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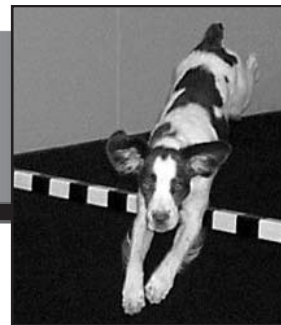
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Obedience/Agility/Rally

By Carla Simon



Barn Hunt (Part 1) – Another Stimulating Activity to Enjoy With Brittanys

(By Bernadette Antle, Long Beach, California)

I have been lucky enough to have owned four Brittanys so far, but had yet to participate in any manner of competition – until I discovered Barn Hunt. Since I support my passions by “working to live” in a 22-year career as a litigation assistant in Los Angeles, I work Monday through Friday, 9-5:30 and spend two hours a day commuting. Getting to mid-week trials prove a challenge. Our walls are woefully void of ribbons, certificates and awards. So, I was thrilled when my friend, Vicki – [Tru Brittanys, San Dimas, California] - notified me of a Barn Hunt clinic taking place locally and on the weekend! We attended the clinic and following practice session at Silver Rose Ranch in Chino Hills on a warm November day. In case you are not familiar with the greater Los Angeles area, with little exception, pretty much any day in Chino Hills is warm. Directed by dog and horse trainer Tina MacBevan, Barn Hunt licensed trials, clinics and practices are hosted at Silver Rose on a regular basis. I brought my two year old Brittany, Bella. Vicki brought 8 year old Jada, Bella’s mom. A good time was had by all. Vicki talked me in to entering an upcoming trial just one week later.



Brittany searching in a Barn Hunt

Barn Hunt is an affordable relatively new event, very recently available here in Southern California. Our trial judges were from Washington and Oregon. With their love of chasing anything that scurries, scampers, skitters or chitters and their natural athleticism, Barn Hunt is a stimulating addition to any Brittany’s repertoire; perfect for a bona fide Dog Sports Newbie like myself.



Bella with her Barn Hunt ribbons

Although the AKC does not YET award points to your dog’s title for achievements in Barn Hunt, it does allow Barn Hunt titles to be added to a dog’s registered name. (It’s only a matter of time before the AKC recognizes it fully). More recent good news . . . Barn Hunt titles count toward Versatile Dog titles which is what got Vicki interested in it for Jada. Title details follow later in the article, but they range from the optional RATI (Instinct) through prefix title Champion X (RATCHX) and National Champion titles (Non-Regular: RGC, RVC and RGNC). Barn Hunt is open to dogs of any breed, mix or size, six months of age or older, AKC registered or not, with a valid Barn Hunt Registration number. This is a

one-time, per-dog registration for life. Altered dogs, intact dogs and bitches in season are eligible to

compete. Deaf dogs and dogs with limited or partial vision are eligible to compete. Dogs missing a limb are eligible to compete “as long as they can negotiate the course safely and without showing signs of pain”. [*Barn Hunt Association LLC Official Rule Book*] Ramps for very small dogs are provided for climbs. [Dogs compete within their own size class so no one is prejudiced by this provision]. All of the above makes Barn Hunt welcoming to dogs, rescued pure or mixed breed, special needs and neutered Britts. Not to mention an effective way to burn off that infamous Britt energy.

I describe Barn Hunt as a little agility and go-to-ground with a dash of hunting. If you’re wondering what happens to the rat, the safety guidelines in the BHA Rules read like a movie star’s Pay Or Play Contract: “Rats cannot be

worked continuously through an entire day. ..." Therefore, Barn Hunt is made for me and my dogs. [BHA Official Rule Book, Part 5, Rat Care and Safety Sections 1-3].

What Is Barn Hunt?

Find a local club that puts on Barn Hunt trials on www.barnhunt.com (stupendously informative website). Attend a training clinic. Our clinic included a brief lecture on Barn Hunt's history, purpose, rules, levels, titles, and no-nos, followed by an optional practice session. In the clinic practice, we got the chance to "run" an Instinct or Novice Level course. This is the one and only time that your dog will be shown a rat in a see-through rat enclosure. All rats in the course are protected in very specifically constructed, impenetrable tubes. Instinct is an optional pass/fail level and a good way to learn to read your dog. You wait in a small group of competitors in a Blind. When called, you enter the ring, step in to the start box. While maintaining control of your dog, remove any lead, collar or harness, (all four feet must remain inside the marked box). The dog runs naked. Time starts running once you release your dog. Instinct allows one minute to find the tube that contains the rat. There are three tubes in the open. One tube is empty; one contains rat bedding (litter) and the other contains the rat. It is up to you (the handler) to correctly identify the rat. Point the correct tube and emphatically state 'RAT!'. [Once you get to Novice and the other levels, shout "Good Climb" when your dog executes a climb (all four feet on a bale) and "Good tunnel!" when they execute a tunnel just in case the judge blinks and misses it]. If you have called the rat correctly, the judge lets you know, stops the time, records the time and you qualify. If the handler incorrectly identifies the rat, that is a Non Qualifying (NQ) for that run (leg). If the dog eliminates in the course, or is allowed to 'harass the rat' by pawing, nudging, mouthing or otherwise molesting the tube, that is an automatic disqualification (DQ).

You must register your dog with the Barn Hunt Registry before you can compete in trials but it is not necessary to be registered just to attend the clinic. This is a one-time registration per dog. Your dog is registered for life. Qualifying scores and difficulty vary as your dog levels up.



Closeup of rat tubes

Novice, where the fun begins. Work the ENTIRE ring! From this point on rat tubes will be hidden under clumps of straw. They can be at a tunnel entrance, on top of or behind a bale, or in a corner of the ring. Encouraging your dog is encouraged. Do NOT touch the bales of hay, the dog or any of the tubes. Do not point at a tube or push your dog in to a tunnel. Any deliberate physical direction = disqualification. If your dog enters a tunnel he must exit the other end. No U-turns.

Required elements can be achieved in any order. This is IMPORTANT. Once your dog finds the rat, you have correctly called it and the judge has acknowledged you are correct, have that rat tube removed! Only after the judge has acknowledged a correct rat call – you may pick up the tube and hand it to the rat wrangler. You may also ask that the wrangler remove it. A rat tube left in the course, can distract your dog from completing the other required elements and/or put you in danger of disqualification for allowing the dog to "harass the rat". Time keeps running during removal of the rat. Don't linger. If your dog identifies the rat after executing a tunnel and a climb, get control of your dog right away. He/she will, given the opportunity, harass that rat.

So how can you train and compete in Barn Hunt? Check next month's issue of the American Brittany magazine to learn about starting and moving up the levels of Barn Hunt competition.

Photos courtesy of Kathleen Lydon

Bernadette Antle lives in Long Beach, California with her two Brittany's, Baci (TK's Kissed By A Star [future RATI]) and Bella (TK's Tru Angels Among Us, RATN). According to Barn Hunt Breed Statistics, Jada and Bella are the only Brittany's in California to hold Barn Hunt titles. Bella is the first Brittany in California to earn the RATN title. Besides enjoying Barn Hunt competition, Bernadette, is a passionate photographer, artist and art-lover who loves travel, cycling and kayaking.

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AKC Top Dogs in AGILITY MACH RANKINGS (up to September 4, 2015)

| Rank | Name | Sex | Points | Qs | Dbl | Score |
|------|--|-----|--------|----|-----|-------|
| 1 | GCH CH MACH8 Rustins Jeweler's Apprentice MXB3 MJS3 MXF T2B2 | B | 1,854 | 31 | | 2,010 |
| 2 | CH MACH2 Credit Kaze's Capital Gains RN MXG MJC XF T2B | D | 1,430 | 18 | | 1,610 |
| 3 | MACH10 Shiloh Of Agoura MXG3 MJC3 | B | 1,081 | 27 | | 1,351 |
| 4 | CH MACH8 Chilcote's Great Idea Of Mariad MXB3 MJS3 MXF TQX T2B | B | 1,036 | 28 | | 1,316 |
| 5 | CH MACH3 Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MXB2 MJS2 MXF MFB | B | 1,139 | 15 | | 1,289 |
| 6 | MACH5 Marjo's Demon In The Ruff MXS2 MJG2 MXF MFS TQX T2B2 | B | 1,089 | 19 | | 1,279 |
| 7 | CH MACH5 Exebrit's Sunset Limited UD MXC2 MJG2 XF T2B | D | 938 | 20 | | 1,138 |
| 8 | MACH Cooper MXS MJB2 OF T2B | D | 842 | 19 | | 1,032 |
| 9 | MACH Credit Kaze With A Perfect Diamond MXS MJG MXF MFB T2B2 | B | 856 | 6 | | 916 |
| 10 | CH MACH Big Oaks Some Patience Required Of Mariad MXB MJB MXF T2 | B | 687 | 14 | | 827 |
| 11 | MACH Cimmarron Sasparilla Sara MXB MJS T2B | B | 548 | 9 | | 638 |
| 12 | Stonewalls Devine Fudge MX MXJ | B | 428 | 11 | | 538 |
| 13 | Mallard Creek Dead Ringer MX MXJ MJB NF | D | 466 | 4 | | 506 |
| 14 | MACH8 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXS3 MJS4 NAP NJP MXF T2B | B | 376 | 11 | | 486 |
| 15 | CH Rustins Treasure Of The Sierras RN MX MXB MXJ MJG MXF T2B | B | 433 | 5 | | 483 |
| 16 | Hurricane Thats The Ticket MX MXB MXJ MJB CA | D | 359 | 10 | | 459 |
| 17 | MACH Mariad's Covey Rise MXS MJS MXF T2B | D | 367 | 7 | | 437 |
| 18 | Berry Buschman MX MXB MXJ MJB OF CGC | D | 293 | 7 | | 363 |
| 19 | GCH CH MACH Brookewood's Just Too Hot CDX RE MXS MJS MXF T2B | D | 312 | 5 | | 362 |
| 20 | GCH CH Jambi's Miss Tootaloo MX MXJ | B | 286 | 6 | | 346 |
| 21 | Sigbrit's Nutmeg JH MX MXB MXJ MJB | B | 253 | 4 | | 293 |
| 22 | Fast Eddie MX MXB MXJ MJS T2B | D | 261 | 3 | | 291 |
| 23 | GCH CH Triumphant Absolute Liberty Of Kinship JH MX MXJ MJB OF T2B CGC | B | 217 | 6 | | 277 |
| 24 | CH MACH Millette's Don't Stop Believin' MXG MJS OF | B | 233 | 4 | | 273 |
| 25 | MACH2 Peter Pan's Happy Thought MXG MJS NF | D | 200 | 5 | | 250 |

AKC Top Brittanys in PACH Agility Competition (up to September 4, 2015)

| Rank | Name | Sex | Points | Qs | Dbl | Score |
|------|---|-----|--------|----|-----|-------|
| 1 | MACH Faison's One Moment In Thyme CD RA JH MXS MJS MXP2 MJP3 MJPB XF XFP T2BP | B | 859 | 14 | | 999 |
| 2 | CH MACH PACH Brookewood's Mardi Gras CDX RN JH MXG MJC MXP6 MXPS MJP7 MJPG PAX OF XFP | B | 381 | 12 | | 501 |
| 3 | MACH2 PACH Cimmarron Sunrise Windsprite RN MXS MJG MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX XF | B | 420 | 7 | | 490 |
| 4 | MACH Tressel MXB MJG MXP2 MJP3 MJPB XF T2B3 T2BP | D | 363 | 7 | | 433 |
| 5 | Farout Fields September Skye AX MXJ MXP OF | D | 217 | 7 | | 287 |
| 6 | PACH2 Katie Barnbart MX MXJ MXP6 MXPS MJP8 MJPG PAX2 | B | 122 | 4 | | 162 |
| 7 | Jj's Zeva MX MXJ NF | B | 86 | 2 | | 106 |
| 8 | CH Voyageur's Star Spangled Time RN NA OAJ AXP MJP | D | 65 | 4 | | 105 |
| 9 | MACH Nipa's Showgun "Gunner" MXS MJS MXPB PAX OF | D | 71 | 3 | | 101 |
| 10 | Farout Fields Xorbitant Fancy CD RAE JH MX AXJ NF | B | 78 | 2 | | 98 |
| 11 | CH MACH Millette's Don't Stop Believin' MXG MJS OF | D | 51 | 3 | | 81 |
| 12 | CH Melridge Hearts A Fire RN MX MXJ MJB CGC | B | 64 | 0 | | 64 |
| 13 | PACH2 Cinnamon MXP11 MXPC MJP10 MJPC PAX2 OFP | B | 44 | 2 | | 64 |
| 13 | MACH5 Marjo's Demon In The Ruff MXS2 MJG2 MXF MFS TQX T2B2 | B | 44 | 1 | | 54 |
| 15 | CH MACH4 Top Shelf's Crown Royal MXG2 MJS2 MXF MFB TQX | B | 40 | 0 | | 40 |
| 16 | Farout Fields Xtreme Ranger CDX RE JH MX MXJ NF | D | 30 | 1 | | 40 |
| 17 | Nellie AX MXJ NF CGC | B | 17 | 2 | | 37 |
| 18 | MACH8 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXS3 MJS4 NAP NJP MXF T2B | B | 33 | 0 | | 33 |
| 18 | CH Rainchaser's Kit And Kaboodle MX MXJ NAP NJP XF NFP T2B | D | 33 | 0 | | 33 |
| 20 | GCH CH Millette's Sweet Memories BN AX AXJ NAP NJP NF | B | 20 | 0 | | 20 |
| 21 | Ammo's Lucky Streak AX MXJ OF | D | 14 | 0 | | 14 |
| 22 | MACH PACH Voyageur's B.B. Beretta UD BN GN GO RA MXG MJG MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF | B | 12 | 0 | | 12 |
| 23 | Sweetwater's Twilight Miss Bella CD RN AX OAJ OF | B | 8 | 0 | | 8 |
| 24 | MACH2 Cupid's Beau And Eros CD MXS MJC MXF T2B | D | 7 | 0 | | 7 |
| 25 | CH Starlight's Sparks A Fire CD RA MX MXJ MJB MJP | D | 4 | 0 | | 4 |

AKC OBEDIENCE RANKINGS (up to September 20, 2015)

| Rank | Name | Owner | Points |
|------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 1 | OTCH Jayhawker's Lucky Jack UDX5 OM9 | Greg Hartlmeir | 8 |



2015 ABC Gun Dog Classic Championship



**Union County Ranch, Thayer, IA
April 27-29, 2015
Reported by Ken Windom from Judges' Notes**

The 2015 edition of the American Brittany Club's Shooting Dog Classic/Championship was contested over three beautiful days at the Union County Ranch, Thayer, Iowa, hosted by the Hawkeye Brittany Club. The event was adjudicated by Kenneth "Skip" Wonnell of McLouth, Kansas, and Charles "Chuck" Parieetti of Maryville, Missouri. Nearly cloudless skies, morning temperatures in the mid-to-high 40s and afternoon temperatures in the high 60s to low 70s, and a gentle breeze combined to make perfect weather conditions for dogs and handlers. Although this venue has been the site of numerous classics and championships, the character of the grounds was different from past trials due to numerous recent improvements, most notably removal of many acres of cedar trees, making for much better site-lines that allowed the dogs to show the judges their athleticism and application.

The American Brittany Club is grateful to our sponsors, Purina and Garmin, for their support of this trial. Their ongoing contributions to the sport of field trialing has been crucial to the continuation of this activity, for which we are most appreciative.

Numerous individuals helped with the many tasks involved with putting on this event. Bill Cockrum and Bruce Heiter shouldered the majority of the work, from planting birds to making sure dogs were loaded on the dog wagon. Bob and Valerie Burchett offered their truck for use as the dog wagon, with Chuck Schaefer and Mickey Condron sharing dog-wagon driver duties, with assistance from Linda Thomas, Charlie Pearson, and Tom Wonderling. Jill Schaefer and Judy Condron arranged for refreshments for the morning and afternoon breaks.

The judges named Sniksoh Spank's Hank this year's winner. Handled by his owner Jeff Hoskins, Hank ran in the second brace and put down a strong forward race, hitting the edges and other

objectives. All who witnessed his performance knew he would be the dog to beat. He has 5 well-spaced finds at 10, 34, 41, 47, and 54, all handled with impeccable manners and great style. Runner-up was Touch of Bourbon Little Chug, who pressed the winner with a flowing, forward race. He carded stylish finds at 2, 16, 27, 46, 49, and 55, and honored his bracemate at 34. Carson was handled by Bob Burchett for owner Tom Wonderling, who was in the gallery for his dog's run. In the end, only small differences in pattern were all that separated the top two dogs. Third place went to Let's Get-R-Done Nellie, handled by Bob Burchett for owners John Schlicht and Bill Cockrum. Nellie had an impressive run and pressed the winners, but she lacked the consistency of the two top dogs. She carded a find at 25. Fourth place was awarded to Dakota Gunrunner's Buckshot, handled by Tom Tracy, Jr. Buck had a strong run, but tended to more lateral than forward. He scored a find at 25. Owner Jim Berkowitz made the trip up from Georgia to watch his dog's performance.

The running:

BRACE 1: ANJ'S AMAZING GRACE/POEHLER AND WW'S MILLION DOLLAR MOLLEE/WICE. Maisey was making a strong bid in the opening brace, with a solid race, two finds and a stop-to-flush, but carded a second non-productive at 55, knocking her out of contention. Mollee was credited with a back at 12 and a find at 24, but was lost on the north end of the course at 35 and not returned to judgement.

BRACE 2: SNIKSOH SPANKS HANK/HOSKINS AND HOOCHIE COOCHIE MAN/TILLSON. Hank's performance has been described above. Karl had a find at 4 and a non-productive at 13, but his race was not pleasing his handler and was picked up at 29.

BRACE 3. SNIKSOH SALLY/BURCHETT AND HY STEPPIN LIBBY'S LIEBLING/SENNOTT. Sally tore away to the front and disappeared in heavy cover on the south end of the course, where she was later found on point by scout. She suffered a lapse in

manners on the flush and was up at 18. Libby carded a find at 9, but shortened up the second half of her hour and handler elected to pick up at 52.

BRACE 4. JUST CALL ME LUCKY NED PEPPER/CAMPBELL AND BARK RIVER QUEEN OF DIAMONDS/STANTON. Ned put down a solid race, but was not rewarded with a bird and handler picked up at 58. Daisy had a find at 23. She made several nice moves but her race was not as consistently forward as the placing dogs.

BRACE 5. HY STEPPIN SUZEE "Q"/ SENNOTT AND TURNING PTS LANDSLIDE/JOHNSON. Suzee came up lame and was scratched. Mack scored finds at 12, 14, and 25, but bumped a bird at 26 and was up.

BRACE 6. CAMPBELL'S RAZZ-MA-TAZZ/CAMPBELL AND DAKOTA GUNRUNNER'S BUCKSHOT/TRACY. Razz was running big, but disappeared and handler called for the Garmin at 26. Buck's race has been previously described.

BRACE 7. ST. CLAIR'S PRINCE ROCCO VOLCANO LEO/ST. CLAIR AND CASTAWAY WILSON/HAGAN. Rocco ran a strong forward race with quality finds at 31 and 36 and a non-productive at 45, but failed to back his bracemate at 55 and was up. Wilson had finds at 8, 23, 54, and 59. His race was strong at times but not as consistently forward as the top dogs.

BRACE 8. GLADE RUN NUTMEG/TRACY AND WRIGLEY'S BODEMEISTER/BURCHETT. Meg ran a big race, but was out of pocket much of the time. She had finds at 10 and 59. Bode carded finds at 19 and 45 and suffered a non-productive at 55. His race shortened toward the end of the hour.

BRACE 9. TRASA'S LITTLE SKY DANCER/JOHNSON AND TOUCH OF BOURBON LITTLE CHUG/BURCHETT. Sky had a quality find at 34, with her bracemate backing. She made several nice moves during the hour, but her run lacked consistency. Carson's performance has already been described.

BRACE 10. RICOCHET GUNSMOKE MR. DILLON/BURCHETT AND BRENDI BROOKS COWBOY UP/TRACY. Dillon suffered non-productives at 33 and 57 and was picked up at 59. Tuff scored finds at 28 and 29, but showed a bit too much independence in his race.

BRACE 11. JW'S LITTLE DANCIN BREE/JOHNSON AND BLAZIN SHADOWS BAMA JAMA/BURCHETT. Bree was scratched and Jammie ran as a bye dog. She scored a find at 43, but her race today was not competitive and was picked up at 43.

BRACE 12. MK'S MAGNIFICENT BANDITO/JOHNSON AND HOPES CHIEF OF CROSSCREEK/BURCHETT. Chico had finds at 5, 11, and 16, but was not pleasing his handler and was picked up at 28. Chief failed to back at 5.

BRACE 13. RICO'S HI-PROOF BOOTLEGGER/BURCHETT AND COUNTRY ROAD'S INDY SPEEDWAY RACER/TILLSON. Mason was under a bird at 8 and Indy suffered the same fate at 11.

BRACE 14. CEDAR VALLEY SPIDER/TRACY AND WILD

MTN'S MIDNIGHT RENDEZVOUS/BURCHETT. Spider scored finds at 8, 17, and 41, but had a delayed chase at 42 and was up. Josie suffered a non-productive at 31 and was picked up at 43.

BRACE 15. LET'S GET-R-DONE NELLIE/BURCHETT AND AUGUSTUS OF TIGER/TRACY. Nellie's race has been described above. Gus was not competitive today and was picked up at 10.

BRACE 16. SNIKSOH LITTLE DIAMOND/BURCHETT AND PERFECT BY NATURE/TRACY. Kate had a find at 5, but suffered a style faux pas and was up. Nate had a find at 29, but his race was not competitive today and was picked up at 48.

BRACE 17. SHADOWS IN A TWIST/TILLSON AND WILD MTN HEAD 'EM UP MOVE 'EM OUT/BURCHETT. Both dogs were covering the course nicely and were set to shake up things for a while. Tripp had finds at 9 and 16 and Rowdy scored at 13, 19, and 22, but both dogs were under a bird at 40, ending their hour early.

BRACE 18. STARLIGHT'S CLOUDED TITAN/BURCHETT AND LOST CREEK A SHOT OF BOURBON/TRACY. Titan was not competitive today and handler picked up at 23. Streak was running a strong race, with finds at 8, 9, and 29, but was seen under a bird at 36.

BRACE 19. TNT'S RAISE'N A RUCKUS/THOMAS AND DRIVING MISS DAISY II/WICE. Rae carded finds at 2, 30, 40, and 44, with a non-productive at 22, but shortened toward the end of her hour. Daisee had a find at 12, but chased at 28.

ABC Gun Dog Classic

Gun dog 1hr(36S)

J: Skip Wonnell & Chuck Parietti

- 1 - FC/AFC SNIKSOH SPANK'S HANK (D), by FC/AFC Sniksoh Little Rascal x AFC Decan's Blazin Bye; o/h Jeff Hoskins
- 2 - GFC/FC TOUCH OF BOURBON LITTLE CHUG (D), by DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon x FC Lost Creek Kate; o Tom Wonderling, h Bob Burchett
- 3 - FC LET'S GET-R-DONE NELLIE (B), by FC/AFC Shady's Count Kid x Diamond Hill's Magical Molly; o Bill Cuckrom & John Schlicht, h Bob Burchett
- 4 - GFC/FC DAKOTA GUNRUNNER BUCKSHOT (D), by FC/AFC Dakota Alley Cat x JB's Georgian Amber Blaze; o James & Linda Berkowitz, h Tom Tracy



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July 2015 New Members

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August 2015 New Members

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Below is a list of memberships that have been gifted by ABC members.

