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TRAININ' DOGS

with Rick Smith

Adapting to New Terrain and Birds

You've waited all year for this trip, the first, big out-of-state hunting trip for you and your dog. The closer your departure date gets, the more your excitement builds. Seeing a new part of the country and enjoying the outdoors with scenery the exact opposite of what you're used to back home is a thrilling adventure, and the fact that you get to hunt birds makes it even better. Your dog has quite a bit of hunting experience back home on your native gamebirds, is in good shape, and you've trained hard all summer. All that's left to do is pack up and go. As you're driving across the country, you wonder just how well your dog will adapt to hunting a new area and different birds.

There's a first time for every experience, and those first experiences usually come with some educational mistakes. That's not a bad thing, since we learn from those mistakes and improve. Dogs are no different. They learn to handle new terrain and new birds by just getting out there and hunting, but there is always a learning curve that comes with anything new and different. A dog that has spent most of its life finding single grouse in the thick cover of Maine or northern Wisconsin is going to be challenged by pointing coveys of quail in the wide open deserts of the Southwest (or the other way around). That doesn't mean it won't be a great hunt, but it does mean you've got to let the birds and the country help educate your dog.

What's the best way to prepare a dog for these changes in terrain and game? Let's say you've got a pup you're training and you want it to be experienced enough to handle any bird, anywhere. In a perfect world (the one we haven't discovered

yet!), you'd take a month off work and hit the road. First, start on the prairies of Canada and turn that pup loose to run and hunt prairie chickens, Huns, and sharptails. A week or 10 days should do it. Next, drive down to Wisconsin and hunt the aspen clearcuts and thick timberland for ruffed grouse for another week. From there, pack up and head to the farmland, shelterbelts, and CRP of North and South Dakota, and let that pup learn about pheasants for a week.

Since Montana is right next door, hop on over for more opportunities on pheasant, Huns, and shaprtails in some more new terrain. About a week there should do it. Pack up and head south, where bobwhite quail are waiting in the creek bottoms, fence lines, tree lines, and shinnery of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas Better figure a week and a half or so to hit all three states. Then it's off for another week in New Mexico to hunt blue quail in the desert country.

What's that you say? Our addition is off because that's at least a month and a half? And you can't take that much time away from work? We can't do that either, although it does sound like



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Often, an experienced dog can help the novice learn how to work the cover and find birds.



fun. In all seriousness, any dog having this opportunity would be light years ahead in maturity and hunting experience. A pup given that kind of experience would grow up to be a great bird finder and likely to adapt well in most any situation; but for the majority of us, that kind of training trip is not reality. Plus we missed hunting chukar on the steep, rocky slopes of Idaho; we never got to Kentucky or Georgia or California for more quail; and we completely missed the woodcock flights. Maybe next year.

So how do we accomplish that in the real world? Let's look at Plan B. Do the best you can, where you can, when you can. All dogs will be their best in familiar territory, hunting the game they are most familiar with. They can adapt pretty easily, though. Remember first and foremost that dogs are predators. Their instincts to hunt for food will help them find game in any location, regardless of the cover or type of bird being hunted. The trick is in learning how different types of birds need to be hunted for maximum success. A dog used to woodcock holding tight will find a running pheasant frustrating; a dog used to bobwhites is going to find blues a challenge.

Experience is the best teacher, and this is one time when hunting an inexperienced dog with an older dog that knows the game and the cover can be a big benefit. The older, experienced dog will know where to find birds in the cover, and an inexperienced dog will catch on pretty quickly by following the experienced dog's example. Ideally, if you are at an unfamiliar place and can spend a day or two hunting with someone local to the area, do so. This way, both you and your dog are likely to come away with a better understanding of how to hunt a particular bird in that part of the country.

Back home, get your dog into as many birds as possible. When it's not nesting season, try to train on your native wild birds, even when it isn't hunting season. Training doesn't have to mean shooting birds: It's more about finding, working, and holding the birds. Dedication and determination are two very important factors in building a bird-finding dog, and once those have been developed, your dog can take that drive and use it anywhere.

If all you have available are pen-raised and planted birds, use them. Try to vary the type of bird as much as you can, rather than just using one kind. If you've got access to chukars, pheasants, and quail, use all three. Chukar, quail, and pheasant all act differently and have some different habits, so help your dog learn the difference by planting them in realistic spots where that species would be found. If you're heading west to hunt quail and your dog has only seen preserve pheasants, then find some quail and use them before you leave. The more variety your dog sees in training, the better. Experience can't be trained – it needs to be gained through repetition, and trial and error. There's no fast way to accomplish it.

One other factor to mention is helping you dog (and yourself) with the requirements of different terrain. Things like higher altitudes can take a toll on both human and dog, so in addition

From the grasslands in the Dakotas....to briar thickets in Wisconsin; dogs learn to adapt to the cover.



to having your dog in good physical shape before you go, prepare to slow down a bit and give yourself time to adjust. And remember, our dogs often have bigger hearts than they should, and they don't always pace themselves according to what their bodies can handle. That means we have to be responsible for keeping them fit and hydrated and also know when to

quit or take a break to let them (and ourselves) rest.

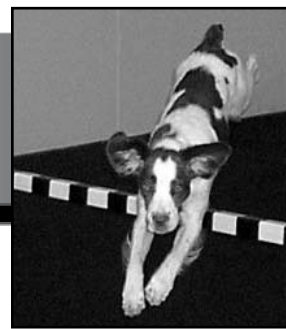
In the Southwest, remember that your dog's feet may need extra attention if the sandburs are thick; and if your dog is a breed with longer hair and feathering, keep a close watch for burs in the coat. They can tangle and work their way into a sore spot in a hurry. Using a horse product like Cowboy Magic or Show Sheen on the dog's coat before hunting can help burs from getting stuck and can help them slide out easily. If your dog isn't used to cactus, be prepared to go over them and check for cactus spines. If you plan to hunt in areas where snakes may be a problem, consider vaccinating your dog and/or having a snake-breaking session before you go. There are few things more frustrating than spending a lot of time and training and money on a big trip and ending up with problems that could have been easily prevented by a little advanced planning.

The bottom line with any dog is that the more they hunt and the more birds they find, the better they'll be. If the genetics are there, the training is thorough, and they get consistent exposure to plenty of birds, they'll likely make a pretty good bird dog most anywhere once they learn the game. The time spent preparing is well worth the effort in the long run.

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Obedience/Agility/Rally

By Carla Simon



WARM UP TO PREVENT INJURY

Most obedience/agility/rally competitors neither warm up their dog (or themselves), nor cool down. Of course, failure to warmup significantly increases the risks of being injured. Muscles and joints perform better warm, so dogsports performance will also be enhanced? Do we feel we don't have time? Or are we unsure how to warm-up appropriately? With effective conditioning, a good warmup and cool down, your dog will be far less likely to incur injury. This article will cover a good warmup routine inspired by Bobbie Lyons, Cert. C.F. to get you started. And it only takes 5 minutes!

To warmup up your dog's muscles and joints, begin by rotating and moving your dog's toes, feet, ankles and wrists by rotating his joints in all directions. Press down each finger gently. You can expect to hear cracks (like a human cracking his neck) and as long as you're gentle, that is normal as you mobilize the joints. This helps prevent shoulder and hip injury, since the toes and feet are connected to shoulders and hips, and all impacts transfer up to the higher joints. Don't forget to always do both sides, clockwise and counter clockwise, flexing up and down.

Next, have your dog spin left and right. This warms up his neck, spine and tail. To optimize the effectiveness, proper form is important. Whether you are luring with a treat, or presenting your hand for a nose touch, your treat/hand should be held down low at your dog's head level so that he isn't looking up but in proper alignment. Ideally all 4 paws should be on the floor, legs should be fully extended and his back should be flat. In comparison, if you lure high and he's looking up at you, his rear will be squatting. Then have him sit and use a lure to stretch up his nose high in the air (while sitting). You may need to remind him to sit, or gently hold the collar for assistance maintaining sit. Don't hold your lure too high, or he's likely to stand on the hind legs to reach it. Also while sitting, lure so moves his nose towards his chest. (You may need to gently keep your hand on his croup to remind him to sit.) Or if you have already proofed your stays, simply cue the sit stay and place a treat on the floor near or on his paws so he's looking down. Additionally, lure so his nose touches his shoulders, both sides.

Weight shift on the flat is next, to activate the core, trunk and stabilizing muscles. With your dog standing naturally in a comfortable position, gently push down and to the side on both sides of shoulders and hips, so that he tightens up his muscles to maintain position. Initially, just feel when he stiffens his muscles. Eventually, you can work up to 5 seconds duration at each side of the joint.

Additionally, get your dog to weave between your legs. At first, you can stand still and lure with a piece of food. The key is to hold the food closer to your back so they don't pop out. This warms up his neck, spine and tail. The closer your legs the better. Work up to be able to walk forward several steps while your dog weaves through your legs. (Alternately, you could ask the dog to stand and lure him to touch his nose to his hip. You may need to support his flank with your hand so his rear doesn't move away at the same time.)

Coupled with the above, ask your dog to grapevine or side step. This warms up the inside and outside muscles of each limb (adductors/abductors). The more you practice sidestepping, your dog's legs will cross over more naturally.

As well, get your dog to backup, to focus attention to his hind feet, and distribute his weight to the rear. Whether you're asking your dog to perform 2 on 2 off or jump, engaging his rear and shifting his weight back will help to prevent undue stress on his front end. For maximal effect, it's important that he moves back with his legs under his hips, instead of hopping or swinging his butt back and forth. He should be picking up each foot, not sliding feet along the floor.

Finally, your down to stand and stand to down (puppy push-ups) will finish warming up his hips, shoulders, wrists/ankles, toes and core. Begin teaching the positions on an aerobics step or in a box, so that the feet don't creep forward. Aim for a kickback stand and a fold back down. Once your dog's coordination and understanding are in place, then you can ask for a series of position changes while you're moving forward together.

Having warmed up, your dog will be physically prepared for the work at hand. Please note, that the colder the temperature in your environment, the longer it will take to warmup. If it's very cold, you should increase the warmup length, from 5-10 minutes. To conclude, once your activity's one, you should cool down by continuing to move around at a reduced speed for a few minutes, gradually slowing to a relaxed walk.

While it will take time to learn a warmup routine, you'll eventually remember all the steps and flow more smoothly and quickly. If you want to learn more, ask your vet, consider taking an online course such as the Daisy Peel.com Online Classroom, or seek out a canine sports medicine specialist near you. Suitably prepared for action, your dog is less likely to be injured and more able to perform the work he loves.

AKC Top Dogs in AGILITY MACH RANKINGS (up to Jan. 8, 2015)

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Qs	Dbl.	Score
1	CH MACH5 Exebrit's Sunset Limited UD MXG2 MJS2 XF T2B	B	98	3		128
2	GCH CH MACH6 Rustins Jeweler's Apprentice MXG2 MJC2 MXF T2B2	B	83	2		103
3	CH MACH2 Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MXG MJC MXF T2B	B	69	1		79
4	Hurricane Thats The Ticket MX MXJ CA	D	34	2		54
5	Credit Kaze With A Perfect Diamond MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B2	B	41	0		41
6	Fast Eddie MX MXB MXJ MJS T2B	D	31	1		41
6	Cooper MX MXB MXJ MJG OF T2B	D	31	1		41
8	MACH4 Marjo's Demon In The Ruff MXC MJS2 MXF MFS TQX T2B2	B	37	0		37
9	Mallard Creek Dead Ringer MX MXJ NF	D	32	0		32
10	CH MACH Credit Kaze's Capital Gains RN MXS MJS XF T2B	D	25	0		25
11	CH Rustins Treasure Of The Sierras RN MX MXJ MJS MXF T2B	B	22	0		22
12	Jasper McGavin AX MXJ XF	D	20	0		20
13	MACH8 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXB3 MJS4 NAP NJP MXF T2B	B	17	0		17
14	Berry Buschman MX MXB MXJ MJB NF CGC	D	15	0		15
15	Chantelle AX AXJ	B	6	0		6

AKC Top Brittanys in PACH Agility Competition (up to Jan. 8, 2015)

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Qs	Dbl.	Score
1	PACH2 Cinnamon MXP11 MXPC MJP9 MJPG PAX2 OFP	B	34	1		44
2	MACH Tressel MXB MJG MXP MJP2 XF T2B3	D	26	1		36
3	Farout Fields September Skye AX MXJ OF	D	20	1		30

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Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Closing Date for Nominations: April 1st

To be eligible, the dog must be dead. Date of death must be within the past 15 years. Nominees should be animals that knowledgeable breeders would look for in pedigrees when establishing or improving breeding programs. They should epitomize the dual ideal and during their lifetimes have achieved National recognition from Brittany fanciers for their show and trial (field and obedience) ability through successful competition on a multi-regional or National level, and/or that produced a high average of progeny from different dams or sires who were generally acknowledged as being of extra merit.

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Percentage of times run to times placed (if known): _____

Percentage of times won Best of Breed to times entered: _____

PRODUCTION RECORD

Number of litters sired or produced: _____

Number of field winners: _____

Number of show dogs with points: _____

Number of obedience title holders: _____

I believe this dog/bitch should be in the Hall of Fame because:

Enter special records here:

Use additional sheets if necessary.

Signed _____

Club Member in _____ Club



American Brittany Club Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members

In 1993 the Board of Directors voted a Hall of Fame for Distinguished Members, honoring those who have given exceptional service to the club. The original honorees were inducted in 1994.

Listed below are the Hall of Fame Members:

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1999 Lloyd Conable	1994 Ray Trimble
1999 Dr. John Webb	1994 Lucien Ufford
1997 Ella Conable	1994 Dr. Fred Z. White

It is time again to nominate worthy people to the HALL OF FAME FOR DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS.

Only those who reached the second ballot will be held over for next year's vote. If you know someone who has worked for ABC for a long time, and feel they should be in the Hall of Fame please nominate or renominate them. The criteria is listed below. *Just remember that the nominee must have worked at the national level, not just for regional clubs.*

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TO BE ELIGIBLE:

1. The individual should be involved in the ABC for more than a few years, 15 years is suggested.
2. Their contribution to club and sport has been outstanding.
3. The individual has contributed to the National Club in many ways: member, club officer, judge, breeder, owner or handler of dogs.
4. The individual may be living or deceased.
5. The Brittany Club and the Brittany has benefited because of that person's involvement.

MAIL NOMINATION TO:

Dr. Robert Rankin, ABC President
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Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Regional Club: _____

Dates of Involvement with ABC: _____

Contributions (Please list): _____

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The Thrill of the Hunting Dog

Attorney trains canines to search, retrieve and compete

by: Marie P. Grady

As a lawyer who practices commercial law, Ed Pontacoloni knows all about the contract that bind men. But as a trainer of hunting dogs, he knows about a bond so enduring that it needs no writing.

A dog is simply a man's, and a woman's best friend. And a hunting dog? A good hunting dog is a treasured part of a team, whether or not the game results in dinner.

A dog expands a hunter's sense of sight, smell and hearing many times, not to mention drastically reducing the time it takes to retrieve wildlife. But dogs and handlers like Pontacoloni are not in it for the thrill of the kill.

"Mostly it's about being with a dog out in the field; the hunting aspect is really secondary," says Pontacoloni, an attorney with Updike, Kelly & Spellacy in Hartford.

In fact, the prey isn't killed or harvested during field trial competitions, which gauge the ability of the dogs to find, point to and retrieve game. Pontacoloni is general counsel to the John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor, home of the premiere venue for the competition, which is one of the old sports in North America.

Watching Pontacoloni's dogs, nicknamed Rooster and Gus, run through the expansive, 600-acre grounds it is easy to see the allure of the sport. Rooster is a Spinone, an Italian breed, and Gus is a Brittany. Their registered pedigree kennel names, respectively, are Ruff Creek Jebediah and Drumming Woods Dueces Take 'Em.

If all this sounds a bit too formal, consider this: The breeding of hunting dogs goes back to feudal times, with all of the major breeds originating in Europe. In the early days of hunting with dogs, the landed gentry would maintain large kennels bred for specialized skills depending on the game being hunted. As the sport gained more widespread appeal in the late 19th century, a dog with more diverse skills was needed.

Enter the versatile hunting dog, a generic term applied to a dog that is bred and trained to dependably hunt and point to game, to retrieve on both land and water, and to track wounded game. The North American Versatile Hunting Association, formed in 1969, recognizes and maintains stud books for the breeds and provides training to owners and handlers. The organization also maintains a record of protected kennel names and runs testing and competition for the dogs.

Standing Rigidly

Four levels of testing take place, judging dogs on everything from the prescience of their noses to their ability to search and retrieve in varying terrain and to "point" to the prey. Good pointers can stand rigidly with their noses pointed in the direction of the prey for significant periods of time. Depending on the breed of dog, their tail will either point straight up, or horizontal, as is the case with Rooster.

In field trials, pairs of dogs are sent out to track down the birds, but the hunters and handlers, often on horseback, fire blank shots and the game is never harvested. Rooster, 11 years old, is a Utility Prize One dog who has competed in national events. Gus, who is 2, is just starting on his prize-winning journey.

Pontacoloni and his wife also have a lap dog, a Havanese, names Sparky. The father of four grown children, Pontacoloni admits he spoils his dogs but it's the least he can do for what they give him. When he is out in the fields with them, in search of an elusive target, man and dogs are one with nature and singular in their resolve.

He has written of "a bond between them that goes beyond what is ordinarily thought of as companionship. There is trust, and faith, and a mutual dependency unlike what human companions might share."

"When you have a dog, you find there's a lot more to that relationship than simply feeding them, taking them out and picking up after them," he says. "It's just like being on a team and having a teammate."

A teammate, he might add, who will never let you down.



Attorney Edward J. Pontacoloni trains Gus, left, and Rooster, right at the John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor. The state-owned grounds host the premiere competition for hunting dogs in the Northeast.

Selecting Your Chukar Hunting Boots: The most important element in your hunting gear! ©



By: Drew Wahlin, President, Idaho Chukar Foundation
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Chukar Hunting Footwear

Chukar hunting footwear can be divided into four main categories and one accessory item: trail running shoes, light hiking boots, midweight hiking boots, heavy-duty mountaineering boots and as an accessory, short-lightweight snowshoes (are you knowledgeable about avalanche dangers and avoidance?). To get the best footwear for your activity start by determining what type of terrain hiking you'll do most. Of course, if you frequently hike in various weather conditions and long-distance hunting as I do, you'll benefit from owning a few different pairs of boots. Unless you have foot problems you can probably eliminate the trail running shoes.

Footwear Options

Trail Running Waterproof Shoes: Designed to provide a mix of lightweight support, moderate cushioning and stable traction, trail running shoes are ideal for short, relatively flat hikes (about 1-2 miles) on mild, solid-ground terrain with moderate elevation gain. Chukar country can be in areas of wet ground, so waterproof construction is a must.

Light Waterproof Hiking Boots: Geared toward short and medium hikes (about 1-4 miles) on mild to moderate elevation, solid ground terrain. Light hiking boots offer a little more support than trail running shoes without much added weight.

