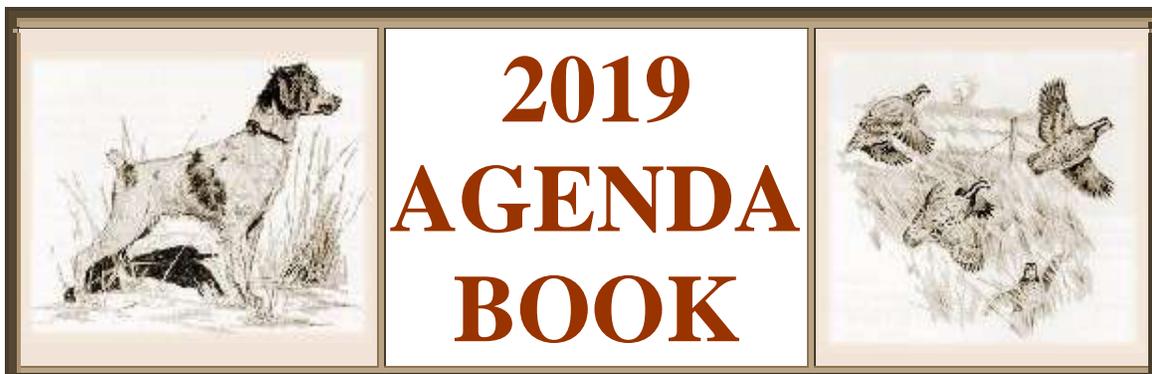




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AGENDA
2019 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF
THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC.
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BOONEVILLE, ARKANSAS
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NR = No Report

2018 American Brittany Club Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Written By: Leslie Andreas

The 2018 annual Board of Directors meeting took place at the Meeting place, Booneville, Arkansas November 18, 2018 with president Ed Janulis calling meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Steve Ralph made the first motion, seconded by Ed Tillson, which was to accept minutes for 2017 as read. All accepted.

Jeri Conklin, 2nd Vice President did a report on membership. Our 2017 retention is minus 5 per cent. Previous year, numbers went down by 12 per cent. There was less than 100 persons difference Currently monthly transactions are up. Jeri suggested a reach out to regional clubs as well as ask for more articles written by young members to encourage participation.

3rd vice president, Emmy Wolleberg gave a report on the National Specialty show. While entries were down slightly, a lot of new people came to our national specialty for first time. The banquet and fund raising were also up. This will be Emmy's last year at this task. The BOD thanked her for her time and hard work at putting on some very successful events.

4th Vice president Bob Burchett gave a report on the 2108 Gun dog nationals which was an outstanding event with good sportsmanship shown by all. In spite of this, entries were down, especially in the Amateur stake. There was an average of 8 coveys produced per hour. The Invitational Derby was a class event despite small entries. Bob recommends discontinuing the event if the gun dog moves to Booneville. The caterer's meals were outstanding. A town hall meeting at the clubhouse showed most were not happy about moving the championships to Booneville and were disappointed in BOD's lack of response to their desire to keep the Championships in Ionia. Bob's predictions are a continued decline in entries. Robin Tomasi asked about plans for future. Ed Tillson complimented Bob on a well-run event in 2018, and reported that Doug Lundgren is approving in behalf of AKC, ABC Walking Gun Dog Championships in the future. We will need approval from Blue Mt. management in order to add on 10 extra days for Booneville for next year's National Gun Dog Championships. The move will be made in 2019 to Booneville grounds. Darlene Dow asks for clarification on qualifications now that stakes are on same grounds. It was stated that you are eligible to run in whichever stake(s) you qualify for. Bob Burchett has volunteered to continue to run the horseback National gun dog championships wherever it ends up. New chairperson and committee will be needed for the ABC National gun dog walking championship event. The 2019 dates are secured for Ionia.

Leslie Andreas, executive secretary, gave her resignation after one year.

Recording Secretary Jennifer Brooke Burlingame expressed some of her concerns with the mailing of sharp "aggressive" pins in mail. She has continued to mail out club brochures, medallions, and compiled the agenda book for this year's meeting. Steve Ralph asked how to improve getting reports from committees, and suggested forms to ask questions to add to agenda.

Keith Wolnewitz, gave the Treasurer's report after thanking Judy Graves and committee for all their help in bringing books up to date. The account with the First Bank of Illinois is now closed. All financials are up to date to end of October. Keith reported that certified public audits are not done on organizations of smaller size, such as our club. There is verification for all assets sitting in club accounts. Keith W. also recommended no change in the fiscal year. In the future, will use Quick Books and all

records will go digital. Bernie Crain asked about quarterly reports for the BOD's consideration. Ed Tillson thanks Keith for all his hard work and future contributions to the club.

Motion 2# made by Bernie Crain, seconded by Mary Karbiner, to do away with a second signature on club checks. Any check exceeding \$5000 needs approval of president or executive secretary. All votes yes, motion carried.

Motion 3# made by Robin Tomasi, seconded by Bob West To revoke last year's decision to change from calendar to fiscal year. All votes yes, motion carried.

There was a three-minute break.

The ballots for the new board of directors was counted by 5 club members, with the successful candidates being Darlene Dow (East Coast), Jack Alexander (East Central) Bernie Crain (Central) Mary Karbiner (Midwest) Jim Hammett (West Coast)

Tom Milam's report was read by Steve Ralph. Motion 4# made by Steve Ralph and seconded by Ed Tillson, line to be removed from our requirements for Championships, re: DNA "Any dog born on or after January 1, 2018 must have an AKC DNA to start in National Championship stakes." 10 yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christiansen, Tillson, Karbiner, Brown, West.) 4 no votes (Dow, Gulembo, Riggle, Tomasi) Motion carried

The DNA requirement must be a FDSB issued test All dogs entered in ABC events presently must have a DNA registered in AKC or FDSB. FDSB DNA is more comprehensive and compared by data bank to all breeds. Temporary number can be issued for young dog that qualified. Show dogs for the National specialty can continue with AKC DNA.

Nancy Clenenden has. no report

Brooke-already given

Jane Bjork has asked to be replaced as ABC delegate to AKC. Terry Hilliard has agreed to take on the position if the BOD. Motion 5# moved by Mary Karbiner and seconded by Ron Gulembo- To accept Terry Hilliard as the American Kennel Club delegate to replace Jane Bjork. All votes yes, motion carried.

David Webb -Gazette reporter has contributed (4 quarterly columns to the American Kennel Club's Official publication the Gazette) and will continue to contribute in 2019

Hank Hartnek- no report

Judges Education -Diana Kubitz

AKC liaison Mary Jo Trimble 2018 was a slow year due to midterm elections. Now that it is over, we must watch states. There have been a few bills, like the hot car bill \pen raised chicken eggs banned by

PETA/greyhound racing banned in Florida passed. PETA in California is still turning dogs loose at dog shows, and other despicable events. We must remain vigilant.

Ray Trimble reported that the last AKC Pointing Dog Advisory Committee was in April of 2005. The American Kennel Club was designated as a not required committee. Ray advises for the BOD to drop this committee. Motion 6# made by Steve Ralph and seconded by Joe Droel, to drop the AKC Pointing Dog Advisory Committee. All yes, motion carried.

American Field Liason Ray Trimble –

Central director report-Steve Ralph discussed some problems with a rescue group. Motion 7# made by Steve Ralph, seconded by Bernie Crain is to remove NBRAN listing on all ABC communications. (Page 146 in policy book) 9 Yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Gulembo, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christiansen, Tillson, Karbiner) 5 no votes (Dow, Riggle, Brown, Tomasi, West) Motion carried.

Steve Ralph Derby Invitational- getting rid of shooting dog derby invitational to be replaced by a straight derby invitational. This proposal should go back to committee for further discussion. The All age derby invitational has been well received and attended. People have gone to Invitational and come back to the Nationals as hoped.

Dog of the Year Awards Helen Riggle

With the pilot program in 2016, there were 2 full years to catch up all the recipients of various awards. These were presented in conjunction at the ABC specialty banquet. The banquet was well attended, with 15 awards presented. The budget has been kept low. Helen asked for ABC financial support for future awards. It has been put in 2019 budget. Joe wants it to be brought out earlier at the year and reports in the ABC magazine by Jan. or Feb. perhaps moving it to the summer specialty. There will be further discussion on additional awards for adult field trial winners.

Dual Dog Award-Nancy Clenenden- nothing changed in the past year.

East Central directors report (Helen Riggle)- on Brittany breed separation to be discussed later.

Facebook Report- Robin(Tomasi) Karen Hansen live streamed much of the National specialty show on Facebook. Amanda McGavin wants youtube exposure expanded. The job of being

moderator has been easy. There is potential in the future for educational and entertaining webinars.

Futurity Committee Leslee Jane Masolette There have been issues with bitches in season, with apparent conflicting wording in the policy book. When to declare bitch in season is in question. Nominations have remained the same, but final forfeits are down. Pro Pan dog food and Purina banner must be in all publication photos. There is a desire that in the future all show money winners can have a group picture the way the field dogs have always been presented.

Field Trial Dates will be as printed by Steve Ralph on the ABC website and in the back section of the ABC magazine. Judy Graves-Financial committees report... (Attachment for publication) Report for the Calendar year. Motion 8# Made by Steve Ralph, seconded by Bernie Crain, to accept Judy Graves' reappointment for the financial committee. All yes votes, motion carried.

Judy also thanked Keith Wolnewitz for all his hard work... There have been a few Pay Pal glitches. The report on this matter is confidential, and not to be seen outside of BOD and officers.

Steve recommends that the policy book not be mailed to club secretary because of wasted money.

Motion 9 made by Darlene Dow, seconded by Ron Gulembo, to donate \$500 to AKC health foundation in 2019. All yes votes, motion carried.

Mary Jo is to be reimbursed for her time and effort to training new executive secretary. Motion 10# made by Mary Karbiner and seconded by Bob Fleury, for ABC to pay a stipend of \$750 to Mary Jo Trimble, for her time and effort in training her replacement. 14 yes votes. Motion 11# moved by Steve Ralph and seconded by Leslie Jane Hunt, to accept the budget as read. 12 yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Gulembo, Riggle, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christiansen, Tillson, Karbiner, Brown, West.) 2 no votes (Dow, Tomasi) Robin asked for the stipend to be removed for Executive Secretary staying for the full two weeks of the National secretary.

Steve and Tom Milam have been asked to better define the duties of the executive secretary and hospitality chairman at the Nationals. The Stake manager has the responsibility to remain on the grounds at all times.

Kent Patterson- Hall of Fame committee has offered up three dogs for consideration for election to the Hall of Fame: Bourbon XIII, Blaze Dakota Trucker, RuJem's A Touch of Bourbon.

Legal advisor Sharon Wice reports that there are no immediate problems but she is there to ask if the need arises.

Mary K. (Fund raising) The auction raised \$2550....in 2017.

Magazine committee Bob Fleury reported that the AKC new titles and wins page has expanded greatly with all the performance titles we have now and is taking up too much room. Discussion followed about solutions to this problem.

National trial report- Steve Ralph- as written

Nominating Committee -Steve Ralph BOD moved into an executive session for replacing Tom Milam as 1st Vice President.

National Gun dog grounds (Ed Tillson)- There was further discussion on the moving of championship and how it would be held. Motion 12# made by Bob West and seconded by Andi Christensen was to make the 2019 National Amateur Gun Dog Championship (and all subsequent runnings) a horseback handled stake. 11 yes votes (Hunt, Fleury, Dow, Riggle, Ralph, Droel, Crain, Christensen, Tillson, Brown, Tomasi, West) 3 no votes (Dow, Gulembo, Karbiner). There was also discussion on keeping the Gun Dog Nationals in Ionia for this year. There was talk of tabling discussion on the gun dog nationals until there is approval from various agencies. Motion 13# was made by Leslie Jane Hunt, seconded by Bob West that the 2019 ABC National Gun Dog Championship be held in Michigan this year, if there has not been

confirmation from officials from the American Kennel Club, Ionia grounds, and State of Arkansas as to the approvals needed for the move to Booneville, by January 1st, 2019.

Mary Karbiner challenged Helen Riggle to participate as a non -member. Pennsylvania BC has a family membership which is how she is a member of ABC. ABC does or does not recognize those family memberships as a full member of the parent club.

Fund raising through agility, by parent club lending name to others to hold agility trials. Non field performance events-(Cindy Miller) discussed how fund raising works through agility clubs borrowing parent club's name by others to hold agility trials. Revenue for recording fees does not come from nonperformance events, but are a new way to fund raise money for National specialty show.

Ron Gulembo Policy Book Committee-There may be some simple housekeeping changes made to the policy book in the future but no major overhaul is expected. Chairmen of committees need to learn what is expected of them. Motion 14# made by Ron Gulembo, seconded by Steve Ralph, is to approve Action Number 1#. All votes yes, motion carried.

Mary Karbiner (Stats) – Mary related that the statistics are hand counted for accuracy.

Mary Jo Sportsman's Alliance -NAIA Sportsman's Alliance represent us against animal rights groups, and support should continue for their cause.

Helen Riggle- Epagneul Breton and American Brittany separation The parent club has been approached to work on new /separate breed status for the Epagneul Breton (aka French Brittany.) Gerald Giordano and Bill Kelly talked on breed differences and structure. In order for the American Kennel club to accept them as a separate breed, the ABC parent club must approve

any such split. To facilitate this split, dogs are to be taken out of our stud book voluntarily by owners, probably over a 6-month period, and entered into a Foundation stock registry. The new breed would be judged by the F.C.I. 1995 standard. In present standards, structure, color and heights are all different. Joe Droel asked the question of what position the parent club in France takes. Bill Kelley is a member of the French parent club. The club in France has not take a position. It must go through the ABC in order for the AKC to take action. The United Kennel Club is a dead end to France, and is not recognized by other registries around the world. The Canadian Kennel Club and Australian Kennel Clubs are also being petitioned to change and perhaps are waiting to see what will happen with AKC recognition. When the American Kennel Club is given the go ahead, others may follow.

Motion 15#, moved by Leslie Jane Hunt, seconded by Ron Gulembo, to table discussion on the breed separation of the Brittany breed into Epagneul Breton and Brittany breed until there is more information.

Joe Droel was appointed to be chairman on separation of breed and to seek further information on the ramifications.

BOD went into an Executive Session to vote on 3 dogs presented by the Hall of Fame committee, Bourbon 13th, Blaxe Dakota Trucker, Ru Jem's Touch of Bourbon. After a secret vote, no dogs or persons were elected to the Hall of Fame for the year 2018.