Please consider gifting an ABC membership when you have your next litter or you run into someone that you think might be interest in joining the American Brittany Club. Thank you to the individuals who have already helped increase the ABC membership! Growing the membership is important to the future of the American Brittany Club.

| New Member: | Gifted by: |
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2015 ABC SUMMER SPECIALTY

Author: Ann Short

Near picture perfect Maine weather prevailed for three of the four days of the Main Chickadee Classic Cluster. The days were sunny with temperatures in the high 70s to low 80s during the day and dipping down much lower in the evening. Ocean breezes offset most humidity. Our host all-breed clubs were Penobscot Valley Kennel Club and Lewiston Auburn Kennel Club and they provided us with generous and extended areas of reserved grooming and holding areas under the big show tent, reserved parking for RVs, campers, E-Z ups, and day trippers. There was such a sense of Brittany community and cooperation all the way around.

Central Maine Brittany Club was joined by Central New England Brittany Club whose specialty show was on Thursday, which also was the day that the American Brittany Club Sumer Agility trials (Brittanys only) were held on the grounds. On Sunday the Northern New England Brittany Club Specialty show was held. CMBC's specialty was on Friday, and of course Saturday was the day for the "wicked good summ-ah specialty show!" Each individual club hosted its own raffle and hospitality on its scheduled day. Thursday through Saturday, the many beautiful and unique state-themed gift baskets donated by various Brittany clubs, members, and individuals across the country were displayed and raffle tickets available with proceeds helping to offset and defray expenses incurred by CMBC for hosting the event. A huge thank you to all who contributed to this amazing effort!

Additionally, three Brittany rescue groups did a great job raising awareness of their work regarding rescue, foster, rehabilitation, and rehoming of this breed that we love so much. American Brittany Rescue, (President Diane Dorian), National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network (President Susan Spaid) were set up on Saturday for the Summer Specialty itself. New England Brittany Rescue (President Christine Leachman Yee) was set up on Thursday in conjunction with the American Brittany Club Agility trials.

One of the many compliments coming from exhibitors was how no one had to wait for food as serving times were well coordinated with ring times whether prior to or following. Special shout-outs in regards to on site food prep/service, raffle tables, T-shirt support goes to Lou and Dottie Boyatzi, Stephanie Stepaninan, Sarah Camire, Lucy Camire, Donna Howe, Priscilla Thibodeau, Sam and Pamela Jackson, Marilyn Gilman, Art Hembrough, Jane Bjork Flanagan, Julie Harris, Maryann Day, Alana Day, John Short and others who donated or brought food to share and helped serve it. On Friday, in addition to the complimentary potluck offerings, there were lobster rolls from Shain's of Maine available for purchase, which proved to be quite popular! I dare say we served well over 100 people each day.

Using social media to its best advantage, all details about the show and agility schedule were well publicized on social media for a year leading up to the event itself. Additionally Steve Ralph helped tremendously by making sure updates provided to him were posted right away to the ABC website.

On Thursday evening, Cindy Miller and Nancy Morabito offered a wonderful presentation at the judges tent for AKC Judges Education on the Brittany for aspiring judges which I was pleased to attend with several others. The presentation was followed by a hands-on "mock judging" scenario in the breed ring.

On Saturday evening, Central Maine Brittany Club hosted the "THIS IS MAINE" banquet at a nearby country club. Featuring a catered dinner of steamed Maine lobsters, mussels, rib eye steak, barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, vegetarian lasagna and more, 92 guests enjoyed the evening. Hats off to CMBC members Jean Miller and Kira Lajeunesse and also to Sandy Malloy, Natasha Harris, and Christina Harris for their work on the banquet. Alana Day deserves a shout out too for tying red ribbons around all of the lobster bisque dog treats! Kira and I visited the center last November and the moment we walked through the door she envisioned a wicked good decorating theme for Maine, ayuh.

Kira and Jean work together over the winter and spring months to pull it all together and their simple, fun, yet elegant scheme was enjoyed by all. A Maine trivia game conducted by Jean was the perfect icebreaker with many fun door prizes awarded. Kim Tees spoke on behalf of her incredible agility committee. Terry Hilliard stepped behind the podium, offering remarks and officially announcing plans for the 2016 Summer Specialty Show in California during Woofstock in June. I read a letter of welcome to the ABC from Maine Governor Paul LePage. Last but not least, Julie Harris, Kim Tees, and Kira

Lajeunesse presented me with a beautiful director's chair embroidered with the 2015 Summer Specialty logo. Speaking of the logo, thank you to our son-in-law David Day of Eliot, Maine, who designed the whimsical logo featured on trophies, promotional items, a cake, banners, and more.

I would love to list each individual, sponsor and supporter who helped in any way to make this national-level event the success that it was. My fear in doing so however is that I would unintentionally omit someone who is deserving of recognition. You do know who you are; you know what you did and how you helped out. Whether an individual, a business, a club, or someone else, your expression of support will always be remembered and is greatly, greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those who traveled near and far to join us in Maine, including some first-time visitors from as far away as California. I love that some of you enjoyed side trips to beaches, local restaurants, the ocean, lighthouses, and more. As show Chair I was very proud to see the most excellent representation of this breed we know and love. It truly was an honor. I sure hope you'll all come back again for the 2016 Maine Chickadee Classic Cluster, the third weekend in June!

Our Summer Specialty Sweepstakes judge was Susan Foster a licensed judge for Golden Retrievers and who had judged multiple specialties including Brittany sweepstakes in the past. Breeding her first litter (Golden Retrievers) in 1981, Susan has competed in bench, field, and obedience and has finished championships on many including a dog that ranked No. 6 in the country. She believes in keeping the "Sporting" part of the Sporting Dog as a priority. Her selections were consistent as she chose littermates MagicBrit-Tonan Hope Power of Persuasion for Best in Sweeps and MagicBrit-Tonan Hope Lighting Thief for Best of Opposite in Sweeps. Both are owned by Nancy and Anthony Morabito, Douglas Tighe, and Peter Marsh. Nine-year-old GCH DC Triumphant's Absolut' On Ice represented the Dual Dog extremely well and was proudly presented by his handler/co-owner/co-breeder Linda McCartney-Roy as the Best Dual Dog in Sweepstakes. Best Veteran in Sweeps was GCH Tonan-Hopes RU Kiddin Me whose return to Maine was reminiscent of when he won Best in Show in 2009. It was a special moment for his co-owner/co-breeder Nancy Morabito who had the honor of presenting him. Especially poignant was watching the ever animated and fun loving 13 1/2-year-old CH AFC Swift River's Pivotal Moment who won best Opposite Veteran in Sweeps and was handled by her owner Jane Bjork.

The 2015 Summer Specialty was judged by Mr. Robert Slay. Best of Breed honors went to GCH Sanbar's Ride the Winds owned by Robert & Polly West. "Harley," the 2013 Summer Specialty BISS winner, was presented by Tiffany Skinner, who went on to handle him to a Sporting Group 2. Best Opposite Sex was awarded to GCH Millette's Sweet Memories NB AX AXJ NF NAP NJP CGC who was the 2014 Summer Specialty BISS winner. Aggie is owned by Wendy Archinal and handled by Doug Tighe with this team moving beautifully together and delighting many. Mr. Slay's choices for Select Dog and Select Bitch were GCH MACH Brookewood's Just Too Hot CDX RE MXS MJS MXF T2B and GCH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist, respectively. Awards of Merit were represented to CH Horizon's Straight On Til Morning, GCH Triumphant's As Good As it Gets JH, and CH Triumphant at Ridgeview Farm. Five-point majors went to Winners

Dog and Best of Winners Topshelf's The Chosen One and Winners Bitch Willowick Coal Miners Daughter at Alchemy

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann H. Short



SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Susan E. Foster

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - HOPE'S GET A BIRD AT FULL THROTTLE, o Douglas Tighe
- 2 - GET A BIRD HOPE'S SHOULD'VE BEEN A COWBOY, o Laurie & Matt O'Donnell

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE LIGHTING THIEF, o Nancy & Anthony Morabito & Douglas Tighe & Peter Marsh
- 2 - TRIUMPANT'S ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS, o Theresa L. Holt-McNulty & R. J. McNulty III
- 3 - TRIUMPHANT-N-TRIWYN'S DRESSED TO THRILL, o Nancy L. Lamm & Sarah Plymale

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - JACI'S PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE, o Jane Bjork
- 2 - J&A'S HIGH CALIBER SHAMROCK SPECIAL, o Roger & Marilyn Gilman
- 3 - J&A'S BLUELIGHTENING BOLT JH, o Alana Day & Ann H. Short
- 4 - J&A'S HEART OF SUEMAN, o Julie Harris & John Short

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - TRIO-HOPE'S CINDERELLA STORY, o Douglas Tighe & Karen & Clint Livingston



**Best in Sweepstakes
MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE POWER OF PERSUASION**



**Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE LIGHTING THIEF**

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE POWER OF PERSUASION, o Nancy & Anthony Morabito & Douglas Tighe & Peter Marsh
- 2 - KEILI'S BLUE SAPPHIRE HOT AUGUST NIGHT, o Susan & L. E. Osmansky & E. Sue Drazek

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - TWOEMZ A GIRL LIKE ME, o Cindy Miller & Russ Walborn & Karen Brone
- 2 - KEILI'S GOLDSTAR KIR ROYALE, o E. Susan Drazek

Best in Sweepstakes

MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE POWER OF PERSUASION

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE LIGHTING THIEF

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Susan E. Foster

8-10 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH TONAN-HOPE'S R U KIDDIN' ME, o Douglas Tighe & Nancy Morabito
- 2 - GCH/DC TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUT' ON ICE, o Linda McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney

10-12 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - GCH DOGWOOD HOLLOW BENGAL ZERO ZERO, o J. Brooke & Aaron Burlingame, Jr. & Geri Clements

8-10 Year Veteran Bitches

- 1 - CH MACH PACH BROOKEWOOD'S MARDI GRAS JH CDX XFP, o Susan & L. E. Osmansky
- 2 - CH RAO TONAN MIDNIGHT MADNESS, o Sandra Malloy & Natasha Harris

12 Year and Older Veteran Bitches

- 1 - CH/AFC SWIFT RIVER'S PIVOTAL MOMENT, o Jane Bjork

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH TONAN-HOPE'S R U KIDDIN' ME

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH/AFC SWIFT RIVER'S PIVOTAL MOMENT

DUAL CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Susan E. Foster

Dual Champion Dogs

- 1 - GCH/DC TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUT' ON ICE, o Linda McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney

Best in Dual Champion Sweepstakes

GCH/DC TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUT' ON ICE

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Mr. Robert H. Slay

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - HOPE'S GET A BIRD AT FULL THROTTLE, by GCH Tonan-Hope's R U Kidden' Me x GCH Hope's Get A Bird "Leap Of Faith" JH; o Douglas Tighe, b Laurie & Matt O'Donnell
- 2 - GET A BIRD HOPE'S SHOULD'VE BEEN A COWBOY, o GCH Tonan-Hope's R U Kiddin Me x GCH Hope's Get A Bird "Leap Of Faith"; o/b Laurie & Matt O'Donnell

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE LIGHTING THIEF, by CH Hope's Autumn Sno-Storm x CH Magicbrit Lotties Dream; o/b Nancy & Anthony Morabito & Douglas Tighe & Peter Marsh

- 2 - TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS, by CH Triumphants Absolutely GQ JH x Sandbars Brandy Wine; o Theresa L. Holt-McNulty & R. J. McNulty III, b L. McCartney Roy & S. Jaqua
 3 - TRIUMPHANT-N-TRIWYN'S DRESSED TO THRILL, by CH Triumphant's Absolutely GQ JH x Sandbars Brandy Wine; o Nancy L. Lamm & Sarah Plymale, b Nancy L. Lamm & Sarah Plymale

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - J&A'S HIGH CALIBER SHAMROCK SPECIAL, by CH J&A's High Caliber Harris Special SH x GCH J&A's Sisters Of The Heart JH; o Roger & Marilyn Gilman, b Julie M. Harris & Ann H. Short
 2 - J&A'S BLUE LIGHTENING BOLT JH, by CH J&A's High Caliber Harris Special SH x GCH J&A's Sister Of The Heart JH; o Alana Day & Ann H. Short, b Julie M. Harris & Ann H. Short
 3 - J&A'S HEART OF SUEMAS, by CH J&A's High Caliber Harris Special SH x GCH J&A's Sisters Of The Heart; o Julie Harris & John Short, b Julie M. Harris & Ann H. Short
 4 - MAPLE BROOKS' COOL HAND LUKE, by GCH Gourley's DFL 99 Carart Diamond x GCH Triumphant's Absolute Evel JH; o Nancy P. Huntley, b Peggy Aguiar

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - HORIZON'S COME FLY WITH ME JH, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x GCH Shady Brook's Measure For Measure; o Marysusan & Scott Janowski & Lisa Marie Tailby, b Lisa M. Tailby
 2 - JACI'S PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE, by CH Saradac's Micro Blast x CH Saradac's Smokin' Blanca Tatanka; o Jane Bjork, b Jane Bjork & Dorothy Boyatzi
 3 - BELKANP'S SECRET WEAPON JH, by J & A's Apple Jack Of Acton JH x Belknap's Reason To Believe JH; o/b Thomas & Kimberly & Cynthia Zuk

Open Dogs

- 1 - TOP SHELF'S THE CHOSEN ONE, by CH Jordean Up All Night x GCH Millette's Sweet Memories OA OAJ NF NAP NJP; o Wendy Archinal, b Wendy A. Archinal & Gail Schmieder & Jennifer Krieger
 2 - HORIZON'S PRINCE CHARMING, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x GCH Shady Brook's Measure For Measure; o William Dube, b, Lisa M. Tailby
 3 - JACKSON'S PLAY IT AGAIN SAM JH, by CH Gibson JH CGC x CH Triumphants Everything Nice JH CGC; o/b Pamela & Robert Jackson
 4 - SIPPEWISSETT'S ABSOLUTE WHAT'S UP DAWKINS, by CH Triumphant's Absolute' JH x CH Nichewaug's Little Miss Leanaban; o Jared M. Schwartz, b Jean Canty Schwartz

Winners Dog TOP SHELF'S THE CHOSEN ONE

Reserve Winners Dog HORIZON'S PRINCE CHARMING

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - TRIO-HOPE'S CINDERELLA STORY, by GCH Magic Storm Of The Century x CH Rainbow's Bippity Boppity Boo; o Douglas Tighe & Karen & Cline Livingston, b Karen & Clint Livingston

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - KEILI'S BLUE SAPPHIRE HOT AUGUST NIGHT, by GCH MACH Brookewood's Just Too Hot CDX MF x CH Credit's My Heart Skips A Beat; o Susan & L. E. Osmansky & E. Sue Drazek, b Patricia Rosado & E. Sue Drazek & Gina Currier
 2 - MAGICBRIT-TONAN HOPE POWER OF PERSUASION, by CH Hope's Autumn Sno-Storm x CH Magicbrit Lotties Dream; o Nancy & Anthony Morabito & Douglas Tighe & Peter Marsh
 3 - TRIUMPHANT'S LADY ISABELLE, by CH Triumphant's Absolutely G.Q. JH x Sandbar's Brandiwyne; o Jo-Ann Wood & Linda McCartney Roy, b Linda McCartney-Roy & Sandra W. Jaqua

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - TWOEMZ A GIRL LIKE ME, by GCH Sovereign's Chasing Legends x GCH Ginjac-Magic Me I'm The One JH; o Cindy Miller & Russ Walborn &



Winners Bitch WILLOWICK COAL MINERS DAUGHTER AT ALCHEMY

Karen Brown, b Michele Martin

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - HORIZON'S A WRINKLE IN TIME, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x GCH Shady Brook's Measure For Measure; o Lisa M. Tailby & Jean Miller, b Lisa M. Tailby
 2 - MAPLE BROOK'S SOME LIKE IT HOT, by CH Omega's Red Granite x GCH Triumphant's Absolute Evel JH; o Peggy Aguiar & Joanne Overbaugh, b Peggy Aguiar
 3 - TRIUMPHANT'S SILVER LINING, by GCH Shelttany Against All Odds x GCH Triumphant's Centerfold; o/b Kristyn McCartney & Linda McCartney-Roy
 4 - JACKSON'S FIRE IN THE SKY, by CH Gibson JH CGC x CH Triumphant's Everything Nice JH CGC; o/b Pamela & Robert Jackson

American-Bred Bitches

- 1 - KARETEL'S KP'S CHARLOTTE BORN 2B LOVED, by Dogwood Hollow William Of SX x The Kaylish Countess Belle JH; o Karen Thorne & Dr. Paul Tessier, b Karen & Art Thorne

Open Bitches

- 1 - WILLOWICK COAL MINERS DAUGHTER AT ALCHEMY, by GCH Copley Paper Dragon x GCH Willowick Light By Fire; o Ellen Ewart & Kellie Miller, b Catherine Gire & Kellie Miller
 2 - PARADISE'S HIGH FLYIN' SENORITA, by CH Paradise's O' What A Night JH x CH Paradise's Ribbon In The Sky; o Sarah Camire, b Darlene Hughes
 3 - TOP SHELF'S POINT TAKEN JH, by Jordean Up All Night x Millette's Sweet Memories; o John Swider, b Wendy A. Archinal & Gail Schmeider & Jennifer Krieger
 4 - SIPPEWISSETT'S STELLA CRUISE, by GCH Triumphant's As Good As It Gets JH x CH Nichewaug's Little Miss Leanaban; o Beth & Scott Massie, b Jean Canty Schwartz

Winners Bitch WILLOWICK COAL MINERS DAUGHTER AT ALCHEMY

Reserve Winners Bitch TRIO-HOPE'S CINDERELLA STORY

8 Years & Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH TONAN-HOPE'S R U KIDDIN' ME, by CH Hope's Autumn Sno Storm x CH Jordean Aurand It's-All-About-Me; o Douglas Tighe x Nancy Morabito, b Anthony & Nancy Morabito & Andrea Jordan

8 Years & Older Veteran Bitches

- 1 - GCH TONAN-RAO HALFMOON'S NITE MIST, by CH Hopes Autumn

Sno Storm x CH Klear-ly Raos Nite Life Jordi JH; o Dorothy Moon & Charles Kanopsic & Rachel Kulp, b Nancy Morabito & Becky Rao & Andrea Lane

2 - KARTEL'S LADY SARAH SPIRIT, by Kartel's Skipper AKA Spidermn JH x The Kaylish Countess Belle JH; o Karen Sullivan-Thorne, b Art & Karen Thorne

Hunting Dogs

1 - CH J&A'S QUIET COURAGE JH, by CH J&A's High Caliber Harris Special SH x J & A's Dreams Come True Of Acton JH; o Kira Lajeunesse & Peter Sipperly, b John & Ann Short, Sr.

Field Trial Bitches

1 - CH COPLEY'S DANGEROUS THREE OLIVE MARTINI, by GCH/DC/AFC Diamond Hill Dangerous Man c CH Copley Wincrest Dirty Martini; o Matt & Laurie O'Donnell & Lisa Pollock, b Robin Tomasi & Barbara Dayton
2 - CH SARADAC'S SMOKIN' BLANCA TATANKA, by GCH/DC/AFC Flashfire's Bang-A-Gong x CH Saradac's Paradox; o Jane Bjork & Dorothy Boyatzi, b Edward W. Kostka, Jr. & Darlene Dow

Dual Dogs

1 - GCH/DC TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUT' ON ICE, by GCH Triumphant's Absolute JH x Triumphant Aladdins Love; o Linda McCartney-Roy x Kristyn McCartney, b Robert E. Hamel & Linda McCartney-Roy



**Best of Winners/ Winners Dog
TOP SHELF'S THE CHOSEN ONE**



**Best Of Breed
GCH Sanbar's Ride The Winds**

Best of Breed
GCH SANBAR'S RIDE THE WINDS, by CH Sanbar's Curtain Call JH x CH Sanbar's Castle JustaSample; o/b Robert & Carolyn & Polly West

Best of Winners
TOP SHELF'S THE CHOSEN ONE

Best of Opposite Sex
GCH MILLETTE'S SWEET MEMORIES BN AX
AXJ NF NAP NJP CGC

Select Dog
GCH MACH BROOKEWOOD'S JUST TOO HOT
CDX RE MXS MJS MXF T2B

Select Bitch
GCH TONAN-RAO HALFMOON'S NITE MIST

Awards of Merit
CH HORIZON'S STRAIGHT ON TIL MORNING
GCH TRIUMPHANT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS JH
CH TRIUMPHANT AT RIDGEVIEW FARM



Select Dog
GCH CH MACH Brookewood's just Too Hot
CDX RE MXS MJS MXF T2B



Best Opposite Sex
GCH CH Millette's Sweet Memories
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A SPORTSMAN'S RAMBLINGS

by Marty Garrell



During my annual visit to a Riverhead dermatology group last month, an RA noticed the red pimples on an arm and seemed concerned. Would I need some cream or even an application of liquid nitrogen? I laughed and explained to her that we'd just come from a field trial in New Hampshire where the "state bird" had made an early appearance, thanks to heat and humidity. (N.B. The black fly is unofficially the NH state bird.)

Yes, the big three of the vacation season are already with us: biting flies (mosquitoes, too), poison ivy/oak, and, of course, the most troublesome of all, the black-legged deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*, formerly *damini*). Exposure to any of these insect or plant pests is, unfortunately, unavoidable, but with a bit of common sense, serious damage is usually (but not always) preventable.

Insect protection begins with clothing. At last weekend's trial biting flies tortured one judge in particular. She made the mistake of wearing a navy outer layer, and flies absolutely love such dark hues. In recent years, outdoor photographers have fallen in love with vibrant reds, blues or yellows; these, too, make old hands shake their heads; such hues really pull in the flies and mosquitoes. (Old North Country guides who wear greys, olive or tans, always recognize greenhorns among their "sports" from their clothing.)

Besides proper attire, repellents become an absolute must in the outdoors today. Sprays and sticks not only work on flies and mosquitoes, the pests of yesteryear, they also do a job on the most serious pest in today's outdoors, the deer tick. We're amazed at hikers who know enough to follow the dictum of wearing long, light colored clothing, even tucking pant legs into their boots, but go without repellents. Ever since our days guiding East End hunting parties with bird dogs, we've doubled down on repellents, applying liquid or stick repellents to neck, arms and legs, then spraying repellents onto clothing, especially arms, legs and collars. For many years, the standard sprays have been 30% DEET and/or permethrins. After a day in the field, you launder clothing and wash yourself thoroughly. Incidentally, a light spray on dogs after their hunts (We don't risk compromising their sense of smell.) works wonders, immobilizing ticks so they either drop off or can be brushed out before a pet comes into the house again.

Speaking of ticks, we take the critters more seriously with each passing year. Time was when all we heard about was "Lyme" disease; then it was ehrlichiosis and babesiosis, then anaplasmosis and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Every few years there was a new tick-related disease and more need for good, aggressive physicians who got patients onto the proper antibiotics FAST without relying solely on tests that might prove inconclusive. But just last fall, we had one of our New England

friends contract a rare (some 60 cases in 10 years) tick-carried virus called "Powassan" that causes encephalitis and meningitis. The scary thing about Powassan is that ticks only need to be in contact for a short time, less than 12 hours, unlike Lyme (24-48 hours) or anaplasmosis (12-24). In our friend's case, he was undiagnosed for days after symptoms showed up and nearly died, as some 10% of Powassan victims do. Less than a year later he's trialing dogs again but still fighting long term problems: memory loss and slurred speech.

