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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Plan to attend the CBC Specialty, Saturday, May 29th at Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Mission Circuit.
- Next Newsletter Publication will be July 2004. Deadline is June 15. Send ideas, brags and info to Sharon Kalionzes, see address & phone number info on back.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Members of the California Brittany Club,

It was with a heavy heart that Linda and I submitted the following letter to the CBC Board of Directors in February. We have enjoyed our time as your President and Treasurer and would like to extend our thanks to the Board of Directors, Event Chairmen and their committees and to our membership for the

outstanding support given to us during our time in office. There are times in our lives when we must rethink our priorities to allow time for the most important and withdraw from those we do not have quality time for. This is one of those times. We will continue to work within the CBC organization as time allows and to support this

great club in any way possible. We know that you will continue to give your support to your new President, Bill Hacker and your new Treasurer, Tom White. We know that they will be outstanding in their new positions.

Ed & Linda Dixon
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CBC SPRING TRIAL AND WESTERN REGION SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

By Linda Langford

Immediately following 3 days of Western Futurity competition, the California Brittany Club hosted it's regular trial from Sat, Jan 24 thru Sun Jan 25, followed by the Western Region Brittany Shooting Dog Championship, now in it's second official year of running as a championship. The CBC membership worked together fluidly to entertain our out of town guests, providing 3 meals a day to all. We had an interesting change in venue this year. The coyotes were

not as intrusive as they have been in the past. Thanks to some quick thinking of Paul Doiron, Ed Dixon, Ed Mayhew and Bill Leffingwell, the surviving birds from the prior trials were supplied with feed and water, allowing them to covey up for the remaining trials. This meant that bird work was plentiful, and the dogs enjoyed the crisp cool weather. Saturday evening, we celebrated the AFC title earned by DC AFC Oxbow's Chief Riverdancer, owned by Don & Margaret Waite, as

well as the new Field Championship title earned by FC Single Shot of Scipio, owned by Margaret Horstmeyer and Tom White. We had 110 entries in the weekend trial, plus 16 in the one-hour championship stake run on Monday and Tuesday. Sincere thanks to everyone who came out to help and made these events another success. A special thanks to Purina, Tri-Tronics and Dogtra, for their continued sponsorship of this event. Special thanks

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also to the MANY Members and friends who came out to help, setting up courses, planting birds, shooting, cooking, setting up and tearing down the tent and camp area, announcing, judging, and competing. It takes all of us to keep the event exciting and enjoyable. Please enjoy the following report of the running of the Shooting Dog Championship, composed by Ellis Herz.

It was a cold morning in the desert, 18 degrees at 6am and the wind had blown hard all night. Not what you would



Western Region Shooting Dog Championship Winners

Front Row, left to right: Paul Dorion with Smokey, Peggy Doiron with Emme, Tom White with Terra and Ed Mayhew with Ocho. Back row: Bill Leffingwell, Ed Tillson, Judges Marilynne Little and David Gould

expect in California. The first brace wasn't going off until 9am so we knew the temperature would warm up as soon as the sun came up. After several weeks of field trials, there were the minefields consisting of coveys of chukar running all over parts of the hour course.

Brace 1 – DC AFC TRAVELERS REIGN OF TERRA (Doiron) and **TULE RIVER'S WICKED ALE** (Landress) Wicket cast off the line and hit a minefield early; a covey of 10 to 15 chukar at 1 minute out. Bill figured that with a \$100 entry fee and lasting only 1 minute that was one expensive covey of birds. Terra, on the other hand took off for the hills. She hit the rock piles on the tops of the hills, likely spots for chukar to be found. She seemed to hit all the right spots and finally had a stop to flush at 45 minutes and was found standing on another bird as Paul approached the dog.

She had nice style and had 2 more finds at 50 minutes and a covey of about 15 birds at 52 minutes. She did a nice job on her retrieve. She did a great job and set the standard for the rest of the event.