Midweight Waterproof Hiking Boots and Backpacking Boots: Ideal for extended hikes (4 or more miles) and trekking over rougher terrain and mixed ground conditions. Midweight hiking boots provide increased support and cushioning. Because they offer better support for carrying a heavy pack, backpacking boots generally fall into the midweight category.

Waterproof Mountaineering Boots: Offering maximum support and foot protection, mountaineering boots are extremely durable and provide the most ankle protection. These boots have thick, stiff soles designed for difficult mountain topography, snow and significant elevation gain. Some boots in this category include insulation and are waterproof to protect feet in cold, windy and wet conditions. Many mountaineering boots are compatible with snowshoes.

The Accessory: Short-Buckle Binding Snowshoes People who wear snowshoes for Chukar country trekking need to be knowledgeable about avalanche dangers and avoidance. Snowshoes are usually needed in Chukar country when the snow depth exceeds +/- six inches (6"). Remember, snow depth can increase due to drifting. Snowshoes are easily carried in a fanny pack and allow access to wilderness areas.

Waterproof Protection

Not all hiking shoes and boots are waterproof. If you prefer hiking in mild conditions, you should be fine with standard footwear. However, if you think you may encounter wet or snowy conditions, waterproof footwear is the way to go. Below are the three main types of weather protection.

Waterproof Breathable Lining: Waterproof breathable linings like Gore-Tex® fabric can be built into hiking shoes and boots to prevent moisture from passing through permeable materials and reaching your feet. These linings usually have sealed or taped seams for even better protection from encroaching moisture.

Even though linings like Gore-Tex® will keep the inside of your shoes and boots dry, they don't prevent the exterior materials of your boots from absorbing moisture. Wet boots can become increasingly heavy, so it's a good idea to treat the exterior of your boots with a DWR (durable water repellent treatment) for another layer of protection. This will also reduce wear and tear. We'll cover this in more detail a little later.

Waterproof Leather: Full-grain leather footwear may include an external waterproof coating, such as wax, oil or a DWR. However, if a boot is poorly constructed, leaks may still occur. Check the seams on waterproof leather footwear for signs of weakness (like loose threads or missing stitches). Realize that even "waterproof" leather may allow some moisture to pass through if it becomes soaked for extended periods.

Waterproof Construction: This refers to manufacturing techniques that enhance waterproofness, such as sealing or taping seams, using special stitching or having the boot lower area rapped with a rand (see below). Waterproof construction is usually combined with another type of weather protection, such as a waterproof lining or DWR (durable water repellent treatment).

Chukar Hunting Boot Construction & Budget: Quality construction is just as important as using good materials. Low-quality manufacturing can lead to leaks, rips, splits, delamination and premature wear. For this reason, if you plan on doing extensive hiking, it's a good idea to avoid off-brand hiking footwear. Of course, all shoes and boots wear out eventually. Always give them a close inspection before heading out for an extended trip. Generally, high quality hunting boots run \$150 to \$300.

The sole of a shoe or boot is usually either stitched or cemented to the midsole and upper. Boots with Goodyear welt construction are durable and can be resoled. Cement construction, on the other hand, is less expensive than welt construction.

Chukar Hunting Boot Height

The height of the upper helps determine the ideal use for a specific boot. Generally, taller boots (+/-6") offer more support for difficult terrain, keeping debris out and transporting heavier pack loads. Low-profile shoes (<6") are best for shorter hikes.

Hiking Shoes and Trail Running Shoes: Low-profile trail shoes don't offer significant stability on rugged terrain and may not be ideal for challenging terrain hikes.

Mid-Cut Hiking Boots: Mid-cut hiking boots provide increased stability for the foot and ankle on rougher terrain. They also provide better protection from debris, such as small rocks and brush. Mid boots allow you to walk easily, but may not be ideal for extremely steep, aggressive terrain.

High-Cut Boots: High boots (>8") also provide the most stability when you're carrying a heavy fanny pack. Generally, high-cut boots take the longest to break in. Most mountaineering boots fall into this category.

Chukar Hunting Boot Soles

There are several support layers in hiking boots, including the insole, midsole, shank and outsole.

Insole: A soft, cushioned insert that can usually be removed and replaced. The insole is also the part of a shoe that provides arch support. You can usually replace the insoles (i.e. Super Feet is what I use) with better quality inserts or custom-made orthotics.

Midsole: A layer of shock-absorbing material that helps dampen impacts on rugged terrain. Chukar country is lava country so shock absorption is extremely important. The following are some of the materials used:

- Compression-molded EVA (Ethyl Vinyl Acetate) midsoles are made of expanded EVA foam that provides good shock absorption
- Injection-molded EVA midsoles are made from melted pellets of EVA. They offer a more uniform density from heel to toe compared to compression-molded EVA.
- Polyurethane (PU) midsoles are lightweight and offer cushioning, shock absorption, flexibility and good durability.
- TPR (thermoplastic rubber) midsoles offer lightweight durability and flexibility.

Shank: A stiff piece of material inserted between the midsole and outsole to provide torsional stability. In hiking boots, the shank is usually made of either a composite material or steel

Outsole: Most modern hiking soles are made of thermoplastic polyurethane or another type of synthetic rubber. Boots and shoes designed for hiking have all-terrain soles. The more aggressive the lug pattern, the better the traction will be on loose, muddy and uneven terrain. Vibram® outsoles are used by many leading hiking footwear brands. Airbob Soles provide the best surface contact in all weather conditions, but wear badly.

Chukar Hunting Boot Fit

Balance is a key factor in Chukar hunting, so you need the sensitivity of what surface your foot is on all the time. Chukar country is demanding hiking, crawling over lava fields in all types of weather conditions is a major part of hunting success. To avoid falling in lava fields you need boots that provide you with the opportunity for outstanding balance on all surfaces.

Your boots should feel snug around the ball and instep of your foot, but loose enough so you can flex your foot forward comfortably. Rock onto the balls of your feet and then back on your heels.

You should be able to wiggle your toes comfortably inside the toe box. With the right amount of room in the toe box, you'll be able to spread your toes for stability/balance and to allow for the small amount of natural swelling that occurs when you hike. A little extra room in the toe box will also prevent restriction on your circulation to keep those toes warm.

As you walk, your heel should stay in place inside the boot (assuming your boots are laced correctly). If your heel shifts around a lot as you walk, it can cause blisters and discomfort. This is a sign that your boots are too large or wide for your feet.

When you are trying on or breaking in a new pair of hiking boots, be sure to wear the same sock(s) that you would wear on a Chukar hunt.

Don't be afraid to customize. Getting different insoles, wearing high quality socks or changing your lacing technique (or laces) may help you achieve a better fit. If you have high arches, for example, consider investing in a pair of insoles with added arch support and adding cushioning/stiffness to the sole of the boot. Medium-weight or heavy-weight snow skiing help protect feet and toes from bruising. Remember, no amount of break-in can fix a pair that doesn't fit correctly in the first place.

Recommended Chukar Hunting Boot Features

I purchase Chukar hunting boots that have all of the following features:

The Rand is the most important feature in selecting a Chukar hunting boot. A boot rand is a tough rubber guard that runs along the outer edge of a boot, which should include a rubber toe cap or "toe rand (your going to be kicking a lot of lava rocks)." A rand is designed to provide added water/rock bumping protection and to reinforce high-wear areas.

Gusseted Tongues link the tongue to the upper of the boot or shoe to prevent water, dirt, small rocks and other trail debris from getting into the footwear.

Padded Collar and a minimum of 6" Height. Thick, padded collars provide additional ankle support and comfort on the hunt and the 6" height keeps debris.

Waterproof Boot Linings such as Gore-Tex®, Cambrelle® and Dri-Lex® help absorb sweat and keep feet dry. Some footwear linings and insoles also include a built-in antimicrobial treatment to fight odor. Most of the season I use uninsulated boots because of the energy that one burns in chukar hunting. Only in extreme cold (>15 degrees) and snow that is more than 4" in dept will I move to insulated boots.

Thick Midsole/Deep Lug Outsoles that have a thick rubber midsole and deep lug outsoles are the most desirable. A thick outer sole helps absorb shock from all the rocks surfaces. The best traction outsoles for chukar hunting in wet, icy conditions are Airbob lugs. In drier conditions, outsole lugs should be deep to afford the best traction going up steep chukar country hills and ones that expel dirt and keep rocks from lodging between the lugs.

Chukar Hunting Boot Care

At the least, brush all dirt and debris off your chukar hunting boots after each use. Rotate your boots depending on weather conditions (high temperature hiking, really cold icy ground conditions, snow, etc). Layers of caked-on dirt and mud will make your footwear wear out faster.

Nylon and mesh uppers (not a good choice for chukar hunting because of all the grasses your boots will be in and the seed pods that attach themselves in the fabric) can be washed with mild dish soap and warm water.

If your boots get soaked, fill them loosely with newspaper or paper towels and let them dry in a warm place. Don't place your footwear near an open flame, stove or other heat source.

Leather boots can be cleaned with a gentle leather cleaner, dried completely and then rubbed with neat's-foot oil or another leather conditioner to prevent the leather from drying out. Oiled leather will naturally repel water and dirt. Suede boots can be wiped clean with a moist rag, allowed to dry and treated with a suede proof or DWR treatment. Periodically cleaning and re-treating your chukar hunting boots can significantly extend the life of your footwear.

Hot glue and super glue are great products to use in repairing worn/torn boot areas. It will extend the life of your well broken in hunting boots. Apply before you treat the surface of the boot with any products.

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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.

BUFFALO COMPANY SOUP

Submitted by Henry Wierzbicki
Member of Southern New England Brittany Club

- 1 Buffalo
- 2 sacks of onions
- 2 sacks of carrots
- 1 large sack of flour
- 1 box of salt
- 1 box of pepper
- 2 rabbits (optional)

This recipe should feed about 2,000 people. Approximately one week before company arrives, begin cutting meat into small pieces. This could take 3-4 days. You should get extra help, because your arms and fingers get quite tired. Now place in a large container and add enough water to cover. Brown the flour in buffalo grease (fat) that is scraped from the hide. Pour into meat mixture. Simmer for 3 or 4 days. Add veggies and cook until soft. If extra people show

up, add the rabbits to the pot. But remember, don't add them if you don't need them. Most people don't like hare in their soup.

BAKED PHEASANT CASSEROLE

- 2 lbs pheasant meat, cut into 1"-2" pieces
- 1 cup cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup of butter, divided
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 5 tsp cumin salt and pepper

Heat oven to 350. Dredge pheasant chunks in cracker crumbs. In skillet, melt 2 Tbls of butter over medium heat. When butter is sizzling, add a batch of pheasant chunks and fry until golden brown on all sides. Transfer browned pheasant to casserole dish; repeat with

remaining pheasant, adding butter as needed. In mixing bowl, combine soup, mayonnaise, cumin, and salt and pepper to taste. Stir mixture well and pour over pheasant pieces. Cover and bake for 1-1/2 hours. Serves 4



Recipe Request Box

It's that time of year again and the growing season has come and gone. So tell me, what did you do with all of your vegetables to keep them over the winter? Fran from CT is looking for an easy tomato sauce recipe that she can freeze. Does anyone have a good recipe that she could use? Fran has been a longtime member of the Southern New England Brittany Club. She and her husband always have a rather large garden, and we all know what that means.....lots of tomatoes. Let's help Fran out! Send me the recipe that you use for tomato sauce.



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A SPORTSMAN'S RAMBLINGS

by Marty Garrell



Wherever you look this month, you see signs of spring. On the Adelphi campus a couple of students headed for an evening class last week were watching a couple of cottontail rabbits “playing” on an open patch of grass between buildings. I told the ladies politely that these bunnies were hardly playing but were instead serious about doing what rabbits do, i.e., multiplying, every year starting around February. I didn’t elaborate on the way I used to go with Ray Cardinal decades back and take advantage of such activities, hunting the Calverton area!

When the ground opens up, the dogs look forward to the rodents that pop out of tunnels along rural roads. Even the best of our bird dogs can’t resist the urge to put their noses to the ground on morning and evening walks, “rattin’”, in the hopes of catching a critter or two and augmenting their kibble diets. Of course, larger animals are also out and about, too, particularly the striped kitties that spell bad news for dog trainers. Some years back, on an early spring day one of our Brittany’s was running a field edge a good 50 yards off when a skunk staggered out onto the farm road ahead of the dog and stopped. The snows hadn’t been gone a week, and this skunk had just emerged, looking for a meal. We tried turning the dog---in vain---and felt helpless, anticipating a nasty cleanup. Amazingly, Bandit went up to the skunk, touched noses, sniffed it, and continued his cast while the skunk went its own way. Except for a trace odor, you’d never have known there was any contact. Thinking about the event afterwards, we were awfully grateful all our guys have grown up with cats in the house ever since they were pups! They read feline signals, and the skunk somehow was cool, too.

Beside the traditional robins and cardinals, there are lots of other birds telling us that days are longer and fields are open. We used to watch for woodcock coming north at February’s end, waddling onto lawns or even road edges, searching for worms, but the numbers of russet “fellers” have dwindled markedly in recent years. There are killdeer, however, with similar habits and somewhat similar “peent” calls and, naturally, there are major movements of those adaptable scourges of parks and golf courses, the flocks of geese. Way up north on the Canadian border on March 12 we still had 18 inches of snow on most fields when I heard an awful racket and gazed up to see a sky filled with hundreds of “yawping” and squawking birds---not Canadas, but snow geese! They flew north and west for a quarter hour; then a couple of bands and family groups came back east, searching for open cropland (or some field recently attended to by a dairy farmer with a spreader). The geese had the right idea. A rain and rising temperatures opened things up within two days.

The fishing scene today also reflects springtime from north to south. Where northern lakes remain iced-in, but winds drop and the sun comes out, the good old boys no longer haul shanties out on the ice with snowmobiles or four-wheelers, but pull sleds and set up their rigs anyway, settin’ on compound buckets and jigging for perch and panfish. I’d much rather stay south on Paumonock, myself, and pursue those same panfish and white perch, not yellow, in our brackish tidal creeks and pothole lakes. The wonderful white meat of panfish taken out of cold water makes a great treat for the spring table, too. Sadly, it will never make up for what we’ve lost by virtually exterminating our stocks of winter flounder. Only the memories remain of the great Peconic runs from mid-March through mid-May, when you pursued the fish all the way out through Gardiners Bay, or, when weather permitted, along the Sound from Riverhead to Orient. How easy it was to put fillets on the table, even when you returned any fish less than 14 inches to the water.

Amazingly, an upward bump in cod stocks has made many anglers optimistic this March. Reports are the best they’ve been for a generation with fish in the four-to-six pound class off the South Shore and on the Block Island grounds accessible from the East End. Naturally, you have to pick your days for this offshore game. Many a small craft has taken a beating when afternoon winds rise out of the southwest before the skipper gets back into the home inlet. Fortunately, NOAA weather reports are better than they were 20 years ago.

Winter always gets in the last licks, what with snow on Long Island on the first official day of spring this year. But the high sun angle doesn’t lie, and wild creatures know this.

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Action at AKC

Action at AKC February 2015

AKC Results from March, 2014

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

QUAL HOLLOW'S SWEET IRISH WHISKEY CGC (D) by Grand Benjamin De Magnolia x Lucky Ginger's Sunrise, o Russell Paige & Robin Paige, b James V Mascola III

AKC Results from October, 2014

AGILITY FAST NOVICE

CIMMARON IT TAKES TWO OA OAJ NF (B) by CH Cimmaron's Jack's Tennessee Whiskey x CH Cedarlane's Chantilly Lace, o Amy Mescher, b Christine Ward-Weber

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

CH COPLEY PRESTIGE WATCH ME FLY CGC (D) by GCH DC Masked Jack Of Diamonds x GCH CH Copley's Watch Time Fly CGC, o Haley Glick & John Patrick Rountree, b Haley Glick & Robin Tomasi & John Patrick Rountree

DOCK SENIOR

FAROUT FIELDS CURIOUS GEORGE JH DS CGC (D) by GCH CH Farout Fields Let Me At'Em JH x Moonbabe Nike JH, o Kristina Evers-Hays & Jackie Arnold, b Jackie Arnold

AKC Results from November, 2014

CHAMPION

CH GRANMARS DIAMONDS PAID IN FULL (B) by GCH CH Granmars Cando Diamond Credit x GCH CH Chisholm Trail's Kountry Kate JH, o Janet Rivers & Tim Foley, b Diane Hale & Jody Kirtley

CH KINSHIP'S TRIUMPHANT PURSUIT (D) by GCH CH Triumphant's The Heat Is On JH x GCH CH Triumphant Absolute Liberty Of Kinship JH MX MXJ MJB OF T2B, o Kimberly Hatton, b Kimberly Hatton

CH LABYRINTH NMR CHAMPAGNE KISSES (B) by GCH CH Magic Read My Lips x CH Vem Call Me Sassie Sue MH, o Karen Hanson, b Karen Hanson & Nickie Redick

CH SHADY BROOK'S I DREAMED A DREAM (B) by GCH CH Tonan-Hope's R U Kiddin' Me x GCH CH Shady Brook's Wish Upon A Star, o Joan Bevers, b Joan Bevers

CH SHILOH'S THERE'S A REASON JH (D) by DC Redline's Smokin Gun x CH Shiloh's Tru Believer JH, oDon Echavarria & Peggy Echavarria, b Don Echavarria & Peggy Echavarria

CH TRIUMPHANT'S CHANCES ARE (D) by CH CH Shelttany's Against All Odds x GCH CH Triumphant's Centerfold, o Kristyn McCartney, b Linda R McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney

CH TRIUMPHANT'S PLAYMATE OF THE YEAR (B) by GCH CH Shelttany's Against All Odds x GCH CH Triumphant's Centerfold, o Rick Grommon & Kristyn McCartney & Rebecca Grommon, b Linda R McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney

CH WOLRAM'S OAKLEAF TIMBER JH (D) by DC AFC Superglide Sportster MH x CH Wolram's Turquoise Ridge Joule JH, o Suzanne Marlow, b Suzanne Marlow

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH CH BRB RKJ JIMMY'S ALL READI MADE HIS POINT (D) by CH Sanbar's Call When Readi JH x CH Rjk Highlanders Max-E-Hunter JH, o Richard Wilkinson & Jill Wilkinson & Autumn Marie Burkholder, b Jill Wilkinson & R Wilkinson

GCH CH BLACKDIAMOND SUNCLIFFE RUMOR HAS IT (D) by GCH CH Triumphant's Absolute' JH x CH Millette Mich's Mt Magic Charm, o Lorrie Blockler & Nancy Cunliffe, b Linda R McCartney-Roy & Lorrie Blockler & Nancy Cunliffe

GCH CH BRIGADIER'S CHECK YOUR SIX (D) by CH Dualan Marsport Supercharger x GCH CH Shamrock Rivals Bolt Out Of The Blue, o Mike & Julie Lee, b Mike Lee & Phil Booth & Julie Lee & Amy Booth

GCH CH CAPROCK BIG OAKS GIVE 'EM THE BIRD (D) by GCH CH Dual Lanes Cam JH x GCH CH Big Oaks Delta Sunkist By Credit, o David Harper & Jennifer Harper, b David Harper & Louise M Brown & Jennifer Harper & Donna Harrison

GCH CH CARROLLTON'S MAJESTIC EMERALD (B) by GCH CH Gourley's Dfl 99 Carat Diamond x CH Carrollton's Credit Special Edition, o Lynda L Martin & Gloria Hartman & Jodie Huang, b Lynda Martin & Wenny Wijaya & Gloria Hartman

GCH CH CREDIT KAZE WITH A LINK BETWEEN THE JEWELS NA NF (D) by GCH CH Credit Where Credit Is Due x CH MACH2 Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MXG MJC MXF T2B, o Jessie Schulz & Victoria MacVicar & Robert Howell, b Jessie Schulz & Victoria MacVicar & Robert Howell

GCH CH ELKHORN JACK'S MISDEMEANOR (MISTY) JH (B) by GCH DC Masked Jack Of Diamonds x CH Copley Wincrest Grand Theft Auto JH, o Mr. Brian K Riggio & Mrs. Mary Lynn Riggio, Robin Tomasi & Lesli Smith & Alex Findlay & Barbara Dayton

GCH CH HALFMOON TO INFINITY & BEYOND! (D) by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x GCH CH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist, o Elizabeth Y Weeks, b Dorothy Moon & Charles Kanopsis

GCH CH HILLS-FLASHFIRES SPARKLIN' GEM (B) by CH Hill's Blazin' Jac JH x Flashfire's Absolute Animation, o Edith Davidson & Dawn S Hill, b Dorothy Boyatzi & Louis Boyatzi & Jane Eileen Bjork

GCH CH MUSTANGS LEADING MAN AT TREASURE JH (D) by CH Sanbar's Curtain Call JH x CH Cimmaron's Mustang Sally JH, o Brittany E Rosener & Laura Altshuler, b Laurie L Blanton & Bruce Blanton

GRAND FIELD CHAMPION

GFC FC AFC BLACK CREEK DEACON (D) by FC Perfect Timing x Rebel Jac's Hankern Jill, o Ronald W Harling Jr. & Ronald W Harling Sr., b Ronald W Harling Jr.

AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPION

FC AFC WOLF RIVER'S WINNING TICKET (D) by In The Nick Of Time x Wilco's Miss Emma, o Ken Blackman & Leland Dye, b Kenneth J Blackman

COMPANION DOG

DAYTONA MAC CD JH (D) by AFC Buck's Bluestem Bullet CD RN MH x Mckenzie's Pooch, o Jack Higgins, b Matthew McKenzie

GCH CH FAROUT FIELDS FALL MADLEY FOR ZEEK CD JH (B) by CH Farout Fields One In A Zillion JH x CH Moonbabe Follow The Farout Fields JH, o Thomas Lavelle & Jacqueline C Arnold & Brianna Harker, b Jacqueline C Arnold & Rodger Rowles

BEGINNER NOVICE

GCH CH GINJAC-MAGIC ME I'M THE ONE BN RN JH (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Magic It's My Party, o Michele C Martin, b Gina Currier & Nichole Otterson

GCH CH LYRIC'S SHILO BN CGC (B) by GCH CH Dogwood Hollow Bengal Zero Zero x CH Magic In The Air Tonight, o Marie Starsiak & Geri O Clements, b Elaine Rhodes

GCH CH SANBAR-ROCKLAN'S TUXEDO JUNCTION BN RN JH (B) by GCH DC Sanbar Castle Built On Legends JH x GCH CH Sanbar Mustang Evening Attire, o Margilee & John Sauer, b Polly West & Robert West

GCH CH SUNQUEST WIND DANCER OF STARVUE BN RN CGCA (B) by GCH CH Sunquest Cimmaron Catch The Wind MH RATN x CH Millette's French Vanilla, o Linda Dee Hartnek & Hank Hartnek, b Melissa Barwick & Linda Dee Hartnek & Kimberly Barwick

GRADUATE NOVICE

CONNECT THE DOTZ CD GN RN CGC (B), o Jenna Zeidler & Mike Zeidler

RJLJ'S LIL JADYN GIRL CD BN GN RN (B) by Auten's Ranger Rudy x Rjll's Maggie Mae, o Randy Weisenberger & Jennie Weisenberger, b Randy Weisenberger

RALLY NOVICE

DAISEE MAE GARTH THEREYAGO MORRIS RN CGC (B) by Sr. Samson Nazirite x Beau Kadeaux Sandee Regard, o Janet Morris, b Kerney J Sonnier

GCH CH GINJAC-MAGIC ME I'M THE ONE BN RN JH (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Magic It's My Party, o Michele C Martin, b Gina Currier & Nichole Otterson

CH RAZIN-A-RUCKUS TOO MUCH TORQUE RN (D) by CH Bar Lo's The Joke's On You JH x Razin Terrah's Tankah, o Pam Orms & Briscoe Orms & Annabel Thomas, b Pam Orms & Briscoe Orms

GCH CH SANBAR-ROCKLAN'S TUXEDO JUNCTION RN JH (B) by GCH DC Sanbar Castle Built On Legends JH x GCH CH Sanbar Mustang Evening Attire, o Margilee Sauer & John Sauer, b Polly West & Robert West

GCH CH SUNQUEST WIND DANCER OF STARVUE BN RN CGCA (B) by GCH CH Sunquest Cimmaron Catch The Wind MH RATN x CH Millette's French Vanilla, o Linda Dee Hartnek & Hank Hartnek, b Melissa Barwick & Linda Dee Hartnek & Kimberly Barwick

TAFEEELICIOUS GARTH HEREWEGO MORRIS RN CGCA (B) by Sr. Samson Nazirite x Beau Kadeaux Sandee Regard, o Janet Morris, b Mr. Kerney J Sonnier

RALLY ADVANCED

CH BROOKEWOOD KROWN ROYAL CD BN RA CGC (D) by CH Brookewood's Power Play THD x GCH CH Brookewood N Ginjac Steaming Hot, o Cynthia A Miller & Karen E Brown & Russell Walborn, b Cynthia A Miller & Karen E Brown & Russell Walborn

RALLY EXCELLENT

GCH CH MACH BROOKEWOOD'S JUST TOO HOT CDX RE MXS MJS XF T2B (D) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Brookewood's Just An Illusion, o E Susan Drazek & Cynthia A Miller, b Ms. Cynthia A Miller & Jeffrey Currier & Gina Currier & Russell Walborn

CARROLLTON'S RAY OF SUNSHINE CD BN PCD RE CAA CGC (B) by CH Prince Of Foxview x Carrollton's Patty O'Cork, o Dorothy Peruzzi, b Lynda L Martin & Elizabeth Goldstein

RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 3

DC SUNQUEST'S MARSPORT MANHATTAN CD RAE3 SH RATO CGCA (D) by

CH Sterling Oaks-Sir Bentley x CH Marsport Rabbit Ridge, o Hank Hartnek & Linda Dee Hartnek, b John W Marsman & Karen Marsman

JUNIOR HUNTER

FAROUT FIELDS HARBOUR LIGHTS JH (D) by CH Fly'N--Hi's Pheasant Tail x CH Farout Fields Live'N & Love'N The Good Life JH, o Patti LaVoy & Jackie Arnold & Forest LaVoy & Broooke LaVoy, b Jacqueline C Arnold

FAROUT FIELDS THE GOOD WITCH JH CGC (B) by GCH CH Farout Fields Let Me At'Em JH x Moonbabe Nike JH, o

Anne Conklin & Jackie Arnold & David Cline, b Jackie Arnold

FECK'S CAROLINA JESSIE JH (B) by Twincedar Ed's Bobo x Twincedar Eds Jo, o Allan Feek & Alita Feek, b Randy Johnson

GUNN SLINGIN' ANNIE JH (B) by NAGDC NGDC FC AFC Peter Gunn x Sling Blade's Trade, o Duane Floyd, b Jim Carter D.V.M. & Drew Carter

GCH CH HOPE'S GET A BIRD LEAP OF "FAITH" JH (B) by CH Castle One In A Millennium JH x CH Triumphant's More Than A Memory, o Laurie O'Donnell & Matthew O'Donnell, b Douglas Tighe & Kim A Tighe

HORIZON'S COME FLY WITH ME JH (D) by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x GCH CH Shady Brook's Measure For Measure, o Marysusan & Scott Janowski & Lisa Marie Tailby, b Lisa Marie Tailby

CH HYBRITTIN'S GOLDEN BOY JH (D) by GCH CH Sovereign's Chasing Legends x GCH CH Hybrittin's After Midnight, o Nicholas Maragakis & Judy Cohen, b Judy Cohen & Arthur Cohen

INDIGO-CIEL DE L'ARDOUR JH (D) by Clint De L'Ardour x Odet Del Pellegrinotti, Mark Bird, b Lambertus Jagerszky

IVY CHEROKEE ROSE DU MAS D'PATAULA JH (B) by F'Nat Du Mas D'Pataula x Dodie Du Mas D'Pataula, o Mark F Bird, b C Frederick Overby

JAZZ KERR'S JAZZY LADY JH (B) by Flying O Scooter II x Flyingodaisy, o Ronald J Kerr, b Eddie B Orms KSTAR CHIP CHIP TO RAY JH (D) by DC Dogwood Hollow Ray Of Hope MH x CH Canipat Happy Belle De K Star JH, o Joneen Tracy Fetterhoff & Thomas Paul Fetterhoff, b Mary Kathy Shannon

CH LBYSMUSTANGCALIFORNIASPECIAL JH (B) by CH Sanbar's Curtain Call JH x CH Cimmaron's Mustang Sally JH, o Emily E Fuzette & Michael Fuzette, b Laurie L Blanton & Bruce Blanton

ROVAN'S WESSIDE NIKKI JH (B) by CH Jordane's Hidollar Hotrod x Candlewyck's Samantha LI GI, o Wes Williams, b George M Lewi

SENIOR HUNTER

AJAX JAROS JOSEY WALES SH (D) by DC AFC Ajax Frequent Flyer x Eagle Hitch Ice Kate, o Richard Jarosinski & Jane Jarosinski, b Steven Rhoads

GISELLE DU TALON DE GOUDRON SH (B) by Argos Du Hameau De Sorny x Alias De Saint Pierre De Trapel, o Kevin Pack, b Kevin Pack

HAMMERTOWN'S RUBY TUESDAY SH (B) by DC AFC Cast-A-Britt Rip II x Legacy's Platinum Plus, o John Boyles, b Jim Johnson

CH RIVAL SHAMROCK'S DASHING DREAM SH (D) by GCH CH Shamrock's Dash Of Treasure RN JH x CH Tonan Dream Of Me, o Thomas McMahon, b Valerie Dombrowski & Richard Dombrowski & Megan Rosener & Brittany E Rosener

MASTER HUNTER

GYPSY DU TALON DE GOUDRON MH (B) by Argos Du Hameau De Sorny x Alias De Saint Pierre De Trapel, o Don Rice & Linda Rice, b Kevin Pack

CH MARSPORT'S FRECKLED FIELD FLOWER MH NA NAJ NF CGC (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Marsport Rebel Rider, o Janet Barth, b Larry Snider & Peggy Snider

MASTER HUNTER ADVANCED

CH MT VIEW'S LADY DAY MHA (B) by CH Mt View's Put'N On The Ritz MH x CH MT View's Touch By An Angel CD MH, o Charles Strunk, b Mary A Breining & Patricia A Ortell

AGILITY EXCELLENT

GCH CH MILLETTE'S SWEET MEMORIES AX AXJ NAP NJP NF ('B) by CH Castle's How Sweet It Is x CH Millette's Marilyn Merlot, o Wendy Archinal, b Michelle Millette & Cathy Dugan & Beverly Millette

STONEWALLS DEVINE FUDGE AX AXJ (B) by Redwing Rough & Rowdy x Stonewalls Chocolotta Coda, o Kathy McNeal, b James Robert Harrison

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT

FAROUT FIELDS XORBITANT FANCY CD RAE JH MX AXJ NF (B) by CH Fly'n-Hi's Iron Will CDX JH NA x Farout Fields Wiggy Bridget, o Christine S Youngblood & Alan Youngblood, b Jacqueline C Arnold & Rodger Rowles

FAROUT FIELDS XTREME RANGER CDX RE JH MX MXJ NF (D) by CH Fly'n-Hi's Iron Will CDX JH NA x Farout Fields Wiggy Bridget, o Edward A Keller, b Jacqueline C Arnold & Rodger Rowles

CH RAINCHASER'S KIT AND KABOODLE MX MXJ NAP NJP XF NFP T2B (D) by CH Rainchasers Krimson Canyon RN MX MXJ NAP NF x CH SMR Rincon Vista Duchess CD JH AX AXJ, o Kim Ramsey & Susan Hampton, b Susan Hampton & Kim Ramsey & Carlton L Hampton

MASTER BRONZE AGILITY

BERRY BUSCHMAN MX MXB MXJ NF CGC (D) by, o Angie Buschman

MASTER SILVER AGILITY

CH MACH CREDIT KAZE'S CAPITAL GAINS RN MXS MJS XF T2B (D) by GCH CH Credit Where Credit Is Due x CH MACH2 Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MXG MJC MXF T2B, o Terrence Santelli & Aimee Schilling, b Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell

MASTER GOLD AGILITY

CH MACH CIMMARON MADE YOU LOOK JACK MXG MJS MXF T2B (D) by CH Cimmaron Caughtcha Look'N CDX RAE x CH Cimmaron's Taylor Made CD MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF, o Carol Baron, b Christine Ward-Weber

MASTER CENTURY AGILITY 2

MACH5 TIMBERLANE'S TREASURED TIME MXC2 MJB3 (B) by Blazing Awesome Mo x Timberlane's Winterglow MH, o Marcia Whitmore & Bob Whitmore, b Marcia Whitmore & Bob Whitmore

MASTER BRONZE AGILITY 3

MACH8 RUSTINS VALUABLE TREASURE JH MXB3 MJB4 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 6

PACH2 KATIE BARNHART MX MXJ MXP6 MXPS MJP7 MJPG PAX2 (B) by FC Sam-Dee's Buckaroo x Adios My Friend, o Frank Barnhart, b Paul Doiron & Peggy Doiron

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

ASHLEYS SASSY LIL GABRIELLE CDX GN RA NAJ AXP MJP NFP (B) by Codiak Webster x Bullet's Femme Fatal Fate, o Debbie Stover & Christine Crosley, b Daniel Webster & Esther Webster

EXCELLENT AGILITY JUMPER

CIMMARON IT TAKES TWO OA AXJ NF (B) by CH Cimmaron's Jack's Tennessee Whiskey x CH Cedarlane's Chantilly Lace, o Amy Mescher, b Christine Ward-Weber

CH TRIUMPHANT HOPTICAL ILLUSION CD RN OA AXJ OF CGC (B) by CH Triumphant's Back For More x CH Triumphant's Absolute 24. K.T., o Lynn Marie Carlo, b Kristyn McCartney & Linda R McCartney-Roy

WILD MTN THUNDERBIRD AX AXJ OF CAA (D) by CH AFC Requets Above And Beyond RN JH x Wild Mtn's Thunderstruck, o Jamie Thompson, b Kristi Anglen & Carl Anglen & Helen Riggle & Brian D Riggle

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER

FAROUT FIELDS XTREME RANGER CDX RE JH AX MXJ NF (D) by CH Fly'n-Hi's Iron Will CDX JH NA x Farout Fields Wiggy Bridget, o Edward A Keller, b Jacqueline C Arnold & Rodger Rowles

MASTER BRONZE JUMPER

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

MASTER SILVER JUMPER

CREDIT KAZE WITH A PERFECT DIAMOND MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B2 (B) by GCH CH Credit Where Credit Is Due x CH MACH2 Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MXG MJC MXF T2B, o Victoria MacVicar & Jessie Schulz & Robert Howell, b Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell

MASTER SILVER JUMPER

CH MILLETTE'S DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' MX MXS MXJ MJS 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 GOLD JUMPER

COOPER MX MXB MXJ MJG OF T2B (D), o Amanda Mcgavin

MASTER SILVER JUMPER 2

MACH4 MARJO'S DEMON IN THE RUFF MXC MJS2 MXF MFS TQX T2B2 (B) by FC AFC Marjo's Red Rum x Elyssa's Allie Baba, o Janice E Barkby, b Marsha Luisi

AGILITY FAST NOVICE

FAROUT FIELDS XTREME RANGER CDX RE JH AX AXJ NF (D) by CH Fly'n-Hi's Iron Will CDX JH NA x Farout Fields Wiggy Bridget, o Edward A Keller, b Jacqueline C Arnold & Rodger Rowles

AGILITY FAST OPEN

CREDIT KAZE'S PRINCE OF GALL-GHAIDHIL NA NAJ OF (D) by GCH CH Credit Where Credit Is Due x CH MACH2 Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MXG MJC MXF T2B, o Elaine Hawes, b Jessie Schulz & Victoria MacVicar & Robert Howell

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION 3

MACH3 VANILLA MOCHA CHIPPER JH MXB3 MJG2 FTC1 MFC TQX (D) b Londeree's Chipper x Miss Seabucks Hot Fudge, o Kathy S McNeal, b Elmo Londeree Jr.

