00	ABC Recording Fee
60	MAGAZINE	1.00	Future Grounds Fund (1/2)
60	MAGAZINE	1.00	Breed Issues Fund (1/2)
60	MAGAZINE	1.00	Specialty Show fund (1/2)
60	MAGAZINE		
80	NATIONAL AUCTION-#2	250.00	Membership Mailing list request
84	NATL CHAMPIONSHIP YEARBOOK	\$300-499	1/2 PAGE FREE AD
84	NATL CHAMPIONSHIP YEARBOOK	500.00	Full page ad
87	GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIP-#4	75.00	Initial Entry Fee
91	GAME BIRD/GUN DOG CLASSICS	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
92	GAME BIRD/GUN DOG CLASSICS	1.00	ABC daily late fee fine
94	#4	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
94	#4	1.00	ABC daily late fee fine
96	#11	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
96	#11	1.00	ABC Late fee fine
98	ABC REGIONAL CLASSIC-#3H	15.00	AKC application fee
99	ABC REGIONAL CLASSIC-#B	3.50	AKC recording fee per dog entered
99	ABC REGIONAL CLASSIC-#B	2.00	ABC recording fee per starter
100	ABC DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP-#6	125.00	Entry Fee
101	ABC FUTURITY-LITTER FORFEIT	30.00	ABC Late fee fine - 30-60 days
101	ABC FUTURITY-LITTER FORFEIT	30.00	ABC additional Late fee fine -+60 days
101	ABC FUTURITY-LITTER FORFEIT	100.00	ABC additional Late Fee Fine - +120
102	ABC FUTURITY-TRIAL & SHOW	50.00	ABC Field event forfeit late fee
102	ABC FUTURITY-TRIAL & SHOW	50.00	ABC Show event forfeit late fee
108	ABC FUTURITY-DUTIES OF SECT	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
108	#13	1.00	ABC daily late fee fine
109	ABC FUTURITY-REPORTERS	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
109	ABC FUTURITY-REPORTERS	1.00	ABC daily late fee fine

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ABC EXPENSES

29	DATES CHAIRMAN - #8	50.00	Regional & Natl coordinator stipend
31	DUTIES OF PRESIDENT - #14	5,000.00	President's discretionery
34	DUTIES OF 1ST VP - #17	250.00	Report fee for Reporter
35	#23	100.00	Judges gift
35	#24	1,200.00	Field Auction Seed Money
35	#24	600.00	Show Auction Seed Money
42	DUTIES OF 3RD VP - #25	1,200.00	Field Auction Seed Money
42	#25	600.00	Show Auction Seed Money
43	SUMMER SPECIALTY SHOW	75.00	Best of Breed trophy value
43	SUMMER SPECIALTY SHOW	50.00	Best of Opposite Sex trophy value
46	DUTIES OF 4TH VP - #18	250.00	Report fee for Reporter
46	#20	1,200.00	Field Auction Seed Money
46	#20	600.00	Show Auction Seed Money
50	DUTIES OF TREASURER-#22	2,000.00	Bird Dog Foundation donation
50	#22	3,000.00	Sportsmen's Alliance donation
50	#23	500.00	National Animal Interest Alliance dtn
50	#24	5,000.00	Marvin Nelson Fund thru 2004
50	#24	2,000.00	Marvin Nelson Fund thru 2011
50	#24	suspended	Marvin Nelson Fund 2012
51	#25	1,000.00	Membership Development(breed issue fund)
52	DUTIES OF EX. SECT - #14	50.00	Funeral flowers/memorial
66	#14	10.00	Regional Club Full Membership refund
66	#14	1.00	Regional Club Assoc Memb. Refund
69	NAT'L FIELD TRIAL SECT-#19	25.00	AKC Late Fee Penalty
69	#19	5.00	AKC Daily Late Fee
71	AFTER NATIONALS	25.00	AKC Late Fee Penalty
71	AFTER NATIONALS	5.00	AKC Daily Late Fee
80	NATIONAL AUCTION - #9	1,200.00	Field Auction Seed Money
80	#9	600.00	Show Auction Seed Money
81	DUTIES OF PROGRAM DIR-#9	800.00	Emergency Fund
81	DUTIES OF PROGRAM DIR-#9	500.00	Prior Emergency fund
83	NAT'L SPENDING-REPORTERS	250.00	Report fee for Reporter
83	NAT'L SPENDING-JUDGE	0.25	Per mile reimbursement
85	DUTIES OF AGENDA CHAIRMAN	500.00	Cost of agenda book
85	#7	250.00	2008 cost of agenda book
104	ABC FUTURITY-EXPENSES	0.25	mileage paid to judges
117	ABC HALL OF FAME - CERTIFICATES-8.2	300.00	HOF Certificate printing
117	ABC HALL OF FAME - PICTURES	200.00	Dog Painting support (deleted in 2011)
132	ABC JUDGES EDUCATION - #5	500.00	Budget prior to 2007
132	ABC JUDGES EDUCATION - #5	700.00	Budget since 2007

2013 ABC FUTURITY

Bobbie Sigmund, Chair.

September 15, 2013

I want to thank the 2013 Futurity Committee to include Judy Graves, Judy Robin, Robin Tomasi, and Lisa Pollock for all of their time and effort that they have put in for this year's Futurity. I have enjoyed working with all of you.

I was tasked with reviewing the Futurity Policy by our current President and other board members. The committee really looked it over very carefully, and there are several changes that were needed to be made.

Increase participation in the Futurity has been the ABC's goal for as long as I have been involved, and participated in the Futurity. I believe with these changes in the Futurity Policy, that goal can be accomplished.

We want the regional clubs to WANT to host a Futurity. We needed to simplify the process to make that happen. We want it to be less complicated and to increase the percentage of the purse for our well earned winners.

By providing more details as to what is expected of everyone involved, this will make the policy easier to read, and not have as many "gray" areas questioned as there have been in past policies.

One noted change has been the extended time for nominating litter from 30 - 60 days. This one item of

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PAGE #	REF	\$ AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
REVENUES & FEES COLLECTED			
18	REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 30.00	Full Membership
18	REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS	3.00	Associate Membership
18	REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS	20.00	Full membership to ABC
18	REGULAR MEMBERSHIPS	1.00	Associate membership to ABC
19	MEMBERS AT LARGE	10.00	Club credit if accepting
20	MATERIALS AVAILABLE	1.00	Judges Books
20	MATERIALS AVAILABLE	1.00	Primers
20	MATERIALS AVAILABLE	3.00	Old Magazines
20	RECORDING FEES	2.00	ABC recording fee per starter - Field Trials
20	RECORDING FEES	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
20	RECORDING FEES	1.00	ABC per day fine
20	RECORDING FEES	2.00	ABC recording fee - Specialty shows
20	RECORDING FEES	25.00	ABC Late fee fine
20	RECORDING FEES	1.00	ABC per day fine
20	RECORDING FEES	2.00	ABC fee - Hunt Tests
20	RECORDING FEES	2.00	ABC fee per dog -Am Field Org.
21	RUNNING YOUR FIELD TRIAL	2.00	ABC recording fee-per dog started
22	RUNNING YOUR FIELD TRIAL	25.00	AKC penalty
22	RUNNING YOUR FIELD TRIAL	5.00	AKC per day late fee
22	RUNNING YOUR FIELD TRIAL	3.50	AKC Recording fee-1st entry
22	RUNNING YOUR FIELD TRIAL	3.00	AKC Additional entry
23	WHAT TO SEND TO ABC EX		
23	SECRETARY AFTER TRIAL	2.00	ABC recording fee-per dog started
23	SECRETARY AFTER TRIAL	25.00	ABC late fee fine
23	SECRETARY AFTER TRIAL	1.00	ABC per day fine
23	SECRETARY AFTER TRIAL	2.00	ABC recording fee-per dog started
23	CHECK LIST FOR FIELD TRIALS	35.00	AKC application fee
23	#11	1.00	ABC judges books
24	AFTER THE TRIAL	2.00	ABC recording fee-per dog started
25	SPECIALTY SHOW	25.00	AKC license fee
47	DUTIES OF SECRETARY-#5	10.00	Copies of membership list
47	#5	10.00	Quarterly membership updates
50	DUTIES OF TREASURER-#18	15.00	Bad Check Fee
53	DUTIES OF EX SECT - #27	250.00	Membership Mailing list request
54	CHAMPIONSHIP PINS	5.00	Co-Owner purchase
54	CHAMPIONSHIP PINS	5.00	Earned prior to 1/1/72
54	CHAMPIONSHIP PINS	5.00	Lost pin
56	MAGAZINE POLICY - ADV	140.00	Color vs Black & White
57	MAGAZINE POLICY - PICTURES	10.00	Photo File Fee
58	MAGAZINE-FIELD TRIAL	2.00	ABC Recording Fee

change has been very well received, and asked for by most current breeders. I have been asked about bringing this change all year, by so many people in different parts of the country, and I agreed to try my best to do what our ABC members really preferred.

By making the Futurity Policy easier to understand, less complicated, and providing more incentive/ support to the regional clubs who host a sectional Futurity, I truly believe we will see an increase in participation in the future of the Futurity Program.

Thank you.

Bobbie L. Sigmund
ABC Futurity Chair

Agenda Item from Jim Brigham: Review the Futurity awarding process Board Action to examine ways to improve The Futurity process based on the problems during the Eastern Futurity. We are expecting reports or comments from the Futurity committee members.

FUTURITY SECRETARY OVERVIEW

Judy Graves, Futurity Secretary
September 14, 2013

2013 saw participation increase to pre-recession numbers. At a time when we have seen the economy continue to take its toll on our regional trials, entries and the number of dogs in the program increased over the last four years. Even though total numbers of litters and breeders has declined from 2006, we can say this past year has seen a marked increase in the number of forfeits paid as well as actual entries. Our participation levels of forfeits paid to pups produced was 41.4% - up from 38.7% average in the last 5 years. Actual entries continued at 71.8% of forfeits paid. Annual averages had been running in the 60% range since I have been keeping records.

From a financial standpoint, \$12,797 was paid out in prize money, with ABC receiving \$1,666 as its share of the forfeits paid. ABC will share any profits with a hosting club and also guarantee to make up any losses. This year, our net gain was \$230.

Excellence breeds excellence has never been more evident than in this year's breeders program. Robin Tomasi with her co-breeders Barbara Dayton, Alex Findlay, and Emily Fuzette had the vision to breed CH Copley's Millennium Martini to GCH Copley's Looks Good on Paper to produce Copley's Red River and CH Libertie-Copley More Mimosas? who came away with a total of 12 placements from all three sections combined. Patricia Van De Coevering's litter from DC/ AFC Zippity-do-dot x NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid did extremely well in the Western Futurity, having 3 dogs from the litter win a total of 6 placements.

Altogether, there were 19 litters with wins by multiple dogs. 23 breeders had multiple placements as well. In addition to Robin's 24 placements, Teresa Richmond had 7, and Julie Nelson, Cheryl Krajcar and Patricia Van De Coevering all had 6 placements.

As we look to next year, we had 84 breeders whelping 105 litters which produced 679 pups in 2012. While slightly less than the 2011/2013 season, we still expect to receive 273 forfeits and have 136 dogs eligible based on last year's averages of participation. The Northern New England Brittany Club along with the other three New England Clubs will host the Eastern Section under the leadership of Robert Fleury as Section Manager and Rita Poland as Section Secretary. Exact dates will be available the 1st part of December. Central and Western Section hosts have not been approved as of this date. We expect to have the venues secured in the very near future. We wish to thank everyone who expressed an interest in hosting and hope they will continue to come forward.

Judy Graves, Futurity Secretary

AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB FUTURITY

History and Overview

The American Brittany Club Futurities are Field Stakes and Shows established in late 1940s to showcase the breeding programs of Brittany breeders throughout the country and designed to encourage and reward the Brittanys who are promising representations of the breed in conformation and in the field. Such recognition is important to the breed for continued breed improvement. At its core, the Futurity is a Breeders Stake and seeks to highlight and reward the breeders, the backbone of our Breed, as well as the owners. This will be accomplished through the awarding of a cash purse derived from both nominating fees and forfeits.

The Futurity was strictly a field event until 1963 when Ann White inaugurated the Show Futurity. In this event, the dogs are separated by sex into three age brackets; Senior, Intermediate and Junior. The three class winners compete for first money; a reserve winner (second money) and a second reserve (third money) are chosen in each sex. First money male and first money female compete for Best in Futurity and Best of Opposite Sex in Futurity.

In 2000 the Futurity Committee added the Gun Dog Futurity to accompany the All-Age Futurity. At the time of running, those that paid the final forfeits had to make the choice between All Age or Gun Dog as no dog could participate in both field events at the same sectional

futurity, but a dog can run in the All-Age in one section and the Gun Dog in another if the owner so chooses.

Brittany Breeders, who must be members of the ABC, nominate their litters with the Futurity Litter Nomination Secretary within 60 days of whelping. The nomination application is available in the American Brittany Magazine, and can also be downloaded from the ABC website. Puppies from a nominated litter are then eligible to compete in the Field and Show Futurities held in the year that they turn 2 years old, provided a final forfeit fee has been paid by the owner.

Example: A puppy born in 2013 would be eligible to compete in 2015.

The National Futurity Secretary will supply Breeders with the paperwork and instructions for the new puppy owners so that they can pay the Final Forfeit. It is the breeder's responsibility to insure that owners receive this paperwork before the October 1st deadline of the Final Forfeit.

Owners will have the option of competing in 1, 2, or all 3 Sectional Futurities (Eastern, Central & Western). Once the final forfeit(s) have been paid, the National Futurity Secretary will mail a premium containing the entry form for the appropriate Sectional Futurity Field/ Show events.

The standards for both the field and show events are established by the ABC Board of Directors.

All dogs must be owned by members of the ABC or their immediate family as described by the AKC. The ABC Futurities are established for the purpose of encouraging and benefiting breeders and owners of Brittanys. The trials and shows were inaugurated by the ABC and are conducted under their rules.

The following rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the ABC and are distributed to those making entries in the futurity through printing on the reverse side of all futurity entry forms:

National Futurity Chair

The National Futurity Committee Chair shall be appointed by the President, and be responsible to the Board of Directors for their actions and decisions. They he shall act at all times to protect the interests of the ABC and see that the events are run in accordance with the ABC standards and rules and guidelines established by the Board of Directors.

Each year, the National Futurity Committee Chair is responsible for submitting a report of activities and recommendations, to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board Meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the Agenda Chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the Directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual meeting.

The National Futurity Chairman shall appoint the National Futurity Secretary to handle the duties of the Futurity. Chair shall also appoint the Litter Nominations Secretary, who may also serve as an assistant to the National Futurity Secretary. Both Secretaries serve on the National Futurity Committee and report to the Futurity Chairman. Both appointments are subject to the approval of the ABC President.

Duties of the National Futurity Chairman

The chairman shall act as advisor to the Litter Nominating Secretary in the acceptance of litter nominations and to the National Futurity Secretary in the acceptance of forfeits.

The chairman shall poll the futurity committee on all decisions concerning the acceptance or rejection of irregular nominations and forfeits. If a conflict of interest arises with any member of the futurity committee, they must excuse themselves from the decision.

The chairman shall keep records from the figures supplied by the Litter Nominating Secretary of the number of litters nominated, and report them at the annual board meeting.

Solicit and assist sectional ABC clubs in applying to host futurities and poll committee members for selection of futurity hosts. It is recommended to secure host clubs two to three years in advance to allow clubs and participants time to plan their futurity schedules. The chairman shall coordinate the dates and locations so that a futurity event shall be available to as many members as possible. Before dates and locations are finalized they must clear the dates with the regional field trial dates committees

As soon as the dates and grounds are finally accepted they shall be sent to all ABC media: i.e.: ABC Website, ABC Magazine, and ABC Facebook.

The chairman shall poll the Futurity Committee to obtain the approval of the judges selected by the sectional manager in each section. If a conflict of interest arises with any member of the futurity committee, they must excuse themselves from the decision.

The chairman must be able to act in an advisory capacity to the Sectional Managers & Secretaries.

The chairman must keep in touch and ensure the Sectional Managers are following ABC rules & procedures.

The chairman after verification from the National Futurity Secretary, approves Purses pay outs for each sectional futurity.

The chairman must include a summary report of the events to the Board of Directors for the annual Board Meeting

1ST-YEAR

1. The chairman shall make all decisions on the acceptance or rejection of irregular forfeits.

2. He shall act as advisor to the 1st year secretary in the acceptance of litter forfeits and to the futurity secretary in the acceptance of

entries:

3. He shall keep records from the figures supplied by the First Futurity (2011) Secretary of the number of litters nominated, and report them to the club at the annual membership meeting.

4. During the late summer the chairman must poll his committee for the selection of futurity managers for each stake to be held the following year. The sectional managers must send their choice of grounds and dates to the chairman as soon as possible.

5. The chairman shall coordinate the dates and locations so that a futurity event shall be available to as many members as possible. Before dates and locations are finalized they must receive approval of the futurity committee.

6. The chairman shall then clear the dates with the regional field trial dates committees.

7. The futurity chairman must then receive approval of dates from the national field trial dates chairman. The grounds and dates should be firm by the end of the year in order that the schedule for the field trials may be built around them.

8. As soon as the dates and grounds are finally accepted they shall be sent to the editor to be listed in "The American Brittany".

2ND-YEAR

1. The chairman shall act as an advisor to the futurity secretary in the acceptance of entries:

2. He shall poll the futurity committee to obtain the approval of the judges selected by the various managers:

3. He must be able to act in an advisory capacity to the sectional managers:

4. He must keep in touch and be sure the sectional managers are following scheduled procedures as closely as possible:

5. He must submit a report at the conclusion of the events to the Board of Directors and to the annual membership meeting:

The President shall appoint an American Brittany Club Futurity Secretary to handle the duties of the Futurity. He may appoint a Litter Nominations Secretary to serve as an assistant to the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008)

Duties of the Litter Nominations Secretary

1ST-YEAR - Litter Nominations Secretary

1. The litter nominations secretary shall see to the printing of all necessary litter forms.

2. He/she They shall receive and acknowledge all litter forfeits nominations.

3. She They must refer any irregular nominations to the Futurity Chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner so that all decisions may be made without bias. At no time may the secretary make decisions on irregular entries or policies.

4. The futurity secretary They shall report to the chairman on a regular basis the forfeits nominations received.

5. She shall see that all money is deposited as directed by the treasurer. The Futurity Secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated; the number of litters whelped and sends them to the futurity chairman. The money received shall be deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer.

6. The Futurity Secretary shall keep a record of the number of litters nominated; the number of litters whelped and sends them to the National Futurity Chairman and National Futurity Secretary

2ND-YEAR - Final Running Secretary ABC Futurity Secretary

1. The futurity secretary must prepare a list of eligible litters for publication in the June or July "The American Brittany" magazine.

2. About July 15 she must mail to each breeder of an eligible litter some entry forms and a cover letter requesting him to notify all interested persons who purchased a pup from his litter. This mailing must include the criteria for judging the field futurities

3. The futurity secretary shall receive all September forfeits. (2000)

4. The money received shall be deposited as directed by the ABC treasurer.

5. The entries should be checked for eligibility consulting with the membership data chairperson to be sure all dogs are owned by members.

6. All non-members shall be notified of the membership requirement.

7. Entry fees shall be returned to those who do not choose to join

8. All entries received without individual registration numbers shall be accepted as conditional and owners should be notified that the dogs may not compete unless numbers are received prior to the opening of the show or the drawing for the trial. Individual registration in any recognized stud book is adequate but litter registration is not.

9. No refunds shall be made for dogs that the owners fail to register in time.

Duties of the National Futurity Secretary

1. They shall see to the printing of all necessary forfeit & entry forms.

2. They shall receive and acknowledge all September forfeits. (2000)

3. They must refer any irregular entries to the chairman, presenting them in an anonymous manner so that all decisions may be made without bias.

4. They shall report to the chairman on a regular basis the forfeits received.

- They shall see that all money is deposited as directed by the ABC Treasurer. They also shall keep a record of the number of forfeits received, the number of futurity entries received, and send them to the National Futurity Chairman.
- They must prepare a list of eligible litters for publication in the June or July "The American Brittany" magazine.
- About July 15 they must mail to each breeder of an eligible litter some entry forms and a cover letter requesting them to notify all interested persons who purchased a pup from their litter. This mailing must include the Standard of Performance for the Field and Show Futurities as established by the ABC Board of Directors. This mailing must include the criteria for judging the field futurities.
- The entries should be checked for eligibility consulting with the membership data chairperson to be sure all dogs are owned by members. The forfeits should be checked for eligibility consulting with the membership data chairperson to insure all dogs are owned or co-owned by ABC members. All non-members shall be notified of the membership requirements.
- Forfeits fees shall be returned to those who choose not to join ABC.
- All forfeits received without individual registration numbers shall be accepted as conditional and owners should be notified that the dogs cannot compete unless numbers are received prior to the opening of the show or the drawing for the trial. Individual registration in any recognized stud book is adequate but litter registration is not. AKC registration is REQUIRED to compete in an ABC Futurity event. American Field registration is recommended.
- No refunds shall be made for dogs that the owners fail to register in time.
- They will send a list of eligible dogs, by class, to each Sectional Futurity Secretary when the premiums are ready to be distributed.
- They will secure an ad in the American Field, advertising each of the 3 Sectional Field Events at least 45 days prior to the first event.
- Order trophies, ribbons, and judges gifts for each section.
- Upon verification and approval from the National Futurity Chairman of all awards, the National Futurity Secretary will inform the ABC Treasurer who the purse checks will be made out to and how much. Upon receiving the checks from the Treasurer, the checks will be distributed to the winners.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY, CONDITIONS AND RULES

- All litters nominated must be registered in a recognized stud book, whelped on or after January 1st through December 31st in a given calendar year.
- The Primary Breeder of record needs to be a member in Good Standing of the ABC when the litter is nominated and when they compete.
- The owner of the sire is not required to be a member of the ABC.
- All dogs competing in the American Brittany Club Futurity must be individually registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC). American Field registration is highly recommended.
- The Primary owner of record needs to be a member in Good Standing of the ABC when submitting Final Forfeits and fees at event.
- If a Futurity nominated puppy is sold, eligibility will continue to the new owner, provided the new owner/owners are members of the ABC in Good
- It is recommended, but not required that all sires and dams of nominated litters have DNA profiles on file with the AKC.

Prior to 1/1/2004, nominations of the dam were to be made within 30 days after the bitch was bred, at which time the first \$10 forfeit was paid. A second \$10 forfeit was then to be paid before the litter reached 30 days of age.

Beginning 1/1/2004, the first and second forfeits are to be combined into a single "first forfeit" fee which must be paid within 30 days (judged by postmark) after whelping date. This simplifies record keeping for both the ABC and the litter owner. It also eliminates any confusion caused by "failure to whelp". The ABC Board of Directors will set the fees:

Litter Forfeits Nomination

Each ABC futurity shall be open to every purebred Brittany bitch and all her progeny whelped on or after January 1st of any given year. Bitches must be owned, co-owned or leased by a member of the ABC or by a member of the immediate family.

All dams nominated and all stud dogs used must be registered in a recognized stud book (2008) (Must be registered at time bred). Only dogs registered in a registry recognized by ABC will be eligible. (2008) (precludes registries not recognized by ABC)

Nominations of litters dams must be made within 60-90 days after the pups have been whelped, at which time the forfeit must be paid. Payment will entitle each puppy of this particular litter to be entered in the ABC Futurities Field (All-Age or Gun Dog) and/or Show upon fulfillment of requirements above below. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors and can be found on the futurity form in "The American Brittany" magazine (2003) and on the ABC Website. The litter nomination fee is currently set at \$50.

Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 180 days from whelping (2011) Late litter nominations will be accepted as late as 180 days from whelping. Late fees are \$50.00 for 61-90 days, and

\$100.00 for 91-180 days. -with the following current fee schedule: Late fees are \$30 for 31-60 days, \$60 for 61-90 days and \$100 for any nomination received more than 90 days after whelping. No nominations will be accepted past 180 days after whelping (2008; Motion 24). Late fees are \$30.00 for 31-60 days, an additional \$30.00 for 61-90 days and an additional \$100 for 90-180 days. (2011). Nominations after 180 days will be at the discretion of the Futurity Committee. Additional late fees may be imposed from time to time by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008)) (This defines late fees and provides for all litters to have the same amount of time within the penalty. (explanation in the minutes only) The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations. (2003)

The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of final forfeits will be divided equally among the sections holding futurities (Base Purse). (2012)

The final forfeits due on October 1st shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid and added to the Base Purse above. (2012)

Field forfeits will be allocated based on the ratio of event entry (i.e. ratio of All Age to Gun Dog). After deduction of 10% administration fee for ABC, the balance will constitute the purse for that section. (Starting fees will be used to cover all expenses for the preparation and running of the events.) (2012)

Final Forfeit

On or before October 1st of the year following a pup's birth year, those owners wishing to compete in the Futurity must pay a final forfeit on entry forms furnished by the ABC. This Final Forfeit allows the dog to participate in any selected Sectional Futurity Event which includes the Field (All-Age or Gun Dog) and/or Show upon fulfillment of requirements above. The current fees are set by the ABC Board of Directors. The Final Forfeit fee is currently set at \$50 per section.

For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee of \$50.00 for each section nominated (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31. No forfeits will be accepted after December 31st. Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. The postmark will determine the fee for late nominations.

For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee of \$50.00 for each field and \$50.00 for each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31. (2000, 2010) Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008)

Futurity Event Entry

The futurities are to be held during the spring season. Both All-Age and Gun Dog Field Futurities, and a Show Futurity will be offered at each of the Three Sectional Futurities.

On the final field entry, the participant must declare either the All Age or Gun Dog stake, since they cannot run in both at a sectional futurity. Current fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided. In addition, a starting fee, set by the ABC Board of Directors, must be paid before the start of the events. No dog may participate until its AKC registration number has been received by the ABC. The current entry fees are \$55 for the field events and \$40 for the show.

Show classes shall be divided by sex:

- *Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January-April
- *Intermediate classes shall be for dogs whelped May-August and
- *Junior classes shall be for dogs whelped September -December

Show classes shall be divided by sex. Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January-April, intermediate classes shall be for dogs whelped May-August and Junior classes shall be for dogs whelped September -December.

Form of Payment of Fees

- All fees required under the Futurity program must be made by check or money order. All fees are to be paid in U.S. funds.
- All fees are nonrefundable unless the dog or exhibitor is ineligible to compete under the selected a judging panel in the Sectional Futurity for which they are nominated. In such cases they will be given the option to switch sections or receive a refund for the 2nd forfeit minus any late fees.

Duties of the Host Club GENERAL PROCEDURES

An official application to host a sectional futurity must be submitted to either the National ABC-Futurity Secretary or the National ABC Futurity Chairman.

Applications are available from any member of the National Futurity Committee. Forms are available from the Futurity Secretary or on the ABC Web Site. Request should be made as early as possible, preferably at least a year in advance so that prospective participants can plan their travel schedules. The National Futurity Chair will review the application and distribute to the ABC Futurity Committee for discussion and approval. (2008)

Forms necessary for participation in the Futurity will be available on the ABC Web Site. (2008)

The trial must be planned with the following in mind and each decision must be made with the thought of what will make the best trial and show for the most people in the area:

Procedures (2008)

Effective with the running in 2006 ABC will go 50/50 on the profit made by clubs hosting the ABC Futurities. Effective with the running in 2014 profits made by Sectional clubs hosting the ABC Futurities will retain 70% of the profits with ABC receiving 30% of the profits. ABC will absorb reasonable losses based on the Expenses guideline. ABC will absorb reasonable losses based on the Expenses guideline guidelines listed (2005) (Reinstated in 2008) (inadvertently left out of policy book) ABC will absorb losses only in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as weather problems, requiring the Futurity to be run on an additional day. Regional costs are not extenuating circumstances. (2008) The ABC Futurity Chairman must approve expenditures prior to final settlement with the host clubs by the ABC Treasurer. (2008) Final settlement with regional clubs will not be forwarded by the ABC Treasurer until all write ups, pictures, and expense documentation have been received and approved. (2008) The National Futurity Chairman must approve expenditures prior to final settlement with the Sectional host clubs. Final settlement with Sectional host clubs will not be forwarded by the ABC Treasurer until all write ups, pictures, and expense documentation have been received and approved.