Brace 2 – DC AFC Int'l CH RUSTY RIDGE ARCTIC TROOPER (Kilpatrick) and **SHILOH'S WHOA NELLIE SH** (Doiron) Trooper did a nice job and had his only find at 45 minutes which he handled just fine. Nelle took off with a mission in mind. She had finds at 18, 20, 24, 34, and 59 minutes respectively. Her finds were in

all the right places and she handled her birds with nice style. She handled her retrieve just fine but had non-productives at 38 and 45 minutes which might have taken her out of the placements.

Brace 3 – REDLINES TEQUILA TWIST (Doiron) and **FC RUMOR TOO** (Berneathy) Twister did an adequate job and had a find at 5 minutes, a covey at 12 minutes and another find at 18 minutes. The dog

seemed to have sore feet which kept her from reaching for the rock piles on top of the hills. Rumor also did an adequate job with finds at 12, 15, and 28 minutes. She had a nice blind retrieve and handled a relocation to find a bird at 33 minutes, hunting hard from start to finish.

Brace 4 – FC SHILOH'S MAN ABOUT TOWN (Doiron) and **FC AFC WHETSTONES RED MAGIC PRINCE** (Ahl) Manny suffered the same fate as Wicket when the large covey at 2 minutes off the starting line was too much for this young dog, and he was picked up by Paul. Red got around the course in respectable fashion, with finds at 4, 22 and 29 minutes and made a nice retrieve on his shot bird.

Brace 5 – DC RUSTYRIDGE BOOKERS LST FLNG (Kilpatrick) and **FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER** (Doiron) Durenda did an excellent job of hunting the course with finds at 8, 22, 27 and 34 minutes. She had a nice retrieve on the bird at 22 minutes. There was a large gallery, watching Smoke who won the event the last 2 years. In an obliging style, Smoke ran the course like he owned it, finding a covey of birds at 18 minutes, and single finds at 8, 23, 41 and 55 minutes. The dog had an excellent retrieve and incredible style. As the day ended Smoke showed everyone how the course was supposed to be run and left no doubt who was number one.

Day 2 started out with warmer weather and an anticipation of more great performances. It seemed that Bill Landress' recollection as to the amount of birds in Wicket's covey had been a little fuzzy. Somehow that 10 to 15 bird covey had turned into over 100. Maybe he was dreaming, but it was a good laugh to start the day.

Brace 6 – FC SHILOH'S BLAZIN MAD ABOUT YOU (Lewis) and **FC AFC TUCALOTA'S BLAZN OCHO** (Mayhew) Maddie did a great job on the course going to all the right places and had impressive finds at 8, 19 and 24 minutes. She had a stop to flush at 57 minutes accompanied by an excellent retrieve in a difficult situation. Ocho had an impressive performance, with honors at 8 and 19 minutes and finds at 10, 27, 42 and 50 minutes. He had a nice retrieve, a strong finish and was consistent throughout the course.

Brace 7 – I M A BIRD FINDIN' BABE JH (Lewis) and **FC TULE RIVERS TRAVELING SAM** (Doiron) Babe did an excellent job hitting all the right places at the beginning of the course. She had finds at 6, 12 and 19 minutes. She looked as though she might have been in the running for a placement if not for a bird at 27 minutes that took her out. Sam did a fine job with finds at 4, 8, 35 and 44 minutes but non-productives at 52 and 53 minutes took him out of the running. He had a strong performance throughout the course.

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Brace 8 – **SUNNYVALE CINDY** (Berneathy) and **FC TJ'S SINGLE SHOT OF SCIPIO** (Doiron) Cindy took off and hunted hard but was picked up at 45 minutes by Jimmy as she just wasn't reaching to the places needed to win this event. Emme did a great job with finds at 13, 30, 48 and 53 minutes. She had a nice retrieve and was very consistent from start to finish. She was the youngest dog in the event and had a performance that looked as if she might be in the running for a placement.