TIME 2 BEAT

FRANKIE BACALAITO COQUI OA AXJ XF T2B CGC (D) by Loaded For "Bear" x Daisy Flashing K, o Niclaus E Taulai & Raquel D Martinez, b Tracie Kolacek

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

BENT TREE RUSTY BOY CGC (D) by Goldwind's Speedo The Wonder Dog x Mama Bennett's Lacy J's Pride & Joy, o Angel Carrasquillo, b Jill Bennett & James Bennett

CH BLAYRE'S ONE MOMENT IN TIME CGC (B) by CH Millette Paint The Town Brown x CH Millette's American Dream CGC, o Haley Glick, b Haley Glick

GCH CH COPLEY'S WATCH TIME FLY CGC (B) by DC AFC Timberline Strait To The Point JH x CH Blayre's One Moment In Time CGC, o Haley Glick & John Patrick Rountree, b Haley Glick & Robin Tomasi
 CREDIT KAZE'S ROCK N REIGN CGC (D) by GCH CH Chilcote's Credit Genius x Credit Kaze With A Perfect Diamond MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B2, o Christine Harrison & Steven Harrison, b Victoria MacVicar & Jessie Schulz & Robert Howell
 J&A'S TREASURED PEARL OF HIGH CALIBER CGC (B) by CH J&A's High Caliber Harris Special SH x J & A's Dreams Come True of Acton JH, o Deborah Demty, John Short Sr. & Ann H Short
 CH MILLETTE'S AMERICAN DREAM CGC (B) by CH Castle Brittstorm LGHTNG Bolt x Millette's Because We Dream, o Haley Glick, b Beverly Millette & Michelle Millette
 PRESTIGE FIRESTARTER CLEARLY LOOKS THE PART CGC (D) by GCH CH Copley's Looks Good On Paper CGC x GCH CH Firestarter's Clear Winter Night, o Haley Glick & John Patrick Rountree & Jessica Glick & Adam Glick, b Andrea Christensen
 SUNNY ONE SO TRUE BRITT CGC (D) by Sheds Flintrock Bam Bam x Shed's Fancy Franci, o Mrs. Chris E Matthews, b Mr. Ted F Purvis
 SUNSET'S JUMPIN' JACK FLASH CGC (D) by GCH CH Mirage's This Kid Rocks JH x GCH CH Farout Fields Pure Gold Nugget JH CA, o Ms. Melissa John, b Sherry Foster & Leo Foster

BEST IN SHOW/RESERVE BEST IN SHOW AND GROUP PLACEMENTS

GCH CH BRIGADIER'S LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE (B), M Lee
 2 - Rock Creek Kennel Club, Mrs. M Alston
 GCH CH MACH BROOKWOOD'S JUST TOO HOT CDX RA MXS MJS XF T2B (D), E Drazek/C Miller
 3 - Talbot Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. C K Steidel
 3 - Talbot Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. N D Simmons
 4 - Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club, Inc., J G Reynolds
 GCH CH COPLEY CAN DO MAGNUM OPUS GRAND SAM RE (D), E Weeks
 2 - Rogue Valley Kennel Club, Inc., Dr. D D Simmons
 GCH CH DREAM HI'S DON'T HATE THE PLAYER HATE THE GAME (D), T Rickard/L Rickard
 3 - Southern Oregon Kennel Club, A D Hussin
 GCH CH RAINBOW SPLASH'S RUGGEDLY HANDSOME (D), C Douglas/J Andras/A Andras/K Hogan/A Cone
 1 - Sporting Dog Fanciers of New Mexico, J E Gregory
 1 - Sporting Dog Fanciers of New Mexico, Mr. C Coady
 1 - Sporting Dog Club of Colorado Springs, Ms. P Davern
 1 - Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. K Meredith-Cavanna
 1 - Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. A Berrios
 RBIS/1 - Colorado Springs Kennel Club, Mrs. D Campbell-Freeman
 1 - Colorado Springs Kennel Club, Ms. C C McGowan
 2 - Town And Country Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. C Coady
 3 - Town And Country Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. C Walkowicz
 1 - Canadian Valley Kennel Club, Ms. D L Malenfant
 BIS/1 - Canadian Valley Kennel Club, Ms. N J Gallant
 1 - Montgomery Kennel Club, Mr. T Stacy
 BIS/1 - Council Bluffs Kennel Club, Mr. E Blake
 BIS/1 - Council Bluffs Kennel Club, Mr. S L Marx
 1 - Savannah Kennel Club, Miss V L Lyne
 1 - Savannah Kennel Club, Mr. J E Noe

2 - Beaufort Kennel Club, Inc., D P Cline
 GCH CH SANBAR'S RIDE THE WINDS (D), R West/P West/C West
 3 - Wine Country Kennel Club, Mr. R D Ennis
 4 - Wine Country Kennel Club, B DiDonato
 2 - Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc, Mr. C L Olvis
 4 - Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc, Mr. G L Andersen
 CH SHAMROCK'S NORTH STAR (D), R Leale/C Zawila/D VanHoeve
 4 - Conroe Kennel Club, P Bruce
 GCH CH TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTE EVEL JH (B), P Aguiar
 1 - Worcester County Kennel Club, Mrs. P A Mowbray-Morgan
 GCH CH TRIUMPHANT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS JH (D), L McCartney-Roy/K McCartney
 3 - Windham County Kennel Club, Inc., Ms. B L Clarke
 TRIUMPHANT'S CHANCES ARE (D), K McCartney
 3 - Decatur Alabama Kennel Club, Mrs. P A Mowbray-Morgan
 4 - Huntsville Kennel Club, Ms. M Martorella

OWNER-HANDLED SERIES GROUP WINNERS

CH AMMO'S MICHS MT HOT GEORGIA PUNCH (B), A McCabe/T McCabe
 OHG3 - Wine Country Kennel Club, B DiDonato
 GCH CH BRB RKJ JIMMY'S ALL READI MADE HIS POINT (D), R Wilkinson/J Wilkinson/A Burkholder
 OHG4 - Chesapeake Kennel Club of Maryland, Mr. J A Fehring
 CLASSIC'S CAN DO ISA PRINCESS ABBY (B), M Wolnewitz
 OHG3 - Pontiac Kennel Club, Inc., Dr. R D Smith
 GCH CH COPLEY CAN DO MAGNUM OPUS GRAND SAM RE (D), E Weeks
 OHG3 - Southern Oregon Kennel Club, A D Hussin
 OHG1 - Umpqua Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. A Katona
 OHG2 - Rogue Valley Kennel Club, Inc., Dr. D D Simmons
 GCH CH DOGWOOD HOLLOW IRISH BLESSING (B), A Burlingame/G Clements
 OHG3 - Greater Monroe Kennel Club, Mrs. D Campbell-Freeman
 CH HALFMOON TO INFINITY & BEYOND! (D), E Weeks
 OHG2 - Southern Oregon Kennel Club, Mr. E M Gilbert JR



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October 26-28, 2014
by Sue Lehosky

A few drops of rain appeared on the windshield just as the last few items were loaded into the rig for a 5-day stay in Michigan in late October. You can expect anything from snow and cold to sun and 70's, and possibly everything in between so there was plenty of gear to load! Our journey proved to be a pleasant drive as the rain soon cleared and bright sunshine illuminated the late fall color. Much of the gear loaded wouldn't be necessary as we were treated with moderate temperatures and little precipitation during our stay which made for nearly perfect field trial conditions.

A 7 hour trip provides plenty of time to discuss the event to come and think back on previous championships and performances. Who will be the "dogs to beat" this year? Which dog will set the bar and be added to the list of ABC National Amateur Gun Dog Champions?

Purina and Garmin/Tritronics again served as the sponsors of the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship and we sincerely appreciate their continued support. Like many involved in field trials, I have long relied on the high quality of Purina foods, trained my first field trial dog with a Tritronics collar and often needed the assistance of my Garmin to locate a "renegade" Brittany. Where would our sport be without these fine products?

The judges for this year's championship were Steve Ralph from Minnesota and Diane Vater from Pennsylvania. Steve is well known to the Brittany community as a member of the ABC board of directors since 2011, ABC National Field Trial Secretary, ABC National Dates

Chairman and ABC Webmaster. Along with his wife, Lori, he campaigns Brittanys in All Age, Gun Dog and juvenile stakes across the country and their dogs have won and placed in hundreds of AKC and American Field stakes throughout the years. Their most notable Brittany was 6 X CH/FC/AFC Smarteyes-Joker. Steve has also judged just about every pointing breed in American Field and AKC trials including championships and national championships. Diane got started in dogs in the mid 80's and her first pointing dog was a Weimaraner. She became a professional trainer in 1996 training "Weims" but now trains all pointing breeds. Since turning pro, with the help of her husband Chuck, she has finished over 50 field champions and won 14 national championships. In addition to judging numerous local trials Diane has also judged regional and national championships. Diane and Chuck travel from coast to coast training and trialing dogs. I was delighted





to have our paths cross, as they so seldom do now! Diane and I began training bird dogs during the same era in the Pittsburgh area and this was a rare opportunity for us to meet and catch up! Both Steve and Diane commented that it was an honor to be asked to judge this championship but with their outstanding qualifications we were privileged to have them.



It takes many hours of work and planning to put together the national gun dogs championships and, though this was the first year that they were in charge, fourth vice president John Perry and his wife & trial secretary Joanne did an outstanding job! They had their share of challenges through the planning stages but pulled everything together to create a first class event. The committee and volunteers assembled by them were a big part of this success.

Thank you to the field trial

committee of Mike Blondin, Cindy Cropek, Bill Gorman, Jim Hammett, Mike Poehler, hospitality chair Diana Kubitz and stakes manager John Kipp, for their efforts as well as Chuck & Theda Langstaff who handled the dog wagon, Jimmy Johnson who ran a very successful calcutta and all those that acted as gallery marshals. Will & Kathy Langley were back with their great horses and good quality tack, which are greatly appreciated by our judges and all those that rent horses. We could not have an event without birds and bird planters and again this year Bob Burchett, though he was done running dogs and could have headed home to Missouri, stayed for the amateur championship and did an outstanding job planting birds. One of the glitches for John was that the caterer backed out at the last minute. We were fortunate to have Amy Gregory of Steel Street Hall, Gregory's Catering step in and provide

lunches.

On Sunday evening we celebrated last year's champion NAGDC/FC/AFC Spring Hill's Hot Wheels with a dinner hosted by Wheels owners John & JoAnne Bell. Everybody feasted on delicious prime rib, chicken, hot & cold appetizers from the Lamplight Grill and flavored popcorn from Pittsburgh Popcorn and we relived the 2013 national amateur championship and John & JoAnne's adventures with Wheels. Thank you to the Bells for a wonderful evening!

THE RUNNING

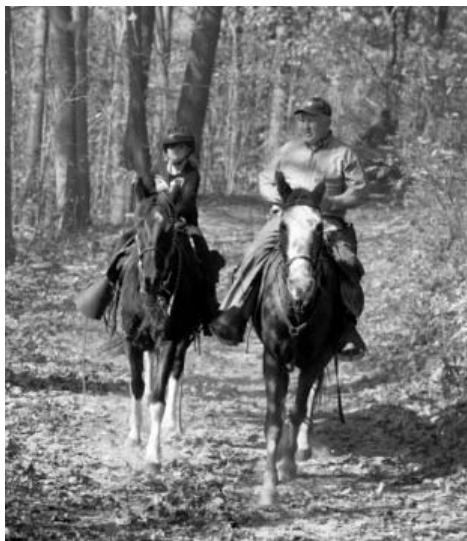
It was with great expectation on a beautiful morning that we awaited the breakaway of the first brace of the day which included the newly crowned 2014 NGDC High Hopes Dark Nite brought to the

line by Cindy Cropek. The dog wagon was full and the number of horses descending the hill grew by the minute as time to begin arrived. The temperature was about 40 degrees and the sun was coming up over the hill as we took off at 8:30.

BRACE 1: HIGH HOPES DARK NITE-CINDY CROPEK/AUTEN'S RANGER RUDY RJLJ-RON AUTEN. The dogs were off quickly and to the front. Point was called on Ranger at five just over the crest of the hill but he was moving when Ron arrived. Joe was spotted ahead on the hedgerow and held, high and tight, until we arrived and his bird was flushed. Ranger came forward flying along the edge just as the bird was flushed and was leashed by his scout to end his run. It was quickly evident that Joe was a contender as he continued to flow fast and forward hugging the lines and scored solid finds at 16 and 18. As we rode across the large field on top Joe was missing but showed on the left going forward. He stopped, a small covey lifted and he went toward the flying birds.

BRACE 2: BLUE COLLAR'S HIGH STAKES POKER-MARTIN MARESH/BARK RIVER QUEEN OF DIAMONDS-JEFF STANTON. Just after 9:00, the second brace of the competition took off a few yards beyond where Joe was leashed. They shot forward and worked their way down the big hill. Daisy took the right edge and went on point at the bottom of the hill at five where she stood stylishly as the birds flushed wild when Jeff approached to flush. Poker was in the cover ahead, went through the cut and disappeared. When we broke out onto the derby course both dogs were out of sight with scouts on the hunt. At 28, Martin pulled out his tracker for find Poker. Jeff went forward into the derby course and found Daisy standing on the opposite side of the treeline looking very nice. The birds were not easy to flush and Daisy likely had been standing for a very long time. Sadly, when they finally did take flight she chased.

BRACE 3: JETER III-MIKE BLONDIN/MT. VIEW'S NIGHT AT THE COPA-LES CASSELBERRY. The third brace of the day left from the edge of the field just before the creek crossing at about 10:00 and things got exciting very



quickly as Jeter was standing just ahead outside a clump of small trees and Mandee immediately after on the hedgerow just before the creek crossing. Both dogs handled their finds with all in order. Jeter showed his mettle by making a wide sweep along the edge before the creek and then zipping along the

bottom after the creek taking the front with Mandee in pursuit. Jeter hit point hard at the end of the field and Mandee dipped into the cover below the swamp for another bird as well. After birds were flushed for both we moved into the orchard where Jeter scored again at 15. Mandee also had a find in the orchard but after establishing point, she moved and lifted the bird and was up. Jeter began to struggle as we went through the shoot and Mike got him into water. He had a solid find above the pond and hit again at 58. Mike was unable to find a bird but, upon release, birds began to lift behind them that weren't acknowledged by the dog. Jeter was the first to complete the hour cleanly.



BRACE 4: KIP'S BAY ZAC'S-A-TAC'N ELLIE-JOHN KIPP/ANJ'S AMAZING GRACE-MIKE POEHLER.

The initial pair of the afternoon left at 12:30 and Maisy was showing her stuff quickly as she shot fast to the front and made a cast along the trees as we climbed the hill. Her first find was just after we crested the hill at 15, very stylish and handled with perfect manners, as were those at 17 and 27. At 31 Ellie was standing in the corner as Maisy came into the area. She went past once and then turned and honored Ellie's point but was ordered up to end what, up to now, was an outstanding performance. Ellie handled this find and two more properly and finished the hour at moderate range.

BRACE 5: SWEETWATER MURPH'S A GAMBLER-

LARRY BATES/TWIST'N TEQUILA'S SHADOW-JIM CARTER. Just after 1:30, the second brace was released on the derby course. Lila made a classy move, after crossing the creek, cruising along the swamp edge, slamming to a stop at the very end of the field where Murph came in and honored. Unfortunately, when the bird flew Lila also went and was up. Murph handled the situation and was taken on into the orchard where he had a solid find at 20, which he followed with a stop to flush at 33 and birds at 35 and 42. He shortened as the hour came to close.

BRACE 6: DERAILED-CINDY CROPEK/BLAZIN SHADOW'S BAMA JAMA-ROGER STOWELL. A little after three o'clock, as we enjoyed the perfect field trial weather, the last pairing of the day sprinted ahead. Jammie wasn't able to handle birds that appeared on the path at four and he was done for the day. Ted scored his first find at seven and stood tall even when the bird buzzed over his head. He continued to demonstrate perfect manners and outstanding intensity on finds at 18, 24, 30 and a hawk kill at 35 while he worked forward demonstrating a mature pattern. Ted got a little sticky at times but maintained a steady pace and finished his hour ahead looking like he wasn't ready to quit.



POSTED-DAY 1: JETER III-BLONDIN/DERAILED-CROPEK.

The weather the second morning of the championship was pleasant as well with the temperature around 40 degrees and little wind. However, part of this day would prove to be the most challenging, as it got very warm for the braces before and after lunch.

BRACE 7: HIT'S SHOWTIME-JOHN PERRY/WRIGLEY'S BODEMEISTER-BARRY STEINMETZ.

This duo was away quickly. As we reached the top of the hill, Bode was spotted hunting the edges with good speed and application. Brandy crested the hill, went wide right and casted forward. Bode scored at 15 on the flat with good style then took off and was standing again just beyond Hires field at 19 where he had another clean find. At 21, Brandy showed to the front and stopped on point just beyond Bode's find in the middle of the field. John produced a dead bird (likely a hawk kill) for his staunch dog. We broke through the trees to find



Brandy on a big cast to our right and disappearing forward. Bode brought in a live bird to end his strong performance at 29. As we rounded the last field before starting down the hill Brandy stood along the trees and handled her bird with perfect manners. She flew forward again and was next sighted on the left making another deep move down the hill. John was now walking on his own and could set the pace but, as it became obvious that Brandy was getting the job done, he was occasionally seen running to keep up with his competitor while his scout, Joanne, was smiling and enjoying the show as she kept a close watch on their dog. Brandy finished the hour well into the derby course forward and running hard.

BRACE 8: WW'S MILLION DOLLAR MOLLEE-BURTON WICE/BREE'S ANNIE OF COOS-LEONARD SINCLAIR. This, one of only two full braces to complete the hour in the championship, was entertaining from start to finish. Mollee and Annie covered the entire course and were obviously hunting as they frequently found birds. Annie had the first find at seven on the hedgerow just before the creek with Annie coming in to back. The girls then shot forward and at 16 Annie pointed on the edge of the swamp and Mollee across from gun dog parking lot. Mollee scored a covey at 19. Annie got ahead and stood at 29 where a little "leaf tornado" as we approached distracted her, had the gallery in awe, and she moved on the bird. Mollee came into the area and honored with a little assistance from her handler. As we worked the lower part of the course heading back to the creek, both dogs had another clean find and finished going forward.

BRACE 9: SPRING Hill's HOT WHEELS-JOHN BELL/RYLEE'S ROLLING THUNDER OF COOS-RAY GORMAN. This brace hit the course just after 11:00 AM and from now until half way through the afternoon, we experienced the warmest weather of the event. At eight in the first field past the shoot, Riley was standing near a tree island in the middle of the field and Wheels was found in the far corner standing. Ray searched for Riley's bird while John flushed

Wheels bird with all in order. Riley was taken on when Wheels bird landed just beyond where he was standing. Wheels scored a second stylish find at 14. Both dogs were out of pocket for a few minutes but came forward and Wheels stopped again at 30 where no bird was produced. Riley ran with abandon every time he was in the area but wasn't always on the same page with Ray. He suffered a non-productive at 40 and was leashed by his handler. Wheels got a good dunking in the creek and finished the hour strong with two more classy finds.

BRACE 10: CISCO'S ROCKY -BILL GORMAN/JALO'S ODOT-JIM HOUSE. It was quite warm again as the afternoon session began at 1:30 on Monday but it didn't slow down Rocky and Mr. O as they took off from the bottom of the hill. Mr. O had his first find at the top of the hill and Rocky hit at nine along the hedgerow. Bill had difficulty locating the bird and relocated Rocky only to have the bird release behind him and the dog, with neither of them realizing it, and no credit given for a find. Rocky ran hard the entire time he was on the ground but pushed up a bird just beyond Hires field and was leashed. At 15 Mr. O came forward and executed an intense stylish point well ahead of his handler and held firm until Jim arrived and flushed his bird. At 31 Mr. O scored a covey with style and intensity but was tempted when they lifted over his head. He struggled a bit in the heat but, with diligent use of water by Jim, Mr. O fought through and finished very well.

BRACE 11: PAND J'S RIM ROCK-JIM HAMMETT/BEAVER'S STRAIGHT ARROW-RICHARD BEAVER. The heat was still on as this pair began at 2:45 but both took off working the course with diligence with Rim in the lead. He found birds at 10 and 12, which he pointed beautifully. At 25, both dogs were in the area when a bird lifted. Rim stopped and Arrow backed him but Rim couldn't resist the temptation and left moving toward the bird while Arrow stayed solid. Arrow continued on his own, staying constantly forward, and was finally rewarded for his efforts at 57 at the edge of the swamp heading back toward the creek. He pointed stylishly and



handled this bird and another at 58 with perfect manners. Arrow was on point again as time was called but a very ill Richard hit the ground and called it a day.

