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Specialty Shows



SAN DIEGO Valley Center, CA July 16, 2016

This year our Specialty was held at the Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center, CA with the Cabrillo Kennel Club Dog Show.

Mrs. Leita Estes, an AKC judge and owner of Shortales German Shorthaired Pointers judged the Sweepstakes. Leita has been a wonderful supporter of our breed previously judging a San Diego Brittany Club Sweepstakes in 2009 and the 2012 California Brittany Club Willi Match. Mrs. Estes awarded Brittany's Ramblin' Cleopatra Best in Sweepstakes and Best Opposite in Sweepstakes to K Nine's A Boatload of Mischief. Best Veteran in Sweepstakes to GCHB Brigade's Hi Hopes Rocket MH.

Mr. Robert Ennis who has been judging Brittany's since 1997 judged our Specialty. Mr. Ennis awarded BISS to the 7 and under 10 Veteran Dog, GCHB Brigade's Hi Hopes Rocket MH (Rocket) and his Best of Winners went to Rocket's daughter, Brigade's Look at Me Now (Dottie) both owned and bred by CBC and SDBC members, Deborah and Michael Frane. CBC members Joy and Tim Ory's young beauty GCH Ory's Catch Me If You Can (Piper) won Best Of Opposite, Select Dog was GCH Sanbar's Standing Ovation (Chayce) owned by SDBC member Bob West, Carolyn and Polly West, Select Bitch went to CH Caliah's Lotus Blossom Falls JH (Pennie) owned by CBC member David Webb, and Winners Dog and Best Bred By Exhibitor to CBC's member Linda McDonald's (Tug) K Nine's A Boatload of Mischief. Best Puppy went to Brittany's Ramblin' Cleopatra owned by Stephen and Cynthia Chappell and CBC member Jenelle Larson.

Our Best of Breed and Best of Opposite winners received pedestal trifle dishes etched with quails sitting on a branch. Best of Winners received a glass pitcher with a quail and vines design, Select Dog and Select Bitch a glass box etched with quails sitting on a branch, Winners Dog and Bitch an etched glass bucket featuring a Brittany. All first placements received a large pheasant dog toy and greeting cards. The Cabrillo Kennel Club supplied large beautiful rosettes in addition to smaller rosettes embossed with 2016 San Diego Brittany Club Specialty.

Following the Specialty, we had our club meeting under a large shade tree to discuss next year's Specialty location and future field events.

On Sunday the San Diego Brittany Club supported entry offered designer dog bowls and mats to the top five placements.

We would like to thank all our trophy sponsors, exhibitors and especially Mary Brown for all her help with Trophy donations. This is only possible with everybody supporting the club and we look forward to seeing you at next year's specialty.

Deborah Frane

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Leita Estes

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - K NINE'S A BOATLOAD OF MISCHIEF, o Linda McDonald

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - BRITTANY'S RAMBLIN' CLEOPATRA, o Stephen & Cynthia Chappell & Jenelle Larson
- 2 - K NINE FINALE'S WAY TO GO, o Linda McDonald

**Best in Sweepstakes
BRITTANY'S RAMBLIN' CLEOPATRA**

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
K NINE'S A BOATLOAD OF MISCHIEF**

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mrs. Leita Estes

Veteran

- 1 - GCHB BRIGADE'S HI HOPES ROCKET MH, o Deborah & Michael Frane

**Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
GCH BRIGADE'S HI HOPES ROCKET**

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Mr. Robert D. Ennis

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - K NINE'S A BOATLOAD OF MISCHIEF, by CH/AFC Loki's Blizzard of Mischief x K Nine's Talk Todah Paw; o Linda McDonald, b Linda McDonald & Arlette Hennessey

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - FINALE'S ENCORE, by FC/AFC Megasmoke's Grand Finale x FC K Nine's On The Loose; o/b Linda McDonald

**Winners Dogs
K NINE'S A BOATLOAD OF MISCHIEF**

**Reserve Winners Dog
FINALE'S ENCORE**

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - BRITTANY'S RAMBLIN' CLEOPATRA, by CH Brittany's Ramblin' Roadhouse x CH Britt's Ramblin Addicted To Love; o Stephen & Cynthia Chappell & Jenelle Larson, b Jenelle L. Larson & Karen Schoppa

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - SANBAR CROSSCREEK TOUCH AND GO, by GCH Sanbar's Standing Ovation x Sanbar Crosscreek Small Town Girl; o Robert & Polly West & Dr. Barbara & Wayne Pepin, b Wayne & Dr. Barbara Pepin, DVM

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - K NINE FINALE'S WAY TO GO, by DC/AFC Megasmoke's Grand Finale x FC K Nine's On The Loose; o Linda McDonald, b Linda McDonald & Arlette Hennessey

Open Bitches

- 1 - BRIGADE'S LOOK AT ME NOW, by GCH Brigade's Hi Hopes Rocket MH x CH Shiloh's Swift Kiss A Taq; o/b Deborah & Michael Frane

**Winners Bitch
BRIGADE'S LOOK AT ME NOW**

**Reserve Winners Bitch
BRITTANY'S RAMBLIN' CLEOPATRA**

Veteran Dogs

- 1 - GCHB BRIGADE'S HI HOPES ROCKET MH, by FC/AFC Burford's Booked First Class x Maison De Chasse Magnifique; o Deborah & Michael Frane, b Michael Frane

**Best of Breed
GCHB BRIGADE'S HI HOPES ROCKET MH, by FC/AFC Burford's Booke First Class x Maison De Chasse Magnifique; o Deborah & Michael Frane, b Michael Frane**

**Best of Winners
BRIGADE'S LOOK AT ME NOW**

**Best of Opposite Sex
GCH ORY'S CATCH ME IF YOU CAN, by GCH/DC Ory's Marshal Dillon SH x CH Copley's Casino Royale; o Joy & Timothy J. Ory, b Joy Ory**

**Select Dog
GCH SANBAR'S STANDING OVATION**

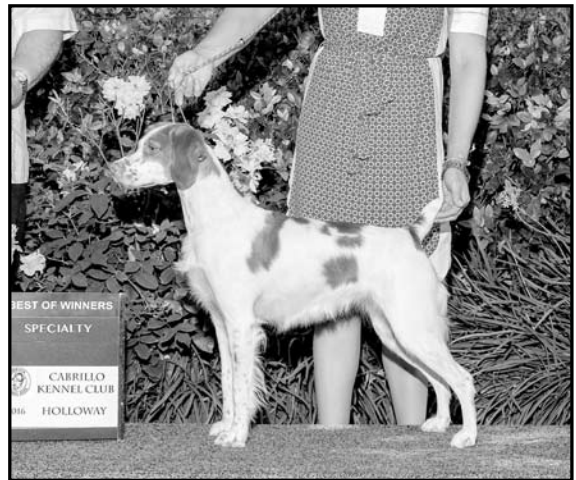
**Select Bitch
CH CALIAH'S LOTUS BLOSSOM FALLS JH**

**Best Puppy
BRITTANY'S RAMBLIN' CLEOPATRA**

**Best Bred-By-Exhibitor
FINALE'S ENCORE**



**Best of Breed
GCH BRIGADE'S HI HOPES ROCKET**



**Best of Winners / Winners Bitch
BRIGADE'S LOOK AT ME NOW**

**TEXAS COASTAL
Houston, TX
July 21, 2016**

Our show was again held in conjunction with the Houston World Series of Dog Shows in the vast NRG Center building, thankfully in the air conditioning! The building hosted not only five days of conformation shows but agility, obedience, rally, flyball competition and this year barn hunt. A person could spend two or three days just enjoying these events and not have time to shop at the huge number of vendors, over 100, displaying their wares.

As usual, some of our local Texas Coastal and Alamo members came with Brittany's to the Meet the Breed ring on Friday and we thank them for making some fine dogs available for the public to see – young dogs, older dogs, orange/white and liver/white – a good representation of the breed.

We specially want to thank Purina for their attendance of this amazing weekend and, like all sporting events they sponsor, we couldn't have premier events like this without their financial support.

Our sweepstakes judge, Mrs. Sherry Wallis from Houston had a quality entry of seven young Britts and selected Hickory Hill's Fearless owned by Anne Parchman as her Best in Sweepstakes. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to My Trey's Prince of Norway STKS owned by Tom and Sandra Schrank.

Mr. Larry Abbot from Fairview, TX judged the regular classes and breed. Our entry did make a 3-point major in bitches. From he classes, My Trey's Prince of Norway STKS received Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Winners Bitch went to Decartier's Dash of Ginger owned by Cole Carter.

Of the four champions, GCHS CH Big Oaks Mamma Mia's Star Sophia, owned by Barbara Brannan, garnered the Best of Breed. My Trey's Pince of Norway STKS received Best of Opposite Sex. Select Bitch went to Copley-Shelttany Echo of Angels JH owned by Julio Rodriguez.

AND we must not forget our Junior Showmanship competition judged by Mrs. Wallis. Christina Cole, Anne Parchman's Granddaughter, took the trophy home for Best Junior Handler from the Open Intermediate Class.

Our usual ring stewards, Sandy Faulkner, who came down from Arkansas, and Barbara Steel keep the show ring going every year and we thank them immensely.

We also thank everyone who attended our show and we hope to see you again next year!

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Sherry E. Wallis

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - MY TREY'S PRINCE OF NORWAY STKS, o Sandra & Thomas Schrank
- 2 - S'RENDI'S PERFECT TIMING FOR A STORM, o Suzanne Sparrow

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - HICKORY HILL'S SPARKS FLY, o Anne & Marla Parchman

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - BLUE SAPPHIRE'S BREAK THE BANK, o Susan Blair Callaway & Rose Leale
- 2 - WAYSIDES'S BLUE BELL, o Thomas Longfellow

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - MY TREY'S PRINCESS GRACE STKS, o Sandra & Tom Schrank

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - HICKORY HILL'S FEARLESS, o Anne Parchman

Best in Sweepstakes
HICKORY HILL'S FEARLESS

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
MY TREY'S PRINCE OF NORWAY STKS

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Mr. Larry C. Abbott

9-12 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - MY TREY'S PRINCE OF NORWAY STKS, by GCH/CH My Triple Credit STKS JH CA x GCH/CH My Dual Lanes Let Freedom Ring STKS; o/b Sandra & Thomas Schrank

- 2 - S'RENDI'S PERFECT TIMING FOR A STORM, by CH Big Oaks Maximus Of Johnson's Hardwood Daybreak x CH Wshiper Ridge Just-A Perfect Diamond At S'Rendi; o/b Suzanne Sparrow

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - HICKORY HILL'S SPARKS FLY, by CH Sanbar's Wings Of Thor x GCH/CH Hickory Hill Only Prettier; o/b Anne & Marla Parchman

Open Dogs

- 1 - DOGWOOD'S BENELLI, by Dogwood's Buckmark x Dusty Pam; o/b Todd Parmenter

Winners Dog

MY TREY'S PRINCE OF NORWAY STKS

Reserve Winners Dog
DOGWOOD'S BENELLI

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - WAYSIDES'S BLUE BELL, by DC Blueridge Hunter Gonna Fly x CH Wayside's Am I Blue; o/b Thomas Longfellow
- 2 - BLUE SAPPHIRE'S BREAK THE BANK, by MACH/GCH Brookewood's Just Too Hot RE MXG MJG MXF x CH Credit's My Heart Skips A Beat; o Susan Blair Callaway & Rose Leale, b Patricia Rosado & Elizabeth Cruz & E. Susa Drazek

9-12 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - MY TREY'S PRINCESS GRACE STKS, by GCH/CH My Triple Credit STKS JH x GCH/CH My Dual Lanes Let Freedom Ring STKS; o/b Sandra & Tom Schrank

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - HICKORY HILL'S FEARLESS, by CH Sanbar's Wings Of Thor x GCH/CH Hickory Hills Only Prettier; o Anne Parchman, b Anne & Marla Parchman

American-Bred Bitches

- 1 - MY DUAL LANES LAND OF LIBERTY STKS, by CH Dual Lanes Right On The Mark x CH Dual Lanes Sassy Sandy; o Sandra & Tom Schrank, b Herbert Harrison

Open Bitches

- 1 - DECARTIER'S DASH OF GINGER, by CH Decartier's Watch My Tail Lights x J&M Jax Wild Card; o Cole T. Carter, b Mary Gage & James R. Crawford

Winners Bitch
DECARTIER'S DASH OF GINGER

Reserve Winners Bitch
HICKORY HILL'S FEARLESS

Best of Breed
GCHS/CH BIG OAKS MAMMA MIA'S STAR SOPHIA, by DC Grand Junction Jake x CH Big Oaks Oh Yes She Can; o Barbara Brannan, b Louise M. Brown & Barbara D. Brannan

Best of Winners
MY TREY'S PRINCE OF NORWAY STKS

Best of Opposite Sex

MY TREY'S PRINCE OF NORWAY STKS, by GCH/CH My Triple Credit STKS JH CA x GCH/CH My Dual Lanes Let Freedom Ring STKS; o/b Sandra & Thomas Schrank

Select Bitch

COPLEY-SHELTANY ECHO OF ANGELS JH

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Judge: Ms. Sherry E. Wallis

Open Intermediate

- 1 - CHRISTINA COLE, with Hickory Hill's Fearless, by CH Sanbar's Wings Of Thor x GCH/CH Hickory Hills Only Prettier; o Anne Parchman, b Anne & Marla Parchman

Best Junior Handler

CHRISTINA COLE

**GREATER MILWAUKEE
South Milwaukee, WI
August 13, 2016**

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Andrea Jordan Lane

12-15 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - RIVERMIST BROXDEN SOVEREIGN MVP, o Dawn & Joe Droel & Jessica Carlson
2 - TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTELY TOP SHELF, o Gerald & Laura Smith & Linda McCartney-Roy
3 - STARLIGHT'S CALISTO MOON, o Teresa Richmond

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - RED GRANITE'S ABBEY ROAD, o Rachele Boettcher

12-15 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - STARLIGHT'S STELLAR CHAOS, o Teresa Richmond

15-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - SOVEREIGN'S LEGENDARY CHOCOLATE, o Dawn & Joe Droel

Best in Sweepstakes

SOVEREIGN'S LEGENDARY CHOCOLATE

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes
RIVERMIST BROXDEN SOVEREIGN MVP**

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Andrea Jordan Lane

8-10 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - DC/GCH STARLIGHT'S BILLION TIMES BRIGHTER, o Teresa Richmond
2 - GCH/DC/AFC HAVAPAL'S REV ME UP REPEAT VDC1 BN RE SH OA OAH OAP OJP NF NFP, o Julie A. Asmus

8-10 Year Veteran Bitches

- 1 - GCH LYRICS SHILO CD RN CGC, o Marie Starsiak & Geri O. Clements

10-12 Year Veteran Bitches

- 1 - CH ERIE BEST SHOT KACEY B ROMP'N JH, o Mary & Theodore Selnes

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

GCH LYRICS SHILO CD RN CGC

**Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
DC/GCH STARLIGHT'S BILLION TIMES BRIGHTER**

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Mrs. Charlene G. Rutar

Junior Dogs

- 1 - TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTELY TOP SHELF, by GCH/DC Triumphant's Absolut' On Ice x CH Triumphant's Too Hot Molly; o Gerald & Laura Smith & Linda McCartney-Roy, b Linda McCartney-Roy

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

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

Open Dogs

- 1 - DOGWOOD'S BENELLI, by Dogwood's Buckmark x Dusty Pam; o/b Todd Parmenter
2 - GUGIN'S PRIME CUT JH NA, by CH TNT's Sirius Renegade Buddy Boy x GFC/GCH/DC/AFC TNT's Raise'n A Ruckus; o Cassandra & Jeffrey Gugin, b Tommy & Linda Thomas
3 - STARLIGHT'S MERCURY OUT RYDER, by DC/AFC Timberline Strait To The Point x FC Rubyridge's Million Dollar Babe
4 - STAR FLIGHT BRADLEY COOPER, by GCH tar Flight Jumpin' Jack Flash RN OA OAJ CGC x GCH Dogwood Hollow Little Surfer Girl; o Jennifer Motes, b Marie Starsiak

Winners Dog

TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTELY TOP SHELF

Reserve Winners Dog

MARSPORT ROUSTING ROARY JH

6-9 Month Puppy Bitches

- 1 - RED GRANITE'S ABBEY ROAD, by GCH Renegade's Rascal x CH Dr Jac's Ruby Tuesday; o/b Rachele Boettcher

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - STARLIGHT'S STELLAR CHAOS, by Wild MTN's Head 'Em Up and Move 'Em Out x CH Starlight's Abracadabra; o Teresa Richmond, b Phyllis & Paul Katzel & Teresa Richmond

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - SOVEREIGN'S LEGENDARY CHOCOLATE, by GCH Sovereign's Chasing Legends x GCH FireStarter's Clear Winter Night; o/b Dawn & Joe Droel
2 - STARLIGHT'S DASH OF BRILLIANCE, by DC/GCH Starlight's Billion Time Brighter x Attitude's Second Scenario JH; o Teresa Richmond, b Teresa Richmond & Colleen & John Walsh

Open Bitches

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

Winners Bitch ATTITUDE'S DYNAMIC STARLIGHT

Reserve Winners Bitch SOVEREIGN'S LEGENDARY CHOCOLATE

Hunt Test Dogs

- 1 - CH REPEATS LITTLE 501 BLUES BN RN JH CAA NJP NAP, by GCH/DC/AFC Havapal's Rev Me Up Repeat VDC1 BN RE SH OA OAJ OAP OJP NF NFP x Ch Dogwood's Gilmore; o Julie A. Asmus, b Todd Parmenter

Field Trial Dogs

- 1 - DC/GCH STARLIGHT'S BILLION TIMES BRIGHTER, by NAGDC/DC/AFC Clyde's Double Trouble x CH Starlight's Zeta Tauri; o/b Teresa Richmond
2 - GCH/DC/AFC HAVAPAL'S REV ME UP REPEAT VDC1 BN RE SH OA OAJ OAP OJP NF NFP, by FC/AFC RJ's Microtuck x Havapal's Renegade Mon Amie; o Julie A. Asmus, b Robert J. Kossel

Veteran Bitches

- 1 - GCH LYRICS SHILO CD RN CGC, by GCH Dogwood Hollow Bengal Zero Zero x CH Magic In The Air Tonight; o Marie Starsiak & Geri O. Clements, b Elaine Rhodes
2 - CH ERIE BEST SHOT KACEY B ROMP'N JH, by CH Godabe Leo N Levi's Rompin JH x Liffey; o Mary & Theodore Selnes, b Mary C. Selnes & Julie & Declan ORourke

Best of Breed

GCH MARSPORT WINSTON CHURCHILL, by CH Cimmaron Set 'Em Up Joe CDX x CH Marsport Mustang Marki JH; o Steve C. Timm & Katherine M. Williams, b John Marsman & Christine Ward-Weber

Best of Winners

TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTELY TOP SHELF

Best of Opposite Sex

CH COPLEY-SHELTANY ECHO OF ANGELS, by GCH Sheltany's Against All Odds c GCH Libertie-Copley More Mimosa?; o Julio C. Rodriguez, b Emily Fuzette & Robin & Barbara Dayton & Karen Hansen

Select Dog

CH REPEATS LITTLE 501 BLUES BN RN JH CAA NJP NAP

Select Bitch

GCH LYRICS SHILO CD RN CGC

WASHINGTON Enumclaw Expo Center Enumclaw, WA August 19, 2016

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Janice Schreiber

6-9 Month Puppy Dogs

- 1 - LORD JAX OF THE COE, o Amy & Elyse Coe

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - ROCKET OVR T'POINT POLLACK, o Nancy Noble
2 - WHY NOT THE ARSONIST, o Emille Peterson
3 - DREAM HI'S RSVP HOLD THE APPLAUSE, o Kristina & Lori Rickard & Sarah Mackney
4 - WIND MTN'S ROYAL FLUSH, o Connie Strom

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

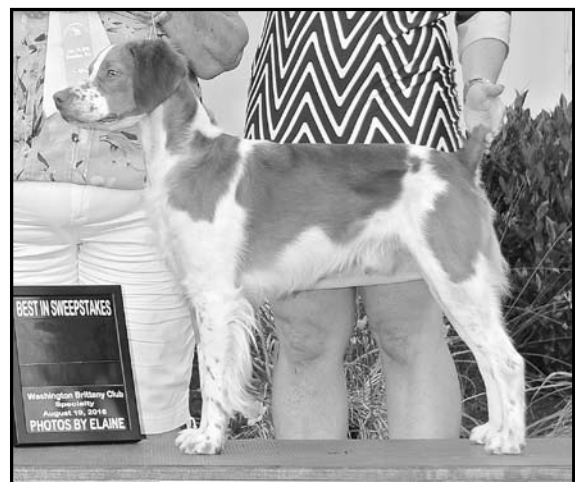
- 1 - ISLAND VIEW HEART OF FIRE, o Deanna Dablois
2 - WINDFALL ROCKWELL'S DESIRE ON FIRE, o Kellie Rockwell & Carla Cavaco
3 - DREAM HI ROCKWELL'S LITTLE MISS KNOW IT ALL, o Kellie Rockwell & Krising Rickard

Best in Sweepstakes

ROCKET OVR T'POINT POLLACK

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

ISLANDVIEW HEART OF FIRE



**Best in Sweepstakes
ROCKET OVR T'POINT POLLACK**

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Ms. Janice Schreiber

7-10 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH VICT'RYS BANNER OVR T'POINT JH, o Nancy Noble

10 Year and Older Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH WIND MUNTAIN'S JACK FROST, o Jodie Hanesworth

**Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
CH WIND MOUNTAIN'S JACK FROST**

REGULAR CLASSES

Judge: Ms. Leta Graham

- 1 - LORD JAX OF HE COE, by CH Vict'Rys Banner Ovr T'Point JH x Little Lady Charlie Of The Coe; o Amy & Elyse Coe, b Amy Coe
- 2 - SANBAR'S ENCORE CALL, by CH Sanbar's Curtain Call x CH Castle's Raising The Bar; o Robert & Carolyn & Polly West, b Robert & Carolyn & Polly West & Betty Castillo

12-18 Month Junior Dogs

- 1 - ISLANDVIEW FIN MCCOOL, by CH Islandview Ima Spy Two x Windfall's Reflection In Ice; o Kelly Francis, B Deanna DeBlois
- 2 - ROCKET OVR T'POINT POLLACK, by CH Vict'Rys Banner Ovr T'Point x Pollacks Sassy Girl; o Marty & Nancy Noble, b Jodi Pollack

Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs

- 1 - DREAM HI'S RSVP HOLD THE APPLAUSE, by GCH Dream Hi' Don't Hate The Player Hate The Game x CH Sandbar Dream Hi's Always One Step Ahead; o/b Kristina & Lori Rickard & Sarah Mackney
- 2 - WHY NOT THE ARSONIST, by GCH/DC/AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Why Not Two In The Bush; o Emilie Peterson, b Emile Peterson & Dianne Knoll

Open Dogs

- 1 - WIND MTN'S ROYAL FLUSH, by FC/AFC Kiger Hills Hudson x CH Wind Mtn's Catwoman; o/b Connie Strom
- 2 - SKATTER CREEK'S STORM COMING IN, by CH Shadywood Sanbar's Legend Has It x CH Wind Mtn Baylee's On The Rocks; o Susan Estes, b Randa McNeill & Connie Strom

Winners Dog

DREAM HI'S RSVP HOLD THE APPLAUSE

Reserve Winners Dog

WHY NOT THE ARSONIST

12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 - SANBAR CROSSCREEK TOUCH AND GO, by GCH Sanbar's Standing Ovation x Sanbar Crosscreeek Small Town Girl; o Robert & Polly West & Wayne Pepin, b Wayne & Barbara Pepin
- 2 - DREAM HI ROCKWELL'S LITTLE MISS KNOW IT ALL, by GCH Dream Hi's Don't Hate The Player Hate The Game x CH Sanbar Dream Hi's Always One Step Ahead; o Kalie Rockwell & Krising Rickard, b Kristina Rickard
- 3 - WINDFALL ROCKWELL'S DESIRE ON FIRE, by GCH Kiana's Winfall All Fired Up x Windfall's In D'Nic Of Time; o Kellie Rockwell & Carla Cavaco, b Carla L. Cavaco
- 4 - CROSS CREEK SANBAR SUMMER STORM, by CH Hope's Ranger Rick x GCH Sanbar's There's Only One Call; o Wayne Pepin & Robert & Polly West, b Robert & Carolyn & Polly West

Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches

- 1 - DREAM HI'S SIENA SUNSET, by GCH Dream Hi's Don't Hate

The Player Hate The Game x CH Sandbar Dream Hi's Always One Step Ahead; o Sheri Saul, b Kristina & Lori Rickard & Sarah Mackney

- 2 - ISLANDVIEW HEART OF FIRE, by GCH Kianas Windfall All Fired Up x CH Islandview Blue Nova Moon; o/b Deanna DeBlois
- 3 - MORGUN'S MIDNITE RENDEZVOUS, by GCH Millette's On Target x GCH Morgun's Double Take; o/b Laurinda Phipps
- 4 - SHADYWOOD MY GEORGIA PEACH, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x CH Shadywood Gun N Roses JH; o/b Sheryl D. Palmer

American-Bred Bitches

- 1 - TK'S GOOD QUAIL A RUNNING, by GCH/CH Odin x TK's Good Whistlin' Dixie; o Beth A. Harrison, b Anne B. Henry

Open Bitches

- 1 - MORGUN'S SHE'S NO SHRINKING VIOLET, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x CH Morgun's Montana Moonshine; o Jodie Hanesworth, b Laurinda & Steve Phipps
- 2 - NORTH UMPQUA'S LUCY'S GOLDEN EDITION JH, by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x Norh Umpqua's Lucky Lucy JH; o /b Karen Barrows
- 3 - TK'S OAKLEYS OUTLAW, by GCH Odin x CH TK's Good Whistlin' Dixie; o Roxie Berthold, b Anne Henry
- 4 - BLACK RIVER GUN POWDER AND LEAD, by CH Shadywood Sanbar's Legend Has It x GCH Wind Mtn For Your Eye's Only; o Susan Estes, b Rebecca Hulstein & Susan Schoelkopf

Winners Bitch

SANBAR CROSSCREEK TOUCH AND GO

Reserve Winners Bitch

DREAM HI'S SIENA SUNSET



Winners Bitch

SANBAR CROSSCREEK TOUCH AND GO

7-10 Year Veteran Dogs

- 1 - CH WIND MOUNTAIN'S JACK FROST, by Three B's Legends High Roller x CH Wind Mountain's Gift Of Liberty JH; o Jodie Hanesworth, b Jodie Hanesworth & Connie Strom

Hunting Dogs

- 1 - CH ROCKWELL'S MARSHALL DILLON JH, by GCH Kiana's Windfall All Fired Up x GCH Rockwell's Singers Melody JH; o Kellie Rockwell, b Kellie S. & Steve Rockwell
- 2 - POLLACK'S NORMAN J ROCKWELL JH, by GCH Rockwell's Jake The Snake JH x Pollack's Sassy Girl JH; o Jodi Pollack & Kellie Rockwell, b Jodi & Guy Pollack

Best of Breed

GCH DREAM HI'S DON'T HATE THE PLAYER HATE 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

DREAM HI'S RSVP HOLD THE APPLAUSE

Best of Opposite Sex

GCH WINDFALLS I PUT U UNDER MY LUV SPELL, by GCH Kiana's Windfall All Fired UP x Windfall's In D'Nic Of Time; o Jacquie Campbell & Carla Cavaco, b Carla L. Cavaco

Select Dog

CH ROCKWELL'S MARSHALL DILLON JH

Select Bitch

GCHB ORY'S CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Awards of Merit

SANBAR'S STANDING OVATION
CH WIND MOUNTAIN'S JACK FROST

Best Puppy

LORD JAX OF THE COE

Best Veteran

CH WIND MOUNTAIN'S JACK FROST



Best of Breed
GCH DREAM HI'S DON'T HATE THE
PLAYER HATE THE GAME



Best of Winners
DREAM HI'S RSVP HOLD THE APPLAUSE



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ABC 2016 Chairmen Reports & Agenda Items

Please Note: Due to the extreme length of the Dog Hall of Fame Committee report, only part of the report is contained here, but the entire report may be viewed on the ABC website www.theamericanbrittanyclub.org.