Newly appointed officers are:

1st VP Kent Patterson to replace Tom Milam for running national all age

3rd VP National specialty chairperson, Dawn Droel

4th VP Bob Burchett has agreed to stay on to run the National Gun Dog Championship stakes

Elected Secretary Brooke Burlington will stay on in her position

Executive Secretary- Jan Kilpatrick has agreed to take on the job, with Mary Jo Trimble willing to help train through the transition period. Jacquie Campbell also willing to take on the position... Jan Kilpatrick elected with Jacquie helping for a possible replacement at a later date.

Purina liaison will be Joe Gower

Garmin award will be Bret Lindback

Fish and wildlife contract with Arkansas for two years dates must be signed. Bernie Crain.

Meeting adjourned about 4:30

Board of Directors

East Coast-Darlene Dow
Leslie Jane Hunt
Bob Fleury

East Central-Helen Riggle
Dr. Brian Hendrickson (absent)
Ron Gulembo

Central-Bernie Crain
Steve Ralph
Joe Droel (seated for the first time)

West Coast-Bob West
Mary Brown
Robin Tomasi

President

Ed Janulis

Agenda Items – 2019 ABC Board Meeting

Pending Motion - Motion 15# Moved by Leslie Hunt, 2nd by Ron Gulembo, to table discussions over separating the current breed of Brittany into Epagnuel Breton and the Brittany breeds until further input from all concerned. 9 yes votes, 5 no votes. Motion carried
We need to continue discussion with Joel Droel summarizing pros and cons.
(Please schedule early in day)

Discussion items

- with addition of two additional championships and recognizing Summer Specialty Show Champions allocation of magazine covers for photographs
- Status of, National events, all age, gun dog, show – general discussion of challenges, roadblocks and successes
- Status of ATV usage for handicapped people for Gun dog National in Booneville - Arkansas DNR Position
- Replacement Treasurer needed – Stipend for Treasurer or assistant
- Make sure we get a budget review form the Finance Committee
- Review current requirements of wins and placements, in Brittany Trials, for National events qualifications
- Requirements of finishing a Dog with a three point win in a Brittany sponsored trial

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Jeri Conklin

Current ABC membership remains just under 2,000 current full & associate members. Data continues to show this as a static trend. The challenge to better understand the dynamics behind today's membership statistics and what the ABC can do to encourage and influence increased membership remains a top priority this year. Apathy amongst the leadership and membership as a whole continues to dominate the stage. Communication and its lack thereof between directors/club leaders and membership continues to top the list of reasons for non-renewal of membership. People want to be recognized for their efforts. While lack of diversity in the magazine and recognition of the Brittany as a versatile dog within an enriched community of owners continues to be a reason for non-renewals, this is a magazine committee issue, not within my control. A new reason for non-renewal amongst the Midwest/Central membership was the "crossbreeding" issue and expired members feel that the parent club has turned a deaf ear.

My focus this past year has been on discovering what is bringing in the largest number of membership renewals and the answer is – emails. The monthly emails I send out to welcome new members, welcome returning members and notifying expired and expiring members to renew their memberships are making a difference. But I can only do so much. If the clubs can't pick up the slack and reach out to their own members – then they only have themselves to blame for falling membership numbers.

Specific Action:

Action 1 – Administrative numbers from September 2018 – August 2019

Action 2 – Issue Items – Incorrect current count on Membership Rosters; Incorrect email addresses; Lack of Responses from Directors/Club Secretaries & Regions Added to Roster

Action 3 - Tracking Responses & Monthly Transactions (Renewals/New/Gifted) and email contact

Action 4 - Membership building articles are part of the plan to highlight and hopefully to encourage other regional clubs to work toward that goal.

Action 5 – Membership Committee Outreach/Membership Promotion Committee

Action 6 – Youth Committee Outreach – Diana Kubitz and Bryce Novotny

Action 7 - Reactivation of the Top of Texas Brittany Club

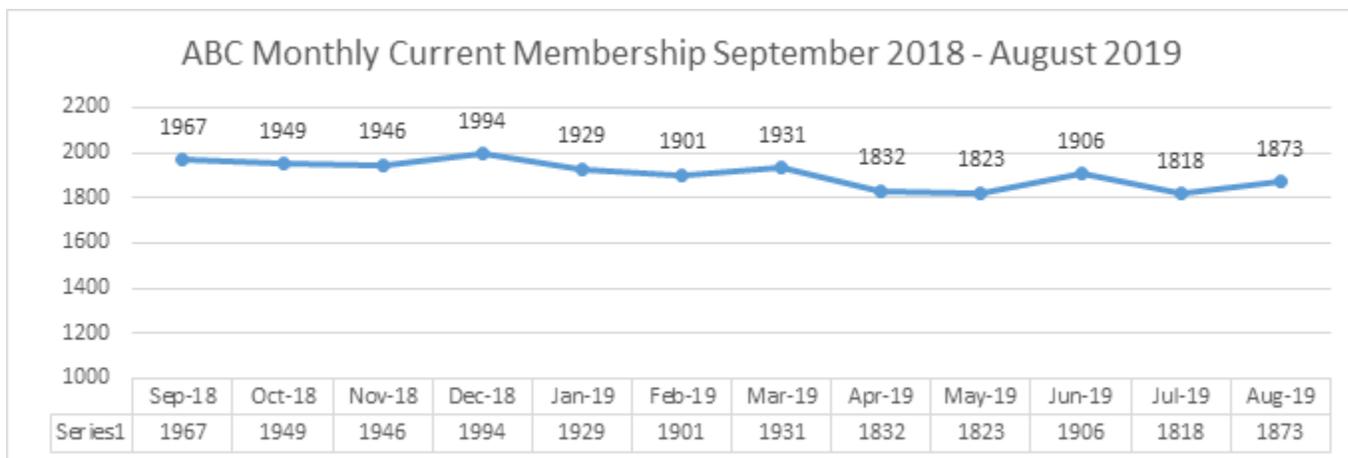
Action 8 - Clubs at risk

OBSERVATION AND OUTCOMES:

Action 1 – Breakdown of baseline membership numbers: (See chart below)

Observation: We started 09/2018 with 1967 full/associate members and we ended August 2019 with 1873 full/associate members, a loss of 94 members or 95% overall membership retention. We have ups and downs and they aren't as drastic as years past.

Observation: 2015 – 8/2017 there was a -12.45% loss of membership. From 8/2017 – 10/2018 our loss was -7%. Currently, our loss is -5% through August 2019. While the challenges to improve membership are many and monumental, small positive steps will have the greatest impact early on as we look at more substantive actions that can be institutionalized in the near future.



Action 2 – Issue Items (3) – Incorrect current count on Membership Rosters; Incorrect email addresses; Lack of Responses from Directors/Club Secretaries & Regions Added to Roster

- **(1) Current Membership total count on monthly membership rosters – Inaccurate Information**

Observation/Outcome: In January, a move of the membership roster to the Apple system was made. At that time, a “Current membership count” was added. Unfortunately, this count includes the following months expiring members, so the count is not accurate for the current month. Memberships expire on the 1st of the month, but are not technically expired until the end of the month. *For instance – the July 2019 roster ended 31 July 2019 and the “current count” is 1751. However, there are in fact 1819 “current members.” The number has subtracted 68 expiring members for the month of August 2019. The roster is for the month of July and as of the month of July, those members have in fact NOT expired, so the number is very misleading. I have had several discussions about this but the person in charge refuses to change the way the number is figured. This can be very misleading and confusing to secretaries who shouldn’t have to recalculate their active members every time they access a roster. The roster should reflect the correct count of members on the ending date of the roster for the month of said roster.*

- **(2) Track corrections discovered during email campaign (mostly incorrect email addresses)**

Observation & Outcome: Each time I would send out a batch of emails, I would get a few back as *mailer daemon* – undeliverable for various reasons. Once I got the mailer daemon notice I would look at the emails rejected and look for obvious errors – most times I found a misspelling of either the name portion or the back portion. For those I could not find obvious errors in, I called the people asking for the correct email addresses. Only one or two called back with corrections. I don’t have time to keep chasing same. Some of the same errors continue to come out monthly on the membership roster even after I have sent in a change. Not sure why changes are not being made.

In March I sent out 75 postcards to those without email addresses and who had not responded to my phone calls. I received 26 back with corrected emails or notes that they do not have computers. More “no computer” than corrected emails. I suspect “no computer” will be a growing trend.

- **(3) Continued Email Correspondence with membership/club secretaries/directors – lack of responses**

Observation & Outcome: Communication between club/parent club/member continues to net renewals. “Welcome” letters to new members and “Welcome Back” letters to renewing members have been appreciated. Expiring and expired emails to membership have also increased renewals. They all appreciated receiving the email notice however and most quickly renewed. Most all asked for email notification to continue.

Directors/Club secretary Emails – While I have made several attempts to communicate with the regional clubs on various issues, lack of response to my inquires by a large majority of the clubs continues. The annual list of officers as required by the Policy book each year, after 3 email attempts only netted lists from less than 20 clubs out of 85.

Director Questionnaire #1 - Observation – Out of 15 Directors, 4 responded asking for assistance in accessing membership database. They would like to have their individual regions separated out each month so they didn’t have to go through and do a sort and filter themselves.

Director Questionnaire #2 – Observation – Out of 15 Directors, 4 responded. Same as above regarding membership roster being split out for their region only. Of interest, one director said they checked their roster annually.

- Regions have been added to the monthly membership roster as of this latest roster (August 2019).

Action 3 – Track Responses & Monthly Transactions (Renewals/New/Gifted) and email contact

- **Track responses, monthly transactions (Renewals/New/Gifted) and email contact**

Observation/Outcome – Transactions each month average 139 each month. Data suggests that the email campaign of reaching out to expired and expiring members is working. Our online renewals seem to spike within 3-5 days of my expiring/expired emails going out. Currently we average 25 new members and 108 renewals each month.

Action 4 - Membership building articles are part of the plan to highlight and hopefully to encourage other regional clubs to work toward that goal.

Observation/Outcome: To date the magazine has published and highlighted 5 clubs, their events and models of success and 3 youth committee articles. Getting clubs to submit their information/story continues to be the hardest part.

Action 5 –Membership Promotion Committee.

Observation/Outcome: Membership Promotion (Outreach) – We have had various Brittany clubs host several outreach opportunities this past year. I work with the host club to coordinate getting various items for raffles, table information, contact information, etc. Pictures and a write-up are run in the magazine under the Membership Building banner whenever possible.

Membership Promotion - The Membership Promotion Committee meets via email and texts. As Chair of this committee I have advocated for and see great benefit in sending out emails to new members, expiring and expired members. Each month, the members of the committee have been asked to send out emails to new members and club secretaries asking as to what they can do to assist them. I am appreciative of their efforts as another layer of communication and contact.

Action 6 – Youth Committee (Diana Kubitz/Bryce Novotny)

Observation/Outcome:

Youth Committee – Diana Kubitz and Bryce Novotny have been working with youth from across all regions getting them involved in bringing youth together.

Bryce and I began contacting potential members for the Youth Committee right after the start of 2019. We reached out to young people from 12 – 25 and at this writing have 12 young people on the committee, in addition Jacqui Campbell and Jeri Conklin contribute ideas as well as several of the parents. We tasked the youth to come up with a plan to promote youth participation in their clubs and ABC. To date we have only received a couple of responses.

We've had two articles submitted to the magazine from committee members in addition to my article that appeared in the magazine. Our newest recruit Colson Shanto from Colorado was a delightful young man that Bryce and I met at the WMBC specialty weekend over the 4th in Monroe, MI. Colson was on a mission to get qualified to compete in Juniors competition at Westminster! Helen Riggle brought Colson for this weekend of shows and he did a great job! After returning home to Colorado we saw a post from Colson that he was selling leads to make enough money to attend the 2019 National Specialty in Ft. Smith! I've asked him to write an article about his accomplishments with his dogs and another about his quest to come to the NS and what he's doing to realize this goal. I sincerely hope everyone will read the WMBC specialty article in the magazine as I added an encouragement for Colson! We need lots of people in the ABC to emulate Colson's drive and ambition to help the ABC grow!

I have been watching Facebook posts throughout this year and I'd like to congratulate the Maine Brittany Club for all their events for youth! They get great participation and I want to pick Ann Short's brain what she did to garner support for their youth programs.

Onward and upward regarding our efforts in 2020! We plan to reach out to regional clubs and encourage youth days, junior trophies, lower entry fees for youth events, etc. to incorporate into their existing events and explore new events to interest young Brittany owners. (Kubitz/Novotny)

Action 7 – Reactivation of the Top of Texas Brittany Club

Observation/Outcome: I have been working with Mark on starting a Brittany club in the pan handle area of Texas as the only other Texas clubs are down south and hours apart. Top of Texas Brittany Club, as far as I can discover, was never officially deactivated and at some point, in time went inactive. The last living member of the club that would know the what happened with the bank account, etc., passed earlier this year.

At present, there are 14 people ready to join the club, more waiting to sign up if in fact the club is restarted.

From Mark: We have been concentrating on notifying Brittany owners about possibly restarting club, they seem excited about a possible club. he clubs goal for people to gain more interest in the Brittany breed. Also, to get younger age people involved in hunting, field trailing, hunt test, and other activities with the breed. We believe once club is restarted that the club will gain more members. We want to have regular meetings & help each by educating owners and training their dogs.

I am working with Mark to have a general meeting with an election of officers to get the club reactivated and I will assist in the running of the paperwork required for both ABC and

AKC. I will send out an email blast to members at large (MAL) in the Texas and bordering states areas with contact information for Mark. Hope to run an ad in the magazine about the startup of the club as well.

Action 8 – Clubs at Risk – Why?

Observation/Outcome: In year 1/2018 – 07/2018 clubs lost 46 members; from 01/2019 thru 08/ 2019 clubs lost 18 members. MALs dropped 95 members. Twenty-five (25) clubs across the region have less than 10 active members and have been notified via email that we need to work on gaining some members. Directors were all notified of the clubs at risk in an effort to have them reach out to their regional clubs and offer assistance. Some clubs are just situated in areas that do not offer a lot of local members. And some members join just for the magazine, not to volunteer and help out at events. Clubs are struggling to stay afloat. Lose the clubs, lose the events.

As of this report, I have heard back from 4 directors out of 15, and 3 out of the 25 clubs. If no one really cares about membership, then our numbers are only going to go down despite the efforts of those few that care. Is this what the membership wants? If your leadership doesn't care, it obviously is up to you the member, to be the one that pulls your club off the at risk list.

What bothers me, approximately 8,000 - 10,000 Brittany puppies were registered with AKC each year – why are the breeders not encouraging their puppy buyers to join a regional club? I know the gifting membership was done in our club in prior years. It wasn't considered successful past the first year as the members didn't renew when their free year was up. They still came and participated in events though. Why are breeders not encouraging their puppy buyers to join the ABC? This will be a focus this next year if I am reelected to my position.