Nominal costs of running a trial and show with in the entry fees are acceptable expenses.

Regional-Sectional host clubs must provide their own insurance. (2008)

The futurity entry fee monies are to be mailed to the ABC Treasurer National Futurity Secretary at the closing of entries for the event. (2008)

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The ABC National Futurity Secretary is responsible for the "American Field" listing, printing and mailing of entry forms (2008) as well as judges gifts (2008) and these amounts will be charged against your budget. There is no AKC license fee nor any recording fees to pay to the ABC. There will not be any AKC license fee, or any recording fees to pay to the ABC. There is no charge for any publicity you might desire in "The American Brittany", or for ads in that publication. You should submit requests directly to the magazine to the ABC National Futurity Chairman.

Upon receipt of the marked catalog, the National Futurity Secretary shall send a listing of money amounts and recipients to the National Futurity Chair for approval. checks for the winners and breeders will be made out by the ABC Treasurer (or National Futurity Secretary), then sent to the National Futurity Secretary who will deliver them to the recipients of the awards treasurer and sent to the ABC futurity secretary, who will deliver them in person or by mail, to the recipients of the awards. In a case where the recipient of the award cannot be located, the award shall revert to ABC. The ABC Treasurer shall pay for Futurity expenses billed directly to ABC (such as American Field ad, trophies, judges' gifts, etc.)

All owner's checks, field, show and dual, are made to the PRIMARY OWNER AND BREEDER OF THE DOG as declared on the Futurity Litter Nomination and Sectional Futurity Entry.

All owner's checks, field, show and dual, are made to the OWNER OF THE DOG. A copy of the purse payment schedule will be supplied by the treasurer and should be posted in a prominent place at both the show and field trial. Under no circumstance is a purse payment to be made other than as described here.

No detailed budget is suggested due to variance in expenses from area to area. Host club(s) should prepare a proposed budget and submit it to the Futurity Chairman for approval. (2008). But remember to stay within your budget. Remember to try and make the trial and show worthy of the classification of a National ABC event.

The Section Manager and Section Secretary are eligible to compete in the event and are dogs they bred or co-own, however they should not be involved with the selection or hiring of the judges for the show or field.

Duties of the Section Futurity Manager

- The section manager shall have full responsibility for the running of the show and field trial subject to the ABC rules and subject to the authority of the National Futurity Chairman.
- They shall appoint a sectional futurity secretary who shall receive all final field and show entries.
- They shall appoint a show chairman and a trial chairman. If they so desires they may serve in the capacity of chairman of either or both events.
- During the running of the event, they shall be in contact with the National Futurity Chairman, or any National Futurity committee member if the chairman is unavailable to answer any questions which may arise.

Duties of the Sectional Futurity Secretary

- They must insure that the selected Judges (field and show) have a copy of the ABC Futurity Standard of Performance at least a month prior to the events.
- They shall receive the final entries and fees and confirm receipt of entries to participants. Entries shall close at least a week before the event is held.
- All entries must be checked for eligibility with the listing supplied by

the National Futurity Secretary.

- Any irregular entries should be checked with the National Futurity Chairman and/or National Futurity Secretary.
- Any entries sent in error to the National Futurity Secretary shall be honored if received before the closing date.
- At the close of entries, the Sectional Futurity Secretary shall inform the National Futurity Secretary of the number of entries in each event (Gun Dog, All-Age, and Show) and send all checks to the National Futurity Secretary for deposit. It is recommended for the sectional futurity secretary to make photocopies of all checks prior to mailing.
- They shall develop the show catalog from the current information provided by the National Futurity Secretary. A catalog template is available from the National Futurity Committee.
- When the show and trial begins, the Sectional Futurity Secretary shall perform such duties as normally fall to a field trial and/or show secretary.
- IMPORTANT things to remember: Be sure you have the correct name of the owner on all money winners, show and field. Remember to check the AKC registration number on all placing dogs. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any of these dogs start without an AKC registration number. This is the responsibility of the Sectional Secretary and/or Section Manager.
- Within thirty (30) days of the completion of the futurity, the Sectional Futurity Secretary must send the following to the National Futurity Secretary:
 - All entry forms
 - two (2) marked copies of the show judge's book, one signed by the show judge
 - field trial results, signed by the field trial judges
 - full financial report to the ABC National Futurity Secretary
 - write-ups for the All-Age, Gun Dog stakes, and the Show
 - pictures for All-Age, Gun Dog, and Show (photos needed are group and individual photos of all winners plus the Dual Award winner)
- The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results photos and write-up to the ABC National Futurity Secretary. After 30 days, a \$25.00 penalty plus \$1.00 a day after 30 days will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for each sectional futurity. Therefore, it might be prudent for the sectional futurity secretary to be a member of the sponsoring club.

DUTIES OF THE SECTIONAL FUTURITY SECRETARY

- The sectional futurity secretary shall receive the final entries and fees. Entries shall close uniformly a week before the event is held.
- All entries must be checked for eligibility with the listing supplied by the futurity secretary.
- Any irregular entries should be checked with the chairman and/or futurity secretary.
- Any entries sent in error to the futurity secretary shall be honored if received before the closing date.
- The sectional futurity secretary shall send checks for deposit to the treasurer as soon after receipt as practical, using transmittal forms supplied by the treasurer or futurity secretary.
- At the time of closing of entries the sectional futurity secretary shall send an account of the number of show and field entries and the balance of the checks for deposit in the futurity fund as directed by the treasurer. In case any checks are returned. (Revised 2008)
- The sectional futurity secretary shall send all checks to the treasurer for deposit. The sectional futurity secretary shall develop the show catalog from the current information provided by the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008)
- When the show and trial begin, the sectional futurity secretary shall perform such duties as normally fall to a field trial and/or show secretary
- Within one week of the completion of the trial all entry forms, a list of field winners and two marked copies of the show judge's book must be sent to the futurity secretary. Be absolutely sure the correct owners' names are given on all money winners, show and field.
- Send a marked catalog with field and show placements to the treasurer.
- Send a full financial report to the ABC Futurity Final Running Secretary at the end of the trial. (The treasurer will furnish you with a sample to follow in submitting this report.)
- Within one week of completion of the trial send the ABC futurity secretary your write-up and pictures for both the field and show. The ABC futurity secretary will be responsible for sending the write-up to "The American Brittany" magazine and the "American Field".
- The sponsoring club is responsible for sending results photos and write-up to the ABC final running secretary. After 20 days, a \$25.00 penalty plus \$1.00 a day after 20 days will be assessed the sponsoring club. Other clubs may assist, but one club will be held accountable for the regional futurities. Therefore, it might be prudent for the sectional futurity secretary to be a member of the sponsoring club.
- IMPORTANT things to remember: Be sure you have the correct name of the owner on all money winners, show and field. Remember to check the registration number on all dogs that are listed by the futurity secretary as needing numbers. Under

NO CIRCUMSTANCES may any of these dogs start without a registration number. It shall be your duty to watch these things: do them correctly yourself or check that the sectional manager does them properly.

Budget

Sectional Host Clubs must run the Futurity trial and show from the entry fees received. The budget shall be based on the current fees established by the Board of Directors for each field entry and each show entry. (It is recommended to estimate the amount by taking 60-70% of the number of those who pay the Final forfeit, which shall be supplied by the National Futurity Secretary after the forfeit deadline.)

You MUST run your trial and show from the entry fees received. Your budget shall be based on the current fees established by the Board of Directors for each field entry and each show entry. The amount should be estimated by taking 60% of the number of those who pay the final (2011) forfeit which shall be supplied by the futurity secretary and/or the treasurer soon after entries close on that date. You are requested to budget your funds carefully and, under NO circumstances, go over your budget without clearing it with the futurity chairman. (2000) (2001)

The American Field ad will be paid by ABC and covered by the 10% administrative cost deduction from the overall purse.

Premium printing/mailling costs, judge's gifts and trophies cost are to be paid for ABC but will be included in the final settlement.

The American Field ad, trophies, judge's gifts, and premium printing/mailling costs paid by ABC will be included in the final settlement. The sectional host club shall submit a claim for the expenses to the ABC Treasurer for reimbursement. Major expenses such as Judges Expenses, Grounds and show site rental, horse rental for Judges, birds, etc, must be documented by a receipt or other appropriate documentation. The host club shall use their own club checks and be reimbursed for expenditures by the ABC Treasurer. Any advance will be included in the final settlement between the host club and the ABC. (2008)

If an ABC futurity host club requires a cash advance, this advance must be approved by the National futurity chairman and cannot exceed the ABC's share of the futurity purse. (ABC's share of the purse is 10% of the forfeits less expenses)

Reporter: The reporter is generally paid for his their horse.

Expenses

Both field and show judges should be paid travel expenses to and from the futurity, if the budget will allow. (2008). It has always been the judge's decision as to method of travel with the club picking up airfare or if driving, give them the option of reimbursement of actual expense (gas, lodging, and per diem for meals) or a flat fee, or mileage (last set price of \$.25 per mile) Horse rental for the field judges is also an appropriate expense. (2008). Some show judges set a flat rate that covers travel as well as the fee. If the field or show judges selected are on the grounds to judge or compete at the sectional trial or show, before or after the futurity, travel and judges expenses should be pro-rated (2008), but this is at the discretion of the host club. It is recommended that the club have a written agreement with judges (both show & field) outlining their estimated expenses and establishing the maximum amount allowable.

Section manager, show and field trial secretaries: These all fall into the same category. They should be left to the various individuals for reimbursement. They may be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses if they request it. Printing, postage, telephone are the basic expenses. No personal expenses.

Reporters

The reporter for each field stake may be someone who is running a dog in that particular stake, and must ride every brace. It is recommended that at the conclusion of the running of the field events, each stake reporter confers with both judges to insure that they have an accurate account of what the judges observed during that event. It is preferred that the reporter is secured prior to the event's running.

Grounds

The locations should be as well distributed as possible. The Eastern futurity includes the east coast and east central regions. The Central is for central and Midwest regions. And the Western for the west coast regions. It is not advisable to have the eastern on the west side of the area the same year the central is held on the east edge of their territory.

Ideally, the grounds should have enough continuous courses so that no ground shall be covered more than twice a day.

Native birds should be available enough to allow for proper running of continuous courses, if possible. They may be supplemented with released birds in such an approved manner as to reasonably insure birds on every course and in as natural a condition as possible. Birds cannot be hobbled or shackled. Should the bird population prove too low for proper judging, a second series with planted birds may be run at the discretion of the judges.

See duties of the chairman and section manager for procedures for obtaining and approving grounds.

Dates

The futurities are to be held during the spring season, just before a sectional trial, or immediately following a sectional trial. The

futurities are to be held during the week, just before a regional trial, or immediately following a regional trial during the spring season. (2008; 2010) Both field events (all age and gun dog) will be offered. They may be run simultaneously or to follow at the host clubs discretion. They cannot conflict with the Futurity Show. It should be kept in mind that some amateur handlers involved may find a mid-week trialing impossible competition difficult. The dates of the sectional futurities must be approved by the National Futurity Committee.

The choice of dates should hinge on the time the best grounds can be obtained, the optimum conditions for trialing and the time that will draw the best entry. Dates for the futurities are subject to approval of the futurity committee.

Judges Selection

Judges should be carefully selected and the choice made of top judges that the Sectional Host Club's budget will allow in your area or in the adjoining areas if the budget can be stretched that far. The "Standard of Performance for Brittany Futurity" must be sent to the selected judges for the sectional futurity (field & show) at least a month prior to the event, and the dogs should be judged according to those criteria. Judges should be those who recognize a class dog. Because in this event, dogs with future potential to improve the breed, should be selected. The "Standard of Performance for Brittany Futurity" shall be sent to the selected judges for the field trial and the trial shall be judged according to those criteria. Judges should be those who recognize a class dog because in this event dogs with future potential to improve the breed should be selected. A no judge may not officiate in more than one sectional futurity, field and/or show, in the same year. However the same person may judge the field (all age, gun dog, or both) event in one section and the show in another. If qualified, the same judge may be used for the field and show event. (2008) (Revised language)

No judge should have an interest by virtue of ownership, co-ownership, of sire, dam, immediate siblings (or an involved stud) in a futurity event that they are asked to judge. Breeders of eligible litters may not be selected. Individuals and/or handlers may not run/show a dog under a judge whom they co-own dogs with, or currently have had trained and/or handled by that particular judge before the futurity event. For all other questions of eligibility the AKC rules apply. The choice of judges must be approved by the Futurity Committee. If the judges selected are also on the grounds to judge the sectional trial before or after the futurity, travel expenses should be pro-rated.

No judge should have an interest in the stake by virtue of ownership or an involved stud. Breeders of eligible litters may not be selected. See SHOW PROCEDURES for points on the selection of a show judge. The choice of judges must be approved by the futurity committee. (2008)

Since the final choice of judges must be approved by the Futurity Committee, the host club must submit a list of prospective judges to the National Futurity Chairman before asking that judge for a commitment.

It is preferable to have separate judges for All Age and Gun Dog field events; however, in the case of very few entries and limited entry fees to pay expenses, the same judges may judge both the All Age and Gun Dog Field Events.

Bitches in Season

In case of scratches, the field trial committee shall determine and announce before the running whether dogs shall be run alone or moved down to the next incomplete brace. In the case of bitches that come in heat after the stake has commenced, they shall be dropped down to the last brace.

Blank Pistol

A blank pistol, .22 or .32 caliber, must be used. The use of .22 crimps or shotguns is not permitted. Pistols must be closed barrel.

Tracker Collars

The use of tracker collars is permitted in accordance with current AKC rules & regulations.

STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE FOR ABC FUTURITIES

THE JUDGING THE FIELD FUTURITY

The Futurity field stakes (All-Age and Gun Dog) are run under the rules of the ABC and sanctioned by the American Field. The rules of the American Field apply unless contrary to the provisions of the ABC Futurity Program. It shall be judged on the Standard of Performance adopted by the ABC Board of Directors. There should be four placements awarded in each stake. Braces should be 30 minutes, and it is at the judges' discretion if a second series, or callbacks are needed. Placements should be awarded to the "Best Dogs" in the stake. Finding birds on the course should be a primary objective, however as these field events are conducted under rules of the ABC/American Field and not AKC, a placement without bird work on the course is permissible. Also, as an American Field event, the five minute out of judgment rule does not have to be applied, and the judges so advised. The decisions of the judges shall be final in all matters relating to the field trial performance of all the dogs.

TRIAL PROCEDURE

The stakes are not recognized by the AKC but are run under the ABC and the American Field. It shall be judged on the "Standard of performance" adopted by the ABC Board of Directors. Braces shall be ½ hour; if a second series is necessary, it is at the judges' discretion as to the length of time and the use of wild or planted birds. Since this is not an AKC event, the five minute out of judgment rule does not have to be applied, and the judges so advised.

The drawing may be conducted as a straight from the hat procedure if you desire with the following exceptions. All bitches in heat should be declared before the drawing. The rest of the field is drawn and then the bitches in heat are drawn. If an uneven number should require that the first bitch be run with the last dog from the regular draw, and such dog is a male, that male shall be switched with the last female in the regular draw. If this should result in handler conflict the next to the last female in the regular draw shall be switched instead, etc.

In the case of scratches, the field trial committee shall determine and announce before the running whether dogs shall be run alone or moved down to the next incomplete brace. In the case of bitches that come in heat after the stake has commenced, they shall be dropped down to the last brace. In case of any places being withheld, the money awards for those places shall revert to The ABC's general fund.

There shall be four places awarded. Placements should be awarded to the "BEST DOGS" in the stake. Finding birds on the course should be primary concern, however as these field events are conducted under rules of the American Field and not AKC a placement without bird work on the course is permissible. (2008) As such the five minute out of judgment rule does not have to be applied and the judges so advised. (2008)

ALL-AGE (Optional Horseback)

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship All Age Brittanys. They shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. The dog must should (2008) locate and point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished All Age manner. The dog must respond to the handler but shall not be penalized for being more independent than an adult dog. A dog that handles at the extreme edges of the course shall be preferred over one that needs a scout to keep him on course, but both shall be preferred over a dog that does not have sufficient range for an All Age dog."

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into Championship All Age Brittanys. The all-age dog is a free spirit and fills up all the available country (plus a little more) in a bold and sometimes reckless manner, yet ultimately acknowledges the control exerted by his handler and courses to the front in such a pattern as to maintain periodic, suitable contact with the handler. The judges should examine the total performance of the dog with range being kept foremost in mind. Range is the essential ingredient of an all-age dog, and it should take precedence over and not be compromised for a shorter performance no matter how immaculate the bird work of the latter. The dog must respond to the handler but shall not be penalized for being more independent than an adult dog. A dog that handles at the extreme edges of the course shall be preferred over one that needs a scout to keep him on course, but both shall be preferred over a dog that does not have sufficient range for an All-Age dog. They shall hunt the forward limits of the course with intelligence, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished All-Age manner.

GUN DOG (FOOT HANDLED ONLY) (2008) (added Gun Dog Stake Performance Standard)

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship Gun Dog Brittanys. They exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold attractive style, intelligence in quartering (2008 (motion 22) and seeking objectives, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds.

The dog must should (2008) locate and point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence and consistency of application in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished manner indicating their future potential as a high class Gun Dog. The dog must hunt for its handler at all times, at a suitable Gun Dog range. (2011) It must cover adequate ground, but not range out for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a class Gun Dog. (2014)

Futurity dogs shall be judged as to their potential for developing into championship Gun Dog Brittanys. They shall exhibit a keen desire to hunt, a bold, attractive style, intelligence in seeking objectives, eagerness, and desire with the obvious intention of finding birds. When birds are located, the dog should point birds staunchly and with style. No extra credit shall be given for steadiness to wing and shot, but they shall be judged for their intelligence and consistency of application in finding and pointing birds in an unfinished manner, indicating their future potential as a high class Gun Dog. Throughout

the brace, a Gun Dog must adjust his pace and range to prevailing cover conditions. When the cover is heavy and tight, he will naturally hunt closer. When the cover "opens up" he should naturally adjust to the opportunity to hunt more distant, inviting objectives that may be productive. Natural adaptability is the mark of a superb bird dog, and excessive calling or hacking by the handler to accomplish satisfactory ranging - either closer or wider - is detracting from the dog's performance. It must cover adequate ground but should never range out of sight for a length of time that would detract from its usefulness as a class Gun Dog.

THE JUDGING THE SHOW FUTURITY SHOW

The AKC rules for Dog Shows applies to the Futurity events unless contrary to the provisions of the ABC Futurity program.

The Futurity Show Judge is to be familiar with the AKC Brittany standard. It is recommended but not required, that the judge should have attended the ABC Judges Education seminar within the last 5 years.

We encourage that equal consideration be given to each of the classes regarding Best Male in Futurity and Best Female in Futurity realizing that the more youthful dogs will be less mature, and provided those points of immaturity are normal and appropriate for the breed at that time in development, they should not be penalized.

Judges are not to anticipate what the dogs will look like in the future. Instead, they are asked to judge the Futurity to the best of their ability, following the AKC Brittany breed standard.

The judge should be instructed not to penalize dogs for being in field shape (2008) as many of the entries are entered in both the field and the show events. No dogs are to be measured in the Futurity Show.

It is recommended that the person in charge of the show should have conducted an AKC licensed specialty show held in conjunction with a field trial. (deleted 2008)

An AKC licensed judge does not need to be used. Most licensed judges charge more than can be afforded and many will not judge an event that is not AKC approved. It has been the custom to use a Brittany person who is an AKC licensed judge, a professional show handler who has shown quite a few Brittanys, or a breeder who has had experience judging sanction matches. The choice of a judge must be approved by the futurity committee Chairman (2008):-

The futurity show should be held in conjunction with the trial. It may be indoors or on the trial grounds, wherever appropriate space is available.

Show classes shall be divided by sex

Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January - April

Intermediate classes for dogs whelped May - August

Junior classes for dogs whelped September - December

ORDER OF CLASSES TO BE RUN

Junior Males Males born September/December

Intermediate Males Males born May/August

Senior Males Males born January/April

Winners

The winners of the three (3) preceding classes are judged against each other and the best male is chosen, then the second best (chosen like reserve winner at a regular show) and then third best (chosen like a second reserve winner) The rule to follow is that after the judge chooses his winner, the dog that placed next below the winner is brought into the ring to compete with the two unplaced dogs. There shall always be three (3) dogs in competition. The three (3) top males receive money prizes.

Bitches are judged in the same order as the males were judged.

Best & Best of Opposite in Futurity: the 1st Money Male and 1st Money Female compete for this award.

Best in Futurity: The best male and best bitch compete for this award.

Be sure the judge marks his book and that absentees are crossed out (or marked "Abs" or "DNS") and all winners noted. The judge must sign the results sheet or catalogue in use during the competition.

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURITY SHOW

It is the host club responsibility to prepare the Show Catalog.

It is recommended that the person in charge of the show should have conducted an AKC licensed show. It has been the custom to use an AKC licensed judge, a Brittany breeder, or a professional show handler. AKC licensed judges do not need to be used.

The choice of the judges, both field and show, must be approved by the National Futurity committee.

The Futurity show may be held indoors, on the trial grounds, or wherever appropriate space is available.

The judge is not to see the show catalog containing the AKC information of participants before or during judging. A blank judge's book must be used. A template is available from the National Futurity Committee.

The show judge shall be provided with a copy of the "Judging Procedure" in order to ensure correct class and money placement. (2008)

STEWARDS

Two people are suggested, one to check dogs into the ring and one to pass out armbands, round up participants and answer questions.

TROPHIES

The National Futurity final running Secretary is responsible for acquiring all trophies and ribbons and they shall be uniform for all sectional futurities. (1989) The trophies and ribbons will be sent to the Sectional Futurity Secretary before the event in a timely manner.

FIELD

Rosettes for four places, the usual colors, without the AKC seal, and a trophy for each placement.

SHOW

Purple and gold rosette for BEST IN FUTURITY

Red and white rosette for BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX.

Green rosette for DUAL FUTURITY

Six sets of ribbons (or rosettes) 1st thru 4th, regular colors: blue, red, yellow and white

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 2nd place male

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 2nd place female

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 3rd place male

Purple and white ribbon (or rosette) for 3rd place female

Any futurity trophies/ribbons, not awarded, must be returned to the National Futurity Secretary.

Any futurity trophies not awarded should be kept in a safe place and the ABC futurity secretary notified of the location.—

DUAL FUTURITY AWARD POINT SYSTEM

SHOW		FIELD (ALL AGE & GUN DOG)	
Best in Futurity	6 points	1st place	6 points
Best of Opposite Sex	5 points	2nd place	5 points
2nd Male Money	4 points	3rd place	4 points
2nd Female Money	4 points	4th place	3 points
3rd Male Money	3 points		
3rd Female Money	3 points		
1st in any class	2 points		
2nd in any class	1 point		
3rd in any class	½ point		
4th in any class	¼ point		

EXCEPT that if

2 entries in a class 1st in class ¼ point

3 entries in a class 1st in class ½ point

2nd in class ¼ point

4 entries in class

1st in class 1 point

2nd in class ½ point

3rd in class ¼ point

Points may be counted for only one award in the best (the highest received)

In case of a Tie, Multiple Dual awards will be presented. Dual award prize money will be split between the winners and an additional trophy and ribbon will be provided at a later date. In case of a Tie, Multiple Dual awards will be presented. Dual award prize money will be split between the winners and an additional trophy and ribbon will be provided at a later date. (2008) (Add: duplicate award instead of tie breaker) Morion 22, 2008 DEFEATED. Should remain as prior to 2008: If there is a tie, the highest placing field dog shall be declared the winner.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual award.

Remember a dog cannot win points for getting a ribbon in a class unless he defeats at least one dog. A dog cannot win points toward the dual dog award unless he defeats at least one dog in the field and the show. (2008)

TRIAL AND SHOW

The trials and shows shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the ABC, and shall be announced at least 60 days before the day set for the commencement.

On or before October 1st of the year following a pup's birth year those owners expecting to start dogs must describe their entries on blanks furnished by the ABC and pay on each a forfeit for each trial and for each show in which it is planned to participate. (2008, 2010) This payment shall be referred to as the final forfeit (2010):

On the final field entry you must declare either All Age or Gun Dog. Current fees are set by the Board of Directors and will be found on the forms provided. In addition, a starting fee, set by the ABC Board of Directors, must be paid before the start of the events. No dog may participate until its registration number has been received by the ABC. (2000)(2001) All dogs must be owned by members of the American Brittany Club (ABC) or their immediate family as described by the AKC. (2008) (added to set member criteria)

For those not meeting the final forfeit deadline, a late fee of \$50.00 for each field and \$50.00 for each show entry (plus the regular forfeit fees) may be paid before December 31, (2000, 2010) Any subsequent deadline changes must be approved by the ABC Board of Directors. (2008)

Show classes shall be divided by sex. Senior classes shall be for dogs whelped January-April, intermediate classes shall be for dogs whelped May-August and Junior classes shall be for dogs whelped September-December.

PURSE

The base purse constitutes the litter nominations, less all secretary expenses, incurred up to the closing of the final forfeit. The base purse will be divided equally among the sections holding futurities.

The final forfeit purse constitutes the total final forfeits and shall be allocated to the designated section. The total purse consists of the base purse and the final forfeit purse. After the deduction of 10% for the ABC

Administrative Fee, this will constitute the gross purse for each section.

The gross purse will be allocated based on the ratio of event entries (i.e. ratio of all age, gun dog, and show entries) after the 5% deduction from the purse for the Dual Dog Award if applicable, for that section. All expenses for the preparation and running of the event will be covered by the starting fees. Purse winnings will be paid to the recipients by the ABC, after verification by the National Futurity Secretary, and approval from the National Futurity Chairman.

The litter forfeits, less all expenses incurred up to the closing of entries the final forfeit date, will be divided equally between among the sections holding futurities (Base purse). The final forfeits due on October 1st final forfeit date shall be allocated to the designated section and event for which paid and added to the base amount above. Field forfeits will be allocated based on ratio of event entry (i.e. ratio of all age to gun dog). This, After the deduction of 10% Administration Fee for the ABC, the balance will constitute the purse for that section. (starting fees will be used to cover all expenses for the preparation and running of the events). will be covered by the starting fees. (2000-2001, 2010, 2012, Motion 18)

The base purse will be divided in the following manner: 1/3 all age, 1/3 gun dog, 1/3 show. Two-thirds of the entire purse (Base and final forfeits) will go to the owners of record of the winners at the time the event is held, with 1/3 to the breeders of the winners. to be paid to the recipients by the national futurity secretary Prize funds will be paid to the recipients by the National ABC Treasurer after verification by the ABC Futurity Secretary. (2008) (Revised wording 2010)

In the field, division of the purse shall be 40% for first, 30% 25% for second, 20% for third and 10% 40% for fourth. Two thirds to the Primary owner and 1/3 to the Primary breeder indicated on the final entry form.

In the show the division of the purse shall be:

Best in Futurity 40%
Best of Opposite Sex 30%
2nd place male (and female) 10%
3rd place male (and female) 5%

Two thirds to the Primary owner and 1/3 to the Primary breeder indicated on the final entry form .