Rhus oils that irritate and blister the skin are, in some ways, the easiest problem outdoors persons face. In theory, all one has to do is to avoid "leaves of three" and "let them be". Long sleeves and long pants and a watchful eye seem like simple requirements. But when you're picking wild strawberries around a hedge in Aquebogue or pushing aside the deep rough for a golf ball in Cutchogue, you don't always spot those shiny leaves quickly. And if you've got bird dogs running through ivy patches, then coming back home for brushing or petting, you get the invisible oils on your skin unknowingly. Hours later the itching starts; the oils spread easily on contact.

Treating quickly and aggressively, you can avoid a serious case of "ivy poisoning", and the best technique, applying Tecnu products, outdoor skin cleansers in the form of creams or oils (available at many pharmacies), is very effective. These products, applied according to instructions, dissolve the ivy oils so they can be flushed immediately from affected areas. Itching disappears and healing takes a couple of days. The old remedies ("Gonna need an ocean of calamine lotion!") relieve the itch, but irritating oils remain, and their removal becomes more and more problematic if burned skin swells and gets infected. Before Tecnu many of us sensitized to ivy rash needed a physician and shots before we were finished. No longer.

The message is simple: take precautions and enjoy the summer ahead!

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ABC 2015 Chairmen Reports & Agenda Items



Due to the extreme length of the Futurity Report, only parts are contained here, but the entire report may be viewed on the ABC website www.theamericanbrittanianclub.org. Some reports indicate proposed changes in italics which may be viewed in the original colored type on the website.

2015 REPORT OF THE ABC PRESIDENT

Robert Rankin, MD
September 7, 2015

Well, we got through another year, but it wasn't easy. The BOD has dealt with a number of issues, some of which were related to the length of our last meeting. Costs are slowly increasing with revenue slowly decreasing. The peak of field trailing has passed and has slowly declined since. The same is occurring in almost all pointing breeds with few exceptions. Since the main sources of income come from dues and field trials, income has decreased as these two things have declined. The increase in dues was warranted but with a number of 3 year renewals, it will take a while to see the final results. Other sources of income could be sought such as increasing the field trial starter fees or requiring an ad in the magazine to get approval to run a trial, etc. Or, we could try to limit expenses like donations to other organizations and the scholarship program. These were all started when we had lots of money. Money problems are facing most pointing breed clubs and are being dealt with in different ways. Being President of the ABC is much different than the other organizations I've been President of. Most of the calls or emails I get are along the lines of "you need to tell so and so not to do that" and things of that nature. In the past (I was on the BOD for about 23 years) everything was taken care of at the annual meeting. Now, with the advent of emails, it seems that everything has to be done "right now." Our new way of discussing things before a motion is made should be the new standard of how we conduct business. Otherwise we become somewhat dysfunctional. Somehow the president should be allowed to make more of the day to day decisions on his or her own about things he or she knows would meet with BOD approval. So, anyway, I'm going to drift off into retirement and enjoy my dogs and horses, helping with field trials, and judging quite a bit. I'll still be around. Robert A Rankin, MD.
President of ABC

2015 REPORT OF THE 1st VICE PRESIDENT

Tom Milam
September 12, 2015

An experienced committee was selected with Claude Kilpatrick agreeing to be the Stakes Manager of the Amateur and Bo Ackerman returning as the Open Stakes Manager. A very competent judge's panel was secured early. Due to the early spring and summer rain, the grounds were flooded for quite some time. After the water receded, some feed plots were planted and damaged courses were repaired. This work continues. The photos of the grounds after the flood did not look good but I have confidence that Brad and Red will do everything possible to correct the problems. Since the GSP Championships in March negotiations have continued with Arkansas Game & Fish. Those negotiations are still ongoing. Perry Mikles and Ray Marshall, Sec. / Treas. of Blue Mountain Conservation Assoc. have remained in contact with Ricky Chastain, Assistant Executive Director of AG&F. Ray has kept me advised of developments but since the final results have not been resolved, we are still unsure of the final plan. In any event, the birds have been ordered and will be released in the next week. I will be on the grounds the 6th of Oct. to judge a championship and will be in a better position to evaluate and report on the situation. Tom Milam 1st V.P.

2015 REPORT OF THE 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Bryce Novotny
September 19, 2015

Membership growth seems to be up from previous years and hopefully we will finish the year strong as field trial season is getting into swing and everyone getting excited about getting out with their dogs. I have not been contacted by any new clubs trying to form this year. As far as action amongst developing regional clubs, Cajun Country Brittany Club is applying to hold a mentored hunt test in the spring by the South Louisiana Vizsla Club which will bring them licensed to hold hunt tests. Other than that, I have not heard of any others. I have been working with NBRAN and collecting articles to possibly produce a Brittany Adoption Packet that will also promote the American Brittany Club and give Brittany adopters information on training, care, and all the different sports that the breed can excel at. There has also been mention of NBRAN putting an AKC P.A.L.S. number on all Brittanys adopted out to maybe encourage Brittany adopters to do an activity and train their dogs - leading to less returned to rescue for behavior/energy issues, but this has not been decided on yet. Overall it's been a good year and there are numerous positive things

going on throughout the club.
I have no action items at this time.
Bryce Novotny, 2nd V.P.

2015 REPORT OF THE 3rd VICE PRESIDENT

Terry Hilliard
September 7, 2015

Changes for the Policy Book 2015.

Page 39, #7

Change wording to say: The National Specialty Show will be held the week before the start of the National AA. This will allow possible expansion of the NSS in the coming years and not specify days.

Page 42, #26

Take out Agility.
We have not been able to add this venue to the NSS.

Action Item:

In April 2103, AKC recognized Barn Hunts as a titled program. The Barn Hunt Tests the traits of dogs. The program is open to all breeds that can fit through an 18# tunnel. The Barn Hunt program is taking off and growing quickly. I would like to look into the feasibility of adding Barn Hunt to the 2016 or 2017 NSS.
Terry Hilliard, 3rd V.P.

Agenda Item from Steve Ralph:

ABC Policy Book changes & additions

Duties of the Third Vice President (Policy Book, pg 39) - change "7. The National Specialty Show events are to be held the Friday, Saturday and Sunday prior to the running of the National Amateur Championship." to "7. The National Specialty Show events are to be held during the week prior to the running of the National Amateur Championship."

2015 REPORT OF THE 4th VICE PRESIDENT

John Perry
September 17, 2015

Report will be presented at the Board meeting regarding the running of the Gun Dog Nationals in October 2015.

Action Items:

Policy Book Changes Page 46 #15—"Submit a report of your activities and recommendation to the Agenda Chairman in advance of the annual Board meeting. This must be done far enough in advance so the agenda chairman can have the agenda in the hands of the directors six (6) weeks prior to the annual Board meeting.

The Gun Dog Nationals run approximately 5 weeks prior to the Board meeting and a report on the running cannot meet these deadlines. Without having the information in the agenda book any issue cannot be discussed. This should be changed so any items that need to be addressed from the current years running can be brought to the board for action.

A couple topics that do need to be addressed are:

1. Location of the Gun Dog Nationals
 2. ADA handlers, use of quads, bracing information/guidelines
- Page 46 # 19—"Site selection for the National Open and Amateur Gun Dog Championships must be approved by the Board of Directors."

Many members have asked for a more neutral location and/or rotating grounds more centralized.

Page 47 #20—"Money made from the raffle and/or auction for the Gun Dog Championship shall be donated to the Ionia grounds as long as the ABC runs the Gun Dog Championships there. Before a donation to the grounds funds from the raffle and/or auction, each of the Gun Dog Nationals must break even."

Discussion was held as to keeping any money made, if break even status is achieved, in an account to offset and deficit in future running of the Gun Dog Championships. Many people are interested in working on fund raisers but not if the money will be sent to Ionia grounds.

Why is this a different arrangement that the All Age Nationals?
Page 157 #7—"The statistician is to compile the list of qualified dogs for the National Open, National Amateur and National Gun Dog Championships and send to the editor and Executive Secretary."

Over the past few years, that I am aware of, the Gun Dog Field Trial Secretary has kept the stats. I just need clarification of who is to do it and the policy book should reflect the same.

2015 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ SECRETARY

Mary Jo Trimble
September 8, 2015

Two main changes have dominated activities of the Executive Secretary/Secretary position during the last year. Activities outlined by the ABC Finance Committee have increased additional reporting of results and budgeting by the Executive Committee and the various ABC committees. This is a good thing to verify trends in income and expenditures which helps with planning for the future. Since this has never been enforced in years past, it has required great diligence on the part of the Finance Committee to work with all phases of the ABC Officer and Committee Chairs to develop a working plan for creating realistic budgets and accounting for each of their assigned duties. I know many members are upset with the lack of color in current issues of the magazine, but the Magazine Committee was charged with reducing their budget by several thousand dollars and this was a major way that could be accomplished. Hopefully with the new dues increase, some of the cut backs can be re-adjusted in the future as the club gets on a more long term solvency.

The second change has been adding someone to shadow my jobs as the BOD has decided after decades of the Executive Secretary (an ongoing BOD appointed position and ABC Secretary (an ABC BOD two year elected position) being held by one person to be divided. The Policy Book currently assigns very few duties to the elected Secretary position. When these two offices are once again divided, I anticipate some transfer of duties of the Executive Secretary to the Elected Secretary position. I was very pleased that Leslie Andreas was selected to shadow me for the Secretary position. Leslie is an ABC Life Member and has been actively involved with the ABC since her youth. She has a great understanding of the history and processes of the ABC, its dogs' pedigrees, as well as a great knowledge of the people in the ABC membership. All of this will serve her well if she later assumes the Secretary position.

Due to some confusion as to who was to do what in overhauling the way Membership Data is stored and distributed, nothing was accomplished on last year's BOD Motion to create a new database system for membership. One of my action items will address this and ask that the process be started during 2016.

I do feel the ABC is at a crossroads with different factions of the club pulling in different directions. I would hope that Directors, Officers, and Members would dedicate their efforts to keeping the Mission Statement foremost in their minds to remember that *the objective and purpose of the Club shall be: to promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittany and to encourage high standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittanys in the field and in the show ring; to discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of "field dogs" and "bench dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog"*. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in pleasing everyone and promoting our own particular interests and worrying about the number of members in the ABC and forget that our goals should be directed toward protecting the high standards of the Brittany as a sporting dog with dual capabilities rather than how to please everyone and make everyone a winner. I would encourage Members to work through their Regional Club Directors and specific Committee Chairs when they wish to present new ideas or complaints to the Board of Directors. I would also encourage Regional Directors and Committee Chairs to also respond to those missives and be the ones to bring those issues to the BOD and Committee Chairs so they are not lost in the shuffle leaving the members to think they are not being heard. I would also encourage all to read the Policy Book so that you are aware of the rules and procedures that ABC Directors, Officers, and Committees are required to abide by.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ SECRETARY
Mary Jo Trimble

ACTION ITEMS

1. Add to the duties of the Hall of Fame Chairs (both dog and people) to furnish the Magazine Chair a biography to be published in the ABC Magazine of those people and dogs elected each year to the ABC Halls of Fame. Since the ABC Secretary is to take minutes of the annual ABC Membership Meeting, I would add to the Policy Book Section for the ABC Secretary to receive nominations, conduct the election for Life Members at the Membership Meeting, and also present a biography to the Magazine Chair for publication of those members elected to Life Membership.

2. Reaffirm that the Membership Database should be overhauled by Linda Langford with input from an Ad Hoc Committee headed by the 2nd Vice President, and consisting of The Executive Secretary, Secretary, Membership Data Chair, Magazine Committee Chair, and Membership Promotion Committee Chair with others to be consulted or added as deemed necessary or beneficial to the project to assist Linda Langford in covering all bases regarding this program proposal.

3. I would like to propose that the ABC open an official ABC Yahoo Group for posting to member's notices, AKC actions, BOD actions, and referrals to the ABC Website and/or AKC website for more details to keep the membership more informed. This group would be for posting only with no discussion which has always been discouraged by AKC as internet fights do not encourage or promote new people to join our clubs and often create discord among the membership. The BOD has directed Facebook to only post notices to the ABC Website where no discussion takes place, but members are not in the habit of regularly checking the website, and we as officers are often criticized for posting to public discussion groups and/or Facebook. Signup and change of email addresses would be up to the individual members. I would be happy to add this to the duties of the Ex. Secretary as I serve pretty much in that capacity for the BOD anyway.

4. We need to add to the duties of the Ex. Secretary, Section # 5, page 53 of the policy book the following: *Members who belong to Regional Clubs in more than one region or a region different from their residence shall notify the ABC Executive Secretary prior to August 1 each year in which region they wish to cast their ballot. This notice shall be published in the Magazine, on the Website, and Facebook (and ABC Yahoo Group if that proposal is accepted) prior to July 1 each year. If no notice from the member is received, then a ballot will be sent based on the member's state of residence. Members who belong to only one Regional Club will receive a ballot based on that Regional Club's Region. It is very time consuming to have to deal with this issue after the August 1st date and should be the members' responsibility rather than ABC trying to find in the membership list all these overlaps and trying to contact the members each year to determine their primary region. We do have members who live in one region and belong to only one club in a different region and ballots have ALWAYS been sent based on that Club's Region so that will not change.*

2015 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Gerilyn Sennott
September 12, 2015

As my term as Treasurer of The American Brittany Club is drawing to a close, the financial statements will be completed for year ending 12/31/15 before turning over all records to the new treasurer.

The Finance Committee has completed their internal audit on the 2014 Financials and found it was balanced and complete with the exception of the recording of membership unearned dues as members are paying for multi years. The pay pal reports do not reflect the expiration year. This has been addressed by the Finance Committee and I have forwarded all membership packets to the Executive Secretary for review. This will continue as I receive the packets from the Membership Data Chair.

After the 2014 National Events concluded, it was very difficult obtaining the money collected for deposit and expenditure receipts/reports of the events. This has been discussed with the Event Chairs and the Finance Committee where all recordings of the events be submitted to the Treasurer no later than 30 days after the end of the event. (This is an action item on the Finance Committee's report). It is imperative that this reporting is prompt as it effects the year end statements.

Each year the Finance Committee will advise The Board of Directors as to the donations made to the following organizations:

Bird Dog Foundation: Brittany Endowment
Sportsmen's Alliance
National Animal Interest Alliance
National Animal Interest Alliance Trust

The bank account located at 1st Western Bank in Booneville, which was used for the disbursement of membership reimbursements, was closed to consolidate the checking accounts into one.

The 2014 Financial Statement and the 2015 Budget are available on the website.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Currently we are reimbursing the clubs on a quarterly basis. Any club reimbursement which is less than \$20.00 will be carried forward to the next quarter until their check reimbursement exceeds the \$20.00 limit. Reasoning is that a check written for \$2.00, mailed and then usually misplaced as it is not deposited promptly then needs to be replaced at a later date. The cost is much more than the check written.

2. All club reimbursement checks must be deposited in a timely manner. After one (1) year after issuance date, the check will be voided and no replacement check will be issued.

Gerilyn A. Sennott Treasurer
The American Brittany Club

2015 HOSPITALITY CHAIRMAN FOR ALL AGE NATIONALS

Nancy Clendenen, Hospitality Chair.
September 17, 2015

Diana Kubitz, outgoing chairman of this committee was outstanding in getting information and materials to me in a timely fashion.

The schedule was submitted to the magazine for the September issue and Steve has added it to items on the ABC website for the 2015 Nationals.

Winners of the 2013 Open and Amateur Championships have been contacted in order to help make their party planning easier. I'm in the process at this time of obtaining an auctioneer for both Calcutta's and the Auction. Hopefully we can get the same auctioneer we had last year.

Last minute details are being wrapped up at this time. We will not be having greeters every night, but on key nights we'll have familiar faces at the door to welcome everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Booneville!

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Clendenen

Hospitality Chair.

2015 AGENDA BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

Hank Hartnek, Chair.
September 8, 2015

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

Reports with action items are noted in **BOLD** in the index and with a red tab on the actual report. NR in the index indicates No Report was submitted in time to be included in the Agenda Book.

This year I've tried to reduce costs by:

1. Eliminating a blank page where no report was received unless there was an Agenda item submitted by an officer or Board member.
2. Requesting the number of color pages is kept to a minimum.
3. Copying the pages of the Agenda Book double-sided.

I would personally like to thank everyone for their cooperation. It made the job a lot easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Hartnek

ACTION ITEM: I would like the Board to consider sending future Agenda Books to Officers and Board members in electronic format. 2 – 3 copies could be sent to the Nationals for the club house and show. This would save time and money, \$300 - \$400 per year.

At the Board meeting, the Agenda Book could be projected for all to see. A projector would have to be purchased. It could be paid for in 2 – 3 years from the money saved not printing and sending out the Agenda Books.

A copy of the Agenda Book should also appear on the ABC website not just the Action Items.

From Darlene Dow, East Central Director

September 17, 2015

ACTION ITEM: Electronic transmission of the agenda book.

2015 AKC DELEGATE'S REPORT

Judy Tighe
September 15, 2015

The year has been busy with several changes to the AKC website. Unfortunately, the person in charge resigned mid-stream and the IT people had to work hard to make appropriate changes and updates. It is still a work in progress while problems are being worked out.

The Parent Club Committee has a number of projects: Parent Club of Excellence Project which has had poor response. Of those responding regarding the "Breeder of Merit", only 10 of the 27 clubs responding encouraged this program but 13 of the clubs encouraged full litter registration. Some of the clubs increased their membership while less than half report any Junior recognition or Junior Scholarship program.

AKC Classifieds needs to be able to verify if a person states they are a Parent Club member and Breeder of Merit.

The "Bred With Heart Program" has grown. It is geared to larger volume breeders that have 7+ litters/year. The breeder must comply with Parent Club recommended health tests, verification through the AKC inspection program and comply with the Breeder Education component. AKC is developing an on-line test and if you pass, you will receive certificate indicating you have completed the course.

Disaster Trailers – The program began in September of 2013. To date, \$1,031,000 has been raised. 30 Disaster Trailers have been delivered across the country with many more in the process of being built. **I recommend ABC begin a 501c3 fund and contribute \$500 to start and request members make donations. If we donate \$1,000 or more to the Disaster Trailer program, the ABC logo can be put on a trailer.**

The Certificate of Merit proposal for 4-6 month puppy class at shows has gone back to the Board to be reworked.

The Field Trial and Hunting Test Committee and Parent Club Committee are working together to update the Sporting and Hound breed fliers that go out to new puppy registrations. I have used the

ABC flier and Irish Setter flier as examples. Many have old information that needs to be updated. Thank you to ABC for doing a great job on ours. **I have made the recommendation that this flier be sent to all people that breed a litter so they can copy and give to their new puppy buyers.** This way, we should get to those that are not members of ABC and encouraging them to join.

Also, the FT & HT Committee will be sending out a questionnaire to all the field trial clubs to see what we can do to help promote field events. A suggestion was made to invite veterinarian students to our field events.

With Legislation, AKC is supporting a Federal PAWS 2015 bill, Pets and Woman's Safety Act which helps women that are abused that have pets get to a safe place with their animal. Also they are supporting legislation that retail pet stores cannot sell pets from shelters. There are many bills throughout the country going after breeders. Any pets being brought into the USA MUST be vaccinated for Rabies. A one year vaccine may now be administered at 3 months but must be boosted at 4 months.

Election time is coming up and we need to assist in electing "dog friendly" candidates. You can sign up on line to make monthly donations of at least \$5 or more at akc.org/pac/. Or your club can sponsor a fund raiser. If there is a candidate you wish to support, get in touch with the AKC PAC. Of those the PAC donated to, there has been a 90% success rate. This is good for local and state elections. It gives us an edge whenever bad legislation is introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Tighe

AKC Delegate

ACTION ITEM: Set up a 501c3 fund and ABC donate \$500 for a Disaster Trailer and request club members donate.

2015 AKC GAZETTE REPORTER REPORT

David Webb, Chair.
September 2, 2015

During this past year there have been four brief articles written and submitted to the AKC Gazette for publication in the Brittany breed column, which appears quarterly each year.

These pieces for the Brittany breed column have been based on my 40 plus years with the Brittany. The four pieces were titled – "Almighty Water Hose", "The Little Brown Book", "Foundation", and "The Magic Dancer", which will appear in October issue of the Gazette. In addition a piece is being written is entitled, "The Right Stuff". It will appear in January 2016 issue of the Gazette.

Several of these articles have been edited and photographs often included; then published in The American Brittany magazine.

Writings have been put together with intent to provide the reader with information about our breed. Appreciate the opportunity to write for the AKC Gazette.

David Webb, Gazette Reporter

2015 AKC JUDGES EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Diana Kubitz, Chair.
September 17, 2015

Our year was busy and packed with changes to the judge's education presentation. Jessica Carlson worked exceptionally hard updating photos that make up our newest presentation. Thanks to Jessica for all her hard work and to the committee members who made comments about changes throughout the process. I'm very proud of the way our committee works together to bring about positive changes that will help us preserve our pledge to our breed to keep it "forever a dual dog!"

We will look at the presentation at the nationals with as many committee members and ABC mentors as possible to give it final touches and decide what further changes might need to be made. Jessica is still working on video for the presentation and I look forward to including that in our finished product of the new presentation.

There is a schedule of presentations given this year that accompanies this report. We had several very large presentations this year with the Metamora hands-on seminar in Michigan in June the largest. We again had our 25 judges from all over the country and it was well attended by Brittany members bringing their dogs to help us educate the judges of the future. My thanks to those individuals who continue year after year to support this work! My thanks go to Cindy Miller, Doug Tighe, and Judy Tighe for doing presentations this year also. We were doing final touches on the presentation and Jessica was trying to keep us all updated so that the new material could be used as soon as possible. Thanks guys for doing great work on these presentations!

Last year at the nationals Amy Rodrigues Booth did a fund raiser that judge's education shared with the show. She groomed dogs to the tune of \$600.00! Her efforts were much appreciated by both the show committee and judge's education. I'm hoping to get her to do fund raisers in the future as well. Thank you Amy for your generosity and good work and thanks to the folks who participated!

We already have one seminar planned for January 2016 in Minneapolis so 2016 is already starting off with a bang! I'd like to encourage more mentors and committee members to do presentations to judges groups, kennel clubs and for new member functions as much as possible. You never know when the next prospective judge will walk through the door!