CONCLUSIONS:

I am encouraged at the moment that we are moving in the right direction. Some clubs are becoming pro-active and communicating better with their membership. Most expirations are because the members forgot to renew on time. All responders seem to appreciate the email reminder. While our numbers are down at the moment, they go up and down in an easy flow current, no leaps or bounds either way. I can live with that flow so long as we continue to encourage and reach out to expiring/expired members.

I added a "Welcome Letter" email to our new members and have received quite a few favorable comments on that. I added a "Welcome Back" email for renewals, just to say, "Thank you for being a valued member of the Brittany community." Letting them know, they count and are appreciated.

While incorrect/no such account emails are still coming in each month, they are beginning to decrease slightly. I have actively pursued correct information via a postcard campaign and telephone calls. Neither the postcard campaign nor telephone calls get returned with any regularity, but the more correct the database is, the better opportunity to reach out to people. I would suggest club secretaries do an email run every couple of months and get their email list correct. I would love it if they would then provide same to me. I will then provide to Deb Rudert to update the database.

Promotion – We have had various Brittany clubs host several outreach opportunities this past year. I work with the host club to coordinate getting various items for raffles, table information, contact information, etc. Pictures and a write-up are run in the magazine under the Membership Building banner whenever possible. Several clubs have contacted me for information on the Northern California Brittany Club Fun Days event which I have offered up as a great format for success. Those in charge have quickly reached out to these clubs once connected. It is an amazing event to bring Brittany owners in the area and other breeds together.

ACTION ITEM 1: Membership Promotion Committee: Policy Book needs to be updated to add the additional duties under the 2nd V.P.

WOULD YOU LIST BELOW YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES IF NOT IN THE CURRENT ABC POLICY BOOK AND/OR SUBMIT REVISIONS

1. Upon being contacted by a club, or individuals within a club, who are hosting a community/ national level event where the American Brittany Club and/or Brittany could/would be showcased, the committee chair will:

- Reach out to resources within the ABC (magazine chair/Executive Secretary/Secretary) for items available to send said host for distribution at said event;
- Make suggestions as to additional items the club might purchase to also distribute at said event (pens/buttons/magnets/brochures, etc.);
- Make suggestions as to raffle(s) that the club might sponsor in order to get potential membership information (name/address/email/phone) via raffle "ticket";
- Have continued contact with host individual/club during the interval to assure they have received the requested resources;
- After event, follow-up on write-up and photos for the magazine.

2. I would like to add a thank you letter/card from the ABC President to the host/club that worked the event and recognize their participation. I think there needs to be more recognition of the volunteers by the parent club officers.

3. In addition to the above, have appointed a member from each region to reach out to the members in their regions each month when the new roster comes out as another layer of communication from the ABC. New transactions are transmitted to the regional representatives and they also send out welcome/renewal welcome letters.

(After several discussions - I will present an action item for the Agenda this year to integrate this committee to fall under the duties of the 2nd V.P. There is no reason that it shouldn't be handled as part of the 2nd V.P. duties since it ultimately deals with membership. – Ron Gulembo)

CONCLUSIONS:

My observations after a year and a half of data research is that there is still a large field of apathy running rampant throughout the organization at all levels.

My recommendations at this time remain the same as last year:

1. The regional club secretaries make a greater effort to actively pursue the expired/expiring members in their club and send a personal welcome letter to new

members. The postcards notifying members of their upcoming expirations are not all getting through, so unless they receive an email from the club, many let their memberships lapse unaware. **MEMBERSHIP RETENTION STARTS AT THE CLUB LEVEL.**

2. The regional clubs develop some sort of monthly communication (a quick newsletter, an email blast...) Some clubs with membership spread throughout the state, few meetings or events, this is an easy way to reach out to your members. Several clubs have started doing this, thank you.

3. Membership rosters be checked monthly for new members, changes of address and status. This can't hurt the retention of your members. It will take time; it is worth it.

I thank all involved this past year. I will have at least 2 more months of data to provide by Nationals time.

2019 BOD Report

3rd VP – Dawn Droel

Everything is all set for a great 2019 National Specialty Show! I have a great committee, some really hard workers.

Some new things this year – NSS Pictorial being gathered for previous NSS Best of Breed winners, they will be displayed on canvas prints. Hoping to enjoy the collection for years to come.

The WE Stevenson Sr Memorial Award Winner from 2018 will be sponsoring wine and cheese party during Parade of Champions on late Thursday afternoon.

We are having a “special attraction” every day around lunch time – some games to gather everyone together for fun activity.

The superintendent we use (Roy Jones Dog Shows) is closing its doors early 2020, already contracted with new superintendent for 2020 NSS (Executive Dog Shows LLC).

2019 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

JAN KILPATRICK

2019 has been a year of on the job learning while executing the numerous tasks and responsibilities that go with the position of Executive Secretary. Through an open eyes/ears and closed mouth policy I dove head first into the multiple diverse tasks with an open mind and eager attitude. My understanding and execution of the position was made much easier by the first-rate counsel of the following 3 people. Keeper and Executor of all ABC Organizational and Historical information former executive secretary Mary Jo Trimble, Best at Everything ABC Go To Man Steve Ralph and the wise and always patient Bob Fleury. These 3 people have offered more history, sound advice and policy interpretation of the American Brittany Club than I knew existed. Their knowledge of the inner workings of the ABC has been invaluable and though I have struggled with some things and made mistakes, I knew I could count on these guys to help keep me pointed in the right direction. For the most part all my interaction with ABC Club Members has been positive and for that I am thankful.

That being said, having just endured my personal rite of passage through the 2019 BOD Election process, I have one suggestion for the ABC Membership Group. I would like to see the Regional Designation data for ABC Memberships input into the Membership database when members are added, changed, or renewed. This step should improve the correctness of the data and make it less susceptible to errors, not only during the BOD Election process but also for anyone needing information of a Regional nature.

With almost a year's worth of experience now, it is my intention to become more proactive in Committees I serve on and add my own thoughts to issues I am involved in. Please know I encourage suggestions for improving my performance from everyone I interact and work with

Elected Secretary

Jennifer Brooke Burlingame

It has been a busy year for me. I've had lots of requests for information on hunt tests and walking field trails. I have had a steady increase in interest from older people (retires 55 and older) wanting to participate in hunt tests and walking field trails. I've not been able to find a lot of walking field trails since they seem to be becoming more popular. I've gotten a lot of feedback from people looking for these types of field trails since not everyone has a horse and the other equipment needed for traditional field trails. This started last year and has picked up more this year. I usually send out a letter of introduction and what local clubs are in their area. These clubs include Brittany clubs, local pointing dog clubs, and any others I can find that may offer or be able to help them. I've reached out to all inquiries with a membership form and information about the club and what it has to offer

Sadly, stamp prices have gone up so we may want to look at making a directory and attaching it to the website. I'm not sure how this would work but maybe we should look into this possibility. I spent over \$100.00 on stamps and shipping, I'm not sure if any of those postage at home services is cheaper but that may also be an idea to save money on stamps and shipping?

I've also had plenty of pin requests and finally talked to USPS about shipping them and hope it will be smoother from here on out. I plan to bring them to the national and hope people will pick them up and enjoy them. The person that originally did the medallions has gone out of business. Linda Thomas is helping to try and find a new person; she currently uses a local person in her area that may be able to make them. Will keep everyone in the loop.

The Agenda Book

This year has been much easier putting the book together. People paid attention to the deadlines and got things in on time. I also put a strict it's here or it's not on the reports. I did not allow people to put things in after my deadline. I will adhere to this policy in the future as it has worked so well this go around.

AKC Delegate

Terry Hilliard

While I have only gotten to go to one delegate meeting since I was just approved at the March meeting. I have attended the committee meetings of the Field Trail/Hunt Test committee, Crop and Dock Committee as well as the Breed/All Breed Committee. You can read my report each quarter in the magazine. If you have any questions, clarifications or comments on my reports, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am honored to represent the ABC as a delegate to the AKC. The next delegation meeting will be held in December at the AKC Invitational Royal Canine show.

AKC Gazette Report

David Webb

During this past year there have been three 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 45 some years with Brittanys. Also consider that there was confusion regarding last year's report from this editor. Did not realize that a report was to be automatically submitted each September; thus, a report was never submitted.

Because of this mis-communication, current 2019 and previous 2018 articles written and published in the AKC Gazette for the Brittany Breed Column, are listed as follows:

- Ø January 2018 -- "Breeding"
- Ø April -- "Is She Gone"
- Ø July -- "Old Wives' Tales"
- Ø October -- "Old Wives' Tales – Part Two"
- Ø January 2019 -- "When Is It Time"
- Ø April -- "Blind-Eye"
- Ø July -- "Telepathic Ability in Dogs"
- Ø October -- "Gifts from Bear"

Further please note attached separately is a message, July 19, 2019; received from Arliss Paddock, Senior Editor, AKC Gazette. The indication provided in the memo is that articles received from ABC are, in her opinion of acceptable quality. This memo should be attached to this report.

These articles have been written with intent to provide the reader with information about our breed. Appreciate the opportunity to represent ABC and to write the Brittany Breed Column for the AKC Gazette.

Hi David,

Another priceless gem. We appreciate so much your sharing these vivid and meaningful memories about your Brittanys and the Brittany world. No need to ever apologize for an article sent; they are always appreciated, and our time frame has plenty of leeway. Never a problem at all, always a pleasure to receive your well-written columns. All best to you and yours this hot summer. Hope you're keeping cool!

Regards,
Arliss

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2019 Judges Education Coordinator's Report

Diana Kubitz

We had a good year this year. We've had three applications to be an ABC Mentor. The first did not have AKC's required twelve years in the breed and was asked to re-apply when that requirement had been met. We welcome Bryce Novotny as a new mentor! By the first of next week we'll have all the votes in on our recent applicant Kassie Hamaker, but I already have enough votes to know we will be welcoming Kassie! I have recently tasked my committee to send invitations to be a mentor to anyone they know that has the twelve years' experience in our breed and they felt would be a good addition to the ABC Mentors. I'd like to thank my committee and the ABC Mentors for all they do for the ABC and our breed!

I have scheduled a combined meeting of my committee and mentors to meet at the National Specialty, time to be announced. We need to make sure that we are all on the same page when teaching or mentoring judges. We need to discuss a process by which a mentor could be put on probation and if problems persist, be removed from the mentor's list. I have had a recurring issue with an individual for the last two years, receiving several complaints. Perhaps simply by including a process in the ABC Mentors program for removal or probation, the problem will solve itself. Before anything is implemented it would be sent to the board for approval.

Ron Auten and Paul Renius continue to be my go-to guys for the MSDA seminars in June. We also had the assistance of John Wencley who planted most of the birds for all breeds over the two days of demonstrations. There had been some talk of cancelling this year's seminar because we had far less participations this year than in past years, but held it anyway. If all goes well, in 2020 the MSDA seminars will be held in conjunction with the MSDA and Ann Arbor Kennel Club show held the first weekend in July. WMBC has two specialties and the opportunities for four majors in three days to offer Brittanys. I'm looking forward to having more help and dogs available for these remarkable hands-on seminars. We have two locations we are looking at for the field and water demos, one of which is Cabelas in Dundee, MI and other a hunt club near Maybee, MI. Both locations are close to the fairgrounds in Monroe, MI where the shows and judge's education would be held. Can't wait to see how this all comes together!

Facebook has a new group call AKC Provisional Judges & JEC's. I make posts often prior to a seminar or shows where mentoring will be available. I know of at least six judges who have attended our seminars this year because of these postings. Karen Hynek, attended the national judges ed last November because of my post telling judges that we'd like them to have judged ed every five years. When she showed up, I was surprised because she'd taken JE twice before. She confided that she couldn't remember when she'd taken it last and she knew I wanted her to judge one of my specialties in 2019! I always tell judges to let me know when they have their provisional approval so I can recommend them to clubs for assignments. Ted Eubanks and Barbara Melzer both have taken JE twice and are now approved provisional judges. Any club wishing to have the list of people who have taken judges education can contact me via email and I will send it to them.

I was contacted by Ron Gulembo and sent him the requested policy updates for the policy notebook concerning judge's education. I hope it will meet with your approval.

2019 AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

MARY JO TRIMBLE

- I will not attempt to go into all the legislative issues that AKC has been involved in during 2019. I do encourage our BOD and Members to frequent the Government Relations page at www.akc.org/government-relations/ to check AKC updates on national and state legislation. Co
- See my US Sportsmen's Alliance agenda report for some of the issues HSUS is promoting.
- If your state has an AKC backed Dog Federation, make sure at least one of your club members is a member of the Dog Federation to stay advised on state and local issues. This is where HSUS is now concentrating their efforts: particularly on the city and local level.
- 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. Look for their flyer of services the department offers.
 - AKC and ABC has expressed concern with very restrictive issues in Ft. Smith regarding Breeders and dogs.

2019 ABC AMERICAN FIELD LIAISON

RAY TRIMBLE

This year I would like to highlight two new Amateur Awards as well as the Purina All Age Dog of the Year

Award. The Purina Awards include hour wins in both AKC and American Field. The Amateur Handler Award sponsored by the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America (AFTCA) must be in trials hosted by AFTCA Member Clubs.

PURINA OPEN & AMATEUR ALL AGE DOGS OF THE YEAR: The Purina Open All-Age Brittany Award is presented to the top All-Age Brittany in the country placing in one-hour Open All-Age stakes, run under the AKC and/or the American Field. The award points are calculated starting with the National Championship to the beginning of the same event the following year. The Purina Amateur All-Age Brittany Award is presented to the top All-Age Brittany in the country placing in one-hour Amateur All-Age stakes, run under the AKC and/or the American Field. The award points are calculated starting with the National Amateur Championship to the beginning of the same event the following year. Purina dog food sponsors the award and an oil painting by Artist Ross Young (www.rossyoung.com) is presented to the winner during the ABC National All-Age Championships each year.

Coordinator: Dr. Robert Rankin Statistician: Steve Ralph

AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA (AFTCA) HANDLER OF THE YEAR

The AFTCA announces the creation of the Amateur Handler Award . All points earned in 30 minute Amateur All Age and Amateur Shooting Dog stakes will be assigned to the handler. Eligible Venues include FDSB sanctioned amateur stakes including horseback, walking, NBHA, ABHA, US Complete and Dual Sanctioned Events. The high points handler from each Region will be acknowledged and awarded. The program's high points handler will be acknowledged and awarded at the 2020 Purina Awards Program as guest of the AFTCA. Rules are as follows:

FOR INDIVIDUALS: (MJT Note: Dues for individuals are \$25 a year.))

- Provide an opportunity to award handler points in any AFTCA Individual Member or Pre-Member for any placement in a 30-minute amateur all all age or shooting dog club trial.
- Allow an individual who was not a member in the previous field trial season to have an active pre-membership number that allows the handler to participate for one year at no membership cost.
- Provide monthly informative emails giving valuable and useful information regarding field trials and handling development.
- Provide Individual Member recognition on social media, targeted emails and website publications.