2016 REPORT OF THE ABC PRESIDENT

Robert Rankin, MD
September 5, 2016

This year has been busy and I want to thank all the VP's and committee for all the work they have done. The Gun Dog ground's committee under Ed Tillson's leadership has done an outstanding job of collecting data from all the regions and putting it into useful form to help make decisions on what to do for the future of the Gundog Nationals. The membership data committee has spent time looking at options for the future. The Non-Field Performance Chair and committee looked into an agility trial to be held in conjunction with the NSS and Hank Hartnek has set up a Barn Hunt to be held with the NSS. Dog of the Year awards were handed out at the Summer Specialty Show by Robin Tomasi who is Chair of the Dog of the Year committee. And Derby stakes were added to the NGD and NAA stakes to provide more involvement by participants. All these dog related contests have been added by the BOD to try and include everyone who owns a Brittany to compete at a Club level.

The Finance committee continues their important job of keeping us all aware on where we stand financially and budgeting for the future. We need to maintain a balanced budget and will have more to discuss at our yearly meeting.

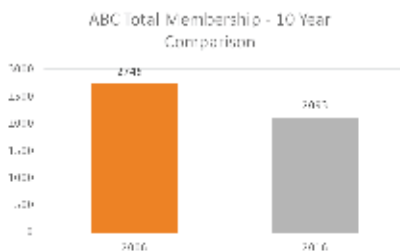
I would also like to mention that I attended the AFTCA meeting in June. Although the Pointer/Setter members all began paying a \$25 yearly dues in order to run in their trials, the Continental Breed clubs continue to become club members with no requirement for individual membership. I'm on the committee to make further recommendations to the AFTCA Trustees. At this time there are approximately 30 Brittany clubs that are members of the AFTCA.

Robert A Rankin, MD, President ABC

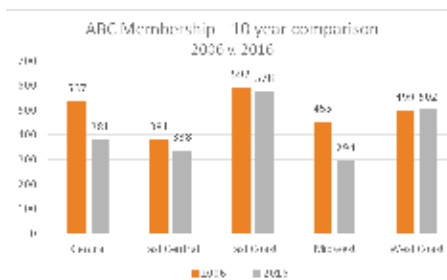
2ND VICE PRESIDENT END OF YEAR REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS September 19, 2016 ABC MEMBERSHIP - DEMOGRAPHICS & STATISTICS

In order to make useful recommendations to the Board of Directors, I have compiled statistics of ABC membership data. I started with a 10-year comparison using membership data printed in the October, 2006 magazine, and compared it to membership data as of July, 2016, downloaded and manipulated from the current membership database.

Membership - 10 Year Comparison (Includes Full and Associate Memberships)

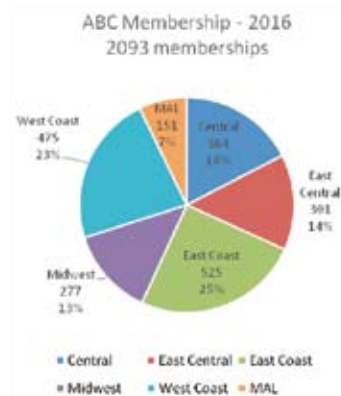
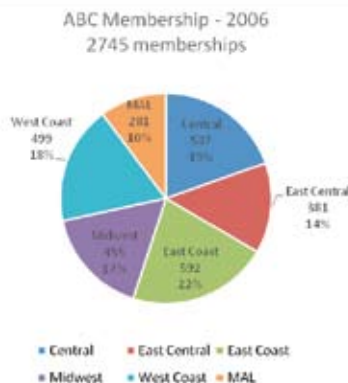


The reduction of memberships from 2745 to 2093 represents a -23.75% decrease. When we compare the membership by region, we can see that the East Coast and West Coast Regions remained fairly stable (East Coast -2%, West Coast +.06%), while other regions experience declining memberships (Central -29%; East Central -11%; Midwest -35%).



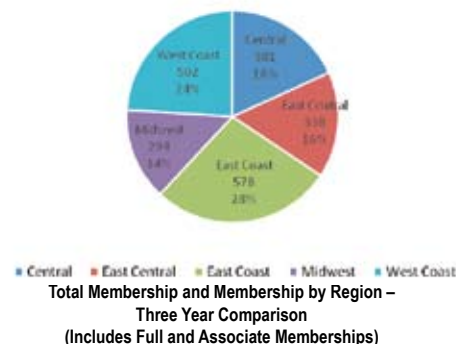
When we evaluate the proportion of the membership of each region as a function of the total membership, we see that the East Coast Region and West Coast Region have grown proportionately, East Central and Central have stayed nearly the same, and the Midwest region has become smaller. Members at Large as a group have dropped as well.

Proportional Membership by Region (Includes Full and Associate Memberships)



If we add in the Members at Large to each region for 2016 based on where these members live, we produce the following distribution of our current membership:

ABC Membership - July 2016 (MAL included in Region Totals)

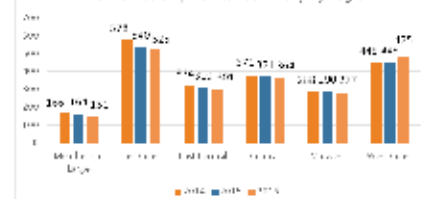


To look more closely at recent membership trends, I compared the membership data from the database from July of 2014, 2015 and 2016. While the total membership numbers are fairly similar, we are seeing a slight decline in total membership of -2% from 2014 to 2015, and -1.2% from 2015 to 2016. When we examine these trends by region, we see all regions declining, with the exception of the West Coast Region, which grew from 2015 to 2016.

ABC Total Membership - 3 Year Summary (MAL included in Totals)



ABC Membership - 3 Year Summary By Region



Membership Trend by month - 2015 and 2016 to date*

In the process of evaluating these trends, I compared the magazine circulation by month as a quick way to compare similar data from one month to the next. These numbers don't reflect our true membership total, because this data includes comp/free magazines, duplicate magazines, and does not include our Associate Members. The magazine circulation shows an increase in membership prior to January, 2016, and since then, a pronounced downward trend. This is possibly due to an increase in renewals at the old dues rate of \$30/year until the rate change in January, 2016, and then a decrease in renewals and/or new membership since the increase in dues. (This chart also includes 3 data points of magazine circulation from 2010, 2011 and 2012 for comparison.)

by a committee that would include breeders.

Action Item: I propose the creation of a Breeder's Directory for the ABC website as a paid listing, and an expansion of the "Brittany and Puppy Information" section of the website. I recommend that revenue generated by the Breeder's Directory should go to a special revenue fund to be utilized for a "New Puppy Program" where participating breeders would have the opportunity to offer a low-cost membership to their puppy buyers. The Membership Promotion Committee or small working group should be involved to resolve the details of this program.

ABC Membership Survey

As you are all aware, I sent out a survey to the ABC Membership in September to collect demographic information and seek feedback on a number of issues.

Delivering the survey to our membership was a challenge. Of the 2018 records in the database, we had 247 members with no emails, 282 duplicate emails, and 153 bounced/rejected emails. I also sent the survey out to Regional Club Secretaries by email for members that do not have an email address or preferred to mail in a response. After correcting emails and resending surveys to some members, the survey was delivered electronically to 1512 members.

Despite the technological difficulties, we had a very good response to the survey. As of Monday, September 19, 2016, the survey had 644 responses (some of which were sent by hard copy), for an estimated 42% survey response rate.

I will continue to collect survey responses until October 15, 2016, at which time I will close the survey. Final survey results will be shared and discussed at the BOD meeting in November.

Action Item: Based on survey responses, I propose that the Membership Promotion Committee consider forming a task force to evaluate and address issues identified by survey results.

**3rd VICE PRESIDENT
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 19, 2016**

Report of the 2015 NSS

We had one of the best turnouts for the NSS in many years. We progressed each year to add something of interest to the club members and they have supported it each year. We had 32 entries in the Match Show, 81 sweeps entries and 168 entries in the breed competition. Our Junior numbers have been low and this year we had 5.

Obedience and Rally entries held steady from 2014 at 22 in obedience and 13 rally entries.

We showed a profit of about \$5000.00. I call that a success.

This is my last year and I want to thank all the officers and BOD members for their backing as well as the ABC members who came out and supported the NSS.

Report of the 2016 Summer Specialty

The 2016 Summer Specialty was hosted by the Northern California Brittany Club and was held at the ever so popular Woofstock shows. Many exhibitors and spectators were dressed in the "hippie", 60's dress. There were 25 Sweepstakes entries and 6 Veteran Sweepstakes entries. In regular classes there were 40 class dogs, bitches and 28 Best of Breed entries. The Summer Specialty was won by GCN Dream Hi's Don't Hate The Player Hate The Game.

Action Item 1: Summer Specialty

I would like to propose that we do away with the Summer Specialty. Over the years it has been difficult to find clubs to agree to sponsor the Summer Specialty. With membership on the decline and aging of club members, clubs have a hard time finding members to help set up and put on the show and it is a financial burden to the clubs presenting the Summer Specialty.

It has also become more of a Regional Specialty Show instead of a National event. The decline in people attending from a distance has dropped due to airline restrictions in the summer and cost of flying a dog as well as the cost of attending if it is out of your area.

If ever the National All Age were to have to move, I would suggest the NSS be in place of the Summer Specialty and move across the country.

Action Item 2: Disciplinary Committee

I would like to see the National Club form a Disciplinary Committee with rules and regulations as well as a Code of Ethics. Now, if someone is declared to not be following the rules, there is nowhere that you can go to look at what the ABC Code of Ethics contains and how to go about disciplining a member, because we do not have such a thing. We need to have all members sign a Code of Ethics as they join the club and the present club members need to sign as well. Right now we have no way to act to discipline a member unless we go to the ABC, which at times is not always appropriate.

Terry Hilliard, 3rd V.P.

Action Items: From Robin Tomasi

Summer Specialty:

Awards of Merit:
Add to policy book: Host clubs are to provide Awards of Merit.

National Specialty Show:

Request a committee be formed to look into the future of the National Specialty show location & dates. Options include moving it to the summer, and replacing the Summer Specialty with the National Specialty, as well moving it or rotating it with the Gun Dog Nationals.

**REPORT OF THE 4th VICE PRESIDENT
John Perry
September 20, 2016**

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AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB
ABC Shooting Dog Derby Invitational
"Showcasing the Best Arde Dogs in the Country"
Arlis State Recreational Area, Aris, MN - 55964
Hosted by: (Host Area & Region Secretaries/Club)

PURINA **GARMIN**
Your Pet, Our Passion

Adopted by the American Field
Field Dog Club Book Member is required for all entries
Entry fee \$ 150.00
400 Minute Stake
Further 80% of entries: All 4-80 Weapons and Securities for all playing dogs
Stake limited to 1.5 dogs

High Honor will be awarded on or after January 1, 2017
Qualification period between October 1, 2015 and October 31, 2016.
If qualified, dogs can compete in both Shooting Dog and All-Age Derby Invitational.
Admission includes fee Champion and Runner-Up in one hour Derby Championships.
Additional awards will be shown offering the following categories from recognized AKC and American Field
Male and Female combined stakes:
1-1st Place
2-2nd Place
3-3rd Place
4-4th Place
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**2016 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/SECRETARY AGENDA
REPORT
MARY JO TRIMBLE
September 19, 2016
TRIMBLEMARYJORAY@GMAIL.COM**

2016 has been an extremely busy year. I have been working with "my shadow", Leslie Andreas, who has been a very observant and competent understudy. I look forward to sharing the work load with Leslie during the coming year as hopefully the BOD will elect her to fill the elected part of one of the positions I now hold, that as Elected Secretary. At the BOD's discretion, I will continue to serve as Executive Secretary and work with Leslie to develop a plan during the coming year to figure out ways to divide the duties between Secretary and Executive Secretary. One person has held both positions for decades, but it is time to ease the workload as it seems to be constantly increasing and to the point of being totally time consuming for one person.

Several years ago, the BOD put the Executive Secretary in charge of the Membership List and its distribution, and we took the responsibility for maintaining the list from the magazine publisher and turned over keeping track of the data to an ABC Member Linda Langford. She has since been followed by Deb Rudert who holds that position as Membership Data Chair. Last year I asked that we form an Ad Hoc committee composed of people who use the

Membership Data and update our program. Both Linda and Deb have stepped up to the plate and worked on our current system to vastly improve the workability of the program Linda had created. We have a new Treasurer and Magazine Chair who also work with the program as well as the Finance Chair who monitors the Pay Pal Accounting, the 2nd Vice President in charge of Membership Promotion and Chair of the Data Committee and Robin Tomasi and Claude Kilpatrick also served on the committee. They are still learning all that goes with their end of dealing with the data. In my opinion further program changes at this time would not be advantageous. Steve Ralph who manages the Pay Pal files, Deb Rudert and myself have worked extensively with the Membership List Data for the longest period of time. The Committee looked at alternative programs which I feel do not serve our needs and duplicate good programs already in existence. The Chairman never called for a vote of the committee, however, the general discussion and comments do not indicate that moving to purchase another setup would be beneficial. I urge the BOD to allow Linda and Deb to continue their work as they have done during the first 8 months of the year as they have made great progress. At this time, I would be very much opposed to purchasing a commercial program to manage the membership list. Communication between Linda Langford and the Data Chair has been more frequent, and Linda has set the Data Chair up with a new computer which solved many of the problems she had encountered in the past. Thank you Linda and Deb for your excellent cooperation in solving the major problems we had encountered previously.

I have also worked with the Membership Promotion Committee. I feel that the Committee would be better served if they work with the Data Chair and myself to draw up just exactly what the duties of that committee are and these be placed in the Policy Book. The original purpose of that committee was to aid in membership promotion and assume some activities toward that end. It seems that unknown to me until just recently, this committee for the last few years has had extra duties put on the Data Chair rather than the other way around. The Data Chair has enough to do to maintain the constantly changing list. The Committee needs to use the list she produces to glean the information they need to promote membership in the ABC. That was the original intent but has not been done so that it helped relieve the work done by the Data Chair and only increased the demands made on her. Thank you Deb for your efforts. Hopefully, this can be worked out in the near future.

A great deal of my time is spent working with the magazine and the Magazine Committee. I hope all Event Secretaries will please read Ken Windom's Magazine Committee report for excellent suggestions. I would like to ask Event Secretaries to submit pictures and write-ups in a more timely manner. Most results are within the 10 days, but not the write-ups and pictures. I spend an in-ordinate amount of time trying to track these down, beg and plead, in order to get them to the publisher in a timely manner. We have around 20 Classic/Championships that need to make sure someone is responsible for submitting a write-up and pictures of these Championships and to do so within a timely manner. The American Field will not publish Championship Results without a write-up.

I would also encourage FT Secretaries to make sure you have all the blanks filled correctly on the ABC Field Trial Application and current insurance is on file, and dates approved by the Regional Dates' Coordinators. I now send the applications you send directly to AKC and do not retype. You are now responsible for correctness. I have had to send as many as 3 revisions to AKC because clubs have submitted incorrect information.

I would also appreciate clubs sending pictures and fees for extra show pictures to send directly to the magazine in order to curb data usage of numerous downloads and uploads to my computer, the FTP site, and then the computer at Marshfield.

This will also eliminate chances for errors. Write-ups are best sent in .doc or .rtf format to prevent having to have them retyped from .pdf files. PLEASE use the ABC Field Trial Reporting form which is accepted by ABC, AKC, AF. AFTCA results must be downloaded to their website by the FT Secretary. The transition from former Committee Chair Bob Fleury to Ken Windom has gone smoothly as Ken has worked on that committee previously and Bob has been good to work with Ken when questions have come up. Thank you to all the proof readers. We have a bunch and we don't catch every mistake, but we certainly try.

I feel that the ABC is at a crossroads like it has never faced before. We have had several key officers and key committee chairs who have resigned due in part to being put under constant pressure which puts everyone on the defensive which is tough for volunteers to deal with. Due to the internet, members no longer raise concerns through their regional directors but through the entire BOD which adds to this negative reaction by the people doing the tasks assigned as people feel groups are "out to get them". I understand a Directors' manual is being prepared and will be submitted to the BOD for review. Defining the roles and/or job description of the BOD and hopefully Officers as well would be a step in the right direction to establish the parameters and chain of command and who does what in this organization, and we all need to learn a few negotiating rules. It would behoove all of us in administrative rolls, from local clubs to the ABC BOD to develop better negotiating skills which resolve conflicts without causing permanent rifts within the organization.

We need to show more respect for one another and end the constant divisions that exist and work as a whole for the betterment of the breed. Stress is taking its toll on all of us and as different ones have said to me, to paraphrase: When it is no longer fun, I no longer wish to participate whether it be on the BOD, as an Officer, as a committee chair, or some even as Members. We need better communication tactics and follow not only the policy book but the unwritten agreed upon policies that have all of us working to promote the Breed and improve the decision making process. Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but they need to respect each other's opinions and accept whatever the majority decide and learn to live with it as I have for the last 20 years.

ACTION ITEMS: 1. By the end of 2017, with the BOD's approval, I will work with the new Elected Secretary to make that position more meaningful and ease the duties of the Executive Secretary. This needs to be done before someone is appointed to take my place. I would ask the BOD's permission to try some things to determine if they are feasible for permanent changes in the policy book as we have done in the past for the Magazine Committee and others.

2. Allow Linda Langford to continue to work with updating the ABC Membership Data program with the Data Chair Deb Rudert as things have been greatly improved due to their ongoing work together during 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Trimble

Secretary/Executive Secretary

2016 AGENDA BOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

**Hank Hartnek, Chair.
September 7, 2016**

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. 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 sending the Agenda Book to officers and directors electronically keeping the number of hard copies to a minimum.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Hartnek

Agenda Item: I would like the Board to request Officer and Committee report lengths are kept to a minimum. This year the Hall of Fame (Dog) report was 27 pages for just one dog.

**AKC Gazette Report
Submitted by David Webb
September 15, 2016**

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 some years with Brittanys.

The four pieces were titled – "The Right Stuff" – January issue, "Preparation" – April issue, "All in the Family" – July issue, and "The Expert" – which will be in the October issue, and "The Magic Dancer", which will appear in October issue of the Gazette. In addition a piece is being written is entitled, "Sunday Morning", which will appear in January 2017 issue of the Gazette.

These articles have been written with intent to provide the reader with information about our breed. Appreciate the opportunity to write for the AKC Gazette.

**2016 AKC Judge's Education Committee Report
September 15, 2016
Diana Kubitz, Chair.**

We used our new presentation as the Nationals last year and it has stayed the same with a few minor changes. It has been very well received and we've gotten lots of compliments on the update. My thanks to Jessica Carlson for continuing to be the "go to" person updating our presentation!

A schedule of this year's presentations is attached and as you can see we had another busy year! Judy Tighe and Cindy Miller were the presenters for the judge's education seminar at Eukanuba last December and they had a very large group of judges attend. Since this was only the second time we used the new presentation, we were pleased that all the judges liked the changes that had been made. One of the judges attended the futurities in Florida in January and rode with me on the dog wagon to be mentored for the field. She asked good questions that showed she had been paying attention during the presentation! Many judges who have attended a field event tell me that the standard falls into place and they "get it" when we say that our standard was written so the dog could perform in the field.

I know you must be tired about hearing about our presentation in Metamora in June, but it was again well attended and the Brittanys again were the super stars! Mike Poehler couldn't make it this year so Ron Auten planted birds for all the breeds. Our special treat was Teresa Richmond handling her dog in the field demo and Ron bringing his dog in for the back! Kathryn Lipski did a water retrieve on Sunday with her champion Spencer. Woman handling dogs at this event isn't what was special, woman handling in the event that had actually handled dogs in field trials and knew what they were doing was a wonderful surprise for most!

At the 2015 nationals Amy Rodrigues Booth did another fund raiser that judge's education shared with the show. Her efforts were much appreciated by both the show committee and judge's education. Thank you Amy for your generosity and good work and thanks to the folks who participated!

Thanks to all my presenters this year: Judy Tighe, Cindy Miller, Joe & Dawn Droel Dianne Kroll, Terry Hilliard, and Michelle Millette and to the many people who brought dogs for the hands-on portion of the seminar. We appreciate all your efforts to help us keep the Brittany "forever a dual dog!"

We already have one seminar planned for March 2017 at the Tar Heel Cluster at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC. Judy Tighe has graciously offered to be the presenter.

At last year's national specialty, I had a discussion with the gal from AKC that judged the Top 20 and she told me that in her breed, which I believe was Vizslas, they asked AKC to add as a requirement to approval to judge their breed that they must go to at least one field event. They have a mentoring form that has to be filled out and signed by the person mentoring them just like in the shows. AKC accepted it with no problem. I had wanted to pursue this when I first took over as JEC and I was told by AKC at that time that all the breeds on the Pointing Breed Advisory Committee would have to agree first. Obviously that has changed.