BRACE 12: SUEMAC'S SKY KING-ROGER MCPHERSON/ST. CLAIR'S PRINCE ROCCO VULCANO LEO-JON ST. CLAIR. The last hour of running on Monday began at 4:00 and the heat of the day gave way to cooler temps and a light breeze setting the stage for a performance to remember. Sky set the pace flowing forward and making a big cast along the right edge after we crossed the road. We next saw him standing tall and executing a beautiful limb find at 14. He then shot forward to another find at 20. While Sky was busy working birds, Rocco took the lead and was standing ahead at 24 in the trees and Sky went to the front and backed while Roger was still half a field away. After Jon flushed for Rocco with all in order both dogs were released and Sky went through the shoot and, sadly, only judge Ralph, Roger and his scout would see the remainder of his run. Rocco hit point along the brush edge just before the shoot and, though he was relocated a couple times, no bird was produced during a lengthy attempt. Rocco finished the hour, having another solid find at 53, at a moderate pace working the course thoroughly. (Many thanks to Steve Ralph for filling in the BIG hole I had in Sky's performance!) After the shoot, they lost sight of Sky as Roger climbed Cardiac Hill. They spotted him across the big field where he stood frozen on a very stylish point as Roger walked to him and flushed cleanly. He disappeared forward and was found standing again scoring another bird. Sky finished disappearing forward again with speed and demonstrating great endurance.

POSTED MONDAY-Hit's Showtime, Bree's Annie of Coos, Spring Hill's Hot Wheels, Jalo's Odot, Beaver's Straight Arrow, Suemac's Sky King.



It was rainy and about 60 degrees on Tuesday when we got to the bottom of the hill for the morning breakaway. Due to the rain and

the dwindling crowds as the event was coming to a close, the gallery was small including mostly those that had dogs running or were scouting. Those on the dog wagon being driven by Chuck Langstaff (which was surprisingly full) included Diana Kubitz, Theda Langstaff, Ray Gorman, Leonard Sinclair, and Debbie Blondin.

BRACE 13: TALON'S HOPE OF A BLUECOLLAR GUNRUNNER-MARTIN MARESH/HIGH HOPES BIG GAMBLE-DAN RIEDL. The wet conditions didn't dampen either dog's spirits as they were off quickly and to the front with Riley in the lead. Riley hit point on the top at nine where he had a hard mark, which took him out of contention. At 12, Hope was seen ahead under a bird and was up.

BRACE 14: EMMA TAYSHON-JIM CARTER/SHADOWS IN A TWIST-JAMES AUSTIN. Emma and Tripp took off and were quickly to the tree island just beyond Hires field where they both put on the brakes! As the handlers were hurrying to them, Tripp moved and ran around as Emma stood but soon the temptation was too much and both were moving with birds in the air.

BRACE 15: JALO'S SPEC TACULAR-JIM HOUSE/HI POINT'S SUMMER TIME-AL CROPEK. We all held our breath as the third brace was released and sadly, Speck went down quickly as well, bringing back a live bird at one. At 2, Summer was standing and we held our breath again but, after a lengthy flushing attempt, no bird was produced. After Summer's solid find at 17 all started to breath normally (with the possible exception of Al) as we watched her put down a quality performance. She was out of sight for a few minutes on the top but came forward and made a wide cast down the hill to her next find at 30. From this point on her pattern was mature, fast and very forward and she carded two more intense finds at 50 and 58 and was standing again when time was called.

BRACE 16: PETER GUNN-JIM CARTER/THE HOLIDAY KID-FRAN GORMAN. Pete may have been one of the more senior dogs running in the championship but you never would have guessed his age as you watched him zip around the course hugging the edges, finishing casts and making moves that had everyone sitting up in their saddles. He hit point on the tree island before the cut at 14 and Kid came in and executed a textbook honor. No bird was produced and both dogs went ahead. Pete swept the bottom edge heading toward the quarry and then crossed in front and hit point on the tree line above. A bird lifted as Jim walked to his dog and Pete took steps and was up to everyone's dismay. Kid finished the hour, at a moderate range, scoring her only find at 50 where a bird was produced, after she was





relocated a couple times.

Not long after all returned to the parking lot the results were in and we gathered at the clubhouse for the presentation of the new champion. An emotional Roger McPherson was uncharacteristically without words as he was presented with the blue ribbon as, always bubbly, Susie beamed and Ray Gorman quietly showed his appreciation. It

was a pleasure to see people that are such dedicated supporters of the walking National Amateur Gun Dog Championship have the ultimate success in the sport that they love! And so, Sky is added to the list of ABC National Amateur Gun Dog Champions that includes Star, Dub, Zoey, Nitro, Pete, Karo, Buddy Maisy and Wheels with another memorable performance.

As I looked for inspiration for this year's write-up I came across something I wrote to open the description of the 2007 NGDC. This provided, for me, a wonderful reminder of my now retired horse Sparky and of treasured championships in the past.

"On a crisp October morning, I'm mounted on my Paso

Fino, Sparky, riding across course 1 toward Jack Hire's. The sun, rising ahead above trees, breaking up the light early morning haze, highlights two dogs cruising the fields. I hold Sparky back as the cool air and



the rumbling of horses behind have him urging me to get to the front. An orange hat is raised and he is rewarded with a quick dash to see one of the dogs locked on point. A shot signals that a bird is set to flight and, as the sun brightens the entire landscape and warms us, the mounted gallery and tractor and wagon fall in behind. Every morning of the open championship was much the same with slight variations in



dogs and locations of bird work but the scene similar and equally spectacular. On those days when it is raining so hard that I can barely see my dog, I'm constantly wiping the mud off my face, I sink in water over my boots flushing, never producing a bird, and I wonder why I chase around after spotted dogs "gun dog nationals" in Ionia, Michigan comes to mind and I no longer have any doubt."

I thank all those that participated in the 2014 "gun dog nationals" and wish you all good weather and cooperative birds as you compete in field trials this year. Hope to see you all, as well as some new faces, in October 2015!!



**2014 ABC National Amateur
Gun Dog Championship
Grand Amateur Limited Gun Dog 1hr(32S)
J: Steve Ralph & Diane Vater**

- 1 - FC/AFC SUEMAC'S SKY KING (D), by FC/AFC Coos Ryley x Suemac's Blazen Bibi; o Roger McPherson & Ray Gorman, h Roger McPherson
- 2 - FC/AFC HIT'S SHOWTIME (D), by NGDC/FC/AFC Bucks Hit the Road Jack x Marjo's Highest Bella; o John & Joanne Perry, h John A. Perry
- 3 - DC/AFC BEAVER'S STRAIGHT ARROW (D), by Hula's Bullet Prof Rustler x Rod Richardson; o/h Richard A. Beaver
- 4 - HI POINT'S SUMMER TIME (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Gambler's Ace in the Hole x NAGDC/FC/AFC High Hope's Fly by Nite; o Ron & Cathy Gulembo, h Al Cropek



2014 ABC BOD MEETING MINUTES

Fort Smith, Arkansas at the Show Site

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by the President Robert Rankin. The Executive Secretary, Mary Jo Trimble, called the roll.

Directors present were: L. Pollock, D. Dow, K. Hanson, D. Riedl, K. Patterson, B. Hendrickson, T. Jagielski, J. Brigham, S. Ralph, M. Karbiner, T. Milam, A. Christensen, R. Wire, J. Henderson, J. Gower. All Directors were present. New Board Members Christensen, Hendrickson, and Gower were seated.

Motion # 1, 2013 Minutes: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to approve the 2013 minutes.** 15 Yes, 0 No: Motion Passed.

President Rankin began with his Action Items. The first action item concerned a proposal from the Texas Coastal Club to remove all references in the Policy Book regarding event starter fees that did not require ABC approval to AKC.

Motion # 2, Event Fees: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to strike obedience, rally, and agility from the starter/recording fee structure in the policy book. If clubs holding obedience, rally and agility events want results published in the ABC magazine, they will pay the advertising display rate as published on the masthead page of the magazine.** 14 Yes, 1 No (Milam) Motion Passed. (Other starter/recording fees for field trials and shows will remain at \$2 per starter. Hunt tests remain as currently stated at \$2 per starter only if they want results published in the magazine.)

2nd Vice President Bryce Novotny addressed the BOD with his report and three (3) action items. He outlined the work of the ad hoc membership committee since its formation last year.

Motion # 3, Membership Promotion: Motion by Henderson, seconded by Dow. **I move to add the current ad hoc Membership Promotion Committee to fall under the duties and responsibilities of the 2nd Vice President.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 4, Membership Data Base Software: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Karbiner. **I move to allow Linda Langford, on a volunteer basis, to work in cooperation with the 2nd Vice President to develop a new membership data base software for the ABC.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed. Bryce indicated he would also include input from anyone who needs to work with the membership list.

Motion # 5, NBRAN (National Brittany Rescue): Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to recognize the NBRAN Rescue organization on the website and in the policy book.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion passed.

Terry Hilliard, 3rd Vice President addressed the Board. She indicated she had been contacted by several people and received comments on recent surveys about moving the National Specialty Show before the National Amateur All Age Championship instead of between the Amateur and Open Championships. The Fairgrounds has indicated the grounds would be available that weekend.

Motion # 6, Date of National Specialty Show: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Milam. **I move to allow the 3rd Vice President, Terry Hilliard, to move the National Specialty Show events to be held the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday prior to the running of the National Amateur Championship with the Board of Directors' meeting to be held on Sunday of that weekend at a location to be determined.**

13 Yes, 2 No (Jagielski & Brigham), Motion Passed. (The National Specialty will be held on Friday and Saturday with Rally to be held on Sunday.)

Motion # 7, Nat. Specialty items: Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Milam. **I move that the first six (6) items of the 3rd Vice President's report on page 15 of the agenda book be adopted.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed. Those items are as follows:
Page 38- typo in 2-D- should read: NSS will announce their judging assignment in the magazine and on (not one) the web site.

Page 39- J. the superintendent does not supply catalogs. We use the Yearbook. Take out catalogs.

Page 40- #7- If possible, the NSS is given its own day. The NSS/Obedience and Rally is now 3 days (and we would like more).

Page 40 the last paragraph, should read at the discretion of the show chairman, the NSS Qualifier class can be added and then continue on with the qualifications.

Page 41- #19 is redundant. that was already discussed on page 38, #5.

Page 41- #21 should also include Rally

The Board did discuss whether or not to leave Agility on Page 42 - #27. It was suggested that since we do not currently have Agility at the National Specialty Show that it be removed. However, the Non Field Performance Committee in their report indicated that they would like to see an Agility event added to the National Specialty. Rather than remove and have to add back later on, this proposal was not adopted.

The next topic of discussion was the Secretary/Executive Secretary's action items.

Motion # 8, ABC Business/Facebook: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Jagielski, **I move that ABC business and/or motions may be announced on Facebook with a link to the ABC Website, but no discussion is to be allowed on these items on the ABC Facebook page.** 15 Yes, 0 no, Motion Passed.

Motion # 9, Garmin Collar orders: Motion by Milam, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to adopt #2 and #5 items on page 17 of the agenda book regarding the Secretary's report.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed. Those items are as follows:

Item #2: Policy Book page 35, #28 and #5 page 75. Delete these sections and any other place they may appear as Garmin has requested that all request for Collars come through the Executive Secretary to avoid multiple requests. Add to duties of the Executive Secretary in the policy book. (Also see Trophy Chair Section page 75 of Policy Book)

Item # 5: Change and add to page 55 of policy book, Championship Pins section; Deep Blue, Field Championship (CHAMPION); Light Blue Amateur Field Championship (CHAMPION), Red , Show Championship (CHAMPION); Yellow, Dual Championship (CHAMPION); Dark Green; Obedience (CHAMPION); Light Green, Obedience (CD) & (CDX), (UD), Rally Advance Excellence (RAE), Beige, Master Agility Champion (MACH); Beige, Preferred Agility Champion (PACH); Purple, Grand Field Champion (GFC); Purple, Grand Champion (show) (GCH) ; Orange, Master Hunter (MH)

The Board reviewed the Treasurer Gerilyn Sennott's report and action items.

Motion # 10, ABC Donation Policy: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Riedl. I move to adopt Treasurer Sennott's proposal on page 18 of the agenda book. 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

This proposal is as follows: Page 51 of the policy book – Line items # 22 and # 23 should be deleted. Page 52 of the policy book – Line item # 24 should be deleted. New Proposal: The American Brittany Club, Inc. shall donate to the following organizations based on the finances of the Club on a yearly basis: Bird Dog Foundation Brittany Endowment, Sportsmen's Alliance, National Animal Interest Alliance, National Animal Interest Alliance Trust. These donations should be reviewed each year by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at the November meeting.

The Treasurer asked Finance Committee Chair Judy Graves to point out to the Board that we currently have **seventy-five outstanding membership refund checks from numerous clubs.** Checks range in amount from \$2 to \$140 with an average of \$40. A list of those clubs was read to the Board and Judy asked them to contact clubs in their region. Judy was asked to provide an email list to the BOD so this could be accomplished. If not cashed soon, those checks will be declared null and void by the Treasurer.

The AKC Delegate Judy Tighe asked in her report for donations for the AKC Disaster Relief Fund and the AKC Legislative Fund. This was tabled until the budget discussion.

(No funds were allotted during the budget discussion.)

4th Vice President John Perry distributed his report to the Board concerning the Gun Dog Nationals. The Gun Dog Banner brought in over \$3,100 for trophy donations this year. In 2013 it was \$200. This was a huge success for the Gun Dog Nationals. He said the Nationals needed better communication as to who has the equipment such as bird bags, coffee thermos, etc. to be passed on to the next committee. He presented three action items.

Motion # 11, Woman Handler Award: Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Henderson. **I move to discontinue the Woman Handler's Award at the National All Age and National Gun Dog due to a change in the times. The trophies should be retired to the Brittany Wing of the Bird Dog Foundation with a history of the award to be included.** 14 Yes, 1 No (Dow), Motion Passed.

Motion #12, Best Dog Awards: Motion by Milam, Seconded by Patterson. **I move to discontinue the female dog of the year award in both the All Age and Gun Dog Nationals.** 2 Yes (Patterson & Milam), 12 NO, **Motion Failed.**

No motion was necessary for the Field Trial Committee to change the award for the Runner-Up. VP Perry also presented an item that necessitated Executive Session.

Executive Session lasted from 10:00 A.M. until 10:20 A.M. No action taken following the Executive Session.

Motion # 13, Judges' Education Policy: Diana Kubitz, Judges' Ed Committee Chair, submitted an updated version of their policy to be changed/included in the Policy Book. Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Wire. **I move to adopt the Judges' Education Policy on page 32 of the Agenda Book with items # 6 and the commentary in # 13 deleted.** 15 Yes, 0 No. Motion passed.

Policy is as follows with original # 6 & #13 deleted and renumbered with changes shown in italics:

1. *The Judge's Education Coordinator (JEC) is the chairman of this committee and maintains and updates the judges' printed handout materials and the computer presentation used in the seminars.*
2. The JEC maintains materials to be disseminated to judges and makes sure this information is available on the ABC website.
3. *The JEC makes available all information needed to hold seminars to people who will be presenting the judge's education program. (A side note: Brochures are no longer sent.)*
4. All judges education seminars are to be channeled through the JEC. The ABC computer presentation and printed handout materials are to be used as educational materials at all seminars.
5. The Judges' education budget is as approved by the Board of Directors. See Appendix 1 (2013)
6. *The Judges' Education Committee shall determine the materials to be used in the presentations. The presentations will be updated as new materials and photos are obtained.*
7. *The JEC will maintain a record of individuals having taken judge's education and make that list available to clubs, the Summer Specialty and National Specialty Chairs.*
8. *ABC Mentors shall be approved by the following method:*
Note: The ABC Mentor requirements are meant to be a guide in selecting members.
The following is the criteria for being an ABC mentor.
 1. A full member in good standing of the American Brittany Club For the past 12 years.
 2. A full member of a regional Brittany Club for the past 12 years.
 3. Having bred, whelped and raised Brittany litters would be considered helpful.
 4. Having attended the ABC National Events that include both conformation and performance field trials.
 5. The applicant, to be effective, should:
 - a. Be well versed in the history of the Brittany.
 - b. Understand the Brittany Performance Standard.
 - c. Have Experience with the process of judging in conformation and performance.
 - d. Be willing to have prospective judges come to their home or kennel to observe and discuss Brittany's
 - e. Attend any classes or meeting for mentors when possible.
 - f. Realize that their conduct reflects on the ABC at all times.
 - g. Should be unbiased.
 - h. Adhere to Brittany standard and its quest to keep the breed "forever dual" in keeping with the ABC Mission Statement.
9. Effective 2009, the Board of Directors voted to give the Judges' Education Committee the ability to determine if a candidate for an ABC Mentor/Presenter meets the qualifications as outlined in the ABC Policy Book. The *JEC* will take a written vote by email, U.S. mail, or fax approving or disapproving of candidates with a majority vote of committee members. If a committee member casts a NO vote, they shall indicate on the ballot which of the ABC Mentor's Criteria (i.e. item #6, number and/or letter) listed on the American Brittany Judges' Education section of the Policy Book that the candidate failed to meet. While individual ballots will remain confidential as though the committee is meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel, ballots will be sent to the ABC President, an ex-officio member of all committees, for verification of the vote, yes or no. If a candidate is rejected by a majority vote of the Judges' Education committee, the candidate shall be notified by the *JEC* and advised of the reason(s) for the negative vote. (2009) In 2010 the board of Directors voted to allow the committee to add categories that a rejection might fall into: (1) insufficient information and (2) Does not meet qualifications at this time. The Board also voted to revise the application to add information about field trials, hunt tests and attitudes regarding the Dual Dog. (2010)
10. ABC has asked AKC to require judges to take judges' education in Brittanys every five years.
11. ABC recommends that regional clubs hire judges *who meet* the five year criteria whenever possible.

Director Milam represents the ABC on the **Blue Mt. Field Trial Association**. He reported on proposed changes at both Conway and Blue Mountain field trial grounds regarding dog wagon & driver, burning rather than mowing, fees to be charged by the day and by the dogs run, pre-release bird cost and pay for someone to feed the birds.

Discussions are currently taking place between the Association and Fish and Game.

At this point, no vote has been taken by the Fish and Game BOD. That vote may take place this summer to be effective during the 2015-2016 field trial season.

Jim Brigham, Chairman of the **Brittany Foundation BOD**, gave an update on the progress of the Foundation during the last year. He thanked Bob Rankin and Ed and Judy Graves for their generous donations to help get their funding started. The Foundation will have a presence (page) on the ABC website. Insurance has been piggy-backed on the ABC Liability Policy. Brigham announced that Karen Hanson's one year term had expired. He asked for a BOD vote to fill the new five year term.

Motion # 14, Foundation 5 yr term: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Hendrickson.

I move to appoint Karen Hanson to the five (5) year term on the Foundation BOD. 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 15, Auction/Raffle Report: Karbiner reported on Auction/Raffle financials that had been submitted to her up to this date. Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to change the name of the Auction Raffle Committee to National Fundraising Committee.** 15 Yes, 0 no, Motion Passed.