Any winnings designated and not awarded shall revert to the ABC back to into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

CHECKS

The purse shall be figured by the ABC treasurer and checks shall be made out for the correct amounts for the various winners. All checks for the owners of the winners are signed by the treasurer and sent to the national futurity secretary for distribution. - (2008 redundant - see page 97)

DUAL FUTURITY

The dual futurity winner in each section will receive 5% of the gross purse for that section, divided 2/3 to the owner and 1/3 to the breeder. The owner's winnings must be paid to the registered owner. If no dual futurity winner is named, the 5% will revert to the ABC back into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

Points must be won in both bench and field futurity events for a dog to be eligible for that sectional futurity dual dog award. (see Dual Dog point Schedule). (2008) (reworded). Any winnings designated above and not awarded shall revert to the ABC back into the Sectional Futurity Purse. (2008) (reference to Dual Award, same as other winnings)

AUCTION

All ABC sponsored events i.e. Futurities, Summer Specialty Show, National Specialty Show, Open All Age Championship, Amateur All Age Championship, Gun Dog National Championships, and Classics or any other events as may arise, coordinate activities related to fund raising with the National Auction Committee and submit all anticipated and contacted solicitation and donor lists to the chairman of that committee. (2000)

Vendors will not be allowed to conduct auctions and/or raffles at ABC events. (2000) Exception: Brittany (Rescue Organizations) (2002)

Protests Regarding Eligibility or Misconduct

Any protest regarding eligibility or misconduct is handled as provided by the AKC Dealing with Misconduct, replacing the AKC with the ABC National Futurity Chairman with regard to notification. Any protests must be sent to the ABC National Futurity Chairman, and made within 10 days of the completion of the event, in writing, and signed by the individual(s) filing the complaint.

In case of any places being disqualified the money awards for those places not awarded shall revert back into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

In case of any places being withheld, the money awards for those places shall revert back into the Sectional Futurity Purse.

Futurity Terms and Definitions

The following words have specific meaning in the Futurity Program. When the word is used in the document it is capitalized to indicate that it is a defined term.

AKC - American Kennel Club

AKC Registration Certificate - The document provided by the AKC listing a dog's name, breed, color, sire, dam, breeder, owner, number, sex and date of birth. The Registration Certificate lists the date the

certificate was issued.

Bench Show (or Conformation Dog Show) - A competitive exhibition for dogs at which the dogs are judged in accordance with an established standard of that particular breed.

Breeder - A person who breeds dogs, and under AKC rules, is the owner (or if the Dam was leased, the lessee) of the Dam when the Dam was bred. This is the person, or persons, listed on the AKC Registration Certificate of the Get (puppies) and is considered the breeder of record. In the event there are multiple breeders, the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the ABC.

Brace - A pair of dogs (2 dogs).

Bye - A single dog in competition.

Dam - The female parent of a dog

Derby Stake - An AKC performance standard used in Field Trials Field Trial (pointing) - A competition in which pointing breeds are judged on their ability and style in finding and pointing game.

Futurity - A non-regular competition at a designated specialty show or field trial for young dogs that recognizes and awards dogs who most closely conform to the approved AKC breed or performance standard. The competition requires a series of nominations from a Breeder and payment of associated fees by the Breeder and/or owner of the Get prior to the date on which the Futurity is judged.

Futurity Year - Is a calendar year.

Get - The offspring from the breeding of the Dam to the Sire.

Member in Good Standing - A person who has paid annual membership dues for the current year and who is not suspended from the AKC or ABC membership.

Owner of the Get - The owner of the Get as listed on the AKC Registration Certificate. In the event there are multiple owners the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate, that is a Member in Good Standing, is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the ABC.

Owner of the Sire - The owner of the Sire or frozen semen, (see AKC rules for ownership of frozen semen) when the Dam was bred to the Sire. In the event there are multiple owners, the first person listed on the AKC Registration Certificate that is a Member in Good Standing, is the person that will receive trophies and awards provided by the ABC.

Premium List - A flyer published by the club hosting an event giving details of the event and providing an entry form.

Primary Breeder - first breeder listed on the litter nomination form

Primary Owner - first person listed on the futurity entry form

Sire - The male parent of a dog.

Stake - At a Field Trial, a category in which dogs based on their eligibility to compete. It may be an age or skill level.

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC DOG HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Kent Patterson
September 4, 2013

The ABC Dog HOF committee had 3 dogs nominated for consideration this year. NFC/2XNAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy nominated by Patti Hunt for owner Tom Ettinger; DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief nominated by Bob Burchett for owner Ken Windom; NFC/DC/AFC Shady's Tia Maria nominated by Joe Waitman for Marilynne and Clem Little.

All members of the committee participated in the process with Ken Windom recusing himself in the vote for Chief. Based on the guidelines set forth in the policy manual, Just Call Me Roy was the only dog receiving a majority of committee votes in the 1st and 2nd round of the process.

Based on this, the committee is proud to submit Just Call Me Roy to the Board of Directors in consideration for the American Brittany Club Hall of Fame.

Kent D. Patterson
ABC Dog Hall of Fame Chairman

REPORT ON THE 2013 ABC HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

By Ken Windom
September 10, 2013

Five new nominations were submitted for inclusion in the ABC Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members. Three of those nominees received the required 50% affirmative vote on the first ballot to be placed on the second ballot. They are:

Dr. Robert Rankin

Rick Smith

Louis Thebaud

In addition, the second ballot includes a carry-over from the second ballot of the previous year:

Marilynne Little

2013 H&G Committee Report

Margaret Horstmeyer, Chair.
September 11, 2013

1. Purina weight circle submissions (through the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program) earned ABC \$2650.00 to use in the donor

advised fund. We will be designating ABC's donation to the CHF Oak grants before the end of December.

2. H&G Committee will be submitting a proposal to the BOD that ABC become part of the CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) registry - a voluntary health data base that needs parent club approval to join. A synopsis of information about CHIC will be published in the ABC October or November magazine.

3. Margaret Horstmeyer attended the AKCCHF Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St Louis, MO as the ABC CHF health liaison representative. Over 250 attendees represented their breeds and gathered to learn about some of the leading research being done to further canine health and conquer some of the dreaded diseases that affect our dogs. A summary of the lecture information will be shared in the October ABC magazine.

Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM

Health Aspects & Genetic Defects

Motion for 2013 ABC Agenda Book

The Health and Genetics committee proposes:

The American Brittany Club participate in the Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC. CHIC is a voluntary centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals.

The Health and Genetics committee recommends ABC participation in CHIC as one tool in our efforts to minimize production of Brittanys with heritable diseases. Participation promotes screening for potentially heritable diseases and facilitates sharing of that information with others.

Brittany breed health testing requirements would be:

1. Hip dysplasia screening at 2 years of age or older (OFA evaluation or PennHIP evaluation).
2. Eye examination by boarded ACVO ophthalmologist every year from 2-8 years of age.
3. One additional test of the owner's choosing:
 - a. Patella (OFA evaluation)
 - b. Elbow (OFA evaluation)
 - c. Cardiac exam by specialist or cardiologist
 - d. Thyroid testing as per OFA guidelines

2013 REPORT OF THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Paul Pollock

No Report

Young Sportsman Scholarship Fund

Robert Wire

The purpose of the American Brittany Club Young Sportsman Scholarship Fund is to help fund expenses of junior members of our club who exhibit dogs in AKC dog events through stipends and scholarships. An annual secondary education scholarship may be offered to deserving juniors. The American Brittany Club, in an effort to support our Junior Members in continuing their post-secondary education as well as their involvement with the ABC, offers scholarships to its deserving Junior Members. This fund is geared to benefit junior members who participate in ALL venues of AKC events in which Brittanys are eligible to compete. The Young Sportsman is a unique individual. This special person is able to balance school and the sport of dogs. This individual is a full time student in school and participates in conformation and performance events for Brittanys. The variety of the activities is important. Stipends and scholarships will be awarded to the Young Sportsmen who have demonstrated outstanding characteristics in these areas. The primary goal of the program is to promote and encourage juniors to participate in the sport of American Kennel Club purebred dog events with Brittanys, as well as to become active in the American Brittany Club and regional Brittany Clubs, and to promote a continuing interest and plans for future involvement with the Brittany Breed.

Scholarship Committee:

1. Young Sportsman Scholarship Committee Chairperson.
2. ABC Member from each region

Young Sportsman Scholarship:

The ABC will determine the number of annual secondary education scholarships based on available funds but shall not exceed three scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. Students must complete the ABC Youth Sportsman scholarship application and send it, along with a letter of recommendation from two members in good standing of the ABC and a copy of their school transcripts to the Scholarship Committee Chair who will then forward copies of the application to the members of the Scholarship Committee for review no later than March first of each calendar year. Final recommendations of the committee will be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the ABC and will be announced at the Board of Directors meeting. The Young Sportsman Scholarship recipient(s) will be notified of their award and the award presentation shall be made at a National ABC event. Monies will be sent directly to the school of the Young Sportsman's choice to be used for books or tuition.

The American Brittany Club
Application for Young Sportsman Scholarship Program

The criteria for awarding scholarships include the following:

1. Applicant's need
2. Applicant's academic achievement and potential
3. Applicant and/or Applicant's family must be a member of the ABC
4. Applicant's involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.
5. Applicant must be an active member in the American Brittany Club
6. They must attend at least 2 club functions per year.
7. Applicant must demonstrate a "B" average.
8. Applicant must have acceptable attendance in school. (Juniors with poor attendance in school do not show a commitment to school and will not be considered for scholarships or stipends that may be paid for time spent away from school.)
9. They must complete the Young Sportsman scholarship application.

10. Letters of recommendation; All letters should be a brief overview of why they recommend the Young Sportsman for this scholarship. Choose either option A or B

- a. Nominated by letters of recommendation from two (2) AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB members not in the same household.
- b. Nominated by letters from one (1) AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB and two (2) additional letters from any of the following, a teacher, advisor or person of religious affirmation.

Young Sportsman Stipends to attend select events

The Young Sportsman Scholarship Committee determines criteria for dispersing funds to individuals. Juniors will be eligible for one \$250 stipend per year to attend such important shows as National Specialties, National Championships, Westminster, Eukanuba National Championship, and other same important events. Proof that the junior has participated is necessary to access money from the fund.

The criteria for awarding stipends include the following:

- Applicant and/or Applicant's family must be a member of the ABC
 - Applicant's involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.
 - Applicant must be an active member in the American Brittany Club
 - They must attend at least 2 club functions per year.
 - Applicant must demonstrate a "B" average.
 - Applicant must have acceptable attendance in school. (Juniors with poor attendance in school do not show a commitment to school and will not be considered for stipends that may be paid for time spent away from school.)
 - They must complete the Young Sportsman stipend application.
- Young Sportsman Stipend recipients are asked to submit a brief report (and photos if possible) within 60 days of the event detailing their experience at the event.

Funding:

This scholarship is funded by donations from the American Brittany Club and its members.

1. Name: _____
2. Home Address: _____

3. Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____
4. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____
5. High School or Institute you currently attend: _____
6. Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____
7. Have you ever been on probation, suspended or dismissed from school? _____
If yes, explain (on a separate sheet).
8. Have you ever been suspended or investigated by the American Kennel Club? _____
If yes, explain (on a separate sheet).
9. Clubs you belong to besides the ABC : _____

10. Significant accomplishments in the sport of dogs: _____
11. Other accomplishments, academic, extracurricular, community or other: _____

12. To which Post-Secondary Institution have you been accepted/applied? _____

13. How long have you been actively involved in the ABC? _____
14. In essay form answer the following questions.
 - a) Looking ahead to your future, write a one page essay on how you expect your experience and involvement with your Brittany and American Brittany Clubs has impacted and may impact your life?
 - b) Tell us how involved you have been, personally, in the care and training of your Brittany, and how those responsibilities will help you in other areas of your life including your continuing education.
15. Other than your sponsors, name any ABC members with whom you have interacted.

16. Have two (2) current AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB members not in the same household or one (1) AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB and two (2) additional letters from any of the following, a teacher, advisor or person of religious affirmation. Members in good standing write brief recommendations on your behalf (on a separate sheet).

Submit your completed application to (COMMITTEE CHAIR) no later than August 1st.

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that any false or concealed information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship. Furthermore, I hereby authorize the scholarship committee of the American Brittany Club to communicate with the Financial Aid office at the university necessary in regards my application. If additional information or documentation is requested of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it. All scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school attending.

Signature _____ Date _____

Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our website? Yes No
Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our Facebook? Yes No

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my scholarship; furthermore, I hereby authorize the Scholarship Committee of the ABC to communicate with the financial aid officer or guidance counselor if necessary in regard to my application. If additional information or documentation is required of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the Institution of Higher Education.

Parent(s) / Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age): _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature (required for participation)
We would like to confirm this information with your parent/guardian. Please provide a phone number and the name of your parent so we may obtain permission to contact you and post on the website.

Parent/guardian Name _____ Telephone _____

Thank you for participating in the ABC Young Sportsman Scholarship

Mail completed form and additional documentation to:
COMMITTEE CHAIR, ADDRESS... 100
American Brittany Club Young Sportsman Stipend

As a junior member of the ABC, you may be eligible for stipends to support your active participation in AKC events.

Fill out the following information and submit it with the required documentation to apply.

Name:	Date of birth		
Mailing address:	Telephone:		
City	State	Zip	Required Documentation: School Transcripts
E-mail Address			

\$250 stipend event: _____ Date: _____
Dog you will compete with: _____

Registered names of dog(s) you compete with & the venues in which you participate. Also list what titles and/or points have you personally put on the dog(s) you have listed? (on a separate sheet)

Essay (1-2 pages): write a brief essay including a description of your experiences and interests in pure bred dogs, also include what you perceive as your future role in the fancy

Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our website? Yes No
Do we have your permission to put your name and the dog's name on our Facebook? Yes No

I certify that I have truthfully and accurately answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand any false information will be grounds for rejection of my application or subsequent termination of my stipend; furthermore, if additional information or documentation is required of me, I shall be pleased to furnish it.

Junior Signature: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian Signature (if under 18 years of age): _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature required for participation.

We would like to confirm this information with your parent/guardian. Please provide a phone number and the name of your parent so we may obtain permission to contact you and post stats on the website. All information other than AKC junior stats will remain strictly confidential.

2013 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP STATISTICIAN REPORT
Beth Rosener

No Report

2013 REPORT OF THE ABC LEGAL ADVISOR
Sharon Wice

No Report

2013 LONG RANGE PLANNING / FUTURE GROUNDS REPORT
John Henderson

No Report

2013 Magazine Report
Bob Fleury
September 15, 2013

This year the magazine committee work has gone smoothly. We have been refining the proofing methods we use. This is being done by the magazine committee and we will continue to make adjustments and changes when and if needed. Whenever we find small items in the magazine that do not align with present magazine policy those corrections are made.

I want to thank Judy Graves for all her hard work in reviewing and making improvements to the financial reporting and record keeping of the magazine. During this review of the financial status, it was discovered that we were out of line with the recent mailing cost increases especially shipping out of the United States. We have addressed those issues and made adjustments to the mailing rates.

We are holding two articles that were submitted by members concerning the use of ATVs in field trials. The committee decided it best not to publish these articles until we had clarification on any legal aspect associated with this subject. This is still pending.

Since instituting the use of the plastic sleeves for shipping the magazine, the problem of members receiving damaged magazines has all but disappeared. There is also a concern of some members in different sections of the country getting their magazines at a later date than most others. This is almost always traced back to issues within the US postal service.

The process of binding yearly issues of the ABC magazine and sending those bound issues to the Executive Secretary, the Statistician and the Bird Dog Foundation Library had not been done for several years. We had Marshfield assemble yearly sets of magazines for 2007 to 2012 (six years) and ship them to the Capital Bindery in Omaha, Nebraska to be bound and sent to the three locations. We will now be doing this on a two year cycle.

There have been some questions and complaints about the publishing of some ABC events. The issues were about the write-ups and/or the pictures used with the report. We would suggest and encourage the chairman of the event being reported to review and approve what is sent to the magazine for publication. Accuracy and quality depends on the material sent to us!

I thank the magazine committee members, the contributing editors and the staff at Webster County Printing for their hard work and dedication in producing the American Brittany magazine each month.
Bob Fleury
Magazine Committee, Chair.

THE AMERICAN BRITANNY MAGAZINE

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[] I accept the terms of the Advertiser Agreement.
[] I give permission to publish my Ad on the ABC web site.
Advertiser: _____ Date: _____

2013 REPORT OF ABC MAGAZINE PUBLISHER
Robert Gordon

No Report

2013 REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP DATA COMMITTEE
Deb Rudert

No Report

2013 Membership Committee Report

Diana Kubitz, Chair
Bob Fleury - Bryce Novotny - Diane Hedstrom
Dave Lincoln - Judy Graves - Leslie Hunt
Judy Robin - Deb Rudert

Our committee went straight to work after the first of the year. We discussed ideas, some of which we implemented immediately. Our first priority as it was explained to me was finding a new software program for Deb Rudert for the membership. After an intensive search, a program was found that we had cleared with Steve Ralph and Judy Graves that would be suitable and cost effective. Deb felt that no changes were needed at this time.

We put articles in the magazine and on the chat lists explaining what our committee was attempting to do and got lots of positive response. Bryce Novotny had some really great ideas and has run with them throughout the year. He proposed a "new member packet" that could be given out at hunting banquets, Cabela's "dog days", fairs or any event that might attract new members interested in hunting or Brittanys. Steve Ralph had the biggest success with this; I believe at last count he had six new members from a two day stint at 2013 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic in Minnesota. I have forward Steve's article on it with this report. These packets included a copy of the ABC magazine, a membership application and the print out about the Brittany from the website. Steve also created QR codes for quick access to the membership application: QR Codes on the ABC website Contact Us page <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/ContactUs.htm>

It was suggested that the ABC logo using the letters ABC did not explain to a newcomer what the logo or patch was really about. We asked Jessica Carlson to design a new decal that we could get made and put in packets for newly joined members and in the "new member packets" described above for events. We need to find a source for printing the decals. (Decal included in this report) We used the new decal in an ad for AKC for the American Brittany Club and that is also attached to the report.

Bob Fleury and I solicited articles from every venue we could think of in order for ABC to be "inclusive" and not "exclusive." Committee members went to work finding people to do articles about other venues for Brittanys. The magazine has benefited from these efforts and my congratulations to Bob Fleury and the magazine for making the magazine for everyone. We can no longer afford to be just about field trials and shows, there are lots of things people can do with their dogs and we need to celebrate that in the magazine and in our club.

One of the constant themes that ran through the correspondence we received is about change or the lack thereof in some cases. I got an email from an 80 year old ABC member that put in his two cents worth about some of the changes in the ABC not being good ones in his opinion. It is the consensus of opinion that the old formulas aren't working anymore and that the ABC as a whole needs to be more open to new ideas. Especially if these ideas come from new people - new being defined for most as anyone who hasn't been in the breed for twenty years and that's part of the problem. Maybe we have already tried something and it didn't work, that doesn't mean it won't work if we try it a second time. I've been in those shoes and I know that we are all somewhat resistant to change, but change we must if our club is to continue and more importantly to grow.

Deb Rudert has been doing a good job of sending emails out to people when she received their dues. Contact with members, whether new or old, is very important to retaining membership. Dave Lincoln suggested we get the list of new Brittany owners from AKC so that we could follow-up on our pamphlet they send with new registrations. Bob Fleury has been working on AKC to give us these names so that we can do just that. It doesn't hurt to remind people that the ABC is out there and that we have something to interest them.

The "new member packets" can be a tool that clubs can use at their events and sporting dog events in every region. Putting new members on the ABC's membership rosters helps regional clubs as well. No one has enough workers for their Brittany events and we all need to brainstorm and come up with new ideas to attract people to our breed and our club. Once we get them as members, we need to work to retain them. We need follow-up from the ABC and regional clubs when members do not renew. I am a regional club secretary and I always email, write or call members that do not renew. Nine out ten send their dues within a week, so I know that follow-up works. Membership is everyone's problem.

Bryce had the idea that perhaps we could have a week or a month every year when we gave a hat or a t-shirt to anyone that renewed their membership during that time frame or perhaps joined for the first time. He suggested finding a sponsor for this project to defray the ABC's costs. It would be a time every year when everyone in the ABC would be concentrating on getting new members. Bryce has been putting notices on Facebook with the links to the ABC website and new membership page. He has an extra incentive to get new members as he's trying to revive the Cajun Country Brittany Club in Louisiana.

Maybe one of the most important things we have to address is the email chat forums. I had one email from a gal that had just purchased her first Brittany and she said that a lot of what she had been reading on the chat line might keep her from becoming an ABC member. It's just too easy to type something and push a button. That single action alone is responsible for some of our lost membership. We all need to be more responsible in our responses on all the social media sites,

including Facebook.

I just looked at another email that said that "people no longer need regional club's to get their Brittany fix." That is so true. You don't have to be a member of a club to show or trial your dog or participate in any other venue. We have to make them "want" to join by showing them the positive things we have to offer. The magazine is the first thing that comes to mind, but does your regional club offer training sessions, pheasant shoots, trap shooting, picnics, junior handling events....the list can be infinitesimal.

In the last nine months we have only begun to give birth to new ideas for ABC's future. But as in my article and my first email to my committee members, we have a beginning.

Action item: We'd like a budget to work within so that we can put new member packets together, get the new decals printed and cover the cost of mailing the packets and member follow-ups. \$500.00 per year would be a good starting point.

Action Item: We'd like to set aside a month every year when we do a membership push involving ABC and every regional club if possible. We'd like permission to find a sponsor for this so we can offer some kind of premium to the members or new members.

Respectfully submitted:
Diana Kubitz

St. Croix Valley Brittany Club at the 2013 National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic by Dave Carlson & Steve Ralph

On February 15-17, 2013 the Pheasants Forever organization hosted the National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic in Minneapolis, MN where 28,855 outdoor enthusiasts attended. This year marked the 30th



anniversary for Pheasants Forever. Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic is a trade show that focuses on wildlife conservation, upland game bird hunting (pheasant and quail), dog training, and wildlife habitat management and restoration. The show is open to the public and is the nation's leading event for bird dog owners and sporting dog enthusiasts where they can meet with dog clubs, breeders and some of the best trainers in the world including Delmar Smith, Rick Smith and Ronnie Smith.

The St Croix Valley Brittany Club hosted a booth at this show, which was sponsored by the American Brittany Club. Over the three days we visited with hundreds of people looking for information about Brittany's. People were looking for puppies, asking questions about training their current dog or telling us about the Brittanys they have now or had enjoyed in the past.

We distributed over 200 membership information packets which consisted of a current American Brittany magazine, membership applications and our local club information. The event went by fast with constant traffic and people stopping by. It seemed like as soon



as you would sit down, you'd have to stand back up again to talk to someone. We not only exposed people to the benefits of belonging to a local breed club, but also that there is a national breed club that collectively offers betterment to the breed through its efforts. We signed up several new members at the show and many more in the weeks that followed due to the information packets we distributed.

Next year's National Pheasant Fest & Quail Classic will be in Milwaukee, WI and we would strongly recommend one of the local clubs in that area hosts a booth to get the word out about the Brittany!



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2013 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GROUNDS LIAISON

(Booneville)
Tom Milam

No Report

2013 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GROUNDS LIAISON

(Ionia)
Terri DeBarr

No Report

2013 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Tom Jagielski

No Report

2013 NON-FIELD PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Terry Hilliard

No Report

2013 OFA CONTACT REPORT

Margaret Horstmeyer

No Report

2013 ABC Policy Book Report

Hank Hartnek
September 15, 2013

The Policy Book was modified during March and April to reflect changes approved by the Board at the 2012 Board meeting. The latest version of the Policy Book was also posted on the ABC website in April.

During 2012, I continued to correct misspellings and other text issues which were created by the conversion process from a PDF format to a Word format (A never ending job it seems.). Multiple font styles, varying indentations and other inconsistencies throughout the book were corrected. If any are found in the most recent edition of the Policy Book, please let the committee know.

Respectfully submitted,
 Hank Hartnek
 Policy Book, Chair.

Agenda Items:

- In 2011, Mary Jo and I spent a lot of time working on making the National Championship and National Gun Dog Championship Policy Book procedures as close to the same as possible. We came up with a preliminary draft which was sent to the 1st and 4th Vice Presidents for their input as it did change some of their duties as given in the Policy Book. We received no input from them so we couldn't move forward on this. With a new 1st Vice President and a fairly new 4th Vice President coming on board, we would like the Board to again authorize making the procedures for running the National All-Age Championship and the National Gun Dog Championship as close to the same as possible.
- To facilitate the updating of the Policy Book, we would like Board approval to add to the Executive Secretary's responsibilities that the "reviewed" minutes of the previous year's BOD meeting be sent to the Policy Book Chairperson when those minutes are sent to the magazine and website.
- In the past the Policy Book Committee has recommended the entire Book be reviewed and revised. This is slowly happening but if all officers and committee chairs would participate, we could accomplish the revision much sooner. I would therefore like the BOD to authorize the Policy Book Committee to formally request a review and update of their particular areas of responsibility.

2013 ABC PURINA PROGRAM AGENDA REPORT
 RAY TRIMBLE, PURINA COORDINATOR
 trimblemaryjo@gmail.com

- One thousand seven hundred and sixty (1760) entries competed in Field and Show Events supported by Nestle-Purina Pet Care over the period of September 2012 through June 2013. This number included both show and field events with 520 show entries and 1240 field entries.
- The Purina Coordinator at the end of the Spring and Fall session will submit to Purina a summary of events funded and the total amount of monetary funding to be paid in one check to the ABC Treasurer. I will then furnish the treasurer a list of events sponsored by Purina and the treasurer will issue the individual checks to the host clubs.
- Clubs, whose events are sponsored by Purina, must also furnish the Coordinator a signed copy of the judges' sheets. Ads, entry blanks or premiums, brace sheets, and write-ups should include the Purina Logo or otherwise give credit to them as a sponsor. Some reporters are not aware of this and the field trial committee should make sure they know to do so. We can add a Thank-You to the ABC Magazine reports if a club fails to acknowledge Purina, but we do not see the ones you send to the American Field before they are published.
- The current card system for applying for support and reporting results will continue. To receive the monetary support, you must return the cards and a copy of the official results to the Coordinator.
- If you have a problem with the delivery of the dog food or the amount received, you must notify the coordinator immediately in order to possibly correct it.
- In summation, the number of field events showed a slight increase of 7% while the number of show entries, showed a slight decrease of 3%.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ray Trimble

2013 AGENDA BOOK STATISTICS COMMITTEE REPORT
 Mary Karbiner
 August 31, 2013

Only a few changes have come to this committee but the updating of added information will be an asset in the future to qualifications and record keeping for different entities within the ABC.

There were very few requests for information the past year. There are privately made pedigree lists on the web that most people seem to be using.

Following are three pages of updated stats that are for your information and discussion.

PLEASE SHARE THE FOLLOWING WITH ANY FIELD TRIAL/ EVENT SECRETARIES THAT YOU MAY HAVE CONTACT WITH:
 The new Event Results Reporting Form for field trials has been ok'd by ABC, AKC, Am. Field., AFTCA, it has spaces for DNA #'s and FDSB#'s which are required for entry in the National Championships and Show.

It should be downloaded from the ABC website under - Policy Book found in last pages or under ABC Downloads... go to FT Results Reporting Form.

Please use WHITE paper. Within the packet that AKC sends out, this is printed on Blue paper and when it is processed by the Executive Secretary for distribution to various persons who use the information for qualifications etc. most times becomes an unreadable document.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Karbiner, Chair
 Committee Members: Rheta Cartmell, Pam Baird, Mary Jo Trimble.