We have no action items to present at this time.
Respectfully submitted:
Diana Kubitz

2015 American Brittany Club Judges Ed. Seminars

January
February
None
March
April
May
June- 20 & 21—Boy Scout Camp, Metamora, MI— Diana Kubitz—
Presentation, breed match, field demos ABC
Summer Specialty on Saturday, June 18, 2015 Presenters: Cindy
Miller & Doug Tighe
July
August
September
None
October- Harvest Specialties Ionia, MI Sunday, Oct 18- Presenter
Diana Kubitz
November-19—Ft. Smith, AR Fairgrounds Diana /Committee
December- Fri, December 11—Orlando, FL— AKC/DJAA Advanced
Judges Institute—2:45 p.m. Cindy Miller & Judy Tighe presenters

2016 Seminar: Land O Lakes Kennel Club, Saturday January 9, 2016, 9:00—Noon, Presenters: Joe & Dawn Droel: contact Info: mail@sovereignbrits.com or cell# 651.620.3272

2015 U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE AND 2015 AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AGENDA REPORTS MARY JO TRIMBLE

TRIMBLEMARYJORYAY@GMAIL.COM
September 14, 2015

One of the highlights this year of positive legislation happened in Illinois. The Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners sponsored a bill in the Illinois General Assembly to require shelters and rescue organizations to do multiple scans on dogs in their care to try and locate the owners before selling or placing any dogs with new owners. Governor Bruce Rauner recently signed the bill into law. Previously the Federation had sponsored a bill which required Animal Control to scan a minimum of two times before releasing a dog. This was an extension of that legislation. Currently there is a petition on line started by an East Coast lady who has spent over \$130,000 to try and get her dog back that had been placed into a new home even though the placing organization knew who the rightful owner actually was. She has established an online petition to try and get Federal Legislators to enact a federal law impacting all 50 states which would require these scans. I have included a summary of this and would encourage all clubs and ABC Rescue groups to work with your state AKC or other Dog Federations to promote similar legislation.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation>

AKC PRESS RELEASE

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AKC'S ILLINOIS FEDERATION HELPS PASS LAW TO BENEFIT LOST DOGS By: AKC Government Relations Department AKC's Illinois Federation Helps Pass Law to Benefit Lost Dogs Thousands of Illinois pet owners will now have a better chance of being reunited with their beloved pets thanks to House Bill 4029, which was signed into law recently by Governor Bruce Rauner. The Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO), AKC's official Illinois state federation, worked with key sponsor Senator Thomas Cullerton to initiate the legislation, which requires animal shelters and rescue groups to scan intake animals for a microchip multiple times before releasing the animal. This extends the provisions of SB1632, which required the same procedure of animal control facilities. The American Kennel Club was proud to support both of these measures, which help reunite lost dogs with their owners.

"The Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners is committed to responsible dog ownership, and this new law is a win-win for all dog owners in the State of Illinois," said Michele Kasten, Vice President of IFDCO. "It will help get lost animals home more quickly by ensuring that shelters and rescues who take in stray animals follow the same requirements as animal control facilities -- scanning the animal for a microchip multiple times so it can be identified and returned to its rightful owners. Prior to this law there were no requirements for shelters or rescues to scan for a microchip and contact the owner..." House Bill 4029 defines shelters as facilities operated by a humane society, animal welfare society, or other non-profit organization "promoting the welfare, protection and humane treatment of animals", as well as veterinary hospitals and clinics if they also provide these services.

Among other requirements, shelters would have to check for identification within 24 hours after the initial intake of a dog or cat. An additional scan for a microchip and other forms of identification would also be required prior to transferring an animal to another

shelter or rescue group, or euthanization. HB 4029 also states that if the first person listed on the microchip cannot be reached, the shelter must notify the second contact if one is listed. Also, shelters must notify the owner when they are identified and transfer dogs with identified owners to a local animal control or law enforcement agency for redemption. If they cannot transfer the animal, they must hold the animal for at least 7 days prior to removing the animal. The AKC congratulates IFDCO on their significant efforts in bringing this important law that will help reunite lost pets with their owners as soon as possible. For more information on the new law, contact Michele Kasten at schipnut58@yahoo.com <https://us-mg6.mail.yahoo.com/compose?to=schipnut58@yahoo.com>

ABC Regional Clubs and/or Rescue groups, feel free to contact Mary Jo for more information or questions.

Fortunately, due to the Presidential Election, dog legislation has taken a back seat. HSUS continues to fund political campaigns though. I stay in contact with the US Sportsmen's Alliance, AKC, National Animal Interest Alliance, and other legislative groups and along with Judy Tighe, our ABC/AKC Delegate, to try and notify members when their state has proposed legislation that they need to react to accordingly. We need all of you to stay focused on dog or animal legislation in your state and work to keep laws that don't kill the sport we love with bad laws.

The trend from Animal Rights folks this year seems to be establishing legislation affecting dogs kenneled outdoors. The emphasis is on Extreme Weather Conditions with severe penalties for dogs left outside. The problem with most of their legislation is EXTREME is not always defined and sometimes applies to all companion animals which in many states includes horses. Be on alert for this as they slipped in through during the last week of the Illinois Legislative Session and neither the Federation or IL Federation for Outdoor Resources nor our lobbyists got wind of it until it had been run through Committee and to the floor for a vote. It sounds good to legislators but could be dangerous to dogs that are permanently kenneled outdoors. WATCH FOR THIS!
MARY JO TRIMBLE

2015 AKC POINTING BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

RAY TRIMBLE, Liaison
September 14, 2015

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Trimble

2015 AMERICAN BRITANNY FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Brigham, Chair.
September 11, 2015

Jim Brigham, American Brittany Foundation Chair Action Item:

The ABC President shall present a nominee to the ABC Board to appoint an ABF Board Member as John Henderson's term will expire.

2015 AMERICAN FIELD LIAISON AGENDA REPORT Ray Trimble

September 14, 2015

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

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

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

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

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

ABC REGIONAL AKC CLASSICS/ AF CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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

Respectfully submitted, Ray Trimble

2015 BREED STANDARDS

Judy Tighe

September 15, 2015

There are no issues that have come up in 2015 regarding Breed Standards. The Committee has no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Tighe, Chairman

2015 CLASSICS COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT RAY TRIMBLE, CHAIR

September 14, 2015

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

A. The 2015 Chukar Classic/Championship was hosted by the California Brittany Club 27-28 January 2015, at Castle Butte Wells, California City, CA.

B. The Chicken Classic/Championship was hosted by the Nebraska Brittany Clubs, 14-17 September 2015, at the Ted Morton Ranch, Bassett, NE.

C. The Pheasant Classic/Championship was hosted by the Greater St. Louis Brittany Club, 19-22 September, at Harm's Cattle Company, Valentine, NE.

D. The Gun Dog Classic/Championship was hosted by the Hawkeye Brittany Club, 27-29 April 2015, at Hickman Ranch, Grand River, IA.

E. The Grouse/Woodcock Classic/Championship was hosted by the Badger Brittany Club, on 9-10 October at Eau Claire City Forest, Augusta, WI.

F. The Quail Classic/Championship was hosted by the Greater St. Louis Brittany Club, 12-16 October 2015, at Sportsmen's Association Grounds, Grovespring, MO.

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

The 2016 Classic/Championship program will need host clubs for five (5) Classic/Championship events, namely the Prairie Chicken, Pheasant, Grouse/Woodcock, Gun Dog, and Quail Classic/Championships. Please contact Ray Trimble for information if your club wishes to host a Classic. The Chukar Classic/Championship will be hosted in Mid Jan 2016 by the Grand Canyon Brittany Club on grounds near Sonoita, AZ.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Trimble

2015 DOG OF THE YEAR REPORT

Robin Tomasi, Chair.

September 14, 2015

The 2015 DOY banquet will be held with the 2016 Summer Specialty hosted by the Northern CA Brittany Club. The awards close on December 31st, and information on the awards have been posted on the ABC website.

Robin Tomasi

ACTION ITEMS from Steve Ralph:

ABC Policy Book changes & additions

Dog Of The Year (Policy Book, Table of Contents & pg 148-150) - change all occurrences of "National Dog of the Year" to "Dog of the Year" - change all occurrences of "National DOY" to "DOY"

2015 ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Brigham, Chair.

September 11, 2015

The committee has been inactive this year. A misunderstanding of

the procedures by me has caused a delay in Board action on these recommendations.

- Policy Book Article 1 deals with membership. We are proposing to amend Article 1 Section 2: Termination of membership and Section 3: Suspension of Membership to reflect the recommendations of the AKC Sample.

These amendments must follow Article IX Section 1: Amendment of the Policy Book. The first step requires that an amendment be submitted to by a referendum vote by mail, (a) when authorized by the BOD or (b) by a written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by at least 25 members in good standing, no more than 5 being members of the same regional member club. Section 2: Within thirty days after authorization, the Secretary shall mail to every member, entitled to vote, a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments together with an appropriate ballot, and shall specify on the ballot a day certain, not less than thirty days after such mailing, on which the polls shall close. Ballot must be signed. Must be voted on by 1/4th of members and must receive 2/3rds yes vote. Authorization is by the BOD.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion 1: I move that the Board authorize a vote on the proposed amendment modifying the procedures for terminating memberships. To save on mailing costs, I further request that Secretary postpone the mailing until the fall mailing for directors.

Motion 2: I move that Section 3's title from Suspension of Membership to Discipline of Members. Further, that the Board adds C – it would describe how the Board would deal with a member preferring charges against another member. To save on mailing costs, I further request that Secretary postpone the mailing until the fall mailing for directors. Reasoning: To better describe the process by which the Board would determine the appropriate disciplinary action against a member. This would give the Board the same authority that its regional clubs are granted in B.

Proposed Code of Ethics for the ABC Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs

Motion: I move that the Board adopt the following proposals for an Ethics Policy for Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs of the American Brittany Club.

1. Members of the Board, Officers and Committee Chairs will conduct the business of the ABC in good faith and with honesty, integrity, due diligence and reasonable competence.
 2. No Board member or Officer shall share, copy, reproduce, transmit, divulge or otherwise disclose confidential information related to the affairs of the ABC. Each Board member will uphold the strict confidentiality of all executive sessions and other deliberations and communications of the Board deemed confidential.
 3. Members of the Board, Officers and Committee Chairs will exercise proper authority, fairness and good judgment in their dealings with all parties.
 4. Directors and Officers of ABC must at all times act in the best interests of the ABC and not for personal or third-party gains or financial enrichment. When encountering potential conflicts of interest Board members, Officers and Committee Chairs (refer to page 14 of the Policy Book - ABC Policy on Conflicts of Interest) will identify the conflict and as required, remove themselves from all discussions and voting on the matter.
- Avoid placing (and avoid the appearance of placing) one's own self-interest or any third-party interest above that of the ABC.
 - Do not abuse the position of authority given to you by the ABC by improperly using that authority for personal gain or third-party gain or pleasure.

Complaints of misconduct or conflict of interest may be made by any ABC member or a party dealing with the ABC or its regional clubs. Under most circumstances, the complaint will be received by the President or the Secretary of ABC.

Discipline procedures will be taken as set out in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition
Chapter XX Disciplinary Procedures Offenses Elsewhere Than in a Meeting; Trials or the most recent revised edition.
Jim Brigham, Ethics Committee Chair

ACTION ITEMS:

**From Darlene Dow, East Central Director
September 17, 2015**

1. We need to add the language for the CHIC recommendation passed. 2. I would also like a statement added that the ABC does not condone cross breeding.

2015 ABC FACEBOOK COMMITTEE REPORT Robin Tomasi, Chair August 18, 2015

At the time of this report there are 3,250 fans of the page. In the past year, we added 1,082 fans; a 50% increase. On any given week the ABC Facebook page is seen by up to 10,000 people.

Following are some insights into the demographics of our Facebook fans:
56% of our fans are women while 43% are men. The 55-64 age

demographic is the most engaged (those who comment, like, or share content), followed closely by the 45-54 age group. The ages of our fans break down as follows (from largest to smallest):

- 45-54: 23%
- 35-44: 22%
- 55-64: 19%
- 25-34: 17%
- 65+: 11%
- 18-24: 6%

Individual posts are viewed on average by 1,500 people. The most popular post to date was an AKC Gazette article shared from the AKC website written by David Webb on Brittany puppies. This article was shared from the ABC page almost 40 times, and reached more than 6,000 people. Health, hunting, personal stories, and training tips (across all venues) have been the most popular posts.

Periodic reminders were posted during the year encouraging FB fans to join the ABC, reminding current members to renew their membership, Futurity Nominate their litters, etc. Several promotional posts were made to support individual ABC events and items for sale.

Thank you to the members of the ABC Facebook Committee for all their hard work in providing a wide range of content for Brittany enthusiasts.

Robin Tomasi, Chair

2015 ABC FIELD TRIAL DATES COMMITTEE REPORT Steve Ralph, Chair. July 29, 2015

Field Trial Dates

Reviewed all Spring & Fall dates presented by Regional Date Coordinators. Some scheduling issues were raised by the Mid-Florida Club (regarding the 2016 Eastern Futurity), Neosho Valley Club (wanting to change region & dates), and Northern California Club (wanting to change dates). All issues were handled properly by the Regional Date Coordinators. I want to thank the Regional Date Coordinators (Beth Wintermute, Wade Haines, Ed Graves, Jim Crawford, Jerry Cape) for all their hard work in resolving conflicts in the best interest for their regional clubs and ABC. I also want to remind clubs to work with their Regional Date Coordinator concerning field trial date scheduling, as all date must first be approved by the Regional Date Coordinator before ABC can approve the field trial application.

Steve Ralph, Chair.

2015 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT Judy Graves, Chair. September 2, 2015

Members: Judy Graves, Chair; Les Casselberry, East Coast; Kent Patterson, East Central; Jim Brigham, Central; Mary Karbiner, Mid-West; Joe Gower, West Coast

Having been formed in 2013, this committee continues to carry out its duties as outlined in the Policy Book. The first order of business for the committee is to oversee the audit function. Because of the ABC size and structure, an independent, certified audit would add unnecessary costs to the operating expenses, and provide nothing more than a certification that the financial statements were presented fairly. The committee members participated in an in-depth internal review and reported to the Board of Directors. One of our findings dealt with multiple people receiving cash receipts and event staff writing checks when the Treasurer was not available. Throughout the year, funds are collected by the Executive Secretary, Membership Data Chair, Webster Co. Printing staff, national event secretaries, volunteers for our publications, trophy donations, etc. etc. We noticed that the Policy Book does not address how often these funds should be forwarded to the Treasurer. In most cases, funds are sent to the Treasurer at least monthly. However, we did find that last year's gun dog nationals and the national specialty show took much too long to get their receipts and disbursement documentation to the Treasurer. We are proposing an action item to address this issue.

During 2015, we reviewed and recommended to the BOD the addition of a fifty cent mailing fee for all judges books & primers purchased. We found that in some instances, shipping costs exceeded the purchase price.

The outcome for 2014 was also sent to the BOD with an analysis of the actual vs. budget. Considering this was our first attempt at establishing a budget process, we feel the outcome was very positive.

The IRS group exemption continues to be in force with 45 clubs included in our umbrella. Two clubs were added in 2014. To date, no clubs have requested inclusion in 2015. Form 990-N was filed for each club and copies of the IRS e-postcard receipts were forwarded to each club's contact person. The ABC's 2014 IRS Form 990 was filed by the Treasurer May 12, 2015. Our 2015 CP 119 was filed Sept. 1, 2015 as required by the IRS.

Request for the 2016 Operating budgets along with the Futurity program will be due October 1st to the Finance Committee. National Gun Dog, All Age & Specialty events will be presented to the BOD in March of 2016. The dues increase approved two years ago will go into effect in 2016. Hopefully we will be able to submit a balanced budget with this increase. Costs continue to be monitored for any possible

savings without sacrificing our program quality. We will continue to strive to establish a general operating fund reserve of at least twice our operating income.

ACTION ITEM #1

We request a motion be made to add to the duties of all event chairs that funds received for activity other than entry fees is turned over to the treasurer within 30 days of receipt.

ACTION ITEM #2

We request a motion be made to appoint Mary Karbiner to a full 5 year term as a member of the Finance Committee.

ACTION ITEM #3

After review of the 2016 budget submitted, we request a motion to approve the budget with any revisions made during board review.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Graves, Chair

ACTION ITEM:

**From Darlene Dow, East Coast Director
September 17, 2015**

Finance Committee: Discuss reimbursements in general, phone, internet etc. receipts?

ACTION ITEM:

**From Brian Hendrickson, East Central Director
September 18, 2015**

All ABC expenses and or reimbursements should be required to have receipts for reimbursement.

2015 FUTURITY COMMITTEE REPORT Judy Robin, Chair. September 12, 2015

There are really no action items; however, there have been changes in the futurities as you all know. I am now the Futurity Chairman and Kristi Anglen is Secretary. Thanks so much to Kristi for helping me and trying to put me back on my feet. A thank you also to Judy Graves for holding my hand and leading me in the right direction.

I'd also like to thank Robin Tomasi for her extremely hard work in obtaining donors for trophies and ads in the catalogs and both Kristi and Robin in addition to our committee for their fresh ideas. The futurities committee graciously accepted as committee members "mid-stream" and is comprised of Leslie Andreas, Kristi Anglen, Darlene Dow, Linda Langford, Robin Tomasi, Sharon VanWieren and myself.

Sharon VanWieren is taking on the project of preparing an understandable description of why puppies should be registered with FDSB. Thank you Sharon.

After much pushing, prodding and threatening, we finally received information from all clubs regarding the futurities held this spring. Central and West made money (above budget) and East was extremely close to budget. East would have probably done somewhat better with a little more help and a lot better weather.

Not one of you will forget changing the futurity policy this late spring/early summer. Thank you for your tenacity in getting this approved. The correct policy is posted to the ABC website. Some of the changes noted are: litter nomination period was increased, dollar amounts for forfeits and entries were increased and there was modification of dual award rules to give multiple awards if there are ties. There are several small changes to be made, but I think it better if we wait another year. I'm sure you'll all agree.

There are definitely some major miles between the locations of the regional futurities for the 2014/2016, but we are hoping for good, hopefully better, numbers.

The first forfeits this year are somewhat higher than this time last year. Final forfeits for 2016 are due by October 1st. At the time of this report, we have one application for hosting 2017. If you know of any club interested in hosting 2015/2017 regional futurities, please contact Kristi Anglen or me or ask interested club to complete application on ABC website and send to me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Robin

ACTION ITEMS from Steve Ralph:

ABC Policy Book changes & additions

Futurity (Policy Book, Table of Contents & pg 100-114) - change all occurrences of "National Futurity" to "Futurity"

Per Steve Ralph: Please add the following item to the 2015 ABC BOD Agenda. Futurity improvement discussion (starting 2016/2018)

1. Change the Futurity format from running three sectional events (Central, East, West) to running three futurity events (All Age, Gun Dog, Show) with the corresponding National events.

a. The All Age Futurity would be run in conjunction with the National All Age Championships on the same grounds.

b. The Gun Dog Futurity would be run in conjunction with the National Gun Dog Championships on the same grounds.

c. The Show Futurity would be run in conjunction with the National Show at the same site.

2. Change length of field heats from 30 minutes to 45 minutes or 1 hour

ACTION ITEM from Karen Hanson: Discussion with the Futurity Committee and Futurity "Action Committee" on proposals for

change in the futurity program.

Over the summer, members of the ABC Board sent in suggestions for improvement to the futurity program. The 2014/2016 futurity actually has 35% more litter nominations as compared to the 2013/2015 year. It would appear that futurity participation is on the upswing. The futurity program is one of the few programs where participation is limited to ABC members, and is one of the only programs that make money for the ABC year after year. The way the futurity program is currently run fits in with our mission, "The purpose of the American Brittany Club is to promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of a Brittany and to encourage the highest standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittans in the field and in the show ring; to discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of "field dogs" and "bench dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog".

I personally have competed in the futurity off and on for almost 30 years. I've seen highs and lows, but found that having a National futurity run off heightened the importance of the event. My personal feeling is that the futurity program is not broken, but can be improved if the National Club gives the program more importance and cache'. I also believe that as a breeders' stake, the breeders should be highlighted, which is something that up until now has been sorely lacking. With the last committee's pursuit of trophy donations, I think the program can and will be giving more emphasis to the actual breeders. I am especially happy to see the "showcase of dams" on Facebook. I think it really gives the program a lift and makes the membership want to participate.

I do think the clubs need support in putting on the futurity. Most clubs put on a futurity on an infrequent basis. They need to know what they are allowed to spend and they need a helping hand. I think it would be beneficial to have a member of the futurity committee be a liaison to the club putting on the futurity. That would hopefully help stop some of the Monday Morning micromanaging that has plagued the program in recent years.

If we want to make the futurity a national event – I believe that the actual events will run better... in that you have a continuity of people running the events, and facilities in place to put on a quality event. That would lower the number of events and most likely would lower the actual number of participants, and most likely would lessen the appeal to "new" members who come to the events as their first real exposure to the field and show.

I also think it's time to look at why we are so afraid of "AKC" for the futurity program. AKC allows clubs to have special attraction events, and my understanding the charge to have a "special attraction" is \$15.00. The special attraction is considered to be a separate event. (See Beginner Puppy completion at dog shows, hunting dog stakes at field trials).

I think it would be an excellent idea to poll our futurity participants and breeders from the past two years to ask them what worked for them and what didn't. We are very concerned about the American Field registrations associated with the futurity or the lack there of. If the participants in the futurity do not want to register their litters or dogs with American Field, are we bringing any extra value to the participants by running the field events under American Field? What value to the participants does running the stake under American Field really bring?

Several members have suggested the following changes:

- If we move to one futurity, having the gun dog futurity with the gun dog nationals, the all age futurity with the all age nationals and the show futurity with the national specialty show. Other members have opined that this will make it harder to have a "real" dual dog, as many of the dogs that entered the gun dog stake would not want to make a second trip to the national specialty show, therefore giving the all age dogs a decided edge. A possible way to change this would be to have the futurity show with the summer specialty.
- Several members of the committee have recommended keeping the three- futurity set up, however, since the entries in the all age futurity have been steadily declining in years, combining the all age and gun dog futurities into one futurity field stake. They feel that this would highlight the "best" dogs, in a bigger pool of entries. Concern has been expressed that the gun dog futurity is currently a walking stake, and the resulting problems of bracing foot handled gun dogs with horseback handled all age dogs, perceived judging bias towards the "all age dog", and that many people who enter the gun dog futurity will not enter their dogs under this set up.
- Possibly change the stake from 30 minutes to 45-60 minutes.
- Explore the possibility of running futurities on the weekends or Friday or Monday to encourage more people who "work" to come.
- Explore ways to better reward the breeders of the futurity dogs as this is a breeders stake
- Have a show futurity run off or "maturity" at the National Specialty

- Steve Ralph has proposed that instead of having a field futurity run off, we instead have an ABC derby-style invitational, which would include futurity field winners and placers from the regional futurities and dogs that have won or placed in significant derby stakes such as the Victoire Nationale, or dogs that have met a qualification standard based on numbers of wins or placements. This would be a single stake made up of gun dogs and all age dogs.

2015 HALL OF FAME (DOG) REPORT

Kent Patterson, Chair.

July 6, 2015

The ABC Dog Hall of Fame committee has completed its process with the following to add to the Board Agenda book for this fall. Many thanks to the committee members for their timely participation.

July 6, 2015 The ABC Dog Hall of Fame committee reviewed 3 nominations submitted per ABC policy:

Bourbon XIII

Mon Petite Whiz

Buck's Hit the Road Jack

Based on the review criteria and voting process outlined in the ABC policy, the following dog received a majority vote through two rounds and is submitted to the Board of Directors as an ABC Dog HOF candidate.

Bourbon XIII

Kent D. Patterson ABC Dog HOF Chairman

AGENDA REPORT- HEALTH AND GENETICS COMMITTEE

Margaret Horstmeyer, Chair.

September 9, 2015

The Health & Genetics Committee directed \$3,001.44 from the Donor Advised Funds (earned through the Purina Pro Club weight circle submission) to support the AKC CHF Epilepsy initiative in 2014. Midyear 2015 Donor Advised Fund balance is \$3017.39. Grant support yet to be determined. Send in those weight circles!!!

Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM

AGENDA REPORT- JUNIOR PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Robert Wire, Chair.

September 18, 2015

The Junior Participation Scholarship committee received and approved one application for a scholarship grant and stipend. The recipient is Melissa McCloskey. She lives in Jackson, N.J. and is a member the North Jersey Brittany Club. A stipend of \$250.00 has been paid to Melissa and a scholarship grant of \$500.00 will be paid to the collage of her choosing.

Robert Wire, Chair.

Junior Participation Scholarship Committee

AGENDA REPORT- MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Bob Fleury, Chair.