FOR CLUBS:

- Provide a tax deduction issued by the 501(c)3 AFTCA 20th Century Fund to landowners providing a venue for the club to hold their trials on.
- Allow a club that was not a member in the previous field trial season to have an active pre-membership number that allows the club to participate for one year at no membership cost.
- Help clubs promote amateur stakes by providing a Top Amateur Handler competition for participation in a club's 30 minute amateur stakes.
- Provide club recognition on social media, target emails, and website publications.

Watch the AFTCA website and AFTCA members watch your email inbox for more announcements and details. Any interested sponsors are encouraged to contact AFTCA Secretary Piper Huffman at www.aftca.org or email her at piper.huffman@aim.com. (Reprinted from 8/10/19 Am. Field)

BREED STANDARDS REPORT

Judy Tighe

There are no issues that have come up in 2019 regarding Breed Standards. The Committee has no recommendations at this time.

Central Directors Report

Steve Ralph

Action Item: Allow Beeper collars in Grouse & Woodcock field trials

The ABC Grouse & Woodcock committee has asked that ABC Board Of Directors send a request to AKC asking them to allow Beeper collars for Grouse & Woodcock field trial. This requested change would require a change to the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds item 6-S.

Current item 6-S:

6-S Tracking Collars. For regulations governing the use of tracking collars see page 67. Belled collars are permissible. Beeper collars are not permitted.

Requested change to item 6-S:

6-S Tracking Collars. For regulations governing the use of tracking collars see page 67. Belled collars are permissible. Beeper collars are permissible for Grouse & Woodcock field trials.

Reasoning: Due to the dense cover which Grouse & Woodcock field trials take place and the ever-increasing hearing loss which has disabled many of the older participants (handlers, judges, scouts) from hearing a Bell, it is the request of the ABC Grouse & Woodcock committee that Beeper collars be allowed for Grouse & Woodcock field trials.

Central Director Report

Joe Droel

Action Item

I put forward as a motion to discontinue support to ABR. ABR is now rescuing other breeds with disregard to other breed rescues. ABR is also rescuing French Brittanys and other sporting breeds from foreign countries. They no longer represent the American Brittany as a rescue.

Derby Invitational Committee report

Steve Ralph

The committee decided to eliminate the two Derby Invitational's (All Age & Shooting Dog) and replace with a single Derby Invitational which will be run between the National All-Age & Gun Dog Championships at Booneville, Arkansas. They will also reach out to the American Field to see if the Derby Invitational can be recognized as an American Field Championship.

East Coast Director Report

Darlene Dow

I would like to put forward a Motion for a policy for the conduct of Officers and Directors on social media as it pertains to discussing for ABC business.

East Coast Director Report

Bob Fleury

I would like to have added to the agenda the following.
A short presentation by the president of the CEB-US to provide information about their organization and their concerns over splitting the breed.

East Central Directors Report

Jack Alexander

Motion:

Standards

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Color: Orange and white or liver and white in either clear or roan pattern. Some ticking is desirable. The orange or liver is found in the standard parti-color or piebald patterns. Washed out colors are not desirable. Tri-colors are allowed but not preferred. A tri-color is a liver and white dog with classic orange markings on eyebrows, muzzle and cheeks, inside the ears and under the tail, freckles on the lower legs are orange. Anything exceeding the limits of these marking shall be severely penalized. Black is a disqualification.

(Tri-colors are allowed but not preferred.)

I would like to see this phrase removed from the policy book we should be working towards inclusion not exclusion

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Trophies: section 3

A Discussion to remove the this verbiage from the policy book

3. Cash prizes are prohibited.

(3)If the motion to allow the EB to spilt and create the own breed fails I believe there should be a serious discussion on creating a variety class within our breed to which allow black in the nose and coat to participate in show that will allow them to Achieve The elusive CH title before their name

2019 ABC FACEBOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

Robin Tomasi

At the time of this report there are 5,821 followers of the page.

Following are some insights into the demographics of our Facebook fans:

56% of our fans are women while 43% are men. The 45-54 age demographic is the most engaged (those who comment, like, or share content), followed closely by the 55-64 & 35-44 age groups.

We have seen a 2% decline in the 18-24 demographic and a 4% increase in the 65+

demographic. The 35-44 demographic has increased 3% and is now basically even with our 45-54 and 55-64 age group. Most of our followers are from the United States. The ages of our fans break down as follows (from largest to smallest):

- 45-54: 22%
- 35-44: 21%
- 55-64: 21%
- 25-34: 18%
- 65+: 15%
- 18-24: 4%

Individual posts are viewed on average by 1,500 people. National event and futurity results were our top performing posts in 2018. The live streaming of the National Specialty Show Best of Breed, Gun Dog National Winners, Futurity Winners, and Derby Invitation Winners were the posts to top the 4,000-engagement mark.

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 especially while I was without a computer part of this last year and couldn't add some of the posts from my phone.

Field Trial Dates Committee report

Steve Ralph

No field trial date issues were reported by the Regional Date Coordinators which need to be addressed. Thank you to all the Regional Date Coordinators Bruce Conover(E), Wade Haines(EC), Burton Wice(c), Jim Crawford(MW), Larry Sandusky(W) for all their hard work in coordinating their regional field trial 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.

2019 Finance Committee Report

Judy Graves and committee

As outlined in the Policy Book, one of the primary responsibilities of the Finance Committee is to perform a detail review of last year's financial activity and report to the BOD our findings. Unfortunately, this has not been done this year because of the failure of the Treasurer to provide us with final reports for 2018. Given that our field trial season has started, I am not sure we will be able to complete our review and prepare the report by the Annual Meeting in November. We will do our best, but I cannot guarantee it will happen.

We were, however, able to prepare the 2019 budget presented during last year's annual board meeting and create the 2019 event budgets using the incomplete data supplied by the treasurer and event managers earlier this year. The 2020 budget will most likely consist of estimates from years past and experience of past practices. Since our main source of revenue is memberships, we can get that information from the membership chair's data base.

The IRS 990N reporting forms for the 46 clubs covered under our group exemption have been filed. We have not seen the 990T or the request for an extension; but were assured by the Treasurer they were filed.

To the best of our knowledge, no quarterly reports were submitted to the BOD.

As you can see from the above, the role of the Treasurer is very important. The current treasurer has notified the BOD he is not running for re-election. We are in the process of advertising for a new person and hope that person has the time necessary to complete the duties of the Treasurer as outlined in the Policy Book.

2019 FUTURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

LESLEE MASOLOTTE, CHAIRPERSON AND LINDA LANGFORD, SECRETARY

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the chairperson of the American Brittany Club Futurity. I would like to thank the 2019 committee members: Leslie Andreas – Central Section, Jacquie Campbell – Western section, Darlene Dow – Eastern Section and Facebook contributor, Diane Hedstrom – Central Section, Sue Lehosky – Eastern Section, Michelle Millette – Western Section and Linda Langford, Secretary.

As members of the futurity committee and the American Brittany Club as well as our regional clubs, we have resolved previous issues that included the running of bitches in season field clause and changed the photo lineup of the winners for the website and the magazine which has been well received.

We are grateful to our host clubs in 2019. The Mid-Florida club hosted the eastern section on January 14 and 15. The Skyline Club hosted the central section on March 10 and 11. The Oregon club hosted the western section on April 4 and 5. We need to continue to support our host clubs and offer suggestions to aid the clubs in itemizing meeting expenses in conducting their events.

We again secured the use of Custom Ink Fundraising Services in purchasing official futurity apparel. A percentage of apparel sales has been added to the futurity purse. The amount of \$315.77 was split between the three sections. The committee will discuss other fundraising programs for the 2020 futurities.

The printed and framed host club acknowledgement certificates were again given to each section manager to show our appreciation for the hard work of each host club in their events. There were trophy donations made to all three regions. I would like to thank those who made the donations. The amounts for the eastern section were \$140.00, with \$200.00 for the central section and \$350 for the western section. Lori and John Kruse also graciously made and donated custom drinking mugs to first place winners.

There were 75 ABC members who made final forfeit entry payments for the 2017/2019 litters. The number of nominations made by breeders in 2017 was 89 litters.

Entries income: eastern \$2,532.06, central \$3,216.06 and western \$2,649.06 with total revenue of \$11,428.77 Thank you to Purina Pro Plan for their donation of \$500.00 for each of the three sections.

The total money purse was \$8,397.19 with the eastern purse at \$2,532.06, the central purse was \$3,216.06 and the western purse was \$2,649.06

The total expenses were \$11,458.16 and total revenue was \$11,428.77

Looking forward to the 2018/2020 running, we have the Mid-Florida club again hosting the eastern section on January 12 and 13. The Minnesota club will be hosting the central section on April 2 and 3. The Oregon club will again be hosting the western section on April 6 and 7. We hope to encourage the regional directors to become involved with their section futurity by assisting with the photo ops with the Purina banner and food bags and futurity trophies. Increased fund raising and trophy donations need to be encouraged. Additionally the futurity committee members are submitting a series of magazine articles to highlight and acknowledge the breeders of the winning futurity entries. Bob Fleury has graciously encouraged me in this new endeavor to submit for publication in The American Brittany Magazine. Thank you Darlene Dow and Sue Lehosky for their help in this new focus of the futurity committee.

Through a recommendation by Bob Burchett, Linda Langford has created a “lifetime” mailing list to help ensure that handlers who are training futurity nominated puppies will be notified when the final forfeit payments are due. There have been times when the puppy owners have missed the forfeit deadline because the owner assumes the handler is making the entries.

The ABC Magazine has resumed publishing the litter nomination forms. Linda Langford estimates 10% of the new litter nominations for the 2019 litters came from the magazine since the form was reintroduced this spring.

A huge thank you to the futurity committee members who are dedicated Brittany owners, breeders and exhibitors as they are representing each futurity section with plans for the future.

Dog Nominations for the Hall of Fame

Kent Patterson

The ABC Dog Hall of Fame committee reviewed 6 nominations submitted per ABC policy:

Bourbon XIII

Countess Mon Petite Whiz

Renegade's Regal Wrigley

Buck's Hit the Road Jack

Blaze Dakota Trucker

Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon

Based on the review criteria and voting process outlined in the ABC policy, the following dogs received a majority vote through two rounds and are submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration to the ABC Dog HOF.

Bourbon XIII

Blaze Dakota Trucker

Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon

Kent D. Patterson
ABC Dog HOF Chairman

(See appendix 1 at back of book)

Junior Achievement Award

Karen Hanson

The first Junior Achievement Award was handed out at the National Specialty Show in 2018. Mary Claire Ctibor was a very worthy awardee. Claire has won Best Junior Handler at ABC Nationals, won Best Junior Handler at the 2018 AKC National Championship and was then invited to show in juniors at Crufts (and made the cut!!). Claire has also been an AKC merit scholarship recipient, and has finished numerous Brittanys in the show ring, and put hunt test titles on them.

Health Aspects & Genetic Defects

Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM

Health & Genetics committee chair Margaret Horstmeyer, DVM attended the bi annual AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St Louis, MO in August. Sponsored by Purina, this conference is a compilation of reports and updates by researchers and clinicians who have received grants from CHF.

ABC has contributed through its donor advised funds (DAF) to the following grants in 2018:
Grant 02516: “Is Gut Dysbiosis Associated with Canine Idiopathic Epilepsy?”

Grant 02383: Identifying Cellular Mechanisms of Inflammation during Canine Tick-Borne Disease.

These DAF funds accumulate when members of ABC participate by submitting their Purina dog food receipts through the Purina Parent Club Partnership program. As of 8/31/19 the ABC contribution is \$14,356.25. With these funds we will be contributing support to grants which are applicable to our breed in 2020.

So keep up the good work submitting your receipts!

2019 MAGAZINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob Fleury

The processing and publication of this year's monthly issues of the American Brittany went very well. This was accomplished by the cooperation and efforts of the members of the magazine committee, the statistician and the staff at Webster County Printers who work together to produce a magazine that we can all be proud of.

We do have continuing issues with getting the results and write ups for events from some regional clubs in timely fashion. Pictures submitted without proper captioning is also an area where problems occur. It is important to the members who support and enter these regional events to be able to read about those events in an accurate and timely fashion.

We have been actively attempting to add a member to the committee whose sole duty would be to solicit commercial advertising along with kennel, trainers and at stud advertising.

An important issue that needs to be addressed by the Board of Directors is the cover page photos. Presently magazine policy dictates that there are twelve must print photos and others that can be used at the discretion of the magazine committee. This year we will be adding two other National Titles, the Open Walking Gun Dog Champion and the Amateur Walking Gun Dog Champion.

Action Item – Board discussion on magazine cover photos.

National All-Age Field Trial Secretary report

Steve Ralph

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 ABC website, American Brittany magazine, and American Field for publication. The premiums are available on the ABC website and the qualified dog owners/handlers will be notified.

2019 Nomination Committee

Ed Tillson

The nomination committee submitted names and bios for proposed Directors to the Executive Secretary, who had ballots printed and distributed to the Membership.

Ballot cards will be picked up directly from the ABC mailbox in Booneville, Arkansas by Chair, Ed Tillson. The ballots will be counted and nominees informed of their respective outcomes.

New 2020 Directors' names will be announced at the 2019 Board meeting and at the General Membership Meeting.

Nominees for open Officer positions will be presented at the Board meeting, and a vote will be conducted to fill those positions. The new Officers' names will be announced at the conclusion of the vote and at the General Membership Meeting.

Non-Field Performance Committee

Cindy Miller

AKC Statistics published for 2018 indicates that there are a lot of Brittany owners that participate in non-field events. These events include agility, obedience, rally, dock-diving, trick dog, barn hunt, scent work, coursing and herding ability.

Obedience had 45 titles awarded; rally had 51 titles awarded; 6 titles in dock diving; 136 titles in trick dog; barn hunt had 8 titles awarded; Scent work had 58 new titles; coursing ability and fast cat had 30 titles awarded and there were 5 Brittanys that passed the herding dog instinct test.

There were 116 Brittanys that obtained one of the Canine Good Citizen titles and 3 Brittanys that earned their Therapy Dog title.

Agility had more titles awarded than all of the other events combined! There were a total of 382 title awarded. This is well summarized by the fact that agility entries at the Nationals increased by 10% from 2017 to 2018.

The owners of these companion/non-field performance Brittanys want to thank the American Brittany Club for their support in promoting all events.

Policy Book

Ron Gulembo

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB, INC CONSTITUTION

Approved November
29, 1964 Revised ----
-----2019

ARTICLE 1

Section 1: The organization shall be known as The American Brittany Club, Inc. and shall have the right to affiliate with The American Kennel Club and except as specifically set forth to the contrary herein shall be guided by certain features and provisions of the constitution and by-laws of The American Kennel Club.