2013 AGENDA REPORTS w.2012 STATS		STATISTICS COMMITTEE					Page # 1
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
BRITTANY'S Per AKC							
Dual Ch	16	17	15	16	18	14	
Field Ch	67	48	56	64	55	50	
Amt Fld Ch	47	41	47	28	29	32	
GCH new title					57	52	
CH	165	165	149	163	163	162	
JH	158	138	150	132	108	126	
SH	40	33	25	23	23	28	
MH	20	20	15	20	17	16	
# dogs in comp., not # ent							
at Nat'l Spec Show	175	141	140	134	117	145	
BRITT Registered with AKC							
Litters # registered	2310	2108	1843	1680	not found	not found	
Dogs # registered	7015	6270	5382	4834	not found	not found	
AKC Ptg.Br'd F.T.'s # event	415	425	434	446	431	431	
Total # dogs entered	34546	34318	34213	32791	not found	not found	
FUTURITY Region & Str EA	A-6 G-21	A-11 G-21	A-6 G-18	A-18 G-16	A-15 G-20	A-11 G-28	A-15 G-26
CENTRAL	A-14 G-13	A-15 G-29	A-15 G-17	A-16 G-7	A-21 G-18	A-10 G-16	A-20 G-26
WEST	A-7 G-14	A-9 G-25	A-13 G-19	A-14 G-17	A-9 G-20	A-8 G-15	A-12 G-30
# Fld Trl Events (# active/# h	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
by Regional Clubs East Coast	S-15 F-13	S-18 F-11	S-20 F-10	S-23 F-9	S-22 F-10	S-21 F-6	
E. Central-13/11	S-15 F-8	S-15 F-7	S-13 F-9	S-13 F-9+1	S-14 F-8	S-18 F-8	
Central-16/13	S-17 F-11	S-16 F-10	S-19 F-8	S-17 F-8+1	S-12 F-10	S-17 F-11	
Midwest-18/15	S-20 F-11	S-21 F-14	S-22 F-14	S-18 F-13+1	S-18 F-12	S-16 F-13	
West Coast-20/13	S-17 F-11	S-17 F-11	S-17 F-10	S-15 F-13	S-12 F-12	S-13 F-13	
Total Clubs w/ HR Stk			S-29 F-17	* S-36 F-14	S-20 F-7	S-21 F-4	S-18
*spring is longer seas.							

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Original Gambird Classics	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
# starters Pr.Chicken	84	75	66	66	54	52	
Chukar	25	17	14	18	26	17	18
Gun Dog	39	33	30	28	26	29	17
Grouse/Wdck	15	9	13	18	canc	16	
Pheasant *CA	*18	58	46	45	45	47	
Quail	57	53	47	58	57	56	
National All Age Open Start.	49	70	57	48	48	74	
Champ's Amateur	61	68	54	47	47	43	
National Gun Dog Open Start	54	44	54	54	45	52	
Champ's Amateur	47	38	43	38	30	36	
Non Game bird Classics	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Hr Stks Illinois OAA	21 st 28		st 13	st 17	st 15	28	29
AAA	25	21	8	18	20	13	16
Double Registr'd & Intern'l OAA	21	24	38	33	20	canc	
recog. In 2007 AAA	20	24	22	18	10		
O gun	35	30	20	20	20		20
(*as S.III OLAA) Mid South OAA	A.F st 20	35 * 13		10		*36	14
AAA	A.F st 17	29	0	0	17	0	0
Mich CH OAA	28	27	20	20	17	24	22
O gun w	0	14	17	17	16	15	14
Prairie Sts OAA	53	34	33	35	40	40	28
AAA	26	28	13	22	20	not run	not run
O gun	30	35	13	24	29	not run	33
South. Op OAA	20	16	17	21	canc	canc	not run
AAA	17	18	17	17	canc		
Reg 19 AAA hr				31	F-canc	canc	
J Holman Cls OAA				37			

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
N.E.Grouse/Wdck	15 st 1 hr	16 st 1 hr	22 st 1 hr		0	14	
N.E. Open Shootg O gun	14 st 1 hr	19 st 1 hr	25st 1 hr		st 22	17	
N.E. Amat Shootg O gun	13 st 1 hr	20 st 1 hr	12st 1 hr		st 18	17	
Penn Op O gun				20	st 19	26	25
Tar Heel Olim gun	21 st 1 hr	24 st 1 hr	22 st 1 hr	29	st 19	30	21

HR STKS BY REGION	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
EAST COAST Op gun	1	2	8, am2	2	1	0
Olim gun	1	4	7	2	1	1
EAST CENTRAL OAA	2	5	1	1	3	3
OLAA	0	1	1	1	2	1
AAA	2	2	0	0	0	1
Alim AA	1	1	2	1	1	1
O gun	1	1	1	1, olg-2w	2	2
Olim gun					1	0
CENTRAL OAA	3	3	3	3	2	2
OLAA	2	3	2	2	2	3
AAA	0	0	1	1	2	2
O gun	1, 1, 2w		0	2, owg-1	0	1
Olim gun	1	1	2	2	S-1, 1w	2
MIDWEST OAA	7	4	6	3	1	4
OLAA	4	4	3	3	4	4
AAA	4	4	2	3	2	1
O gun			0		0	0
WEST Coast OAA		2	1	0	0	0
OLAA	1	1	1	1	1	1
AAA			1	0	0	0
ALAA	1	1	1	1	1	1
O gun	1	1	1	0	0	0
Olim gun				1	1	1
TOTAL Hour Stks	35	46 (+ 2)	34	33 + 2+	f-7) 32	31

2013 SUMMER SPECIALTY REPORT
Terry Hilliard

No Report

2013 TROPHY (FIELD) REPORT
Karen Sreiber

No Report

2013 TROPHY (OBEDIENCE) REPORT
Susan Drazek

No Report

2013 TROPHY (SHOW) REPORT
Karen Hanson

No Report

2013 ABC Website Report
by Steve Ralph
September 13, 2013
ABC Web Site

The ABC website continues to be updated to make it easier for users to navigate the ABC website. The Banners are updated periodically to allow easy access to upcoming ABC events and the Year In Review slide show highlights the previous ABC events (this is now being updated bi-annually). The website continues to be an up to date source for the ABC Calendar, News items, ABC & Regional Club Premiums, Event Results, Policy Book, Downloadable Forms, and past Historical write-ups. New this year is the ABC Classics page which was completed with the help of many volunteers to help gather the data.

The ABC Items For Sale page has been expanded to allow for National Trophy Donations, National Gear, ABC Decals, and the new Book of the American Brittany 1990-2010. This page is generating a lot of new sales for ABC.

ABC Website Policy

PURPOSE: The purpose of the website shall be for the education and entertainment of the membership. The website shall provide up-to-date information and historical data provided by official ABC representatives and "The American Brittany" magazine.

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Duties of the ABC Webmaster

1. The Board of Directors shall have the power to select the person to act as ABC Webmaster of the ABC Website and set any compensation and/or expense reimbursement. The ABC Webmaster shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the best interest of The American Brittany Club.

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3. The ABC Webmaster shall perform the following duties on January 1st of each year:

- a. Update Officers, Directors, Committees page (obtain info from ABC President & ABC Secretary).
- b. Update ABC email forwarding service (obtain info from ABC President & ABC Secretary).
- c. Update the ABC logo with the new National Champion shield (obtain from AB Magazine).
- d. Update main page National winner photos (obtain photos that are to be published in AB Magazine).
- e. Update main page National, Classic & Futurity Winners slideshow (obtain from AB Magazine).
- f. Update Field Trial Dates Committee on Calendar pages (obtain info from ABC Secretary).
- g. Update Futurity Nomination Form (obtain from AB Magazine or ABC Futurity Chair).
- h. Update ABC HOF Nomination Forms (obtain from AB Magazine or ABC Secretary).
- i. Update ABC Hall of Fame page (obtain from ABC Secretary).
- j. Update National pages (obtain from National FTS).

4. The ABC Webmaster shall perform the following duties on an as needed basis:

- a. Update the Calendar info after receiving approval forms from ABC Secretary or schedules from Regional Date Coordinators (not from individuals).
- b. Update Regional Secretary page after receiving notice from ABC Secretary or AB Magazine (send new info to AB Magazine & Secretary if needed).
- c. Update News items after receiving from ABC Secretary.
- d. Update ABC & AKC Forms when new forms are received from ABC Secretary or Committee Chair.
- e. Update History page from published AB Magazine write-ups.
- f. Update Award (Purina, Tri-Tronics, and Magnum's Masked Man) pages after receiving from Award Coordinators.
- g. Update National pages (qualified dogs, premium, judges bio, ...) as needed (obtain from National Secretary or Chair).
- h. Maintain ABC PayPal information as needed.
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2013 YEAR BOOK REPORT

Jessica Carlson
September 9, 2013

I am behind in working on the Yearbook this year, after losing my computers and backup drive at the end of May. Fortunately I do have a PDF version of the 2012 yearbook to work from, but I'm having to work up an entirely new layout this year. I would like to thank Rose Leale for working on the pedigrees of qualified dogs this year, and to our other new committee member, Janet Fullwood, who has been helping look into possibilities for offering an electronic version of the yearbook. Our main goal for the coming year is to find ways to increase sales of the yearbook so that more of our membership sees it as a great resource and a necessary addition to their collection each year.
Jessica Carlson

FORMAL APPROVAL OF BOD
E-MAIL VOTING

ABC Motion and Vote to Appoint Judy Graves as Treasurer Until a New One Is Appointed on a Permanent Basis

ABC Motion and Vote to Repeal the Motion regarding BOB Rotating Trophy

ABC Motion and Vote to Purchase a Rotating Trophy for Grouse Woodcock Classic

ABC Motion to Purchase Trophy Case for Chicken Classic Trophy

ABC Motion and Vote to Authorize Printing of Book of the American Brittany 1990 – 2010 Edition

ABC Motion and Vote to correct cost of Printing of Book of the American Brittany 1990 – 2010 Edition

ABC Motion and Vote to Set 4th Vice President 2013 Election to Comply with Constitution and By-Laws

ABC Motion and Vote to Change the Dates of the 2014 National Specialty Show and Add Rally and Agility Events

ABC Motion and Vote to Accept AKC or American Field DNA

ABC Motion and Vote to Give Support to Rescue Efforts for Louisiana Brittany Kennel

ABC Motion to Suspend Robert's Rules and Vote on Accepting Temporary DNA Number for Entry in 2013 National Events

New Business Agenda Items

From Jim Brigham, Central Director
September 12, 2013

Establish a Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Procedure and Committee

The Board has recognized the lack of an ABC Ethics Code & Disciplinary Procedure for the membership, officers and Board of Directors. The Board will be reviewing various examples of Ethics & Disciplinary policy by other National Dog clubs, non/not-for-profit organizations and others source prior to the Board meeting. The Board will discuss what policy to adopt and establish a permanent Disciplinary Committee. A final product may not be completed at the meeting but the ground work will be set for completion and adding it to the ABC Policy Book or the ABC By-Laws (as determined by the Board). The process, hopefully, will be completed by June 2014.

ABC Foundation Creation

The ABC Foundation creation process has been slowed because Janet Chase's death. The Board needs to review what the current status is and authorize a loan for the financial needs to complete the filing process and initial operating expenses of the Foundation.

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AKC Canine Health Foundation Canine Health Conference

August 2013

In early August I had the privilege of attending the AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis, MO as a representative of the American Brittany Club. The meeting was a gathering of many breed club representatives, some of the leading researchers/educators in the fields of oncology, gastroenterology, genetics and rehabilitative/regenerative veterinary medicine in addition to the leaders of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. This conference is held every other year in the St Louis, MO home of its co-sponsor, Purina. Outside of meeting place were throngs of red clad Cardinal fans making their way to the three game series at Busch Stadium.

All of the speakers were outstanding and passionate about their subjects. We are fortunate that our breed does not have a high incidence of some of the dreaded diseases that plague other breeds.

Oncologists Jaime Modiano and Matthew Breen discussed their respective research targets (Modiano-hemangiosarcoma & Breen-lymphoma). Both are working on tests to predict the biological behavior of the tumors which will allow the intensity of therapy to be tailored. Some of these tumors are indolent (slow to develop) and some very aggressive. The goal is to be able to predict in which category the tumor falls and to neither under treat nor over treat the cancers. Not only is there collaboration between these two researchers but also with their human counterparts.

Dr Kate Meurs discussed inherited cardiomyopathies- cardiomyopathy is a disease in which the heart muscle functions poorly. Although the disease may look similar clinically, cardiomyopathy in the Boxer is different from the disease in the Great Dane which is different from the disease in the Doberman.

The keynote speech: "The Genius of the Dog" given by Dr Brian Hare focused on the cognition of the canine. Certain canine individuals excel in empathy, cunning, communication, reasoning or memory. Cognition is an internal mental process of the mind flexibly solving problems- it is NOT behavior. Dr Hare has developed a citizen science website approach to address long unanswered questions regarding difference in canine cognition. The website is Dognition.com. Use this tool to find your dog's unique genius while contributing to the greater good of all dogs. Comparing the data of all the dogs in the database will help to find out what skills they are using to be successful.

Great strides are being made in regenerative medicine for soft tissue injuries in the canine. Dr Sherman Canapp has been successfully treating core lesions (incomplete tendon

ruptures or avulsions) with stem cell therapy in conjunction with platelet rich plasma. These lesions are best confirmed via diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound. Dr Janet VanDyke is applying human physical therapy techniques to our canine patients in her Canine Rehabilitation Institute to rehabilitate dogs from their soft tissue injuries as well as avoiding surgical intervention for Intervertebral Disc Disease and Cranial Cruciate Ligament rupture. She emphasized that more than one modality (cryotherapy, laser, therapeutic exercise) is needed for a successful outcome.

"Epilepsy- where are we now and where are we going?" was the topic of Dr William Thomas' presentation. His premise is that if seizures start after 5 years of age, it's probably not idiopathic epilepsy but due to another cause such as metabolic, infectious or neoplastic. MRIs have significantly advanced the diagnosis and treatment of seizures in the last 10 years. Phenobarbital and Potassium Bromide are still used as the standard of treatment but other newer human anticonvulsants are being incorporated into treatment regimes. Drugs such as Zonisamide and Levetiracetam as well as Gabapentin and Pregabalin are being used since they have less undesirable side effects. A new canine specific anticonvulsant is also on the horizon. There is an active area of investigation of genetic factors which would improve our understanding of this disease, allow recommendations regarding breeding of affected and related dogs and potentially lead to a definitive diagnostic test. We can all help by contributing blood samples from our dogs to the CHIC DNA Repository.

Many of the lectures included genetic connections and references. Dr Dannika Bannasch from UC Davis presented us with "Genetics 101" for a basic understanding of terms and concepts used. This was prior to the genetics roundtable staffed by one population and three molecular geneticists. Health and genetic testing offers a means of quality control in our populations. Some of the diseases are polygenic such as canine hip dysplasia so we should screen the families of the sire and dam and try to breed low risk individuals to lower risk individuals. There are variations on gene expression such as semi-dominant /co-dominant: one copy of the mutation is enough to show outward disease or trait but two copies show a more severe disease or trait i.e. merle coat patterning. Another variation is incomplete penetrance: the dog has the copies of the mutation required to be affected with the disease but it is unaffected. When this dog is bred, it breeds as if it were affected. There can also be age related penetrance such that a disease has a late onset. The same mutation may appear in different breeds but it may or may not manifest itself. Presently there are over 100

disease causing mutations identified in dogs.

There are two DNA tests available for Brittanys: Canine coat and nose color and bobtail gene. Breeders need to be conscious of the “popular sire syndrome”. This is probably the most important factor for diminished genetic diversity and skews the gene pool in the sire’s direction. Any genes that he possesses-whether positive or negative – will increase in frequency. The insidious effect of this is the loss of genetic contribution from quality, unrelated males who are not used for breeding.

Other group discussions were chaired by Drs Deb Greco and Liz Rozanski who answered questions about GI disease, nutrition and bloat. Research is needed to document the incidence of gluten sensitivity in dogs. At this point the demand for grain free diets is client driven. People have found that they are gluten intolerant so they presume that their dogs are too!

Probiotics such as Fortiflora® are beneficial additions to the diet when traveling, in times of stress or as an addition to the treatment of a GI upset.

We should not be restricting protein in the diets of older dogs because they start to metabolized their own muscle and lose body mass if we do.

Raw diets are very difficult to balance in their calcium/phosphorus ratio(~60% are improperly balanced) so a raw diet should not be fed to a pregnant or lactating dog since those elements are so critical for proper functioning of the uterine muscles during whelping.

The very best recommendation for bloat/GDV prevention is to have susceptible breeds have a gastropexy (suture stomach to body wall) at the time of spaying or neutering. An anxious temperament and elevated feeding can also contribute to the tendency for bloat per Dr Greco.

Dr Heather Chandler spoke about cataracts and gave us the news that there is no medical treatment for cataracts-surgery is the only method of successful treatment. A common complication to surgery is posterior lens opacification (PCO) which results from the proliferation of the few lens cells that inevitably remain after surgery. Novel therapies are being developed to reduce PCO formation.

As you can see, lots of valuable information was shared by the speakers as well as among the participants. The mission of the Canine Health Foundation: “dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound, scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease” was certainly satisfied at this conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM
Chair,ABC Health & Genetics Committee



BOOK OF THE AMERICAN BRITTANY 1990-2010
Jessica Carlson – Editor

Just released and presently available, this new book picks up where the previous book, edited by Rheta Cartmell, left off in documenting the history of the ABC and the events it sponsors. This book continues the preservation of the history of the ABC and the breed from the beginning back in the 1930s. The first book edited by Dr. Fred Z White was followed by Nicky Bissell, Rheta Cartmell and now has been brought up to 2010 by Jessica Carlson.

Jessica was appointed by the ABC Board of Directors to undertake the writing of this new book. Like the editors of the previous books, this was a volunteer job without pay or financial benefit. Jessica has spent several years compiling and researching twenty years’ worth of data, the first ten years of which there was no computerized record keeping available. A lot of the data and pictures came from numerous sources around the country and some of it had to be chased down.

This was a monumental task that very few would even attempt to undertake. Being involved with the magazine on a daily basis, I can fully appreciate the amount of work that was required in producing this book. We all need to thank Jessica for her hard work and dedication in producing this book that will be a source of reference to the ABC members for years to come.

You may order this book on the ABC website or from Claudia Truska 29400 S. 120th, Firth, NE 68858 for \$20. You may also pick it up at a National Event for \$15.

2013 EMAIL MOTION ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION TO SUSPEND ROBERT'S RULES AND VOTE ON ACCEPTING TEMPORARY DNA NUMBERS FOR ENTRY IN 2013 NATIONAL EVENTS

Motion by Darlene Dow, East Coast Director
Seconded by Steve Ralph, Central Director
Date of combined motions: September 18, 2013

I move to suspend Robert's Rules of Order in order to expedite the voting of the following:
Due to the delay time from the time of submission to AKC to the return results from the lab
conducting DNA analysis, I move that for 2013 events only that the temporary AKC DNA
number provided for a dog whose DNA has been submitted to AKC and returned for re-sampling
by the entrant be acceptable for entry into the 2013 national events, GDN, AA and the Specialty
Show events. Steve can put the charts on the website.

Yes 15 No 0, Abstained 0, Not Voting 0 Motion: Passed.

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 Owners: Jerry & Kathy Hogan, Amanda Cone & Carole Douglas

GCH FLY'N-HI'S NEW KID IN TOWN
 2012 American Brittany Club National Specialty Award of Merit
 Owners: Traci Clark & Tom McCready

SPARKY'S PRAIRIE WIND GYPSY
 2012 American Brittany Club Pheasant Classic Runner-Up
 Owners: Barry Koepke & Karen Fujikawa



Gun Dog
FIRESTARTER'S
CROSSED THE LINE
 Owner: Andi Christensen



All-Age Dog
SPARKY'S PRAIRIE WIND GYPSY
 Owners: Barry Koepke and Karen Fujikawa



Show Dog
CH RAINBOW SPLASH'S
RUGGEDLY HANDSOME
 Owners: Jerry & Kathy Hogan,
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 Owner: George Brook



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New Titles in 2012


New Champion **CH Fly'n-Hi's License To Chill** - owners: Traci Clark & Tom McCready

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The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). Today, nearly all of the AKC Parent Clubs have joined CHIC, and over 80,000 dogs have met the individual breed health testing requirements and been assigned CHIC numbers.

The CHIC Mission Statement is quite simply “To provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.” The specific program goals are:

- To work with parent clubs in the identification of health issues for which a central information system should be established.
- To establish and maintain a central health information system in a manner that will support research into canine disease and provide health information to owners and breeders.
- To establish scientifically valid diagnostic criteria for the acceptance of information into the database.
- To base the availability of information on individually identified dogs at the consent of the owner.

The CHIC database is a tool that collects health information on individual animals from multiple sources. As more phenotypic and genetic screening tests become available and breeders make greater use of these tests, it is important that a database exists to capture this data. CHIC satisfies this need by functioning as a centralized pool of data. CHIC is about encouraging testing and health awareness and recording the results. It is not necessarily about ‘normalcy’ nor should it be misconstrued as an award program for normal dogs. Dogs with abnormal results are eligible for CHIC numbers as long as their results are in the public domain so that the breeders can benefit from the information in making more informed breeding decisions.

Core to the CHIC philosophy is the realization that each breed has different health concerns. Not all diseases have known modes of inheritance, nor do all diseases have screening tests. Some screening tests are based on phenotypic evaluation, others on genetic testing. With all these variables, a key element of CHIC is to customize or tailor the CHIC requirements to the needs of each breed. These unique requirements are established through input from the parent club prior to the breed’s entry into the CHIC program. Breed specific requirements typically consist of the inherited diseases that are of the greatest concern and for which some screening test is available. Each parent club also drives specific screening protocols. Regardless of breed, each dog must be permanently identified in order to have test results included in CHIC. Permanent identification may be in the form of microchip, or tattoo.

CHIC operates an informed consent database. All information regarding test results remains confidential unless the owner specifically authorizes release of the information into the public domain. Owners are encouraged to release all test results realizing it is in the ultimate health interests of the breed and the information greatly increases the depth and breadth of any resulting pedigree analysis.

For those not quite ready to accept open sharing of information, there is still value in submitting their results. All test information entered into the database is available in aggregate for research and statistical reporting purposes, but does not disclose identification of individual dogs. This results in improved information on the prevalence of the disease, as well as information regarding progress in reducing the incidence of the disease.

A CHIC number is issued when test results are entered into the database satisfying each breed specific requirement, and when the owner of the dog has opted to release the results into the public domain. The CHIC number by itself does not imply normal test results, nor should it be interpreted as a ‘stamp of approval’ for breeding. The CHIC number only indicates that all the required breed specific tests were performed and the results made publicly available.

Once included in the CHIC program, the breed specific requirements are dynamic. As health priorities within a breed change, or as new screening tests become available, the breed specific requirements can be modified to reflect the current environment.



The CHIC program offers a variety of benefits to breeders, buyers, parent clubs, and researchers. For breeders, CHIC provides a reliable source of information regarding dogs they may use in their breeding programs. In the future, breeders can begin to analyze the pedigrees of a proposed breeding for health strengths and weaknesses as well the traditional analysis of conformation, type, and performance strengths and weaknesses.

For buyers, the CHIC program provides accurate information about the results of a breeder’s health testing. For diseases that are limited to phenotypic evaluations, there are no guarantees. However, the probability that an animal will develop an inherited disease is reduced when its ancestry has been tested normal. Further, as more DNA tests become available and the results are entered into CHIC, the CHIC database will help breeders predict whether progeny will be clear, carriers, or affected.

For parent clubs considering establishment of health databases on their own, CHIC provides the answer with no upfront investment required by the club. The CHIC infrastructure is supplied and maintained by the OFA. The data is maintained in a secure environment by trained staff. The services are not subject to the time, technology, and resource constraints that parent clubs might face on their own. This frees parent clubs to focus on the tasks of identifying health concerns, educating their membership, raising funds for research, and encouraging participation in the CHIC program.

For researchers, CHIC provides confidential and accurate aggregate information on multiple generations of dogs. CHIC information will also be useful for epidemiological studies enhancing our knowledge of health issues affecting all breeds of dogs.

For everyone interested in canine health issues, CHIC is a tool to monitor disease and measure progress.

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None Held Back and Other Bird Dog Stories

By Tom Word

Part Three Generation to Generation

Chinook

All summer Jess had dreaded the day they would leave Saskatchewan. Here on the prairies, he could keep Pop sober, but once they left, a binge was inevitable.

Jess had packed the dually and trailer the night before. Now in dawn light, the dogs and horses loaded, he made one last walk around the old settler's cabin, their home three months each summer, home for packrats the rest of the year. In his childhood years, Jess had played with the puppies in the yard while the men worked derbies from horseback and his Mom cooked and cleaned. For eight years now, he'd been part of the training crew—lately the heart of the crew. Jess would be twenty the day they got home to Georgia—if you could call it home, a second-hand house trailer on a rented lot. The day after Christmas, Mom had finally thrown Pop off the family farm outside Albany, hers by inheritance.

As they drove south, Jess pictured Pop's coming binge. But he had other thoughts to temper his gloom: of a pointer derby, Chinook by name, riding in the seat behind them.

Chinook belonged to Sam Wiggins, Pop's last loyal field-trial customer. Mr. Sam had come north two weeks before, seen Chinook's workouts, then seen him place first in a prairie trial. All his life, Jess had dreamed that a dog like Chinook would come along—a dog with the talent to lift them to the top. Mr. Sam had said it all. "Jess, boy, that derby could be the one." He didn't have to say one what.

Pop had stayed sober through July and August and now to mid-September—even stayed sober at the prairie trial. That had surprised Jess until he learned Mr. Sam had gone early and threatened to whip anyone who offered Pop a drink. Pop had always sobered up when they got to the prairie the first of July. The thin clear air and hard work restored him. Or maybe it was the absence of crossroads-store cronies.

They made it home in four days, stopping along the way to deliver dogs to customers, staying over night in their homes. When they drove up to the house trailer, surrounded by waist-high grass, Jess felt a strange wave of hope. Pop was still sober; maybe he could beat the demon this time.

Pop's spirits were good. He still got nervous at supper time, and Jess could see the torment in his eyes first thing each morning when he realized Mom was not there, would never be again. But once Pop got moving, the tension eased; things seemed better with Pop than Jess could ever remember.

Pop had always been a paradox kind, considerate, hard working while sober, a demon when he drank. Yet no man living could read or train a bird dog like Pop.

Pop and Jess worked like Trojan their first week back in Georgia, cutting the grass, patching up the kennels, cleaning the house trailer. Jess got them two dozen gun-dog derbies to bread for shooting preserves nearby—enough revenue to get them through the year. They had no field-trial string but Chinook, but fortunately



Mr. Sam believed in selective campaigning. He didn't want them to haul Chinook all over the country. For now he just wanted them to polish Chinook.

Mom had raised the litter. Chinook had been the first to crawl from the whelping box, bold, inquisitive, even then haughty. At ten weeks they gave him the run of the farm. It was risky, but nothing developed a bird dog's brain like early freedom. His companions had been the beagles, Jump and Bump; the three explored for bugs, butterflies, mice, frogs, turtles, rabbits, finally quail. The scent of quail became Chinook's ambrosia, and then he ignored the other scents - - except the rabbits which filled his companions' throats with music and provided the three merry chases.

When Mr. Sam, returning from a fishing trip, stopped by to see the litter, Pop said, "He goes farther than the rest, and Mr. Sam said, "I'll buy him, and we'll call him Chinook—for the salmon that swims farthest from the river where it's spawned."

At six months, Chinook accepted confinement in the kennel, quiet there once assured that Jess or Pop would take him out for lessons twice a day. He learned "whoa" and "come" and to go out on the whistle blast. He loved to learn, to hear the soothing "good boy," to feel the stroke of Pop's big hand upon his shoulders.