September 14, 2015

Along with the daily process of producing a monthly magazine, this year's efforts were focused on working with the ABC Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairwoman to research the magazine financial procedures and come up with ways to save money and control costs while continuing to produce a quality publication. The elimination of color photos for ABC National events this past year was a large savings as expected. We have also recently begun charging mailing costs for the Primers and Judges books that are sold at Marshfield to offset that expense. The acceptance of American Express credit cards for payment to ABC has been discontinued because the cost of their processing fee in comparison to the other credit cards is high and their payment procedures are also different. Changes are being prepared to print the new membership fees that will begin in January. We are also working updating that same information on the club brochure that AKC sends to all new Brittans registered under the parent club program that we are enrolled in. We are still working in coordination with Judy Tighe our AKC delegate on attempting to get this same brochure program expanded to include mailings to all Brittany litter applications. Work is also continuing on updating the file photo inventory system to make it more efficient. Producing a publication in a timely fashion necessitates receiving material in sufficient time to process it. We still struggle at times to get needed and fully completed publication material from the people and committees in charge of the events. The magazine is still seeking columnists for the following areas, general and show grooming, show training and handling, veterinary issues, equine, junior handling and hunt test. Producing the magazine requires the help and efforts of many people. I want to recognize and thank the magazine and proofing committee, the contributing editors and the staff at Webster County for all of their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Fleury

ACTION ITEM:

From Darlene Dow, East Coast Director

September 17, 2015

Magazine discussion:

1. Bringing back an editor.

2. Add Facebook banner to the magazine much like the website banner. This was talked about and the magazine chair agreed to add this, but to date I have not seen it in the magazine.

ACTION ITEM:

From Brian Hendrickson, East Central Director

September 18, 2015

Discuss ABC magazine editor position. Also explore budget cuts for magazine expenses, move it from general expense under general fund to a specific magazine budget.

2015 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Bryce Novotny 3rd V.P.

Diana Kubitz, Chair.

September 17, 2015

This will be our first complete year of data regarding new members for the membership committee. My main function this year was to send out emails to the new members, follow up with new member letters with the membership magnets and answer questions for new members. I continue to get good responses from the new members and many keep me apprised of their activities within ABC. I copy club secretaries on the new member emails so that they can contact the members as soon as possible to get them involved in club activities.

New Members August 2014 – August 2015

August 201445

September 201419

October 201424

November 201417

December 201412

January 201526

February 201547

March 201533

April 201520

May 201520

June 201533

July 201511

August 201526

3rd VP Bryce Novotny will have any agenda items in his report.

Respectfully submitted:

Diana Kubitz

ACTION ITEM:

From Bob Fleury, East Coast Director

September 17, 2015

I would like to have a board discussion at the meeting to go over the process of receiving, recording and distributing the membership, both as a membership list and/or a mailing list. The reason for the discussion would be to explore ways to make this process run more efficiently. Presently the program and site that is being used for membership is not owned by the ABC and that should be discussed also.

ACTION ITEM:

From Brian Hendrickson, East Central Director

September 18, 2015

Initial dues renewal notice should be sent via email by the membership data chairperson and an additional follow-up phone call or email after the post card from the membership committee.

2015 NATIONAL ALL-AGE TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Steve Ralph, Chair.

July 29, 2015

National All-Age Field Trial Secretary

All of the required National All-Age Field Trial Secretary responsibilities have been completed to-date for the upcoming ABC National All-Age Championships. The Ads, Judges Bios, and information have been sent to the AB Magazine, ABC Website & American Field for publication. The premiums will be distributed to qualified dog owners/handlers. This year the start date of the Open has been moved up to start on the Saturday following the completion of the Amateur Championship to prevent numerous down days and also to cut cost. We are again looking forward to great ABC National All-Age Championship events this year in Booneville, AR.

Steve Ralph, Chair.

2015 Non-Field Performance Committee Report

Cindy Miller, Chair.

September 1, 2015

Non Field Performance We are continuing our research into venues and agility equipment providers so that we can bring agility to the Nationals. Input from agility exhibitors, especially in the Fort Smith area, would be greatly appreciated. Cindy Miller

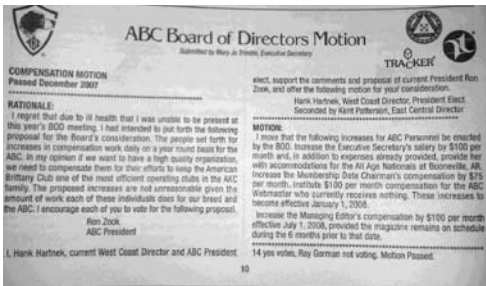
2015 POLICY BOOK REPORT

Hank Hartnek, Chair.

September 9, 2015

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

During 2012, I continued to correct misspellings and other text issues



D. The above 2007 motion that was never put into the policy book. Since it wasn't put in the policy book, but seems to have become accepted operating practice, it should be revisited.

Re-address the original motion: Compensation to webmaster, accommodations for all age nationals for executive secretary and compensation to membership data chair. This was on my agenda last year and was never addressed.

E. Change language from wives to spouses any place it appears in the policy book i.e. judges for AA & GDN guidelines.

F. Have a vote of the standing BOD to approve the current year BOD meeting minutes prior to Dec. 31 of that year.

ACTION ITEM:

**From Brian Hendrickson, East Central Director
September 18, 2015**

ABC requires all ABC clubs when running a trial to have AA stake. Not all clubs and grounds are capable of this. This requirement should be removed.

**From Ron Gulembo, East Central Director
September 7, 2015**

After much thought, I would like this BOD to consider having a 1/2 hour workshop, presenting items for the next year's BOD to be discussed prior to the official start of each BOD meeting. I'm thinking that there might be items missing from the official agenda, which could be introduced during the year between meetings, and with internet, conf calls, Skype, etc., the BOD could discuss, and possibly resolve those items.

Some items that might not show up for the 2015 meeting:

1. Communication between Directors – responses out of respect
2. Communication with membership
3. Policy Book updating
4. Information on Events
5. Handbook for Directors, Officers, and VP's

**From Steve Ralph, Central Director
ABC Policy Book Changes & Additions
July 29, 2015**

Email Motion Guideline: (pg 15 - add after POLICY ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

- a. Email Motions are for emergency, time sensitive and housekeeping issues only, all other issues should be added to the agenda for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.
- b. Issues considered for Email Motions should first be presented to the Board of Directors for discussion and determined if a Motion is necessary.
- c. If Email Motion is determined to be necessary, then a Second is required and the President will announce to the directors & executive secretary that the Email Motion discussion & voting process should proceed.

**From Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director:
Bylaw & Policy Updates from AKC
September 15, 2015**

Motion: Approve use of email notification guidelines provided by AKC following instructions in AKC memo dated January, 2006.

"Clubs may send members notification of club meetings (also included would be dues notices; minutes and newsletters) and board members notification of board meetings via email provided that: The member or board member has signed an authorization agreeing to this method of communication. Such authorization, which is revocable, will also release the club from any liability should the notification be received late or not received by the member or board member due to circumstances beyond the club's control."

Motion: Update policy to incorporate AKC approval of e-mail communication for use by Parent Club Board of Directors, and follow procedures to update the bylaws. See AKC memo dated February, 2007.

Motion: Update policy & bylaws to incorporate AKC's procedure on Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs. See AKC memo dated September, 2013 regarding Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs.

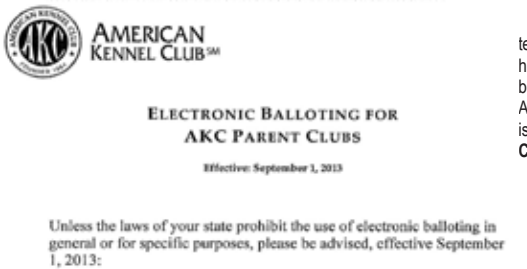


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Clubs adopting this method of communication must send us a copy of the minutes of the meeting and at some future time make the appropriate bylaw amendments to the applicable sections as soon as it is practical.



Unless the laws of your state prohibit the use of electronic balloting in general or for specific purposes, please be advised, effective September 1, 2013:

Parent clubs may conduct elections, votes on breed standard revisions, bylaw amendments and any other specific questions a club's board of directors shall determine, via electronic balloting. Such balloting must be conducted by an independent organization which specializes in electronic balloting.

A member must sign a written authorization agreeing to this method of balloting, which is revocable, which agrees to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the member, due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members not providing written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPS.

Clubs wishing to adopt this method of balloting must add the appropriate language to the applicable sections of their bylaws the next time other bylaw work is considered.



How does my club see if this is permissible?
The club must check with the Office of the Secretary of State in the state where the club is incorporated or check the law governing not-for-profit organizations incorporated in that state.

Can my club do this now and make the Bylaws change later?
The bylaws require that ballots be "sent" / "mailed" and that they be secret. As long as these components are met, the bylaws can be amended at a later date.

How does my club handle those members who want a paper ballot or who do not return a signed consent form?
Those members will continue to receive ballots via USPS.

Where does the club keep the signed consent forms?
The Secretary (or Recording Secretary) should keep the consent forms.

Is it necessary for the club to have the consent forms signed each year upon membership renewal or is the one consent form sufficient for as long as the member is in good standing?
No, but the member has the right to "opt-out" provided the request is received by the club in advance of any election deadline.

How does the club combine the two voting methods - paper and balloting for the total?
If the electronic balloting service does not include the counting of paper ballots the club must conduct the non-electronic balloting in any of the ways currently prescribed in the bylaws.

Does the club have to report the votes separately to the membership or just the totals?
The club should report just the totals but obviously the club's internal records should include both counts.

How does the club ensure that a member did not vote both electronically and by paper?
The club will have two lists of members: one sent to the e-balloting firm and the other maintained by the recipient of ballots received via USPS.

**From Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director
September 10, 2015**

Deadline: March 1st
Information on the program:

THE AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
<http://www.akc.org/clubs/promote/akc-outstanding-sportsmanship-award/>

Participate in the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, and establish protocol for membership to nominate members for this award, and other AKC awards which currently include: Breeder of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Awards (Conformation, Companion Events, and Performance)

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

In 2006 the American Kennel Club established the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award Program in an effort to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members. Each member club is provided with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis. This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship

Lifetime Achievement Awards The American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards were established in 1998 to honor our Fancy's best. The purpose of the awards is to celebrate those individuals whose many years of dedication have led to significant contributions to our sport on a national level.

Breeder of the Year Each year, The American Kennel Club recognizes and celebrates an outstanding purebred dog breeder with the Breeder of the Year Award. The award honors those breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs. At a special presentation held during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show, a breeder, or pair of breeders, is recognized in each of the 7 Groups. At the conclusion of the presentation, one of the 7 Group recipients is chosen as the Breeder of the Year.

Criteria

- ABC and AKC member in good standing for the recognition year, as well as the year in which the individual is being nominated.
- Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion.
- Active and valued member of the ABC who has made an outstanding contribution.
- Must be involved in and a made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs in AKC events.

Nominations

Please submit nominations for the individual you feel embodies an Outstanding Sportsman to the ABC Secretary prior to March 1st with a bio and photograph of the nominee.

Bio's will be distributed to board members for review. The Board will review all applications and seek clarifications from endorsers if necessary. The Board reviews and discusses all submissions and votes on the nominees. The individual receiving a majority of the votes will be deemed the recipient of the award. There is only one recipient of this annual award. The decision of the board is final.

Sample AKC Award Submission Form

Award:

- o Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
- o Breeder of the Year
- o Lifetime Achievement Awards (check one)
 - o Performance
 - o Conformation
 - o Companion Events

Nomination submitted by (please print): _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

ABC Member Nominated: _____

In a brief summary, using the criteria above, please write a 500 words or less summary on why you feel this candidate should be considered for this award. Attach any supporting documents to this form.

Return this form and recommendation to:
ABC Secretary: secretary@TheAmericanBrittanyClub.org

**From Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director & Karen Hanson, East Coast Director
September 11, 2015**

ACTION ITEM:

MEDIA & ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

Establish a committee with the objective of investigating the feasibility and practicality of effectively and economically archiving records of the ABC and the Brittany breed.

The archives committee assists and advises the American Brittany Club (ABC) on all archives and records-related matters to ensure the preservation of and public access to information of historical value held by ABC.

Determine what needs to be archived, what to retain for a limited period of time and what to purge.

Develop a list of possible archive items and procedures/protocol. Develop program and procedures to collect information valuable to the ABC Archives.

Create a list of pictures, and print items that we do not have record of and find catalog and archive these items.

Get rid of the antiquated idea that we need to be the purveyors of

all Brittany records and that some places out there already have the information and we can search it. Also that we should be contributing to these sites and making sure they are correct. Standardize templates, programs, and design so that all media productions have a format conducive to their respective audience and production (social, print, web) Help regional Clubs to standardize and publish information in a timely manner and be able to transfer this information to National publications (social, print web). Explore digital submission of results in an attempt to establish database and decrease errors and omissions. Create a single place, for patrons, to search for information about the breed.

**From Joe Gower, West Coast Director
September 16, 2015**

ACTION ITEM:

I have been urged to explore a rotation or change of venue for the Gun Dog Nationals by many in the west coast constituency with consideration for the following rationale: Consider a more central and neutral site or, a rotating venue that allows for greater access to amateurs across the country that are a predominant participant base in gun dog stakes, and consideration for a late spring running rather than fall that is in close conflict with the All-Age National venue.

**From Robin Tomasi, West Coast Director
September 19, 2015**

Motion: Update ABC Pay Pal account to remove Janet Chase's email from invoices. Recommended deadline of January 31, 2016

Motion: Add Quarterly BOD videoconference or teleconference to annual meeting schedule.

Motion: Change the distribution of the dues increase between the National and Regional Clubs. The \$50 shall be distributed \$35 to ABC and \$15 to the regional club.

Agenda Item: All memberships to run from July 1 through June 30th, and establish transition fees.

- Moving to this method would simplify the record keeping for ABC and Regional Clubs and provide an idea of the annual dues revenue in time for budgeting purposes for the annual November meeting.

Motion: Page 29 of policy book delete: "Each regional date's coordinator shall receive a stipend annually, subject to the approval to pay for printing and postage to send dates schedules to their regional clubs."

- Utilizing email delivery will be a cost savings of \$300 a year.
- The schedule is also printed monthly in the ABC magazine as well as being posted on the ABC website. The ABC Facebook periodically posts a link to the ABC

calendar.

Motion: Page 91 of policy book: Any expenses incurred by ABC for the Classics/Summer Specialty are to be deducted from any corporate sponsor funds received by the host club.

- Cost savings
- This brings policy in line with the Futurity as all ABC incurred expenses are charged against the host club of the event prior to reimbursement.
- This policy change would not impact ABC providing a one page ad free of charge to host clubs, or the recording fees clubs for publishing of results in magazine. Host clubs are not charged recording fees for the events.

Motion: Provide digital version of the magazine to be available to club members. Members may opt out of receiving their magazine via USPS.

- I have received numerous requests from members requesting digital delivery option
- Costs would be minimal to make digital magazine web friendly

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CH WILD MTN'S ANGEL EYES (D) by GCH CH Wild Mtn's When You Are Hot You'Re Hot! x CH Wild Mtn Let Her Rip, o David A Laux, b Helen Riggle & Brian D Riggle

CH WINCREST CLASSIC MUSTANG SHELBY (B) by GCH CH Granmars Cando Diamond Credit x GCH CH Classics Can Do Lady Isabelle, o Mary Wolnewitz, b Mary Wolnewitz

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH CH DUAL LANES SPRING BREEZE OF BIG OAKS (B) by CH Zax Bigoaks Spirit Of Chilcote JH x CH Dual Lanes Gamblers Lady Luck, o Donna Harrison & Herbert Harrison, b Donna Harrison & Herbert Harrison

GCH CH FAROUT FIELDS ICE MAN I BE CHILLIN JH CA (D) by CH Fly'N--Hi's Pheasant Tail x GCH CH Farout Fields Tequila Sunrise JH NAJ, o Susan Morris-Ball, b Jacqueline C Arnold

GCH CH LABYRINTH N ILLUSION KISS MY BENELLI JH (B) by GCH CH Magic Read My Lips x GCH CH Illusion N Ginjac Like Ice At Labyrinth JH, o Sandi Beinke & Karen Hanson & Jamie Morgan, b Karen Hanson & Linda

AKC Results from April 2015

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

ODIE VON ZAMOK CGC (D) by GFC FC AFC Black Creek Deacon x Black Creek Grits And Greens, o Yaro Shtengrat, b Ronald W Harling Jr.

AKC Results from May 2015

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

GIDICKS PRINCESS PEPPER THE FIRST CGC (B) by Clyde's Saint Joseph Sor x Oldports Flash, o Ms. Michaela Noel Gidick, b Carol Currier

JUNIOR HUNTER ADVANCED

BROWN'S SUBLIME CHASE JHA (B) by Pollack Little Loui JH x Brown's Rambeau Sasha, o Deb Brown & Ross E Brown, b Deb Brown & Ross E Brown

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

DAPHNE FOX CGC (B) by Sir Chubby El Grande Blanco x My Daisy's Legend, o Noah Fox, b Tim Warner

NOVICE BARN HUNT

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

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER PREFERRED 3

MACH TRESSEL MXB MJG MXP MJP3 MJPB XF T2B3 T2BP (D), o Erica Behnke

AGILITY FAST NOVICE

DIAMOND HILL DANGER AND SUSPENSE JH NA NAJ NF (D) by GCH DC AFC Diamond Hill Dangerous Man x CH AFC Windmtn Enchantres Of Threeb RN MH, o Laurie O'Donnell & Matthew O'Donnell, b Connie Strom

AGILITY FAST OPEN

CH MARSPORT'S FRECKLED FIELD FLOWER MH OA NAJ OF 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 AGILITY CHAMPION 3

CH MACH3 CHILCOTE KAZE JEWEL ON FIRE MXC MJB2 MXF MFB TQX T2B2 (B) by CH Chilcote's Credit To Ceasar JH x CH Chilcote Kaze Hana JH NAJ, o Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell, b Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell

TIME 2 BEAT

CH VOYAGEUR'S STARS & STRIPES CDX BN RE JH MX MXJ OF T2B (D) by CH Voyageur's Time Line MH x MACH PACH Voyageur's B.B. Beretta UD BN GN GO RA MXG MJG MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF, o Patricia Steele-Scott & Douglas Scott, b Patricia Steele-Scott & Douglas Scott
WILD MTN THUNDERBIRD MX AXJ OF T2B 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 Riggie & Brian D Riggie

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

ABERCROMBIE'S MAGGIE MAE CGC (B) by CH Ammo's Gameboy x CH Ammo's Autumn Sunset Rose, o Mr. John Grady Abercrombie & Jessica Lynn Abercrombie, b Emilie Jacumin-Simmons & Sandra Leavens & James Simmons

GCH CH MT VIEW'S SLEEPING BEAUTY JH CGC (B) by CH Mt View's Vita Nuova MH x CH Mt. View's Mark Of Excellence MHA, o Peggy Meakin, b Mary A Breininger & Roy Schaeffer & Patricia A Ortelli

PRESTIGE HEARTTHROB OAKLEY CGC (B) by Cimmaron's Devils Cut x CH Copley Prestige Time To Fly, o John White, b Haley Glick & John Patrick Rountree

SANDBAR'S ONE TO N-VEE CGC (B) by CH Gaitway Caruso Di Sandbar x Sandbar's Endless Summer, o Michelle Gamblin, b Sandra A Weddell-Jaqua

BEST IN SHOW/RESERVE BEST IN SHOW AND GROUP PLACEMENTS

GCH CH BRIGADIER'S LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE (B), M Lee

3 - Nita Nee Kennel Club Inc., Dr. B G Smith

2 - Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc., Dr. A W Krause

GCH CH MACH BROOKEWOOD'S JUST TOO HOT CDX RE MXS MJS MXF T2B (D), E Drazek/C Miller

4 - Upper Marlboro Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. J S Martin

3 - National Capital Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. A S Bolus

GCH CH DREAM HI'S DON'T HATE THE PLAYER HATE THE GAME (D), T Rickard/L Rickard

2 - Portland Kennel Club, Inc., J Lobb

GCH CH MILLETTE'S SWEET MEMORIES BN AX AXJ NAP NJP NF (B), W Archinal

2 - Providence County Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. G Young

GCH CH RAINBOW SPLASH'S RUGGEDLY HANDSOME (D), C Douglas/J Andras/A Andras/K Hogan/A Cone

4 - Trinity Valley Kennel Club, Dr. G C Penta

1 - Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. V L Abbott BIS/1 - Longview Kennel Club, Col. J.B. Purkhiser

1 - Texas Kennel Club, Inc., Ms T L Hundt

1 - Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. J R White

1 - Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. C Hubbell

BIS/1 - Comal County Kennel Club, Mr. R J Shreve

BIS/1 - Comal County Kennel Club, Ms. E Muthard

1 - Houston Kennel Club, Inc., Dr. A W Krause

1 - Houston Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. R R Hartinger

1 - Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. L Warren

1 - Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. K Kahn

RBIS/1- Longview Kennel Club, Mr. N B Kenney

GCH CH RIVERMIST BROXDEN MAKE MYNAH DOUBLE JH (D), A Godfroid/A Booth/E Edgerton

3 - Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc., J S Austin

4 - La Porte County Kennel Club, Ms. E Muthard

4 - Michiana Kennel Club, Mrs. D. J Buxton

4 - Michiana Kennel Club, Mr. C E Trotter

4-Berrien Kennel Club, Mr. K A Buxton

GCH CH SANBAR'S RIDE THE WINDS (D), R West/P West/C West

1 - Portland Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. W R Russell

GCH CH SOVEREIGN'S CHASING LEGENDS (D), D Droel/J Droel/J Carlson

3 - Greater DeKalb Kennel Club, V Murray

2 - Duluth Kennel Club, Mrs. J E Beech

3 - Duluth Kennel Club, M Beech

GCH CH TRIUMPHANT'S AS GOOD AS IT GETS JH (D), L McCartney-Roy/K McCartney

3 - Tupelo Kennel Club, Mrs. L W Bisso

4 - Tupelo Kennel Club, Dr. S Keating

1 - Putnam Kennel Club, Inc., Ms. J S Brewster

1 - Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc., Ms. D P Miller

4 - Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. D. W. Flanagan

3 - Bald Eagle Kennel Club of Williamsport, PA., Inc., J A Harrington

OWNER-HANDLED SERIES GROUP WINNERS

CH BRIGADIERS MOLLY'S LITTLE DOLLY CA (B), A Stellwag/G Stellwag/P Giebel

OHG2 - Greenville Kennel Club, Dr. S Keating

CH COUNTRY ROADS IT'S ALL ABOUT ME (B), E Bartlett

OHG4 - Cook Inlet Kennel Club, Ms. D C Mounce

GCH CH DOGWOOD HOLLOW BENGAL ZERO ZERO (D), J Burlingame/G Clements/A Burlingame

OHG1 - Putnam Kennel Club, Inc., Mr. J G Pepper

OHG3 - James River Kennel Club, Inc., Mrs. B D Alderman

CH HICKORY HILL'S HONEY BEE (B) A Parchman/M Parchman

OHG3 - Comal County Kennel Club, Mr. R J Shreve

OHG2 - Comal County Kennel Club, Mr. C L Olvis

CH ROCKWELL'S ZOEY JH (B), Carlie Lassle

OHG3 - Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of Washington, Inc., Mrs. V Gervais

GCH CH TONAN-MAGICBRIT IN THE LEATHER (D), S Mallory/S Harris

OHG2 - Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc., Mrs. D J Buxton

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.

**GRAMMA JONES -
BAKED BEANS**
Submitted by Leslie Hunt
Member of SNEBC

Soak 1 pound of yellow eye beans overnight.