Western Region Brittany Shooting Dog Championship (1 Hour) AKA Open Limited Gun Dog

Starters: 16

Judges: David Gould & Marilynne Little

1st FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER Paul Doiron

"SMOKEY". Sire: NFC DC AFC TEQUILA'S JOKER. Dam: SMARTEYES MICROBEAN'S. Owner: Bill & Cynthia Leffingwell

2nd FC TJ'S SINGLE SHOT OF SCIPIO Paul Doiron

"EMME". Sire: NFC DC AFC TEQUILA'S JOKER. Dam: NFC DC AFC MICROCHIPS OF NUTMEG. Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

3rd DC AFC TRAVELERS REIGN OF TERRA Paul Doiron

"TERRA". Sire: FC SAM-DEE'S TRAVELER. Dam: MINNIE PEARL. Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

4th FC AFC TUCALOTA'S BLAZN OCHO Ed Mahew

"OCHO". Sire: LOBO'S MAHOGANY BLAZE. Dam: TUCALOTA CREEK ALI-BYE. Owner: Ed Mayhew

Three time winner (once before the stake was designated as a Championship), "Smoke" showed why he is tough to beat in the 1 hour event on these desert grounds. Always to the front with quality finds that made the bird planter look good. His style is as good as any Brittany I have seen and his mastery of the terrain is impeccable. I judged the event last year and I feel his performance was better this year.

"Emme" did an excellent job with good bird work and a consistent performance. This young bitch will be one to watch in the next few years.

"Terra" had a great performance and showed a lot of energy. She seems to be getting better and better with age.

"Ocho's" performance was high quality, as usual. Consistency is what you always expect from this dog. He always finds plenty of birds and is almost always in the running for a ribbon.

The one thing I noticed most of all was the fact that for a breed of dogs where the retrieve is not regarded as that important, not one dog broke on the shot. I was very impressed with the quality of the dogs as were the judges. I left this year thinking I might like to own one of these dogs.
Ellis Herz

Placements For CBC Trial 2004

Amateur All Age Starters: 23

Judges: Ellis Herz & Greg Knight

1st FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER Bill Leffingwell

"SMOKEY" Sire: NFC DC AFC TEQUILA'S JOKER. Dam: SMARTEYES MICROBEAN'S. Owner: Bill & Cynthia Leffingwell

2nd NFC DC AFC MICROCHIPS OF NUTMEG Tom White

"MEG" Sire: DC CHIPS OF GOLD II. Dam: KAS'L BROOKS KASSIE. Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

3rd DC AFC TRAVELERS REIGN OF TERRA Tom White

"TERRA" Sire: FC SAM-DEE'S TRAVELER. Dam: MINNIE PEARL. Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

4th FC SPARKY'S RUN AROUND SUE Norm Ahl

"SUE" Sire: NFC FC AFC JIM DEBOB'S SPARKS A DAN D. Dam: CH JUST MAYBE. Owner: Norm Ahl

Open All Age Starters: 19

Judges: Tom Gross & Russell Boyd

1st DC AFC 2XAmFld CH SHADY'S TIA MARIA

Jimmy Berneathy
"TIA" Sire: NFC DC TEQUILA'S JOKER. Dam: FC AFC SHADY'S CHIK-N-LITTLE. Owner: Clem and Marilyn Little

2nd FC SPARKY'S RUN AROUND SUE

Jimmy Berneathy
"SUE" Sire: NFC FC AFC JIM DEBOB'S SPARKS A DAN D. Dam: CH JUST MAYBE. Owner: Norm Ahl

3rd FC MAKE MY DAY DUDE

Ed Tillson

"DUDE" Sire: NFC DC AFC TEQUILA'S JOKER. Dam: FC AFC JIM DE BOB'S SUPER STARR. Owner: Ed Tillson

4th JOSE'S LITTLE CHICK

Paul Doiron

"CHICK" Sire: FC TEQUILA JOKER'S JOSE CUERVO. Dam: CHUBASCO'S LITTLE MARIAH. Owner: Paul & Peggy Doiron