Action Item: Ask AKC to require a show judge to have attended at least one field event (field trial or hunt test) and have been mentored by someone who has a pointing dog breed for at least 12 years. (That would be equivalent of the requirement for a show mentor.) Depending on the area of

the country they were in they might attend a different pointing breed, but the idea would still be the same to show them what the dog does and it's athleticism in the field.
Respectfully submitted:
Diana Kubitz

2016 AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB JUDGES ED SEMINARS			
January	February	March	April
Land O Lakes Kennel Club show Saturday January 9 th , 2016 9am- None Presenters: Dawn & Joel Droel Saturday, January 16, 2016 8:30 AM Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, WA Sponsored by Ruffian Sporting Dog Association Presenter: Dianne Kroll	None		
May	June June - Boy Scout Camp, Metamora, MI - Diana Kubitz - Presentation, breed match, field demos June 10 at 3pm, Woolstock Cluster, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA, Michelle Millette Presenter	July	Aug RSDA Brittany Judges Workshop at Washington Specialty Nancy Clendenen & Dianne Kroll
September None	October Harvest Specialties Juni, MI Sunday, Oct Presenter Diana Kubitz	November American Brittany Club seminar November 17 th @ 9:00 a.m. State Fair Park - Kay Rodgers Park - Expo center 4000 Midland Boulevard, Fort Smith, AR Presenter Contact Person: Diana Kubitz	December

Tar Heel Cluster at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, NC on March 22-26, 2017. Judy Tighe Presenter

**2016 AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON AGENDA REPORT
MARY JO TRIMBLE
September 19, 2016
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- I will not attempt to go into all the legislative issues that AKC has been involved in during 2016. I do encourage our BOD and Members to frequent the Government Relations page at www.akc.org/government-relations/ One of the HSUS initiatives in both cities and states this year is to stop the sale in Pet Stores of any species that does not come from a rescue group. The fear is that some federal and state legislation will identify breeders as "Pet Shoppers" and thus prevent you from selling puppies in those areas. Some of the information provided on the Government Relations pages is as follows:
- Tracking and reviewing legislation for potential impact on fanciers and the general dog-owning public.
- Developing and sending materials and statements of opposition or support as necessary to local, state and federal officials in order to ensure that legislation dealing with dogs is reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory.
- Working directly with clubs, federation members and other allied groups to assist and empower them in developing and implementing strategies to advocate for the rights of responsible dog-owners and breeders, and to train trainers about issues in canine legislation, lobbying and other advocacy techniques.
- Providing issue-based policy expertise including policy briefs, model legislation/sample laws, and alternate language to policymakers, clubs, federations, and individuals involved in the development of canine policy.
- The AKC PAC provides support to candidates for federal or state legislative office who support reasonable enforceable laws that protect the health and welfare of dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously.

For more information on how the Government Relations Department can help you, email doglaw@akc.org, call 919-816-3720. Click here for a downloadable flyer of services the department offers.

**2016 AKC POINTING BREED ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA REPORT**

**RAY TRIMBLE, Liaison
September 15, 2016
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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

2016 AMERICAN FIELD LIAISON AGENDA REPORT

Ray Trimble
September 15, 2016
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The American Brittany Club has been trying to increase the number of regional trials that advertise their events in the American Field in order to make sure that dogs running in the ABC National Championships and Classics are qualified to receive the title of Champion or Runner-Up Champion if they would win one of our national stakes. A derby placement in an American Field sponsored event qualifies a dog for life as does an adult placement. Regional Clubs that are members of the AFTCA will have win certificates issued to their Amateur handled winners which qualify them to receive AFTCA Championship titles.

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

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

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

As you may know, the AFTCA which sponsors American Field Amateur Championships has established a new policy as to who may enter an AFTCA "Event" or Championship. We have gotten conflicting reports on how this affects the Continental Breeds from AFTCA Officers and Directors. A Committee of Continental Representatives of which ABC President Rankin is a member, has been appointed to discuss our involvement in these new requirements. For the most part, ABC Clubs who are AFTCA member clubs seem to be in a wait and see what develops before requiring participants in our events pay \$25 to become an AFTCA individual member. The concern is this will greatly impact Amateur entries and significantly hurt our Amateur entries in both regional stakes and championships.

We should know more regarding our requirements after the committee meets and AFTCA holds its summer meeting. Stay Tuned.

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

BREED STANDARDS REPORT

Judy Tighe, Chair.
September 20, 2016

There are no issues that have come up in 2016 regarding Breed Standards. We plan on looking at the wording regarding tri colors next year. The Committee has no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Tighe, Chairman

2016 ABC CLASSICS COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

RAY TRIMBLE, CHAIR
September 15, 2016
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The following ABC Original Gamebird/Gun Dog Classic/Championships will have been completed by the time this report is read:

- A. **The 2016 Chukar Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Grand Canyon Brittany Club 19-20 January 2016, at Las Cienegas NCA, Sonoita, AZ.
- B. **The Chicken Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Nebraska Brittany Clubs, 19-23 September 2016, at the Ted Morton Ranch, Bassett, NE.
- C. **The Pheasant Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Greater St. Louis Brittany Club, 24-28 September, at Harm's Cattle Company, Valentine, NE.
- D. **The Gun Dog Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Hawkeye Brittany Club, 11-14 April 2016, at Union County Ranch, Thayer, IA.
- E. **The Grouse/Woodcock Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Upper New York Brittany Club, on 20-21 September at Partridge Run Wildlife Area, Berne, NY.
- F. **The Quail Classic/Championship** was hosted by the Sooner Brittany Club, 29 October – 3 November 2016 at Lake Murray, Ardmore, OK.

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 2017 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/CH will be hosted 2-3 February 2017 by the California Brittany Club, at Castle Butte Wells, California City, CA.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Trimble

2016 DOG OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

Robin Tomasi, Chair
September 19, 2016

The 2015 Dog of the Year Award banquet was held in conjunction with the 2016 ABC Summer Specialty in Vallejo, CA. The dinner was well attended, and award winners traveled from as far as Florida.

The DOY program has been well received, and we have been asked to expand the program and offer more categories as well as look for more ways to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of Brittanys owned by members of the ABC. In order for the committee to expand the program, we will need funding. The 2015 awards were funded 100% by donations.

Thank you to the Club sponsors of the Dog of the Year program. Your generous support was greatly appreciated.

Whid Isle Brittany Club
Inland Empire Brittany Club
Grand Canyon Brittany Club
Northern California Brittany Club

Washington Brittany Club
San Diego Brittany Club
California Brittany Club

The committee would like to thank the individual donors that helped to make the 2016 event possible: James and Rita Milner Family, Dennis and Kathy Bryant, Nancy Hensley, Davis Animal Products, Paula Perry, Joy Ory, Karen Hanson, Sandy Malloy, and B. General Mike and Julie Lee USAF (ret)

Action item: Budget \$1500 for the ABC DOY program.

2016 ABC Facebook Committee Report

Robin Tomasi, Chair
September 19, 2016

At the time of this report there are 4050 fans of the page. In the past year, we added 800 fans; a 25% increase.

The 55-64 age demographic is the most engaged (those who comment, like, or share content), followed closely by the 45-54 age group.

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.

2016 FIELD TRIAL DATES COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Ralph, CHAIR
August 28, 2016

There were a few changes in Regional Date Coordinators; Beth Wintermute resigned as East Coast Dates Coordinator and recommended Bruce Conover as her replacement and was approved, welcome Bruce and thank you Beth for all your work in the past. Jerry Cape resigned as West Coast Dates Coordinator and recommended Larry Sandusky as his replacement and was approved; welcome Larry and thank you Jerry for all your work in the past.

I want to thank this year's Regional Date Coordinators (Bruce Conover, Wade Haines, Ed Graves, Jim Crawford, and Larry Sandusky) for all their hard work in coordinating their regional dates and resolving conflicts in the best interest for their regional clubs and ABC.

All Spring & Fall dates presented by Regional Date Coordinators were reviewed and approved for this year and the coming year schedule. There were a few regional date conflicts which were resolved by the Regional Date Coordinators.

A reminder to clubs to please work with their Regional Date Coordinator concerning field trial date scheduling, since all field trial dates must first be approved by the Regional Date Coordinator before ABC can approve the field trial application.

2016 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Judy Graves, Chair.
August 19, 2016

Members: Judy Graves, Chair; Les Casselberry, East Coast; Kent Patterson, East Central; Bernie Crain, Central; Mary Karbiner, Midwest; Joe Gower, West Coast
Ex-Officio: Robert Rankin, President, Jim Brigham

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. There were no material items reported. However, the issue of bonding or some sort of crime insurance for officers and committee chairs was discussed & explored. Information gathered was submitted to the Insurance Chair earlier this summer. The committee agreed that a co-signature should be required for large

denomination checks. This issue is not addressed in the policy book and an action item is submitted (Action Item #1)

Membership in this committee is on a five year rotating appointment. The East Coast representative, Les Casselberry, will be rotating off at the end of this year. Earlier this year we contacted Monica Rutt to see if she was interested in serving on this committee. She did not reply to our queries. Consequently, the East Coast Director, Bob Fleury, was contacted for any recommendation he might have. He sent us the name of Lucille Sawicki who is an ABC life member from the Southern New England club. Lucille recently "semi" retired from her accounting service and is willing to accept the appointment. (Action Item #2)

The IRS group exemption continues to be in force with 45 clubs included in our umbrella. The ABC's 2015 IRS Form 990T & IRS Form 990 were filed by the Treasurer. Our 2016 CP 119 was filed prior to Sept. 1, 2016 as required by the IRS.

Request for the 2017 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 2017. The dues increase approved two years ago went 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.

2017 Operating Budget will be presented at the Board of Directors meeting for discussion and approval.

ACTION ITEM #1

We request a motion be made to require all checks written in excess of \$5,000 require a second signature. Policy Book change to be made as follows:
Duties of the Treasurer:

31. Any check exceeding \$5,000 shall require a second signature from the President or Executive Secretary

ACTION ITEM #2

We request a motion be made to appoint Lucille Sawicki to the five year east coast member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Graves, Chair

Related Action Item from Robin Tomasi: BONDING

Discuss and approve the bonding (or crime) insurance in accordance with our Bylaws. Bond is to be set at a minimum of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars).

2016 FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Karbiner, Chair.
August 29, 2016

2016 FUTURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Judy Robin, Chair.
September 16, 2016

2014-2016 ABC FUTURITIES STATS

TOTAL LITERS NOMINATED IN 2014 = 120
TOTAL FINAL FOREFEITS PAID IN 2015 = 278
TOTAL DOGS/FINAL FOREFEITS = 146

EASTERN REGIONAL FUTURITY HOSTED BY THE MID-FLORIDA BRITANNY CLUB
FIELD FOREFEITS PAID = 52 SHOW FOREFEITS PAID = 52
ALL AGE ENTRIES = 21 GUN DOG ENTRIES = 18 SHOW ENTRIES = 38
TOTAL PURSE PAID OUT TO OWNERS AND BREEDERS = \$4546
EXPENSES = \$3106.27 REVENUE = \$5603.00
PROFIT SPLIT 50/50 BETWEEN THE MID-FLORIDA CLUB AND THE ABC = \$2496.73

CENTRAL REGIONAL FUTURITY HOSTED BY THE SKYLINE BRITANNY CLUB
FIELD FOREFEITS PAID= 44 SHOW FOREFEITS PAID= 42
ALL AGE ENTRIES = 12 GUN DOG ENTRIES = 16 SHOW ENTRIES = 27
TOTAL PURSE PAID OUT TO OWNERS AND BREEDERS = \$3754.04
EXPENSES = \$4261.35 REVENUE = \$4435.47
PROFIT SPLIT 50/50 BETWEEN THE SKYLINE CLUB AND THE ABC = \$174.12

WESTERN REGIONAL FUTURITY HOSTED BY THE OREGON BRITANNY CLUB
FIELD FOREFEITS PAID = 46 SHOW FOREFEITS PAID = 42
ALL AGE ENTRIES = 2 GUN DOG ENTRIES = 23 SHOW ENTRIES = 29
TOTAL PURSE PAID OUT TO OWNERS AND BREEDERS = \$3943.04
EXPENSES = \$2719.70 REVENUE = \$3865.00
PROFIT SPLIT BETWEEN THE OREGON CLUB AND THE ABC = \$1145.30

THE AMERICAN BRITANNY CLUB MADE A PROFIT OF \$1908.08 ON THE 2014-2016 ABC FUTURITIES

2016 ABC DOG HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE REPORT

Kent Patterson, Chair.
August 10, 2016

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.

NOTE! - Attached PDF files should be printed and included in the agenda book for the Board of Directors review prior to voting.

Aug 10, 2016

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 policy manual, 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

2016 HEALTH ASPECTS & GENETIC DEFECTS REPORT

Margaret Horstmeyer, Chairman
September 15, 2016

CHF Donor Advised Fund balance is \$ 3,165 thanks to contributions of Purina weight circles by ABC members!
ABC Supported the Epilepsy Initiative for its 2015 contribution to CHF.

Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM

Committee Report – ABC National Gun Dog Championship

CHAIR
Ed Tillson, Albuquerque, NM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Bob Fleury, Stonington, CT – representing the East Coast Region
- Ron Gulembo, Hudsonville, MI – representing the East Central Region
- Tom Jagielski, Deerfield, IL – representing the Central Region
- Terry Gowin, Whitewater, KS – representing the Midwest Region

- Jim Hammett, John Day, OR – representing the West Coast Region
- Bob Rankin, Edmond, OK – ABC President

ADVISORY MEMBER

- John Perry, Claymont, DE

PURPOSE

To examine the current American Brittany Club (ABC) Gun Dog National Championship held yearly in October in Ionia, Michigan, its perceptions (positive and negative) among ABC membership, and to recommend to the Board of Directors any needed changes in the event.

METHODS

Committee members and the Chair communicated by email and telephone over the course of late-spring and summer of 2016 to complete the majority of this work. Individual members were responsible for the distribution of a questionnaire in their respective regions and tabulating responses received. Likewise, committee members gathered data from a variety of sources, and analyzed, presented, and critically reviewed the data via email and telephone. On August 10, 2016, the full committee held a conference call, reviewed the findings and data, and voted on the recommendations herein.

The committee initially identified two areas to examine: 1) ABC members' perceptions – to do this we developed and distributed a questionnaire (Appendix A). Members that own or run gun dogs competing in ABC field trials were targeted for input, but we welcomed responses from any ABC member. 2) Facts and data – next we examined available data associated with the identified perceptions to verify and test their validity.

RESULTS AND COMMITTEE FINDINGS

We received 105 responses to the questionnaire (summarized in Appendix B). While there was significant variability in the responses to the questionnaire based on regions, the two primary areas of concern among those responding were:

1. Geographic location for ABC Gun Dog Nationals
2. Neutrality of the grounds where it is held
Secondary issues were:
 1. Time of year for the event
 2. Whether or not the National Amateur Championship should remain a walking stake (vs. horseback-handled)
 3. Bird planting/quality of birds used
 4. Course equitability at Ionia

Committee Finding 1. Ionia is not centrally located. West Coast and Midwest members must travel much longer distances to attend the National Gundog Championship than members from other regions.

Supporting data:

Region	Estimated Central Point of Region	Miles to Ionia
West Coast	Winnemucca, NV	1943
Midwest	Ulyssis, KS	1103
Central	St. Louis, MO	478
East Central	Nashville, TN	579
East Coast	Washington, DC	624

Map of the United States



Figure 1:

Source: Mileage was derived from Google Maps from indicated point to Ionia. Mileage is based on least travel time on surface roads, not line of sight. Geographic center for each region was visually estimated.

Committee Finding 2. Gun dogs competing in ABC field trials are spread more or less equally across the United States – there is no evidence that we found that would support a belief that there is a concentration of quantity or quality of gun dogs in any specific geographic region.

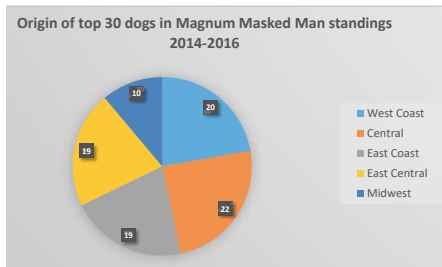
Quantity Supporting/Associated Data - Figure 2:



Source: Data provided by Skip Wonnell, who maintains the fieldtrialdatabase.com website. Gun dog starts includes all AKC licensed trials run by ABC regional clubs (OGD, AGD, OLGD, ALGD, GOLGD, and GALGD). This data included all regional Brittany club gun dog stakes run in 2015 except those run by the parent club (ABC classics and championships) which were considered national rather than regional.

Quality Supporting Data - Figure 3:

Similarly, Magnum Masked Man standings for the last three years indicate that the most competitive gundogs are spread more or less equally among all regions of ABC.

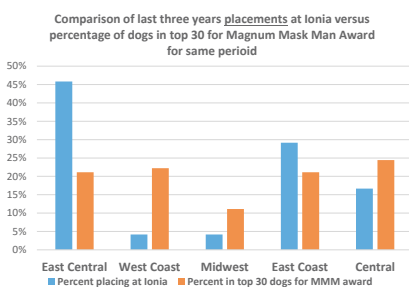


Source: Data from ABC and fieldtrialplacements.com. In some cases a dog will compete in multiple regions. In those cases, the region where the dog ran the most was considered its origin.

Committee Finding 3. Ionia grounds are not neutral. A significant number of regional Brittany trials and other trials are regularly run on Ionia's grounds.

Committee Finding 4. Past placements at Ionia seem to reflect the above findings (findings 1, 2, 3).

Supporting/Associated Data - Figure 4:



Source: ABC website and data from Skip Wonnell. In some cases a dog will run in multiple regions. In those cases, the region where the dog appeared to run the most was considered its origin. (The MMM data on this chart differs slightly from that in Figure 3 because different three-year periods were used for each chart).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee, based on the above survey and data, recommends to the American Brittany Club Board of Directors the following:

1. Move the gun dog nationals to a location that is both neutral and more centrally located to all ABC members. The committee has done an initial cursory review of potential grounds and believes that suitable grounds can be found that meet these criteria.
2. Avoid rotating the event each year to keep the National Gun Dog Championship a true national event rather than a series of regional ones.
3. Consider moving the date of the event to the spring, based on location chosen.
4. Continue to run the ABC Gun Dog Nationals at Ionia through autumn 2017, and target calendar year 2018 for the move.

ACTION ITEM: Board to vote on accepting the committee's recommendation to move the National Gun Dog Championships to a neutral and centrally located venue beginning in 2018.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ed Tillson, Committee Chair

**2016 MAGAZINE COMMITTEE REPORT
Ken Windom, Chairman
September 18, 2016**

The magazine committee continues to work in conjunction with Webster County Publishing, providing advice and handling proofreading duties. This year has seen the transition from Bob Fleury to Ken Windom as committee chair. No major changes in policies or procedures have accompanied this transition, and the goal has been to make this change as seamless as possible.

Many of the same issues as reported last year have carried over to 2016. 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.

Timely submission of fully completed publication material from the people and committees in charge of the events continues to be problematic. Event secretaries are to be reminded that a full report, including photos and captions, needs to be submitted as soon as possible after the completion of the event so as not to delay publication. This is particularly true of ABC classics.

Advertising revenue continues to be a concern. Traditional sources of revenue, such as litter announcements, stud dog services, training facilities, etc., have been undermined due to numerous social media sites that now allow advertising of such items for free.

One goal of the magazine committee has been to increase the diversity of content so as to make it more relevant to ABC members who engage in activities other than traditional show and field events. The column by Carla Simons regarding obedience/agility/rally (OAR) has been particularly popular. However, it was determined that publishing monthly standings of dogs in these areas required multiple pages of the magazine, for which there is no revenue to offset the publication costs, including the cost of obtaining these standings from AKC. Consequently, the monthly standings have been discontinued in the magazine, opting instead to publish an annual or semi-annual tally of these results. It has been suggested that the monthly information be provided through a secure Internet source, such as Facebook.

An issue arose earlier this year in which a photo of the Best in Specialty Show winner was submitted for publication, although there was no write-up for this particular Specialty Show published in the magazine. The Policy Book states that a picture of the BISS winner will be published free of charge, but does not cover the situation in which the club chooses not to submit a report.

I wish to thank each member of the committee, and especially the personnel at Webster County Publishing, for all their efforts this year in working toward to producing a high-quality magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Windom

**ACTION ITEM: Ken Windom, Magazine Committee Chair
Discuss the feasibility/desirability of creating a secure**

members-only Facebook page on which OAR standings, and other comparable information, can be listed and updated each month.

ACTION ITEM: Ken Windom, Magazine Committee Chair

Establish protocol concerning publication of photos for which no report is being published.

**2016 Membership Data Chair Agenda Report
Deb Rudert
September 20, 2016
abcmemberships@yahoo.com**

The year 2016 has been exciting for me. With the addition of the new computer, it has made data entry and Exports fast and easy. Linda Langford has been extremely supportive throughout my time as Data Chair. This year with the new computer, Linda has installed a program as she can remote into the computer and make changes. Before we had to coordinate our schedules which is always fun with two people as busy as we are. Linda has added some cross check programs and kept me up to date on how and when to use them.

Since taking over the data chair position there have been jobs added to my duties. Most recently was the list of new members, with address, phone and email address so that the committee could send out welcome letters, besides the letters I already sent out letting members and new members that I have received their renewal and to new members when there 1st magazine will arrive. The extra work takes quite a bit of time and I hope it will be sent back to Sandy Malloy who sends out the letters. She has now asked to receive a copy of the magazine labels each month from which she can pull the new member information.

At this time, I would urge the Board to not take on the Club Express Membership program. The reason for this is that the program we are using is developing and improvements have been made. There are a few more I would like to see and will work on those with Linda. I was asked to participate in the Club express demo, at that time their program does not allow for Associate members. I think it would be sad to lose those members that like to participate in numerous clubs or Spouses and partners who like to be a part of the regional clubs. In addition, there would still need someone to oversee the project of Membership.

Action Item: 1. To Allow the Data Base Chair to work with Linda to improve the Data base and to add programs to provide new reports as necessary.

**2016 NATIONAL (ALL AGE) FIELD TRIAL SECRETARY REPORT
Steve Ralph, Chairman
August 28, 2016**

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 Ad, Schedule, Judge Bios, Premium, and information has been sent to the American Brittany magazine, ABC website & American Field magazine for publication. The premiums will be distributed to qualified dog owners/handlers as we get closer to the Nationals.

This year a Derby Invitational was added to the National schedule to be run between the two National field events. Since this is the inaugural running of this Invitational Derby stake, there were many questions by the membership. Hopefully all have been answered and now the membership understands the qualifications required for the invitational.

**2016 NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT
Bob Fleury – Chairman
September 8, 2016**

The nomination committee completed the duty of acquiring candidates for each of the five ABC regions. It also acquired candidates for the four ABC officer positions that are up for election. Those positions are the 1st, 3rd, 4th and Secretary. The names and positions are listed below. Arrangements have been made to pick up the mailed director ballots at the Post Office in Booneville, Ark on Saturday morning prior to the ABC Board of Directors meeting on Sunday. The ballots will be transferred to the clubhouse at the Field Trial area, opened and tallied so the results

will be ready for the Board meeting the next day.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Trimble

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

- East Coast -- Karen Hanson --- Leslie Hunt
- East Central -- Brian Hendrickson --- Jack Alexander
- Central -- Steve Ralph --- Jon St. Clair
- Midwest -- Andi Christensen --- Kevin Stonehouse
- West Coast -- Dan Campbell --- Mary Brown

NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS

- 1ST VICE PRESIDENT --- Tom Milam
- 3rd VICE PRESIDENT --- Emme Wollenberg
- 4th VICE PRESIDENT --- John Perry
- SECRETARY --- Leslie Andreas

2016 NON-FIELD PERFORMANCE EVENTS REPORT

Cindy Miller, Chair.
August 3, 2016

Non-Field Performance Events

2016 should be an exciting year for the non-field performance exhibitors. Thanks to Dee and Hank Hartnek, a new event has been added...Barn Hunt. This is being offered Friday November 18 – Sunday November 20 at the Kay Rogers Fairgrounds in Fort Smith. Barn Hunts were created to allow dogs to participate in a fun sport that tests their hunting skills. It's a sport that celebrates the working ability of dogs and the bond and communication between a dog and his owner. This should be an exciting event.

In addition to the Barn Hunt, in 2016 we are also offering Agility! Agility is a sport that involves jumps, weaves, tunnels, seesaw, A-frames, etc. with speed being a factor! Thanks to the hard work and assistance of the Northwest Arkansas Agility Group and the support of President Bob Rankin and 3rd VP Terry Hilliard, the ABC will be having a supported entry Sunday November 20 in Fayetteville.