They reached the prairies in Chinook's eighteenth month. He took to the endless country, searched before the horses through the waving grass into the ceaseless wind, reached for the distant clumps of small trees they called bluffs. He savored the scent of sharptail grouse as he had that of quail in Georgia hedgerows. He came naturally to hold a point until his quarry flew. Near the end of August, Pop judged him ready to stay put and watch the quarry fly. It took less than a week to teach him to stay steady. It did not dampen his desire or hurt his style on point.

Pop was the first to recognize they had a great one. In forty years in the game, he had seen perhaps a dozen with this natural greatness; one had been his to handle until its owner took it from him in disgust. Pop had won the Continental Derby Championship with him. The dog became a National Champion in the hands of a handler with half Pop's talent, but twice his discipline.

Pop's sobriety now was due in equal measures to Chinook's

promise and Jess's devotion. When his wife had ordered him off close and much alike. But Jess had found the house trailer, moved them into it, set up makeshift kennels and a pigeon house. He had arranged for grounds to train on, giving in exchange his labor for the burning and planting. He'd worked late into the spring nights with drip torch and tractor. He cajoled Pop into the Veterans Hospital for a drying out, then to AA meetings. When in July they traveled to the prairies, he found a twelve-step group in the village and drove Pop to the firehouse three nights a week. (Pop's driver's license had been revoked.)

In October, Mr. Sam came to Albany to see them work Chinook. For three days, they rode the pinewoods in the cool at dawn.

"Let's run him at Hoffman the end of this month. Then we'll enter him the Continental Derby Championship," Mr. Sam said.

Chinook won at Hoffman with a performance the Field's reporter called spectacular. Word spread around Albany, and invitations came to bring Chinook to the grand shooting plantations for workouts—good fortune, for Chinook needed unfamiliar grounds. Each time they took Chinook to a new plantation, more mounted spectators waited. Chinook responded to his workouts like a fine knife drawn slowly over a whetstone.

Jess dreaded Christmas, sure to bring Pop depression and temptation. But somehow Pop got through it sober. On New Year's Eve they celebrated with the Golden Corral's biggest steaks, sweet tea, and strawberry shortcake. Mr. Sam had sent an extra \$50 in the month's check for the meal.

Then Pop began to have handler's jitters. He worried that so good a dog as Chinook would surely meet with illness, accident, disappearance, theft. Jess got the malady too. They had a scare when Chinook climbed six feet of kennel fence to service a wandering foxhound bitch, but he came back to the kennel at dawn, seemingly unhurt. After that Jess brought him in the trailer at night.

As they worked Chinook longer heats to ready him for the grueling hour of the Continental Derby, he ran bigger and bigger. "John Gates would have loved him," Mr. Sam said. Occasionally they would lose Chinook, but always he would show to the front just when they were sure he was gone.

Another anxiety began to build in Jess. Pop's hearing and his eyesight were failing. Mr. Sam had talked privately with Jess about a switching of their rolls—Jess to handler, Pop to scout. Jess had said no, that his father was still the better handler by far. Pop was well aware of his hearing problem. Since the prairies, he had thought of turning the handling over to Jess. He couldn't bring himself to do it. Fear was the unconscious reason; fear of being judged washed up. Meanwhile, only Chinook seemed to be without worry.

When they arrived for the drawing at Dixie Plantation, a dozen handlers were gathered in the clubhouse. Chinook drew the last brace. Since an odd number of dogs were entered, he would run without a brace mate.

Jess rode every brace, noting the location of every covey. Pop rode one brace each morning, one each afternoon. Jess fretted when Pop was not riding, sure some old friend would tempt him with a drink. But Pop stayed sober.

Jess had ridden at Dixie every year since he was eight. It was Pop's favorite trial grounds, and his too, lying astride the Georgia-Florida line in the heart of the quail belt, with plenty of birds, plenty of places to show a dog to advantage. But its sad briars were merciless. Jess watched derby after derby wilt before its hour ticked away. Finally Chinook's Day arrived; he would run in the heat of the day, right after lunch.

They met Mr. Sam for breakfast in a Quitman café. Pop seemed subdued, Mr. Sam was excited, Jess was nervous. After they had ordered, Pop said;

"Jess, I was you to handle." A long silence followed.

"No, Pop. This one is yours. I'll have plenty of chances." The way Jess said it made it final.

When Jess led Chinook to the line, a half dozen handlers in the gallery felt sure their entries had already won the Championship. Pop and Jess said Mr. Sam knew it was still there for Chinook to win.

"Are you ready...? All right, let him go." The senior judge punched his stopwatch, Jess released Chinook, Pop hit his whistle, and Chinook sped away with a yip. Two hundred riders followed in his wake. In less than minute, Chinook appeared as a dot as he topped a sand ridge far ahead. Mr. Sam heard the muffled clop, clop of hooves on sand, the clink of bits against teeth, and the low baritone of Pop's singing, "Oooo...Oooo...Oooo"—Chinook's beacon.

Pop rode slowly ahead of the judges, letting Chinook hunt his own pattern. Jess rode three hundred yards off on the flank, staying just behind the judges as the rules required.

They entered tall sedge grass; impossible to see a dog here. At twenty minutes from breakaway, Jess came on Chinook pointing, buried in waist high grass.

"Point...Point...Point..." Jess shouted, praying he would be heard. The judges heard, but not Pop; they alerted the old man, and the field-trial party arrived at a canter. Pop flushed and fired, and Chinook held steady.

By the forty-minute mark, Chinook had scored three finds and swept the course. Every rider knew that if he hunted his last twenty minutes as well, he could get the crown...if he didn't bump birds...if he didn't get lost.... Mr. Sam was as excited as a six-year-old on Christmas Eve.

Jess had found Chinook pointing twice. The third time, Pop spotted him far to the front, lifted his cap, and cantered to the point. Pop grinned as he slowly swung down from his lathered horse, drew the shotgun from its scabbard, flushed the covey, then turned silently to look at Chinook, a statue. Then he fired the blank. What a showman the old rascal is, Mr. Sam thought.

Jess and Pop laid Chinook on his back and poured water on his chest to cool him. Eighty-seven degrees, no breeze, the sun blazing in the cloudless sky. Pop's hands shook as he clipped the emptied water jug to the saddle ring.

"You all right Pop?" Jess asked.

"You bet," Pop said with a grin, but he moved now on will alone.

Jess traded his lathered horse for a fresh one Mr. Sam had been leading. Pop hit the whistle again. Chinook, refreshed by the bath, shot away.

With ten minutes left in the heat, Chinook disappeared. Pop signaled for Jess to ride left in search; when that proved fruitless, Jess galloped right. He could not find Chinook. The judges called time.

"All right gentlemen," the senior judge said, "You've got ten minutes to show us your dog." Pop and Jess struck out to the front, leaving judges and gallery shaded beneath a grove of live oaks. Mr. Sam was beside himself. He prayed they would find Chinook in time. Those with other dogs in contention prayed equally had that Chinook would not be found.

Out of sight of the judges, Jess and Pop stopped to plan the

search. Pop's face was ashen, his shirt completely sweat soaked.

"Pop...are you all right?"

"Hell yes...don't worry about me. You've got to find Chinook."

Jess made a clockwise sweep at a gallop while Pop rode slowly straight ahead, calling. With five minutes left in the grace period, Jess rode back to Pop.

With shoulders slumped, Pop sat his lathered horse beneath a towering pine. His deep-throated calls drifted out across the lonely acres, "Chin...heah Chin...Chin..." All hope was gone from his face; he was utterly exhausted.

"I'm going to ride back toward the judges," Jess said calmly. "Maybe we rode past him...I'm sure he's on point."

A hundred yards away, Jess rode over the lip of a depression, and in it stood Chinook, proud as a bull. Pop rode right by and didn't see him, Jess thought.

"Point...Point...Point!"

Soon Jess heard cantering horses. The judges and gallery arrived. The senior judge nodded for Jess to handle the find. He swung down, shotgun in hand, flushed and fired; Chinook held steady.

Mr. Sam dismounted, and they watered Chinook and fitted his roading harness. Shouts of "good job" came from the gallery as they rode off for the clubhouse.

"Where's Pop?" Jess asked. Surely the old man had heard the shot, for Jess had left him beneath the pine just a hundred yards away.

Pop had heard Jess's call of point, but not the shot. They found him dead beneath the pine, his horse standing patiently beside him. His huge hands were folded on his chest. The hint of a smile showed at the corners of his mouth.

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Keeping Your Dog Safe this Halloween

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Thinking about showing off your dog's "Howloween" spirit this year? The real trick is not to treat Halloween as just another day for your dog. The AKC reminds owners to follow certain guidelines for keeping pets safe during Halloween:

If you choose to dress your pet up in a "doggie" costume, supervise him at all times. Make sure it fits properly and is not in the way of his breathing, eyesight or hearing. If your dog swallows any elastic or decorative items, it could cause intestinal obstructions or choking.

Chocolate and sweets can be dangerous for your dog. Make sure all "people treats" are out of harm's way.

Walk your dog early, while it is still light outside, so you can be aware of any candy, wrappers or broken eggs on lawns and streets and make sure these "tempting treats" stay out of reach.

When you answer the door for trick-or-treaters, make sure pets are in a safe and secure room to prevent them from running out, getting hurt and frightening your visitors. If you want your dog to greet the visiting ghouls and goblins, keep him on a leash.

Don't leave your dog unattended outside. Pranksters may target your dog with eggs, and passersby may be tempted to give your dog harmful treats and candy.

If you are having a Halloween party, consider confining your dog securely in one area of the house. Leave a radio or TV and lights on for the dog.

Be careful about where you place candles and Jack-o-Lanterns. They can easily be knocked over by your dog and either burn your dog or start a fire.



Safe and Sound

by Jessica Hlebak



In anything that pertains to horses safety should always be the number one concern. Fencing is no different. There are many different types of fencing and all have their pros and cons. It is important to take more than just cost into mind when constructing your fence. After a recent unfortunate accident in which I lost one of my horses I have reevaluated my fencing and would encourage you to do so also before an accident occurs.



When planning a new fence, most people only think about the material that they will use. However, the layout of the fence is just as important. You will want to design the fence so that the horses will have as few areas to get into trouble as possible.

One area that can be a trouble spot if you have divided pastures is shared fence lines. Horses are herd animals and that means that they like to establish pecking orders.

They will even do this over fences. Often they will reach under fences at each other and will almost always kick or paw at the fence when trying to intimidate a horse on the other side. One way to eliminate this problem is to eliminate the shared fence lines. A great way to do this without losing a lot of space is to leave lanes between your fences. These will help to keep the horses separated and also can make feeding easy, allowing you to feed multiple pastures in one trip.

Another problem area can be gates. Horses quickly learn where the gates are in their pastures and will often congregate and crowd around them. A great way to lessen any crowding around the gate is to not put the gate in a corner. Have it in the middle of a fence line to help keep any horses from getting crowded into a corner and possibly pushed into the fence.



When planning your fence, evaluate your area and plan the layout of the fence with safety and horse behavior in mind. These are also important factors to consider when choosing the material that you use for your fence. There are many different materials available but some are most definitely safer than others. Besides safety, other factors that you will want to take into account are cost, installation, upkeep and visibility.

For many years electric wire has been the standard for horse fencing, however with the development of several new products wire has taken a backseat and is now considered to be one of the most dangerous fencing materials. Wire is responsible for many different injuries to horses because it will not always break and it can slice through skin, tendons and ligaments. Many gruesome injuries have been caused by wire fencing.

Luckily there are many different products available today that are much safer for horses. An “old reliable” is wood fencing. This fencing is strong and highly visible for the horses. A downfall to wood fencing can be the upkeep required. Downed boards and painting/staining are required. If you do choose to go with wooden fencing remember to nail the boards from the inside of the pasture, this will help to prevent boards being kicked out by the horses.



Another standard that has been on the market for some time is vinyl fencing. The vinyl is very eye appealing, highly visible and will have minimal upkeep. Cost can be a factor for this fencing but it is considered to be very safe. The biggest drawback to this fencing is that it can shatter if it is hit with enough might. It is easily replaced but cannot withstand being hit with a great deal of force.

A newer cousin to the vinyl fencing is made with a heavyweight polymer that gives the look of board fencing. This fence is considered to be the safest on the market today. It can absorb the force of being hit and will bounce back to its original shape. Horses cannot get tangled in it and it will not break when hit. The advantage to this fence is the safety that it provides and also when installed correctly, upkeep is minimal. Cost is a disadvantage to this fence, however to some the safety offered may outweigh the cost.



A great alternative to wire fencing are the tape and coated wire fences. They are put up similar to wire and are easy to reconfigure pastures, which was always an advantage to wire. The tape is fatter which makes it safer than wire and it is also highly visible, a major downfall of wire fencing. The tape can be electrified which is a very good deterrent if you have horses that like to test a fence. The coated wire is also more visible and less likely to cut a horse because of its increased thickness. Cost is relatively low on the tape and coated wire compared to other

options.

For a very strong and permanent fencing solution there is the pipe fencing. This is more popular in the west than in the eastern part of the country. The pipe is very strong and visible with minimal upkeep. It can be costly if pipe is not readily available in your area, however it will last a very long time. This fence is very strong and would not require any electric type





deterrent for the horses as there is not much that they can do with it to get into trouble.

When choosing what type of fencing will be right for you keep in mind that horses are mischievous herd animals that will get into trouble any way they can. Try to eliminate areas that could present trouble and plan ahead. Keep safety in mind and remember that it is better to spend extra money on safe quality fencing than to pay a vet bill later, or worse, lose a horse.

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The Brittany Bites Recipe Collection

By Sheila Cordner

Here are our monthly recipes tried by you, our Brittany enthusiasts.

Please e-mail your recipes to Sheila Cordner at sheilaskitchencorner@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.

VENISON MEAT LOAF

1- 1/2 lb ground venison
 3/4 c. milk
 1 T Worcestershire sauce
 2 tsp. fresh basil leaves, chopped or 1/2 tsp. dried basil leaves
 1/2 tsp salt
 1/2 tsp ground mustard
 1/4 tsp pepper
 1 egg
 1 garlic clove, finely chopped, or 1/8 tsp garlic powder
 3/4 c. plain breadcrumbs
 1 small onion, chopped (1/4 cup)
 1/2 c. red or green bell pepper, chopped
 Honey

Heat oven to 350. Combine all ingredients, except honey. Spread mixture in ungreased 8x4 or 9x5 loaf pan, or shape into 9x5 loaf and place in ungreased 13x9 pan. Spread loaf with honey. Bake 1 - 1 1/4 hours or until loaf is no longer pink in center. Let stand 5 minutes. Remove from pan and serve.

EASY PHEASANT BAKE

1 pkg. (8oz) Stove Top stuffing mix for chicken
 1-1/2 cups water
 2 lbs boneless pheasant breasts, cut into 1" pieces
 1 can (10-3/4 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup
 1/2 cup sour cream
 5 cups frozen vegetables, thawed, drained

Heat oven to 400. Sprinkle 1/2 cup stuffing mix onto bottom of 13x9 baking dish. Add hot water to remaining stuffing mix; stir until just moistened. Set aside. Place pheasant over stuffing mix in dish. Mix soup, sour cream, and vegetables; spoon over pheasant. Top with moistened stuffing mixture. Bake 30 minutes or until pheasant is cooked through. Makes 8 servings

Dave's Baked Duck Submitted by Dave White MO Brittany Club

1 large, 2 med. or 4 small ducks, cut up
 3/4 c. uncooked brown rice
 Salt, pepper, and paprika
 2- 1/2 c. water or tomato juice
 4 T. all-purpose flour
 2 T. catsup
 1/3 c. shortening
 1 tsp. sage
 1 small onion, chopped
 dash of cayenne
 1 T. chopped green pepper
 1/2 tsp. bay leaf

Roll pieces of duck in flour, seasoned with salt, pepper, and paprika. Melt shortening in skillet and brown duck. removed to heated casserole. Fry onion, green pepper, and rice in drippings about 20 minutes, stirring to brown lightly. Add water or tomato juice and seasonings. Bring to boil and cook 10 minutes. Pour over meat in casserole. Cover and bake at 350 for 1 -1/2 hours. Stir and add liquid as needed.

GRANDMA'S MOLASSES SQUARES

Submitted by Edie Davidson
Member of SNEBC

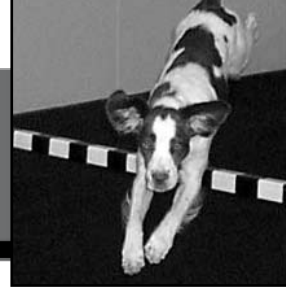
2 cup flour
 3/4 cup sugar
 1/2 cup margarine softened
 1/2 cup molasses
 2 eggs
 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
 1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
 1/2 tsp allspice
 1/2 tsp cloves
 1/2 tsp salt
 1 cup raisins

Mix margarine and sugar, then add eggs. Stir in flour sifted with baking soda and spices and molasses. Beat well. Add raisins and spread in a greased pan approximately 9x13. bake at 350 until done about 20- 25 minutes. Cool and cut and store in tightly covered container



Obedience/Agility/Rally

Brittany Highlights *By Carla Simon*



LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT –LURE COURSING WITH ELLIE

By Jill Martin

Until recently only sight hounds could do lure coursing, but thanks to AKC's Coursing Ability Test (CAT), any breed can now participate. Dogs run individually over a 300 to 600 yard course (depending on size or breed) chasing white strips of plastic. I entered my 2 year old Brittany, Ellie, in a CAT on June 8, in Austintown, OH. I was pretty sure Ellie had the instinct to succeed, but wanted to prepare her a bit since she had never done anything similar. She already loved chasing a toy attached with a line to a small horse crop. I use this activity as a break and reward in rally class and at rally obedience shows (only when we can play without interfering with others). So, I attached a white plastic bag to the line instead of the toy and we went to the backyard. I twitched the crop. She grabbed the bag and tugged so hard she pulled the top of the crop off! Any doubts I had about her instinct to chase immediately disappeared.

Another concern I had was catching her at the end of a run so we began to practice recalls. I took her on a long line and her dinner to different places several times a week to practice. She came flying for bits of her dinner when I called, but I still wasn't sure she would come to me at the end of a run.

The day of the test, I arrived early, set up a chair under a tree where we could see part of the course. I wanted Ellie to see other dogs running so she could learn what to do. She watched with great interest and clearly wanted to join the fun. And I was delighted to see another Brittany who was ecstatic to play this game!

A steward asked to see Ellie walk. We had to repeat the walk so that the steward could see Ellie walk with all four feet on the ground. The steward explained that she needed to check Ellie for lameness.

When our turn was approaching, we crossed the field to the start. That was quite a task because Ellie, in her excitement, forgot all leash walking manners. Near the start line, I had just taken off her harness and attached the leash to her collar when the judge called Ellie's name. I was quite frazzled. The judge asked me to remove her buckle collar, patiently showed me how to hold her with the leash, and told me the lure was going to be moved to the start position. Ellie lunged at the lure as it moved around. When everyone was finally set, I saw the judge wave her hand and heard, "Tally ho!" I released Ellie with a "Go get it!" She flew like the wind after the lure for 600 or so yards. She qualified, but most importantly, she had the time of her young life.

Of course, as soon as the lure stopped, Ellie began tracking and ignored my calls to come. So much for my recall training. Finally she came closer, realized I had wonderful treats, and I was able to leash her. Crossing to my chair's location was nearly impossible because Ellie very much wanted to run again.

On August 23, Ellie enjoyed more coursing at The Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Chagrin Falls, OH. Three CATs were held in conjunction with the Sugarbush Kennel Club's show. Again Ellie was incredible chasing the lure, cornering neatly and thoroughly enjoying herself. She earned her title (CA) on Friday by completing her 2nd and 3rd runs. While waiting for Ellie's 2nd run, she suddenly lunged to the snow fencing bordering the test area pulling the nylon leash through my fingers and leaving me with a deep and painful cut on a joint of a finger. OUCH!!!! Note to self: Use a leather leash for coursing in the future.

On Saturday August 24, we returned to the Polo Field for just one run. While stepping over the 2 lines on the ground to get to the start, I caught my foot and down I went. Ellie didn't even notice. She was too intent on the lure which wasn't even moving. I managed to right myself and realized that, though I hurt and would have bruises, the only major damage I suffered was embarrassment. Ellie, still intent on the lure, finally got to run the course. She was awesome and the judge even commented that she was good. She had one purpose - to catch those white plastic strips and she never lost sight of them - even grabbing them after they stopped moving. Ellie loves this sport so there will definitely be more coursing in her future.

Ellie, Esprit D'Ete's Miss Ellie, was bred by Reberta Hamer and is owned by Jill Martin, of Mansfield, OH (from the Buckeye Brittany Club). Having earned her puppy title with the award of excellence RLP and AOE-P, her level 1 title with the award of excellence RL1 and AOE-1 and her second level 1 championship RL1X2, Jill hopes to compete with Ellie in World Cynosport Rally, UKC and AKC obedience, while continuing to enjoy lure coursing.

AKC TOP BRITTANYS IN OBEDIENCE (Up to Sept. 4, 2013)

Rank	Name	Owner	Points
1	Jayhawker's Lucky Jack UDX3 OM5	Greg Hartlmeier	5
2	Bullet Proof Bandit UD RA	Chris Eblen/Terry Eblen	1

AKC Top Brittanys in PACH Agility Competition (Up to Aug. 8, 2013)

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Qs	Dbl	Score
1	MACH2 Cimmaron Sunrise Windsprite RN MXS MJG MXP XF	B	499	8		579
2	PACH Katie Barnhart MX MXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX	B	460	11		570
3	CH MACH Brookewood's Mardi Gras CDX JH MXG MJC MXP2 MJP2 OF	B	468	10		568
4	PACH2 Cinnamon MXP8 MXPG MJP7 MJPG PAX2 OFP	B	291	8		371
5	PACH Winchester MXP9 MXPG MJP7 MJPG PAX2 OFP	D	97	2		117
6	MACH Nipa's Showgun "Gunner" MXS MJS OF	D	73	3		103
7	MACH Faison's One Moment In Thyme CD RA JH MXB MJS OF	B	67	0		67
8	CH Starlight's Sparks A Fire CD RN MX MXJ MJB	D	54	1		64
9	PACH Vanilla Hot Fudge Delight MX MXJ MXP10 MXPC MJP10 MJPC PAX4 MXF	D	35	1		45
10	PACH Rusty Ridge Blonde On Blonde OA AXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX NF OFP	B	33	0		33
11	Show Me Jasmine "Jazzatazz" RN JH AXP AJP OFP	B	15	1		25
12	Ashleys Sassy Lil Gabrielle CDX GN RA AXP AJP NFP	B	14	0		14
13	MACH PACH Voyageur's B.B. Beretta CDX BN GN RA MXG MJG MXP5 MXPS .. MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF	B	9	0		9

AKC Top Brittanys in MACH Agility Competition (Up to Aug. 30, 2013)

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Qs	Dbl	Score
1	MACH5 Shiloh Of Agoura MXG2 MJG2	B	1,352	29		1,642
2	MACH2 Marjo's Demon In The Ruff MXS MJG MXF MFB TQX T2B	B	1,310	30		1,610
3	GCH CH MACH3 Rustins Jeweler's Apprentice MXC MJB2 MXF T2B	B	1,187	24		1,427
4	MACH6 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXS2 MJS3 NAP NJP MXF T2B	B	1,013	32		1,333
5	CH MACH3 Exebrit's Sunset Limited CDX MXB2 MJC NF	D	1,018	18		1,198
6	CH MACH4 Chilcote's Great Idea Of Mariad MXS2 MJS2 MXF TQX T2B	B	902	23		1,132
7	CH MACH4 Top Shelf's Crown Royal MXS2 MJS2 MXF MFB TQX	B	892	14		1,032
8	MACH Peter Pan's Happy Thought MXB MJB NF	D	632	17		802
9	CH Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B	B	561	7		631
10	MACH11 Julia Flying Cinnamon Girl UD RAE MXC3 MJC3 FTC1 MFC TQX T2B	B	443	14		583
11	CH MACH2 Mariad Thats My Point Bigoak JH MXG MJC MXF T2B	D	467	11		577
12	Tressel MX MXB MXJ MJG NAP NJP XF T2B2	D	460	8		540
13	MACH4 Timberlane's Treasured Time MXB2 MJG2	B	361	7		431
14	Credit Kaze With A Perfect Diamond MX MXJ XF T2B	B	395	3		425
15	MACH2 Vanilla Mocha Chipper JH MXG2 MJG2 FTC1 MFC TQX	D	222	12		342
16	CH Credit Kaze's Capital Gains AX MXJ XF T2B	D	316	1		326
17	Fast Eddie AX MXJ	D	292	2		312
18	MACH Faison's One Moment In Thyme CD RA JH MXB MJS OF	B	281	3		311
19	MACH Shiloh's Unstoppable Molly CDX RA MXB MJS	B	255	5		305
20	MACH Cupid's Beau And Eros CD MXB MJG MXF	D	231	5		281
21	CH Tonan's Remember The Time MX MXB MXJ MJB NF	D	192	7		262
22	CH Illusion's Hot Topic JH MX MXB MXJ MJB XF	B	229	3		259
23	CH Millette's Don't Stop Believin' MX MXB MXJ MJB OF	D	157	10		257
24	Magical Minded Mandy MX MXB MXJ MJB OF	B	186	7		256
25	Rustins Treasure Of The Sierras AX MXJ MXF	B	231	1		241

PLEASE SHARE YOUR OBEDIENCE/AGILITY/RALLY STORIES

Email webmaster@huntersheart.com your Brittany stories, brags and photos. We'd like to share the highlights in an upcoming issue.

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Specialty Shows

GEORGIA

Perry, GA

April 14, 2013

The Georgia Brittany Club held their Spring Specialty Show on Sunday, April 14, as part of the Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta.