Open Gun Dog Starters: 22

Judges: Tom Gross & Russell Boyd

1st QUAIL ROCK TOUGH

ENOUGH Paul Doiron

"KING" Sire: DC JORDEAN TOUGH STUFF. MH Dam: FC REPEAT'S SAN-DEE. Owner: Ellen Weinfurter

2nd CH MOKAN WILDMTN I'M

JUST A GIGOLO Paul Doiron

"DUTCH" Sire: FC MO KAN PLAYBOY. Dam: REBEL'S SPARKLER. Owner: Helen Rogers & Mike Boydston

3rd SUNNYVALE CINDY

Jimmy Berneathy

"CINDY" Sire: FC CHIKAMIN'S MR WALKER. Dam: SUNNYVALE KISMET. Owner: John Henderson & Barry Miller

4th FC AFC A TEXAS

CRISSCROSS Mike Jessen

"CRIS" Sire: FC AFC TEXAS TIGERPAW. MH Dam: TULSA TUMBLEWEED. Owner: Kimberlee Ramage

JAM CH PJ'S RED SUN A RISIN

MH Hal Engel

"SUNNY" Sire: DC AFC RAGGEY ANDY. Dam: AM CAN CH PJ'S ROXIE LADY. Owner: H N Engel DVM & Joanne B Engel

JAM PRAIRIE CREEK DAN

Paul Doiron

"DANNY" Sire: FC CHICKAMIN'S MR WALKER. Dam: SUNNYVALE KISMET. Owner: Robert & Joan Donnell

Amateur Gun Dog Starters: 18

Judges: Ellis Herz & Greg Knight

1st LADY'S NIGHT OUT

Norm Ahl

"TEX" Sire: SHOTSHELLS FLYER. Dam: GUNRUNNER'S WHETSTONE LADY. Owner: Norm Ahl

2nd FC SHILOH'S BLAZIN MAD

ABOUT YOU Craig Lewis

"MADDIE" Sire: FC SAM-DEE'S TRAVELER. Dam: DC SHILOH'S BLAZIN SHADIE SADIE. Owner: Pennie J Peterson

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A California Odyssey

By Jodi Engel

It was quite a Winter Tour...Hal and I arrived home after our trip to the Mohave for the Desert Series 2004. We want to congratulate all the Southern California Clubs for taking on the challenge of three weekend trials plus the ABC Western Futurity, the Shooting Dog Championship and the Chukar Championship. Not having enough, we topped the trip with a trial sponsored by Sierra View BC held at Santa Nella, Ca on a course that is as close to Blue Mountain, Arkansas or Burlington, Colorado as one can find on the West Coast. Of course this was on our way back home. If we both didn't have a show judging commitment in Oregon, we would have stayed in the Santa Nella Area for two more California trials over the next two weekends.

For those of you who have never attended the January or Fall series sponsored by these three outstanding California Clubs, let me set the scene. First, you are in the middle of a massive desert but the clubs (San Diego Brittany Club, California Brittany Club and High Desert Brittany Club), share the same site. They have access to a HUGE four sided tent which is put up by a cooperative effort of everyone on the grounds. It is a welcome sight and refuge especially when the desert winds blow. There are campfires all around as people gather to talk in small groups during the evening and the tent becomes the center of all activities. There is often a nice bonfire just outside the tent as well. We share meals, announcements of placements, drawings, calcuttas and idle and not so idle chit chat at this oasis in the desert. Somehow there is always light in the tent from a generator which powers the lights. Somehow there is always heat from portable propane heaters. Somehow there are always tables and chairs. Somehow someone is always dusting the desert sand from the tabletops!

Club members arrive magically in the morning and cook a hot breakfast. Lunch is there and for special occasions dinners are also served. One can always find a cool drink of something in the tent. There are portable double and triple gas camp stoves as well as a huge Bar B Que upon which one can cook their own meat. There are community Bar B Ques as well.