Facebook Committee Chair, Robin Tomasi requested the BOD to allow her committee to create a U-Tube Channel. The committee can restrict the channel to no comments. These can also be put on the ABC Website. Content would be approved by the committee as to what is appropriate material.

Motion # 16, U-Tube Channel: Motion by Christensen, Seconded by Dow. **I move to create a U-Tube Channel with comments disabled. Site to be monitored by the ABC Facebook Committee.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Dow brought up a discussion of an Oversight Committee to work with all media outlets of the ABC. (Magazine, Website, Facebook). She wanted more coordination between the venues. Others agreed that more communication should take place without a formal committee trying to direct all groups. Committee Chairs should drive what needs to be shared with and/or on other venues. Dow also asked who receives the various ABC emails. The Webmaster Ralph explained that the only multi-faceted business address is the one to ABC Membership because several people/committees deal with membership issues.

Bobbie Sigmund, Chair of the Futurity Committee, discussed her Committee's Policy Book revision. She alluded to her discussion with Bernie Matthy's about futurity dogs not being FDSB registered. They are now including FDSB registration forms in the final forfeit mailing as well as the initial papers.

The **Purina and Garmin programs** were discussed and explained how they are handled. The Futurity currently has its own website domain which is not under the auspices of the ABC. The question was asked, "Does ABC need multiple domains for every committee that wants one?" Webmaster and other directors felt we only needed one URL which shows more of what the ABC does. Sigmund felt her domain was easier to use. It was decided that ABC needs to control all domains using the ABC name. The webmaster and Facebook Chair agreed to work together to solve this problem and consider format changes on the Website Futurity Page.

The **Futurity Committee** requested that **Pay Pal** be used to collect Futurity forfeits.

Pros and cons of its use were discussed. The Treasurer has asked that this not be approved. It was suggested that this issue be tabled until the Futurity Chair could discuss the issue with the Treasurer and that the discussion be done as soon as possible. Litter nominations for 2015 start January 1. Steve asked for 90 days. President said 60 days or sooner. Since there was no motion on the table there was no need for a motion to table but discussion should take place.

The discussion then moved on to multiple awards in the case of a tie for the Dual Award. Number of dogs defeated in the show exceeds number of dogs in the field in several instances. No motion concerning this was made but Karbiner withdrew her objections.

Protests at the futurity were discussed. Futurity Committee asked that they handle any protests. Directors felt that the committee on the grounds of the host club should handle protests as that follows ABC protocol as used in our ABC National Events. ABC should develop its own policy similar to AKC's protest policies. Host clubs will be told they will deal with the issue. No motion was made and Henderson said these were discussions on line items and then we vote on the total package after it is revised.

The Futurity Committee asked that the **Dual Dogs pictures appear on the cover** of the magazine as they have been sometimes in the past. Current policy outlines what dogs/events will be used on the cover of the magazine. This was rejected by the BOD last year but could be changed this year. This is the only "national" event where participants must be a member. Some preferred leaving off the older Hall of Fame dogs and using the Dual Futurity winners.

Motion # 17, Dual Futurities on cover of magazine: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Hanson. I move to put the Dual Futurity Award winners on the cover of the magazine. 13 Yes, 1 No (Karbiner), 1 Not Voting (Brigham). Motion passed.

Karbiner asked if we should include purebred in front of the word dogs where applicable. Directors felt this was assumed if the dogs were registered and this was redundant. The BOD moved on.

Page 65 #5, dealing with where **futurity money is deposited.** A lengthy discussion on ABC Banking procedures and accounts was conducted. Currently, all money is deposited as directed by the treasurer. Futurity Committee would like for Futurity Secretaries to handle this bank account. Judy Graves explained that the Commerce account was created so that she could relieve the Treasurer of some of the accounting issues as she is herself an accountant. Last year's motion created the Commerce

Account near the Graves home. Graves who is chairman of the Finance Committee currently explained the reasons why ABC needs multiple accounts. Graves suggested that Sigmund discuss this with the Treasurer when they discussed Pay Pal. No wording change or motion was put forward on this issue.

Page 68, #14. Mary asked why "It is recommended but NOT REQUIRED" "Nothing came of this discussion.

Page 70, #3, strike out the **Pay Pal** tabled for now. Agreed.

Page 74, #21, deals with number of days to send sectional **futurity reports** to Nat Futurity Secretary. 20 days rather than 30 would be better when results are sent to 2nd Futurity Secretary and that they are to be verified that be sent on the regular field trial form to the ABC Secretary as soon as possible. Agreed but no motion.

Reporters should confer with judges if needed should be added. Agreed but no motion.

Page 77, under Dates: Futurities should be held before/after....: change Sectional trial to Regional trial. (incorrect term correction) Sectional Futurities are subject to approval of the Regional Dates Coordinator and then the National Dates Coordinator. No argument on this change but no motion.

Page 79, strike AKC and put ABC approved tracking collars. Can be same as AKC or American Field but make it ABC policy. Agreed but no motion. Futurity is not run under the AKC.

Page 84, paragraph 4, Strike **AKC and put ABC**. No argument. Last line acceptable.

Page 88, **Administration Fee:** additional expenses must be pre-approved by Chair.

Change Futurity Auction to Futurity Fundraiser: agreed but no motion.

Page 87: **Purse changes** are already made according to R. Tomasi, member of the Futurity Committee, but was not in agenda report book. Ratio, 2nd paragraph under proposed. Leave show out on purse ratio for all age & gun dog. Cross out if applicable on Dual Dog. Add line regarding show purse minus 5%. 10 % for ABC then take out 5 % for dual dog. If no dual dog, then ABC retains that. Agreed but no motion.

Page 89: Milam would like to see finding birds should be a primary objective. 4 lines up from bottom paragraph. Current wording acceptable.

Page 47 dealing with **nomination allowed 60 days after whelp**. Straw Vote left at 60 days. No problem with increasing fees. Bullet point entry fees discussed. Litter fee \$40, Show final \$30, Field entry goes to \$60. Litter nomination starts Jan 1 everything else 2016.

Motion # 18: Futurity Proposals: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Wire. **I move to accept the Futurity proposal with modifications.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Bobbie then asked that the Futurity form be a full page alternating with the half page each month. Rankin suggested a full page every other month with no half page which would keep the magazine costs the same.

Motion # 19, Futurity Ad: Motion by Dow, Seconded by Pollock. **I move that the litter nomination form be a full page run every other month in the magazine.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 20, Classics Committee, Ray Trimble, Chair: The policy book needs to be corrected by not calling all the Classics Grand Championship Stakes. They are American Field Championships and AKC Classics that carry Grand Champion points. Motion by Karbinger, Seconded by Jagielski. **I move that the verbiage on page 89 – 92 of the policy book should have Grand removed where appropriate and add Chair's Statement in Agenda Book.** 15 yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Statement on Classics and rationale follow: **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. After the BOD Meeting in December, the following motion was passed: I move that the ABC (Chukar, Grouse/Woodcock, Gun Dog, Pheasant, Prairie Chicken, Quail) Classics and the ABC National (All Age & Gun Dog) Championships be designated as AKC Grand Champion Limited stakes.**

While this motion is correct, the Grand designation has nothing to do with American Field sponsored championships. This is an AKC designation referring to points given to the above mentioned events that are also ABC Classics. The policy book currently refers in every mention of the "Original" Classics as GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS which is incorrect. **These references need to be removed and a statement added that all of these stakes will be AKC Open Limited stakes offering Grand Championship points. The title of this section of the policy book should be ABC ORIGINAL GAME BIRD/GUN DOG CLASSIC/CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Brigham discussed the progress on the Ethics Committee's upcoming proposal. Some work is yet to be done and proposal will likely come out during the time parameters for mailing out election ballots in order to include them as it will entail a by-law change.

Motion #21, Code of Ethics Name: Motion by Brigham, Seconded by Hendrickson. **I move to change the title of the Code of Ethics section of the Policy Book to Breeders' Code of Ethics.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Judy Graves presented the report of the Finance Committee and discussed her committee's action items regarding the financial outlook for the future and what needed to be done to keep the ABC in good financial status. Background on these motions can be read in a previous issue of the American Brittany Magazine in the Agenda Book Action Items. While no formal motion was put forth, the BOD accepted the report of the finance Committee and moved on to specific action items the committee had to be presented.

Motion # 22, Appointments to the Finance Committee: Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Ralph. **I move that Joe Gower and Kent Patterson be appointed to the Finance Committee to replace Dan Riedl whose term is expiring and John Henderson who asked to be replaced.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 23, Recording Fees, Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. I move that Action Item #1, page 44 of the Finance Committee Agenda Report be adopted. That Action Item reads as follows: **Effective immediately all recording fees collected shall remain in the general operating fund. This shall be retroactive to January 1, 2014.** 14 Yes, 1 No (Hanson), Motion Passed. (Background: Currently in the Magazine Policy Section, page 60 describes the recording fee policy. The entire four paragraphs should be moved to be added to the Recording Fee Section on page 20 with the last paragraph being deleted.)

Motion # 24, Future Grounds Fund. Motion by Milam, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to adopt Action Item # 2, page 44 of the Finance Committee's report in the Agenda Book.** 7 Yes (Patterson, Jagielski, Brigham, Ralph, Karbiner, Milam, Gower), 8 No (Pollock, Dow, Hanson, Riedl, Hendrickson, Christensen, Wire, Henderson) **Motion Failed.** Action Item # 2 reads as follows: The \$94,265 balance currently held in the board designated Future Grounds Fund be transferred to the Undesignated Fund Balance (reserve account) (No Policy Book revision is necessary for this motion.)

After the motion failed, Judy Graves was asked to rename the Future Grounds Fund to more accurately reflect the special purpose of those monies. Agreed.

The Finance Committee's Action Item # 4 dealing with Regional Club's current share of dues had a great deal of discussion with little BOD support. The Chair withdrew that Action Item from consideration.

Motion # 25, Dues Amount (action item #3): Motion by Hanson, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to increase dues January 1, 2016 to fifty (\$50).** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 26, Associate Dues: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Gower. **I move to raise the associate dues to \$5 with \$3 going to the ABC and Regional Clubs getting \$2.** (effective January 1, 2016). 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

The Board was given a revised Budget for 2015. They went over the line items and changed some of the entries as will appear in the BOD revised budget. Donations to outside organizations were reduced. These will be announced when the 2015 Budget is published. Removing color coverage of the national events would cut magazine costs over \$7,000.

Motion # 27, 2015 Budget. Motion by Milam, Seconded by Patterson. **I move to adopt the 2015 ABC Budget as amended.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion passed. At this point in the meeting, various misc. topics printed as action items in the Agenda Book were discussed and motions followed.

Motion # 28, Membership Lists: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Pollock. **I move to change the policy book to allow every director to receive full membership lists.** 9 Yes, (Pollock, Dow, Hanson, Riedl, Hendrickson, Christensen, Wire, Henderson, Gower, 6 No (Patterson, Jagielski, Brigham, Ralph, Karbiner, Milam) Motion Passed.

Motion # 29, National Patches: Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Pollock. **I move to adopt Steve Ralph's proposal #1 on page 102. (Page 69 of the Policy Book, Remove the following statement from #6 as we no longer order or sell a yearly national patch, "Order patches, approximately 100 National Patches per year. (Order them early in event of error). (i.e. 2004/2006)** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 30, Reporter Expenses: Motion by Karbiner, Seconded by Milam. **I move that National Reporters shall be paid the field report fee (see appendix) once their report is received for publication. Reporters may also request to be paid travel expenses to and from the trial and/or paid for their horse usage on the days they ride as the official reporter. Total paid to reporter is not to exceed \$1,000.** (Suggested amounts: \$250 on completion of report, \$400 for travel which could be discounted if reporter has dogs entered in field or show, \$250 (Based on five (5) days running) Horse usage on days that they officially report. Not to exceed a total of \$50 per day or \$25 half day for horse. Total paid to reporter is not to exceed \$1, 000.) Karbiner will make a form for policy book.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss election of Officers and People and Dog Hall of Fame. Results were announced as follows: **People Hall of Fame: Ron Harling. Dog Hall of Fame: DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief and NFC R-U/NAFC/DC/AFC Shady's Tia Maria. Officers Elected: 1st VP: Tom Milam, Sec. Mary Jo Trimble, 3rd VP Terry Hilliard. 4th VP. John Perry.**

Motion # 32, Remote Access at BOD Meetings: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Christensen. **I move that digital or telephonic remote access can be made available to officers and committee chairs in case they are unable to attend. This is extended to directors in extenuating circumstances.** 13 Yes, 2 No (Karbiner, Milam), Motion Passed.

Bob Fleury, Magazine Committee Chair, presented his report in booklet form to the BOD outlining what duties our publisher Webster County Printing does for us in addition to actually printing the magazine. He also reviewed possible costs if we were to add an online version of the magazine.

Motion # 33, Webmaster Duties: Motion by Riedl, Seconded by Jagielski. **I move to accept items 5-6-7 on page 112. 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion passed. Items are as follows:**

#5: The ABC Webmaster shall be responsible for all ABC Domains and Email (Forwarding) accounts. The yearly Domain registration and other website expenses must be submitted to the treasurer for approval and reimbursement.

#6: The ABC Webmaster shall be responsible for the ABC Pay Pal and Email (PayPal Filters)

#7: The ABC Webmaster shall work with the ABC Secretary regarding new website content before posting.

Motion # 34, Email Votes: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to approve Board of Director email votes taken since the last Annual BOD meeting.** 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.

Motion # 35, Versatile Dog Program: Motion by Hanson, Seconded by Christensen. **I move to adopt the proposed Versatile Dog Program outlined on page 140 and 141 of the Agenda Book and create a position of Versatile Dog Coordinator.** 14 Yes, 1 No, (Karbiner), Motion Passed. Hanson said this proposal did not incur financial obligation for ABC as the only expense would be printing the certificates which she would do. Proposal is as follows:

VERSATILE DOG AWARDS

- Awards will begin in 2015 and dogs that have previously qualified will be eligible for the VD and VDE titles if both they and their owners meet the qualifications.
- The Versatile Dog committee will consist of a Chair and committee members with expertise in each of the categories (field, show, & performance.)
- All owners of a dog must be current members (full or associates) of the American Brittany Club by March 1st of the current calendar year for the dog to be eligible for Versatile Dog and Versatile Dog Excellent Title Awards for that year. (Please note: the associate membership is only available to individuals who reside in the same household as a current full member. Also, Associate Memberships do not include voting privileges in club matters.)
- Versatile Dog Committee will provide form to be filled out for awards that require owners to submit information. Owners are responsible for tracking their dog's qualification for titles and to submit the completed application for title to the coordinator.
- The Versatile Dog program will be evaluated in 2016 for changes to the program starting the 2017.
- The Versatile Dog award presentation will be held with an ABC event (ABC Summer Specialty, Gun Dog Nationals, National Specialty, or All-Age Nationals) Individuals unable to attend will be mailed their certificates. All owners will receive a certificate.
- The Versatile Dog Coordinator shall keep a listing of all Versatile Dog Title recipients and the list shall be published on the American Brittany Club website.
- Dogs who have been awarded a Versatile Dog (VD) or Versatile Dog Excellent title may include this information as a suffix to their dogs registered name. This title is an American Brittany Club title and not an American Kennel Club title.
- Costs associated with this award will be minimal for printing and mailing of title certificates.

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VERSATILED OG (VD) VERSATILE DOG EXCELLENT (VDX) APPLICATION

Dog's Registered Name:

Dog's Registration Number:

Sire:

Dam:

Date of Birth:

Breeder:

Owner(s) and Owner's Club Affiliation:

Please indicate the highest point value in each category. There is no combination of points within a category. The dog must earn at least one point per category, and must have at least one category score a 4 point value or higher. Versatility Award certificate is earned with a point total of 7 points, and a Versatility Award Excellent is earned with a point total of 10 points or higher. Documentation of points must accompany this form (i.e. Where points were awarded, copy of title certificate, etc...)

FIELD AREA

POINT VALUE

- 6 NATIONAL FC/AFC, CLASSICS WINNER
- 5 FIELD CHAMPION OR AMATEUR FIELD CHAMPION, NAVDA Versatility Champion, NSTRA Field Champion
- 4 MAJOR FIELD WIN, MASTER HUNTER, First place Futurity Field winner, NAVHDA Utility Test
- 3 Futurity Money winner
- 2 FIELD POINT(S), SENIOR HUNTER, NAVHDA Utility Preparatory Test
- 1 FIELD TRIAL PLACEMENT, JUNIOR HUNTER, NAVHDA Natural Ability Test

TOTAL FIELD AREA POINTS _____

CONFORMATION AREA

POINT VALUE

- 6 NATIONAL BOB OR BOS, OR BEST IN SHOW
- 5 SHOW CHAMPION/Futurity BIF or BOS
- 3 MAJOR SHOW POINTED/Futurity money winner
- 1 5 SHOW POINTS

TOTAL CONFORMATION AREA POINTS _____

PERFORMANCE AREA

POINT VALUE

- 6 NHIT and NHC
- 5 OTCH, MACH, CT, PACH
- 4 UDX, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, VST, PAX, MXF
- 3 UD, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, XF, T2B
- 2 CDX, OA, OAJ, RAE, TDX, OJP, RDX, OAP, OF
- 1 CD, RA, NA, NAJ, RN, NAP, NJP, TD, NF
- 1 Miscellaneous performance event titles are either AKC titled or AKC recognizes other registry titles, such as Barn Hunts, Fly Ball, Lure Coursing, Herding Instinct, etc...

TOTAL PERFORMANCE AREA POINTS _____

TOTAL POINTS _____

Motion # 36, Dog of the Year Awards, Robin Tomasi: Motion by Hendrickson, Seconded by Ralph. **I move to accept the Dog of the Year as written but striking the sections for All Age, Amateur All Age, Gun Dog, Amateur Gun Dog sections. Change Puppy and Derby to Juvenile Dog of the Year. Strike the funding sections.** 12 Yes, 3 No (Pollock, Karbiner, Dow) Motion Passed. Since the BOD did not approve any funding for this program, Karen Hanson volunteered to donate \$1,000 for the first year, and Robin Tomasi agreed to seek outside funding for future years. Field Dog of the Year categories were considered already being awarded with the Purina All Age Dog of the Year and Masked Magnum Award and The Garmin Gun Dog Award. Proposal as modified is as follows:

American Brittany Club National Dog of the Year Awards

- Awards will run from January 1st to December 31st, and start in 2015.
- The National DOY committee will consist of a Chair and a committee members with expertise in each of the DOY categories (field, show, obedience, agility, juniors, NSTRA, and NAVDHA)
- **All owners of a dog must be current members (full or associates) of the American Brittany Club by March 1st of the current calendar year for the dog to be eligible for the National Dog of the Year Awards. (Please note: the associate membership is only available to individuals who reside in the same household as a current full member. Also, Associate Memberships do not include voting privileges in club matters.)**
- If an individual obtains ownership of an eligible dog during the calendar year they have 30 days to join the American Brittany Club, and the previous owner(s) must have met the membership requirements for the dog to be eligible for the DOY award.
- If an owner's membership lapses during the year, they have a 30 day grace period to bring their membership current or their dog will be dropped from the eligibility list. Example: If an individual's membership expires on June 1st, they have until July 1st to renew.
- If there are no eligible dogs in a category, no award will be given for that year.
- DOY Committee will provide form to be filled out for awards that require owners to submit information.
- The Dog of the Year program will be evaluated in 2016 for changes to the program starting the 2017.
- DOY award presentation will be held with an ABC event (ABC Summer Specialty, Gun Dog Nationals, National Specialty, or All-Age Nationals) Individuals unable to attend will be mailed their certificates and any trophies. All owners will receive a certificate, but only 1 trophy will be provided per dog. Co-owners of dogs can purchase duplicates of trophies for the price of the trophy, and trophies will need to be ordered ahead of time with DOY Awards Committee.