Section 2: The Board of Directors is charged with registering the name of The American Brittany Club, Inc. with proper authorities and of resisting the unauthorized use of the name.

Section 3: The Club shall incorporate as a non-profit organization and maintain its incorporation in the state wherein it is qualified.

ARTICLE 11

The objectives and purposes of the Club shall be:

To promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittany's and to encourage higher standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittany's 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. "

To promote the formation and development of regional Brittany Clubs throughout the United States as member clubs of The American Brittany Club, Inc.

ARTICLE 111

The management of the business, prudential concerns, and property of this Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors of not less than five and not more than fifteen members.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: These Articles of the Constitution may be amended by a referendum vote by mail, (a) when authorized by the Board of Directors or (b) when authorized by a written petition addressed to the **Executive** Secretary and signed by at least 25 members in good standing, no more than 5 being members of the same regional member club.

Section 2: Within thirty days after authorization, the **Executive** Secretary shall mail to every member, entitled to vote, a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments together with an appropriate ballot, and shall specify on the ballot a day certain, not less than thirty days after such mailing, on which the polls shall close.

Section 3: No ballot shall be counted unless signed by the member, and the ballot shall bear a notice to this effect.

Section 4: Only affirmative or negative votes on the proposed amendments, and received by the **Executive** Secretary on or before the day of closing the polls, shall be counted. The Secretary shall count the ballots and report the result to the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Provided ballots properly marked so as to be counted are received from one-fourth of the members of the Club, and provided at least two-thirds of such ballots are favorable, the proposed amendment shall be carried, and shall take effect forthwith.

BY-LAWS
AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB INC.
Approved December 2, 1975
Revised-----2020

ARTICLE 1

Section 1: Membership: Membership in the Club shall consist of the following classes: ~~Active-Full~~, Associate, and Life.

a. A ~~Active~~ **Full** Member shall be any person interested in the improvement of the Breed of Brittanys. **Shall also** be in good standing with the National Kennel Clubs. **(Define National Kennel Clubs)** All ~~Active- Full~~ Members of Regional Clubs in good standing may be ~~Active Full~~ Members of the Parent Club. **A Regional club offering special memberships in their club shall have members identified by name who shall be entitled to a Full membership status.**

b. Any person may become an Associate Member, as ~~his~~ **their** own choice of membership, when a member of ~~his~~ **their** immediate family is an ~~Active Full~~ Member. ~~He~~ **They** shall not have the privilege of voting or holding office in the Parent Club, but may be appointed to committees. **Shall also be in good standing with the National Kennel Clubs. (Define National Kennel Clubs)**

c. Life Membership may be conferred upon any person who has rendered notable service to the Breed of Brittany's or The American Brittany Club, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at an Annual Meeting of the General Membership, acting on a petition signed by at least fifty (50) ~~Active Full~~ Members. Life Membership provides full privileges of membership in the Parent Club, but does not carry with it, obligation of duties or dues. Those persons, upon whom Honorary Memberships have been conferred pursuant to By-Laws provisions previously in effect, shall be Life Members.

Section 2: Termination of Membership: Membership in this Club may be terminated as follows:

- A. By voluntary resignation, tendered in writing to the Executive Secretary;
- B. By voluntary resignation, for failure to pay annual membership dues.

- C. By the Board of Directors, when any member is terminated from privileges by The American Kennel Club for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittany's, field trials, shows or exhibitions.

Section 3: Suspension of Membership: Membership in this Club may be suspended as follows:

A. By the Board of Directors, when any member(s) is suspended of privileges by The American Kennel Club for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittany's, field trials, shows or exhibitions. The period of suspension shall be of like period and to run concurrently with that assessed by The American Kennel Club.

B. By the Board of Directors, should the Board sustain the suspension of any member from membership to a Regional Club, through due process by Officers and Members of such Club, for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittany's, field trials, shows and exhibitions. Any period of suspension shall be of like period and to run concurrently with that assessed by the Regional Club.

ARTICLE 11

Section 1: Regional Club Formation: Any group of ten (10) or more owners of Brittany's or persons interested in the development and improvement of the Breed, of whom not more than two (2) such individuals are members of the same household, shall be eligible to organize a Member Regional Club.

Application for permission to affiliate with the Parent Club must be accompanied by a signed application for membership by each prospective member of the organizing Club along with all other documents required and specified by The American Brittany Club. A check to cover all per capita dues must accompany the signed application. If application is refused, this fee shall be refunded.

Section 2: Incorporation: Each regional Club shall incorporate as a non-profit organization under the laws of the State in which it operates. It should choose a name which identifies the area of the Regional Club's function and to include the words "Brittany Club" as a portion of the same.

Section 3: Membership in Regional Clubs: Membership in the Regional Clubs shall consist of ~~Active~~, Full, Associate, and Life Members. For full privileges of the Parent Club, Life Membership shall be conferred by the American Brittany Club pursuant to Art. 1, Section 1©, of these By-laws.

Section 4: Geographical Territory: Each Regional Club shall confine its activities to the area allotted it by the Board of Directors of The American Brittany Club.

Section 5: Termination or Suspension: The Board of Directors, after considering proper evidence, shall have the authority to suspend or expel any Regional Club for conduct of Officers and/or Members which

is prejudicial to the best interests of the Breed of Brittany's, The American Brittany Club or National Kennel Clubs

- a. After the Regional Club has been given an opportunity to be heard, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors is required to suspend or expel any Regional Club for a period of not less than six (6) months and not more than five (5) years.
- b. The Board of Directors, after sufficient notice, may suspend any Member Regional Club when the Active Membership of that Club falls below ten (10) members.
- c. The Board of Directors, for good cause, may withhold approval for a Member Regional Club to hold field trials or specialty shows.

Section 6: Reinstatement: Any Regional Club wishing to be reinstated after suspension or expulsion must present its name as a former Regional Club and be handled in the same manner as prescribed in Article II, Sec. 1, above.

ARTICLE III

Dues: Annual dues for both ~~Active~~ Full Members and Associate Members shall be payable in advance in the amount established by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, annually, in the second preceding year to the effective date of such dues. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors prior to August 1 of any year immediately preceding the January 1 effective date, such dues may be modified by increase or decrease as the financial circumstances of the Club dictate. If a member enrolled in a Regional Club chooses to receive full privileges of the American Brittany Club, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the annual dues to be deposited with the parent Club.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1: Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the General Membership of the Club shall be held each year in conjunction with ~~the~~ a National Championship, a National Amateur Championship ~~and/or Futurity~~ and a National Specialty Show.

Section 2: Special Meetings: Special Meetings of the General Membership of the Club shall be called by the President at the request of two-thirds (2/3) of the active Directors, and shall be held at the time and place requested.

1. **Section 3:** Notice of Meetings: All ~~Active~~ Full Members and Life Members shall be notified thirty (30) days in advance of each Annual or Special Meeting of the General Membership of the Club, the time and place, by written notice mailed to each member, or by notice in the Club publication.

Section 4: Quorum: At all meetings of the membership, fifty (50) members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum and a ~~majority~~ 2/3 ballot vote shall be ~~required~~ sufficient. Each ~~Active~~ Full Member and each Life Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at each Annual and Special Meeting of the General Membership of the Club.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: Board of Directors: The management of the affairs, business, and property of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Directors of fifteen (15) members, three (3) members being from each of five (5) geographical areas, hereinafter referred to as "Regions," as designated by the Board of Directors. (See map on 20A)

Section 2: Election of Directors: The Directors from each Region shall be elected by ~~Active~~ Full Members and Life Members in that Region, the conduct of said election being the responsibility of the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, members of such Committee living in that Region, and the Executive Secretary. **Directors must reside in their region elected to serve.**

Section 3: Eligibility: Any ~~Active~~ Full Member of a Regional Club who is in good standing with such Regional Club, The American Brittany Club and National Kennel Clubs (**Define National Kennel Clubs**) is eligible to serve as a Director. No individual shall serve concurrently as both an officer and Director or hold two or more officer positions concurrently.

Section 4: Term of Office: Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years, with one-third (1/3), one (1) Director from each Region, being elected annually. They shall assume their duties January 1, following the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors at which they were elected.

Section 5: Meetings: The Directors shall hold meetings at such times as they deem necessary for the required and orderly conduct of Club business. At least one (1) meeting each year shall be designated as the "Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors" and shall be held at the same place and approximate time of the "Annual Meeting of the General Membership" of the Club, pursuant to Article IV, Sec. 1. ~~above.~~ Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President at the written **or e-mail** request of five (5) Members of the Board. Since the Club must be national in scope to serve its purpose, and since Directors reside in locations too distant to make frequent physical meetings possible, after written **or e-mail** motion and second by Directors, ballot(s) may be taken by mail, **e-mail, or telephone, or a conference call:**

- a. Directors shall be notified by mail, **e-mail, telegram** or telephone at least thirty (30) days in advance of the time and place of all physical meetings.
- b. Directors shall be notified by mail, **e-mail, telegram** or telephone at least seven (7) days in advance of all meetings to be held by telephone **or a conference call.**

Section 6: Quorum: Two-thirds (2/3) of the number of Directors actively serving on the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. No Director shall delegate any of his powers to a proxy.

Section 7: Vote: The vote of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- a. At all Physical Meetings of the Board, after a quorum has been counted, when less than the quorum is present and voting on any issue, the final tally shall be delayed until all Directors who constituted the quorum are given an opportunity to vote. **A 2/3 roll call vote shall constitute passage or failure of any issue. In case of a tie, the President will cast an up or down vote to break the tie vote.**
- b. At all Non-Physical Meetings of the Board, or when necessary to obtain a vote from individual Directors by telephone or via a conference call, all votes shall be verified **by a**

~~2/3 roll call vote for passage or failure—mail, a period not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty (20) days shall be allowed for the return of individual ballots. A majority shall be considered to mean a majority of the ballots returned. If a single phone call to confirm a vote is required from an absent Board member, the President shall ask for a paper copy of his or her voting choice via e-mail or snail mail, after the phone call to confirm said voting choice.~~

Section 8: Publication of Vote. The membership of this Club shall be notified by publication in the Club magazine, ~~and the ABC website under news,~~ all issues voted upon by the Board of Directors, the tally of each ballot, and the individual vote of each director.

Section 9: Vacancies: In the event of the death, change of residence from ~~a region~~ in which elected, resignation or inability of any Director to perform the duties for which elected, the Board of Directors ~~shall will have the power to designate a successor to serve for the remainder of such term by a majority 2/3 vote of the Board. Only persons eligible for election as a Director shall be eligible for designation.~~

a. ~~Any Full Member of a Regional Club who is in good standing with such Regional Club, and The American Brittany Club is eligible to serve as a Director. A Director must reside in their region elected to serve out the remaining term. In case of a tie, the President will cast an up or down vote to break the tie vote.~~

b. ~~In case of a Director vacancy, the Board of Directors will go back to the last previous election ballot vote and appoint the 2nd place candidate if she or he garnered at least 33% of the votes cast. Vote totals will be kept by each Nominating Committee Chair. (2014)~~

ARTICLE VI

Section 1: Officers: The Officers shall be a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 4th Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to employ an Executive Secretary. The Board of Directors shall elect a Delegate to the American Kennel Club. The Board of Directors is vested with the sole power to appoint an Editor to "The American Brittany" Magazine. (11/96)

Section 2: Election of Officers: Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, by majority vote, at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors from a slate presented by the Committee on Nominations, or upon nomination from the floor by any Director(s). The consent of all nominees to serve shall be obtained prior to nomination.

a. On each odd-year of the calendar, the President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer shall be elected;

b. On each even-year of the calendar, the 1st Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 4th Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected. (11/96)

Section 3: Term of Office:

a. All officers shall serve for two (2) years and shall assume their duties on January 1, following the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors at which they were elected.

b. The Executive Secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the best interests of The American Brittany Club.

- c. The Delegate to The American Kennel Club shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and The American Kennel Club.
- d. The Editor of "The American Brittany" shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the best interests of The American Brittany Club.

Section 4: Eligibility: Any Active Full Member of a Regional Club who is in good standing with such Regional Club, The American Brittany Club and National Kennel Clubs (Define National Kennel Club) is eligible to serve as an Officer, Executive Secretary, Delegate to The American Kennel Club or Editor. No individual shall serve concurrently as both an officer and Director or hold two or more officer positions concurrently.

Section 5: Responsibility: Each Officer, Executive Secretary, Delegate, and Editor is responsible directly to the Board of Directors for the conduct of their office.

Section 6: Duties of Officers: Each Officer shall follow all provisions set forth by the Board of Directors in a delineation of "Duties of Officers and Executive Secretary." The Board of Directors, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, may alter these designated duties as required. The Officers shall be designated as the Officer in charge of the following affairs of the Club.

- a. President: Shall coordinate the work of all Committees, working closely with the Executive Secretary, and is the officer finally responsible to the Board of Directors for the activities of the Club. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall name the standing committees and shall be a member ex-officio with vote on all committees, excepting the Committee on Nominations.
- b. 1st Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President is absent or unable to perform the duties of that office. The 1st Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the American Brittany Club National Open All Age Championship and the National Amateur Championship and shall be a member ex-officio with vote on any committee dealing with the affairs of such office. (11/96)
- c. 2nd Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event both the President and 1st Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 2nd Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the Club pertaining to the formation of new Member Clubs and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.
- d. 3rd Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 3rd Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the Club pertaining to the National Specialty Show and the Summer Specialty Show and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.
- e. 4th Vice President: Shall assume the duties of the President in the event the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President or 3rd Vice President are absent or unable to perform the duties of such office. The 4th Vice President shall be designated as the officer in charge of the affairs of the Club pertaining to the National Gun Dog Championship and shall be a member ex-officio with vote of any committee dealing with the affairs of such office.
- f. Elected Secretary: Shall attend all Meetings of the General Membership, keeping minutes of all such meetings and shall maintain the corporate records of the Club. The Secretary shall

fulfill the duties of the Executive Secretary in the event that office is vacant or otherwise unable to perform the duties of such office.

g. Treasurer: Shall act as Comptroller of the Corporation and shall control and account for all financial transactions and affairs of the Club, including National Championship trial events, Field and Bench Futurities, National Specialty Show, "The American Brittany" magazine, the "book fund," and all other events, activities or undertaking of the American Brittany Club. All accounts shall be deposited in banks approved by the Board of Directors, in the name of The American Brittany Club. The Treasurer's books shall be at all times open to inspection by the Members of the Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Board quarterly, as well as at the Annual Meetings of the General Membership and Board of Directors, the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. An annual audit shall be made of the Treasurer's books by a Public Accountant as approved by the Board of Directors.

h. Executive Secretary: In the event the Board of Directors authorizes the employment of an Executive Secretary, the Board of Directors shall fix and determine the duties of the person chosen by the Board to occupy this office, set the salary and authorize the necessary expenses. The Executive Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary of the Board of Directors and shall have no vote.

i. Delegate to the American Kennel Club: The Delegate to The American Kennel Club shall maintain liaison between The American Brittany Club and The American Kennel Club, reporting regularly to the Board of Directors and Officers the pertinent affairs affecting the Breed of Brittanys, field trials, shows or exhibitions, and The American Brittany Club.