Thanks to our judges for doing an excellent job and taking their time with each and every dog. A special thank you to all the people who came to support our show. We had an exceptional representation of the breed. Thanks for coming and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Nancy Morabito

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW WOODLAND LEGEND, o Eric Arkin & Geri Clements & Cheryl Mika
- 2 - AMMO'S WHITE THUNDER, o Dawn M. Palmer
- 3 - BIG OAKS JACK OF DIAMONDS, o Ken Blackman

15-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - TRIUMPHANT'S HIGH VOLTAGE, o Robert L. Sawyer

15-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - WOODLANDS SPIRIT OF THE BIG OAKS, o Karen Pillion-Schramm & John Schramm
- 2 - TURNINGPT AMMO'S HOT TODDY, o Mary E. Morgan & Sandra Leavens

Best in Sweepstakes

TRIUMPHANT'S HIGH VOLTAGE

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

WOODLANDS SPIRIT OF THE BIG OAKS

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Nancy Morabito

10-12 Year Veteran Bitches

- 1 - CH ILLUSION'S HOT TOPIC JH MX MXJ, o Charles & Abbie Hanson & Beth Kirven

12 Year and Older Veteran Bitches

- 1 - CH ILLUSION'S OF GREY, o Elizabeth Citbor & Abbie Hanson



Best in Veteran Sweepstakes /
Best of Opposite Sex / Best Veteran
CH ILLUSION'S HOT TOPIC JH MX MXJ

REGULAR

Judge: Ms. Debra M. Rudert

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - AMMO'S WHITE THUNDER, by CH/AFC/DC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Ammo's Some Like It Hot; o Dawn M. Palmer, b Sandra & Gary Leavens
- 2 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW WOODLAND LEGEND, by CH Dogwood Hollow Just Imagine x CH Dogwood Hollow Deal or No Deal; o Eric Arkin & Geri Clements & Cheryl Mika, b Gary & Geri Clements & Cheryl Mika
- 3 - BIG OAKS JACK OF DIAMONDS, by DC Grand Junction Jake x CH Big Oaks Oh Yes She Can; o Ken Blackman, b Louise M. Brown & Barbara Brannan

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - HALFMOON COUNTRY ROAD CELESTIAL STAR, by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x GCH/CH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist; o/b Dorothy Moon & Charles Kanopsis
- 2 - TRIUMPHANT'S HIGH VOLTAGE, by CH Triumphant's Saviour Machne x CH Triumphant's Peachcreek Electra; o Robert L. Sawyer, b Linda McCartney-Roy

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW NEW KID IN TOWN, by CH Dogwood Hollow I Get Around JH x CH Dogwood Hollow Little Darlin'; o Richard Dahl & Geri Clements & Cheryl Mika, b Gary

& Geri Clements & Cheryl Mika

- 2 - PETRO'S THE OUTLAW JOSEY WALES, by CH/GRCH Dogwood Hollow Bengal Zero Zero x CH/CH Dogwood Hollow Don't Worry Baby; o/b Pattie & Craig Petraszewsky

Open Dogs

- 1 - AMMOS WHITE LIGHTNING, by Ammos One Man Band x Ammos Hello Dolly; o Dawn M. Palmer, b Ammos Brittanys

Winners Dog

HALFMOON COUNTRY ROAD CELESTIAL STAR

Reserve Winners Dog

DOGWOOD HOLLOW NEW KID IN TOWN

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - DUAL LANES GAMBLER'S CREDITS-ALL-IN, by CH Zax Bigoaks Spirit of Chilcote JH x CH Dual Lanes Gamblers Lady Luck; o Erin Alsabrook, b Donna & Herbert Harrison
- 2 - WOODLANDS SPIRIT OF THE BIG OAKS, by Zax Bigoaks Spirit Of Chilcote x Dual Lanes Gamblers Lady Luck; o Karen Pillion-Schramm & John Schramm, b Donna & Herbert Harrison
- 3 - TURNINGPT AMMO'S HOT TODDY, by AFC/DC Ricochet Maggie's Jac JH x Ammo's The Show That Never Ends; o Mary E. Morgan & Sandra Leavens, b Julie Nelson

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - CEDARCREEK BRANDY, by CH Cedar creek Trevor Jon x CH Cedar creek American Hope; o/b Jonathan & Thomas & Kelly Maxwell

Open Bitches

- 1 - HOPE'S GET A BIRD "LEAP OF FAITH", by CH Castle One in a Millennium JH x CH Triumphant's More Than A Memory; o Matt & Laurie O'Donnell, b Doug & Kim Tighe
- 2 - HOPE'S YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDIN ME, by CH Tonan Hope's R U Kiddin Me x CH Hope's Dream Weaver; o Diane Zdrodowski, b Douglas Tighe & Karen Pillion
- 3 - CREDIT'S MY HEART SKIPS A BEAT, by CH Chilcote's Daring To Be Great x CH Chilcote's Penny ForYourThoughts; o Patricia Rosado & Elizabeth Cruz, b Elizabeth Seelbach & Jessie Schulz

4 - ILLUSION N' GINJAC BACK TALK, by DC Country Roads Rough Rider x CH GenJac Brookwoods Sizzlin Hot At Kabina JH; o Abbie Hanson & Kacie Davis & Beth Kirven, b Gina Currier & Kaitlyn Sanchez & Abbie & Chuck Hanson

Winners Bitch
CEDARCREEK BRANDY

Reserve Winners Bitch
DUAL LANES GAMBLER'S CREDITS-ALL-IN

10 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

1 - CH ILLUSION'S HOT TOPIC JH MX MXJ, by CH Brookwood's Star Attraction x CH Brenfal Jewel Of Illusionhaus JH; o Charles & Abbie Hanson & Beth Kirven, b Charles & Abbie Hanson



Best of Breed

GCH/CH BROOKWOOD'S JUST TOO HOT CDX MX MXJ, by DC/NAGDC/ AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Brookwood's Just An Illusion; o E. Susan Drazek & Cynthia A. Miller, b C. Miller & J. & G. Currier & R. Walborn

Best of Winners
CEDARCREEK BRANDY

Select Dog
CH TRIUMPHANT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS JH

Select Bitch
CH AMMO'S ARMS DEAL

Best Puppy
AMMO'S WHITE THUNDER

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor
CEDARCREEK BRANDY

Awards of Merit **CH BIG OAKS TEXAS RANGER** **CH/GCH DOGWOOD HOLLOW BENGAL** **ZERO ZERO**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA **Vallejo, California** **June 8, 2013**

The Northern California Brittany Club continued the tradition of holding our Sweepstakes, Specialty and Supported Entry shows in Vallejo at the Solano County Fairgrounds and in conjunction with the legendary Woofstock Cluster. The venue lives up to its billing of four days of peace, music and dogs and provides a festive atmosphere which includes tie-dye colors and live rhythm and blues music on Saturday immediately following presentation of Best in Show. As always, the Brittany competition during the cluster was solid with four majors awarded to the bitches and three to the dogs.

Brittany entries in the NCBC Sweepstakes and Specialty classes on Saturday totaled 58 and once again, both genders took home five-point majors for their winning efforts! Ms. Nancy Kelly presided over the sweepstake classes with a fine entry of puppies and juniors as well as veteran dogs holding titles and awards including DC, GCH, Westminster Kennel Club and Eukanuba Best of Breed!

The versatile Brittany presents were shown from Regular, Bred-By-Exhibitor, Field Trial Dogs and various veteran classes. Mr. Robert Slay attired in headdress and beads, proceeded to evaluate the 46 Brittany's entered in the NCBC Specialty classes. A pre-show entry of nineteen in Best of Breed expanded in number as some had finished their championships earlier and moved up and winners joined the competition in the ring. This year, the many excellent champions in the Breed ring also included no less than three Westminster Kennel Club Best of Breed winners!

Members of NCBC generously provided laser etched carafe trophies, premium stainless buckets and bowls to every class winner and toys for all competitors in the sweepstakes. A very special thank you to contributors to the "NCBC Trophy Fund" which was initiated to provide financial support and enhancements specifically for our conformation shows. Contributors include;

Dennis and Kathy Bryant, Jeri and Kurt Conklin, Debbie and Dominic Inferrera, Ross and Ken Oxman, Rick and Cheri Perez, Don and Annette Pfister, Janice Schmoltd and Susan Voelker.

Immediately after classes, NCBC's 4th annual "Breeders and Owners Showcase" and buffet, provided all Brittany enthusiasts the opportunity to gather around a full luncheon meal and talk over all aspects of life with their Brittany's. Of the more than 50 people attending this year, it is always a special pleasure to welcome those who have traveled from other states, regions and especially those who are joining us at this premier event for the first time.

NCBC members wish to express their appreciation to the "team", led by show chair Ross Oxman, who worked to pull it all together, including: Debbie, Dominic and Matthew Inferrera; Ken Oxman and Kathy Bryant who tabulated show metrics.

NCBC offers congratulations to all of the winners at this highly competitive event and thanks all of the contenders and spectators for helping build this into the dynamic west-coast Specialty it has become. The invitation is open, please join us next June!

Following are the complete results of the NCBC Sweepstakes and Specialty.

Submitted by Dennis Bryant

SWEEPSTAKES **Judge: Ms. Nancy J. Kelly**

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - MICH MT. TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK. O Michelle Chaney & Edward Tellier

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

1 - WHISPER RIDGE SEASONS BEGINNING, o Mariah & Angie Skillman & Sue Richards

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - POWDER RIVER'S CATCHIN THE HEART OF THE TEAM, o Glenda J. Mazzuca & Cheryl Krajcar
- 2 - MICH MT ARE PRINCESS ARIEL A KISS FROM ABOVE, o Michelle Chaney & Edward Tellier
- 3 - AMMO'S MICHS MT HOT GEORGIA PUNCH, o Arlene & Timothy McCabe
- 4 - ARCADO'S ONCE UPON A TIME, o Laura & David Arcado

12-15 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - SANDBARS DREAM HI'S ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD, o Kristina & Lori & Tom Rickard

Best in Sweepstakes
SANDBARS DREAM HI'S ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD



Best of Opposite Sex to Best in sweepstakes
MICH MT. TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Nancy J. Kelley

7-9 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH RJ'S SIERRA EDITION SH, o Joyce G. & Robert J. Wire
- 2 - DC SUPERGLIDE SPORTSTER MH, o Janice Schmoltd
- 3 - CEDARIDGE TRI-TIP KIP, o Sonja Willitts

9-11 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - GCH RJ'S DICKSON DOUBLE DELIGHT MH, o Robert & Barbara Christensen



Best in Veteran Sweepstakes / Select Dog
CH RJ'S SIERRA EDITION SH

REGULAR

Judge: Mr. Robert H. Slay

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - MICH MT. TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK, by CH MICH's Mt I've Got Carter x CH Mich Mt Tri Folling Pippin

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - RJ'S HIGH PRIORITY, by GCH RJ's Sierra Edition MH x GCH Mirage-RJ's Symply Sensational SH; o/b Joyce G. & Robert J. Wire

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - CASTLE'S ROBBINS ON THE TOWN, by CH Castles How Sweet It Is x CH Castles Marmalade Skies; o Barbara & Michael Dwyer, b Barbara & Mike Dwyer & Ignazio J. & B. J. Castillo
- 2 - CASTLE'S ELI ON THE FLY, by CH Castle's A Shot Of Laughter x CH Wind Mtn's Pennies From Heaven; o Melissa Hindt & Michael Fierro, b Michael Fierro & Carol Manchester
- 3 - BRITT'S RAMBLIN' PRINCE CHARLES, by CH Britt's Ramblin' Sum Of All Fears x CH Britt's Ramblin' In Plain Sight o/b Jenelle Larson & Karen Schoppa

Open Dogs

- 1 - CROSSCREEK SANBAR LEGEND BY MYSELF, by GCH/DC Sanbar Castle Built On Legends x GCH Sanbar Mustang Evening Attire; o Robert & Polly West & Barbara Pepin, DVM, b Robert & Polly West
- 2 - WOLRAM'S GONE WITH THE WIND JH, by CH Wolram's Riverboat Gambler JH x CH Wolram's Turquoise Ridge Joule JH; o Patricia Molini & Suzanne Marlow, b Suzanne Marlow
- 3 - MILLETTE'S WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU, by CH Millette's A Tri To Watch x CH Mich's Mt Dori Ready Set Go; o Terri Bray & Michelle Millette, b Arlene McCabe & Michelle Chaney
- 4 - POWDER RIVER'S AVAST YE' BUCCANEER, by GCH Gourley's Dfl 99 Carat Diamond x CH Decan's Bombshell Of Breton; o George Stern, b Cheryl Krajcar

Reserve Winners Dog

CASTLE'S ROBBINS ON THE TOWN



Winners Dog / Best of Winners
CROSSCREEK SANBAR LEGEND BY MYSELF

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - WHISPER RIDGE SEASONS BEGINNING, by CH Whisper Ridge Ramblin Final Verdict x GCH Granmars One Rough Diamond JH; o Mariah & Angie Skillman & Sue Richards, b Sue Richards

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - AMMO'S MICHS MT HOT GEORGIA PUNCH, by GCH/DC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle x CH Ammo's Some Like It Hot; o Arlene & Timothy McCabe, b Sandra & Gary Leavens
- 2 - POWDER RIVER'S CATCHIN THE HEART OF THE TEAM, by DC Powder River's Nobody But Me x CH Powder River's So U Think U Can Hunt; o Glenda J. Mazzuca & Cheryl Krajcar, b Karen Tye & Cheryl Krajcar
- 3 - MICH MT ARE PRINCESS ARIEL A KISS FROM ABOVE, by CH Mich's Mt I've Got Carter x CH Mich Mt Tri Fooling Pippin; o Michelle Chaney & Edward Tellier, b Michelle Chaney
- 4 - ARCADO'S ONCE UPON A TIME, by CH Mich's Mt Wolverine x CH Magic Mirror Read My Lip; o/b Laura & David Arcado

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - SUNQUEST'S ALL RILED UP, by GCH RJ's Sierra Edition MH x GCH Sunquest Wind Dancer Of Starvue; o Carolyn Whitesell, b Linda Dee & Hank Hartnek
- 2 - SANDBARS DREAM HI'S ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD, by CH Gaitway Caruso Di Sandbar x Copleys Mardi Graw Avec Sandbar; o Kristina & Lori & Tom Rickard, b Sandra Waddell Jaqua

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - CASTLE'S TWYLA'S MOVIN' OUT, by CH Castle's How Sweet It Is x CH Castle's Marmalade Skies; o Barbara & Michael Dwyer, b Barbara & Mike Dwyer & Ignazio J. & B.J. Castillo
- 2 - CASTLE'S SWIFT PRINCESS, by CH Castle's A Shot Of Laughter x CH Wind Mtn's Pennies From Heaven; o Darrin Finn & Michael Fierro, b Michael Fierro & Carol Manchester

Open Bitches

- 1 - TRIUMPHANT MICH MT EYE CANDY, by CH Triumphant's Saviour Machine x CH Triumphant Peachcreek Electra; o Michelle Chaney & Arlene McCabe, b Linda R. McCartney-Roy & Nan Gilliard & John Lisano
- 2 - GERSTADALE'S TAKE THE MONEY N'RUN JH, by CH Mich MT The Suspense Is Over x CH Gerstdale's Money To Burn JH; o/b Debbie Inferrera
- 3 - MICH MT KATY LU BOO, by CH Mich's Mt I've Got Carter x CH Mich's Mt Holly-Wee Boo; o Arlene & Timothy McCabe, b Michelle Chaney & Arlene McCabe
- 4 - MICH MT MILLETTE SWEET POLLY ANNA, by CH Mich's Mt Suspense Is Over x CH Millette's Marilyn Merlot; o Arlene McCabe & Michelle Millette & Michelle Chaney, b M. Chaney & A. McCabe & M. Millette



Winners Bitch
TRIUMPHANT MICH MT EYE CANDY

Reserve Winners Bitch
SUNQUEST'S ALL RILED UP

7 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - GCH RJ'S DICKSON DOUBLE DELIGHT MH, by CH RJ's River's Bend MH x CH RJ's Lady Gabrielle MH; o/b Robert & Barbara Christensen



Best of Breed
GCH MICH'S MT READY AIM FIRE, by CH Castle's Tangerine Dream JH x CH Mich's Mt Dori Ready Set Go; o Kristina & Tom & Lori Rickard & John Davies, b Michelle Chaney & Arlene McCabe



Best of Opposite Sex
GCH CASTLE'S DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH



Field Trial Dog
GCH BRIGADE'S HI HOPES ROCKET MH

Field Trial Dogs

- 1 - GCH BRIGADE'S HI HOPES ROCKET MH, by FC/AFC Burford's Booked First Class x Maison De Chasse Magnifique; o Deborah & Michael Frane, b Michael Frane
- 2 - DC SUPERGLIDE SPORTSTER MH, by CH RJ's River's Bend MH x Miss Fontenella Big Cheese MH; o/b Janice Schmoldt

TEXAS COASTAL

Houston, TX

July 18, 2013

Our show was again held in conjunction with the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows in the vast Reliant Center building, thankfully in the air conditioning! This time of year in Houston is always sweltering, even though some showers did crop up around the city during the shows.

The building hosted not only five days of conformation shows but agility, obedience and flyball competition. A person could spend two or three days just enjoying these events and not even have time to shop at the huge number of vendors displaying their wares.

As usual, some of our club members' Brittanys were in the Meet the Breed ring and we thank Steve Hintzel, James Barrett, Tom and Sandy Schrank and Anne and Maria Parchman for making their fine dogs available for the public to see – young dogs, older dogs, orange/white and liver/white – a good representation of the breed.

We especially want to thank Purina for their attendance of this amazing weekend and, like all sporting events they sponsor, we couldn't have premier events like this without their financial support.

Our sweepstakes judge, Mr. Garry Newton, had a great group of nine young Britts and selected Dirty Birds I'll Have Another, owned by Nathan Pate and Rick and Nan Crites. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Hickory Hill's Heart Like Mine, owned by Anne and Marla Parchman.

Mrs. Robert D. (Polly) Smith judged regular classes, breed and junior showmanship. From the classes, Blueridge's Let's Get Ready to Rumble, owned by Julie Larue and David Downing, received Winner's Dog and Best of Winners. The class bitch entry was a nice five-point major! Chisholm Trails Gypsy Rose, owned by Jody Kirtley, Diane Hale and Ragan Kimbro, received Winners Bitch along with Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed!

Of the five champions, GRCH Rainbow Splash's Ruggedly Handsome, owned by Carolee Douglas, J. and A. Andras, K. Mogan and A. Cone garnered the Best of Breed. Everyone will remember he won the National Specialty Show last November. GCH Copley Paper Dragon received Select Dog and Sunquest's My My Hey received Select Bitch.

AND we must not forget our Junior Showmanship competition. Christine Coe, Anne Parchman's granddaughter, took the trophy home for Best Junior Handler.

We wish to thank everyone who attended our show. Entrants came from Pennsylvania, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Maryland as well as Texas. We are grateful to our club members who donated trophies: James Barrett, Robert, Fred Brooks, Steve Hintzel, Larry and Patricia Mankin and the Crawfords. Our usual ring stewards, Sandy Faulkner and Barbara Steel, keep the show ring going every year and we thank them immensely.

We hope to see you again next year!

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mr. Garry K. Newton

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - DIRTY BIRD'S I'LL HAVE ANOTHER, o Nathan Pate & Rick & Nan Crites
- 2 - SANBAR'S WINGS OF THOR, o James R. Barrett
- 3 - BLUERIDGE'S LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE, o Julie Larue & David Downing

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - MY DUAL LANES LAND OF LIBERTY STKS, o Sandra Schrank

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - HICKORY HILL'S HEART LIKE MINE, o Anne and Marla Parchman
- 2 - HICKORY HILL'S HONEY BEE, o Anne and Marla Parchman
- 3 - SUNQUEST'S CIMMARON KEY TO MY HEART, o Linda Dee Hartnek and Christine Ward Weber
- 4 - POWER'S ABBY SEZ SO, o Robert W. Power

Best in Sweepstakes

DIRTY BIRDS I'LL HAVE ANOTHER

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

HICKORY HILL'S HEART LIKE MINE

REGULAR

Jude: Mrs. Robert D. Smith

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - SANBAR'S WINGS OF THOR, by CH Sanbar Crosscreek Uptown Call x CH Sanbar-Rocklan Take It EZ; o James R. Barrett, b Robert & Polly West

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - BLUERIDGE'S LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE, by DC Ammo's Hot Wheels x Blueridge's Marble Beach; o Julie Larue & David Downing, b David Downing
- 2 - BAR LO'S MOVING ON UP, by CH Bar Lo's The Joke's On You JH x Bar Lo's Shaken Not Stirred; o/b Nancy Anderson & Michelle Lingan
- 3 - HINTZEL'S SCOUTS RENEGADE RUSTLER JH, by CH Hintzel's Field Scout SH x CH Faison's Mexican Moonshine; o Steve Hintzel and Willo Barfield, b Willo Barfield & Steven Hintzel and Nancy Clendenen

Open Dogs

- 1 - TRIUMPHANT PEACHCREEK HOT TAMALE, by CH Triumphant's Saviour Machine x CH Triumphant Peachcreek Electra; o John Lisano-Breckenridge, b Linda R. McCartney-Roy & Nan Gilliard & John Lisano

Winners Dog

BLUERIDGE'S LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE

Reserve Winners Dog

BAR LO'S MOVING ON UP

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - MY DUAL LANES LAND OF LIBERTY STKS, by CH Dual Lanes Right on the Mark x CH Dual Lanes Sassy Sandy; o Sandra Schrank, b Herbert Harrison
- 2 - MY DUAL LANES LET FREEDOM RING STKS, by CH Dual Lanes Right On The Mark x CH Dual Lanes Sassy Sandy; o Thomas Schrank, b Herbert Harrison

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - AUTENS BELLE OF BRIARWOOD, by CH The Graduate Of Seven Crowns x RJJL's Lil Jady Girl CD BN RN; o Jimmy Canada, b Ron & Carol Auten
- 2 - POWER'S ABBY SEZ SO, by Power's Zero Zinn x CH Power's Amazin Zoe; o/b Robert W. Power

Amateur Owner-Handler Bitches

- 1 - SUNQUEST'S CIMMARON KEY TO MY HEART, by CH Cimmaron's Jack's Tennessee Whiskey x CH Cedarlanes's Chantilly Lace; o Linda Dee Hartnek & Christine Ward Weber, b Christine Ward-Weber

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - BIG OAKS MAMMA MIA'S STAR SOPHIA, by DC Grand Junction Jake x CH Big Oaks Oh Yes She Can; o Barbara Brannan, b Louise M. Brown & Barbara D. Brannan
- 2 - HICKORY HILL'S HONEY BEE, by CH Hickory Hill Highway Man RN x CH Fly'N-His Orange Sunset Makuka; o/b Anne & Marla Parchman

American-Bred Bitches

- 1 - RAO'S KNOW WHEN TO HOLD 'EM, by CH Jordean All Kiddin' Aside JH x GCH/CH Lyric's I Am...I Said; o Lisa Brower, b Elaine Rhodes & Becky Rao

Open Bitches

- 1 - CHISHOLM TRAILS GYPSY ROSE, by CH Granmars Cando Diamond Credit x CH Chisholm Trail's Kountry Kate JH; o Jody Kirtley & Diane Hale & Ragan Kimbro, b Diane Hale & Jody Kirtley
- 2 - SUNQUEST'S LITTLE COLORADO, by CH Sno-Kris Hi Point for Sunquest SH x CH Millette's French Vanilla; o Susan Kerns & Natalie Simpson & Laura Altshuler, b Dee Hartnek & Melissa & Kimberly Barwick
- 3 - HICKORY HILL'S HEART LIKE MINE, by CH Hickory Hill's Highway Man RN x CH Fly N Hi Orange Sunset Matuka; o/b Anne & Marla Parchman
- 4 - CAPELLO'S HEAVENLY SENT, by CH Blueridge's Triple Crown x CH Warbonnet's Clever Bag O'Trix; o David Downing, b Tania Downing-Capello

Winners Bitch

CHISHOLM TRAILS GYPSY ROSE

Reserve Winners Bitch

BIG OAKS MAMMA MIA'S STAR SOPHIA

Field Trial Bitches

- 1 - AUTENS BELLE OF BRIARWOOD, by CH The Graduate Of Seven Crowns x RJJL's Lil Jady Girl CD BN RN; o Jimmy Canada, b Ron & Carol Auten

Best of Breed

GRCH/CH RAINBOW SPLASH'S RUGGEDLY HANDSOME, by GRCH/CH Trio's Mr Rocktober x CH Splash's Izzabelle JH; o Carolee Douglas & J. & A. Andras & K. Mogan & A. Cone, b Kathy D. Hogan & Elud Archuleta-Cressler

Best of Winners

BLUERIDGE'S LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE

Best of Opposite Sex

CHISHOLM TRAILS GYPSY ROSE

Select Dog

GCH COPLEY PAPER DRAGON

Select Bitch

SUNQUEST'S MY MY HEY HEY

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Judge: Mrs. Robert D. Smith

Novice Junior

1 - CHRISTINE COE, with Hickory Hill's Honey Bee

Best Junior Handler

CHRISTINE COE

BUCKEYE

Marion, OH

July 29, 2013

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Buckeye Brittany Club Specialty Show. Sue Lehosky, longtime Brittany exhibitor, field trailer, breeder and mentor to many, selected LABYRINTH NMR MY FIRST TASTE OF CHAMPAGNE for Best in Sweepstakes and WILD MTN'S ANGEL EYES as Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes. Barbara Dempsey Alderman judged the regular classes. Winners dog and Best of Winners was VEM NMR LATE NITE STREETS OF LAREDO owned by Georje and Vickie Manifold and Nickie Redick. Best of Breed and Group Four went to GCH MARSPOUT HOT TO RIDE LUCKY SEVEN MH owned by Larry Snider and Peggy Snider. Best of Opposite Sex went to GCH WINCREST COPLEY CAN DO ONE GRAND LOVE owned by Tim & Barbara Dayton. Select Bitch was CH LIBERTIE-COPLEY MORE MIMOSA? owned by Emily Fuzette, Robin Tomasi, Barbara Dayton and Karen Hanson. Select Dog was GCH PREMIER'S THE CHOSEN ONE OF DREAM HI owned by Charles R. Walters, Deborah J. Walters and Kristina Rickard. The judging was followed by a luncheon which was well attended. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the Buckeye Brittany Club Specialty, and we look forward to seeing you at our field trial this fall!

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Susan Lehosky

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - GRANMARS KANDU DIAMOND OF CREDIT, o Tim Foley

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - WILD MTN'S ANGEL EYES, o David Laux
- 2 - TRIUMPHANT'S LIVIN' ON THE EDGE, o Linda McCartney-Roy
- 3 - CH BUGZWEISER'S WIZARD OF OZZY WBT, o Linda D. Elbert & Douglas M. Walls
- 4 - LAKESIDE KING OF THE FOREST WBT, o Laura Walters & Linda Elbert & Douglas M. Walls

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - LABYRINTH NMR MY FIRST TASTE OF CHAMPAGNE, o Heather Michaelke
- 2 - WINCREST CLASSIC MUSTANG SHELBY, o Tim & Barbara Dayton & Mary Wolnewitz

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - WILD MTN'S SHAKE YA GROOVE THING, o Helen Riggle
- 2 - WILD MTN'S NO DOUBT, o Helen Riggle & Frank Watters
- 3 - PAL'S DARK SIDE DAISY, o Louis Palazzolo

Best in Sweepstakes

LABYRINTH NMR MY FIRST TASTE OF CHAMPAGNE

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

WILD MTN'S ANGEL EYES

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Susan Lehosky

7-10 Year Veteran Dogs

1 - CH NMR COPLEY'S CHAMPATINI SH, o Nickie & Marcus Redick

7-10 Year Veteran Bitches

1 - CH WINCREST COPLEY MELODY OF LOVE JH, o Barbary Dayton & Robin Tomasi

10 Year and Older Veteran Bitches

1 - CH LBY'S MUSTANG CALIFORNIA SPECIAL, o Emily & Mike Fuzette

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH NMR COPLEY'S CHAMPATINI SH

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH LBY'S MUSTANG CALIFORNIA SPECIAL

REGULAR

Judge: Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - GRANMARS KANDU DIAMOND OF CREDIT, by GCH Granmar Kandu Diamond Credit x Classics Kandu Lady Isabelle; o Tim Foley, b Mary Wolnewitz

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - LAKESIDE KING OF THE FOREST WBT, by CH Walbert's Zack-N-Bleu Bugz RN x CH Hope's Twist Of Fate Izabel WBT RN; o Laura Walters & Linda Elbert & Douglas M. Walls, b Linda D. Elbert & Douglas M. Walls
- 2 - TRIUMPHANT'S LVIN' ON THE EDGE, by GCH/DC Triumphant's Absolut' On Ice x CH Triumphant Peachcreek Electra; o/b Linda McCartney-Roy
- 3 - WILD MTN'S ANGEL EYES, by CH Wild Mtn's When You Are Hot You're Hot x CH Wild Mtn Let Her Rip; o David Laux, b Helen & Brian D. Riggle
- 4 - ALDER DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, by DC Delane Speak Of The Devil x FC/AFC High Hopes Little Ann; o Dan & Allison Riedl, b Daniel Riedl

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - VEM NMR LATE NITE STREETS OF LAREDO, by CH Nmr Copley's Champatini SH x CH Vem Call Me Sassie Sue MH; o/b Georje & Vickie Manifold & Nickie Redick
- 2 - JS SIR ELTON ONE NIGHT ONLY, by CH NMR Copley's Champatini SH x JS A Night At The Roxbury; o/b Jill M. Snider

Open Dogs

- 1 - RENEGADE'S MILLION DOLLAR VIEW, by FC/AFC Ru-Jem's Fist Full Of Dollars x Renegade's Legendary Lilly; o/b Diana Kubitz & Ashlee Whitcomb
- 2 - ILLUSION N' GINJAC BREAK THE ICE, by GCH Brookewood's Power Play x CH Illusion's Gem Of Brookewood JH; o Melina & Emma Black & Gina Currier, b A. Hanson & B. Kirven & G. & J. Currier
- 3 - ALDER ALL TUNDRA DEVIL TUKTU, by DC Delane Speak Of The Devil x CH Delane-

Granmar Risk'N It All; o Robert Puerner, b Daniel Riedl & Dee Hempfield

- 4 - HIGH HOPES BIG GAMBLE, by NFC/DC/AFC Gamblers Ace In The Hole x NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hopes Fly By Nite; o Dan & Allison Riedl, b Cynthia & Albert L. Cropek, Jr.