Report Submitted by Cindy Miller

2016 ABC PURINA PROGRAM AGENDA REPORT
RAY TRIMBLE, PURINA COORDINATOR

September 6, 2016
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- One thousand five hundred and eighty-three (1583) entries competed in Field and Show Events supported by Nestle-Purina Pet Care over the period of September 2015 through June 2016. This number included both show and field events with 418 show entries and 1165 field entries.
- The Purina Coordinator at the end of the Spring and Fall session will submit to Purina a summary of events funded and the total amount of monetary funding to be paid in one check to the ABC Treasurer. I will then furnish the treasurer a list of events sponsored by Purina and the treasurer will issue the individual checks to the host clubs.
- Clubs, whose events are sponsored by Purina, must also furnish the Coordinator a signed copy of the judges' sheets. Ads, entry blanks or premiums, brace sheets, and write-ups should include the Purina Logo or otherwise give credit to them as a sponsor. Some reporters are not aware of this and the field trial committee should make sure they know to do so. We can add a Thank-You to the ABC Magazine reports if a club fails to acknowledge Purina, but we do not see the ones you send to the American Field before they are published.
- The current card system for applying for support and reporting results will continue. To receive the monetary support, you must return the cards and a copy of the official results to the Coordinator. I must place orders for January deliveries in November. Other events must be sent to Purina 60 days in advance. Clubs need to return request cards as soon as they are received.
- If you have a problem with the delivery of the dog food or the amount received, you must notify the coordinator immediately in order to possibly correct it.
- In summation, the number of field events showed an increase of 12.7% while the number of show entries, showed an increase of 1%.

2016 STATISTICS REPORT

Mary Karbiner, Chair.
August 29, 2016

Category	2015	2016	% Change
Field Events	1165	1314	12.7%
Show Events	418	429	1%
Total Entries	1583	1743	10.7%
Clubs	125	135	8%
Individuals	1458	1608	10.9%
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Region	2015	2016	% Change
East Coast	350	380	8.6%
East Central	250	260	4%
Central	200	210	5%
Midwest	150	160	6.7%
West Coast	133	144	8.3%
Total	1583	1743	10.7%

2016 U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE LIAISON AGENDA REPORT

MARY JO TRIMBLE
September 19, 2016

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Fortunately, due to the Presidential Election and many state legislative elections, dog legislation has taken a back seat this year. 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 last year, do 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. Please let me know if you would like for me to alert other members in your state if good or bad legislation is pending.

For those of you unfamiliar with the US Sportsmen's Alliance, I offer the following. They like most of these types of groups serve two purposes. They have a not-for profit 501-C3 arm which promotes hunting, fishing, trapping, for the sportsmen and women as well as their promotion of involving youth in the outdoors. Their other arm represents those same interests on legislative matters mainly on a national level. I often get contact from them asking our opinion on different legislative issues and what can they do to promote or work against some major legislative issues in the various states as I work with a group in Illinois dealing with Outdoor Recreation as well as U.S.A.'s contact at the ABC.

From their website: About the Sportsmen's Alliance: The Sportsmen's Alliance protects and defends America's wildlife conservation programs and the pursuits – hunting, fishing and trapping – that generate the money to pay for them. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation is responsible for public education, legal defense and research. Its mission is accomplished through several distinct programs coordinated to provide the most complete defense capability possible. Stay connected to Sportsmen's Alliance: www.sportsmensalliance.org www.facebook.com/sportsmensalliance www.twitter.com/sportsmensall and instagram.com/sportsmensall For the past forty years the Sportsmen's Alliance has protected hunters, anglers and trappers from attacks by the anti-hunting movement. Sportsmen have a long tradition of fighting for what they believe in, and so it should come as no surprise that they are politically involved when it comes to protecting our natural resources, access to public land, wildlife management practices and our second amendment rights," said Sportsmen's Alliance President and CEO, Evan Heusinkveld.



I was happy to hear that the President is now Evan Heusinkveld who has worked with me on numerous issues when he was their Vice President who managed state legislative issues and programs.

I encourage all of you to sign up for their newsletter or at least monitor their notices on their website at www.ussportsmen.org for more information.

2016 WEB MASTER REPORT

**Steve Ralph, Web Master
August 28, 2016**

The ABC website continues to be an up to date source for the ABC Calendar of events, News items, National/Futurity/Summer Specialty/Regional Club information, ABC & Regional Club Premiums, ABC Event Results, Downloadable forms, Historical write-ups, and much more.

This year there were several new items added to the ABC website which includes; Brittany & Puppy Info page, Dog of the Year Awards, Versatility Awards, a "Coming Soon" banner to keep members current as to the upcoming ABC events, an option to enable email notification when News items are added, and a digital version of The American Brittany magazine "Past Issues" (2007-2015). We are working to provide "all" of the past issues of the American Brittany magazine digitally on the ABC website in the future.

A request was made as to if we could post the monthly OAR standings on the ABC website. ABC has to pay for this list and it is not allowed to be posted on a public website (allowing the public to view it without having to pay for it).

OLD BUSINESS

Formal Approval of BOD E-Mail and Conference Call Voting

Motion To: Approve 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes as Amended.

Motion By: Steve Ralph, Central Director Seconded By: Ed Tillson, Midwest Director

Motion Made: I move to amend the 2015 ABC BOD meeting minutes as presented by Secretary Mary Jo Trimble on 12-15-2015 to contain the following changes:

- 1. Motion 23: strike the word "adult"
- 2. Motion 25: remove redundant "be" to read A. Issues considered for Email Motions should first be presented to the Board of Directors for discussion and determined if a Motion is necessary.
- 3. Add the following statement before the Email Motion Guidelines in the ABC Policy Book: It is suggested that the Board of Directors follow the email motion guidelines.
- 4. Motion 26: strike the word "voting" and add the word "Notification"

14 Yes Votes; 1 Not Voting (Hendrickson) Motion Passed

ABC Treasurer Election

The ABC Board of Directors met in Executive Session on December 29, 2015, and elected Jim Brigham, ABC Treasurer, to replace Gerilyn Sennott who has resigned, effective January 1, 2016.

Directors on the Executive Session telephone conference meeting constituting a quorum were: Hanson, Fleury, Patterson, Gulembo, Ralph, Jagielski, Karbinger, Christensen, Tillson, Henderson, Gower, Tomasi. Not in attendance: Dow, Hendrickson, Brigham.

Our thanks go to Gerilyn for a job well done, and we welcome Jim in his new position as ABC Treasurer. Mary Jo Trimble, Executive Secretary

Motion to: Fill ABC Vacant Central Region Seat and Finance Committee Seat.

Motion By: Joe Gower, West Coast Director Seconded By: Bob Fleury, East Coast Director

Motion Made: I move to appoint Bernie Crain to fill the vacant Central region seat on the ABC Finance Committee for the unexpired term. (Expires 12-31-2017). Rationale: The Central region seat became vacant when Jim Brigham was elected as the ABC Treasurer. The ABC Finance Committee reviewed all applicants for this position and recommends that Bernie Crain be appointed to the ABC Finance Committee to fill the vacant Central region seat for the unexpired term.

13 Yes Votes; 1 No Vote (Tomasi); 1 Not Voting (Hanson); Motion Passed

Motion to: Open an ABC Account with the Wells Fargo Bank.

Motion by Bernie Crain, Central Director Seconded By: Steve Ralph, Central Director

Motion Made: I move that Jim Brigham open such accounts with Wells Fargo Bank that enable the club to do business.

15 Yes Votes; Motion Passed

Motion to: Appoint AKC Delegate.

Motion By: Bob Fleury, East Coast Director Seconded By: Helen Riggle, East Central Director

Motion Made: I move to appoint Jane Bjork to the position of ABC Delegate to AKC.

15 Yes Votes; Motion Passed

Motion To: Approve the National Event Budgets.

Motion By: Steve Ralph, Central Director Seconded By: Ron Gulembo, East Central Director

Motion Made: I move that the ABC Board of Directors approve the 2016 National (All Age, Gun Dog, Specialty Show) event budgets (attached) which have been presented to the Board by the Finance Committee and prepared by the 1st VP, 3rd VP, and 4th VP.

11 Yes Votes; 4 Not Voting (Hanson, Dow, Tomasi, West) Motion Passed

Motion To: Raise National All Age Championship Entry Fees.

Motion by: Steve Ralph, Central Director Seconded by: Ron Gulembo, East Central Director

Motion Made: I move that the National All Age Championship entry fees be increased to \$190 and the Entry Fees listed in APPENDIX 1 – 2016 SCHEDULE OF FEES/EXPENSES of the ABC Policy Book changed to the following Entry Fees \$ 175.00 National Gun Dog (Open/Amateur) \$ 190.00 National All Age (Open/Amateur) Rationale: Due to an increase in grounds fees to be charged by Blue Mountain Conservation Association from \$8 a dog to \$20 a dog, I request the ABC Board increase the National All Age Championship entry fee from the present \$175 to \$190.

15 Yes Votes; Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

ABC REGISTRY OF MERIT GUIDELINES

By Karen Hanson

The ABC recognizes outstanding sires and dams whose influence on the breed is seen in a lasting way thru their progeny. A Registry of Merit (ROM) certificate is awarded to those Brittany sires and dams have attained titles in conformation, the field, hunt tests, obedience, agility and rally. The owner of the sire or dam in question is charged with keeping an accurate accounting of their get, and to submit an application to the ROM coordinator. Copies of documentation should be submitted with the application along with a \$10 fee for ABC members, and a \$35 fee for non-ABC members. Checks should be made payable to the American Brittany Club. Duplicate certificates for co-owners are available for \$5 per co-owner.

SIREs: A sire's progeny must earn 35 title points in order to qualify. No fewer than 5 and no more than 12 progeny can be used to make up the points. In order for each progeny to be counted, they must have either been awarded a 3 point or higher title. Only

the highest title per category counts. (So a dog with a CH and GCH would receive 5 points for the GCH title, not 9 points for CH + GCH.) Progeny can earn points from titles in each category, i.e. conformation, field, hunt, obedience, agility and rally.

PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTE A REGISTRY OF MERIT (ROM) PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

By Karen Hanson

Many AKC breed clubs have established a Registry of Merit (ROM) as a club title to identify dogs and bitches in their breed who have proven themselves to be outstanding producers of champions and working dogs.

Most programs are designed to be self-reporting to a statistician, with the dog's owner responsible for submitting an application and fee. Several clubs differentiate the fee by club membership... i.e., members pay \$10, and non-members pay \$35 to submit a dog, and the funds are designated for a specific purpose, such as a health foundation or dog of the year type programs.

The club maintains a listing of all ROM dogs and owners on their website.

Certificates can be printed for a nominal cost, and this good way to honor dogs and their owners who make a significant contribution to our breed, and at the same time funding other programs.

Most programs have a schedule of points that offspring earn for their sire or dam by attaining titles. The application lists the get, owners, registration number and titles achieved and points.

I have attached a proposed application and guidelines and request that the program be instituted in 2017.

REGISTER OF MERIT POINT SCHEDULE POINTS CONFORMATION FIELD HUNT OBED AGILITY RALLY

POINTS	CONFORMATION	FIELD	HUNT	OBED	AGILITY	RALLY
1			JH	BN		RN
2				CD	NANAP,NAJ,NP,NF,NIP	RALLY
3				CDX	OA, OAP, OAJ, OJP, OF, OJP	RE
4	CH		SH	UD	AX, AXAP, AXJ, AP, XF, XFP, T2B, T2BP	RAE
5	GC II			UDX	MX, MXP, MXJ, MP, MXM, MFO	
6			MH	OTCH	MACH, PACH, FIC, PAX, FTCP	
7				FC OR AFC		
8				FC + AFC		

**THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB
Registry of Merit Application For Outstanding Sires & Dams**

Sire/Dam (circle one) _____
DOB _____
Registration # _____
Owner(s) _____
Breeder(s) _____
Owner's Address _____
ABC Member Yes or No (circle one) _____
List each qualifying progeny below and the corresponding sire or dam. Please refer to the schedule of ROM points for each title the progeny have received.

Name _____
Registration # _____
Title/Date: _____ ROM Points _____
Sire/Dam _____
Owner _____

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Junior Achievement Award

By Karen Hanson

The Junior Achievement Award is designed to recognize young people for their varied interests with Brittanys, and to encourage well-rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership. An award will be given each year by the American Brittany Club to the one junior who in the eyes of the American Brittany Club Board of Directors most fulfills its basic premise.

The award will be presented at the American Brittany Club National Specialty. The Junior Achievement Award Chairman will be responsible for publicizing this Award and for soliciting applications. The Chair will review all applications and will send the resumes to the Board Liaison for Board distribution and decision. A plaque will be purchased and engraved with the name of the winner.

Qualifications:

1. The junior must be between 10 and 18 years of age for the year being nominated.
2. The junior or, his/her parents must be a member in good standing of the ABC.
3. Consideration will be given to any dog-related activity with a Brittany, such as, but not limited to:
 1. Any AKC event: conformation, obedience, tracking, agility, field trials or hunting tests.
 2. Any academic endeavor such as term papers on the history of the Brittany or school assembly speech on purebred dog ownership.
 3. Community service, such as nursing home visits, volunteering for rescue, etc...

The junior, or his/her sponsor, must submit to the Junior Achievement Chairman by September 1 a written account of the junior's qualifications and accomplishments for the previous calendar year.

Where applicable, copies of titles, certificates, grades, letters of appreciation, etc., should be submitted with the nomination to verify authenticity.

Emphasis will be on excellence in a broad spectrum of activities. Except in very unusual circumstances, a junior may win this award only once.

Nominations should be sent to the Junior Achievement Award Chairman.

Welcome To the Board Of Directors

An Orientation Manual for New Directors Of The American Brittany Club

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Introduction

Welcome to the Board of Directors. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

The American Brittany Club fills an important need in our community, and we believe that you will find serving on the Board a rich and rewarding experience.

As a director, you are responsible for overseeing the operation of **The American Brittany Club**. Along with your fellow members of the Board of Directors, you are responsible for maintaining the commitment to our organization's mission, establishing our strategic direction, ensuring our compliance with all applicable legal requirements, and maintaining our organization's financial well-being. This involves a great deal of responsibility. The purpose of this manual is to help you understand your rights and responsibilities as a director so that you can effectively carry out these duties. We encourage you to refer to it whenever you have questions about your Board service.

Before you begin reviewing this manual, you should remember that you are not alone. When exercising your responsibilities, you may draw from the expertise of your fellow directors and management. Also, you may rely on the expertise of individuals retained by **The American Brittany Club** to assist the organization in carrying out its duties. These individuals include the following people:

Legal Counsel:

Sharon Wice

Insurance Broker:

Tom Milam

In addition, there are several resources available to help you carry out your work. These include:

Center for Nonprofit Advancement— The center assists nonprofits by providing them with education and training, networking, advocacy, and buying opportunities, including health and liability insurance.

www.nonprofitadvancement.org

Board Source—Board Source provides resources for nonprofit leaders through assessment tools, membership program, training, an extensive Web site, and workshops. It also provides governance consultants who work directly with nonprofit leaders to design specialized solutions to meet an organization's needs.

www.boardsource.org

Foundation Center—The center maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. grant makers and their grants; issues a wide variety of print, electronic, and online information resources; conducts and publishes research on trends in foundation growth, giving, and practice; and offers an array of free and affordable educational programs.

www.foundationcenter.org

Thank you again for your willingness to serve our great mission. Welcome aboard!

1. History and Mission

A. Mission Statement: The American Brittany Club is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization whose mission 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 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".

As a director, your first job is to serve **The American Brittany Club's** mission and to ensure that activities carried out by the organization help further that mission. When reviewing the organization's budget and future activities, you should evaluate them against the mission statement and determine whether the proposed use of **The American Brittany Club's** assets is consistent with the organization's mission and its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

B. History of the Organization: The Brittany Spaniel Club of North America was formed in 1936 by the original importers of the breed into this country and was later recognized by the AKC as the official representative (parent club) of the breed. The ABC was formed May 16, 1942 in the Lafayette Room of the Fort Shelby Hotel in Detroit, Michigan. Constitution and by-laws were adopted calling for a three man Board of Directors who, in turn, served as officers. Membership in the club grew to 51 by October of 1942. The Board of Directors was increased to 5 the following year. American Field recognized the ABC as the official sponsor of the breed in 1942, but the ABC also held AKC Shows and Trials in 1943. However, the ABC National Trials were run under both AKC and American Field for many years. The Brittany Spaniel Club of North America by 1943 had become inactive and merged with and into the ABC and continued operating under the constitution and by-laws of the ABC as of January 1, 1944. In 1974 the official sponsorship became the most discussed subject by the Board of Directors. The idea of bench and field championships being offered by the same regulatory body had more appeal as being nearer the true aim - promote the dual dog - and since American Field only recognized one champion, the decision was made to go with the AKC. From 1942 through 1963 the constitution and by-laws were amended five times ranging from a 3 man Board of Directors up to a 40 man Board. The ABC was incorporated on November 10, 1959 as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Illinois. A new constitution and by-laws was adopted November 29, 1964 calling for a 15 man Board, 3 from each of the 5 regions which the ABC operated under until the adoption of the present by-laws in November of 1975. Since 1942 the ABC has grown from 17 members to over 3,000 and from 3 to approximately 90 regional

clubs with several provisional clubs pending by the end of 1984. During the years from 1984 through 1998 the ABC has remained approximately the same with our current 88 regional clubs and approximately 3,100 members.

C. Programs and Services: The club is composed of many regional or local clubs located from coast to coast. Most hold a licensed AKC trial for championship points in the spring and fall seasons. Many hold a specialty (conformation) show also. The regional clubs hold meetings to discuss mutual problems, fun trials, training sessions, hunting tests and other events of interest to their members.

2. Fiduciary Responsibility of a Member of the Board of Directors

As a director, you have certain legal responsibilities that you must follow. This section is designed to give you some of the information you need to carry out those responsibilities. However, this material can only provide you with general information. It cannot answer every situation that may arise and should not be construed as legal advice. Therefore, if the Board has a specific situation with respect to which it needs guidance, it should consult with **The American Brittany Club's** legal counsel to determine what is appropriate for the organization. In addition, if you have questions about any potential legal liability you may have as a director, you should consult Section 7 of this manual, Risk Management and Directors' and Officers' Insurance.

The Tone at the Top: The "tone at the top" refers to the ethical climate created in an organization by its leadership. Through your leadership on the Board, you can foster a climate whereby the directors, employees, and volunteers act in a manner that upholds the highest ethical standards of **The American Brittany Club** while carrying out their duties. It is important to create this expectation for yourselves and others. If you and your fellow directors appear unconcerned with maintaining high standards, this attitude will be observed by the employees and volunteers, and it will impact their behavior as well. In particular, the Board should make clear that, in making decisions, it is doing what it believes is in the best interests of **The American Brittany Club** to help carry out its mission. It is also the Board's responsibility to ensure that **The American Brittany Club** fully complies with all applicable federal and Illinois laws and regulations. In addition, as a director, you are expected to comply fully with **The American Brittany Club's** Code of Ethics, which includes the Ethics Policy covering gift acceptance (*see Appendix A*) and the Conflict of Interest Policy (*see Appendix B*). You and the other members of the Board are responsible for ensuring that all others comply with these policies as well. In particular, the Board is responsible for implementing **The American Brittany Club's** Whistleblower Policy (*see Appendix C*) and for ensuring that any claims of wrongdoing by a director, officer, employee, or volunteer are fully and fairly investigated, and that there is no retaliation against anyone bringing a claim in good faith.

A. Duty of Care: As a director, you must perform your responsibilities with the same care an ordinarily prudent business person would use in managing his or her own affairs. This means that you should act in good faith, stay informed and active, and exercise independent judgment when making decisions on behalf of **The American Brittany Club**. The Board should delegate day-to-day duties to **The American Brittany Club's** senior management, subject to the Board's review and oversight. The Board may delegate certain Board functions to committees of the Board. The duties that can be delegated to committees of the Board are typically specified in the organization's by-laws. Also, as a director, you may rely upon:

- Information provided by employees as part of their jobs;
- Professional advice of attorneys, independent public accountants, and other experts in their field; or
- Information provided by a Board committee in the course of its assigned work.

However, you may not delegate your personal responsibilities as a member of the Board to others. At the end of the day, you and your fellow directors bear the responsibility for determining what is best for the organization.

B. Duty of Loyalty: Board members and senior management must always perform their duties in good faith with the best interests of the organization in mind. This means that they must not seek to derive private gain from business transactions that involve the nonprofit corporation or advance their own interests at the expense of the corporation. Acts of self-dealing constitute

a breach of fiduciary duty which may result in personal liability to the nonprofit organization. Board members, trustees, and senior management should avoid conflicts of interest and even the appearance of impropriety. Individuals who take advantage of corporate opportunities to make profits for themselves at the expense of the corporation may be liable for the profits they received at the organization's expense. The Board has adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy that applies to all directors and officers of **The American Brittany Club** (see *Appendix B*). As a director, you must familiarize yourself with the Conflict of Interest Policy and ensure that you and your fellow directors comply with it.

C. Duty of Obedience: As a director, you also must act in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, and tax-exempt status of **The American Brittany Club**. You should be familiar with the mission of **The American Brittany Club** and act in a manner consistent with such mission. In addition, you must comply with all federal and state laws as they apply to the organization.

D. Confidentiality: You should not disclose information about **The American Brittany Club's** activities unless the Board decides to make the information public, or unless the information is a matter of public record.

E. Attendance: As a director it is important that you demonstrate your commitment to the organization by regularly attending Board meetings and meetings of the committees to which you have been assigned. This will allow you to stay informed of **The American Brittany Club's** activities and, in turn, the organization will benefit from the skills you bring to the Board.

There are ways you can attend meetings without being physically present. For example, if not prohibited by the by-laws, you can participate via conference call, provided you can hear all the other participants in the meeting and they can hear you. However, being a member of the Board of Directors is a personal responsibility. You cannot delegate this responsibility to others.

Therefore, you cannot give someone else the authority to attend a Board meeting or vote on your behalf. You cannot vote by proxy.

F. Director's Rights: As a director, you have certain legal rights. These rights are designed to assist you in carrying out your fiduciary duties as a member of the Board. For example, it is important that you stay informed about **The American Brittany Club's** business affairs. Consequently, as a director, you have a right to have reasonable contact with the organization's officers to discuss the organization's business affairs. You also have the right to inspect the books and records of the organization and to request additional information from management.

At the same time, you should remember that while the Board retains the ultimate responsibility for the operations of **The American Brittany Club**, the officers are responsible for the day-to-day management of the organization. Your duty as a director is to ensure that they exercise their management responsibilities in a manner that best serves the organization. It is not in the organization's best interests if the Board attempts to review and approve day-to-day management decisions, or substitutes its judgment for that of the officers.

Therefore, when you request information from management, it is important that you are reasonable in the frequency and scope of your requests. You want to take care that your requests are suited to what you need to perform your job as a director, and not the day-to-day management of the organization.

Another important way to stay informed about the organization's activities is to review the Board and committee minutes. The Board will be provided with the minutes of the meetings in a timely manner. The Board secretary should prepare the minutes of any Board meeting promptly after the meeting, but at least in time to be approved before the next Board meeting. If, for some reason you do not receive the minutes of a Board or committee meeting, you have the right to ask for a copy of the minutes.

It is also important that directors attend Board and committee meetings. Therefore, you will be given advance notice of each meeting so that you can prepare for the meeting and plan to attend. The amount of advance notice for each type of meeting is specified in the by-laws. If you do not receive the proper amount of advance notice, you can still attend the meeting and participate.

There may be situations where the fact that you did not receive

proper advance notice of a meeting may be detrimental to the organization. In such case, you have the right to object to the fact that you did not receive proper notice of the meeting. However, your participation at the meeting must be limited to making your objection. If you participate in the substance of the meeting, you will be considered to have waived your right to make an objection.

Finally, the organization encourages open and informed debate among the Board directors, which helps ensure that the best possible decisions are made. If you disagree with any action the Board proposes to take, you have the right to vote against the action. In addition, you have the right to have the Board secretary record your objection, by name, in the minutes of the meeting. This is important if you believe that the actions of the Board are not only unwise, but improper. In such case, if you object to the actions and have your objection recorded in the minutes, you may escape liability if the action is later challenged.

G. Private Inurement and Private Benefit: The Internal Revenue Code gives tax-free status to charitable organizations because they provide important benefits to the general public. However, the Internal Revenue Code also provides that a tax-exempt organization must be operated for the benefit of the public and not for the benefit of "insiders." This is called the private inurement rule. As a director, you must ensure that insiders do not receive favorable treatment at the expense of **The American Brittany Club**; otherwise **The American Brittany Club** would be at risk of losing its tax-exempt status. Some examples include paying more than fair market value for goods or services provided by an insider, or creating a job for someone just because they are related to an insider.

By insiders, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) refers to anyone with a unique position in **The American Brittany Club** so that he or she can exercise control or influence over the organization and the application of its funds or assets. Insiders would include the following individuals:

- Officers;
- Members of the Board of Directors;
- Appointed Managers of Club Activities and
- Their relatives such as a spouse, parent, siblings and their spouses, children and their spouses, and great grandparents, grandparents, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and their spouses.