Bring beans to a boil with a pinch of baking soda (to get the poops out)

Drain, then cover with water. Add 1/4 - 1/2 pound of salt pork cut into pieces, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 1/2 teaspoon of mustard, 3/4 cup of brown sugar.

Boil until beans crack (10-15 minutes)
Bake in a bean pot at 258 degrees for 6 hours.



**Lisa Pollock's
CARROT CAKE**

Mix all ingredients in bowl and place in greased 13x9x2 pan

1 1/2 cups corn oil
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1 1/2 cups flaked coconut
1 8 oz. can of crushed pineapple (with juice)
2 cups of grated carrot
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup of chopped nuts (optional)
1/2 cup raisins (optional, but much better with them!)

Bake @ 350 degrees F for 45-50 min. (until center is firm)

(Cake is best stored in refrigerator, and served cold)
Ice when cooled

Icing:
8 oz. pkg. of cream cheese (soft)
4 Tbl. Butter (soft)
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 tsp. vanilla



RECIPE REQUEST

Autumn has settled in and the leaves have turned vibrant colors of red and orange. It's time for Fall field trials and hunting season. What's your favorite game dish? One of our members is hunting for a white chili recipe. Would you like to share yours? Send your game dish or your white chili recipe to me at: sheilaskitchencorner@gmail.com
Thank you for all the Carrot cake recipes. They all sound delicious.

It was so difficult to choose just one!



TEXAS COASTAL proudly presents its *2015 DOG OF THE YEAR AWARDS*

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American Field Champion/ 2x R-U American Field Champion
FC/AFC J&M Jax Sugar Babe
Owners Jim & Mary Crawford

Show Dog

Hunting Test Dog



**CH Dual Lane's Let
Freedom Ring STKS**
Owners Tom & Sandra Schrank



CH Hickory Hill's Love Song SH
Owners Wilo Barfield & Ann Parchman

Agility Dog



MACH Cooper MXS MJC OF T2B
Owner Amanda McGavin



TEXAS COASTAL

Home of the Performance Brittany

DC Tex's Easter Belle Memorial Trophy High in Trial Brittany

Texas Coastal offers a special award at the end of each series of agility trials to the High-In-Trial Brittany. This award is in memory of DC Tex's Easter Belle, Jim & Mary Crawford's first Brittany. A photo will be taken during the presentation of the trophy and an ad will be placed in the ABC magazine.

A plaque with engraved plate and photograph will be sent to the HIT owner following the trial. The trophy will remain in the possession of TCBC and an engraved plate will be added to the trophy with the names of the Brittany and owner and the date of the award.



Meg and Jim Bryson
the first team
to win this award

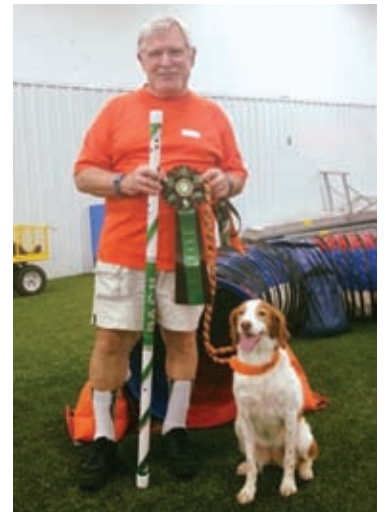
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Newly titled MACH

Jim Bryson & Meg
#1 Preferred Agility
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1st club member to be
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Agility Invitational



Agility Dogs and Owners

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| MACH-PACH Faison's One Moment In Thyme | JH CD MX MXS MXJ MXJS MXP MXJP RA CGC | Jim Bryson |
| MACH Cooper | MXS MJC OF T2B | Amanda McGavin |
| CH Power's Amazin' Zoe | OA OAJ OF | Robert Power |
| Frankie Bacalaito Coqui | AX MXJ XF T2B CGC | Nic Taulai |
| Rao's Know When to Hold'em | | Lisa Brower |
| ABR's Heza Bustin' Loose | OA OAJ OF | Lisa Brower |
| ABR's Release of the Flying Monkey | | Amanda McGavin |
| ABR's Feet Don't Touch the Ground | | Brooke Maclaskey |
| General Sam the Sham Houston | AX AXJ OF | Janice Crain |

AKC DELEGATE REPORT

June Meeting, 2015

Field Trial and Hunting Test Committee:

We had a minute of silence for the passing of Ken Marden who had done so much for field trials, AKC and enacted hunting tests. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Discussed forming a sub-committee to update Sporting and Hound breed flyers that go to new registrants. David Hopkins, chairman, advised that there are 4 committees working on this. 82% of new owners are not in the fancy of competition and 50% of litters are not individually registered. Judy Tighe recommended that the flyer be sent to breeders first.

A discussion was held as to the rotation of committee meetings. Normally our committee meeting is scheduled against the Parent Club Committee which excludes most of our committee members. Sent the proposed rotation back to be reworked.

It was announced that Agility clubs can now become AKC member clubs.

Future Forum Topics regarding educating the delegate body about field trials and hunting tests was discussed. It was suggested to focus on walking field and hunting events to assist in educating show delegates. Also discussed topics for Perspectives, the Delegate newsletter. An article on purpose-bred dogs was suggested.

Doug Ljungren, VP Performance, advised show judges that attend a performance event will receive credit. Although he did not have that actual percentages, he reported that, in general, pointing breeds were down in entries due to snows in February and early March. There were many cancellations. Entries for Retriever field trials down and Retriever hunting tests were up. Spaniel entries were down as well as Beagle entries.

Discussed the 78th annual Beagle Advisory Committee meeting held the first week of June. The Retriever Advisory Committee has been discussing with AKC about national events regarding the large number of entries. The Retriever Hunting Test Master National drew 900 entries.

Stephanie Smith, AKC Club Communications Manager will work with finalizing the questionnaire being sent to all Sporting and Hound Clubs. The questionnaire will be sent to the president, club secretary and delegate for each club along with a cover letter. Doug Ljungren had some edits to the questionnaire. Once it is finalized, a copy will be sent to each Committee member. Stephanie would like to have results by the September meeting. David Hopkins will focus on an optional charitable donation that was to be made by clubs filling out the survey and getting it back to the Committee. The donation probably be made to the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Parent Club Committee:

Discussed the Parent Club of Excellence program. Looking to get more responses. It addresses top producing, top winning, encouraging health testing, etc.

Peter Piusz discussed Parent Club Rescue Alliance-L-Group. It was reported that CGC titles as of May 1, 2015, hit the number of 31,800.

Discussed breed flyers where many need to be updated. They will have members appointed to this sub-committee.

Discussed Parent Club health information. Since the change in AKC personnel (Chris Walker resigned), this will be resolved by September.

Breeder of Merit – verifying membership in clubs is a big problem. They are working on taking off the people that claim to be members of a Parent Club. There is going to be a survey going out to Breeders Of Merit to be captured in the AKC data base. It should be completed before September. This will be completed thru Survey Monkey. It is voluntary.

Breeder Of Merit of ...Parent Club.
Breeder Of Merit – other.
Parent Club members.
Any AKC Club.
Everyone else.

This information is so our Parent Club can check to see if they are an actual member.

Discussed the HEART program – The objective of AKC is “healthier pups mean happier people.

Discussed the judging approval – too many changes.

Reported on Disaster Trailers from September of 2013, we are only \$9,000 short of 1 Million Dollars. There was a nursing home fire in Maryland and a Disaster Trailer was there in short order. People were coming out of the fire with their pets, and they were provided for.

Archives – Clubs can have their archives taken and stored by AKC.

Legislative Caucus:

Sheila Goff, VP, updated the number of 1,500 Federal, State and Local legislative actions. Discussed the cost of care bills for boarding during a trial. Many have to forfeit the animals even if they win because of the prohibitive cost of boarding.

AKC Canine Legislation Position Statement: Protection for Pets under State Domestic Violence Acts.....

The American Kennel Club supports additions to states' domestic violence statutes that allow for the issuance of protective orders that seek to guard pets from harm, risk of harm or alienation. Such protections should include prohibiting alleged abusers from contact with pets and permitting grants of temporary exclusive care or control of a pet to a petitioning alleged victim. Statutes may also provide appropriate financial remedies for the petitioner to provide for the care of the animals subject to a protective order. These provisions should not impact the legal status of animals as property.

An excellent presentation by Cindy Buckmaster, PhD, was given on Beagles used for educating and training veterinarians. HSUS lied about this program that took excellent care of the animals and that would eventually adopt them out. Animal Rights cater to kind, loving and compassionate people by using half truths, claiming the dogs are caged 24/7/365 where the truth is they have outside yards to play in and interact with other dogs and people. They are well cared for so when adopted out, they can bring happiness to families for years to come. The myth most people believe is that the drugs are just from pharmacies and drug companies whereas the truth is that they come from years of research. It is recommended that everyone go to the Facebook Page "Homes for Animal Heros" to find out more. They are also supported by NAIA.

NAIA will be having its conference October 31-November 1 in Orlando, FL.

There have been a number of Legislative successes which can be viewed on line at the AKC website.

Delegate Meeting:

There was a forum "Celebrating Twenty Years of Funding Canine Research" The AKC Canine Health Foundation has been

a leader in funding peer-reviewed scientific studies to advance detection, prevention and cures for all dogs. AKC is doing podcasts on research updates. Reprints are available if you do not want to listen. Webinars are now available on HYPERLINK "http://www.vetvine.com" www.vetvine.com for people to sign up. You will receive notices and newsletters.

The vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Sections 1-16 of the Rules applying to Dog Shows – Making Application to Hold a Dog Show regarding territory has been sent back for changes to Section 3.

A proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows was read in which a new Section 1 would allow for the awarding of CM points in the regular puppy classes. Dogs that earn a CM title will be awarded one point toward its CH title. There was a lot of negative discussion about this. There will be a vote at the September meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith H. Tighe
AKC Delegate



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YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE FUN WHEN YOU ATTEND ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS - SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE VENUE

National Gun Dog Championships in October at Ionia, Michigan
Watch for their Activities

National Specialty Show Nov. 18 in Fort Smith, Ark
Raffle tickets will be available – Contact Terry Hilliard

National All Age Championships in November at Booneville, Ark.
There will be a Live Auction, Chinese Raffles and a Silent Auction on the schedule. Raffle tickets will be sold during the fall season. Tickets will be sent to Regional Club Secretaries.

For information contact

Mary Karbiner at txbritts@sbcglobal.net with any questions you may have.
Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions.

Congratulations „ Boogie”



Four Speciality Show Majors!

*Georgia Brittany Club Speciality Show – October, 2013 **Winners Dog***
*Mid-Florida Brittany Club Speciality Show – January, 2014 **Best of Winners***
*American Brittany Club Speciality Show – November, 2014 **Reserve Winners Dog***
*Georgia Brittany Club Speciality Show – April, 2015 **Best of Winners***

Sire: *NAGDC DC AFC GCH Triumphant's Too Hot To Handle, JH*
Dam: *CH Ammo's Autumn Sunset Rose*

Available at stud; DOB June 24, 2012 – CHIC #105204 – Hips Excellent

Planned breeding Fall 2015

CH Ammo's Southern Boogie and Bronze GCH Blusilk's Shot of Irish Cream, JH

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SPECIALTY SHOWS



HEART OF ILLINOIS
Bloomington, IL
May 24, 2015

CH/GCH LYRIC'S SHILO CGC BN

REGULAR CLASSES
Judge: Mrs. Sue Goldberg

The Heart of Illinois Brittany Club had their specialty show in conjunction with the all breed dog show sponsored by the Illinois Valley Cluster Dog Shows. I want to thank the show committee of the Illinois Valley Kennel Club for their hard work and supplying the ring stewards for the specialty. Unfortunately, there was a very small entry this year.

Mr. Steve Melgreen was our Sweepstakes judge this year. Steve chose Mich's Mt Reaching for Gold With Hunter Hills owned by Roger & Susan Hunter for Best in Sweepstakes. Best of Opposite to Best in Sweepstakes went to Star Flight Madhouse on Madison owned by Halina Bednarz and William Jones. Best Veteran in Sweepstakes went to CH GCH Lyric's Shilo CGC BN owned by Marie Starsiak & Geril Clements.

Mrs. Sue Goldberg judged the regular classes this year. KJ-s Ammo's Chief Reloaded owned by Kenneth E. and Jane Windom was chosen Winners Dog. Reserve Winers Dog went to Mich's Mt Reaching For Gold With Hunter Hills owned by Roger & Susan Hunter.

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed went to Star Flight Madhouse On Madison owned by Halina Bednarz and William Jones. Reserve Winners Bitch went to Splash's Fire Goddess owned by Debra Marie & Thomas William Jagielski.

Best of Opposite to Best of Breeds went to CH Star Flight Frankly My Dear RN CGC owned by Jacqueline Ceres. And finally, Best of Breed Owner Hander was won by CH KJ's Masked Man owned by Kenneth E. & Jane Windom.

We appreciated the exhibitors who participated this year and hope their dogs are enjoying all the toys they won.

SWEEPSTAKES
Judge: Mr. Steven A. Melgreen

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs
1 - KJ-AMMO'S CHIEF RELOADED, o Kenneth E. & Jane Windom

12-18 Month Junior Dogs
1 - MICH'S MT REACHING FOR GOLD WITH HUNTER HILLS, o Roger & Susan Hunter

12-18 Month Junior Bitches
1 - STAR FLIGHT MADHOUSE ON MADISON, o Halina Bednarz & William Jones

Best in Sweepstakes
MICH'S MT REACHING FOR GOLD

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
STAR FLIGHT MADHOUSE ON MADISON

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES
Judge: Mr. Steven A. Melgreen

7-10 Year Veteran Bitches
1 - CH/GCH LYRIC'S SHILO CGC BN, o Marie Starsiak & Geri Clements

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - KJ-AMMO'S CHIEF RELOADED, by AFC/DC Masked Shoshoni War Chief x CH Ammo's Some Like It Hot; o Kenneth E. & Jane Windom, b Sandra & Gary Leavens

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

1 - BISCUIT'S BUDDHA BANSHEE, by AFC/DC Biscuit's Ecko of Dreams JH x CH JagOub's Zydekoko; o Debra M. Connell & Thomas W. Jagielski

Open Dogs

1 - MICH'S MT REACHING FOR GOLD WITH HUNTER HILLS, by CH Michs Mt Seacoast out x Michs mt Double Stuff Oreo; o Roger & Susan Hunter, b Michelle Chaney & Arlene McCabe

Winners Dog
KJ-AMMO'S CHIEF RELOADED

Reserve Winners Dog
MICH'S MT REACHING FOR GOLD WITH HUNTER HILLS

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

1 - STAR FLIGHT MADHOUSE ON MADISON, by GCH/CH Star Flight Jumpin Jack Flash x GCH/CH Lyric's Shilo; o Hanlina Bednarz & William Jones, b Marie Starsiak & Geri O. Clements

Open Bitches

1 - SPLASH'S FIRE GODDESS, by DC Kd's Slip And Slide x JD's Hawk's Phoenix; o Debra Marie & Thomas William Jagielski, b James & Paulette Doperalski

Winners Bitch
STAR FLIGHT MADHOUSE ON MADISON

Reserve Winners Bitch
SPLASH'S FIRE GODDESS

Veteran Bitches

1 - CH/GCH LYRIC'S SHILO CGC BN, by GCH/CH/GCH Dogwood Hollow Bengal Zero Zero x CH Magic In The Air Tonight; o Marie Starsiak & Geri Clements, b Elain Rhodes

Field Trial Dogs

1 - CH KJ'S MASKED MAN, by DC Masked Jack Of Diamonds x CH Copley's Millennium Martini; o Kenneth E. & Jane Windom, b Robin Tomasi & Barbara Dayton

Best of Breed
STAR FLIGHT MADHOUSE ON MADISON, by GCH/CH Star Flight Jumpin Jack Flash x GCH/CH Lyric's Shilo; o Hanlina Bednarz & William Jones, b Marie Starsiak & Geri O. Clements

Best of Winners
STAR FLIGHT MADHOUSE ON MADISON

Best of Opposite Sex
CH STAR FLIGHT FRANKLY MY DEAR RN CGC, by GCH Star Flight Jumpin Jack Flash RN OA OAJ CGC x GCH Lyric's Shilo BN RN CGC, o Jacqueline Ceres, b Marie Starsaik \$ Geri Clements

Owner-Handled Best of Breed
CH KJ'S MASKED MAN

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Vallejo, CA
June 6, 2015

The Northern California Brittany Club's annual Specialty, Sweepstakes and Supported Entry Shows were held in conjunction with the renowned 4-day Woofstock cluster. The venue at the Solano County Fairgrounds lives up to its billing as "4 Days of Peace, Music & Dogs" with an atmosphere of tie-dye and "old school rock n blues".

Once again, Brittany entries were solid providing the Winners 4 and 5 point majors all 4 days of the cluster! On Saturday, entries in the NCBC Sweepstakes were presided over by Ms. Paullet DeLong and included 5 puppy and junior dogs, 8 bitches and one GCh Master Hunter Veteran dog. The NCBC Specialty entries presented 43 contenders to judge, Mr. Michael Faulkner setting the total entries for the day at an impressive 57 and again provided 5 point majors to both Winners.

Best of Breed, with 15 CH and GCH entries as well as the class Winners, proved to be stiff competition indeed. A well-earned and well planned chance to relax ringside after the classes was this year's 6th annual "Breeders and Owners Showcase". Open to all, more than sixty Brittany enthusiasts were in attendance for the NCBC entrée hosted and potluck luncheon feast! This is also a time for Brittany people to showcase photos, pedigrees, breeding's and wins both in the ring and field, from days long past.

The very "special touches" and awards at these shows are generously funded by contributing club members, alphabetically: Dennis and Kathy Bryant, Heidi Heffelfinger, Debbie Inferrera, Larry and Glenda Mazzuca, Ken and Ross Oxman, Rick and Cheri Perez, Harriet Tucker and Robert and Joyce Wire. Special "Thanks" also goes to the ringside set-up and breakdown crew: Ken and Ross Oxman, Rick Perez, Brian Riggio and Roy Stockton.

Set your calendars now and plan to join us in California, June 2016 for the Specialty, Sweepstakes, Supported Entries and as NCBC hosts the American Brittany Club Summer Specialty! You will want to be there for the exciting events that are being planned. As more information becomes available updates will be posted on several sites including:

NCBC website: <http://www.brittanyclubs.com/ncbc/>
 NCBC facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthernCaliforniaBrittanyClub>
 ABC website: <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/>
 ABC facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/americanbrittanyclub>

The complete official results for this year are as follows.
 Submitted by Dennis Bryant

SWEEPSTAKES
Judge: Ms. Paullet DeLong

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - WHISPER RIDGE SHOOTING STAR, o Glenda Mansfield-Mazzuca & Larry Mazzuca
- 2 - MILLETTE'S GERSTADALE JOINT ADVENTURE, o Michelle Millette & Debbie Inferrera
- 3 - SHILOH'S SAILING THE WEST WIND, o Bridget & Heidi Heffelfinger

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - COPLEY BOLD RUN'S GAME CHANGER, o Dennis & Kathy Bryant

12-15 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - MICHS MT DASHIELL THE INCREDIBLE FOO FIGHTER, o Nicole Robin Fair



BEST OF BREED
GCH Dream His Don't Hate the Player Hate the Game



BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
MILLETTE'S SENSATIONAL



Best of Opposite Sex to Bet in Sweepstakes
MICHS MT DASHIELL THE INCREDIBLE FOO FIGHTER

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

1 - GERSTDALE'S PRIVATE BENJAMINS, o Debbie Inferrera

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

1 - MILLETTE'S SENSATIONAL, o Michelle Millette
2 - COPLEY'S WARRIOR PRINCESS OF CAMELOT, o Jeri K. Conklin & Robin Tomasi

12-15 Month Junior Bitches

1 - MICH'S MT SUZIE SURPRISE, o Michelle Chaney & Arlene McCabe
2 - MICH'SMT THAT GIRL, o Terri Bray & Arlene McCabe
3 - MICH'S MT IMAGINE A LITTLE PICE OF HEAVEN, o Laura Arcado & Michelle Chaney

15-18 Month Junior Bitches

1 - WOLRAM'S A LABRYINTH TWIST OF FATE JH, o Suzanne Marlow

Best in Sweepstakes
MILLETTE'S SENSATIONAL

Best of Opposite Sex to Bet in Sweepstakes
MICH'S MT DASHIELL THE INCREDIBLE FOO FIGHTER
VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES
Judge: Ms. Paullet DeLong

11 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

1 - GCH RJ'S DICKSON DOUBLE DELIGHT MH, o Robert & Barbara Christensen

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
GCH RJ'S DICKSON DOUBLE DELIGHT MH

REGULAR CLASSES
Judge: Mr. Michael Faulkner

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - MILLETTE'S GERSTDALE JOINT ADVENTURE, by CH Copley's Gunnery Sergeant JH x GCH Gerstdale's Take The Money N'Run JH; o Michelle Millette & Debbie Inferrera, b Debbie Inferrera
2 - WHISPER RIDGE SHOOTING STAR, by GCH Brookweed's Just Too Hot CDX RE MXS MJS XF T2B x GCH Granmars One Rough Diamond JH; o Glenda Mansfield-Mazzuca & Larry Mazuca, b Doyel & Elaine Price & Sue Richards & E. Susan Drazek
3 - SHILOH'S SAILING THE WEST WIND, by Millette's Wonder Boy MHA x Shiloh's Throw-Back Thursday JH; o Bridget & Heidi Heffelfinger, b Ted Foster & Patty MacLeod & Pennie Peterson

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - POWDER RIVER'S RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST, by GCH Rainbow



Reserve Winners Dog
MILLETTE'S GERSTDALE JOINT ADVENTURE



Winners Bitch
MILLETTE'S LIMITED EDITION

Splash's Ruggedly Handsome x GCH Powder River's Angel Wings; o George Stern, b Cheryl Krajcar

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

1 - MICH'S MT DASHIELL TH EINCREDBLE FOO FIGHTER, by CH Mich's Mt Wolverine x CH Mich's Mt Mystical Magical Penny Lane; o Nicole Robin Fair, b Michelle Chaney & Jaime E. Tellier

American-Bred Dogs

1 - POWDER RIVER'S FREEDOM SURGE A'CAPELLO, by GCH Powder River's Ungoverened x CH Warbonnet's Clever Bag O'Trix; o Geroge Stern, b Cheryl Krajcar & Tania Downing-Capello

Open Dogs

1 - MICH MT TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK, by CH Mich's Mt I've Got Carter x CH Mich Mt Tri Fooling Pippin; o Michelle Chaney & Jaime Tellier & Arlene McCabe, b Michelle Chaney
2 - CAMELOT'S COPPERS ROLLIN' FOUR DICE JH, by Copper's 12 Gage SH x GCH Elkhorn Jack's Misdemeanor (Misty) JH; o Jeri K. Conklin & Roy D. Stockton, b Brian K. & Mary Lynn Riggio
3 - COPPER'S GOOD COP BAD COP, by Copper's 12 Gage SH x Elkhorn Jack's Misdemeanor (Misty) JH; o Roy & Shawna Stockton, b Brian K. & Mary Lynn Riggio
4 - WOLRAM'S GONE WITH THE WIND JH, by CH Wolram's Riverboat Gambler JH x CH Wolram's Truquoise Ridge Joule JH; o Patricia Molini & Suzanne Marlow, b Suzanne Marlow