Section 7: Editor, "The American Brittany" Magazine: The Board of Directors shall have the power to select the person to act as Editor of "The American Brittany," the Club publication, set any salary and authorize the necessary expenses. The same person may serve concurrently as Executive Secretary and Editor of the Club publication. The Editor shall not serve concurrently as an Officer or Director of The American Brittany Club.

Section 8: Vacancies: In the event of the death, resignation or inability of any Officer, the Executive Secretary, Delegate to The American Kennel Club, or Editor of "The American Brittany" to perform the duties of office, the Board of Directors shall have the power to designate a successor to serve for the remainder of such term, commencing at the time of designation, by a majority vote of the Board. Only persons eligible for election as an Officer, Executive Secretary, Delegate to The American Kennel Club, or Editor of "The American Brittany" magazine shall be eligible for such appointment.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1: Committee on Nominations: There shall be a Committee on Nominations, ten (10) in number, consisting of five (5) Directors and five (5) ~~Active Full~~ **Full** Members, one (1) Director and one (1) ~~Active Full~~ **Full** Member to be from each of the five (5) Regions. All Directors appointed to this Committee shall be the Directors serving their second year in office.

Chairperson of this Committee shall be vested in a Director and shall rotate in order: East Coast, East Central, Central, Midwest and West Coast Regions. Five (5) members of this Committee, as a minimum, shall attend every Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and personally accomplish the duties of the Committee. The ~~Active Full~~ **Full** Members shall be appointed to this Committee by the President and **must be approved by the Board of Directors, at the Annual meeting or by a BOD motion.**

Section 2: Duties of Committee of Nominations: Prior to September 1 of each year, the Executive Secretary shall prepare an election ballot **listed** nominees for the Director to be elected from that Region, with at least two (2) and, if possible, more names nominated of willing candidates for each position to be filled. Names to appear on each Regional ballot will be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations by the respective Regional Members of the Committee. Copies of the election ballot for each Region shall be mailed to each **Active Full** Member within that Region, along with a return addressed envelope, the return address being for all Regions a postal box specifically acquired for this purpose at the place of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors where such election occurs. If a postal box cannot be acquired, the Board of Directors shall determine the return address for the ballots. The Committee Chairman and a Committee Member shall obtain the ballots and bring them to the designated site where the ballots shall be tabulated by the Members of the Committee on Nominations and the Chairman. The results of the election shall be announced by the Chairman **at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and at the Annual Meeting of the General Membership**. It shall nominate persons and present the names to the Board of Directors for possible election as Officers, whose terms expire in any year, having obtained consent of all nominees to serve if elected.

Section 3: Appointed Standing Committees: The President for the next ensuing year shall appoint such Standing Committees as are necessary for the functioning of the Club, such appointments to be made within a time prudent for maximum efficiency of any Committee. The Chairman of all Standing committees shall submit written report of the work of the Committee for the calendar year, delivering a copy to both the President and Executive Secretary. Without express permission for delay by the President, copies of all Committee reports shall be prepared and distributed to the Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Such reports shall be read at the Annual Meeting of the General Membership and, as required, at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, and become a permanent record of the Club.

Section 4: Special Committee: Special Committees may be appointed by the President as they are required and shall serve until they complete the project for which they were appointed and final report rendered to the Board of Directors.

Section 5: Committee Membership: All Committees, excepting the Committee on Nominations, shall consist of at least the Chairman and four (4) members, of which two (2) members may be Associate Members. Each Committee is responsible to the President and the Board of Directors and shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors for action.

Section 6: Replacement of Committee Chairman or Member: In the event a Committee Chairman or Member resigns or otherwise become unable to ~~and~~ **or** fails to perform the duties of the Committee, ~~with approval of the Board of Directors~~ **must support approval by a 2/3 vote of any recommendation from the Chairman and the President to** appoint a new and different Chairman or Member to complete the business for which the Committee was appointed. **There must be a record in writing from the President or the Chairman of any committee as to the reason for the request, to only be shared by the BOD and aggrieved person**

Section 7: Committee Vote: When necessary to obtain a vote from the members of a committee, such vote may be conducted by mail **or email** allowing a period of not less than ten (10) days and not more than twenty (20) days for the return of an individual ~~ballot~~ **response**. A ~~majority~~ **2/3 vote** shall be

considered to mean a ~~majority~~ **the number** of the ballots' **responses**' returned from those entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1: Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Club shall be a calendar year, January 1 to December 31

Section 2: Bonding: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to determine the bonds to be required of all persons, in addition to the Treasurer, who handle funds of the Club; to designate the bonding company; to designate those officers, employees, and members to be covered by bond. The Club shall be obligated to pay the cost of bonds procured.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1: Amendment of By-Laws: These By-Laws may be amended by a referendum vote by mail of the ~~Active~~ **Full** Members of the Club.

- a. When authorized by the Board of Directors; or
- b. When authorized by a written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the ~~Active~~ **Full** Members in good standing, no more than fifty percent (50%) of the petitioning Members being of the same Region.

Section 2: Vote:

- a. Within thirty (30) days after authorization, the Executive Secretary shall mail to each ~~Active~~ **Full** Member entitled to vote, a copy of the proposed amendment(s), together with an appropriate ballot. It shall specify on the ballot a day certain, not less than thirty (30) days following such mailing, on which the polls shall close;
- b. Only affirmative or negative votes on the proposed amendment(s), and received by the Executive Secretary on or before the day of closing of the polls, shall be counted. The Executive Secretary shall count the ballots and report the result to the Board of Directors, and the **Elected** Secretary for appropriate revision of corporation records.
- c. Provided ballots properly marked so as to be counted are received from **Full** Members entitled to vote, and provided at least two-thirds (2/3) of such ballots returned are favorable, the proposed amendment(s) shall be carried, and shall take effect forthwith.

ARTICLE X

The Parliamentary authority of the Club and Board of Directors shall be "Roberts' Rules of Order Revised," in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

Purina Report

Joe Gower

This year marked the second transition in three years of the Purina Coordinator duties as Kent Patterson assumed the responsibilities of the first vice president and putting on the National Championship. In addition, we established another layer of National Championships to support.

During the transition we have kept everything essentially the same in relation to trial support. For 2020 we will request partnership with the club president to re-evaluate trial and show entries for support and consider the impact on the addition of another National Championship. This may adjust the 2020 allocations.

Purina has committed to maintaining their previous commitment but like many businesses they are cautious about growing expenditures and we can expect that they will be strict about sticking to what they have budgeted.

Registry of Merit

Karen Hanson

The Registry of Merit program is designed to recognize dogs that are the top producers in our breed. A dog with a ROM designation will have left a lasting mark on the breed through their progeny. To date, 84 dogs and bitches have been awarded the designation.

I have opened up the program to recognize dogs that are deceased. Dogs that are deceased, whose owners are also deceased may be added to the program at no charge. All I ask is that the dog be submitted with sufficient proof of their progeny's titles. Many great dogs, like Perry's Rustic Prince, Tex of Richmond, Towsey, etc... have been added thanks to the diligence of their supporters.

Proceeds from this award are earmarked for the Dog of the Year Program.

2019 Statistics
Mary Karbiner

2019 Statistics Report

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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
BRITTANYS Per AKC							
Dual Ch	10	9	8	13	14	5	
Field Ch	56	43 51	GFCH10	49-8	41-9 29	GFCH14	
Amt Fld Ch	33	27 29	GAFC 1	24-3	32-2 20	-2	
GCH	60	71	55	42	57	63	
CH	156	167	159	146	151	180	
JH	122	113	123	161	143	127	
SH	19	15	16	27	19	35	
MH	16	16	16	4	16	15	
# dogs in comp., not # entered at Nat'l Spec Show	158	161	141	149	152	138	
Canine Good Citizen Award	72	58	63	70	83	95	
CGC Advanced	3	8	9	16	15	15	
BRITTANY Regist with AKC							
Litters # registered	n.f.	1476	1550	1552	1655	1681	
Dogs # registered	n.f.	n.a.	n.f.	4626	5043	4711	
AKC Ptg. Breed F.T's # of events	416	490	380	388	385	372	
Total # dogs entered	31362	28,638	28,462	28,052	27,037	25340	
FUTURITY Region & Starters-							
EAST	A-15 G-26	A-6 G23	A-5 G-14	A-21 G18	A-5 G-24	A-5 G-21	A-7 G-9
CENTRAL	A-20 G-26	A-13 G-14	A-8 G-9	A-12 G-16	A-13 G-11	A-15 G-19	A-10 G-9
WEST	A-12 G-30	A-6 G-26	A-11 G-17	A-2 G-21	A-14 G-28	A-5 G-8	A-3 G-11
Fld Trl Event- Clubs active- #held by Regional Clubs-							
East Coast-	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
S-23 F-10	S-18 F-7	s-3 f-8	s-17 f-6	s-16 f-7	s-15 f-9	s-18	
E. Central-	S-12 F-9	S-11 F-8	s-3 f-9	s-8 f-7	s-11 f-5	s-11 f-2	s-10
Central-	S-15 F-8	S-13 F-6	s-3 f-7	s-16 f-8	s-17 f-10	s-14 f-8	s-13
Midwest-	S-19 F-14	S-19 F-11	s-4 f-7	s-19 f-10	s-16 f-11	s-18 f-9	s-16
West Coast-	S-14 F-12	S-13 F-10	s-2 f-14	s-14 f-12	s-12 f-10	s-14 f-13	s-10
Events Canceled per year				21 canc	23 canc	13 canc	

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Original Gambird Classics

		2013	2014	2015	Pg # 2		2018	2019
# starters					2016	2017		
	Pr.Chicken	48	47	42	39	50	54	
	Chukar	18	24	15	14	16	20	25
	Gun Dog	17	23	36	25	26	30	16
	Grouse/Wdck	18	21	9	17	13	14	
	Pheasant	45	52	48	34	42	69	
	Quall	62	59	68	36	51	54	

National All Age	Open Start.	65	e 52	61	42	54	46	
Championship	Amateur	43	e 32	40	44	39	45	
All Age Derby	Invitational				12	12	12	

National Gun Dog	Open -Start	50	59	49	48	37	54	
Championship	Amateur	36	32	30	27	26	23	
Gun Dog Derby	Invitational				10	9	8	

HR STKS BY REGION

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
EAST COAST	3	4	3	3	4	5	s-5
EAST CENTRAL	4	4	4	2	4	8	s-7
CENTRAL	7	5	8	9	13	6	s-6
MIDWEST	8	7	6	5	6	5	s-5
WEST Coast	4	4	2	3	3	3	s-3
TOTAL Hour Stks	26	24	23	22	30	27	s24

(not including Classic/Nat'l stks)

Summer Specialty

Jacqui Campbell

The Summer Specialty was hosted by the California and San Diego Brittany Clubs as part of a five-day cluster of shows containing a sporting dog specialty show, and four all-breed shows in Pomona, CA. Show Chair Jacqui Campbell pulled together several California clubs to offer exhibitors three specialties and a supported entry during the weekend. The Summer Specialty had one of the largest entries of the weekend at the circuit with a total of 85 entries. There were 20 entries in sweepstakes and 65 entries in the regular classes. In the regular classes there were 13 dogs, 26 bitches, 2 Veteran Dogs, 1 Field Dog, 16 dog specials, 6 bitch specials and 1 Stud Dog. Best of Breed was won by GCH River Run Shake A Tail Feather JH. Thanks to Jacqui Campbell and her committee for organizing a great weekend of Brittany events.

2019 U.S. SPORTSMEN'S ALLIANCE LIAISON

MARY JO TRIMBLE

HSUS continues to fund political campaigns. I have stayed in contact with the US Sportsmen's Alliance, AKC, National Animal Interest Alliance, and other legislative groups during the last year, I 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. However, PLEASE don't just depend on me to always be responsible for keeping you informed of what is happening in your communities and state. It is time that others step up to the plate and learn to stay informed and fight bad legislation. All members should remain vigilant or plan to give up the rights and privileges we have had in the past with our dogs and sport. The Anti emphasis is currently on local ordinances such as the Breeder Ordinance in Fort Smith, AR. Sportsmen's Alliance is working on trying to get a repeal of that as I write. However, it takes the locals contacting their council members to get the changes made.

Current HSUS efforts have been directed toward Hot Car and temperature bills. Be alert for these as some of these do not afford any Due Process or protection for car owners or when temperature extremes do not come into play according to some attorneys consulted.

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.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: Online, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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 Evan Heusinkveld.

We do not have the time nor manpower in ABC to fight federal legislation that impacts field trials and hunting issues. We MUST support organizations like the US Sportsmen’s Alliance and the National Animal Interest Alliance to represent us on a National Level. Donations to these groups help keep our sport alive as it comes under attack by those who follow the HSUS

and animal rights advocates nationwide.

ACTION ITEM: The ABC needs to continue donations to the Sportsmen’s Alliance and NAIA in order for us to have a voice when national issues impact our dogs.

I encourage all of you to sign up for their newsletter or at least monitor their notices on their website at www.ussportsmen.org and <http://www.naiaonline.org/> for more information.

Versatile Dog Program

Karen Hanson

The Versatile dog programs award Brittanys that have shown proficiency in the field, the show ring and in performance events (such as agility, obedience, rally, coursing, etc...) To date there are 30 Versatile Dog Excellent recipients. These dogs have to be exceptionally high achievers in all aspects of the events that Brittanys compete in. Many of the awardees are Dual Champions, Master Hunters, MACH, Group Winners, etc... To attain a VDE, both the owner and dog are at the top of their game.

Forty-three Brittanys have been awarded a Versatile Dog award. Again, these dogs and their owners are showing their proficiency in many aspects of competition. We as a breed should be very proud of what our dogs and members do!

West Coast Directors Report

Robin Tomasi, Mary Brown, Jim Hammett

1. Establish a budget category for all magazine related expenses and revenue.

On page 2009 of 62 in the agenda book, delete:

COSTS: The cost of publishing the magazine shall be considered a part of the normal operations of ABC. The magazine commitment, as such, shall be done away with and the magazine cost shall be paid out of the general fund.

Background: In 2009, magazine expenses and revenues were merged with the general fund. Presently, this results in a challenge to identify the full costs of producing the magazine.

Rational: Establishing a budget category specifically for the magazine will provide financial tracking and transparency.

2. Update wording regarding annual director election ballot procedures for compliance with AKC policies and procedures, using Robert Rules guidelines and samples from other breed clubs.