Winners Dog

VEM NMR LATE NITE STREETS OF LAREDO

Reserve Winners Dog

JS SIR ELTON ONE NIGHT ONLY

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - LABYRINTH NMR MY FIRST TASTE OF CHAMPAGNE, by GCH Magic Read My Lips x CH Vem Call Me Sassie Sue MH; o Heather Michaelke, b Karen Hanson & Nickie Redick
- 2 - WINCREST CLASSIC MUSTANG SHELBY, by GCH Granmars Cando Diamond Credit x GCH Classics Can Do Lady Isabelle; o Tim & Barbara Dayton & Mary Wolnewitz, b Mary Wolnewitz

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - JR'S SERENITY'S ANNIE GETCHA GUN, by Halfmoon Serenity's Nite Rider x JR's Katy-Did-It; o William Scanlon & Janet Batykefer, b Janet K. Batykefer
- 2 - WILD MTN'S NO DOUBT, by GCH/DC Triumphant's Absolut' On Ice x Wild Mtn's Thunderstruck; o Helen Riggle & Frank Watters, b Helen Riggle

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - WILD MTN'S SHAKE YA GROOVE THING, by DC Wild Mtn's Shake Ya Tailfeather x CH Triumphant's Country Music; o Helen Riggle, b Linda McCartney-Roy & Helen Riggle & Kristyn McCartney

American-Bred Bitches

- 1 - PAL'S DARK SIDE DAISY, by DC Delane Speak Of The Devil x FC/AFC High Hopes Little Ann; o Louis Palazzolo, b Daniel Riedl

Open Bitches

- 1 - JS THE FIFTH ELEMENT, by CH NMR Copley's Champatini SH x JS A Night At The Roxbury; o/b Jill M. Snider
- 2 - AUTENS SUPERNOVA OF GROUSEHAVEN, by CH The Graduate Of Seven Crowns x FC/AFC Grousehavens Star Of Auten; o Ronald & L. Carol Auten, b Craig & Debra Shaw
- 3 - SANDSTONE LEADING NOTE, by CH Cimmaron's Set 'Em Up Joe CDX x CH Sandstone Daisy To The Point; o Rachel Dale & Emma Ranney, b Janet & Michael Ranney



Best of Breed
GCH MARSPORT HOT TO RIDE LUCKY SEVEN MH, by DC/NAGDC/AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Marsport Rebel Rider; o/b Larry & Peggy Snider



Select Bitch
CH LIBERTIE-COPLEY MORE MIMOSA?

Best of Winners
VEM NMR LATE STREETS OF LAREDO

Awards of Merit
RENEGADE'S ELEGANT SUSPENSE
GCH TRIUMPHANT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS JH

NORTH JERSEY
English Setter Club
Medford, NJ
August 10, 2013

A.M. Show

SWEEPSTAKES
Judge: Mr. Jack Gohde



Best of Opposite Sex
GCH WINCREST COPLEY CAN DO ONE GRAND LOVE



Select Dog
GCH PREMIER'S THE CHOSEN ONE OF DREAM HI

Winners Bitch
JS THE FIFTH ELEMENT

Reserve Winners Bitch
AUTENS SUPERNOVA OF GROUSEHAVEN

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - DIAMOND HILL DANGEROUS WEAPON, o Lisa & Paul Pollock

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - BROOKWOOD'S KROWN ROYAL, o Cindy Miller & Russ Walborn & Karen Brown
- 2 - J AND A'S QUIET COURAGE, o Kira Lateunesse & Peter Sipperly
- 3 - MAPLE BROOK'S GREAT BALLS OF FIRE, o Peggy Aguiar

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - HOPE'S I CAN'T DRIVE 55, o Douglas & Kim Tighe
- 2 - TRIWYNS WALKING AFTER MIDNIGHT, o R.J. & T.L. McNulty & N. Lamm & S. Plymale & L. Hooper

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - TRIUMPHANT'S COUNTRY GIRL SHAKE IT 4 ME, o Lisa Bryfogle & Jeff Currier & Linda McCartney-Roy

Best in Sweepstakes
TRIUMPHANT'S COUNTRY GIRL SHAKE IT
4 ME



Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
Diamond Hill Dangerous Weapon

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mr. Jack Gohde

7 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - GCH MAGIC READ MY LIPS, o Karen Hanson & Nichole Otterson & Brian Hultgren
- 2 - CH CROSS CREEK IRISH MANNLICHER, o T.L. & R.J. McNulty III

7 Year and Older Veteran Bitches

- 1 - CH TOP SHELF'S SIMPLE PLEASURES CDX RN SH MX MXB MXJ MJB XF, o Wendy Archinal
- 2 - CH MT. VIEW'S GLAMOUR GIRL CD BN RAE JH CGC
- 3 - BAR LOS VICTORIAN ROSE, o T.L. & R.J. McNulty III & N. Anderson & M. Lingan

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

GCH MAGIC READ MY LIPS

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH TOP SHELF'S SIMPLE PLEASURES CDX RN SH MX MXB MXJ MJB XF

REGULAR

Judge: Mr. Jim S. Martin

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - J AND A'S QUIET COURAGE, by CH J And A's High Calliber Harris Special JH x J and A's Dreams Come True of Acton; o Kira Lateunesse & Peter Sipperly, b Ann & John Short, Sr.

- 2 - HALFMOON COUNTRY ROAD ROCK STAR, by DC Country Road Rough Rider x GCH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist; o/b Dorothy Moon & Charles Kanopsic

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - BROOKEWOOD'S KROWN ROYAL, by CH Brookewood Power Play ThD x GCH Brookewood N Ginjac Steaming Hot; o/b Cindy Miller & Russ Walborn & Karen Brown
- 2 - DIAMOND HILL DANGEROUS WEAPON, by GCH/DC/AFC Diamond Hill Dangerous Man x NAFC/DC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister; o Lisa & Paul Pollock, b Lisa Pollock & M. Brooke Caviness
- 3 - MAPLE BROOK'S GREAT BALLS OF FIRE, by CH Omega's Red Granite JH x GCH Triumphant's Absolute Evel JH; o/b Peggy Aguiar

Open Dogs

- 1 - WINDSWEPT'S JOHNNY BE GOOD, by GCH/NAGDC/DC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x FC Killdee's Anticipation; o/b Janet Garrell

Winners Dog

J AND A'S QUIET COURAGE

Reserve Winners Dog

HALFMOON COUNTRY ROAD ROCK STAR

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - LABYRINTH NMR READY FOR CONFETTI, by GCH Magic Read My Lips x CH VEM Call Me Sassie Sue MH; o Tina Graybeal, b Karen Hanson & Nickie Redick

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - TRIWYNS WALKING AFTER MIDNIGHT, by Triwyns Make Mine Country x Triwyns Twist of Fate; o R.J. & T.L. McNulty & N. Lamm & S. Plymale & L. Hooper, b Nancy Lamm & Sarah Plymale
- 2 - HOPE'S R U JUST A MEMORY, by GCH Tonan-Hope's RU Kiddin' Me x CH Triumphant's More Than A Memory; o Angel Robinson, b Douglas & Kim Tighe

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - MT. VIEW'S NIGHT AT THE COPA JH, by DC/AFC Scirocco Del Prado JH x CH Mt. View's Carla's Lady Lola SH; o Mary Ann Breninger Roy Schaeffer & Patricia Ortelli, b Nicholas Albano

- 2 - TRIUMPHANT'S COUNTRY GIRL SHAKE IT 4 ME, by DC Wild Mtn's Shake Ya Tailfeather x CH Triumphant's Country Music; o Lisa Bryfogle & Jeff Currier & Linda McCartney-Roy, b Linda McCartney-Roy & Helen Riggle & Kristyn McCartney

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - LABYRINTH N ILLUSION POLO'S GEORGIE GIRL, by GCH Magic Read My Lips x GCH Illusion N Ginjac Like Ice At Labyrinth; o Linda Ouellette & Karen Hanson, b Karen & Abbie Hanson & Linda Ouellette
- 2 - HOPE'S I CAN'T DRIVE 55, by GCH Tonan-Hope's RU Kiddin' Me x CH Triumphant's More Than A Memory; o Douglas Tighe, b Douglas & Kim Tighe

Open Bitches

- 1 - LABYRINTH N ILLUSION KISS MY BENELLI, by GCH Magic Read My Lips x CH Illusion N Ginjac Like Ice At Labyrinth JH; o Sandi Beinke & Jamie Morgan & Karen Hanson, b Karen & Abbie Hanson & Linda Ouellette
- 2 - MARJO'S PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR JH, by FC/AFC Marjo's Red Rum x FC/AFC Marjo's Here for the Party; o Ann Marie Martucci, b Marsha Luisi
- 3 - BAR LOS VICTORIAN ROSE, by CH Bar Los The Joke's On You x CH Peach Creek Lucy N The Sky; o R.J. McNulty III & T.L. Holt-McNulty & N. Anderson & M. Lingan, b N. Anderson & M. Lingan
- 4 - MR B'S JESSIE, by DC/AFC Sibgrits Catch Me Now x TJ's Little Sue; o LuAnn Fullwood, b Yvonne McKaig

Winners Bitch

LABYRINTH N ILLUSION KISS MY BENELLI

Reserve Winners Bitch

LABYRINTH N ILLUSION POLO'S GEORGIA GIRL

Field Trial Bitches

- 1 - CH DIAMOND HILL GONE WITH THE BREEZE, by FC/AFC Clyde's Micro Breeze x FC Diamond Hill She's Gone; o/b Lisa & Paul Pollock

8 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - GCH/CH MAGIC READ MY LIPS, by CH Sterling Oaks Sir Bentley x CH Magic Saving All My Love; o Karen Hanson & Nichole Otterson & Brian Hultgren, b Nicholle Otterson & Brian Hultgren & Mary Oldham
- 2 - CH CROSS CREEK IRISH MANNLICHER,

by CH/AFC Sanbar's Call Collect MH x CH Jesse Jayne O An Ulteigh; o R. J. McNulty III & T.L. Holt-McNulty, b T.L. Holt-McNulty & B. Pepin, DVM

8 Year and Older Veteran Bitches

- 1 - CH TOP SHELF'S SIMPLE PLEASURES CDX RN SH MX MXB MXJ MJB XF, by CH Swift River's First In Line CD RA MX MXJ OAP OJP NF x CH Jordean Aurand It-s-All-About-Me; o Wendy Archinal, b Wendy Archinal & Nancy Morabito



Best of Breed

GCH/CH BROOKEWOOD'S JUST TOO HOT CDX MX MXB MXJ MJB XF, by DC/GCH/NAGDC/AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Brookewood's Just An Illusion; o E. Susan Drazek & Cynthia A. Miller, b Cynthia A. Miller & Jeff & Gina Currier & Russell Walborn

Best of Winners

J AND A'S QUIET COURAGE

Best of Opposite Sex

GCH/CH MILLETTE'S SWEET MEMORIES NA NAJ NAP NJP

Select Dog

GCH/CH TRIUMPHANT'S AS GOOD AS IT GET S JH

Select Bitch

GCH/CH TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTE EVEL JH

Best Puppy

TRIWYNS WALKING AFTER MIDNIGHT

Awards of Merit

**GCH/CH MAGIC READ MY LIPS
CH MT. VIEW'S LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN MH**

P.M. Show

REGULAR

Judge: Ms. Maureen Day

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - HALFMOON COUNTRY ROAD ROCK STAR, by DC Country Road Rough Rider x GCH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist; o/b Dorothy Moon & Charles Kanopsis
- 2 - J AND A'S QUIET COURAGE, by CH J And A's High Calliber Harris Special JH x J and A's Dreams Come True of Acton; o Kira Lateunesse & Peter Sipperly, b Ann & John Short, Sr.

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - BROOKEWOOD'S KROWN ROYAL, by CH Brookewood Power Play ThD x GCH Brookewood N Ginjac Steaming Hot; o/b Cindy Miller & Russ Walborn & Karen Brown
- 2 - MAPLE BROOK'S GREAT BALLS OF FIRE, by CH Omega's Red Granite JH x GCH Triumphant's Absolute Evel JH; o/b Peggy Aguiar
- 3 - DIAMOND HILL DANGEROUS WEAPON, by GCH/DC/AFC Diamond Hill Dangerous Man x NAFC/DC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister; Lisa & Paul Pollock, b Lisa Pollock & M. Brooke Caviness

Open Dogs

- 1 - WINDSWEPT'S JOHNNY BE GOOD, by GCH/NAGDC/DC/AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x FC Killdee's Anticipation; o/b Janet Garrell

Winners Dog

HALFMOON COUNTRY ROAD ROCK STAR

Reserve Winners Dog

BROOKEWOOD'S KROWN ROYAL

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - TRIWYNS WALKING AFTER MIDNIGHT, by Triwyns Make Mine Country x Triwyns Twist of Fate; o R.J. & T.L. McNulty & N. Lamm & S. Plymale & L. Hooper, b Nancy Lamm & Sarah Plymale
- 2 - HOPE'S R U JUST A MEMORY, by GCH Tonan-Hope's RU Kiddin' Me x CH Triumphant's More Than A Memory; o Angel Robinson, b Douglas & Kim Tighe

12-18 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - TRIUMPHANT'S COUNTRY GIRL SHAKE IT 4 ME, by DC Wild Mtn's Shake Ya Tailfeather x CH Triumphant's Country Music; o Lisa Bryfogle & Jeff Currier & Linda McCartney-Roy, b Linda McCartney-Roy & Helen Riggie & Kristyn McCartney
- 2 - MT. VIEW'S NIGHT AT THE COPA JH, by DC/AFC Scirocco Del Prado JH x CH Mt. View's Carla's Lady Lola SH; o Mary Ann Breininger & Roy Schaffer & Patricia Orтели, Nicholas Albano

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - HOPE'S I CAN'T DRIVE 55, by GCH Tonan-Hope's RU Kiddin' Me x CH Triumphant's More Than A Memory; o Douglas Tighe, b Douglas & Kim Tighe
- 2 - LABYRINTH N ILLUSION POLO'S GEORGIA GIRL, by GCH Magic Read My Lips x GCH Illusion N Ginjac Like Ice At Labyrinth; o Linda Ouellette & Karen Hanson, b Karen & Abbie Hanson & Linda Ouelette

Open Bitch

- 1 - MARJO'S PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR JH, by FC/AFC Marjo's Red Rum x FC/AFC Marjo's Here for the Party; o Ann Marie Martucci, b Marsha Luisi
- 2 - BAR LOS VICTORIAN ROSE, by CH Bar Los The Joke's On You x CH Peach Creek Lucy N The Sky; o R.J. McNulty III & T.L. Holt-McNulty & N. Anderson & M. Ligan, b N. Anderson & M. Ligan
- 3 - MR B'S JESSIE, by DC/AFC Sibgrits Catch Me Now x TJ's Little Sue; o LuAnn Fullwood, b Yvonne McKaig



Winners Bitch

MARJO'S PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR JH

Reserve Winners Bitch
HOPE'S I CAN'T DRIVE 55

Field Trial Bitch

1 - CH DIAMOND HILL GONE WITH THE BREEZE, by FC/AFC Clyde's Micro Breeze x FC Diamond Hill's She's Gone; o/b Lisa & Paul Pollock

8 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

1 - CH CROSS CREEK IRISH MANNLICHER, by CH/AFC Sanbar's Call Collect MH x CH Jesse Jayne O An Ulteigh; o R.J. McNulty III & T.L. Holt-McNulty, b T.L. Holt-McNulty & B. Pepin, DVM



Best of Breed

GCH/CH BROOKWOOD'S JUST TOO HOT CDX MX MXB MXJ MJB XF, by DC/GCH/NAGDC/AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Brookwood's Just An Illusion; o E. Susan Drazek & Cynthia A. Miller, b Cynthia A. Miller & Jeff & Gina Currier & Russell Walborn

Best of Winners

HALFMOON COUNTRY ROAD ROCK STAR

Best of Opposite Sex

BISS/GCH/CH BROWNSTONE'S GILD THE LILY

Select Dog

GCH/CH TRIUMPHANT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS JH

Select Bitch

GCH/CH MILLETTE'S SWEET MEMORIES NA NAJ NAP

Best Puppy

TRIWYNS WALKING AFTER MIDNIGHT

Awards of Merit

CH CROSS CREEK IRISH MANNLICHER LABYRINTH N ILLUSION KISS MY BENELLI

WASHINGTON

Enumclaw, WA

August 16, 2013

With Mount Rainier in the background, WBC Specialty participants and spectators enjoyed a beautiful sunny day outdoors at the Enumclaw Expo Center in Enumclaw, Washington. There were 100 entries, including 15 dogs and 23 bitches judged at the Winners level. Competitors hailed from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee and Canada.

The hospitality was as fantastic as the chocolate cake. Show Chair Lennie Gedsell was always smiling while she raised funds at the WBC table. Brittany Fest in the Northwest also featured a handsome gun cabinet, blinged out Brittany t-shirts with rhinestones and some other nice prizes.

As Miss Dorothy Macdonald was unable to fulfill her assignment, the regular classes were judged by Mrs. Margaret S. Jones, of Shawnigan Lake, BC (Canada). Mrs. Jones has been showing/breeding under the Kian prefix since 1965, exhibiting Irish Setters, Cairn Terriers and Boxers and judging around the world. She summarized what she was looking for as "athleticism". She explained that Brittans aren't a "pretty" breed like Setters, but rather, they should be "working dogs".

Congratulations to WBC for hosting such a classy, friendly, well organized show in our neighborhood. On behalf of all participants, thank you to everyone who volunteered and afforded us the opportunity to showcase our Brittans over the events of several days. We witnessed many outstanding examples of what diverse breeding programs have to offer. And a heartfelt congratulations to all the winners. You should be very proud of your dogs.

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Kathleen Egeland-Brock

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - MILLETTE'S TRIBUTE, o Rick & Cheri Perez
- 2 - SKY MTN'S ENOCH, o Shad G. Coughlin

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - HOPE'S EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT, o Nancy Hewitt & Douglas Tighe

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW ENCORE PERFORMANCE, o Eric Arkin & Geri

Clements & Cheryl Mika

- 2 - WHISPER RIDGE TAKE IT TO THE MAX, o Richards & Stephanie Kepler & J. Larson
- 3 - CH HALFMOON TO INFINITY & BEYOND!, o Elizabeth Weeks
- 4 - MICH MT TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK, o Michelle Chaney & Jamie E. Tellier

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - MILLETES GLORIOUS, o Michelle Millette
- 2 - MILLETES BENELLI, o Michelle Millette
- 3 - WIND MNT'S WARRIOR PRINCESS, o Connie Strom

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - ROCKWELL'S ZOEY, o Carlie Lassle
- 2 - BLACK RIVER'S PRIVATE RESERVE, o Shane Hulstein & Susan Schoelkopf
- 3 - POWDER RIVERS CATCHIN THE HEART OF THE TEAM JH, o Glenda J. Mazzuca & Cheryl Krajcar

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - SAMPICO'S E-MAZING DEEZINE, o Tami Jo & Emily Jo Warren
- 2 - WHISPER RIDGE DANCIN' IN THE SNOW, o Sue Richards & Stephanie Kepler & J. Larson
- 3 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW WOODLAND SONG, o Jill Martin & Geri & Gary Clements & Cheryl Mika
- 4 - AMMO'S MICHS MT HOT GEORGIA PUNCH, o Arlene & Timothy McCabe

Best in Sweepstakes

MILLETES GLORIOUS

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

HOPE'S EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Kathleen Egeland-Brock

7-10 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - DC SANBAR CASTLE BUILT ON LEGENDS JH, o Robert & Carolyn & Polly West
- 2 - CH MELODY'S IT HAD TO BE YOU MH, o Lennaea Gedsell

10 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH DUNCAN PILOT POINTER, o Nancy Noble

- 2 - CH RAYNEE'S LAST STAND, o Lynita Whitlow
- 3 - CH WIND MOUNTAIN'S HOT ROD LINCOLN JH, o Jodie Hanesworth

7-10 Year Veteran Bitches

- 1 - GCH HOPE'S EVERY HEART BEATS TRU CDX, o Nancy Hewitt

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

DC SANBAR CASTLE BUILT ON LEGENDS JH

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

GCH HOPE'S EVERY HEART BEATS TRU CDX

REGULAR

Judge: Mrs. Margaret Jones

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - SKY MTN'S ENOCH, by GCH Mich's Mt Ready Aim Fire x GCH Wind Mtn's Over The Rainbow JH; o Shad G. Coughlin, b Wayne & Sandi Newell

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - HOPE'S EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT, by GCH Tonan-Hopes R U Kidding Me x CH Triumphant's More Than A Memory; o Nancy Hewitt & Douglas Tighe, b Douglas Tighe & Kim Tigh

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW ENCORE PERFORMANCE, by GCH Dogwood Hollow Just Imagine x CH Dogwood Hollow Deal Or No Deal; o Eric Arkin & Geri Clements & Cheryl Mika, b Gary & Geri Clements
- 2 - MICH MT TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK, by CH Mich's Mt I've Got Carter x CH Mich Mt Fri Fooling Pippin; o Michele Chaney & Jamie E. Tellier, b Michelle Chaney

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - WHISPER RIDE TAKE IT TO THE MAX, by CH Britt's Ramblin Sum Of All Fears x CH Whisper Ridge Last Dance; o/b Sue Richards & Stephanie Kepler & J. Larson
- 2 - SAMPICO'S COUNTRY BOY II, by CH Sampico Busted The Dee-Zine x Sampico's Simply Sophie; o/b Julie Mahoney
- 3 - DEE-ZINER'S ACTION HERO, by CH Sampico's Action Jackson CD RN x CH Sampico's Dee-Ziner; o/b Tami Jo Warren

Open Dogs

- 1 - RJ'S THE MISSING LINK, by GCH Sunquest Cimмерon Catch The Wind x CH RJ's Kiss Me Kate; o Chad Throne, b Joyce & Robert Wire
- 2 - COPLEY'S BOLD RULER, by DC Masked Jack Of Diamonds x CH Copley's Millennium Martini; o Tiffani L. Garner, b Robin Tomasi & Barbara Dayton
- 3 - WIND MTN LOVE ME TENDER BN JH, by GCH Wind Mtns Show Me The Money JH x CH Wind Mtn's Catwoman; o Robyn & Mitch Foust, b Connie Strom
- 4 - ISLANDVIEW IMASPY TOW, by FC/AFTCH/CH Reddiamond Tendayi Downunder FDX x CH Jayhawkers Amazing Grace; o Denna Deblois & Jane Sharpe, b Deanna deBlois

Winners Dog

RJ'S THE MISSING LINK

Reserve Winners Dog

WHISPER RIDGE TAKE IT TO THE MAX

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - WHISPER RIDGE SEASONS BEGINNING, by CH Whisper Ridge Ramblin Final Verdict x GCH Granmars One Rough Diamond JH; o Mariah & Angie Skillman & Sue Richards, b Sue Richards
- 2 - MILLETES GLORIOUS, by GCH Millette's On Target x CH Mich's Mit Millette Drama Queen; o Michelle Millette, b Michelle Millette & Michelle Chaney
- 3 - MILLETTE'S BENELLI, by GCH Millette's On Target x CH Mich's Mt Millette Drama; o Michelle Millette, b Michelle Millette & Michelle Chaney
- 4 - WIND MTN SHADYWOODS TO THE POINT, by CH Wind Mtns Ironman x CH Wind Mtns Bombshell; o Sheryl Palmer, b Connie Strom

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - BLACK RIVER'S PRIVATE RESERVE, by CH Shadywood Sandber's Legend Has It x GCH Wind Mnt For Your Eye's Only; o Rebecca & Shane Hulstein & Susan Schoelkopf, b Rebecca Hulstein & Susan Schoelkopf
- 2 - ROCKWELL'S ZOEY, by GCH Shelitany's Against All Odds x GCH Rockwell's Rainy Day Melody; o Carlie Lassle, b Kellie S. & Steven Rockwell

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW WOODLAND SONG, by CH Dogwood Hollow Just Imagine x CH

- Dogwood Hollow Deal Or No Deal; o Jill Martin & Geri & Gary Clements & Cheryl Mika, b Geri & Gary Clements & Cheryl Mika
- 2 - SANBAR CROSSCREEK SMALL TOWN GIRL, by CH Sanbar Crosscreek Uptown Call x CH Sanbar-Rocklan Take It EZ; o Robert & Polly West & Wayne Pepin, b Robert & Polly West
- 3 - AMMO'S MICHS MT HOT GEORGIA PUNCH, by DC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle x CH Ammo's Some Like It Hot; o Arlene & Timothy McCabe, b Sandra & Gary Leavens
- 4 - ARCADO'S ONCE UPON A TIME, by CH Mich's Mt Wolverine x CH Magic Mirror Ready My Lips; o Laura & David Arcado, b Laura & David & Kelton Arcado

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - WHISPER RIDGE DANCIN' IN THE SNOW, by CH Britt's Ramblin Sum Of All Fears x CH Whisper Ridge Last Dance; o/b Sue Richards & Stephanie Kepler & J. Larson
- 2 - SAMPICO'S MARVALOUS DEEZINE, by CH Knollbrook There And Back Again x GCH Sampico D-2ines Miss Hollywood; o/b Tami Jo Warren
- 3 - WIND MTN'S WARRIOR PRINCESS, by CH Wind Mtn's Ironman x CH Wind Mtn's Bombshell; o/b Connie Strom

Open Bitches

- 1 - TK'S LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE, by DC Almaden's River of Shadows x CH TK's Dancing Across the Sky; o James & Karyn Adams, b James & Karyn Adams & Anne Henry
- 2 - POWDER RIVERS CATCHIN THE HEART OF THE TEAM JH, by DC Powder River's Nobody But Me x CH Powder Rivers So U Think U Can Hunt; o Glenda J. Mazzuca & Cheryl Krajcar, b Karen Tye & Cheryl Krajcar
- 3 - GARTNER'S SCOOTER, by Gartner's Gigolo Giovanni x CH Gartner's Mad Madam Mystique; o/b Paul Gartner
- 4 - MICHELLE MT MILLETTE SWEET POLLY ANNA, by CH Mich Mt The Suspense Is Over x CH Millette's Marilyn Merlot; o/b Arlene McCabe & Michelle Millette & Michelle Chaney

Winners Bitch

DOGWOOD HOLLOW WOODLAND SONG

Reserve Winners Bitch

TK'S LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

7-10 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH MELODY'S IT HAD TO BE YOU MH, by CH Millete's Hang Loose x CH Wyngolds Lyrical Melody; o/b Lennaea Gedsell
- 2 - CH SAMPKO BUSTED THE DEE-ZINE, by CH Sampico's Action Jackson RN x CH Sampico's Dee-Siner Genes; o Julie Mahoney & Tami Warren, b Tami Warren

10 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH WIND MOUNTAIN'S HOT ROD LINCOLN JH, by CH Three B's Rip Curl Surfer JH UD x CH Just Country In Hillary; o Jodie Hanesworth, b Pat Marlow
- 2 - CH RAYNEE'S LAST STAND, by Three B's Bacchas x CH Melody's My Favorite Things CD; o/b Lynita Whitlow