It is permissible to give a benefit to any individual, even a director that qualifies under **The American Brittany Club's** normal charitable guidelines.

In addition, as a director you must make sure that **The American Brittany Club's** activities further the public good. Therefore, you should make sure that any business transactions entered into by **The American Brittany Club** are in **The American Brittany Club's** best interests and help it carry out its mission. The assets of **The American Brittany Club** should not be used to serve a private, as opposed to the public, good. This is called the private benefit rule.

H. Board Compensation: As a director, you will not be compensated for your services. Moreover, you cannot claim a deduction for the value of your donated services to **The American Brittany Club**. You may be reimbursed for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses you incur on behalf of **The American Brittany Club**, in accordance with its expense reimbursement policy. The organization will not reimburse a member of the Board of Directors for the cost of his or her spouse's or other dependent's travel to organization events. If you elect not to be reimbursed for your out-of-pocket expenses, you may be able to deduct them as a charitable contribution to the organization.

In addition to your Board service, from time to time it may be in the best interests of **The American Brittany Club** for you to provide some other goods or services to **The American Brittany Club**, such as legal or accounting work. If you provide goods or services to **The American Brittany Club** in addition to serving on the Board, **The American Brittany Club** is allowed to pay you for your goods or services, provided that:

- The Board approved the transaction before you provided the goods or services in accordance with the Conflict of Interest Policy

- You received only fair market value for your goods or services;
- and
- The organization properly documented and reported the transaction.

In the event that you are paid more than fair market value for any goods or services you provide, or the organization fails to properly document or report the transaction, the transaction may be considered an "excess benefit transaction." Under the Internal Revenue Code, you may be subject to penalties if you receive an excess benefit. Therefore, before you enter into any financial transaction with **The American Brittany Club**, you should consult the organization's legal counsel to ensure that all proper procedures are followed.

I. Political Activity and Lobbying

1. Lobbying

As a tax-exempt entity, **The American Brittany Club** may engage in limited lobbying activities. For this purpose, **The American Brittany Club** will be regarded as lobbying if it attempts to influence legislation. Attempting to influence legislation includes contacting or urging the public to contact members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of supporting or opposing legislation, or advocating for the adoption or rejection of legislation.

Legislation includes actions by Congress, state legislatures, or any other elected body, such as the local city council or school committee, with respect to acts, bills, or resolutions. It applies to such actions as confirming an individual for office, such as a judge or cabinet member. It also applies to ballot initiatives or similar procedures to be voted upon by the public. The definition of legislation does not include actions taken by the courts or government agencies.

As noted above, there are limits on the amount of lobbying in which **The American Brittany Club** may engage. The Internal Revenue Code provides that a Nonprofit is exempt under Section 501(c)(7) cannot expend a "substantial" part of its activities in lobbying. If **The American Brittany Club** engages in what is considered excessive lobbying, the organization will be subject to an excise tax and will be at risk of losing its tax-exempt status. At what point a nonprofit's lobbying is considered "substantial" depends on all the facts and circumstances and is not always clear-cut. Therefore, Congress enacted Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. By filing an election with the IRS, a nonprofit is allowed to engage in lobbying activities—up to certain dollar limits—without losing its tax-exempt status.

The limits are based on the size of the organization's annual revenue. Churches and private foundations are not eligible to make the election, but other nonprofit organizations that engage in lobbying activities commonly do. As a director, you should ensure that **The American Brittany Club** complies with the rules against excessive lobbying. In addition, certain lobbying activities may require the organization to register as a lobbyist with various federal and local government authorities. If **The American Brittany Club** wishes to engage in any lobbying activity, the Board should work with legal counsel and senior management to ensure that procedures are put in place to comply with these regulations and the IRS limitations on lobbying activities.

2. Rules Prohibiting Political Activities

Under the Internal Revenue Code, nonprofit organizations are strictly prohibited from intervening on behalf of, or in opposition to, candidates for local, state, or national office. If **The American Brittany Club** violates this rule, it is subject to an excise tax on the amount expended on the campaign activity and faces the risk of losing its tax-exempt status. This does not mean that, just because you are a director of **The American Brittany Club**, you cannot be involved in political activity as a private individual. However, you may not use **The American Brittany Club's** property or other assets, including **The American Brittany Club's** name, on behalf of or against any candidate for office. You should also make clear that any political statements you make, such as an endorsement of a candidate, are made in your personal capacity and not in your capacity as a director of **The American Brittany Club**, and that the statements should not be made at an event sponsored or hosted by **The American Brittany Club** or in any of its publications. If you are in any doubt as to whether your activities might be considered improper political activities on behalf of **The American Brittany Club**, you should consult with the Board officers and legal counsel before engaging in those activities.

J. Summing Up: While all these responsibilities may seem like a lot to keep straight, you can broadly summarize your fiduciary duties using the following questions:

- Do you put the organization's interests before your own?
- Do you ensure that others do as well?
- Do you regularly attend Board and committee meetings?
- Do you read the information provided to you as a director or otherwise stay informed?
- Do you exercise your independent business judgment as best as you can?
- Do you do your best to make sure that The American Brittany Club follows the law, including the special rules applicable to nonprofits?
- Do you rely on the advice of The American Brittany Club legal counsel and independent accountants to assist you in your work?

If you follow these steps, you will go a long way towards faithfully carrying out your fiduciary duties as a director and help establish the proper ethical tone for the organization.

Fundraising

A. Fundraising Strategy: These days, it is not enough for **The American Brittany Club** to have a good purpose and programs. There are many nonprofits with important missions to fulfill, and there is a limited amount of money to support all their worthy causes. At the same time, without proper funding, **The American Brittany Club** cannot serve the critical needs of the community it has identified. Therefore, one of the most important roles of the Board is to define and establish a successful fundraising strategy to sustain the organization's goals. The role of the Board in raising revenue is unique, and it is one of the critical differences between nonprofit and for-profit businesses in the ways they are managed. The Board has a responsibility to attract resources to sustain the organization's programs and fulfill its mission. The Board must select and support senior management, put the budget in place, and oversee and evaluate the organization's fundraising and financial performance.

Even though the Board is ultimately responsible for **The American Brittany Club's** fundraising strategy, the fundraising activities will not succeed without a close partnership with management. There has to be a close collaboration between the Board and management, as well as clearly defined goals for management to execute. Therefore, it is important for the Board to specify the responsibilities of both management and the Board in the fundraising effort. At the same time, it is important to remember that implementing the fundraising plan is a responsibility shared by the Board and should not be left only to management.

B. Fundraising Practices: The Board should ensure that **The American Brittany Club** follows ethical fundraising practices and that its fundraising efforts are cost-effective. It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that **The American Brittany Club's** fundraising programs reflect well on the organization and its mission. Therefore, the Board must exercise the following responsibilities:

1. **Designated Donations:** Frequently, a donor will make a contribution to **The American Brittany Club** and place restrictions on how such funds may be used. For example, the donor may want to fund a specific initiative or activity. Also, as an organization, **The American Brittany Club** may solicit funds with the promise that the donations will be used for a particular purpose. These are called restricted or designated funds. As a member of the Board, it is your responsibility to ensure these funds are used for the purpose the donor specified, and not for other expenses such as overhead or other program activities. You should ask that any financial reports you receive specify whether the income is restricted or unrestricted, so that you can ensure that the donor's wishes are being carried out.
2. **Gift Acceptance Policy:** From time to time, **The American Brittany Club** may be offered donations that would compromise the organization's ethics, financial circumstances, program focus, or other interests. For example, the source of the funds may be one that is inconsistent with the mission **The American Brittany**

Club is trying to serve. Therefore, it is important that the Board has clear standards and procedures for determining when it will not accept a donation. These standards and procedures must be discussed in advance and not after a questionable gift is being offered; otherwise, financial and time pressures on the organization may cause the Board and management to make a wrong decision about whether to accept the gift.

3. **Fundraising Techniques:** The **American Brittany Club's** most valuable asset is its good name. One way the organization may forfeit its good name is if it engages in inappropriate fundraising practices. In the past few years, newspapers have published several stories of otherwise legitimate charities that have employed questionable fundraising methods. Therefore, it is important that the Board ensure there is appropriate training and supervision of the people soliciting funds on **The American Brittany Club's** behalf, that they understand their responsibilities and do not employ techniques that are coercive, intimidating, or intended to harass potential donors.
4. **Compensation for Fundraisers:** Compensation for fundraising activities should reflect the skill, effort, and time expended by the individual or firm on behalf of **The American Brittany Club**. Basing compensation on a percentage of the money raised can encourage fundraisers to put their own interests ahead of those of **The American Brittany Club** or the donor, and may lead to inappropriate techniques that jeopardize **The American Brittany Club's** values and reputation as well as the donor's trust in the organization. Many professional fundraising associations prohibit their members from accepting payment for fundraising activities based on a percentage of the amount of charitable income raised or expected to be raised. For these reasons, **The American Brittany Club** does not compensate internal or external fundraisers based on a commission or a percentage of the amount raised.
5. **Charitable Solicitation Laws:** Most states, including Illinois, regulate the solicitation of contributions by charitable organizations. To solicit funds in the Illinois and various states, a nonprofit must register with the local government. Therefore, unless it qualifies for an exemption, **The American Brittany Club** is required to register with the Illinois government and with each state where it solicits funds from individuals, foundations, or businesses located in that state. The Board is responsible for ensuring that **The American Brittany Club** complies with the various charitable solicitation laws.
6. **Privacy Policy:** **The American Brittany Club** respects the privacy of individual donors and, except where disclosure is required by law, does not sell or otherwise make available the names and contact information of its donors without providing them an opportunity at least once a year to opt out of the use of their names.

4. Board's Responsibility for Financial Oversight

Because **The American Brittany Club** is fortunate that so many people support the organization by giving their time and money—often at great sacrifice to themselves—it is important that **The American Brittany Club** exercise good stewardship in managing the donations of its supporters. The senior management of **The American Brittany Club** plays a key role in managing the financial affairs of the organization, but the Board is ultimately responsible for ensuring that its funds are properly utilized. Over the past several years, the IRS has increased its financial oversight of nonprofit organizations. Several states also have started extending these governance principles, previously applicable only to public companies, to cover nonprofit organizations. Moreover, grant makers and other donors expect nonprofit organizations to exercise robust financial oversight. Therefore, the Board should establish clear policies and procedures to protect **The American Brittany Club's** financial assets and ensure that it is following best practices. As a director, you can call on **The American Brittany Club's** resources, including senior management and the independent auditors responsible for conducting the organization's annual audit, to help you perform your duties. In particular, the Board, or a designated committee of the Board, should meet with the auditors before the annual audit and after a draft audit is prepared to discuss the auditors' findings and to determine

what steps, if any, the Board should take to improve the financial oversight of the organization. The following is a summary of the key financial responsibilities of the Board:

1. **Policies and Procedures:** While it is management's responsibility to oversee the day-to-day accounting and financial management of **The American Brittany Club**, the Board is responsible for ensuring that proper financial systems and controls are in place. For example, the Board should establish a policy to ensure that at least two unrelated people (either staff members or volunteers) bear the responsibility for receiving, depositing, and spending the organization's funds. The Board is also responsible for reviewing practices and reports to ensure that staff members and volunteers are complying with Board-approved policies.
2. **Budget and Expenses:** The Board is responsible for reviewing and approving **The American Brittany Club's** annual budget. The Board should also receive regular financial reports, either monthly or quarterly. The reports should show budgeted and actual expenditures as well as budgeted and actual revenues. By carefully reviewing the regular financial reports, the Board will be able to determine whether adjustments must be made in spending to accommodate changes in revenues. However, prudent financial oversight requires that the Board look beyond monthly or annual financial reports to consider how **The American Brittany Club's** current financial performance compares with that of previous years, and how its financial future appears. If **The American Brittany Club's** net assets have been declining over a period of years, or if future funding seems likely to decrease significantly, the Board may need to take proper steps to achieve or maintain the financial stability of the organization.
3. **Prudent Investment of Financial Assets:** As a member of the Board, you also have the obligation to establish policies and procedures to ensure that **The American Brittany Club** manages and invests its funds responsibly and in compliance with the legal requirements. The Board is responsible for establishing policies that govern how the funds will be invested, ensuring that donor-restricted funds are used in a manner that complies with the donor's restrictions, and allocating the returns from investments among the various programs.

For example, the Board must decide questions such as:

- Will **The American Brittany Club** maintain an endowment where funds that may be used to serve its purpose may be restricted by the donor?
- How much of an operating reserve should the organization have (i.e., three months of operating expenses)? Under what circumstances can the operating reserve be used? Who makes the decision to use the operating reserve?
- Are there any restrictions in how **The American Brittany Club** will invest its funds? For example, does **The American Brittany Club** wish to invest in property that is not available to all of its members?

As a member of the Board of Directors, you are expected to carry out your responsibility to manage the funds of the organization in good faith, and with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances. This means that you are responsible for overseeing the investment of the funds to ensure that those charged with making the investment decisions, including any committee appointed by the Board, are acting prudently. As a director, you should keep in mind several factors in carrying out these duties, among which are:

- The needs of the organization and the general economic conditions, including the possible effects of inflation and deflation;
- The expected total return for an investment, including appreciation, and how that plays within the overall investment portfolio;
- The need to preserve capital versus the need to

generate income;

- The other resources available to **The American Brittany Club**;
- An asset's special value, if any, to the organization; and
- Any expected tax consequences with respect to an investment.

In managing the funds, the Board may incur appropriate costs that are reasonable in relation to the amount of assets being invested and the purposes of **The American Brittany Club**.

By following these steps, you will help ensure that **The American Brittany Club** acts as a good steward of its funds and in a manner that helps the organization carry out its mission.

5. Strategic Planning

Another important task that the Board must undertake is to set the strategic direction of **The American Brittany Club**. The Board has the primary responsibility of carrying out this task, with the help of senior management, to ensure the future sustainability and growth of **The American Brittany Club**. Therefore, it is important that the Board take time every three to five years to develop a long-term plan for the organization. The starting point of any strategic plan is **The American Brittany Club's** mission statement. Both the Board and senior management must have a good understanding of the organization's mission and **The American Brittany Club's** current activities serve that mission.

Next, the Board must have a good understanding of the interests and concerns of **The American Brittany Club's** various stakeholders. What resources exist to meet the needs of the community it intends to serve, and what needs have not been met? The Board should then determine whether the activities the organization engages in, or may want to engage in the future, are:

- Consistent with its mission; and
- Designed to meet its client community's current needs.

Third, the Board should determine whether **The American Brittany Club's** existing programs are also effective in carrying out its mission. Is the organization meeting the goals it set out to achieve? Are there more effective ways to achieve its mission? Does **The American Brittany Club** have to shift the focus of its mission to meet current or future stakeholder needs?

Finally, the Board should evaluate what resources are available to **The American Brittany Club** that would allow it to undertake the activities the Board has identified to help meet the needs of its stakeholders or expand its services.

Once the Board has evaluated **The American Brittany Club's** current activities against the mission statement, taken stock of the needs of its stakeholders, and determined what resources are available to assist the organization in carrying out its mission, the Board, working closely with senior management, must develop a strategic plan for **The American Brittany Club**. The plan will then serve as a basis for determining **The American Brittany Club's** activities and initiatives from year to year. It will help the Board and staff evaluate new opportunities as they arise, to see if they are consistent with the direction the Board and management want to take the organization.

Once the Board has adopted the strategic plan, senior management is responsible for developing an annual work plan that implements the goals in the strategic plan. The Board will then measure the progress toward the strategic plan's goals on an annual basis.

6. Overseeing the Performance and Compensation of Management

The **President** of **The American Brittany Club** is the chief executive of the organization and is appointed and supervised by the Board. The Board also has the authority to replace any paid staff he or she is not meeting the performance standards set by the Board. As part of its responsibilities, the Board should review the performance of **paid staff** members annually. By giving the **paid staff** feedback at least annually, the Board will assist the paid staff in performing to the best of his or her abilities. The Board is also responsible for setting the compensation for the **paid staff**.

A. Prior Approval by Authorized Body: Compensation levels of

paid staff are determined by the Board of Directors. To participate in the compensation approval process, a director cannot have a conflict of interest. If you, as a director, have a conflict of interest, you must disclose your conflict to the other members of the Board, and you may not participate in the vote or discussions of management compensation. The following are the principal rules for determining whether a conflict of interest exists, with examples of how those rules would apply:

- A conflict of interest exists if you are participating in or economically benefiting from the compensation arrangement being voted on, or you have a family member benefiting from the compensation arrangement.
- A conflict of interest exists if you are an employee subject to the direction or control of a member of management whose compensation is being voted on.
- A conflict of interest exists if you receive compensation or other payments that must be approved by a member of management whose compensation is being voted on.
- A conflict of interest exists if you have a material financial interest that would be affected by the compensation package being voted on.
- A conflict of interest exists if you vote on a compensation package for a member of management, and that member of management has approved, or will approve, a transaction providing economic benefits to you. Family members include your spouse, parents, siblings and their spouses, children and their spouses, and grandparents, great grandparents, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and their spouses.

B. Use of Appropriate Comparability Data: Prior to voting on paid staff compensation, the Board must determine how the proposed compensation package compares to compensation paid by similar organizations for similar services. Comparability data is appropriate if it provides the Board with sufficient information to determine if the compensation arrangement, in its entirety, is reasonable when compared to what other organizations pay.

- The information the Board may use to make the comparability determination includes:
- The actual compensation paid by similarly situated for-profit and nonprofit organizations for comparable positions;
- Whether or not there is a ready supply of people to perform similar services;
- Current compensation surveys compiled by independent firms; and
- Actual written offers from similar institutions competing for the services.

C. Proper Documentation of the Decision-Making Process:

The third part of the IRS procedure for setting compensation is to ensure that the Board's decision-making process is properly documented. The documentation may be written or electronic such as written minutes or an e-mail summary of the meeting. The documentation must note:

- The terms of the compensation package and the date it was approved;
- The members of the Board or Board committee who were present when
- the compensation package was debated, and those who voted on it;
- The comparability data obtained and relied on by the members of the
- Board and information on how the data was obtained; and
- Any actions taken by a regular member of the authorized body who had
- a conflict of interest with respect to the transaction (e.g., did the member leave the meeting and refrain from taking part in the decision?).

The documentation must be completed in a timely manner. This means that **The American Brittany Club** must prepare the records before the later of:

- The next meeting of the Board or committee, or
- Sixty days after the final action or actions are taken.

Also, the Board or committee must review the documentation and make any needed corrections to the documentation within a reasonable amount of time. **The American Brittany Club** has to comply with all three steps to establish the rebuttable presumption of reasonableness. **The American Brittany Club** will not enjoy the protections the safe harbor affords if the organization fails to meet any one of these three requirements. Establishing the rebuttable presumption of reasonableness is also considered to be a "best practice" in terms of nonprofit governance. The IRS will ask **The American Brittany Club** to disclose the method it used to set compensation when it completes its IRS Form 990. Also, **The American Brittany Club** must appropriately report the compensation in its tax filings, both on the organization's annual IRS Form 990, and on an IRS Form W-2 issued to the recipient of the compensation (if he or she is an employee) or IRS Form 1099 (if he or she is an independent contractor).

7. Risk Management

A. Liability of the Organization: One of the functions of the Board is to protect the assets of **The American Brittany Club**. This will help ensure that the assets are available to serve the mission of the organization. To do so, the Board should implement an appropriate risk management plan.

There are three basic steps in any risk management plan. They are:

1. Identify the risk;
2. Mitigate the risk; and
3. Insure against the risk

The Board should begin by working with management to identify activities that create risks for the organization. The next step is to see if there are any procedures the organization can take to lessen the risk that a bad event will occur. The final step is to work with **The American Brittany Club's** insurance broker to see if there is any way the organization can insure against the risk that such bad event occurs.

The following are some examples of how this process works:

- **The American Brittany Club** regularly receives invoices from various people with which it does business. It is the employees' responsibility to pay **The American Brittany Club's** invoices.

1. Identify the risk.

There is a risk to the organization that an employee could steal **The American Brittany Club's** funds. The employee could pretend to pay invoices by writing checks to a friend or relative.

2. Mitigate the risk.

The Board and management adopt financial controls which provide that there must be two signatures on all checks above a specified amount, such as \$5000.

3. Insure against the risk.

The American Brittany Club purchases employee dishonesty coverage as an endorsement to its property insurance policy. This insures **The American Brittany Club** against loss, up to a specific dollar amount (for example \$10,000), in case an employee steals funds from the organization.

- **The American Brittany Club** holds the National Championship.

1. Identify the risk.

There is a risk to the organization that a volunteer will fall at the Nationals, injuring him or herself.

2. Mitigate the risk.

The American Brittany Club adopts safety procedures for conducting the Nationals. The organization also asks each volunteer to sign a waiver of liability.

3. Insure against the risk.

The American Brittany Club purchases volunteer

accident insurance. This insurance pays a volunteer's uninsured medical expenses, up to a specific dollar limit (for example \$25,000), on a no-fault basis. **The American Brittany Club** also purchases general liability insurance to protect the organization in case it is sued by the injured volunteer for compensation.

B. Liability as a Director: As a director, you may be subject to a lawsuit if someone alleges that you failed to carry out your duties appropriately, or you were guilty of discrimination in connection with someone's employment or the provision of nonprofit services. To protect yourself from liability, you should consider three steps:

1. **Prevention:** Exercise your duties as a director with due care and ensure that **The American Brittany Club** acts in accordance with legal requirements. This is the best way to avoid liability. If you carry out your duties as a director diligently and with due care, you will be much less likely to encounter legal problems.
2. **Indemnification:** One way to protect yourself against liability is to ensure that **The American Brittany Club** will pay any attorney's fees you incur and any legal damages you have to pay in connection with any acts you commit while serving on the Board. This is called "indemnification." Indemnification provisions are found in **The American Brittany Club's** by-laws.
3. **Directors' and Officers' Insurance:** Another alternative is for the organization to purchase Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance (D&O insurance). Under most D&O insurance, you will be reimbursed for your legal defense costs if you are sued, and the insurance will pay any settlement for claims covered by the policy, subject to any exclusions in the policy. Some insurance policies stipulate that the insurance company will provide you with a defense if you are sued. This prevents you from having to pay your attorney's fees and wait for reimbursement. **The American Brittany Club maintains D&O insurance with [Insert name of insurance carrier] in the amount of \$ _____. You should consult with our insurance broker if you have any questions about this type of insurance.**

You should consult with **The American Brittany Club's** attorney to determine whether you would be covered by **The American Brittany Club's** indemnification. In general, you will be eligible for indemnification as long as you acted in good faith and in the best interests of the organization.

8. Board Evaluation

The final task the Board must undertake is to periodically evaluate its own performance. Self-evaluation can be hard. Therefore, the Board should at least use a performance checklist to assist the members (see Appendix D). Some of the criteria are objective and easy to evaluate such as attendance at meetings. Other criteria are more subjective. However, it is important for the Board to meet annually to discuss how it can improve its performance. The Board should determine what skills the Board may be lacking, and whether it can recruit a new member with those skills. For example, is there a member of the Board with a background in finance, human resources, or the law? Moreover, each director must be engaged in the work of the Board. If the directors are not fully engaged in the Board's work, the Board should discuss what steps it should take to re-engage its members. Without a fully engaged Board, there is a likelihood that the work will fall on a few individuals. This will not only result in many tasks not being done, but will also put members of the Board who are most engaged at risk of becoming burned out. If efforts to re-engage a director do not work, the Board should be willing to ask the director with poor performance to resign from the Board, or to leave the Board at the end of his or her term. While evaluating the performance of individual members can be hard, it is important to remember that the Board's first duty is to serve the best interests of **The American Brittany Club** and not those of other members of the Board. Building a strong Board makes the Board's workload more manageable and improves the performance of each member of the Board of Directors.

Conclusion

Again, we want to express our appreciation of your willingness to serve as a director of **The American Brittany Club**. There are many exciting challenges ahead, and we are grateful that you have accepted the responsibility of being a member of the Board. As an organization, we are committed to giving you the resources you need to succeed. Also, we realize that as a new member, you have a background that is different from members of the Board who have served longer. Your presence enriches and renews the Board. Much of the information in this manual may seem overwhelming at first, but if you have any questions or if there is anything **The American Brittany Club** can do to assist you in your Board service, please speak to the officers of the Board or senior management.

We serve an important mission, and we believe that you will find serving on the Board a rich and rewarding experience. Thank you for joining us.

Appendix A

American Brittany Club Code of Ethics Adopted November 30, 1996

The following principles are to be used as an educational guide and a tool for Brittany breeders for the purpose to develop more genetic and disease free dogs, while being ethical in all matters with the public and with our peers.

Objective and Purpose: To promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittans and to encourage higher 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 "show dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog".