3. Realign the ABC regions to distribute the membership numbers more equitably. Currently we have approx. 1500 members and some regions have less than 200 members while others have over 400. On the lower end, the East Central region represents 12% of the membership in comparison the Eastern and Western regions which represent more than double the members at 29% and 26% respectively. (June, 2019 total members).

4. We move for the ABC to recommend to the AKC to remove the required condition of awarding a Field Champion only to those Brittanys who have won a 3 point major or better OGD, OAA, OLGD, OLAA stake in a licensed or member field trial “held by a Brittany Club.”

Reference: Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, AKC Publication Ammended 2018 Chapter 14, Section 7, Field Championship , 2nd Paragraph.

Action Items

ACTION ITEM 1: Membership Promotion Committee: Policy Book needs to be updated to add the additional duties under the 2nd V.P.

2. Upon being contacted by a club, or individuals within a club, who are hosting a community/ national level event where the American Brittany Club and/or Brittany could/would be showcased, the committee chair will:

- Reach out to resources within the ABC (magazine chair/Executive Secretary/Secretary) for items available to send said host for distribution at said event;
- Make suggestions as to additional items the club might purchase to also distribute at said event (pens/buttons/magnets/brochures, etc.);
- Make suggestions as to raffle(s) that the club might sponsor in order to get potential membership information (name/address/email/phone) via raffle "ticket";
- Have continued contact with host individual/club during the interval to assure they have received the requested resources;
- After event, follow-up on write-up and photos for the magazine.

3. I would like to add a thank you letter/card from the ABC President to the host/club that worked the event and recognize their participation. I think there needs to be more recognition of the volunteers by the parent club officers.

ACTION ITEM 2:

Allow Beeper collars in Grouse & Woodcock field trials

The ABC Grouse & Woodcock committee has asked that ABC Board Of Directors send a request to AKC asking them to allow Beeper collars for Grouse & Woodcock field trial. This requested change would require a change to the AKC Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds item 6-S.

Current item 6-S:

6-S Tracking Collars. For regulations governing the use of tracking collars see page 67. Belled collars are permissible. Beeper collars are

not permitted.

Requested change to item 6-S:

6-S Tracking Collars. For regulations governing the use of tracking collars see page 67. Belled collars are permissible. Beeper collars are permissible for Grouse & Woodcock field trials.

Reasoning: Due to the dense cover which Grouse & Woodcock field trials take place and the ever-increasing hearing loss which has disabled many of the older participants (handlers, judges, scouts) from hearing a Bell, it is the request of the ABC Grouse & Woodcock committee that Beeper collars be allowed for Grouse & Woodcock field trials.

ACTION ITEM 3:

I put forward as an action to discontinue support to ABR. ABR is now rescuing other breeds with disregard to other breed rescues. ABR is also rescuing French Brittanys and other sporting breeds from foreign countries. They no longer represent the American Brittany as a rescue.

ACTION ITEM 4:

There are multiple action items for changes to the Constitution and By-laws, please see and read the area on the policy book, it is important for these to be understood. These were also emailed out to the Officers and directors so they were able to review them before the meeting.

ACTION ITEM 5:

Action Item – Board discussion on magazine cover photos.

ACTION ITEM 6:

There is an action item to put forward a dog to the Hall of fame.

Appendix 1

ABC Hall of Fame Nomination of



**7 X American Field
Champion & 4 X American Field Runner-Up Champion**

FC/AFC BLAZE DAKOTA TRUCKER

Sex: M

DOB: 07/30/1993

AKC: SN10752407, FDSB 1474235

OFA: BS-8319G28M

Sire: DC Silver Lake's Wishes Blaze

Dam: Rhapsody's Rambling Rose

Color: Orange Roan

Owner: Randy Walth

Breeder: Bob Rohner

Blaze Dakota Trucker was one of the great ones. Trucker was whelped at Rohner Summer Camp in North Dakota in July of 1993. The first year of his life he was never in a kennel or on a chain. He ran free on the North Dakota Prairie. In the summer of 1994 he was put in front of a horse and it was immediately apparent that he was special.

Trucker was sired by a dual champion, Silver Lake's Wishes Blaze, (NFC/HOF Bean's Blaze X Timber's Little Wish)

Trucker competed at the most difficult venues from the Dakota's to the Deep South. In a time of stiff competition, with large entries, and against dogs that are now in the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame. As a roan dog he was at a disadvantage competing against clear marked competitors. Not only did he have to outperform dogs from other handlers, he had his brothers to beat. NAFC/FC/AFC Lea's Running Jayhawk and FC Lightings Bismark.

A few highlights from some of his notable performances;

At the 2001 US Open, in a stake of 50 dogs. Trucker was the only qualifier to run on the last day of the qualifying series that had to come back out less than 24 hours later and run in hot and humid conditions. The reporter commented that, "The dog kept up a torrid pace and ran a courageous, remarkable hour."

After a championship performance at a venue in the South the trial reporter called him "a quintessential Brittany"

At the 1998 Pheasant Championship in Bonesteel, SD, performing on one of the toughest courses in the country. The reporter had this to say about Trucker

"When he was seen, he was moving forward with speed and drive. He completed each cast and never faltered from the pace he had set. The scope of his race had to have been seen to be truly appreciated.

PERFORMANCE:

CHAMPIONSHIP AND HOUR STAKE PLACEMENTS: 7 X CH, 4 X RU, 26 Hour placements

KANSAS BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP	1997	CH (39)
MISSOURI VALLEY BRITTANY CLUB OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE	1997	1 ST
ILLINOIS BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP	1998	RU
REGION 5 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP	1998	CH
MIDWEST BRITTANY CLUB OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE	1998	1ST
PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP	1998	CH (49)
MISSOURI BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP	1999	RU
DAKOTA PRAIRIE CLASSIC	1999	2ND
HOSTED BY RINGNECK BRITTANY CLUB MISSOURI VALLEY BRITTANY CLUB OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE	1999	1ST
NEBRASKA BRITTANY CLUB ALL-AGE CLASSIC	1999	RU
REGION 5 AMATEUR ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP	1999	CH
DAKOTA PRAIRIE CLASSIC	1999	1ST
HOSTED BY RINGNECK BRITTANY CLUB MUSIC CITY BRITTANY CLUB CLASSIC	1999	2 ND
DAKOTA PRAIRIE CLASSIC	2000	2 ND
HOSTED BY RINGNECK BRITTANY CLUB US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2001	CH (50)
MISSOURI BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP	2001	CH
HAWKEYE BRITTANY CLUB OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE	2001	1 ST
HAWKEYE BRITTANY CLUB OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE	2001	2 ND
HAWKEYE BRITTANY CLUB OPEN LIMITED ALL-AGE	2002	2 ND
US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2003	RU
PRAIRIE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	2003	CH

Production:

Progeny/first and second generation –

1 (2X) NFC 6-CH 4-GFC 8-AFC 9-FC

By Dam, Snake Eyes Double Down

8X Ch/ 7X RU Ch FC/AFC Dakota Alleycat

By Dam, CH Kinwashkly Crash Test Dummy

8X CH/ 5X RU CH Kinwashkly Dakota Molester 23 Hour wins/placements

By Dam, FC Material Girl

Grand-Sire of 2X NFC/GFC/GAFC/FC/AFC 2X Purina All-Age Dog of the Year

Uncle Kracker



**18x American Field Champion & 18x American Field Runner-Up
NFC DC AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon
"Chug"**

Sex: Male, OFA48G AKC DNA #V396444

(4/17/2013 – 2/7/2017)

Sire: DC/AFC Bourbon XIII

Dam: FC Mo-Kan Bimbo

Breeder: Pam Baird

Owners: Jerry & Ruth McGee

AKC: SR SR082079, FDSB: 1549654

Nominated by Diana Kubitz & Pam Baird

It is an honor for us to nominate NFC/DC/AFC Ru-Jem's A Touch of Bourbon, 18x American Field Champion and 18x American Field Runner-up. "Chug" was an outstanding example of our breed. His career took him all over the country and proved that he was an outstanding example of our breed by his ability to handle all terrain, climate and species of birds.

Performance:

57 Hour All Age Placements
1 Hour Shooting Dog placement

2009/2010/2011 Purina All Age Dog of the Year
 2010 Winner ABC Nat'l Open All Age Championship
 2010 RU ABC Nat'l Amateur Championship
 2009 & 2012 Winner ABC Quail Classic

2/12/2007	Region 9 CH So. IL	RU	(31)
2/27/2007	Prairie State Region 5 AAA	4 th	(25)
4/2/2007	Michigan CH OAA	RU	(27)
5/17/2007	Michigan Saginaw Region 4 AAA	RU	(29)
1/1/2008	Illinois Champ AA	RU	(20)
1/1/2008	Prairie State Region 5 AAA	CH	(27)
4/1/2008	Mich Championship	3 rd	(26)
1/1/2009	Illinois CH OAA	RU	(12)
1/1/2009	Region 6 AAA, Central AR	CH	(20)
2/1/2009	Winner Free for All Deep South	CH	(22)
2/1/2009	Mid-South CH So. IL	RU	(12)
3/1/2009	Prairie State Region 5 AAA	CH	(13)
3/1/2009	Prairie State OAA CH	CH	(33)
4/1/2009	International OAA	CH	(38)
4/1/2009	International AAA	4 th	(21)
5/1/2009	Reg 4 AAA	3 rd	(25)
9/5/2009	Prairie Dakota CH Ring Neck	3 rd	(53)
10/1/2009	Kansas CH	RU	(34)
10/1/2009	ABC Quail Classic	CH	(47)
10/1/2009	OLAA GR. St Louis	3 rd	(31)
11/1/2009	Dixieland CH	RU	(19)
1/1/2010	Illinois CH OAA	RU	(16)
2/1/2010	St Louis OLAA	CH	(29)
2/1/2010	Mid-South CH OLAA	4 th	(16)
2/1/2010	Lee Holman Classic	CH	(16)
3/1/2010	Prairie State Reg 5 AAA	RU	(21)
3/1/2010	International OAA	CH	(33)
3/1/2010	International AAA	3 rd	(17)
4/1/2010	Prairie State OAA	3 rd	(34)
4/1/2010	Michigan Brittany CH	OAA	CH (21)
9/1/2010	Region 19 AAA CH	4 th	(30)
10/11/2010	ABC Quail Classic	4 th	(57)

10/16/2010	Grt. St Louis OLAA		4 th	(45)
10/22/2010	Jim Holman Classic		CH	(37)
11/3/2010	Region 6 Volunteer		4 th	(13)
11/10/2010	Dixieland CH		CH	(28)
11/27/2010	ABC Nat'l AAA	RU		(46)
12/2/2010	ABC Nat'l OAA		CH	(48)
1/12/2011	Illinois CH AAA	RU		(19)
2/4/2011	Region 8 Dub Embe		Ru	(17)
2/27/2011	Region 5 AAA Prairie St		4 th	(19)
3/22/2011	International CH	CH		(19)
4/4/2011	Michigan Brittany CH		RU	(16)
5/19/2011	Region 4 AAA CH		CH	(19)
9/19/2011	ABC Chicken Classic		RU	(53)
10/9/2011	Missouri AAA Region 17		RU	(20)
10/20/2011	St Louis OAA		1 st	(38)
1/21/2012	Illinois AAA CH	CH		(12)
1/23/2012	Illinois OAA CH	3 rd		(17)
3/12/2012	Ohio Brittany OLAA		1 st	(19)
5/16/2012	Mich Saginaw Reg 4		4 th	(17)
10/12/2012	ABC Quail Classic		CH	(55)
1/12/2013	Illinois AAA CH	RU		(15)
2/16/2013	Mid-South CH		CH	(13)
5/16/2013	Mich Saginaw Region 4		RU	(15)
2/13/2014	Mid-South CH		3 rd	(16)
	Pennsylvania Shooting Dog		3 rd	(27)

Progeny

He sired only two litters. His progeny was limited by the fact he contracted a Mycoplasma organism that left him sterile. After many courses of antibiotics, vitamins and trips to the vet, it was concluded that the damage was permanent. However, though few, his progeny are leaving their mark and the grandchildren as well. Great dogs are not an accident, they are produced by a great breeder and an outstanding pedigree. Chug and his progeny are following the footprints left by those dogs in his pedigree.

GFC/FC Touch of Bourbon Little Chug, 49 Field Placements, 15 Hour Placements: owner Tom Wonderling

FC Mcchesneys I Got My Mojo Working, 30 Field Placements, 4 Hour Placements, owners John Cheijne/C McCaffrey

FC/AFC Lost Creek's A Shot of Bourbon, has 2 Hour Placements, Owner: Susan Januscka

CH Ammo's the Show Never Ends, field pointed in open and amateur stakes, owner: Julie Nelson Claypool

Sharptail's Time Well Wasted, 9 field juvenile field placements, owner A Coulombe

Grandkids:

A Trace of Bourbon with Diamonds -Puppy & Derby Pts, Adult placements in 2017 after turning two. Owner L Graham/J Buckner

Touch of Bourbon Little Chloe, Juvenile field placements, Owner D Haley
DC/AFC Turning Points Landslide- RU 2017 Nat'l Amt Gun Dog, owner: Julie Nelson
Claypool
Kruse's -Nine Blaze's Last Dance, 2017 Gun Dog Futurity Winner, Owner: John Kruse

Lack of an election year indicates one of the thirteen selections by the original Hall of Fame Committee in 1965.