Winners Dog
MICH MT TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK

Reserve Winners Dog
MILLETTE'S GERSTDALE JOINT ADVENTURE

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

1 - GERSTDALE'S PRIVATE BENJAMINS, by CH Copley's Gunnery Sergeant JH x GCH Gerstdale's Take The Money N'Run JH; o/b Debbie Inferrera

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

1 - COPLEY'S WARRIOR PRINCESS OF CAMELOT, by GCH Shelitany's Against All Odds c CH Copley Wincrest Dirty Martini; o Jeri K. Conklin & Robin Tomasi, b Robin Tomasi & Barabara Dayton
2 - POWDER RIVER'S EVERY HEART BEATS TRU, by GCH Rainbow Slash's Ruggedly Handsome x GCH Powder River's Angel Wings; o/b Cheryl Krajcar

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - WOLRAM'S A LABYRINTH TWIST OF FATE JH, by GCH Magic Read My Lips x GCH Illusion N Gin Jac Like Ice At Labyrinth JH; o Suzanne Marlow, b Karen & Abbie Hanson
- 2 - MICH'S MT IMAGINE A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN, by CH Mitch's Mt Wolverine x CH Mitch's Mt Mystical Magical Penny Lang; o Laura Arcado & Michelle Chaney, b Michelle Chaney

Amateur Owner-Handler Bitches

- 1 - WOLRAM'S MISS SCARLETT JH, by Wolram's Gone With The Wind JH x Catie Runs 2 Hunt; o Patricia Molini, b Dave Jones

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - MILLETTE'S SENSATIONAL, by GCH Castle Star Spangled Banner JH x CH Mich's Mt Millette drama Queen; o Michelle Millette, b Michelle Millette & Michelle Chaney
 - 2 - MICH'S MT SUZIE SUPRISE, by Mich Mt Tri The Magnificent One The Mick x CH Triumphant Mich Mt Eye Candy; o/b Michelle Chaney & Arlene McCabe
- American-Bred Bitches
- 1 - NORTH UMPQUA'S CINDERELLA TRI LADY JH, by DC/AFC Bandit's Cinderella Man x GCH North Umpqua's Morgun Shady Lady Lu JH; o/b Karen Barrows



Best of Winners
MICH MT TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK



Best of Opposite Sex
CH AMMO'S MICH'S MT HOT GEORGIA PUNCH

Open Bitches

- 1 - MILLETTE'S LIMITED EDITION, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x CH Millette's Wonder Woman; o Michelle Millette & Roy & Shawna Stockton, b Michelle Millette
- 2 - NORTH UMPQUA'S LUCY'S GOLDEN EDITION JH, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x North Umpqua's Lucky Lucy JH; o/b Karen Barrows
- 3 - MICH'S MT THAT GIRL, by CH Mich's Mt Wolverine x CH Mich's Mt Mystical Magical Penny Lang; o Terri Bray & Arlene McCabe, b Michelle Chaney & Jaime Tellier
- 4 - WOLRAM'S OAKLEAF CLUSTER JH, by DC/AFC Superglide Sportster MH x CH Wolram's Turquoise Ridge Joule JH; o Janice I. Schmoltdt, b Suzanne Marlow

Winners Bitch MILLETTE'S LIMITED EDITION

Reserve Winners Bitch MILLETTE'S SENSATIONAL

7 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - GCH RJ'S DICKSON DOUBLE DELIGHT MH, by CH RJ's River's Bend MH x CH RJ's Lady Gabrielle MH; o/b Robert & Barbara Christensen

Best of Breed GCH DREAM HI'S DON'T HATE THE PLAYER HAT THE GAME, by GCH Mich's Mt Ready Aim Fire x GCH Castle's Sleeping Beauty Zoei; o Tom & Lori Rickard b Joseph Ramondetta

Best of Winners MICH MT TRI THE MAGNIFICENT ONE THE MICK

Best of Opposite Sex CH AMMO'S MICH'S MT HOT GEORGIA PUNCH, by NAGDC DC AFC GCH Triumphant's to Hot to Handle JH x CH Ammo's Some Like It Hot; o Arlene & Timothy McCabe, b Sndra & Gary Leavens

Select Dog Ch GERSTDALE'S LAID-BACK JAKE JH

Select Bitch GCH CARROLLTON'S MAJESTIC EMERALD

INDIAN NATIONS Oklahoma City, OK June 26-27, 2015

June 26, 2015

SWEEPSTAKES Judge: Ms. Julie McIlwraith

12-15 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - BRIGADIER'S MODERN MARVEL AT DIAMOND CREEK, o David & Amy Budke

15-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - BANDIT'S MR TWISTER, o Victor A. Retherford

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - TRIUMPHANT'S BARBI DOLL, o David Downing
- 2 - FLATROCKS FLASH ATTACK, o Bonnie Pirtle

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

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- 2 - SHADOW'S PEPPERMINT TWIST, o Jessica Carlson

Best in Sweepstakes BANDIT'S MR TWISTER

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes DIAMOND CREEK'S PRAIRIE ROSE

REGULAR CLASSES
Judge: Mr. Bradley Jenkins

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

1 - BRIGADIER'S MODERN MARVEL AT DIAMOND CREEK, by CH Millette's Fire When Ready x GCH/CH Shamrock Rivals Bolt Out Of The Blue; o David & Amy Budke, b Mike & Julie Lee & B. & M. & O. Rosener

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

1 - TRIO'S STEP IN TIME, by GCH/CH Trio's Mr Rocktober x CH Splash's Izzabelle JH; o Clint & Karen Livingston, b Clint & Karen Livingston & Kathy Hogan
2 - BLUE RIDGE'S NIGHTHAWK, by GCH/CH Powder River's TopGun x Kabina's Double Shot Expression; o Theresa Sanders-Milan & David Downing, b David Downing & Nancy Crandall & K. Sanchem
3 - FLATROCKS CUTE COWBOY TYPE, by DC Flatrock Five Alarm Charlie JH x CJ's Stang; o/b Bonnie & Mike Pirtle

Open Dogs

1 - BANDIT'S MR TWISTER, by AFC/DC Bandit's Cinderella Man x Tequila Twister; o Victor A. Retherford, b Jessica Carlson
2 - DIAMOND CREEK'S DOUBLE BARREL DAN, by CH Diamond Creek's Country Boy RN BN JH CGC x Diamond Creek's Prairie Fire RN JH; o Ryan & Leah Boudreau & Amy Budke, b David & Amy Budke
3 - SANDSTONE SHADES OF CHARLEMAGNE, by DC Delane speak of the devil x CH Ranney's amazing grace; o/b Michael & Janes Raney

Winners Dog
TRIO'S STEP IN TIME

Reserve Winners Dog
BLUE RIDGE'S NIGHTHAWK

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

1 - TRIUMPHANT'S BARBI DOLL, by CH Triumphant's Absolutely G.Q. JH x CH Triumphant's Centerfold JH; o David Downing, b Linda McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney
2 - FLATROCKS FLASH ATTACK, by Dc Shadow Attack-Flatrocks Big Betty Brown; o/b Bonnie Pirtle

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

1 - DIAMOND CREEK'S PRAIRIE ROSE, by CH Diamond Creek's Guns N Roses CD RN JH CGC BN x Diamond Creek's Prairie Fire RN JH; o/b David & Amy Budke
2 - SHADOW'S PEPPERMINT TWIST, by DC Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper x AFC/DC Shadow's Tequila Tryst; o/b Jessica Carlson

Open Bitches

1 - COCO DOT, by FC Wimberley JimDandy x DC Sovereign Copley Kiss My Chips; o Meam & Jim E. Floyd, b Robin Tomasi
2 - RAINBOW'S BELLE OF PIXIE HOLLOW, by CH RRB Cap'n Morgan's 100 Proof JH x CH Rainbow's Belles N Whizzles; o/b Jerry C. & Kathy D. Hogan

Winners Bitch
TRIUMPHANT'S BARBI DOLL

Reserve Winners Bitch
DIAMOND CREEK'S PRAIRIE ROSE

Best of Breed

GCH RAINBOW SPLASH'S RUGGEDLY HANDSOME, by GCH/CH Trio's Mr Rocktober x CH Splash's Izzabelle JH; o Jim & Alisa Andras & C. Douglas & K. Hogant & A. Cone, b Kathy Hogan & Elud Archuleta-Cressler

Best of Winners
TRIO'S STEP IN TIME

Best of Opposite Sex
DC BRETON'S GOLDEN HEART OF PEPPER-SUN, by FC Breton's Soleil De Midi x French Roast Pepper SH; o James & Mary Cullor, b Charles & Helen Gilpin

Select Dog
GCH DIRTY BIRD'S I'LL HAVE ANOTHER

Select Bitch
GCH BIG OAKS MAMMA MIA'S STAR SOPHIA

INDIAN NATIONS
Oklahoma City, OK
June 27, 2015

REGULAR CLASSES
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Winners Dog
BANDIT'S MR TWISTER

Reserve Winners Dog
DIAMOND CREEK'S DOUBLE BARREL DAN

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

1 - TRIUMPHANT'S BARBI DOLL, by CH Triumphant's Absolutely G.Q. JH x CH Triumphant's Centerfold JH; o David Downing, b Linda McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

1 - SHADOW'S PEPPERMINT TWIST, by DC Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper x AFC/DC Shadow's Tequila Tryst; o/b Jessica Carlson
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Open Bitches

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2 - COCO DOT, by FC Wimberley JimDandy x DC Sovereign Copley Kiss My Chips; o Meam & Jim E. Floyd, b Robin Tomasi

Winners Bitch
SHADOW'S PEPPERMINT TWIST

Reserve Winners Bitch
DIAMOND CREEK'S PRAIRIE ROSE

Best of Breed
GCH RAINBOW SPLASH'S RUGGEDLY HANDSOME, by GCH/
CH Trio's Mr Rocktober x CH Splash's Izzabelle JH; o Jim &
Alisa Andras & C. Douglas & K. Hogant & A. Cone, b Kathy
Hogan & Elud Archuleta-Cressler

Best of Winners
SHADOW'S PEPPERMINT TWIST

Best of Opposite Sex
GCH BIG OAKS MAMMA MIA'S STAR SOPHIA, by DC AFC
Grand Junction Jake x CH Big Oaks Oh Yes She Can; o
Barbara Brannan, b Louise Brown & Barbara Brannan

Select Dog
GCH DIRTY BIRD'S I'LL HAVE ANOTHER

Select Bitch
DC BRETON'S GOLDEN HEART OF PEPPER-SU

MICHIGAN
Monroe, MI
July 4, 2015

The Michigan Brittany Club Specialty was held on July 4th, 2015 at the Monroe Fair Grounds in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Kennel Club all breed show. Our judge was Mrs. (Norman) Jean Austin The weather was beautiful-warm and sunny. We had a very nice entry of 28 dogs, including 3 of the Top 10 Brittanyans in the country for Best of Breed. Best of Breed was Allyson Godfroid and Amy Booth's Gch Rivermist Broxden Make Mynah Double JH. Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners was Michigan Club members Keith and Mary Wolnewitz's Wincrest Classic Mustang Shelby. Winner's Dog and Best of Breed Owner Handler was Anchor's Up Newt- Newt- owned and handled by Kathryn Lipski. Newt also became a New Champion that day. Best of Opposite Sex was Gch Triumphant Sutton's Winds Over Leelanau, Sutton, owned by James and Carla Holmes. Sutton became a new Grand Champion with her win. Thank you to our exhibitors, several of whom traveled hundreds of miles to attend our show. Our trophy and luncheon chair, Beth Shopp, did an excellent job of organizing our event. Hope to see all of you next year!

REGULAR CLASSES
Judge: Mrs. Jean Austin

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - TRIUMPHANT'S CITATION, by CH Triumphant's Absolutely GQ JH x GCH Triumphant's Centerfold; o Kevin Greenfield & Kristyn McCartney & Nancy Greenfield, b Linda R McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney

12 -15 Month Puppy Dogs

1 - RIVERMIST BROXDEN UPLAND GAMER, by GCH Marsport Hot To Ride Lucky Seven MH x GCH Ataboy's Dazzle Me Daphne JH; o Peggy Snider & Larry Snider, b Allyson Godfroid & Amy Booth & Phil Booth & Peggy Snider

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

1 - MARSPORT ROUSING ROARY, by GCH Marsport Hot To Ride Lucky Seven MH x Ch Marsport Tribute To Trouble JH; o/b John Marsman



Best of Breed
GCH RIVERMIST BROXDEN MAKE MYNAH DOUBLE JH



Best of Winners/Winners Bitch
WINCREST CLASSIC MUSTANG SHELBY



Winners Dog
ANCHOR'S UP NEWT

Open Dogs

- 1 - ANCHOR'S UP NEWT, by DC Anchor's Renegade Still N Suspense x Scarlet The Harlot Doogen; o Richard Lipski & Kathryn Lipski, b Brenton McGill
- 2 - COUNTRY ROAD'S TRAILBLAZER, by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x Country Road's Gold Dust; o Tom Thomas & Karen Stout, b Karen Stout
- 3 - LAKESIDE KING OF THE FOREST WBT CGC, by CH Walbert's Zack-N-Bleu Bugz RN x CH Hope's Twist Of Fate Izabel WBT RN; o Laura Walters & Linda Elbert & Doug Walls, b Linda D. Elbert & Douglas M. Walls
- 4 - KOKOMO JOSEY JOE, by DC Hi Proof Whizki x Blaze'n Little Chick; o Pam Baird, b Ken Blackman

Winners Dog
ANCHOR'S UP NEWT

Reserve Winners Dog
COUNTRY ROAD'S TRAILBLAZER

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - A2BRITS IZ I A SOUTHERN LEAP OF FAITH, by CH Ammo's Southern Boogie x GCH Sandstone Iz I Adorable NAJ MH; o Thom Christnagel & Linda Allen, b Linda Allen

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - WAR-JONS GABIS BEE BOPPIN ANNIE, by Woody Pines Chipper x DJ's Country Best Girl; o Warren M Shopp & Elisabeth J Shopp, b Joseph P. Kern

12-15 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - DOGWOOD HOLLOW ON THE HUNT, by DC Dogwood Hollow Ray Of Hope MH x CH Dogwood Hollow Sweet Home Alabama; o Thomas Fetterhoff & Joneen Fetterhoff, b Geri Clements & Gary Clements & Cheryl Mika

15-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - ATTITUDE'S DYNAMIC STARLIGHT, by GCH DC Starlight's Billion Times Brighter x Attitude's Second Scenario JH; o Colleen & John J Walsh, b Teresa Richmond & Colleen & John J. Walsh

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - MARSPORT CANNY CAMMIE, by CH Marsport Trouble In Fargo

- x CH Marsport Mustang Marki JH; o/b John Marsman
- 2 - SHADOW'S PEPPERMINT TWIST, by DC Kinwashkly Dirty Ned Pepper x DC/AFC Shadow's Tequila Tryst; o/b Jessica Carlson

Open Bitches

- 1 - WINCREST CLASSIC MUSTANG SHELBY, by GCH Granmars Cando Diamond Credit x GCH Classics Can Do Lady Isabelle; o/b Mary Wolnewitz
- 2 - HURRICANE MELODRAMA, by DC/AFC Duncan's Place Your Bet JH x Ch Hurricane Little Feat; o/b Kelly Woerfel
- 3 - DROPS OF JUPITER, by FC/AFC Ramblin Man x Independence Day; o/b Pam Baird
- 4 OVER UNDER'S PRIME TIME, by CH Bantam's Unleashed x CH Over Under's Killin' Time JH; o/b Eileen Gust

Winners Bitch
WINCREST CLASSIC MUSTANG SHELBY

Reserve Winners Bitch
MARSPORT CANNY CAMMIE

Best of Breed
GCH RIVERMIST BROXDEN MAKE MYNAH DOUBLE JH, by GCH Dual Lanes Cam JH x GCH Ataboys Dazzle Me Daphne JH o Allyson Godfroid & Amy Booth, b Allyson Godfroid & Amy Booth & Robin Tomasi

Best of Winners
WINCREST CLASSIC MUSTANG SHELBY

Best of Opposite Sex
CH TRIUMPHANT SUTTON'S WINDS OVER LEELANAU JH, by GCH DC Triumphant's Absolut' On Ice x CH Triumphant Peachcreek Electra; o James & Carla Holmes, b Linda Mcartney-Roy

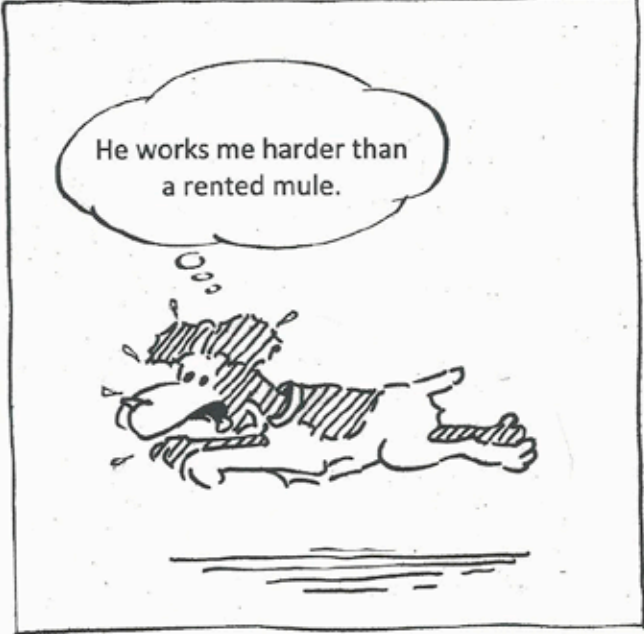
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Select Bitch
DC BRETON'S GOLDEN HEART OF PEPPER-SUN



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TRAININ' DOGS

with Rick Smith

Pressure

There are two distinct yet related types of pressure used in dog training. The first and most obvious is physical pressure such as a tug on a lead or checkcord, or the physical pressure applied during a force-fetch/trained retrieve session. Physical pressure is easily seen and defined. We know when we're doing it, we planned to do it, and we have the ability to end it.

The second form of pressure is by far the more important of the two yet often the least recognized and most problematic: mental pressure. This is not something we can easily start or stop; unless we are constantly reading and watching our dog's body language, we may not even realize it's been applied (which is the main reason we are so focused on teaching people how to read their dog). There's a saying about dog training that goes, "Once you've put pressure on a dog, you can't take it back." This refers almost entirely to mental pressure, and it's a statement that needs to stay right there in the front of our minds every time we work a dog.

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nervous but can still function well enough to complete the exam; others have their minds go blank, even though they know the material they're being tested on; and some are excited and challenged and can't wait to get started.

Dogs aren't much different. Our goal when training is to recognize how the individual dog handles pressure, what the signs of pressure overload are, and adapt our training to the dog's needs.

There are some dogs that can handle a tremendous amount of mental pressure and never miss a beat. They can forgive mistakes and bounce right back when corrected sharply. While this type of dog is certainly easier to train in that respect, it can also require a lot more repetition to really cement the behavior we're trying to teach. These dogs seem to always have a wagging tail held up high, ears forward, and eyes bright and attentive.

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This dog is being corrected for not standing still. If you read the expression, you'll see slight signs of pressure, not in a negative way but rather in a sort of Hmmm, maybe "whoa" means stand still until they say I can move instead of when I want.



This puppy on the chain is learning how to deal with both the physical pressure of being restrained and the mental pressure of learning to deal with it.



Training for steadiness. This setter is showing that it understands what is expected and will gain more intensity as the confidence grows.

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tend to crumble and withdraw under the slightest pressure. Any learning situation applies a level of mental pressure to our dogs. It's pretty similar to people. Think back to school days and mental pressure and never miss a beat. They can forgive mistakes and bounce right back when corrected sharply. While this type of dog is certainly easier to train in that respect, it can also require a lot more repetition to really cement the behavior we're trying to teach. These dogs seem to always have a wagging tail held up high, ears forward, and eyes bright and attentive.

The opposite end of the spectrum is the dog that lacks confidence and shuts down under the slightest of pressure. You can see by their body language that they just aren't mentally present anymore: Their eyes have a blank, empty look, staring straight ahead, and they aren't really responsive. Their tail is tucked, body may be slightly crouched, and their ears are folded back. This can be a genetic issue, or more often it's a case of a more middle-of-the-road type of dog that has had so much mental pressure applied that he couldn't handle any more and shuts down. The majority of dogs fall somewhere in the middle of these two extremes.

How, exactly, is mental pressure applied? It can be a case of too much physical pressure (i.e., a dog that has been beaten or abused), but in our opinion, mental pressure most often comes from overloading the dog by trying to do too much too soon and rushing the training. This is especially apparent when the dog is being taught a new skill. The training error is usually one of two things: Either the skill is not broken down into simple enough steps for the dog to understand; or the dog responds correctly a couple of times and the trainer assumes the dog has learned the skill and skips ahead, when it was really just guessing correctly. Both of these are easily recognized if we read the dog's body language and note its confidence level.

Also, too much correction can get your into trouble. Don't worry about the dog being perfect; instead, reward the "try," meaning watch for slight responses that are at least heading in the right direction. If you reward the dog for trying, he will gain confidence and is far less likely to shut down under the pressure of learning something new. Training is all about making the right thing easy and the wrong thing difficult. Set your dog up to succeed, and if in the first attempt or two the dog isn't understanding your directions enough to even try, break the exercise down into simpler steps.

That may require you to put the dog away and think about what you need to do to break the steps down. Don't be afraid to do just that. Trying to forge ahead with a confused dog under pressure will often set back the training. Few things are worse than trying to fix a dog that's been corrected so much that he has mentally shut down to the point where the dog is afraid to even try to learn. Always, always reward the "try," even if it's just a baby step toward the end goal.

Pressure isn't just applied during training. Some of it is applied in the field and may not come from us. Just think about a dog holding point for a length of time. That bird is applying major mental pressure, and it takes a tremendous amount of focus on the dog's part to wait for you and follow his training. Add to that another dog backing the dog on point – now there's pressure on the pointing dog from two directions. If dogs were humans, they'd be thinking along the lines of, Is that other dog going to steal my bird? Uh-Oh, the bird is moving and the boss doesn't know that...can I relocate? How much longer before the boss gets here and flushes the bird?

All of that is pressure and is applied by the situation. That's where good training with plenty of repetitions and positive reinforcement can really help dogs. They understand the rules because their training has been consistent and fair, and that helps them through those pressure situations. They know that if the backing dog breaks and knocks the bird, they won't be corrected for another dog's infraction as long as they stay steady.

Every dog is a bit different in how they react to mental pressure. The more attention you pay to reading your dog's body language, the more easily you'll recognize when your dog is telling you it needs some confidence from you rather than correction. And remember, once you've applied pressure, you can't take it back. Be fair and consistent, take your time and go slowly with your training, and you'll have a dog that enjoys training and wants to please you.