7-10 Year Veteran Bitches

- 1 - GCH HOPE'S EVERY HEART BEATS TRU CDX, by CH Hopes Oliver Twist x CH Tonan-Hope's Rockin The Boat; o Nancy Hewitt, b Douglas Tighe & Nancy Morabito & Valerie Hamilton

Field Trial Dogs

- 1 - DC SANBAR CASTLE BUILT ON LEGENDS JH, by CH Millette's Fire Weh Ready x CH Castle's Sweet Scarlet; o Robert & Carolyn & Polly West, b Linda Ruthruff & Ignazio & B. J. Castillo
- 2 - CH HALFMOON TO INFINITY & BEYOND!, by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x GCH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist; o Elizabeth Weeks, b D. Moon & C. Kanopscic

Field Trial Bitches

- 1 - NORTH UMPQUA'S LUCY'S GOLDEN EDITION JH, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x North Umpqua's Lucky Lucy JH; o/b Karen Barrows

Hunting Class Bitches

- 1 - GCH NORTH UMPQUA'S MORGUN SHADY LADY LU JH, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x CH TK's Tru-Ly Leap-N-Laci JH; o Karen Barrows, b Laurinda & Steven Phipps

Brood Bitches

- 1 - CH WIND MTN'S BOMBSHELL, by CH/AFC Diamond Hill Dangerous Man x CH/AFC Wind Mtn Enchantress Of Three B MH RN; o/b Connie Strom

Best of Breed

CH SANBAR'S RIDE THE WINDS, by CH Sanbar's Curtain Call JH x CH Sanbar Castle Justasample; o/b Robert & Carolyn & Polly West

Select Dog

GCH RJ'S SIERRA EDITION MH



Best Puppy
HOPE'S EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT



Best of Winners
RJ'S THE MISSING LINK

Select Bitch

GCH HOPE'S EVERY HEART BEATS TRU CDX

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor
WHISPER RIDGE TAKE IT TO THE MAX



Best of Opposite Sex
GCH DOGWOOD HOLLOW A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN

Best Veteran

CH MELODY'S IT HAD TO BE YOU MH

Awards of Merit

DC SANBAR CASTLE BUILT ON LEGENDS JH

CH WHISPER RIDGE 'N BALLE PT'S SPY GAME JH

SANBAR'S STANDING OVATION
CH MICH'S MT WOLVERINE

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Judge: Mrs. Margaret Jones

Open Class

- 1 - WHISPER RIDGE SEASONS BEGINNING, by CH Whisper Ridge Ramblin Final Verdict x GCH Granmars One Rough Diamond JH; o Mariah & Angie Skillman & Sue Richards, b Sue Richards
- 2 - SAMPICO'S E-MAZING DEEZINE, by CH Knollbrook There And Back Again x GCH Sampico D-2ines Miss Hollywood; o/b Tami Jo Warren



Best Junior Handler
WHISPER RIDGE SEASONS BEGINNING



Action at AKC

by Peggy Wier

Titles & Awards through July 2013

OCTOBER

CHAMPION – (bred by exhibitor)

CH VEM NMR LATE NITE STREETS OF LAREDO (D) by CH Nmr Copley's Champatini SH x CH Vem Call Me Sassie Sue MH, o George Manifold & Vickie Manifold & Nickie Redick & Marcus Redick, b George Manifold & Vickie Manifold & Nickie Redick

CHAMPION

CH BOUDREAUX'S EVA MAE (B) by CH Saradac's Rustic Image x Boudreaux's Billie Button, o Warren Cummins & Edward Kostka Jr., b Darlene A Dow & David Dow & Scott Blair

CH CARROLLTON'S LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL (D) by CH Prince Of Foxview x Carrollton's Patty O' Cork, o Lynda Martin & Gloria Hartman & Wenny Wijaya, b Lynda L Martin & Elizabeth Goldstein

CH DIRTY BIRD'S I'LL HAVE ANOTHER (D) by DC Ammo's Hot Wheels x Blueridge's Marble Beach, o Nathan Pate & Nan Crites & Rick Crites, b David Downing

CH GO NORTH'S THE LAST IN LINE (B) by GCH CH Go North's The One And Only x CH Three B's Pawnee Moon, o Dawn B Wilcox & Elaine Barlett, b Sheryl L Rilea & Elaine Bartlett

CH HALFMOON SERENITY'S NITE RIDER (D) by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x GCH CH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist, o Mr. William Scanlon, b Dorothy Moon & Charles Kanopsic

CH HICKORY HILL'S HEART LIKE MINE (B) by CH Hickory Hill Highwayman RN x CH Fly'N-Hi's Orange Sunset Matuka, o Anne Parchman & Maria Parchman, b Anne Parchman & Maria Parchman

CH HOOCHIE COOCHIE MAN (D) by FC AFC Ramblin Man x Independence Day, o Pam S Baird, b Pam S Baird

CH ILLUSION N'GINJAC ABOVE THE CLOUDS JH (D) by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x CH Ginjac Brookewood Sizzlin' Hot At Kabina JH, o Sandi Beinke & Abbie Hanson, b Gina Currier & Abbie Hanson & Kaitlyn Sanchez & Charles Hanson

CH R J'S DIVINE ADDITION JH (B) by GCH CH RJ's Sierra Edition MH x GCH CH Mirage-RJ's Symply Sensational MH, o Joyce G Wire & Robert Wire, b Joyce G Wire & Robert Wire

CH RAISE THE BAR (D) by GCH CH Shelttany's Against All Odds x DC Alar's Tango Bar, o Robin Tomasi & Katherine Thompson, b Robin Tomasi & Katherine Thompson

CH RENEGADE'S ELEGANT SUSPENSE (B) by GCH CH Tonan-Rao Kept In Suspense x Renegade's Mo Eirn Kate, o Dawn Dye & Andrew Whitcomb, b Diana Kubitz

CH RIVAL SHAMROCKS TREASURED DREAM (D) by GCH CH Shamrock's Dash Of Treasure RN JH x CH Tonan Dream Of Me, o Susan Markley & Valerie Dombrowski & Tobi Adams & Megan Rosener, b Valerie Dombrowski & Richard Dombrowski & Megan Rosener & Brittany E Rosener

CH SHAMROCK'S ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE JH (B) by CH Fly'N--Hi's Pheasant Tail x CH Shamrock's Nightly Performance, o Angelia Broom & Beth Rosener & Brittany E Rosener, b Darlene VanHoeve & Leah VanHoeve & Brittany E Rosener

CH STARLIGHT'S CANIS MAJOR (D) by CH Tradewinds Ticket Taker x Starlight's Neptune Rose CGC, o Teresa Richmond, b Edward Schrey & Teresa Richmond

CH SUNQUEST'S MY MY HEY HEY (B) by GCH CH RJ's Sierra Edition MH x GCH CH Sunquest Wind Dancer Of Starvue, o Linda Dee Hartnek & Hank Hartnek, b Linda Dee Hartnek & Hank Hartnek

CH TRIUMPHANT PEACHCREEK HOT TAMALE (D) by GCH CH Triumphant's Saviour Machine x CH Triumphant Peachcreek Electra, o John Breckenridge-Lisano, b Linda R McCartney-Roy & Nan Gilliard & John Lisano

CH WILLOWICK N ZAFFRES SETTIN FIRE TO THE REIGN (B) by GCH CH Triumphant's Saviour Machine x CH Willowick Light By Fire, o Kellie L Miller, b Catherine Gire & Kellie L Miller

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH CH HALFMOON'S I'M IN IT TO WIN IT (D) by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x GCH CH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist, o Melissa McCloskey & Cheryl McCloskey, b Dorothy Moon & Charles Kanopsic

GCH CH HOPE'S STEEL MAGNOLIA CGC (B) by CH Hope's Oliver Twist x CH Tonan-Hope's Rockin The Boat, o Laura A Walters, b Douglas C Tighe & Nancy Morabito & Valerie Hamilton

GCH CH POWDER RIVER'S DEAR ABBY (B) by GCH CH Gourley's Dfl 99 Carat Diamond x CH Decan's Bombshell Of Breton, o George Stern, b Cheryl Krajcar

GCH CH TK'S ROGUE RIVER DANCER (B) by DC Almaden's River Of Shadows x CH Tk's Dancing Across The Sky, o James Adams & Karyn Adams, b James Adams & Anne Henry & Karyn Adams

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

FOLIE DE CHIPPEWA CDX BN GN (B) by Dared Du Parler x Destnee Deschamps, o Emmy Gillespie & Shelley Gillespie, b Melody Steele & John Steele

BEGINNER NOVICE

CARROLLTON'S RAY OF SUNSHINE BN RN (B) by CH Prince Of Foxview x Carrollton's Patty O' Cork, o Dorothy Peruzzi, b Lynda L Martin & Elizabeth Goldstein

GRADUATE NOVICE

CH GOLDSTAR'S LEADING LADY CD GN (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Swift River's Believe I Can BN RA JH NA NAJ NAP NJP NF OFF, o Dr. Rosemary Shea Croop, b Patricia John

RALLY EXCELLENT

ROBIN SUNSHINE CD BN RE CGC (B), o Jack Keller & Diana Keller

JUNIOR HUNTER

CH ALAR'S HEARTS OF FIRE JH (D) by DC Almaden's River Of Shadows x CH Gourley's Maximum Bet JH, o Tom Sterken & Sandy Sterken, b Aurelia Farinas & Gunter Schanzenbacher

CROSSCREEK LT TURBO JETT JH (D) by CH Hope's Ranger Rick x CH Cross Creek Sanbar Time To Call, o Derek Lemieux, b Wayne C Pepin & Polly West

JALO'S MUSTACHE MAN JH (D) by FC AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Jalo's Redneck Girl, o Jim House b Jim House

MORGUN'S CHIEF RED STICK JH (D) by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x CH Morgun's Montana Moonshine, o Caleb McKinney, b Laurinda Phipps & Steven Phipps

GCH CH NORTH UMPQUA'S MORGUN SHADY LADY LU JH (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

OAKLEAF CALI JUST TALK TO THE PAW JH (B) by DC Superglide Sportster MH x Grouse Mt Annie Oakleaf JH, o Linda Wintroath, b Janice I Schmoltd & Wayne Ricciardi

OAKLEAF OLIVE OYLE JH (B) by DC Superglide Sportster MH x Grouse Mt Annie Oakleaf JH, o Paul Heckenlaible & Elise Heckenlaible, b Janice I Schmoltd & Wayne Ricciardi

RISING SON'S GREAT SILENT HUNTER JH (D) by Charlie's Brown II JH x Rising Sun's Valiant Shoshoni Warrior SH, o Kathleen Duarte-Wilson, b Todd Emery

SHADYWOOD'S BULLET JH (D) by CH Wind Mtn's Ironman x CH Wind Mtns Puttin On The Ritz, o Robert Burdick, b Sheryl D Palmer

SENIOR HUNTER

CH RJ'S CUT TO THE CHASE SH (D) by GCH CH Sunquest Cimmaron Catch The Wind MH x CH RJ's Kiss Me Kate JH, o Joyce G Wire & Robert Wire, b Joyce G Wire & Robert Wire

MASTER HUNTER

GCH CH MIRAGE-RJ'S SYMPLY SENSATIONAL MH (B) by CH Triumphant Logan Razin Kane RN JH x CH RJ's Symply Divine RN JH OA AXJ, o Joyce G Wire & Robert Wire, b Sandra Moruzzi & William Moruzzi

GCH CH SUNQUEST CIMMARON CATCH THE WIND MH (D) by CH Cimmaron's Set 'Em Up Joe CDX x CH Marsport Mustang Marki, o Linda Dee Hartnek & Hank Hartnek, b John W Marsman

NOVICE AGILITY

CH COPLEY'S LAST CALL MARTINI NA NAJ CGC (B) by DC Almaden's River Of Shadows x CH Copley's Millennium Martini, o Kay Tordoff, b Robin Tomasi & Jaime Eiene & Barbara Dayton

CH POWER'S AMAZIN ZOE NA NAJ (B) by DC AFC J And M Ace High Jax x Lone Star's Gambler's Last, o Robert W Power, b James L Morriss

CH WILDFIRE'S SGT PEPPER CD BN RA NA NAJ (D) by CH Ridona-Kobrae Radio Flyer CD RE JH x CH Wildfire Takit To The Limit, o Peggy Wier, b Margaret Saucerman & Sara Taylor & D L Hayes

NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED

JOEY DENNING NAP NJP (D), o Susan Denning

OPEN AGILITY

SWEET TEA OA OAJ (B) by FC Diamond Hill Deuces Gone Wild x DC AFC Kismet, o Linda Langford, b Linda Langford

AGILITY EXCELLENT

CIMMARON SASPARILLA SARA AX AXJ (B) by CH Cimmaron's Jack's Tennessee Whiskey x Cimmaron's Side Car, o Mr. Frank E Barnhart, b Christine Ward-Weber

HURRICANE THATS THE TICKET AX AXJ (D) by DC AFC Duncan's Place Your Bet JH x CH Hurricane Little Feat, o Laura Spear, b Kelly Woerfel

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT

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

RICHLYNN'S RISK'N IT ALL CD MX MXJ NF (D) by CH Richlynn's Doc Holidays x CH Jordean Dressed To A T CD, o Richard Weisgarber & Debra Weisgarber, b Richard Weisgarber & Debra Weisgarber

MASTER BRONZE AGILITY

CH CHILCOTE KAZE JEWEL ON FIRE MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B (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

CH MILLETTE'S DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' MX MXB MXJ MJB OF (D) by CH Castle's How Sweet It Is x CH Millette's Marilyn Merlot, o Andrea Lee, b Michelle Millette & Cathy Dugan & Beverly Millette

MASTER SILVER AGILITY 2

CH MACH4 CHILCOTE'S GREAT IDEA OF MARIAD MXS2 MJS2 MXF TQX T2B (B) by CH Chilcote's Daring To Be Great x CH Chilcote's I Am Your Idea, o Mariann Jackson & John R Jackson, b Shirley Chilcote & Angel Rumbolo & Jessie Schulz

MACH5 RUSTINS VALUABLE TREASURE JH MXS2 MJS3 NAP NJP MXF T2B (B) by CH Hybrittin's Buffalo Bonz x Clear Spring Katie, o Colleen Driscoll & Aimee Schilling, b Ronald M Weber

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT PREFERRED 3

PACH KATIE BARNHART MX MXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX (B) by FC Sam-Dee's Buckaroo x Adios My Friend, o Frank Barnhart, b Paul Doiron & Peggy Doiron

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

CH POWER'S AMAZIN ZOE NA NAJ (B) by DC AFC J And M Ace High Jax x Lone Star's Gambler's Last, o Robert W Power, b James L Morriss

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UPCOMING SPECIALTY SHOWS, HUNT TESTS, OBEDIENCE, AGILITY & RALLY

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UPCOMING CLASSICS, CHAMPIONSHIPS & FUTURITIES

- Oct 10-11 ABC Grouse & Woodcock Classic (Eau Claire Co. Forest, Augusta, WI) - Host: Badger
- Oct 14-17 ABC Quail Classic (Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS) - Host: Southern Kansas
- Oct 21-25 Kansas Brittany All-Age Championship - Southern Kansas (William Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS)
- Oct 22-Nov 1 ABC National Gun Dog Championships
Ionia Field Trial Grounds Association, Ionia, Michigan
Oct 22-Oct 26: ABC National Gun Dog Championship
Oct 28-Nov 1: ABC National Amateur Gun Dog Championship
FT Secretary: Darlene Dow
ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 PM (EDST)
- Nov 4-6 Jim Holman Classic - Illinois (Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL)
- Nov 4-7 Midwest Classic (OLAA) - Midwest (William Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS)
- Nov 6-8 Dixieland Brittany Championship - Music City (Percy Priest WMA, LaVergne, TN)
- Nov 25 - Dec 8 ABC National Championships
Blue Mountain - J. Perry Mikles WDA, Booneville, Arkansas
Nov 25-Dec 1: ABC National Amateur Championship
Dec 2-Dec 8: ABC National Championship
FT Secretary: Steve Ralph
ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday, November 11 at 8:00 PM (CST)

Other Web Site Listings:

The listing of Web Sites does not constitute an endorsement by the American Brittany Club.

BRITTANY LISTS/BREED INFORMATION:

BRITTANY BREED INFO • www.brittanybreed.info

BRITTANY PEDIGREE DATABASE • www.brittanydata.com

BRITTANY-L LIST • Discussion of the American Brittany

Click "Join or leave the list (or change settings)"

<http://listserv.tamu.edu/archives/brittany-l.html>

BRITT ISSUES • Health, Training, Feeding, Living with Britts...

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brittissues>

BRITT SPORTS • Agility, Hunt Tests, Fly Ball, Obedience & More

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brittsports>

DUAL BRITTANY LIST • Discussion of the American Brittany

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dualbrittanys>

NATIONAL CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS/RESCUE:

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB • <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/>
Webmaster, Steve Ralph • email: mail@blazinbritts.com

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB FACEBOOK *

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<http://americanbrittanyrescue.org> • Toll Free 866-BRIT911

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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB • www.akc.org

Search AKC Events: www.akc.org/events/search

BIRD DOG FOUNDATION, INC. • www.birddogfoundation.com

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY

www.akccar.org

BRITTANY FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME

www.brittanyfieldtrialhalloffame.com

BRITTANY SPANIEL CLUB OF ONTARIO

www.brittanyspanielclub.on.ca

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http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/research/Brittany_research.cfm

NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST ALLIANCE

www.naiaonline.org • www.naiatrust.org

NATIONAL BRITTANY RESCUE • <http://nbran.org>

ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS • www.offa.org

THE AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA

www.aftca.org

THE AMERICAN FIELD • www.americanfield.com

US SPORTSMAN'S ALLIANCE • www.ussportsmen.org

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PURINA PRO CLUB • <https://purinaproclub.com/Dog/GetConnected/ProgramsSponsorshipsAndEvents/PPCP>

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NATIONAL AMATEUR ALL AGE CHAMPION



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2011 FC Piney Run Art
2010 DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch Of Bourbon
2009 Primetime Outlaw Johnny
2008 FC Rebel Jac's A Hammerin Dandy
2007 FC/AFC Lane's End We-Be Clean
2006 DC/AFC Shady's Tia Maria
2005 NAF/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy
2004 NAF/FC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan
2003 FC/AFC Farther Out Ace
2002 DC/AFC Microchips of Nutmeg
2001 FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow
2000 FC Diamond Hill Dan
1999 FC/AFC Lobo's Klickitat County Line
1998 DC/AFC Gambler's Ace In The Hole
1997 FC Tequila's Joker
1996 FC Rebel Jac's Hammering Hank

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2012 DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio
2011 Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid
2010 NAF/FC/AFC Maxwell's Blew By You II
2009 FC/AFC TM's Tennessee Twister
2008 FC Maxwell's Blew by You II
2007 FC/AFC Maxwell's White Spirit
2006 NAF/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy
2005 Tequila Jack II
2004 FC Just Call Me Roy
2003 FC/AFC Pride And Joy's Bunch of Annie
2002 FC/AFC Pistol Pack N Walker
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1999 Hanging Jaze Hardtack Mack
1998 FC Rebel's Tough Is Tyrone

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2011 DC/AFC MTB Cabo Rita De Scipio
2010 DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio
2009 DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio
2008 CH Shadow Attack
2007 DC/AFC Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist
2006 DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo
2005 CH Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist
1998 NGDC/DC/AFC Winchester of Hanging Jaze
1997 FC/AFC Tequila's Joker
1996 DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief
1994 DC/AFC RC's Sundancer

1995 Rambling Rose VIII
1994 FC Microdot
1993 FC Highbrow's Red
1992 FC/AFC Aux Arc's Mark
1991 FC/AFC Hi Proof Rum Runner
1990 FC/AFC Bernie of The Briarpatch
1989 FC Rimarda's Gambler
1988 FC Country Cousin's Lone River
1987 FC Minnehaha's Tammy
1986 DC Markar's Jac's A Dan D
1985 FC Franklin County Bandit
1984 FC Brought-Mar's Jazz DeCampo
1983 FC Beans Blaze
1982 FC/AFC Jumpin' Jack Flash II
1981 DC Tomar's Ban-Dee Sam
1980 DC/AFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc de'Edwards
1979 Way Kan Feelin' Free
1978 DC/AFC Perry's Rustic Prince

1997 FC Walker's Gunner
1996 FC Allmac's Dark Smoke Di-Na-Mo
1995 FC Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D
1994 FC Magnum's Lit'l Buzzsaw
1993 DC/AFC Ojibwa's DLD Bandit
1992 DC/AFC Renegade's Kansas Kid
1991 FC/AFC Jake's Son of a Gun Runner
1990 FC/AFC Sir Duke Mustachio
1989 FC/AFC Amigo of Aztlan
1988 DC/AFC Lobo's Cotton Candy
1987 FC/AFC Scott's Gingerbread Lady
1986 Crab Orchard Jet
1985 DC Bandede-Britts Red Jinx
1984 FC Jaron's Brittany
1983 DC Krissy's Captain Kay-Cee
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1993 DC/AFC Ojibwa's DLD Bandit
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1980 DC/AFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc de'Edwards
1979 DC Pepper's Prince
1978 DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1977 DC Rockbrooks Andy O'Dee
1976 DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1975 NAF/DC/AFC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
1974 NAF/DC/AFC Ban-Dee
1972 FC Brandy's Bullet

1977 FC Casey's Chikamin
1976 FC Senator TJ
1975 DC/AFC Chipp Britt Jill
1974 NAF/DC/AFC Ban-Dee
1973 FC Ban-Dee
1972 Kipp's Trooper Rochambeau
1971 DC Pacolet Cheyenne Sam
1970 FC Augustus of Rivers
1969 Way Kan Fritts
1968 FC Goldtone's Duke
1967 DC Colorado's Yankee Timber
1966 Bazooka's Brandy
1965 FC Rendezvous Skipper
1964 FC Shenango Valley Dingo
1963 FC Crab Orchard Duke
1962 Miller's Desert Dust
1961 FC Yankee Boy's Tommy
1960 FC Holiday Britt

1981 DC/AFC Hi-Spirit Buck
1980 FC/AFC RJ's Brandy Sniffer
1979 FC The Real Thing
1978 DC Hi-Spirit Buck
1977 FC Cindy's Chief Tomahawk
1976 DC Perry's Rustic Prince
1975 NAF/DC/AFC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
1974 FC Hello Dolly Miss Kaer
1973 FC Brandy's Bullet
1972 FC Colorado's Jumping Gypsy
1971 DC Char-Lee O'Dee
1970 NAF/DC/AFC Gringo de Britt
1969 FC Gringo de Britt
1968 FC Holiday Britts Ed
1967 FC Little Rapa Luke
1966 FC Towsey's Bub

1959 NAF/DC Towsey
1958 FC Hello's Yankee Timber
1957 DC Towsey
1956 Jeffrey of Argard
1955 Towsey
1954 FC Mist de Klemenor
1953 Tennessee Luke
1952 DC Pontac's Dingo
1951 FC Pontac's Dingo
1950 Butch's Lad
1949 Jersey Jeff
1948 Bonaire Bob
1947 Allamuchy Valley Addie
1946 Tess of Chippewa
1945 Britt of Bellows Falls
1944 Tess of Chippewa
1943 Aotrou Mac Eodaidh

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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) _____

STUD DOG'S SIRE: _____

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Make all checks payable to: **AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB**
 Checks **MUST** be for **FUTURITY FEES ONLY. DO NOT include payment for other items.**
 Send Futurity Nominations to: Judy Robin, American Brittany Club, 6800 Park Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9511
 Phone 734-426-2508 • e-mail: robintj2@gmail.com



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The Club is composed of many Regional Clubs located from coast to coast. Most hold a licensed AKC field trial for championship points in the spring and fall seasons. Many hold a specialty (conformation) show and hunting tests. The Regional Clubs hold meetings to discuss mutual problems, fun trials, training sessions and other events of interest to their members.

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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This application is for: (please check one) Gift Membership New Applicant Membership Renewal Associate Membership

Please choose from one of the following:

This is a Gift Membership for: (Please type or print)

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This application is to apply for active membership in the _____ Regional Brittany Club, entitling me to receive all communications, hold office and vote in the Regional Club as well as the American Brittany Club. (See Club Secretaries/Directors listings in the magazine or on our website at <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/>)

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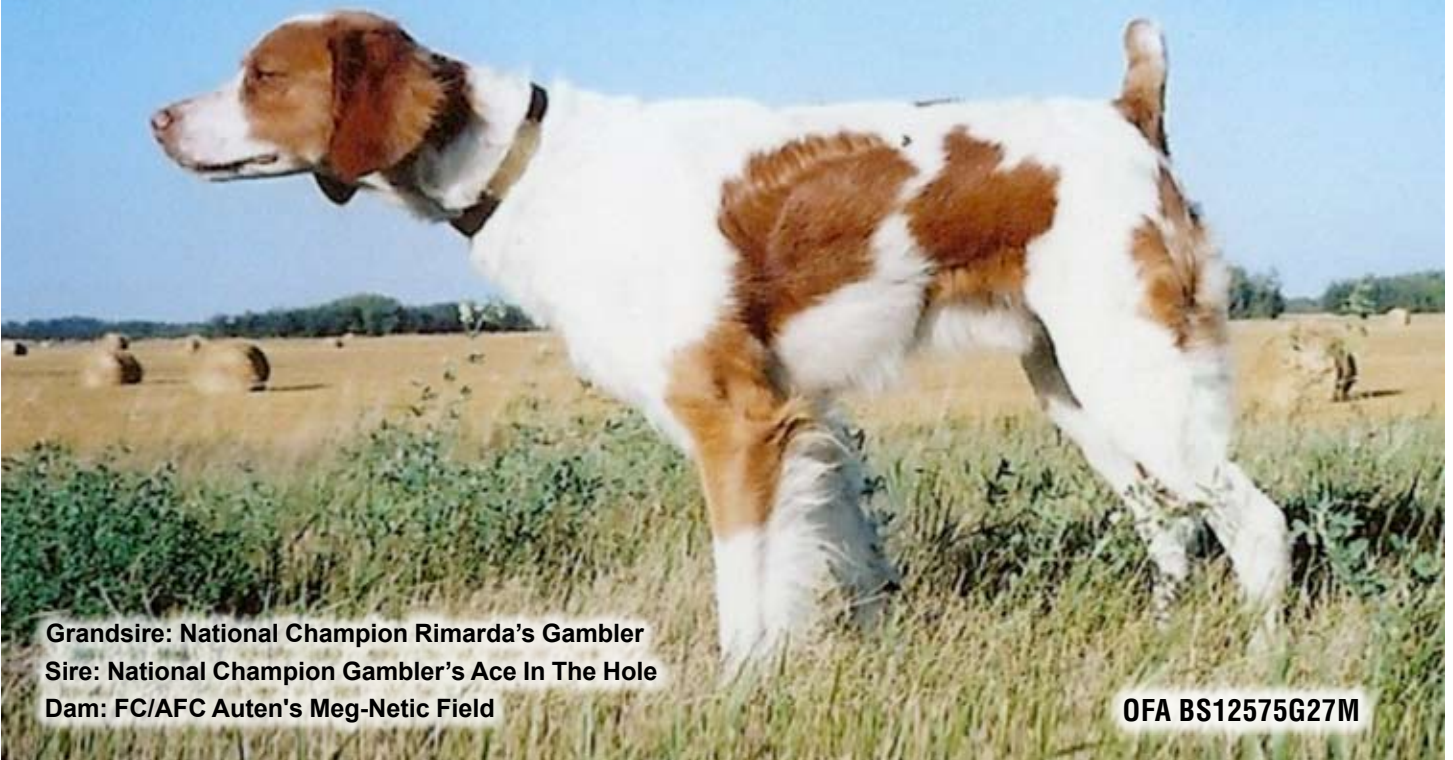
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