Ethical breeders should:

1. Comply with all ABC and AKC rules and regulations.
2. Maintain a high standard of health, care, and cleanliness for dogs under one's care.
3. Truthfully and realistically represent the Brittany being bred and/or sold in terms of quality, health, and genetic history. Refrain from breeding a bitch or using a stud until they are two (2) years old.
4. Consult with your breeder and with knowledgeable, experienced members of the ABC, regional clubs, or local kennel clubs to broaden your understanding and knowledge of the history of the breed BEFORE breeding your Brittany.
5. Breed only stock which are physically and temperamentally sound and in good health. No dog or bitch should be bred that is known to have serious inheritable defects or genetic diseases, such as: • canine hip/elbow dysplasia, primary epilepsy, a seizure disorder, • eye disorders – retinal atrophy, undescended testicles, • heart defects, extreme shyness, viciousness, other inheritable diseases or defects
6. Not attempt breeding without the ability to distinguish between correct and incorrect physical attributes. This ability requires a careful study of the breed standard, principles of genetics, and a study of both the sire and the dam's pedigrees. Breeders should study and learn the good points within our dogs, looking to both field ability and conformation.
7. Have their breeding stock OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals), GDC (Genetic Disease Control) or PennHip certification numbers for hips on, at least, both the sire and the dam; preferably for three (3) generations on both sides of the pedigree. In addition, other tests (brucellosis, eyes, elbows, and other unspecified tests) should be declared in agreement between owners of the sire and the dam prior to breeding.
8. Refuse to sell to commercial wholesalers, retail brokers, or research laboratories.
9. Have tails docked and dew claws removed soon after birth. Prior to the sale of the puppies, initial shots for known infectious diseases should be given and worming administered. A buyer should be supplied with a four-(4) generation pedigree, registration

certificate, information on all veterinary care, and instructions for the care, feeding, and training of the Brittany.

10. Remember your responsibility, as a breeder does not end with the sale of the puppy. A breeder should have contact with the buyer of a pup throughout the life of the dog. This information will enhance breeding knowledge and improve the foundation for a good long-term breeding program. This will also help your regional club to grow with new members and possible participants and workers.

11. Use spay/neuter agreements and/or consider limited registration if it is known or believed to manifest hereditary defects detrimental to the breed. **THE LONG TERM INTEREST OF THE BRITTANY SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY BREEDER.**

12. Consider DNA finger printing for all dogs in your breeding programs.

Appendix B

American Brittany Club Conflict of Interest Policy

Related Action Item from Robin Tomas

Motion: Create a Board Manual

A board manual serves two functions. For the new board member, it is an orientation handbook providing useful information. Experienced board members will find the manual handy reference guide and great time saver.

Materials can be added and removed to create an up-to-date reference. The board manual to be organized by the Secretary.

To develop a useful manual:
Suggested Manual Context

The Board

- Current board member contact list
- Board member responsibilities
- Listing of past recent Board members, highlight any willing to serve as mentors
- Committee listings with brief job description, current committee members

Club history

- Articles of Incorporation
- Constitution, Bylaws, and Code of Ethics
- Policy Book

Policies pertaining to the Board

- Insurance policy coverage summary
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Minutes and/or summaries from the last three to five years of board and general meetings

Finance

- Prior-year annual report
- Most recent audit report
- Current annual budget

ABC Agenda Items

By Steve Ralph

Proposed changes are in italics

1. Policy Book corrections regarding DNA (per the American Field).

- a. **DUTIES OF THE 3RD VICE PRESIDENT** (page 46)

Old:

16. Effective January 1, 2013: All dogs entered in any of the following American Brittany Club Sponsored Events must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or American Field. The AKC or American Field DNA number must be included on all entry forms.

- A. All American Brittany Club National Championship field events; NFC, NAFC, NGDC, and NAGDC and The American Brittany Club National Specialty Show, with the exception of dogs registered with an ILP/PAL number and dogs under the age of 2 years at the start of the event.

New:

16. All dogs entered in the ABC National Specialty Show (with the exception of dogs registered with an ILP/PAL number and dogs under the age of 2 years at the start of the event) must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or Field Dog Stud Book. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms.

b. AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS (page 91)

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New:

Remove item 11 as it is already listed in the QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS.

c. AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS (page 107)

Old:

7. It is recommended that all sires and dams of nominated litters have DNA profiles on file with the AKC or American Field.

New:

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d. AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (page 155)

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New:

8. All dogs entered in the ABC National Championships must have a DNA profile, either permanent or temporary, on record with the AKC or Field Dog Stud Book. The DNA number must be included on all entry forms. All placed dogs shall be required to have DNA on file with the Field Dog Stud Book for those Championship placements to be recorded in the Field Dog Stud Book.

e. AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (page 156)

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f. AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS (page 157)

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g. AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL GUN DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS (page 158)

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ABC Agenda Items
By Helen Riggle

Here are my Agenda Items for the meeting in November

Helen Riggle
East Central Director

BREEDER DIRECTORY/DATABASE

Most other AKC parent clubs have a parent club breeder directory hosted on their official and it is now, more than ever, the wave of the future. AKC itself has a Marketplace where litters of puppies are listed for a fee as well.

It is well past time for the ABC to embrace this concept as more and more shopping is done online.

By requiring breeders wishing to list themselves in the ABC Breeder Directory to be active ABC Members of at least 5 years, having them digitally sign our Breeder Code of Ethics and accessing an annual fee of at least \$100 (which works out to less than \$10/month).

There is a good deal of club revenue to be gained from adding such a Breeder Directory which can then help offset some of the other venues that have shown recent losses.

Putting forth the public image of an ABC Member Breeder referral as an option and hopefully the first stop in online shopping, is a good foot forward to adding to the benefits of becoming an active member of ABC.

Its job of the ABC to help educate would be puppy buyers in all things including but not limited to health testing, pedigree depth, career accomplishments and to help guide these folks into adding a healthy well bred Brittanys into their homes, rather than driving them to the myriad of other options that have cropped up on Facebook and online Gun Dog selling sites. To date, the American Brittanys For Sale Facebook Page has 2,276 active members. If only 10% of that active membership were to sign up to become part of ABC's Breeder Referral/Database page @ \$100/year, that money garnered would cover up to \$22,700 of losses that have been reported to date in other areas of ABC for 2015.

This concept can be tweaked to best reflect the needs/desires of the Membership such as a bi-monthly or bi annual listing service for less \$\$ but more renewal opportunity as well as the requirements to be able to list as a breeder. This would of course require a dedicated Breeder Database Chairman/Coordinator and

require that we have someone willing to do the job. We have had a qualified volunteer step up to offer services for this concept.

ANNUAL ABC BREEDER RECOGNITION

The Dog of The Year Program, which was approved last year, was very well received. The membership is excited to see their names on lists for their accomplishments and it us encouraging folks to get involved, get active and participate in their regional club activities.

I propose that we add a very simple Breeder of the Year program and put it into play for recognition at the Annual Banquet each November.

Categories to be included:

Show Breeder of the Year (based on # of new CHs garnered within the year)

Field Trial Breeder of the Year (based on # FC/AFC titles garnered within the year)

Hunt Test Breeder of the Year (based on # of HT titles garnered within the year)

Performance Breeder of the Year (based on the # of performance titles - any non field or show venue garnered within the year)

Cost involved would be \$150 AKC annual report which is a cost that can be split with the DOY program, cost of recognition Certificate/Plaque or Trophy. Estimated Budget required of less the \$500 could most possibly be a cost that could be sponsored.

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB GEAR PROGRAM AS MEMBERSHIP OFFERING

To date, each National venue has supplied their own version of wearable memorabilia at their events. The NSS offers Hoodies, Jackets, Sweatshirts, Gun Dog Nationals offers Caps and T shirts as does the All Age Championship.

From 2010 -2015 I was the Futurity Gear Chairman and we offered Windshirts, Hoodies and the Dri-Duck, Pheasant, Quail as well as Plain Caps, all custom embroidered for the participants with their choice of names and the ABC Logo, the host club and year. Overall it was a nice success, not making money but not costing the Club money either. The participants LOVED being able to have customized gear available to them and it is a perk that the Futurity participants wear all year and beyond with pride. I stepped away from the program as chairman in 2015 when the Futurity Committee was having trouble keeping things going forward without it being an internal battlefield.

Having official ABC gear available to the Membership is an excellent way to encourage membership and pride in our Club. I propose that we form an all Inclusive Gear Committee to oversee the unification of the offerings of Gear for all 5 of the National events that ABC hosts annually (GDN, NAA, NSS, FUTURITY and SUMMER Specialty). I think that the official ABC Logo should be required on ALL of the gear offered at these events and that we should bring all of the business under one roof of one embroidery house. The embroidery house should be chosen based on bids garnered by the Committee and the business contract with the chosen embroidery house should be renewed annually.

The Committee should be made up of a chairperson and one member from each event committee so that the choice of gear for each event can be chosen to reflect the style/season/season/season of each event for each year. The gear should be made available via our website/Facebook in a member's only section and offered all year long.

Rationale:

An ABC Gear Program and Committee will unify what is being offered and sold across the board, while still preserving the flavor of each event. It will take the financial strain off of the individual events of having to order "XYZ minimum" amounts for sale at each event, eliminating having overages that need sold after the event is over and allowing the event participants pre order and pay for their gear ahead of time. Offering the gear year round gives the opportunity for larger sales. The ABC logo Digitization is under one roof per year (not 2-3 as has been in the past and better quality control can be monitored.) A 5-member committee plus the Chairman would be able to choose and offer gear that is unique to their individual events, yet still be unified within ABC.

Respectfully Submitted
Helen Riggle -East Central Director

ABC Agenda Items
From Brian Hendrickson

Agenda Items:

1. In light of the \$8000 surplus projected to be in our income budget, the need for increased participation and raising the bar on the overall significance of our national events, I think that the ABC should allocate \$1.00 per recording fee to go toward purse money for the 3 main National events. These 3 events shall be the National Open All Age Championship, The National Open Gun Dog Championship, and National Specialty Show, with a 25% portion held to be split as prize money for two Handler of the Year awards, going to a named handler for both Gun Dog and the All Age venues. Monies garnered from starter fees generated by the juvenile entry money can be put toward increasing the purses to the top placing futurity dogs in each of the 3 regions. The adult starter fees should be allocated by their respective stakes as well (Gun dog entries get gun dog starter fees, All Age to get the appropriate starter fee as well. The allocated \$1 from the Specialty shows should be put toward the NSS Best Of Breed winner.

Purses may only be paid out to current ABC members in good standing. Only Brittany sponsored trials and placements by dogs with owners that are current ABC memberships to count. Handlers must be current ABC members as well. Amateur handlers only receive points for dogs personally owned.

Other breeds have these purses and Handler of the year awards and have great success with these programs bolstering entries and making their national and top Handlers more prestigious.

2. The ABC to include a required Shooting Dog stake as well as an offered Amateur hour stake, (either Shooting Dog or All Age, depending on host club/venue) for the Chicken, Quail, Pheasant, and Chukar Classics. These stakes would be run concurrently with each corresponding Classic. Many other breeds do this and have very good success. It is well known that many Gun Dogs sit idle for long periods at a time during the Fall when the Pros are entered at the Classics with no place to run their Gun Dogs. This affords the chance for these dogs to compete, the Pros to garner more of a paycheck and the inclusion of the Amateurs in the Classic venues. This ideology also adds four more hour stakes that shall count towards the Tri Tronics Shooting Dog Award, which has few places for dogs to garner hour points. If time is a factor, then limit dogs to be run in All Age or the Shooting Dog and no dog may not be entered to run both ways.
3. ALL ABC reimbursed expenses over \$50.00 must be accompanied by a receipt.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Hendrickson

ABC Agenda Items
From Robin Tomasi

Action Item: 3 pt major at Brittany Field trial to finish FC or AFC

Since becoming Director, I have received requests from members to do away with the 3 pt major at a Brittany trial requirement. The recent survey sent out by the 2nd VP provides us with a tool to survey the membership to determine if this is the wish of the majority.

MOTION: Send survey via survey monkey and publish an alert in the magazine notifying members about the survey being sent out along with a hard copy for members without email addresses in magazine to poll current ABC members about removing the 3 pt major requirement. Members must be current full voting members, and only submit survey responses once. All surveys sent in from magazine must be signed or they will not be accepted.



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MOTION



16 EMAIL MOTION

TO RAISE NATIONAL ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEES

Motion by: Director STEVE RALPH, CENTRAL REGION

Seconded by: Director RON GULEMBO, EAST CENTRAL REGION

Motion Made: THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016

7 days discussion: THURSDAY 7/28/2016-WEDNESDAY 8/3/2016

5 days votes are open: THURSDAY 8/4/2016-MONDAY 8/8/2016

Motion: I move that the National All Age Championship entry fees be increased to \$190 and the Entry Fees listed in APPENDIX 1 – 2016 SCHEDULE OF FEES/EXPENSES of the ABC Policy Book changed to the following

Entry Fees

\$175.00 National Gun Dog (Open/Amateur)

\$190.00 National All Age (Open/Amateur)

Rationale:

Due to an increase in grounds fees to be charged by Blue Mountain Conservation Association from \$8 a dog to \$20 a dog, I request the ABC Board increase the National All Age Championship entry from the present \$175 to \$190.

MOTION PASSED WITH 15 YES VOTES

Action at AKC

October 2016 by Jeri K Conklin

Past AKC Results

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN – June 2016

CAMELOT'S MYTHICAL WIZARD MERLIN CGC (D) by Cedaridge Tri-Tip Kip x FC KWK Windswept Guinevere Of Camelot JH, o Pamela Sue Hartley & Gary Dave Hartley, b Jeri Kay Conklin
SIGBRIT'S TRIED AND TRUE CGC (D) by GCHS CH Labyrinth N Illusion Slippery When Wet JH x Kinwashkly Ginjac Ft Barbie JHA, o Ms. Helen J Marchesseault & Simon Marchesseault, b Jeffrey A Currier & Bobbie L Sigmund

AKC Results for July 2016

DUAL CHAMPION

DC LACEY MTN'S B CAMPBELL LITTLE JESTER JH (D) by GCHS CH Copley Can Do Magnum Opus Grand Sam RE x CH Barb's Miss Lacey Girl, o Ben Campbell & Jacqui Campbell, b Jim Stevens & Barbara Stevens

CHAMPION – bred by exhibitor

CH HICKORY HILL'S FEARLESS (B) by CH Sanbar's Wings Of Thor x GCH CH Hickory Hill's Only Prettier, o Anne Parchman & Marla Parchman, b Anne Parchman & Marla Parchman
CH KEILI'S GOLDSTAR KIR ROYALE BN RA JH OA OAJ NF (B) by GCHG CH MACH2 Brookewood's Just Too Hot UD RE MXG MJC MXF T2B2 x CH Swift River's Believe I Can BN RAE JH NA NAJ OAP OJP NF OFP CA, o E Susan Drazek, b Patricia John & E Susan Drazek
CH SOVEREIGN'S LEGENDARY MUSTANG (B) by GCHS CH Sovereign's Chasing Legends x CH Tequila's Red Corvette JH, o Joe Droel & Dawn Droel & Jessica Carlson, b Jessica Carlson & Dawn Droel

CHAMPION

DC BRETON'S SAM I AM (D) by FC Breton's Soleil De Midi x French Roast Pepper SH, o Gordon Theilen, b Charles L Gilpin & Helen C Gilpin
CH BRITT HAVEN'S INTERNATIONAL SCOUT (D) by CH Triumphant's Torrid Beat JH x Britt Haven's Hot Tinder Box, o John Sposato, b Emile J Berlet M.D.
CH COPLEY CALIAH'S UP A CRICK (B) by GCHG CH Shelttany's Against All Odds x GCH CH Libertie-Copley More Mimosa?, o Shellie Sytsma & Mary Brown, b Emily E Fuzette & Karen Hanson & Robin Tomasi & Barbara Dayton
CH COPLEY-SHELTANY ECHO OF ANGELS JH (B) by GCHG CH Shelttany's Against All Odds x GCH CH Libertie-Copley More Mimosa?, o Mr. Julio C Rodriguez, b Emily E Fuzette & Karen Hanson & Robin Tomasi & Barbara Dayton
CH DOGWOOD HOLLOW HI-HOPE ON THE C'S (D) by GCH CH Dogwood Hollow So Be It x CH Dogwood Hollow Sweet Home Alabama, o Mary Ctibor & Elizabeth Ctibor, b Mary Ctibor & Cheryl Mika & Geri O Clements & Elizabeth Ctibor
CH DOGWOOD HOLLOW IN A FLASH (D) by GCHP CH Star Flight Jumpin Jack Flash RN OA AXJ CGC x GCHB CH Dogwood Hollow Little Surfer Girl, o Megan Krautkramer & Marie Starsiak, b Geri O Clements &

Cheryl Mika & Jennifer Burlingame & Aaron Burlingame Jr.
CH DREAM HI'S MI AMORE JH (B) by GCHP CH Dream Hi's Don'T Hate The Player Hate The Game x CH Sandbar Dream Hi's Always One Step Ahead, o Jerry Anderson & Kristina Rickard & LuAnne Box, b Kristina Rickard & Lori Rickard & Sarah Mackney
CH DUBOIS RIDGE SUPER SONIC (D) by Buck's Just Wanbli Sum-Buddy x Buck's Jen Of Jansen, o Mr. Henry Reynolds DuBois III, b Artur Dziekan
CH GO NORTH'S HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS (B) by GCHS CH Marsport Hot To Ride Lucky Seven MH x CH Wyngold's Formal Colors, o Scott Lubin & Elaine Bartlett & Petrita Lubin, b Elaine Bartlett
CH HICKORY HILL'S SPARKS FLY (D) by CH Sanbar's Wings Of Thor x GCH CH Hickory Hill's Only Prettier, o Anne Parchman & Marla Parchman, b Anne Parchman & Marla Parchman
CH HORIZON'S COME FLY WITH ME JH (D) by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x GCH CH Shady Brook's Measure For Measure, o Marysusan & Scott Janowski & Lisa Marie Tailby, b Lisa Marie Tailby
CH HORIZON'S PRINCE CHARMING (D) by CH Mustang's Sterling Edition SH x GCH CH Shady Brook's Measure For Measure, o William Dube, b Lisa Marie Tailby
DC KINWASHKLY TEMPO (D) by FC AFC Trademark's Iceman x Kinwashkly French Velour, o Joyce Miley & LESLIE ANDREAS, b Leslie A Andreas
CH MARSPORT SAUCY NOSE ROUSER (D) by GCHS CH Marsport Hot To Ride Lucky Seven MH x CH Marsport Tribute To Trouble JH, o Roger Lautt, b John W Marsman
CH MY TREY'S PRINCE OF NORWAY STKS (D) by GCH CH My Triple Credit Stks JH CA x GCH CH My Dual Lanes Let Freedom Ring Stks, o Thomas Schrank & Sandra Schrank, b Thomas Schrank & Sandra Schrank
CH RENEGADE'S AMMO'S TOBY (D) by DC AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief JH x CH Ammo's Some Like It Hot, o Diana Kubitz & Ashlee Whitcomb, b Sandra Leavens & Gary Leavens
CH RIVERMIST BROXDEN SOVEREIGNMVP (D) by GCHS CH Sovereign's Chasing Legends x GCH CH Rivermist Broxden Best I Feather Seen JH, o Dawn Droel & Joe Droel & Jessica Carlson, b Allyson Godfroid & Phil Booth & Amy Booth
CH SANDSTONE SHADES OF CHARLEMAGNE (D) by DC Delane Speak Of The Devil x CH Ranneys Amazing Grace JH, o Janet Ranney & Michael F Ranney, b Janet Ranney & Michael F Ranney
CH TJ'S GREATEST JOY (B) by DC Shadow Attack x Sniksoh Tequila Caliente, o Joe Cummings & Scott Kohler, b Ed Tillson
CH TRIO-TONAN'S ON MY OWN (B) by GCHP CH Rainbow Splash's Ruggedly Handsome x CH Magicbrit-Tonan Moonlight Sonata, o Karen Livingston & Clint Livingston, b Karen Livingston & Clint Livingston
CH TRIUMPHANT'S ABSOLUTELY STIRRED UP (B) by CH Triumphant's Absolutely G.Q. JH x CH Kala's Time After Time, o Diane Requet & Linda McCartney-Roy, b Linda McCartney-Roy & Ms. Cassandra Hamaker
CH TRIUMPHANT'S BARBI DOLL (B) by CH Triumphant's Absolutely G.Q. JH x GCH CH Triumphant's Centerfold JH, o David Downing, b

Linda R McCartney-Roy & Kristyn McCartney

CH TURNING POINTS SHENANIGANS (B) by GCH DC Masked Jack Of Diamonds x CH Copley Wincrest Grand Theft Auto JH, o Julie Nelson, b Carol Fornaciari & Robin Tomasi

CH WILD MTN'S NO DOUBT (B) by GCHB DC Triumphant's Absolut' On Ice x Wild Mtn's Thunderstruck, o Helen Riggie & Frank Watters, b Helen Riggie

CH WINDTUCK MILLETTE DORA EXPLORER (B) by GCH CH Millette's On Target x Windtuck's Full of Grace, o Leslee Jane Masolotte & Michelle Millette, b Mr. Phillip Roland Steiner

GRAND CHAMPION

GCH CH BRIGADIERS DUAL LANES MEDAL OF HONOR JH (D) by CH Dualan Marsport Supercharger x GCHG CH Shamrock Rivals Bolt Out Of The Blue, o Herb & Donna Harrison USAF (Ret.) & Mike & Julie Lee USAF (Ret.), b Mike Lee & Phil Booth & Julie Lee & Amy Booth

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

GCH CH CREDIT KAZE'S ROCK N REIGN AX OAJ NF CGC (D) by GCH CH Chilcote's Credit Genius x MACH2 Credit Kaze With A Perfect Diamond MXC MJB2 MXF MFS T2B2, o CHRISTINE HARRISON & Steven Harrison, b Victoria MacVicar & Robert J Howell & Jessie Schulz

GCH CH DIAMOND CREEK'S GUNS N' ROSES CD BN RN JH CGC (D) by CH N. Penn's Electric Magic CD RN JH NA NAJ CGC x CH Triumphant's Too Hot To Touch CD RN JH CGC, o Amy Budke & David Budke, b Amy Budke & David Budke

GCH CH HOPE'S CHRISTMAS SNO STORM (B) by GCHB CH Magic Storm Of The Century x CH Hope's You'Ve Got To Be Kiddin Me, o Lyn L Vergati, b Diane Zdrodowski & Douglas Tighe

GCH CH SARADAC'S SMOKIN' BLANCA TATANKA (B) by GCH DC AFC Flashfire's Bang-A-Gong x CH Saradac's Paradox, o Jane Bjork & Dorothy Boyatzi, b Edward Kostka Jr. & Darlene A Dow

GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE

GCHB CH CALDREAM'S UP OVER AND OUT (B) by GCH CH Gaitway-Sandbar Silver Spoon x CH Premier's Jingle All The Way, o Nancy Reardon, b Eleanor Reardon

GCHB CH MAPLE BROOK'S GREAT BALLS OF FIRE JH CGC (D) by CH Omega's Red Granite JH x GCHB CH Triumphant's Absolute Evel JH CGC, o Mrs. Peggy Aguiar, b Mrs. Peggy Aguiar

GCHB CH ORY'S CATC ME IF YOU CAN (B) by GCH DC Ory's Marshal Dillon SH x CH Copley's Casino Royale, o Joy Ory & Timothy J Ory, b Joy Ory

GRAND CHAMPION GOLD

GCHG CH BIG OAKS MAMMA MIA'S STAR SOPHIA (B) by DC AFC Grand Junction Jake x CH Big Oaks Oh Yes She Can, o Barbara Brannan, b Louise M Brown & Barbara D Brannan

GRAND CHAMPION PLATINUM

GCHP CH DREAM HI'S DON'T HATE THE PLAYER HATE THE GAME (D) by GCHP CH Mich's Mt Ready Aim Fire x GCH CH Castle's Sleeping Beauty Zoei, o Tom Rickard & Lori Rickard, b Joseph Ramondetta

FIELD CHAMPION

DC LACEY MTN'S B CAMPBELL LITTLE JESTER JH (D) by GCHS CH Copley Can Do Magnum Opus Grand Sam RE x CH Barb's Miss Lacey Girl, o Ben Campbell & Jacqui Campbell, b Jim Stevens & Barbara Stevens

COMPANION DOG

BAILEY SZYMCZAK CD BN RN (D) by Unknown x Unknown, o JEFF SZYMCZAK, b UNASSIGNED

EMMA CLARK CD (B), o Terri Clark

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

COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT

MT VIEW'S ILLUMANOTTA CDX JH NA NAJ (B) by CH Mt View's Shooting Star MHA x CH Mt View's Lady Day MHA, o Jacqueline Erickson, b Charles Strunk

GRADUATE OPEN

CH VOYAGEUR'S STARS & STRIPES CDX BN GO 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

RALLY NOVICE

BUDDAH'S BRAVEHEART WILDTHING RN CAA RATN CGC (D) by CH Wildthings Tobias Braveheart x Bob's Bright Penny, o Lori Diem & Brianna Diem, b Robert W. Utterback Sr.