A POINT IN HISTORY



On May 23, 2015 a record held for twenty-nine years was both equalled and broken. Two littermates, both Field Champions sired by the late NFC/DC/AFC Gamblers Ace In The Hole, completed their show championships at different shows in different states on the same day. This made “Rocky” the top producing sire of Brittany Dual Champions, with eleven. The previous record of ten Dual Champions had been set in 1986 by NFC/NAFC/DC/AFC Perry’s Rustic Prince. Many congratulations to Rocky’s owners, Ed & Donna Janulis, as well as his breeders, Bill & Karen Schreiber, and all of the breeders and owners of Rocky’s Dual Champion offspring. *Following is a list of our breed’s top Dual Champion sires (with 6 or more):*

GAMBLERS ACE IN THE HOLE (11)

Hope’s Bouree (dam: Hope’s Red Pepper)
BDR’s Zigman Floyd (dam: Cassy’s McKayla Of Lancer)
Sweetwater Billy Tucker (dam: Angel Lucky Starshine)
Hi Point I Believe I Can Fly (dam: Hi Points On The Fly)
This Gambler’s Fly’n (dam: Bet’n She’ll Fly)
Hi Point’s Taking The Plunge (dam: Hi Points On The Fly)
Hi Point’s Bet’n He’ll Rock (dam: Bet’n She’ll Fly)
Grand Junction Jake (dam: Auten’s Meg-Netic Field)
High Hopes Dark Nite (dam: High Hopes Fly By Nite)
High Hopes Big Gamble (dam: High Hopes Fly By Nite)
Hipoint’s Summer Time (dam: High Hopes Fly By Nite)

PERRY’S RUSTIC PRINCE (10)

Bi-Mar’s Special Edition (dam: Bi-Mar Diamond Lil)
Commemorativo (dam: Colorado’s Jumping Gypsy)
Hope’s Perseverance (dam: Hope’s Ruffled Feathers)
Hope’s Princely Pauper (dam: Hope’s Ruffled Feathers)
Perry’s Rustic Zip (dam: Jacolet Cheyenne Sioux)
Hope’s Trace Of Rust (dam: Hope’s Ruffled Feathers)
Oak Grove Andrew (dam: Hope’s Ruffled Feathers)
Rustic Prince’s Rebel (dam: Coorough’s Lady Bridget)
HJ’s Pride ‘N’ Glory (dam: Le Car’s Way-Kan Lil)
Hope-Full Barney (dam: Hope’s Ruffled Feathers)

REDLINES TEQUILA SMOKER (8)

Terra’s Cabo Wabo (dam: Traveler’s Reign of Terra)
Redlines Tequila Moon (dam: Tule Rivers Full Moon Maggie)
Redline’s Smokin’ Gun (dam: Redlines Till Tomorrow)
Megasmoke Limited Edition (dam: Micro Chips of Nutmeg)
Megasmoke Grand Finale (dam: Micro Chips of Nutmeg)
MB’s Ruby Red Tequila (dam: Timberline Scip-O-Dee Doo Dah)
MB’s Make Mine A Double (dam: Timberline Scip-O-Dee Doo Dah)
Alar’s Tango Bar (dam: Sovereign Alar Skyrocket)

BAN-DEE (7)

Ban-Dee’s Elkanah Of Shiloh (dam: Gringo’s Hot Too Molly)
Tomar’s Ban-Dee Sam (dam: Drifter’s Babe)
Hi Ace (dam: Dolly’s Hi Icy)
Sequani Cin-Ban De Mar-Ed (dam: Sequanis Beaver Dam Cinnamon)
F and S Count Geoffery (dam: Gringos Tumbleweed Sal)
Bande-Britt’s Red Jinx (dam: Lady Britt of Brentwood)
Peck’s Buckaroo Ban-Dee (dam: Fritt’s Angel)

CISCO KID DEL PRADO (7)

Scirocco Del Prado (dam: Sargent’s Diamond In The Ruff)
Ginjac’s Shiloh Kodiak (dam: Currier’s Miss Mollee Rose)
Sgt’s Smoky Mtn Moonshine (dam: Sargent’s Diamond In The Ruff)
Spring Hill Pancho Del Prado (dam: Shad’s Song of Spring Hill)
JD’s Fearless Princess (dam: Britwoods Smoking Gun)
Spring Hill’s Hemi Magnum (dam: Shad’s Song of Spring Hill)
Spring Hill’s Riqueza del Prado (dam: Spring Hills Midnight Fame)

LUND’S TROOPER (7)

Trooper’s Little Frenchman (dam: Golden Duchess III)
Faulkner’s Reddy (dam: Cindy of Bellflower)
Early Times (dam: Miss Tuffi)
Juchoir’s Trooper Jill (dam: Juchoir’s Termison Trill)
Black Butte Ricochet Trooper (dam: Star Raiser)
Eva’s Trooper Jorinda (dam: Ginger Of Fremont)
Kipp’s Trooper Rochambeau (dam: Coveymoor’s Tigar Belle)

TEQUILA’S JOKER (7)

Shady’s Tia Maria (dam: Shady’s Chik-N-Little)
Shoshoni Sakajawea Pashico (dam: Shoshoni Sakajawea Katrinka)
TJ’s Single Shot of Scipio (dam: Micro Chips of Nutmeg)
Redlines Tequila Smoker (dam: Smarteyes Microbeans)
Sovereign’s Who’s Ya Daddy (dam: Sovereign’s Classical Code)
Jayhawker Tequila With A Twist (dam: Princess Haley II)
TJ’s Prairie Blizzard (dam: The Prairie Tornado)

BEANS BLAZE (6)

Chick’s Blaze’n Sawtooth Sam (dam: Scipio’s Little Chick)
French’s Bedroom Attire (dam: Scipio’s Little Chick)
Chikamin’s Chiklet (dam: Scipio’s Little Chick)
Silver Lake’s Wishes Blaze (dam: Timber’s Little Wish)
Shady’s White River Annie (dam: Kinwashkly Shady Lady)
J&M Blazen Dixie Chik (dam: Shady’s Chik-N-Little)

CINNABAR’S AMI ROC DE’EDWARDS (6)

Bi-Mar Cinnabar Cindy (dam: Auten’s Morning Star)
Cinnabar’s Sassy Luke (dam: Uno’s Miss Sassafras De Tex)
Lost Lake Solo (dam: Beauty Of Lost Lake)
Cinnabar’s Roc’s Ann (dam: Ruf N Dandy Blaze N Saddles)
Danaris-Strong’s Pepsi Free (dam: Danaris-Auten Hidden Talent)
Flecka De Montann (dam: Comedy Relief)

COUNTRY COUSIN LOST RIVER (6)

Lost River’s Copper Diggins (dam: Tres Centavo)
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Markar’s Jac’s A Dan D (dam: Smokestone Dan-Dee)
Hybrittin’s Jeremiah Weed (dam: Rondos Velvet Love Of Sequani)
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Bourbon XIII (dam: Candy’s Lucky Penny)
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Field: April 1-2, 2016
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Host Club:**
Skyline Brittany Club

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South Republican River Wildlife
Area
Burlington, Colorado

Show: Mar 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM
MT
Kit Carson County Fairgrounds
Show Building
Burlington, Colorado

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**Eastern Region
Host Club:**
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Perry Plantation
Gainesville, Florida

Show: January 19, 2016
Perry Plantation
Gainesville, Florida

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Along with the regional futurity the host clubs are also offering the following events:

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Thank you to all nominating breeders and Good Luck to all participants in the 2016 Futurities!

The annual **Greater Indianapolis Brittany Club all-breed agility trial** was held August 8 & 9, 2015 at Pawsitive Partners DTC in Beech Grove Indiana. The judge, Abbie Hanson, a Brittany breeder from Estill, South Carolina provided exhibitors with flowing but challenging courses. A Challenge Board Fundraiser was held to support the Beech Grove Police Department K9 Assoc. Participation was completely voluntary. Exhibitors challenged themselves and fellow competitors in a spirit of good will and fun to achieve qualifying scores, titles and other criteria. Over \$500 was raised and presented to the BGPD K9 Assoc. to help fund training, equipment and health care of the Beech Grove PD service dogs.

We had several GIBC club members compete in the trial this year with spectacular results. We had one special run from MACH PACH Voyageur's B. B. Beretta UD BN GN GO RA MXG MJG MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX MXF (Beree) who enjoyed her last two runs into retirement. Both owner Patty Steele-Scott and Beree enjoyed every moment of their final two agility runs.

The following were the Brittany runs that qualified:

CH Voyageur's Stars & Stripes CDX BN RE JH MX MXJ OF T2B

Owner/Handler Patricia Steele Scott

- Master Standard – Saturday 8/8
- Time 2 Beat – Sunday 8/9

CH Voyageur's Star Spangled Time RN NA OAJ AXP MJP

Owner: Doris Staton, Handler: Erica Behnke

- Master Preferred Standard – Saturday 8/8

MACH2 Cupid's Beau and Eros CD MXS MJC MXF T2B

Owner/handler Cathi Shover

- Master Preferred JWW – Saturday 8/8

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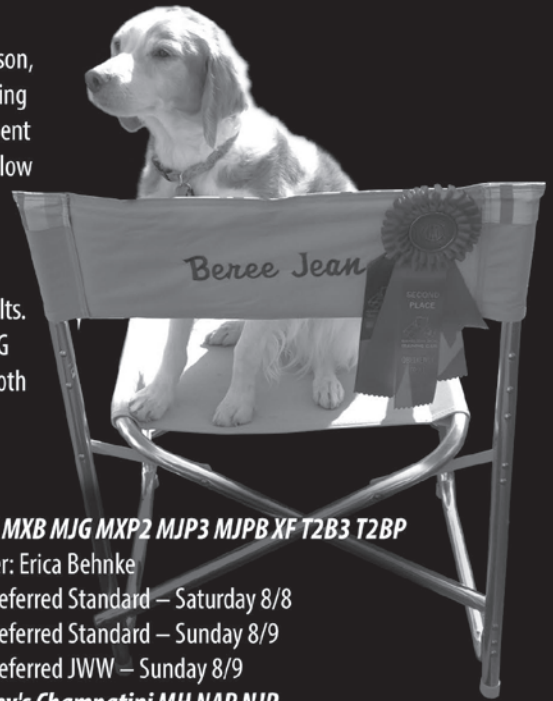
Owner/handler: Erica Behnke

- Master Preferred Standard – Saturday 8/8
- Master Preferred Standard – Sunday 8/9
- Master Preferred JWW – Sunday 8/9

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Owners: Nickie and Marcus Redick, Handler: Nickie Redick

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None Held Back and Other Bird Dog Stories

Part Five -Dusk

By Tom Word

Justice

The old couple sat erect and alone on the front bench of the courtroom. The morning sun shone through tall windows upon dark, stern portraits of Confederate officers and long dead judges. The old man, James Goodlowe, resembled the brigadier general of cavalry whose portrait hung beside him: same broad forehead, broad shoulders, piercing eyes. The resemblance was more than coincidence, for James Goodlowe was the grandson of the cavalrman, Nathan Bedford Forrest.

James Goodlowe's thick white hair was neatly combed above a long straight nose and high cheekbones. His face was ruddy from a lifetime spent outdoors. His large hands were arthritic and calloused. He wore his only suit, a blue serge, old but unwrinkled, worn before today only to church, to field-trial drawings and to friends' funerals, which came frequently now. Before today, he had been inside the courtroom only for jury duty; he came today to be tried for grand larceny, accused of the theft of a pointer dog.

James Goodlowe's wife, Bessie, was short and rotund, her face florid. Her blue dress was a shade lighter than the old man's suit. Her blue-white hair was piled neatly under her hat. She busied her fingers with knitting needles, which she worked without looking. She noticed the dust upon the portraits, glowing like velvet in the bright morning sun, and shook her head in disgust at the county's poor housekeeping.

They had come early, a lifetime habit. In fifty years James Goodlowe had never missed a breakaway. At eight-thirty when the bailiff arrived, he was started to see them. "Excuse me, but y'all have to go through the metal detector." When they returned to their seats, Bessie was embarrassed; the bailiff had taken her sewing scissors and locked them in a drawer.

The courtroom began to fill with spectators; they glanced at James Goodlowe with perplexed curiosity, but none would meet his eyes. To his surprise some were field-trial people from far away—then he remembered the Nation was running over at Grand Junction, Tennessee; they had come to watch this different kind of trial.

The old man had taken the dog, not doubt about it, and the prosecutor could prove it. Someone had seen his truck and written down his license number. Then the police had matched the mud on his tires to the mud on Tom Woodward's kennel road. The prosecutor had offered to reduce the charge to trespass if he would return the dog, but he had refused to say anything. His lawyer said a conviction was certain, that he ought to plead guilty and make a deal. James Goodlowe refused.

The crime was the talk of the county, eclipsing the story of Woodward's death, even though the dead man was the county's wealthiest citizen, owner of a beer distributorship. Dog theft ranked just after murder on the rural Mississippi scale of heinous crime. No one could figure James Goodlowe's motive. It couldn't be money—the dog was eleven years old, retired from competition, about through as a stud. His lawyer

had wanted to move to reduce the charge to petty larceny, for the dog was probably worth less than five hundred dollars, but James Goodlowe wouldn't have it—an insult to the dog. Could the motive have been revenge—some grudge held by Goodlowe against Woodward for a slight of honor? So far as anyone knew, a cross word had never passed between the two men. Woodward had been Goodlowe's patron for thirty years. And where was the dog?

The old man's young lawyer was a year out of Ol' Miss law school and scrambling to build a practice n minor criminal cases a little real estate, divorce. James Goodlowe had never needed a lawyer before, but when he was arrested, he called the young lawyer, who as a small boy had come with his father to the old man's farm to talk dogs. "Get a copy of Tom Woodward's will. My defense is in it," was all the old man would say to his lawyer.

Woodward's family had refused to show the will. When the young lawyer explained this, James Goodlowe said, "Talk to Judge Burks." So the young lawyer had driven to Tupelo, where Judge Burks, long retired, languished in a nursing home. He arrived after visiting hours, and the lady in charge at first refused to let him see the judge. She finally relented when he explained it as a matter of life and death. Judge Burks lay paralyzed from a stroke, but his mind was unimpaired, and he could speak.

By nine o'clock the courtroom was jammed. The young lawyer motioned James Goodlowe to join him at the counsel table.

"All rise," boomed the bailiff.

The black-robed judge, small, bald, with rimless glasses and a humorless face, whisked through a door behind the bench and plopped in his chair, disappearing except above the knot of his tie.

"Silence is commanded upon pain of imprisonment while The Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court of Prentiss County is sitting. All persons having motions to make, pleas to enter or other business before this court, come forward and ye shall be heard." The bailiff's got his part down to a tee, James Goodlowe thought.

"Be seated," the Judge said glumly.

"State of Mississippi versus James Goodlowe. One count of grand larceny of a pointer dog. Is the State ready?" The prosecutor nodded gravely.

"Is the defense ready?"

"Yes, Your Honor," said the young lawyer, his voice cracking.

"All right, gentlemen. Both sides have waived a jury and opening statements. Are there any motions before we hear the evidence?"

"The defense has one, your honor. If our motion is granted, we will stipulate the prosecution's evidence putting my client at Tom Woodward's kennel at two a.m. on the morning of the dog's disappearance, and that he took the dog." A murmur of

surprise went through the spectators.

“Are you saying that your client will change his plea to guilty?”

“No, Your Honor. He will stipulate he took the dog, but we will offer a defense to the taking. We can put on that defense through the testimony of one witness, but to do that we’ll need some special consideration, Your Honor, and that’s my motion. The witness is in a nursing home and can’t come to court. We have arranged for him to testify by speaker telephone, and we’ve got a court reporter standing by to administer the oath.”

“This is highly unusual. What is the State’s position, Mr. Prosecutor?”

“We have no objection, Your Honor,” said the prosecutor, relieved to avoid the tedium of putting on his case.

The bailiff placed the speaker phone on the bench. The two lawyers stood at side bar. The young lawyer dialed a number, and a female voice answered, “Judge Burks’ room, this is Sally Wilson speaking.”

“We’re calling from the courtroom. Is Judge Burks ready to testify?”

The court reporter answered yes and swore the witness. Then the judge in the courtroom said, “Good morning, Judge Burks. It’s an honor to have you in court with us this morning. I hope you’re feeling well.”

“Well enough,” wheezed the feeble, disembodied voice from the speaker phone.

“You may proceed,” said the Judge in the courtroom, nodding to the young lawyer.

“Judge Burks, would you tell the court why you believe James Goodlowe was justified in taking Tom Woodward’s pointer Bigbee Ben, from his kennel without permission on the night of Tom Woodward’s death?” The courtroom was deadly quiet.

The voice of the witness came from the speaker, halting at first, growing stronger as he warmed to his story. He told how he and his best friend, Tom Woodward, had enjoyed bird dogs together over fifty years; how they loved to ride together on James Goodlowe’s training grounds along the banks of the Tombigbee; how Woodward wanted to own a great field-trial dog, but seemed always plagued by bad luck; and how, finally, Bigbee Ben had come along to win four championships.

“When they gave him the title at the Southern, James Goodlowe announced his own retirement and the dog’s. Tom Woodward tried to give James the dog right there so he could get the stud fees, but James wouldn’t take him, said Tom loved that dog too much.”

The witness stopped talking. The young lawyer was terrified—had Judge Burks suffered another stroke?

“Judge Burks, can you tell us now why Mr. Goodlowe was justified in taking the dog?”

The disembodied voice returned, and the young lawyer relaxed.

“Yes. Tom Woodward—like a lot of men who love their dogs—had an abiding fear that they wouldn’t be looked after properly when he died. He always said he was providing in his will for his dogs to be euthanized when he died. That’s why James Goodlowe took the dog—to save its life.”

The prosecutor interrupted, “Your honor, I have Tom

Woodward’s will here. It does not direct that his dogs be put to sleep.” The prosecutor handed a document to the Judge in the courtroom who read from it:

I leave my fox hounds to Harry Winston of Winston’s Corner with the request that he give them to boys in his neighborhood. I leave my beagles to the Reverend Sam Johnson of Ebenezer Baptist Church at Faulker with the request that he give them to boys in his Sunday school. I leave my bird dogs to James Goodlowe, Jr., son on my field-trial handler and friend, James Goodlowe. I leave the frozen semen from my champion Bigbee Ben to the Said James Goodlowe.

“I know that,” Judge Burk’s irritated voice came from the speaker phone. “After I had my stroke, Tom Woodward came to see me in the hospital. He said, ‘Charlie, is there anything I can do for you?’ I said, ‘Yes, Tom Woodward, you can change the part in your will about putting your dogs to sleep.’ Then I told him how he should leave his dogs in his will.”

“Thank you, Judge Burks. The defense has no more questions.”

The prosecutor rose. “Your Honor, we have no questions of the witness. We will move that the charges against Mr. Goodlowe be dismissed—if he will return the dog.”

James Goodlowe rose to his full six feet three.

“The dog is over at my son’s training kennel in Stanton, Tennessee—where Tom Woodward’s will says he’s supposed to be.”

“Case dismissed,” said the Judge from the bench, and whacked down his gavel. Cheers erupted. Even the dour little Judge smiled.

“Court’s adjourned. Good to have you with us, Judge Burks.”

James Goodlowe and Bessie walked slowly to their pickup, parked diagonally on the courthouse square. The truck disappeared down the street, the old man tall and erect behind the wheel, his wife’s head barely showing above the passenger seat. In a few minutes, their pickup reappeared the courthouse square, having circled the block. The old man stopped the truck at the courthouse steps, and his wife got out, waddled up the stairs and entered. In a moment she returned, her sewing scissors in hand.

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| Oct 3-4 | Susquehanna(2) East. New England | Kentucky(2) | Hawkeye(2-8) Heart of Illinois(w) *Cx Minnesota *Cx | W. Texas(2) Cent. New Mexico(2) | Wasatch Front(2) |
| Oct 5-8 | Jim Hoyer Shooting Dog Cl - Hawkeye (Union Co. Bird Dog Ranch, Thayer, IA) | | | | |
| Oct 6-8 | ABC New England Gun Dog Cl/Ch (GOLGD, GALGD) (Flaherty FTA, East Windsor, CT) | | | | |
| Oct 9-10 | ABC Grouse & Woodcock Classic (Eau Claire Co. Forest, Augusta, WI) - Host: Badger | | | | |
| Oct 10-11 | Maryland So. New England(9) | Pennsylvania | Gr. Milwaukee(w) | No. Oklahoma(9) | Cent. California Gr. Phoenix(w) |
| Oct 12-18 | ABC Quail Classic (Sportsman's Association Inc., Grovespring, MO) - Host: Greater St. Louis | | | | |
| Oct 17-18 | No. Virginia(15) | | LaSalle(16) | So. Kansas(16-22) Ft. Worth(16) | So. San Joaquin(17-21)** |
| Oct 16-22 | Kansas Brittany All-Age Ch - Southern Kansas (William Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS) | | | | |
| Oct 20-29 | <u>ABC National Gun Dog Championships</u> Ionia Field Trial Grounds Association, Ionia, Michigan Oct 20-24: ABC National Gun Dog Championship Oct 25-29: ABC National Amateur Gun Dog Championship FT Secretary: Joanne Perry ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM (EST) | | | | |
| Oct 24-25 | | Hoosier | Heart of Illinois | Indian Nations | California(23) |
| Oct 29-30 | Jim Holman Cl - Illinois (Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL) | | | | |
| Oct 31-Nov 1 | North Jersey(30) | Gr. Indianapolis Bama | Illinois(29-1) | Sooner(30) No. Colorado | San Diego(w) |
| Nov 4-6 | Dixieland Brittany Ch - Music City (Percy Priest WMA, LaVergne, TN) | | | | |
| Nov 7-8 | Mid-Florida | Michigan(w) Music City(4-8) | Cent. Arkansas | Texas Coastal(6) Midwest(6)** | Cent. California(w) |
| Nov 14-15 | Anthracite Tarheel | Niagara Frontier(w) | Gr. St. Louis(9-18)*/** | Bluebonnet(16) | |
| Nov 21-22 | No. Virginia | | | | |
| Nov 19-21 | <u>ABC National Specialty</u> State Fair Park -- Kay Rodgers Park - Expo center, 4400 Midland Boulevard, Fort Smith, AR 72904, 479-783-6176 Nov 19: Obedience & Rally Nov 20-21: Conformation Superintendent: Roy Jones , Show Chair: Terry Hilliard, Obedience & Rally Chair: Cindy Miller ENTRIES CLOSE: October 21 | | | | |
| Nov 23 - Dec 6 | <u>ABC National Championships</u> Blue Mountain - J. Perry Mikles WDA, Booneville, Arkansas Nov 23-27: ABC National Amateur Championship Nov 28-Dec 6: ABC National Championship FT Secretary: Steve Ralph ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday, November 9 at 8:00 PM (CST) | | | | |

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 (w) - indicates Walking trial
 (#) - indicates start date of weekend event
 * - includes Hour Gun Dog stake
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BRITT ISSUES • Health, Training, Feeding, Living with Britts...
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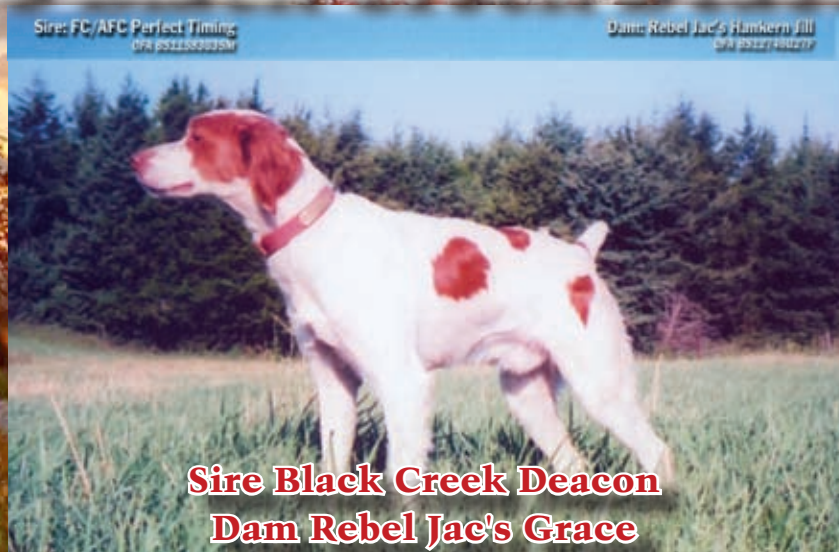


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