Field Dog of the Year Awards: *Field DOY awards will be awarded in the following categories based on the following rules:*

Juvenile Dog of the Year - based on dogs defeated in Puppy & Derby stakes at any AKC Field Trial. Dogs defeated points from AKC trials hosted by clubs other than regional Brittany Clubs must be sent into the DOY committee with an attached copy of AKC win record report. In the case of a tie, the dog with the most 1st place wins will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented.

Hunt Test Dog of the Year

- Junior Hunter (10 points for each qualifying score)
- Senior Hunter (20 points for each qualifying score)
- Master Hunter (35 points for each qualifying score)

In the case of a tie, a dog with the most points in the highest Hunt Test level will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented. Owner must submit form (provided by DOY Committee) with AKC awards record attached highlighting hunt test legs submitted for DOY award.

NSTRA Dog of the Year: Top Brittany in NSTRA Top Performance rankings

NAVDHA Dog of the Year

- Natural Ability Test
 - Prize III - 5 Points
 - Prize II - 10 Points
 - Prize I - 30 Points
- Utility Preparatory Test
 - Prize III - 35 Points
 - Prize II - 40 Points
 - Prize I - 60 Points
- Utility Test
 - Prize III - 65 Points
 - Prize II - 70 Points
 - Prize I - 80 Points
- Invitational Test
 - Versatile Champion - 100 Points

In the case of a tie, a dog with the most points in the highest NAVDHA prize level will be awarded DOY. If a tie still exists then multiple awards will be presented. Owner must submit form (provided by DOY committee) with record of NAVDHA Prize certificates which will be verified against NAVDHA report.

Conformation Dog Awards: *Conformation DOY awards will be awarded for participation in AKC events based on the following rules:*

Show Dog of the Year: based on AKC Top Dogs By Breed report based on breed competition. In the case of a tie, a dog with the most Best in Specialty wins at ABC Regional Club Specialties will be awarded DOY.

Owner Handler Series Dog of the Year: based on AKC owner handler series rankings. In the case of a tie, the dogs with the most Owner Handler Best of Breed wins will be awarded DOY

Non-Field Performance Dog Awards: *Non-Field Performance DOY awards will be awarded for participation in events where AKC titles are awarded based on the following rules:*

Obedience Dog of the Year: Notes: Average 3 highest qualifying scores in obedience trials. If the class was CDX, add a weight of 3 points to the average score.

If the class was UD, add 4 points to the average score. In the case of a tie, a dog with scores from the UD class will be awarded DOY. If both dogs are from the same class, then multiple awards will be presented. **Owner must submit form (provided by DOY committee) with printouts of AKC win record with the scores submitting, underlined or highlighted, included with the Obedience form.**

MACH Agility Dog of the Year: top MACH dog in AKC MACH agility year end rankings based on Based on Score (2Q's x 10) + Points.

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He opened the gates and let John ride right on in,
A sight for sore eyes, too long it has been!*

*Here in Paradise again, we’re all young - ever to reign.
With no more stiff joints, no aches, and no pain.
Once more ‘All Age Britts’ - Steady to wing and to shot
Then we hunt to the next, just as you have taught.*

*Lowell Starner ‘s been here, he told us, ‘just wait’
A great handler, like you, will soon join our brace.
We’re sure you remembered your whistle and gun
And bet that you’re rested and ready to run!*

*Here, many Pheasant, more Chukar, and quail
Abound on every hill and in each valley dale.
Oh and the weather, clear and always cool,
with scenting so perfect, just right, as a rule.*

*And John, don’t ya worry, no need for a scout.
We remember your whistle, your call and your shout.
And up here in Heaven, us Britts don’t get lost.
Oh, by the way entries are free with no cost!*

*We know that our Sharon must be so sad,
and hope our joy seeing you will help her get glad.
She knows we’ve missed riding into camp in her arms,
and we know we were lucky to share in her charms.*

*So John, better saddle up Flash, your old horse,
He’s looking fit and ready, too well fed of course!
We promise you to run and get right to the front,
Come on John, it’s time... time again to go hunt...”*

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Linvel’s Blazin’ Jake
Clyde’s Micro-Breeze
Linvel’s Ace of Diamonds*

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PACH Agility Dog of the Year: top PACH dog in AKC PACH agility year end rankings Based on Score (2Q's x 10) + Points

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Best Junior Wins

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Motion #37, Designated Specialties: Motion by Patterson, Seconded by Pollock. **I move to accept Pollock's proposal on page 142 of the Agenda Book regarding fees charged for Designated Specialties. Change the word recording to starter. 14 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained (Brigham) Proposal as modified reads as follows: Designated Specialty Shows held by Regional Clubs in conjunction (not concurrent) with All Breed Kennel Club Shows shall be exempt from the starter fee unless they want their results printed in the American Brittany Magazine.**

Motion # 38, Director Vacancies: Motion by Gower, Seconded by Darlene. **I move that in case of a Director vacancy the BOD will go back to the last previous election ballot vote and appoint the 2nd place candidate if they garnered 33% of the votes cast. 15 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed.** (Vote totals will be kept by each year's nominating committee chair.)

Due to the drop in entries in recent years, the BOD looked at how we can work with the qualifications to help increase entries, particularly in the Amateur Stakes.

Motion # 39, Qualifications: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to strike the line from the qualifications in all national stakes that "No dog may run in both the National All Age Championships and the National Gun Dog Championships in the same calendar year."** 10 Yes, 4 No, (Patterson, Dow, Hendrickson, Pollock) 1 abstained (Karbiner).

Motion # 40, Qualifications: Motion by Ralph, Seconded by Brigham. **I move to qualify a dog who has "qualified in any previous year and during the period from the previous years close of entries to the current year closing of entries has a placement in an (name of stakes) 13 or more dog stake in an AKC licensed trial held by a Brittany Club."** 14 Yes, 0 No, 1 abstained (Dow).

Motion # 41, Directors' Ballots: Motion by Henderson, Seconded by Dow. **I move that all ballots for the BOD election shall be consecutively numbered for each region based on eligible voters for that region. President declared motion passed on a voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned. 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary

Field Trials

EAST COAST

MID FLORIDA
JY Wilson Field Trial Grounds
Lake City, FL
November 21-23, 2014

Open Puppy (14S)

J: Kenneth L. Block, Ph.D. & Kary Jorgensen

- 1 - TRINITY'S XQUSITE STYLE (B), ES
- 2 - TRINITY'S XCELLENT ADVENTURE (D), ES
- 3 - PINE STRAW ZORRO (D), ES
- 4 - PRIME TIME FULL THROTTLE (D), by Prime Time TeBow x FC Star's Dixie Pearl; o/h Charles Cantrell, DVM

Open Derby (12S)

J: Don Bonnice & Kary Jorgensen

- 1 - SMOKE HOLLER TRAPPER (D), ES
- 2 - TRINITY'S X-FACTOR OF WINDDANCE (D), ES
- 3 - TRAILSIDES PEPPERED BULLSEYE BENELLI (D), VIZ
- 4 - SIMS RAMBLIN NELL (B), P

Amateur Gun Dog (13S)

J: Don Price & Jay Houghton

- 1-4 - Withheld

Open Gun Dog (22S)

J: John Houghton & Don Bonnice

- 1 - RUNNIN ON FAITH (B), by Mr. Hires x FC Star's Dixie Pearl; o/h Charles Cantrell, DVM
- 2 - ROYALE RUN IRON MAN (D), GSP
- 3 - SPENCER'S RAMBLING ADDITION SH (D), P
- 4 - SOCO'S ABSOLUT ONE JACK BLACK JH(D), VIZ

Amateur Limited Gun Dog (7S)

J: Don Price & John Moses

- 1 - DC/AFC BROADRUNS TORNADO AT WINDDANCE JH(D), VIZ
- 2 - FC/AFC EMMA TAYSHON, by NFC/2XNAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o/h Jim Carter, DVM
- 3 - NAGDC/NGDC/FC/AFC PETER GUNN (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Walkers Gunner x AFC Bullet's Renegade Miss Megan; o/h Jim Carter, DVM
- 4 - FC LINDLEY'S DIXIE CHICK JH(B), P



NAGDC/NGDC/FC/AFC PETER GUNN

Open Limited Gun Dog (16S)

J: Don Price & P Daniel 11

- 1 - VITESSE RCE LOVINGLY REMEMBERED JH(B) VIZ
- 2 - FC/AFC EMMA TAYSHON (B), by NFC/2XNAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o Drew & Jim Carter, DVM, h Jim Carter, DVM
- 3 - FC TRINITY'S HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER (D), ES
- 4 - FC TRINITY'S MILLION DOLLAR BABY (B), ES

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Dillwyn, VA

November 21-23, 2014

Open Puppy(4S)

J: Fred Strawson & Grace Ann Lawson

- 1 - MARJO'S ONE SHOT IN PARADISE (B), by FC/AFC Marjo's Red Rum x Marjo's Fly Honey Bella; o Douglas & Kelley Welsh, h Douglas Welsh
- 2 - SIGBRIT'S SEE NO EVIL (B), by GCH/CH Sigbrit's Rattle My Cage JH x Kinwashkly Ginjac Ft Barbie JH; o/h Bobbie Sigmund,
- 3 - WINDY HILL POKER (D), by DC/AFC Cast-A-Brit Rip II x HQ's Sumbuddy's Legacy; o Delmar McCallister, h Jimmy Johnson
- 4 - WILD MTN SHAKIN NOT STIRRED AT SIGBRITS (D), by DC Wild Mtn's Shake Ya Tailfeather x Windswept's War Bonnet; o Bobbie Sigmund & Helen Riggie, h Bobbie Sigmund

Open Derby (6S)

J: John Perry & Dave Pomfret

- 1 - SIGBRIT'S SWEET RIDE JH (D), by DC/AFC This Gambler's Fly'N x CH Sigbrit's Chocolate Kiss JH; o/h Bobbie L. Sigmund
- 2 - ANCHOR'S UP NEWT (D), by DC Anchor's

Renegade Still n Suspense x Scarlet the Harlot Doogen; o Richard Lipski, h Jimmy Johnson

3-4 -Withheld

Amateur Walking Gun Dog (13S)

J: Grace Ann Lawson &

Bobbie Sigmund

- 1 -CAROLINA DOUBLE DOT (B), by FC/AFC Carolina Ranger x FC Carolina Blue; o/h Fred Strawson
- 2 -FC LEGACY'S PINE BANDIT (D), by Rockhard's Enormous x Legacy's Platinum Plus; o Delmar McCallister, h Jimmy Johnson
- 3 - RJA CAPTAIN'S HEART-O-GOLD SH(D), by DC/AFC RJA's Zac-A-Tac Allmac x RJA's Lil Missouri T-Storm; o/h Douglas Welsh
- 4 - CH HOPE'S DANNY BOY OF TRANQUIL ACERS (D), by NGDC/DC/AFC Hope's Dandi Don x CH Hope's Silver Lining; o Lee & Lillian Holbrook, h Lee Holbrook



RJA CAPTAIN'S HEART-O-GOLD

Open Gun Dog (19S)

J: Lee Holbrooke & John Perry

- 1 - FC/AFC HAP'S SPICE RUM BECKHAM (D), by FC/AFC Hap's Spice Rum Luke x Boone County Whiskey; o Earl Harrison, h Jimmy Johnson
- 2 - FC/AFC HOPES CAROLINA SUNSHINE (D), by FC/AFC Sigbrit-Hope's Qtrback Sneak x CH Hope's Card Trick; o William Applegate, h Marvin Roth
- 3 - FC/AFC COVEYRISE FLYBOY (D), by DC/AFC RJA'S Zac-A-Tac Allmac x Norma Jean; o B. Grady, h Bruce Conover
- 4 - CH/AFC RJA CAPTAIN'S HEART-N-SOUL JH (D), by DC/AFC RJA's Paws-Z-Trac x Spring Hill's High Hopes; o/h Douglas C. Welsh





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FC/AFC COVEYRISE FLYBOY

Open Limited Gun Dog (22S)

J: Al Lucas & Phil Rutter

- 1 - UBETCHA (B), P
- 2 - HIGBY HOLIDAY (B), ES
- 3 - FC MARJO'S LEFTOVER (B), by FC/AFC Marjo's Red Rum x Elyssa's Allie Baba; o Danielle Perry, h John Perry
- 4 - FC ROCKHARDS WALKING ON THE MOON (B), by Cast-a-Brit Noble Jake x Cast-a-Brit Breeze; o Delmar McCallister, h Jimmy Johnson

Open All Age (13S)

J: Linda Ouellette & Bobbie Sigmund

- 1 - FC/AFC HAP'S SPICE RUM BECKHAM (D), by FC/AFC Hap's Spice Rum Luke x Boone County Whiskey; o Earl Harrison, h Jimmy Johnson
- 2 - FC MARJO'S LEFTOVER (B), by FC/AFC Marjo's Red Rum x Elyssa's Allie Baba; o Danielle Perry, h John Perry
- 3 - REMMI (D), by Grizzly Big Sky Nez Perce x Dakota Big Sky Sioux; o Jason McGuirk & Deanna Quinn, h Jimmy Johnson
- 4 - Withheld

EAST CENTRAL

**GEORGIA
Heard's Hill Preserve
Poulan, GA
December 13-15, 2014**

Open Puppy (8S)

J: Ben Collier & Tania Campbell

- 1 - PINE STRAW ZORRO (D), ES
- 2 - ESHOD'S LIGHTNING BOLT (D), GSP
- 3 - TRINTY'S XS NRG (B), ES
- 4 - BEA TINUE (B), by NAGDC/NGDC/FC/AFC Peter Gunn x FC/AFC Emma Tayshon; o Drew & Jim Carter, DVM, h Jim Carter

Open Derby (11S)

J: Ben Collier & Tania Campbell

- 1 - TRINITY'S X-FACTOR OF WINDDANCE (D), ES
- 2 - SUNRISE BET'N ON THIRTEEN (D), by NAGDC/NGDC/FC Peter Gunn x Star's Gambelin Bandit; o David Medford, h David Medford
- 3 - CHATTAHOOCHEE (D), by NGDC/DC/AFC Winchester of Hanging Jaze x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o/h Jim Berkowitz
- 4 - TRINTY'S XS NRG (B), ES

Amateur Gun Dog (16S)

J: Jay Hallaron & Will Garrett

- 1 - RUSH ROBERDS (D), by Jorja Lynn's Rock Branch Dooly x Priscilla Peach; o/h Chris Roberds
- 2 - FC SIR SUNRISE WINSALOT (D), by FC Harlan County Cowboy x Shady's Blaze of Glory; o/h David Medford
- 3 - MEGERIN'S ODE TO ARSENIC AND OLD LACE (B), GSP
- 4 - GUNN'S- A- BLAZ'N (B), by NGDC/NAGDC/FC/AFC Peter Gunn x Shady's Blaze of Glory; o/h Jim Carter, DVM



JAKE'S ROYAL LEGACY

Open Gun Dog (18S)

J: Lisa Durham & Will Garrett

- 1 - JAKE'S ROYAL LEGACY (D), by FC/AFC Rimarda's Rebel Jake x FC/AFC Poison Ivy; o Sebastian Ventura, h Ben Lorensen
- 2 - GUNN'S- A- BLAZ'N (B), by NGDC/NAGDC/FC/AFC Peter Gunn x Shady's Blaze of Glory; o/h Jim Carter
- 3 - NOTHIN' BUT TROUBLE (D); o/h Jim Carter, DVM
- 4 - PURSUIT'S SWHIZZLECHIK (B), by DC/AFC The Whiz Kid x DC BBB's Flashy Rose JH; o Jay L. & Jean A. Hallaron, h Kim Trafton

Open Limited Gun Dog (32S)

J: Lisa Durham & Ben Collier

- 1 - FC/AFC EMMA TAYSHON (B), by NFC/2XNAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy x Drew's Favorite Ginger Snap; o Drew Carter, h Jim Carter
- 2 - FC/AFC LOCKNLODE BLACK BITTY (B), P
- 3 - FC TRINITY'S MILLION DOLLAR BABY (B), ES
- 4 - NAGDC/NGDC/FC/AFC PETER GUNN (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Walker's Gunner x AFC Bullet's Renegade Miss Megan; o/h Jim Carter, DVM

Open All Age (13S)

J: Wayne James & Will Garrett

- 1 - KINWASHKLY MIDNIGHT RAMBLER (D), by CH Jumping Jack Flash x CH Kinwashkly Ruby Tuesday; o Jodi Miller
- 2 - FC PINEY RUN REX (D), by NFC/FC Piney Run Art x Maxwell's Southern Hospitality; o Arthur & Judith Cohen, h Ben Lorensen
- 3 - CAMO COOPER (D), by DB Cooper x Dixie's Southern Cross; o Vic & Joyce Roberts, h Kyle Merrill
- 4 - Withheld

CENTRAL

**GREATER ST. LOUIS
Sportsmen's
Association Grounds
Grovespring, MO
November 10-18, 2014**

Open Puppy (6S)

J: Jerry McGee & Tom Tracy, Jr.