2013 NFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Just Call Me Roy
 2012 FC/AFC Peki-Dot
 2012 NFC/FC/AFC Shambo's Dark Shadow
 2011 32X NSTRA CH Nolan's Last Bullet
 2009 NFC/AFC HI Proof Rum Runner
 2009 CH Jordan All Kiddin' Aside JH
 2008 NFC/AFC Diamond Hill Dan
 2008 FC/AFC Shady's Chik-N-Little
 2007 NFC/DC/AFC Gambler's Ace In The Hole
 2007 FC/AFC HI-Scor Jac D Ruffian
 2006 FC/AFC Ajax VI
 2006 NFC/DC/AFC Tequila's Joker
 2006 NFC/AFC Aux Arc's Mark
 2005 NAFC/FC/AFC Jim De Bob's Sparks A Dan D
 2005 FC/AFC Jerob's Magic Trodewind
 2004 DC/AFC R.C.'s Sundancer
 2002 FC/NFC Microdot
 2000 FC/AFC/NFC Beans Blaze
 2000 FC The Magic Moment
 1999 DC/AFC/NAC Renegade's Kansas Kid
 1998 FC/NFC Minnehaha's Tommy
 1998 DC Royal Britt Starbuck Of Asten
 1997 FC/AFC Rimarda's Trademark
 1997 DC Scipio's Little Chick
 1994 DC/AFC/NFC Cinnabar's Ami Roc de'Edwards
 1994 DC/AFC/NFC Markar's Joe's A Dan D

1993 FC/AFC Reed's Bo-Nine Max
 1992 DC/AFC/NAC HI-Spirit Buck
 1990 DC/NFC Tomar's Ben Dee Sam
 1989 FC/AFC/NAC Gun Runner's Far Out
 1988 FC Country Cousin Lost River
 1988 FC/AFC Le Cor's White Smoke
 1987 DC/AFC HI-Spirit Bazooka's Pistol
 1987 DC/AFC Jacque of Connie
 1986 DC/AFC/NFC/NAC Perry's Rustic Prince
 1985 DC/AFC/NAC Helic Dolly Miss Kaer
 1985 FC Holiday Britt's Bazooka
 1984 DC/AFC/NAC Colorado's Jumping Gypsy
 1984 DC/NFC Colorado's Yankee Timber
 1984 DC Joel's Copper Jacques
 1984 FC Kay-Cee Bandit
 1984 FC/AFC Scipio Spinks
 1983 DC/AFC/NAC Char-Lee O' Dee
 1983 CH Copper Jill of Edwards
 1983 DC/AFC/NAC Gringo de Britt
 1981 FC/NFC Goldstone's Duke
 1981 CH/AFC Sequani's Dana MacDuff
 1981 CH Sommet des Collines CD
 1980 DC/AFC/NFC Ban-Dee
 1980 DC/NFC Picolet Chayenne Sam
 1980 DC Tiger's Jocko
 1977 DC Doctor Joe of Kaymore

1975 DC Lund's Trooper
 1972 DC Way-Kan Jeff
 1971 FC Way-Kan Jill
 1970 FC Jeffrey of Argard
 1968 DC Belloaks Ioby
 1968 DC Picolet's Sam
 1967 Altamuchy Valley Warrior
 1967 Price's Sunflower Gal
 1966 DC Dingo's Little Mike
 1966 FC Ferdinand of Leeway
 1966 DC Holley Haven Duchess
 1965 DC Altamuchy Valley Unc
 1965 DC Angeliqne de Bretagne
 1965 DC Avono Happy
 1965 DC Bit of Bailows Falls
 1965 Fr. CH Gwennec de l'Argoat
 1965 DC Heigramite Howie d'Acajou
 1965 Kaer de Cornouaille
 1965 DC Picolet's Cheyenne
 1965 CH Patrice de Starvogues
 1965 DC Patsy Of Edough
 1965 DC Pierrot de Fontaine Vallee
 1965 DC Pontac's Dingo
 1965 DC Tex of Richmond
 1965 FC Torchy of Lionheart
 1965 DC/NFC Towsey

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Closure Date Nominations: April 1st

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

Mail to: Mary Jo Trimble, Secretary
 10670 Flamingo Rd. • Geneva, IL 60136

Dog's Name: DC/AFC BOURBON XIII
 Owner: Joseph Jung
 Breeder: Doug Seickmeyer
 Approximate Date of Death: 6/26/2013
 His Her Record: ATTACHED
 Percentage of times run to first place, if known: _____
 Percentage of times won Best of Breed at times entered: _____

PRODUCTION RECORD

Number of litters sired or produced: ATTACHED
 Number of field winners: "
 Number of show dogs with points: 8 "
 Number of obedience title holders: "

I believe this dog/bitch should be in the Hall of Fame because: Competed in an era of great dogs + won the chicken back to back +
Back To Back CH-Prairie Chicken, Nat'l Ad & GD Champion in same year produced.
 Use additional sheets if necessary.

Signed: Pam Baird
 Club Member in: St. Louis Club

DC/AFC Bourbon XIII

2-27-1997 6-26-2013

Sire: DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni

Warchief

Dam: FC/AFC Candy's Lucky Penny

AKC#: SN 422528/04

FDSB#: 1489292

OFA#: BS-9643G29M-T

Owner: Joseph J. Jung

Breeder: Doug Seickmeyer

4x American Field Champion

3x American Field Runner-Up Champion

2004, 2005 LaSalle Brittany Club Dog Of

The Year Over 45 Field Trial Placements

Al, as he was called, was one of the great dogs competing in an era of many great ones. His most outstanding virtue, as an all-age trial dog was his bid-ability; his willingness to run, find and point birds, and win under whoever had the whistle and gun that day. He did not spend very many days on a pro's truck; as Joe preferred to condition him and bring him to the trials. He lived in the house at Joe's and was his faithful companion for over 16 years.

The Competition I-HOUR Wins

TRIAL	YEAR	PLACEMENT	STARTERS
ABC GUN DOG CLASSIC	2001		22
FIELD TRIAL CLUBS OF ILLINOIS OPEN ALL-AGE CLASSIC	2002		
REGION 5 PRAIRIE STATE BRITTANY AMATEUR ALL-AGE	2002	CH	
ABC PRAIRIE CHICKEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2004		57
JIM HOLMAN CLASSIC	2004	1st.	23
ABC NATIONAL OPEN ALL-AGE CHAMPIONSHIP	2004		46
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS OLAA	2005		23
REGION 5 PRAIRIE STATE BRITTANY OPEN ALL-AGE	2005	CH	30
NEBRASKA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2005		33
REGION 4 MICHIGAN AAA CHAMPIONSHIP	2005		22
ABC PRAIRIE CHICKEN CHAMPIONSHIP	2005	CH	58
JIM HOLMAN CLASSIC	2005		27
GREATER ST LOUIS BRITTANY CLUB OAA	2005		25
DIXIELAND BRITTANY CHAMPIONSHIP	2005		
ILLINOIS OPEN ALL AGE CHAMPIONSHIP	2007		21

The Ink Write-ups of notable wins

THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

2004 Chicken Classic/Championship

Taylor Ranch,
Burwell, Nebraska
September 13-17,
2004 by Jack
Higgins

The Winners

DC/AFC Bourbon XIII (AI) is a beautiful orange and white male sired by DC/AFC Masked Shoshoni War Chief Shi, out of FC/AFC Candy's Lucky Penny SH, His proud owner, Joe Jung, was in the dog wagon keeping track of his progress. He ran in Brace 19 on Course 2, Ai is a worthy champion, showing great style on his birds. In additions his race was outstanding. See Brace 19 for details.

19. Linvel's Blazen Rocket I Kline

Bourbon XIII I Gorrow

Start at 9:09 in low rolling hills westbound, AI lined out straight away topping the hills. Rocket made a wide right and went to the front. A covey lifted beside us at 9 with no dog involved. AI went left at 14 and required some effort to bring him forward. Both were out front at 18. At 19 a bird lifted just over a hill, directly in front. Ai was found standing with great style and a bird was flushed right where he said it was. Rocket was wide right and when Kline went after him, he flushed a buck that almost ran over AI as it went by. At midway we entered higher hills with great cover. Bourbon was four hills ahead, improving to six hills out, topping the highest peak. At 39 Bourbon was just a spot on the horizon while Rocket was wide right. Both dogs were rounded up at 48 and taken through the gate east of the Marshall's house. Bourbon crossed a meadow, took a fence line a half mile to a then as we rode up the hille he rimmed the valley below, coming out in front for a Hollywood style finish. It was apparent to all we had seen a class performance.

2004

AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB NATIONAL

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Blue Mountain - J. Perry Mikies WDA

Boonevill

e,

Arkansas

by Bonnie
Hidalgo

Bourbon XIII was named Runner-up. He appeared in the final brace after being dropped from brace two. "Al" made it worth the wait, making the hour exciting to witness. Bourbon XIII, a coming eight year old, is owned by Joe Jung of W. Frankfurt, IL and was handled by Al Gorrow. Bourbon XIII hit the edges and was fast forward. He pointed at 17; birds were put up by the scout but luckily in view of his judge. The dog stood tight. At 22 he had jammed to a stop just before covey rise. Al did not move a muscle. At 26 he pointed a third time. This was along the ditch in the cotton field. Al stood high and tight as his handler flushed a large covey. He ran an appealing all age race. At 58 a quail came out of the tree line; a moment later the dog came through to his handler.

Involvement was undetermined but the benefit of the doubt was given. A second bird flushed unnoticed by handler and dog as they headed to the front. Time was called as he was going away, Al was on point when picked up. 2005

THE AMERICAN BRITTANY CLUB

Chicken Classjc/Championship

BOURBON REPEATS AS CHAMPION

The 2005 ABC Chicken Championship was conducted September 12th - September 16th, 2005 near Bassett, Nebraska. This premier event drew 59 starters representing many of the top all-age Brittanys in the nation. 8 year old Bourbon XIII, handled by Al Gorrow, was to be named Champion with one nice find of a group of 10 chickens and a powerful, far flung race. The Winners

The winner, Bourbon XIII, a stunningly handsome 8-year-old male, is proudly owned by Joe Jung and handled by Al Gorrow. This is his fourth Championship win, and he is the current American Brittany Club's Runner-Up National Champion. Included in those wins is the winning of this event last year on the Taylor Ranch near Burwell, Nebraska, Only one other dog has been able to repeat as Champion in the 41-year history of this event. Bourbon was drawn on course one to start the third day. This brace paired the current ABC National Champion and R-U National Champion, With the temperatures in the 60's and very little breeze, this exceptional pair of dogs was released. Wasting little time, Bourbon was found to the front pointing at 12 minutes in "Bird Alley". He was sharing this find with his bracemate. His style was high and his manners were above reproach. Sent on he was forward and strong. He was covering a lot of ground at a good distance, and doing it with purpose. With his handler aiming him, he would literally fly to the next objective. His race took him through the tough CRP ground and around the perimeter of several cow pastures, always forward and well directed. He seemed to get stronger as the hour went on. He finished his time forward, appearing to have not tired, and leaving little doubt that the standard had been set.



"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence Vince
Lombardi
The Notable Progeny
The on/v true immortality lies in one's children. Johannes Brehlöö

DAM: FC Mo-Kan Bimbo

NFC/DC/AFC RU-JEM'S A TOUCH OF

BOURBON "Chug" 4/17/2003

Amateur Owner/Handled to:

58 hour placements - Top I-Hour winning dog in the history of our breed

2010 ABC National Open All Age Champion

2010 ABC National Amateur All Age Runner-Up Champion

2009, 2010, 2011 Purina All Age Award Winner

17x American Field Champion

19x American Field Runner-Up Champion

2008 LaSalle Brittany Club Dual Dog Of The Year

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 LaSalle Brittany Club All Age Dog Of The Year

2005 Prairie States Derby Classic Winner (45 min)

(23 starters) Over 80 Amateur/Owner handled field
trial placements

NGDC/FC/AFC Celebration's Two Of Hearts

"Duece" 4/17/2003

2010 ABC National Open Gun Dog Champion

2011 Winner Tri-Tronics Shooting Dog Award

2007 Michigan Open Ail Age Championship 3rd Place (28 starters)

2009 Region 4 Amateur All Age Champion (26 starters)

2005 Eastern Futurity All Age Winner (21 starters)

2005 Mid South Derby Classic Winner (45 min) (21 starters)

2005 Illinois Derby Classic Winner (45 min) (17 starters)

Over 40 Amateur/Owner handled field trial placements

Red Ragtop - "Redi"

4/17/2003 — 4/2012 (Career ending injury at age 3)

2004 Prairie States Derby Classic Winner (45 min) (15 starters)
2004 Michigan Derby Classic Winner (45 min) (15 starters)
2004 Illinois Derby Classic 2nd Place (45 min) (11 starters) 2004 Mid South
Derby Classic 3rd Place (45 min) (12 starters)
2005 Mid South Derby Classic 3rd Place (45 min) (21 starters)
2004 Field Trial Clubs Illinois Juvenile Dog Of The Year

Charlotte's Rocketman - "Chuckee"

4/17/2003 -12/31/2006

2004 Mid South Derby Classic (45 min) 1st Place (12 starters)

DAM: Tall Pines Little Libby

DC/AFC Bourbon's Straight Up

4/12/2005 •

Over 40 Amateur handled Field trial placements.

Grand Progeny

GFC Touch Of Bourbon Little Chug

Attached:

Complete Awards records (AKC & FDSB)

Progeny report attached (AKC & Brittany Online Database)

Progeny Field Trial Awards (Remek Field Trial Database)

Pedigree

DC/AFC
Bourbon XIII

Parents	GrandParents	G*GrandParents	G-G-G*Parents	G*G.G-G*Parents
				NFC/NAFODCJAFC Rustic HOF SAB43941 05-72 Orange & White
			FC Ormaber Shoshone War Chief SD216934 05-85 1/hite & Orange OFA48	CH Ormaber Paces Belle File SC045821 11-81 SC045821 Orange & Ydhite OFA62
		NGDODCJAFC Wagnon's Masked Van SE760277 11-87 Mashed Shoshoni War Chief JH OüÅFC SM966245/02 05-96 Orange & Vwhite OFA24G AKC DNA *IV462d9	tvbgnm Maggie II SD297ggg 05-85 %ite & Orange OFA37	t-hneys Holliday J SB796f87 02-81 Liver & %ite Lady Holliday II SB7g6188 12-76 mite & Oran e
			Buck Hunter SD137291 06-88 White & Orange	SB323756 10-74 WHITE & ORANGE Sacaia w ea Shoshone SC641267 VIRiite & Orange
		CH Shoshoni Washalle Bisdade SD297899 05-85 White & Orange OFA37		NFCfC, 'Ar-C, Amt SB091795 12-74 Oran e & White Ei,iiiy Von SC247479 08-80 V}hite & Orange OFA56
			FCJAFC R - Lucky Brandy's Burdock SB85i556 03-77 Vvfhite & Orange OFA34	- Spirit HOF SA572802 12-70 Orange Roan Gringo's Cinnaron Sioux SB285640 10-75 Orange & White
		NAFODCJAFC Rensgaard's Kansas 10d HOF SD673770 06435 Orange & White OFA26	FC Rince's White Tail SB7688i8 10-78 Orange & White	NFC/NOFC/AZAFCC Rustic Prince HOF SA843941 05-72 Orange & White NAFODCJAFC Colorado's Jumping Gypsy HOF SA735280 10-71 Oran e & M/hite
			NAFODCJAFC Bantee - Brit's Red Jnt SC208002 03-80 Orange & White OFA36	SA46522i 01-71 Orange & White Lady Britt Of Brentw ood SB214649 08-74 ORANGE & YWHITE OFA50
		NAFODCJAFC Loba's Dandy Cotcn SD49005â 0846 VWhite & Orange OFA27	Dajo's andy Lou scg69309 04-81 WHITE & ORANGE OFA34	Brandy's Bud SA94932 4 02-72 VWhite & Orange Dajo's Shenango eteyenne Lou SB474357 09-75 WHITE & ORANGE OFA31
SN 422528/04 White & Orange OFA29G	FOAFC Dandy's Lady Panty SF831663 06-93 %ite & Orange OFA24G			