COVAN'S MAJOR MAGIC RN CGC (B), o Eleanor Krassen Covan

CH GOLDSTAR'S DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE RN JH CA (B) by GCH DC NAGDC AFC Triumphant's To Hot To Handle JH x CH Swift River's Believe I Can BN RAE JH NA NAJ OAP OJP NF OFP CA, o Patricia John, b Patricia John

TOP SHELF'S MIDNIGHT STAR RN (D) by CH Jordean Up All Night x GCHG CH Millette's Sweet Memories CD BN JH AX AXJ NAP NJP NF, o Jackie Mccann, b Wendy A Archinal & Gail Schmieder & Jennifer Krieger

RALLY ADVANCED

COOPER RA NAP OJP NFP (D), o Shirley L. Bigelow & Gary C. Bigelow
LADY BELLE OF SPRINGBROOK CDX BN RA CGCA (B) by Thunderbolt Spirit-Brave Kiowa x Miss Em's Little Sure Shot, o Candace Tavormina & Joel Tavormina, b Rae Hempel

RALLY EXCELLENT

CONNECT THE DOTZ CDX GN RE NJP CGC (B), o Jenna Zeidler & Mike Zeidler

JUNIOR HUNTER

CH DREAM HI'S RSVP ONLY JH (D) by GCHP CH Dream Hi's Don'T Hate The Player Hate The Game x CH Sandbar Dream Hi's Always One Step Ahead, o Kristina Rickard & Lori Rickard & Sarah Mackney, b Kristina Rickard & Lori Rickard & Sarah Mackney

DREAM HIS RSVP HOLD THE APPLAUSE JH (D) by GCHP CH Dream

Hi's Don'T Hate The Player Hate The Game x CH Sandbar Dream Hi's Always One Step Ahead, o Kristina Rickard & Lori Rickard & Sheri Saul, b Kristina Rickard & Lori Rickard & Sarah Mackney
GERSTDALE'S ARWEN OF RIVENDELL JH (B) by CH Copley's Gunnery Sergeant JH x GCH CH Gerstdale's Take The Money N'Run JH, o Gayle Partmann & John Partmann, b Debbie Inferrera
GCH CH MILLETTE'S TRIBUTE JH (D) by GCH CH Millette's On Target x CH Mich's Mt Millette Drama Queen, o Rick Perez & Cheri Perez, b Michelle Millette & Michelle Chaney
POWDER RIVER'S HE STOLE MY HEART AT BANNER MTN JH (D) by GCH CH Breton's Captain Gold Dust x GCHB CH Powder River's Catchin The Heart Of The Team JH, o Glenda J Mazzuca & Larry R Mazzuca, b Glenda J Mazzuca & Cheryl Krajcar

NOVICE AGILITY

GUGIN'S PRIME CUT JH NA (D) by DC Tnt's Sirius Renegade Buddy Boy x GCH DC GFC AFC Tnt's Raise'N A Ruckus, o Cassandra & Jeffrey Gugin, b Tommy Thomas & Linda Thomas
CH KINSHIP'S TRIUMPHANT PURSUIT JH NA NAJ CGC (D) by GCH CH Triumphant's The Heat Is On JH x GCHB CH Triumphant Absolute Liberty Of Kinship JHA MX MXB MXJ MJS OF T2B CGC, o Kimberly Hatton, b Kimberly Hatton

OPEN AGILITY

BLUSHIN' ROSIE OA OAJ (B) by DC AFC Auten's Ranger Rudy Rjij x Heartland Lola, o Ana Sarcheck, b Christopher W Mitzel
CH KEILI'S BLUE SAPPHIRE HOT AUGUST NIGHT BN OA NAJ (B) by GCHG CH MACH2 Brookewood's Just Too Hot UD RE MXG MJC MXF T2B2 x CH Credit's My Heart Skips A Beat, o Susan Osmansky & L. E. Osmansky & E. Sue Drazek, b Patricia Rosado & E Susan Drazek & Gina Currier
MARIAD'S FLYING REDHEAD OA OAJ (B) by Windswept Ridge's Gunsmoke x Windswept Ridge's Shamrock, o Mariann Jackson & John R Jackson, b Gary Ramsey D.V.M.
ZOEY OF HYPOINTE OA OAJ OF (B) by Ff Cacciatore's T-Bone SH x Hypointe Clearspring Brooke, o Sandy Crighton & Jeff Crighton, b Nick Mellon

AGILITY EXCELLENT

CH RICHLYNN'S MIGHTY QUINN OF LYRIC BN AX AXJ (D) by GCHS CH Dogwood Hollow Bengal Zero Zero x CH Magic In The Air Tonight, o Debra Weisgarber, b Elaine Rhodes & Becky Rao

MASTER SILVER AGILITY

CH MACH RUSTINS TREASURE OF THE SIERRAS RN MXS MJB2 MXF T2B (B) by Cimmaron's Nightkap UDX OA AXJ x MACH9 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXS3 MJS4 MXP NJP MXF T2B, o Aimee Schilling & Colleen Driscoll & Terrence Santelli, b Colleen Driscoll & Aimee Schilling

MASTER CENTURY AGILITY

MACH2 CREDIT KAZE WITH A PERFECT DIAMOND MXC MJB2 MXF MFS T2B2 (B) by GCHS CH Credit Where Credit Is Due x CH MACH3 Chilcote Kaze Jewel On Fire MXS2 MJG2 MXF MFB TQX T2B2, o Victoria MacVicar & Robert J Howell & Jessie Schulz, b Robert J Howell & Victoria Howell

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT PREFERRED 2

MACH5 MARJO'S DEMON IN THE RUFF MXS2 MJG2 MXP2 MJP2 MJPB MXF MFS TQX T2B2 (B) by FC AFC Marjo's Red Rum x Elyssa's Allie Baba, o Janice E Barkby, b Marsha Luisi

MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT PREFERRED 3

CH MACH MILLETTE'S DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' JH MXG MJS MXP3 MXPB MJPB PAX OF (D) by CH Castle's How Sweet It Is x CH Millette's Marilyn Merlot, o Andrea Lee, b Michelle Millette & Cathy Dugan & Beverly Millette

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER

AJAX ARCTIC BLAST NA NAJ (D) by FC AFC Ajax VII x Ajax Darcy Dark Side, o Ana Sarcheck, b John Marinelli & Judith Marinelli
CREDIT CHILCOTE'S WITH SONIC GENIUS NAJ (D) by GCH CH Chilcote's Credit Genius x GCH CH Credit's Tarnished Copper Penny, o Maribeth Helgesen, b Jessie Schulz & Kathleen Krzeszewski

NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED

CONNECT THE DOTZ CDX GN RA NJP CGC (B), o Jenna Zeidler & Mike Zeidler

OPEN AGILITY JUMPER

BLUSHIN' ROSIE OA OAJ (B) by DC AFC Auten's Ranger Rudy Rjij x Heartland Lola, o Ana Sarcheck, b Christopher W Mitzel
CH RUSTIN'S FUTURE'S SO BRIGHT OA OAJ (B) by GCH CH MACH4 Credit Kaze's Capital Gains RN MXS2 MJS2 XF T2B x CH MACH Rustins Treasure Of The Sierras RN MXS MJB2 MXF T2B, o Ms. Colleen M Driscoll & Aimee M Schilling & Terrence M Santelli, b Aimee Schilling & Colleen Driscoll & Terrence Santelli
ZOEY OF HYPOINTE NA OAJ NF (B) by Ff Cacciatore's T-Bone SH x Hypointe Clearspring Brooke, o Sandy Crighton & Jeff Crighton, b Nick Mellon

EXCELLENT AGILITY JUMPER

GCHP CH STAR FLIGHT JUMPIN JACK FLASH RN OA AXJ CGC (D) by CH Dogwood Hollow Hammerin' Hank x CH Dogwood Hollow C Me Fly CDX RAE JH AX AXJ NAP NJP NF, o Jacqueline Ceres, b Marie Starsiak

EXCELLENT AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED

BUBBLIN TIPSYPY LEE VCD2 BN GN RAE3 NAJ AXP AJP (B) by Prince Gavins Jewel x Grousen Savanna Lee, o Brenda Cheryl Goldman, b Loyd R Mccubbins

MASTER GOLD JUMPER 2

MACH3 COOPER MXC MJG2 OF T2B (D), o Amanda Mccgavin

MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER PREFERRED 3

MACH5 MARJO'S DEMON IN THE RUFF MXS2 MJG2 MXP2 MJP3 MJPB MXF MFS TQX T2B2 (B) by FC AFC Marjo's Red Rum x Elyssa's Allie Baba, o Janice E Barkby, b Marsha Luisi

AGILITY FAST NOVICE

KEILI N GINJAC JUST A LITTLE TOO HOT OA OAJ NF (B) by GCHG CH MACH2 Brookewood's Just Too Hot UD RE MXG MJC MXF T2B2 x CH Ginjac The Magic Touch, o Mrs. Janice Elaine Brunner, b Gina Currier & E Susan Drazek & Steve Stewart

CH KEILI'S BLUE SAPPHIRE HOT AUGUST NIGHT BN OA NAJ NF (B) by GCHG CH MACH2 Brookewood's Just Too Hot UD RE MXG MJC MXF T2B2 x CH Credit's My Heart Skips A Beat, o Susan Osmansky & L. E. Osmansky & E. Sue Drazek, b Patricia Rosado & E Susan Drazek & Gina Currier

AGILITY FAST OPEN

CH KEILI'S GOLDSTAR KIR ROYALE BN RA JH OA OAJ OF (B) by GCHG CH MACH2 Brookewood's Just Too Hot UD RE MXG MJC MXF T2B2 x CH Swift River's Believe I Can BN RAE JH NA NAJ OAP OJP NF OFF CA, o E Susan Drazek, b Patricia John & E Susan Drazek

ZOEY OF HYPOINTE OA OAJ OF (B) by FF Cacciatore's T-Bone SH x Hypointe Clearspring Brooke, o Sandy Crighton & Jeff Crighton, b Nick Mellon

AGILITY FAST EXCELLENT

CH TOP SHELF'S JOYFUL LEE JH AX MXJ XF (B) by CH Jordean Up All Night x GCHG CH Millette's Sweet Memories CD BN JH AX AXJ NAP NJP NF, o Andrea Lee, b Wendy A Archinal & Gail Schmieder & Jennifer Krieger

AGILITY MASTER FAST EXCELLENT

FRANKIE BACALAITO COQUI MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B2 CGC (D) by Loaded For Bear x Daisy Flashing K, o Mr. Niclaus E Taulai & Mrs. Raquel D Martinez, b Tracie Kolacek

WILD MTN THUNDERBIRD JH MX MXJ MXF T2B CAX (D) by CH AFC Requets Above And Beyond RN JH x Wild Mtn's Thunderstruck, o Jamie Thompson, b Kristi Anglen & Carl Anglen & Helen Riggle & Brian D Riggle

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION

MACH SWIFT RIVER'S SWEET DECEIT MXS MJB OF (B) by DC Country Road's Rough Rider x CH Swift River's Hot Lil' Number JH, o Sharon Buehler, b David W Phillips & Frances N Phillips

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION 11

GCH CH MACH11 RUSTINS JEWELER'S APPRENTICE MXC3 MJB4 MXF T2B2 (B) by Cimmaron's Nightkap UDX OA AXJ x MACH9 Rustins Valuable Treasure JH MXS3 MJS4 MXP NJP MXF T2B, o Colleen Driscoll & Aimee Schilling, b Colleen Driscoll & Aimee Schilling

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BEST IN SHOW/RESERVE BEST IN SHOW AND GROUP PLACEMENTS

GCH CH BLUERIDGE'S SPIRIT (D), G STERN

2 – Mount Bachelor Kennel Club - A D Hussin

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2 – Southern Maryland Kennel Club, Inc. – Mrs. E E Berg

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4 – Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc. – E Sweigart

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

1 – Lost Coast Kennel Club of California – Ms. D L Malenfant

3 – Lost Coast Kennel Club of California – Dr. S Keating

2 – Lost Coast Kennel Club of California – Ms. C Ringstrom

GCHB CH GET A BIRD ALL IN ONE MIRACLE JH (B), M O'donnell/L O'donnell

4 – Nita Nee Kennel Club, Inc. – Mrs. P D Smith

GCHS CH LABYRINTH N ILLUSION SLIPPERY WHEN WET JH (D), Karen Hanson

1 – Huntington Kennel Club, Inc. – Dr. R I Spritzer

GCHB CH ORY'S CATCH ME IF YOU CAN (B), J Ory/T Ory

4 – Flagstaff Kennel Club – M Macke

2 – Flagstaff Kennel Club – Dr. G Morgan-Jones

GCHB CH SUNQUEST STAR VUE'S SPECIAL EDITION (D), L Hartnek/M Barwick

3 – Central Wyoming Kennel Club, Inc. – Dr. S Keating

GCHB CH TRIUMPHANT'S CHANCES ARE (D), K McCartney

3 – Chenango Valley Kennel Club – Mrs. P Hartinger

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GCH CH BRIGADIERS MOLLY'S LITTLE DOLLY JH CA DJ (B), A Stellwagg Stellwagg Giebel

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OHG1 – Greenville Kennel Club – Dr. R A Indeglia

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CHCREDIT KAZE'S ROCK N REIGN AX OAJ NF CGC (D), C Harrison/Harrison

OHG1 – Southern Maryland Kennel Club, Inc. – Mrs. E E Berg

CH MAGICBRIT TONAN HOPE LIGHTING THIEF (D), R Crisler/J Crisler

OHG4 – Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Club, Inc. – Mrs A F Yuhasz

GCH CH SARDAC'S LOCKED N LOADED JH GCG B), J Hightower/L MCCARTNEY-ROY

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The Empire Ranch, which sits within the NCA, is host to no fewer than four species of quail. The *Gambel's* quail is by far the best known. Found throughout the state, this bird is often hunted in open desert country where they are more apt to run or flush than hold for a dog. The *Gambel's* jaunty, plumed topknot makes for ready identification, along with the male's bright russet cap, black face and bib, and cream-colored belly marked with a black horseshoe. The *scaled* quail is found primarily in the open country of eastern Arizona, this quail too is more likely to run than hold. This species displays a white, conical crest, hence the common name of "cottontop." It is bigger bird than the *Gambel's* quail. *Mearns'* quail are the largest and most striking, yet also the most secretive of Arizona's quails. Long, scythe-shaped claws that are used for digging show that these birds are ground-dwellers, and they hold so well for a dog that this species has come to be known as Arizona's greatest game bird. Most dog clubs holding field trials use Bob-white and Tennessee Reds to supplement the wild bird population.

The area supports a rich abundance of grassland. A variety of trees break up the expansive pastures. Cottonwoods, willows, and ash hug the banks of Cienega Creek. Mesquite and Juniper thrive on the hills. Don't be surprised if you encounter a herd of Pronghorn or coati.

With names like Mud Springs Canyon, Cinco Canyon, and Empire Gulch how could you not plan to hunt and field trial with us at the Empire Ranch? Oh...did we mention that the Sonoita-Elgin area is also famous for its wineries? Come join us.

Field Trials

MIDWEST

INDIAN NATIONS
Lake Murray State Park
Ardmore, OK
March 11-13, 2016

Open Puppy (8S)

- 1 - FIRESTARTER'S DOUBLE CROSSED, o A. Christensen
- 2 - CHISHOLM TRAILS DECKD OUT N DIAMONDS, o S. Sparrow
- 3 - SCOUT ME UP GUNN, o J. & M. Jergens
- 4 - MUD ON THE TIRES, o J. Carlson

Open Derby (8S)

- 1 - HIGHPOINT SPIKE'S SOUTHERN GAL, o T. Baer
- 2 - A TRACE OF BOURBON WIT DIAMONDS, o L. Graham & J. Buckner
- 3 - I AM TEN, o R. Helton
- 4 - J&M TUFF ENUF TUCK, o M. & J. Crawford

Amateur Gun Dog (8S)

- 1 - TRIPLE SHOT OF SOUTHERN COMFORT, o R. & M. Beaver
- 2 - FC TLM COPILOT, o H. Gerardy
- 3 - FC/AFC BEAVER'S STARIGHT ARROW CUTTER, o R. & A. Beaver
- 4 - Withheld



ST. CLAIR'S PRINCE ROCCO VULCANO LEO

Open Gun Dog (22S)

- 1 - CH TURNINGPTS LANDSLIDE, o J. Nelson
- 2 - CH ALAR'S DIRTY DANCER, o J. Carlson
- 3 - FC/AFC ST. CLAIR'S PRINCE ROCCO VULCANO LEO, o J. St. Clair
- 4 - CH SHILOH'S PREMIERE LADY OAKS, o C. & L. Robinson

Open All Age (15S)

- 1 - FC MK'S MAGNIFICENT BANDITO, o B. & M. Oliver
- 2 - FC CHECOTE, o R. & C. Mantler
- 3 - EZECHIEL OF HUNTER'S PRIDE SH, o M. Mihalka
- 4 - TEQUILA SCORCHER, o C. Crain



CHECOTE

WEST COAST

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
Hastings Island Preserve
Rio Vista, CA
August 20-21, 2016

First the birds, then the humans, dogs and horses came alive as the sun rose over the Hastings Island Hunting Preserve. Thankfully, the cool delta breeze blessed the start of our walking trial. It takes a village to put on a field trial and we had the best village helping us. Everyone pitched in and helped, most without even our asking! We had 109 dogs run between the hours of 8-4 and everything went smoothly in two days. The bird planters all worked tirelessly throughout the weekend to get the birds out in the perfect spots. Our judges spent very long, hot hours in the saddle to watch this great group of dogs run. Placements weren't easy to come by as the completion was stiff in the broke dog stakes. Puppies had fun learning to navigate the tall marsh grasses and the derby dogs found an interesting mix of planted chukar, as well as the native birds one often encounters on the preserve. Handlers were great at being on the line ready to go and spectators got to see some exciting dogs work. "Thank you" couldn't be said enough times this weekend. So I'll say it one last time, THANK YOU to everyone who came and enjoyed our trial; to those who travelled long distances (Washington and Oregon States); to all who

pitched in the help; and to everyone at the preserve that got our birds to us and made sure it was going smoothly. Congratulations to all our placements! We worked hard, played hard and had fun with our dogs! Couldn't ask for a better weekend. When the sun set on the horizon Sunday night, all was quiet once again and the cool delta breeze continued to blow.

Amateur Walking Puppy (10S)

J: Roy Smith & Sarah Chvileick

- 1 - R N QUAILPOINT BLACKRIVER RUSTY SPUR (D), GSP
- 2 - DIXON RIDGE FRANCHI V PARKER (B), GWP
- 3 - SUNDANCE KID'S RENEGADE MARSHALL (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corrals Sundance Kid x Tabette JHA; o James Sterling Cullor, h Scott Azevedo
- 4 - DIXON RIDGE B. CITORI V PARKER (D), GWP

Open Walking Puppy (11S)

J: James Murphy & Karen Holmes

- 1 - SUNDANCE KID'S RENEGADE MARSHALL (D), by NAFC/FC/AFC Spanish Corrals Sundance Kid x Tabette JHA; o James Sterling Cullor, h Scott Azevedo
- 2 - DIXON RIDGE B CITORI V PARKER (D), GWP
- 3 - DIXON RIDGE FRANCHI V PARKER (B), GWP
- 4 - BRETON'S TURBO LEXY (B), by FC Une's Blazing Jake MH x C-Bisquit Runner In Paris For Breton; o Aaron Douglas Cullor, h Scott Azevedo

Amateur Walking Derby (9S)

J: James Simmons & Roy Smith

- 1 - NMK'S LITTLE SURFER GIRL (B), GSP
- 2 - GCH/CH DOUBLEEE'S KISSES FROM UP ABOVE JH (B), GWP
- 3 - CH COPPER CALIAH'S DREAM HI RIVER LILLY (B), by DC Copley's Red River x GCH/CH Elkhorn Jack's Misdemeanor (Misty) JH; o Shellie Sytsma & Kristina Rickard, h Mary Brown
- 4 - BARLEYWINE DIG THAT GIRL (B), VIZ Judges' Award of Merit
CH ROCKVILLE'S WILLIE MAC JH

Open Walking Derby (10S)

J: James Simmons & James Murphy

- 1 - G.T.'S QUIET RIOT (D), P
- 2 - NMK'S LITTLE SURFER GIRL (B), GSP
- 3 - NMK'S AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' (D), GSP
- 4 - BARLEYWINE DIG THAT GIRL (B), VIZ Judges' Award of Merit
CH COPPER CALIAH'S DREAM HI RIVER LILLY

Amateur Walking Gun Dog (19S)

J: Karen Holmes & Nick Nickols

- 1 - FC/AFC JALO'S SPECK TACULAR (B), by FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Jalo's Redneck Girl; o/h Jim House
- 2 - CADENBERG F ARGOS V. SEP (D), GWP
- 3 - NMK'S PRESUMED INNOCENT JH (D), GSP
- 4 - VSK TUMALO LITTLE JOE (D), GWP

Open Walking Gun Dog (20S)

J: Derrick Mullin & Nick Nickols

- 1 - DC LACEY MTN'S B CAMPBELL LITTLE JESTER JH (D), by GCH/CH Copley Can Do Magnum Opus Grand Slam x CH Barb's Miss Lacey Girl; o Jacqui & Ben Campbell, h Ben Campbell
- 2 - FC/AFC JALO'S ODOT (D), by FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Flashy Blue Flame; o/h Jim House
- 3 - BRETON'S FRANGELICA A TOAST TO PEPPER AND SUN (B), by FC Breton's Soleil Midi x French Road Pepper JH; o Gordon Theilen, h Scott Azevedo
- 4 - NMK'S WILD MOUNTAIN THYME (D), GSP
Judges' Award of Merit
PM TRAX TRIGGER HAPPY

Amateur Walking Limited Gun Dog (13S)

J: Sarah Chvilicek & James Murphy

- 1 - FC/AFC JALO'S SPECK TACULAR (B), by FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Jalo's Redneck Girl; o/h Jim House
- 2 - DC LACEY MTN'S B CAMPBELL LITTLE JESTER JH (D), by GCH/CH Copley Can Do Magnum Opus Grand Slam x CH Barb's Miss Lacey Girl; o Jacqui & Ben Campbell, h Ben Campbell
- 3 - NMK'S LIMITED FIRST EDITION MH (B), GSP
- 4 - GCH/CH CASTLE STAR SPANGLED BANNER JH (D), by CH Castle's Over The Top Wyatt x CH Castle's All In JH; o Rick & Cheri Perez, h Rick Perez
Judges' Award of Merit
FC PINNACLE'S CUT-N-RUN

Open Walking Limited Gun Dog (16S)

J: Derrick Mullin & Sarah Chvilicek

- 1 - KEMPFFER LITTLE JOKER (D), P
- 2 - FC/AFC JALO'S SPECK TACULAR (B), by FC/AFC Brown's B.B.J. MH x Jalo's Redneck Girl; o/h Jim House
- 3 - CH RJ'S CUT TO THE CHASE MH (D), by GCHB/CH Sunquest Cimmaron Catch The

Wind B N RE MH RATO CGC x CH RJ's Kiss Me Kate JH; o Robert & Joyce Wire, h Pierre Urrutia

- 4 - GCH/CH GERSTDALE'S LAID-BACK JAKE SH (D), by CH Mich Mt The Suspense Is Over x CH Gerstdale's Money To Burn SH; o Don & Annette Pfister, h Don Pfister
Judges' Awards of Merit
PAR'S RYDER CUP
BRETON'S FRANGELICA A TOAST TO PEPPER AND SUN



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You are invited!

**Ceremony set for New Inductees
February 11, 2017**

Congratulations to **Shady'sTia Maria, Smarteyes-Joker and Mary Jo Trimble.**

They are the 2017 Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame's newest elected members having earned their way into the Hall of Fame by making a positive and long lasting difference for the betterment of the Brittany breed.

On February 11, 2017 in Grand Junction, TN at the Bird Dog Museum, these three will be inducted as new members and honored at the ceremony. Our Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame wing includes a museum space for Brittany history as well as hall of fame member portraits.

The dedication of the Life-size Brittany Bronze will also be held on the grounds at Noon prior to the inductions. This will be a once in a lifetime ceremony.