- 1 - TEQUILA LEMONADE (B), by DC Shadow Attack x Sniksoh Tequila Caliente; o/h Ed Tillson
- 2 - TNT'S RAISE 'N A LEPRECHAUN (D), by



BLUEBONNET Porter Ranch Hubbard, TX

November 15-17, 2014

Amateur Walking Derby (4S)

J: Frank Campbell & Molly Ward

- 1 - DIRTY BIRD'S GIRL ON FIRE (B), by GCH/CH Wild Mtn's When You Are Hot You're Hot x CH Dirty Birds Millette Masquerade; o Rick & Nan Crites, h Gregory Stalker
- 2 - BLUERIDGE N' FIREFLY'S HELLCAT (B), by GCH/CH Powder Rivers Top Gun x Kabina's Double Shot Espresso; o Greg & Leslie Stalker & David Downing, h Gregory Stalker
- 3 - BLUERIDGE'S NIGHTHAWK (D), by GCH/CH Powder Rivers Top Gun x Kabina's Double Shot Espresso; o Theresa Sanders-Milan & David Downing, h Theresa Sanders-Milan
- 4 - BSF RIP ROARIN' TORNADO (D), by FC/AFC Powder River's Tri UR Luck x CH Faison's The Saints Are Marching In; o B. Travis, h Gregory Stalker

Open Derby (13S)

J: Julie LaRue & Molly Ward

- 1 - HIGHPOINT BLAZIN' BUCK (D), by FC/AFC Highpoints Blazin' Lamont x FC Southern Breeze; o/h Ben Kuykendall
- 2 - KINWASHKLY KING LOUIE (D), by FC MVP Redline's High Octane x Kinwashkly Brightest Star; o Diane Vater & Cooper, h Diane Vater
- 3 - DELUNA'S QUAIL POINT SLING BLADE (D), GSP
- 4 - SILVERSHOT'S OTTO VON KNAPP (D), WEIM

Amateur Gun Dog (8S)

J: Frank Campbell & Julie LaRue

- 1 - FLYING O ROCKET DARCI (B), by Flying O Sparky x Springtime Rocket Balay; o/h Arthur Baer
- 2 - FC STRUDDLE'S G STRING DIVA (B), GSP
- 3 - FC/AFC MOLLYS HOLIDAY MICRO MAGGIE (B), by FC/AFC Sniksoh Free Boy x FC/AFC Sniksoh Sweet Hershey Kiss; o/h Molly Ward
- 4 - Withheld

Open Gun Dog (27S)

J: David Downing & Julie LaRue

- 1 - FC WESTWEIM CJ TRAX V REITERALM JH(B), WEIM
- 2 - SANDCREEK EMPTY POCKETS (B), IS
- 3 - JUST CALL ME LUCKY NED PEPPER (D), by

CH TNT's Sirius Renegade Buddy Boy x DC/GCH/AFC TNT's Raise 'N A Ruckus; o Tommy & Linda Thomas, h Tommy Thomas

- 3 - ROOSTER RIDGE'S HAMMER DOWN (D), by FC/AFC Git-R-Dun x Diamond Hill's Magical Molly; o Bill Cockrum, h Bob Burchett
- 4 - TNT'S QUEEN OF COMEDY (B), by CH TNT's Sirius Renegade Buddy Boy x DC/GCH/AFC TNT's Raise 'N A Ruckus; o Tommy & Linda Thomas, h Tommy Thomas

Open Derby (9S)

J: Gailen Cooper & Tommy Thomas

- 1 - CAST-A-BRITT LITTLE DORRIT (B), by Bond's Dura Maxamillion x Cast-A-Britt Swift Taylor; o Herbert Park, h Bob Burchett
- 2 - J&M SHOOT THE BREEZE (B), by DC/AFC Jerob's Tradewind Clipper x FC/AFC J&M Jax Sugar Babe; o Mary & Jim Crawford, h Scott Johnson
- 3 - KASHMIR (D), by Cedar Valley Flyby x Super Natural; o/h Tom Tracy, Jr.
- 4 - SPLASH'S FIRE GODDESS (B), by DC KD's Slip And Slide x JD's Hawk Phoenix; o Debbie & Tom Jagielski, h Ed Tillson



SPLASH'S FIRE GODDESS

Amateur Gun Dog (13S)

J: Jessica Carlson & Clifford Weaver

- 1 - FREE STATE CHANCE (D), by FC Jake Acres In Disguish x FC Material Girl; o Pam Baird, h Burton Wice
- 2 - NAGDC/FC/AFC ANJ'S AMAZING GRACE (B), by DC/AFC Wrigley's Chip Makin' His Mark x CH Over Under Nevenes Showtime; o/h Mike Pehler
- 3 - FC CHIP'S TAILGATE RENDEZVOUS (D), by DC/AFC Wrigley's Chip Makin' His Mark x CH Over Under Nevenes Showtime; o/h Mike Pehler
- 4 - GCH/DCWILD MTN'S MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS JH (B), by GCH/CH Triumphant's The Heat Is On JH x DC Wild Mtn's Lone Star Rendezvous; o Marcy Beveridge, h Roger Stowell

Open Gun Dog (36S)

J: Mike Boydston & Tom White

- 1 - FC SNIKSOH SALLY (B), by FC/AFC Sniksoh Little Rascal x FC/AFC Sniksoh Next Gen; o Philip & Louise Corlew, h Bob Burchett

2 - CH/AFC TNT'S BLAZING SHOSHONI SHAKE N' BAKE (D), by DC Havapal's Renegade Billy Boy x CH Country Road's Hunkydory; o/h Tommy Thomas

- 3 - FREE STATE CHANCE (D), by FC Jake Acres In Disguish x FC Material Girl; o Pam Baird, h Burton Wice
- 4 - KINWASHKLY'S STOLEN DIAMOND (B), by DC Kinwashkly's Mac Magoo x CH Kinwashkly's French Velour; o Darlene Dow & Edward Kostka, h Scott Johnson

Open All Age 1hr(45S)

J: Hank Jansen & Kendell Schmidt

- 1 - FC GEORGIA'S TEXAS TWO STEP (B), by FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat x JB's Georgian Amber Blaze; o Travis & Clayton Tangen, h Tom Tracy, Jr.
- 2 - GLADE RUN IRISH (D), by FC Ortho Acres Booker T x Flying Feather Cocoa Bean; o David Webb, h Tom Tracy, Jr.
- 3 - FC RU-JEM'S "LAST" PENNY (B), by FC Trademark's ATM x Red Bud Zipper; o Ruth & Jerry McGee, h Jerry McGee
- 4 - DC WARBONNET'S ORION IN THE BIG SKY JH (D), by NAGDC/DC/AFC Clyde's Double Trouble x CH Warbonnet Golden Magpie JH; o Todd & Sari Breitenfeldt, h Ed Tillson

Grand Amateur Limited All Age 1hr(20S)

J: Bob Burchett & Gailen Cooper

- 1 - FC KINWASHKLY FAT BASTARD (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Lea's Running Jayhawk x DC/AFC Kinwashkly French Velour; o Bo Ackerman & Leslie Andreas, h Tim Self
- 2 - NAFC/DC/AFC MTB CABO RITA DE SCIPIO (B), by DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo x DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot Of Scipio; o Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer, h Tom White
- 3 - CH TNT'S SIRIUS RENEGADE BUDDY BOY (D), by TNT's Sirius Medicine Man x CH TNT's Renegade Gal Pal; o/h Tommy Thomas
- 4 - FC THE ACE OF SPADE (D), by NFC/FC/AFC Farther Out Ace x Gizmo's Chiild Gone Wild; o Dave Capstick, h Tim Self



FC THE ACE OF SPADE

DC Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper x Caney River's TNT's Special Budget; o/h Frank Campbell

4 - FC/AFC BRAVEHEART'S SPORTING WOOD (D), GSP

Amateur All Age (4S)

J: Molly Ward & Rodney Moon

1 - Withheld

2 - DC POWDER RIVER'S NOBODY BUT ME (D), by Buck's Dream Catcher x Amber Dreams; o T. Downing & C. Krajcar, h Leslie Ann Stalker

3-4 -Withheld

Open All Age (13S)

J: Julie LaRue & Rodney Moon

1 - Withheld

2 - FC/AFC HIGHPOINT BLAZIN' LAMONT (D), by NFC/FC Beans Blaze x Hello Dolly Lamont; o B. & C. Kuykendall & Bunny Brown, h Ben Kuykendall

3 - HIGHPOINT SOUTHERN SPIKE (D), by FC Shasta's Spike From Evil Roy x FC Southern Breeze; o Ben & Carolyn Kuykendall, h Ben Kuykendall

4 - CH BLUERIDGE HOT FUDGE SUNDAE (D), by FC Blueridge's Grounds Keeper x DC T'Kalis Feel The Wind; o Cary Czichon, h David Downing



WHAT'S IN YOUR DOG BOX ??

A dog chewing and swallowing a non edible object has occurred many times and some of those times with dire consequences. Young dogs tend to be more prone to chewing and eating things that should not be ingested but it can happen even with older dogs who have not done that previously. The short story below was submitted to us by Harold Beibel who had received this story from one of his hunting buddies.

Hi Harold,

I have a story of blockage in my Britt that ended well. Several years ago on the last night in the motel after hunting for about a week in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, my senior Max vomited during the night. As I assume my fellow Britt lovers know, this is not exactly a rare or unknown thing, especially while traveling. He seemed fine the next day while driving to the Western Upper Peninsula for another week of grouse hunting. Later that evening Max was clearly not well. The local restaurant recommended a lady vet in Newberry and my late call produced an appointment the next morning. As I was preparing to leave the next morning, Max showed signs of an impending vomit and I got him out the front door. The resulting mess showed signs of metallic twin or something and I scooped it up to show it to the vet. The vet said that it looked like carpet threads, metallic perhaps, and an X-ray showed a mass blocking his intestines. Experienced with bird dogs, the vet started telling stories of bird dogs eating light bulbs, books, radios and other amazing stuff. The vet said that it would either pass or Max would need surgery probably the next day. She said to watch his bowel movement and if carpet threads appeared that I should pull them very gently and try to clear him. That evening a thread appeared and I pulled slowly and gently and a six foot carpet thread slowly emerged. I was amazed and Max seemed to suffer no distress as I pulled and pulled!! The next morning, Max wanted to eat like he always did, inhaling his food as usual. I hunted him cautiously and he showed no signs of problems.

I eventually talked to my friend in Lower Peninsula with whom I had hunted a few days. His dog boxes had kitchen carpet remnants. I can only guess that while waiting his turn in the woods, spilled food stains etc. got Max to chew on the edges and unravel the threads of the carpet.

Mark from Cincy

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the January 2015 American Brittany issue the California Dog of the Year ad was printed incorrectly - as it should have appeared in the magazine side by side, it was mistakenly printed one part of the ad on the front page and the second part on the back, so page 9 and 10 of last month's issue are both pertaining to the same ad. Our sincerest apology for this error.

Corrections: The Best in Sweepstakes for the Minnesota Specialty Show published in the January issue was listed incorrectly due to being mismarked in the catalog. The Best in Sweepstakes was Trio's Sovereign Alleluia. The writeup for the same award is also incorrect. In the second paragraph, the first sentence should read: Our Sweepstakes judge, Pat Champagne, chose the Droels' girl Alleluia for Best in Sweepstakes and their young male Bo for Best of Opposite.

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None Held Back and Other Bird Dog Stories

By Tom Word

Part Four Good and Evil

From Forty Yards

Billy Blevins, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, was a man much beloved in Caswell County, North Carolina. Beloved by his patrons: cash-paying, slow-paying, and nonpaying. Beloved more perhaps by the creatures, bovine, equine and canine, to whom he ministered with skill and dedication.

For the most part, Billy returned the affection. He seriously disliked just two things: cats and a bird-dog trainer named Shorty Cutlipp.

The feline aversion was inherited. His father, a veterinarian before him and the biggest influence in Billy's life, had disliked cats for their predators prowess on his beloved bobwhite quail. (He appreciated the role of predators generally, but house cats were exotics, not entitled by nature to a place in the Carolina food chain.) For fifty years, a sign in the window of the Blevins' small, cinder-block clinic in Yanceyville had announced: "Cats Not Treated Here."

Billy's dislike of Shorty Cutlipp, a patron in the slow-paying category, had grown through the years, as once a month Billy visited Shorty's kennel to vaccinate new inmates against rabies. Two classes of inmates lodged at Shorty's: gundogs in training and the field-trial string. The gundogs, usually enrolled for a three-months course, grew thinner throughout their stay; the field-trial string stayed sleek. Shorty fed the gundogs on rations milled locally to his order—cheap and short of protein. He fed the trial dogs well.

Billy had counseled Shorty repeatedly to improve the gundogs' rations. Shorty's response was always the same, "They get enough to eat, and a thin dog takes training better." Billy's disgust with Shorty had reached the point that he couldn't stand the sight of the man. He always called ahead to Mrs. Cutlipp and arranged his visits for a time when Shorty would be gone. That way he could inspect each dog carefully—and slip the gundogs



a mineral supplement. More than once he had taken an emaciated dog back to his clinic for rehabilitation or called an owner to suggest a pupil's withdrawal from Shorty's canine college.

It wasn't that Shorty didn't do a good job of training—in fact he was a superb hand at it. Billy's own setter Trey had come from Shorty's kennel, as had a dozen pointers of his father's over forty years. (Billy always took Trey along on his farm rounds—except to Shorty's.

Trey disliked Shorty, too, and would growl at the smell of him or the sight of his kennel sign.)

On a Saturday morning in December, Billy Blevins was finishing with his last patient when the phone was answered by his assistant, Nell. It was Shorty, and he insisted on talking to Billy. "Doc, Sal's tail has gone limp as a dishrag. I thought it was limber tail, but it must be something else. You've got to see her. Can you come by...?"

The sound of Shorty's voice sent his blood pressure up fifty points, but his professionalism prevailed.

"Better bring her by here. I'll need to X-ray. How soon can you be here; I was just closing up."

"I'll be right there, Doc."

"I'll wait thirty minutes." Bill knew to set a deadline—Shorty had often kept him waiting.

Sal was Shorty's hottest field-trial dog—a Setter derby that had placed first in every trial she'd run in that fall. She was the talk of the field-trial circuit, and, thanks to Shorty's bragging, of every crossroads store in Caswell County.

When Billy saw Sal his heart sank. The tail was limp as a rope, and the hair was falling out.

"How long has her tail been limp?"

"Oh, a couple of weeks I guess... I thought sure it was just limber tail... would cure itself like it always does."

"Shorty, when are you going to stop trying to be your own vet?" He wondered if Shorty knew how much he disliked him.

Billy and Nell got Sal quiet on the table and took the X-ray.

"Come in here, Shorty... see that?" On the view box the film showed the skeleton from the rear. Two dozen bright dots in a circular pattern were centered at the base of the tail. One of the dots lay in the tail cartilage, an inch beyond the connection to the spine.

"That's the problem," Billy said as he pointed to the dot.

"What is it Doc?"

"You know what it is, Shorty."

"No, I don't," he lied.

"Those bright dots are number eight bird shot, fired from about forty yards. I thought you could judge distance better than that—you must need new glasses." Shorty's gaze dropped to the floor. Billy had guessed the truth.

The cold anger in Billy's voice alarmed Nell. While Billy was slow to anger, she knew him capable of violence when he saw animal abuse. More than one person had exited the clinic with both feet off the ground.

"I didn't shoot her, Doc. You know I wouldn't take a chance like that with a dog like Sal. She's the best dog I've had in ten years—sure to be a champion. Why, she won me enough money this fall for a new pickup truck. A Farmer must have shot her when she got away from me at Hoffman in the last trial..."

Shorty's alibi seemed plausible, but on reflection Billy knew it didn't hold water. That many bird shot that deep would have brought blood—lots of blood. If Sal had been shot at the field trial, blood would have been on her when she returned to the course. Shorty was lying, as usual. Billy figured Shorty had become impatient when Sal chased birds. A derby will come unbroken a time or two—Billy had heard Shorty himself say so many times, as Shorty said everything in his repertoire of field-trial jargon. I bet his lost his temper, misjudged the distance, Billy thought.

"This shot worked its way into the main nerve," Billy said, pointing again to the telltale opaque dot on the X-ray film. "We'll have to amputate, or she'll have gangrene."

"No, Doc... that can't be." The anguish in Shorty's voice almost made Billy feel sorry for him, until he reflected on the cause of Sal's injury.

"You can run her as a Brittany," Billy said, surprised at his own joke born of so much anger. (Sal was white with brown-orange markings, and except for her tail and long legs, could pass for a Brittany.)

A long silence followed.

"I'll pick her up Monday... or if you're going to be up my way, could you drop her off?" Already Shorty was beyond his regrets and plotting to save gas money at Billy's expense.

"I'll call you," Billy said in disgust, urging Shorty out the door and locking it behind him as Trey growled menacingly from beneath a waiting room chair.

"So much for a bird hunt this afternoon," Billy said to Nell.

"Could you stay and help me?" He hated to ask her, but he had no choice; he knew she had planned a shopping trip to Danville with her husband and children.

"Sure," Nell said. "Let me call Charlie and tell him I'll be awhile."

Two hours later Sal came out from under the anesthesia and woozily curled herself to look at the bandaged stub where once her proud flag had sprouted.

"She looks just like a Brittany, sure enough," Nell said as she placed the surgical instruments in the sterilizer.

Billy's anger had grown steadily as she operated on the beautiful Setter, asleep and helpless on the operating table. Now he was filled with an emotion unfelt since childhood—a burning desire for revenge.

"You go on now, Nell. I'll finish closing up and get her in a run."

"No problem. I'll call Charlie at the dealership, and he'll pick me up. He's already got the kids with him—they wanted to see the new models."

When Billy heard the word "dealership," the idea came to him. In three sentences he told it to Nell. "Easy," she said, and they grinned at one another like two possums.

Billy still had a couple hours of daylight for a bird hunt, and he and Trey headed for a patron's farm just outside town. On the way they stopped at Wyatt's Store.

"A box of twenty gauge eight's please, and a box of high brass sixes."

"Didn't know you were a squirrel hunter, Doc," the proprietor said as she placed the two boxes on the counter, took Billy's twenty-dollar bill and made change.

"I'm not. Got to do a little pest control with the sixes."

At 2:00 a.m. Shorty's wife punched him in the ribs. "I just heard an engine start," she said. "Go back to sleep, woman. You just heard the pump start." Years of firing shotguns had left Shorty hard of hearing, a hazard of his trade.

When Shorty Cutlipp walked out to his kennel Sunday morning, his new truck was not where he had parked it the night before. Then he saw it, parked two hundred yards down the lane that led to the country road. Puzzled, he walked toward it, wondering if he might have been drunk... but no, he hadn't had one drink, and he was sure he'd parked it right by the kennel.

Then he saw... "Oh no... my new truck!"

The truck was riddled, from hubcaps to cab roof, from tailgate to grill, with dents—dents that could only have been made with number six shot... fired from about forty yards. The ignition had not been hot wired... the perpetrator must have had a key... Then Shorty remembered: Nell's husband worked at the Chevy dealership where he bought the truck.

For a moment, Shorty considered calling the sheriff... then he pictured Doc calling Sal's owner, and dismissed the idea.

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EAST COAST	EAST CENTRAL	CENTRAL	MIDWEST	WEST COAST
Feb 7-8 Feb 14-15 No. Virginia		So. Illinois(14-18)	Lone Star(5-12) Bluebonnet(14-17)** Neosho Valley(12)** Indian Nations(w)	Las Vegas
Feb 21-22 Tidewater(20) Feb 28-1 Susquehanna	Music City *cancelled	Illinois(19-22) Gr. St. Louis(w)	West Texas(19-22) Sooner(27)	Cent. California Golden Empire
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Feb 16-19	ABC Tarheel Grand Open Limited Gun Dog Classic/Championship - Southeastern (Dick Cross WMA, South Hill, VA)
Feb 19-21	Lee Holman Classic - Illinois (Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL)
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Apr 13-16	Nebraska All-Age Ch - Nebraska (Branched Oak DTA, Raymond, NE)
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