Every visitor to the Bird Dog Museum has been impressed with what the Bird Dog World has built. Show your support for the new Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame members and attend the ceremony if you can. You will not be disappointed!

See the News page at www.brittanyfieldtrialhalloffame.com, for schedule and motel information OR contact Mary Crawford at JandMBrittanys1@juno.com or 281-469-2234

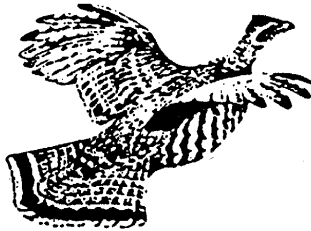


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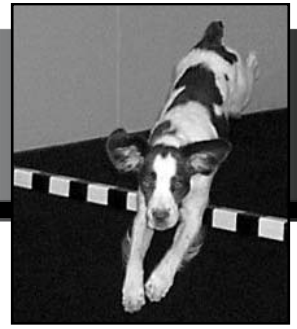
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Versatile Brittanys in Action

By Carla Simon



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NW2 Nosework with Honours

Congratulations to Roger Lault, CNWI, CPDT-KA, nosework instructor from Chicago Dog Nose, and CH Marsport Saucy Nose Rouser on completing their NW2 Nosework Title on Aug. 21, 2016. "Mac" is a month old Brittany. Under the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), a title is only awarded when a team passes all four searches in one trial. NW2 recognizes proficiency in two target odors and increases the difficulty level with larger search areas and more environmental distractions. This dynamic team was awarded the honour of "Pronounced" in both Exteriors and Interiors. The week prior, Mac won Best of Breed in conformation (see attached photo). Watch for Lault and Mac in nosework, and in the field pointing birds.

Be More Rewarding

By Carla Simon

Are you more interesting than the dirt? It might sound easy, but most handlers have experienced at least one occasion when their dog was engrossed in sniffing the dirt, instead of working to plan. Some handlers fall into a rut of blaming their dog for lack of performance, calling him a bad dog, making excuses, or even labelling their dog untrainable. Those thoughts limit what can be achieved.

Failure is a learning opportunity. It shows you what you haven't trained yet. You have the choice to train the missing skill. When your dog isn't performing as you expected, you need to be more rewarding. Go back to what you're sure your dog will succeed at and reward him to get back on track. Then add one small new challenge, and reward heavily when he succeeds.

Distraction is a drive problem. Regardless of which job you ask your dog to perform, when your dog knows that fantastic rewards follow a specific performance, he's more likely to perform that behavior and less likely to notice environmental distractions.

When you go to a new environment, one way to tell how distracting it is for the dog is to do nothing and say nothing, and just wait and see how long it takes for the dog to acknowledge his handler. If it takes 10 minutes for the dog to notice the Handler, the dog finds that environment very distracting and the higher the value of rewards that are likely required. In comparison, if the dog attends to his handler in the first 2 seconds, the environment is minimally distracting, and the handler can get away with lower value rewards.

My students succeed more when I start class with a reward test, offering 3 different high-value rewards to see which the dog prefers, on that day, in that environment. It's easy to see which rewards a dog prefers, enthusiastically begging for more. Class favorites include pieces of a whole rotisserie chicken, rollover, or moist dog food. It's a simple thing to use the rewards the dog wants, and it pays off in results.

Shannon Campbell, my former agility assistant, coined the phrase "last five minute rewards" to refer to the highest value of rewards that could be delivered in the last few minutes of a class when dogs looked tired and less interested in class. If you bring a special stash of highest value rewards, you will have options for reinvigorating the dogs' interest, instead of watching teams quit on a bad note.

Whatever rewards you choose, there should always be some kind of reward! Life is too short to keep your head down to survive the drudgery. Appropriate rewards can be fun, helping you to clearly communicate with the dog about what you want him to do, and develop a closer relationship built on shared successes. This relationship is helpful to across disciplines, and it's not bad around home either.

So the next time your dog doesn't perform as you hoped, be more rewarding. Recognize where you can improve, train through it, and deliver a reward the dog wants. By being more rewarding, you'll increase confidence, look forward to training more, and be more likely to succeed with your canine partner.



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The Brittany Bites Recipe Collection

By Sheila Cordner



Here are our monthly recipes tried by you, our Brittany enthusiasts.

Please e-mail your recipes to Sheila Cordner at sheilaskitchencorner@gmail.com. along with your submission please include your name and club affiliation. Sheila Cordner belongs to the Southern New England Brittany Club and is known for her culinary talents.

CROCK POT PHEASANT

- 3 - 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 sprigs fresh parsley
- 2 garlic cloves (one crushed, the other sliced)
- 1 (2 -3 lb) pheasant, rinsed and patted dry
- Salt
- Fresh ground black pepper
- 1 large orange
- 4 slices smoky bacon
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup chicken broth

Put the thyme, parsley, and crushed garlic inside the pheasant. Tuck the garlic slices between the legs and body. Season the pheasant with the salt and pepper.

Remove the zest from the orange in long, thick, curly strips; lay them over the breast.

Wrap the breast with the bacon and put the pheasant in a slow cooker.

Halve the orange and squeeze the

juice all over the bird.

Put one of the squeezed orange halves in the cavity. Drizzle the pheasant with olive oil and broth. Cover and cook on HIGH for 3 1/2-5 hours until the meat is tender and an instant-read meat thermometer inserted in the thigh registers 180°.

Serve the pheasant on a platter, with the juices poured over. Serves 2

MAPLE TOPPED SWEET POTATO SKINS

- 6 sweet potatoes
- 1/2 c. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 c. sour cream
- 2 t. cinnamon, divided
- 2 t. nutmeg, divided
- 2 t. ground ginger, divided
- 2 c. chopped walnuts or pecans
- 3 T. butter, softened
- 1/4 c. brown sugar, packed
- Garnish: warm maple syrup, additional nuts

Pierce potatoes with a fork. Bake at 400 degrees or microwave on high setting until tender; cool. Slice each potato in half lengthwise; scoop out baked insides, keeping skins intact.

Place potato skins on an ungreased baking sheet. Mash baked potato in a bowl until SMOOTH; ADD CREAM Cheese, sour cream and one teaspoon each of spices. Mix well and spoon into potato skins. In a bowl, mix nuts, butter, brown sugar and remaining spices; sprinkle over top. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Drizzle with warm maple syrup; garnish as desired. Makes one dozen



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The Command Lead

Before we get started on its use, we'd like to offer you a brief history of the command Lead. It was originally developed by Rick's father, Delmar Smith, and got its original name (the Wonder Lead) from another fine trainer, Ed Rader, who made the comment: "You'll wonder how you ever got along without it." The name stuck.

As the Silent Command System grew and evolved into the current method, Rick renamed it the Command Lead to blend in better with the revised techniques. No matter what you call it, it's an invaluable training tool. Used well, it can make a huge difference in training. Used poorly, it's just a piece of rope. At first glance, it looks a lot like a "piggin' string" – a short length of stiff rope used in calf roping to tie up the legs on the calf. This is, in fact, where the Command Lead originated, but it needed a few changes to be really useful. The diameter of the rope as well as the stiffness was changed; a leather stopper was added to the very end, while a rubber stopper was placed on the rope to help keep a consistent size to the loop. A standard piggin' string is too stiff and springs open too wide, but the rope used in the Command Lead is specially made to have just the right amount of release. And it's the only lead we've found that actually allows you to push slack to the dog because of the stiffness of the rope.

Let's take a look at the parts. Starting from the loop that fits around the neck, the rope forming the loop slides through a small, knotted oval with rawhide wrapping. This loop is called a "hondo" and lets the rope slide easily and release quickly. Farther down the lead you'll see two stoppers – the rubber stopper is used in the early stages of training to keep the loop placed correctly on the dog's neck; the leather stopper stays at the tail end of the lead and is placed so the end of the lead won't slip through your fingers.

The lead is put on as follows: Open the loop so it's large enough to easily slide over the dog's head. The hondo should be placed on the side of the loop closest to the handler. To properly put the lead on the dog, it must be placed right up behind the skull and directly behind the ears. Once that's done, slide the rubber stopper down the lead until it is about two or three inches away from the hondo, with the lead being snug. This will give adequate room for the lead to release without it slipping over the dog's head. If the lead slips down the dog's neck instead of staying up behind the skull, the action of the rope is lessened and the dog can pull you.

On your end of the lead, a pair of gloves is a good idea. Hold the lead in a relaxed manner, with

your thumb and forefinger forming a circle for the lead to slide through, and your other fingers gathered loosely around the lead.

When you use the lead, close all your fingers as you move your hand to make a correction. Relax the fingers as you release. The slack is the most important part, and you want to have slack in the lead nearly 100 percent of the time.

In the initial stages of lead training, the dogs have three main defenses against complying. They'll try to drag you; then they'll stop and refuse to move; and then they'll try to push you.

A dog that pulls is sending a clear message that it is not happy about you setting the direction. Pulling ahead and/or cutting you off is easily corrected, but not the way you may think. While it is really easy to wrap the lead around your hand and yank the dog over backward, that is not a solution. If your dog is pulling, remember this: It can only pull if there is something to pull against. If you're not pulling, your dog can't pull.

So how do you stop this? Quite simply, don't pull. Let the dog make the mistake and get out in front, while you keep slack in the lead. And then make a 180-degree turn, giving a very sharp tug and release at the very second the dog reaches the end of the slack. That will spin the dog around in the direction you've chosen, and the release allows enough slack so the dog is encouraged to go with you since there's nothing to pull against once the dog is headed in your direction again. While this does give us the added benefit of teaching our dog to heel, it is not about heeling as much as it is about teaching the dog to pay attention and go with us.

To help the dog really pay attention to your direction, make turns and zigzags and circles, asking your dog to move with you and away from you. This is especially helpful if your dog wants to pull you, since it is harder to pull if you're constantly changing direction. If you're always walking in a straight line, this encourages pulling.

For example, let's say your dog is walking on your left side. If you turn sharply to the right, stimulate (tug-release) your dog with the lead as you do it, and your dog should turn with the lead as you do it, and



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your dog should turn with you. When turning to the left, you will be moving in toward your dog. In this situation, the dog must move over and give way to you. This is most easily accomplished by bumping the dog's shoulder with your leg as your turn into it. Be sure you're bumping the dog over rather than just pushing it around. If your dog learns that you will push it, it will not learn to move away from you and will instead learn to lean into you and wait for you to push it around.

When the dog realizes pulling on you isn't going to work, it will resort to the next step: stopping you. Stopping looks like this: Instead of coming along with you, the dog plants all four feet, stays behind you, and refuses to move. If I can't have my way, I'm not going. Often, the dog will lean back slightly as if daring you to try to make it go with you.

How do you get past this resistance? Again, the answer is much easier than you think. While it may seem appropriate to simply drag the dog along (and this can be done), it doesn't teach the dog anything except to be dragged. To get past the stopping behavior, move out in front of your dog and stand facing it. Keep the lead relaxed and slip the leather stopper at the very end between your second and third fingers, with the stopper in your palm. Be far enough in front of your dog that the lead is close to taut but not snug. You will use an "open-close" motion with your fingers, moving them toward your palm and then opening them. This sends a gentle tug-release stimulation to the dog. The entire motion from closing your fingers until opening them again should take one to two seconds, and should repeat steadily until the dog responds.

At first, a dog will usually lift its head slightly and lean back against this stimulation. The motion must be consistent, never harsh or rough. Don't be tempted to increase the pressure or yank on the lead – remember, that will only feed the resistance. Just be patient and keep up that easy tug-release-tug-release movement; after a few seconds, even the most stubborn dog will give in to it and come with you. As soon as you see any forward motion, turn as if you were going to have the dog at heel and start walking forward as if the stop had never occurred.

If pulling you doesn't work and stopping won't make you give up, the third and final resistance the dog will show is pushing you. This takes several forms, but they all have the same underlying meaning: If I can't drag you with me and I can't refuse to go with you, then I'm going to push you to go where I want to go. The most common and obvious form of pushing happens when the dog leans against your leg as it is walking beside you. The dog turning its head across your leg, trying to change your direction, can also accompany this type of pushing. Another form of pushing is jumping on you, whether it's from the front, side, or back.

If you're leading your dog and it leans into the side

of your leg or places its paw on top of your foot (and this is never by accident), anticipate this and be ready to bump the dog at its shoulder to place it back in the correct position. Use the side of your leg, and be sure to actually bump the dog rather than just push it away. If you try to just shove the dog away, this sends a clear message to the dog that you are submissive to it.

When bumping the dog away from the side of your leg, be very aware of what your hand is doing with the lead. It is important to give the dog enough slack so it can move away when corrected. Often, people hold the lead too tightly and the dog gets a conflicting message. It is bumped away by thy person's leg while inadvertently being corrected with a jerk on the neck by a too-tight lead when it tries to comply by moving away.

If your dog exhibits pushing behavior by jumping on you, simply turn and walk right into and through your dog as if it weren't there. Don't worry about knocking the dog over or stepping on it, since the whole point of this exercise is to teach your dog to stay off you and not push.

Remember, we're talking "dog" language here, and human manners don't have any meaning to your dog. Some dogs will come around front to jump up and push you, while others will climb up your leg from behind. However your dog decides to try it, this must be stopped, and the best way to do it is to turn into the dog and walk right through it. Doing this makes it uncomfortable for your dog because it is likely to get stepped on or knocked over. In some cases, the dog will try to keep its paws up on you, and as you walk into it, the dog is forced to walk backward on two legs. If this happens, speed up your pace so the dog is very likely to lose its balance and put all four feet back on the ground. Walking on two legs backward is awkward for a dog, so it is much easier to push them off balance if you speed up and make it difficult.

Please keep in mind that throughout all these drills on the lead, we are not talking to our dogs! We aren't saying, "Here," or "Come," or "Heel." Adding the verbal cue before the dog has learned the behavior creates confusion. For example, if your dog is pulling on the lead and you're saying, "Heel," the dog is led to believe that heel means pull on the lead. Same goes for here or come. Don't name the behavior until the dog knows what you want.

While the Command Lead drills are important, it is also imperative that your dog get plenty of time to just be a dog. This means lots of walks out in woods and fields, turned loose, and these have to include birds. Building enthusiasm and prey drive is what makes a dog really love its job. If all the dog gets to do is drill repetitively on the yard work, you'll end up with a dominated dog that doesn't have the self-confidence to do much of anything on its own and without your direction, much less hunt hard and find birds

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A Little Competition

A Novella and Twenty-Two Short Stories

By Tom Word

A Grass String

The idea came to Randy as he hayed the horses. That night he lay awake in the motel pondering it while his boss, Ed Grimes, snored in the other bed. At the barn next morning, Randy took what he needed. The chance was small he'd have the opportunity, but he'd be prepared if it came.

They needed this win, needed it desperately. The season was more than half over, and their dogs had won almost nothing—a second in a classic, runner-up in a prairie championship. It wasn't that their dogs lacked talent. The breaks, the bits of luck that make the difference in the eyes of judges, had not come their way. Each week the breaks had fallen to others.

This made his second season scouting for Ed Grimes. He was nineteen, soon to be twenty. He watched Ed Grimes do the books, send the bills, balance the checkbook. He knew Ed Grimes was broke, would have to let him go if they didn't win this week. His pay wasn't much, but the extra costs in meals and horseflesh added up. Not one handler in four carried a scout nowadays. Instead they traded off, helped one another out to save money. He loved the field-trial game; it was the only thing he wanted to do. Sure, he could get a factory job, or join the Army. That's what he'd planned to do when he saw Ed Grimes' ad for a helper in the Albany paper. Now the prospect of losing his scouting job depressed him deeply.

Their best dog, the pointer Shooting Star, would run tomorrow. He loved this dog, for Star had been as much his teacher as Ed Grimes. That first summer, when Star had been a derby, Ed Grimes had said, "This is a good one. Watch him, and what I do with him."

At first the horses had frightened Randy, but Ed Grimes had said, "Don't fight him, make yourself a part of him, move with him, and he'll take care of you." In

two weeks, he was at home on a horse, for he had the balance of a natural athlete. He had too the instinctive love of animals.

Learning the scout's job had taken longer, but again Ed Grimes' patience had paid off. By the end of the first trial season, he'd developed a feel for where an out-of-sight dog was likely to go, an eye for finding tracks in soft earth, for spotting a dog in cover on point.

Ed Grimes had said, "Look for what shouldn't be there." That simple hint taught him how to find a dog on point.



Star had drawn a good course and a good time of day, the next-to-last brace. There were quail to be found, tilted open country to show well in. Would things come together, that was the question.

You never knew, when you turned a dog loose, whether a dream performance or a disaster lay ahead. Star was their most consistent performer, likely to give a good account of himself if the birds were moving. And today he did: three finds, a wide, forward race, a strong finish. A performance worthy of the championship, but not an unbeatable performance. Most everyone riding agreed Star had the edge, but another dog could still come along and beat him.

For the rest of the trial, Randy and Ed Grimes rode every brace, tense and watchful. They hoped each dog released would have some bad luck, just enough to keep it from besting Star. And their hopes were realized, until the last brace, when Bill Tooms turned loose his Nell Gwinn.

Nell broke fast for the front, popping into sight for an instant every five minutes, always on a far ridge. Bill's arm would shoot up, and a judge would yell, "We've got her," in a voice that said, we like what we see. At the halfway time, she'd scored two dandy finds. Another thirty minutes as good, and she might be named champion instead of Star.

That's when Randy remembered the thing in his

pocket. He pulled his mount out of the gallery and let everyone pass, made as if he intended to ride into the brush to take a leak. Instead, he rode perpendicular to the course until a ridge separated him; then he rode forward, parallel to the course, out of everyone's sight.

He listened to Bill Tooms singing. From it he knew when Bill had contact with Nell, and when she was out of touch. He knew Bill had confidence she'd swing to the front or be found on point. The confidence was evident in the tone of Bill's voice. For the first few minutes, Bill's song said he knew just where Nell hunted. Then he changed to his "come in, girl" song. It was then that Randy saw Nell, just ahead in the wire grass, on point.

Quickly he rode to the little pointer and dismounted. From his jacket pocket, he removed a grass string and ran it through the D-ring of her collar. Then he led her to a jack oak in a sinkhole and tied the two ends of the string around it. She would soon chew through it he calculated, but by then she'd be out of judgement, gone too long. And the chew-through string would slip free through the D-ring, leaving no evidence of his treachery.

He must get away quickly now, for Nell's scout would be riding in search of her. He put the spur to his horse and rode away from the sound of Bill Toom's voice. Before he'd covered fifty yards, he heard another rider closing fast, the shinnery popping on the rider's chaps. He turned in the saddle in terror. It was Ed Grimes, and the look on his face was pure fury.

"Cut her loose," Ed Grimes snarled. The words stung Randy like a whip.

Ed Grimes watched Nell depart; in seconds she feathered, then roared the scent fifty yards and pointed once more the covey she'd had pinned when Randy had captured her.

Ed Grimes had left the gallery when he saw Randy drop out, followed Randy horse tracks to the scene of the crime. "Come with me," he said coldly when the boy returned from releasing Nell. They rode a firebreak toward the barn. Soon they heard the scout's call of point, and a minute later, the report of Bill Toom's .410. Ten minutes later they heard the little gun pop again.

They had their dogs and horses loaded in the trailer when the dog truck came in. Bill Tooms rode on the top front seat with a grin that said it all. (he'd turned his horse over to his scout to lead in). Nell had scored four clean finds and scorched her course, finished with a big cast far to the front.

"This year's Florida Champion is Nell Gwinn, Bill Tooms, handler, and the runner-up is Shooting Star, Ed

Grimes, handler." Randy heard the announcement as if in a dream.

No words passed between Randy and Ed Grimes on the two-hour ride from Chinquapin Farm to Dixie Plantation, where the Continental Derby Championship would begin on Monday. After the dogs were in their paddock with oats and hay, Ed Grimes led Randy to a bench beneath a giant live oak.

Randy stared at the ground, his dusty, still-fuzzy cheeks wet with tears. Shame gripped him like a vice. After a minute that seemed to Randy an hour, Ed Grimes said, "Some won't chew a grass string-they'll howl instead."

Randy was too distraught to catch the humor in Ed Grimes' voice. Then he felt the big hand squeeze his shoulder, and the joy of belonging drove out the shame.

In the twilight, Randy drove the old dually down the sand road out of Dixie toward the motel in Monticello. Before they reached the bridge across the Aucilla, Ed Grimes was asleep.

Author's note: "Grass String is a Kentucky colloquialism for bailing twine, according to Jimmy White of Bowling Green, noted field-trial judge and early developer of Hamilton's Blue Diamond and Whippoorwill Wild Card."

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Date	East Coast	East Central	Central	Midwest	West Coast
Oct 8-9	S. New England(7)	Kentucky	Gr. Milwaukee(w)	Cent. New Mexico(7) Indian Nations(8-10)	Gr. Phoenix(w)
Oct 10-12	Mingo Brittany Shooting Dog Cl - (Mingo Sportsman's Club, Bloomingdale, OH) *Cx				
Oct 15-16	North Jersey(14)	Pennsylvania	LaSalle(14)	No. Oklahoma(14)	
Oct 17-23	Kansas Brittany All-Age Ch - Southern Kansas (William Oliver Ranch, Eureka, KS)				
Oct 22-23		Pennsylvania(w)	Heart of Illinois	So. Kansas(17-23) Ft. Worth(21)	So. San Joaquin(22-26)**
Oct 25-Nov 3	ABC National Gun Dog Championships Ionia Field Trial Grounds Association, Ionia, Michigan ABC National Gun Dog Championship: Oct 25 to conclusion ABC Shooting Dog Derby Invitational: to follow NOGDC ABC National Amateur Gun Dog Championship: Oct 30 to conclusion FT Secretary: Joanne Perry ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM (EST)				
Oct 27-28	Jim Holman (fall) Cl - Illinois (Pyramid State Park, Pinckneyville, IL)				
Oct 29-30			Illinois(27-30)	Sooner(26-28) No. Colorado(28)	California(28)
Oct 29-Nov 2	ABC Quail Classic (Lake Murray, Ardmore, OK) - Host: Sooner				
Nov 5-6	Northern Virginia(4)	Bama	Volunteer	Midwest(3-6)** West Texas *Cx	San Diego(w)
Nov 9-11	Dixieland Brittany Ch - Music City (Percy Priest WMA, LaVergne, TN)				
Nov 12-13	Anthracite Tarheel(w)	Music City(9-13) Michigan(w)	Gr. St. Louis(7-16)*/**	Texas Coastal(11)	
Nov 16-19	ABC National Specialty State Fair Park - Kay Rodgers Park Expo center, 4400 Midland Boulevard, Fort Smith, AR 72904, 479-783-6176 Superintendent: Roy Jones Show Chair: Terry Hilliard, Email: lockridgebritts@aol.com Obedience & Rally Chair: Cindy Miller, Email: cam44@comcast.com				
Nov 19-20		Niagara Frontier(w)		Bluebonnet *Cx	
Nov 21-Dec 3	ABC National Championships Blue Mountain - J. Perry Mikles WDA, Booneville, Arkansas ABC National Amateur Championship: Nov 21 to conclusion ABC All Age Derby Invitational: Nov 25 or conclusion NAC ABC National Championship: Nov 27 to conclusion FT Secretary: Steve Ralph ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday, November 7 at 8:00 PM (CST)				
Nov 26-27					
Dec 3-4		Georgia(2)			
Dec 10-11	Mid-Florida(8-12)*	Georgia(w)			
Dec 17-18				Alamo*Cx	

Other Web Site Listings:

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BRITTANY LISTS/BREED INFORMATION:

BRITTANY BREED INFO • www.brittanybreed.info

BRITTANY PEDIGREE DATABASE • www.brittanydata.com

BRITT ISSUES • Health, Training, Feeding, Living with Britts...
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brittissues>

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DUAL BRITTANY LIST • Discussion of the American Brittany
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AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB • <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/>
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AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB • www.akc.org

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BIRD DOG FOUNDATION, INC. • www.birddogfoundation.com

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB COMPANION ANIMAL RECOVERY
www.akccar.org

BRITTANY FIELD TRIAL HALL OF FAME

www.brittanyfieldtrialhalloffame.com

BRITTANY SPANIEL CLUB OF ONTARIO

www.brittanyspanielclub.on.ca

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http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/research/Brittany_research.cfm

NATIONAL ANIMAL INTEREST ALLIANCE

www.naiaonline.org • www.naiatrust.org

NATIONAL BRITTANY RESCUE • <http://nbran.org>

ORTHOPEDIC FOUNDATION FOR ANIMALS • www.offa.org

THE AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA

www.aftca.org

THE AMERICAN FIELD • www.americanfield.com

US SPORTSMAN'S ALLIANCE • www.usportsmen.org

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GARMIN • www.garmin.com

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