None of these amenities appear on their own. Careful planning must take place and these three clubs are both hospitable and cooperative and Hal and I have made this trip a highlight for the past two years for the January series. We first experienced the

outstanding hospitality of these groups in January 1998 when we made a "test run" to see if we would enjoy retirement and trialing out of our Northwest Region. The hospitality was strong then and we had a great time this past month.

I couldn't get there until the start of the All Age Futurity due to family obligations in Alabama but Hal and the dogs enjoyed beautiful weather for the San Diego Brittany Club trial. There was a break Monday and Tuesday prior to the Futurity. Folks rested or trained on the grounds. I brought the wind with me for the first day of the Futurity (Wednesday) but the second day of the Futurity (Gun Dog Day) it was lovely.

Linda Langford arranged with a dog groomer in Mohave to open her shop Friday morning and let us wash our dogs prior to the futurity show. About 15 of us took advantage of this and we were assigned 10

minute per dog slots starting at 7 a.m. to show up at the shop and wash our dogs. We could also use the dryers there or bring the dogs back "home" to dry and brush them out. I know that

groomer was amazed to see us work so well together. Linda negotiated a rate of \$10/dog and it was well worth just seeing the look on this small town groomers face as we breezed in and out with the dogs...everyone helping everyone else get ready for the show. I think all the dogs were clean by about 11 a.m. and the show was scheduled to start at 1:30. Great timing. Very few dogs were in the futurity who had not run in the field the previous two days.

Linda is a masterful organizer and she and Bill Landress were a whirlwind of activity to make sure that things were organized. Linda even had her van converted into a makeshift office complete with wireless phone/computer hookup so she could do bracing sheets and business on the ground. The computer followed us to the Futurity and was needed as she accessed the National Manual she had stored on her computer to get the point schedule for calculating points for the Dual Dog in Futurity! I was amazed

and impressed!! There was a nice buffet dinner that night at a Mexican Restaurant in town and prior to the start of the CBC trial.

As San Diego ended, the California Brittany Club took over. They managed the grounds through the Futurity, their trial and the Shooting Dog Championship. There was always water for the dogs and horses...someone made sure that the water wagon was driven the five or seven miles to keep it full of water. The porta potties were emptied...never did figure out how they did that. But what impressed me was the fact that CBC members who were not running dogs showed up in campers and cooked, helped in the tent, helped plant birds and called folks to the line. These extra hands arrived quietly Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and went to work. Most stayed through the Shooting Dog Championship but some had to leave for home.

Since Hal and I are considering relocating in Nevada, Joan Donnell and I took off on a house-hunting/property hunting trip Monday through Wednesday noon so we missed the Shooting Dog Championship Monday and Tuesday and the start of the Chukar Championship Wednesday. I did get to ride Wednesday and Thursday and enjoyed watching Ed and Bo judge.

At the end of the Shooting Dog Championship, Hal said a new crew arrived. The members of the High Desert Brittany Club then took over the site and also did an excellent job managing the grounds. Diane and Steve Swanson and the Berneathys and other club members whose names I can't remember took over and were up to the challenge of managing the Chukar Championship. Jimmy, Janet, Diane and Steve were outstanding. I did have a chance to ride braces behind Ed Tillson and Bo Ackerman and enjoyed watching the dogs and their judging. By the end of the Chukar Championship the desert wind began to play her song and it was way too windy and dusty to even think about the pot luck in the tent oasis. This club was up to the challenge and folks from High Desert adjourned with the judges to the Silver Saddle for dinner. Some folks went along and others "coveyed up" in their campers

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Jodi and Hal Engel enjoying company of fellow field trialers.

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with friends and shared pot luck dinners.

Again, the hospitality was great and the High Desert crew were working like little beavers (an Oregon saying) and high-fived when their trial came to a conclusion. Jimmy, Janet, Diane and Steve planned the trial for Friday and Saturday saving Sunday for unexpected delays but we finished late Saturday. Everyone was visibly exhausted and the talk around the campfire Saturday was quiet. Again, somehow the tent disappeared. Somehow the two porta potties disappeared. Many stayed over Saturday and slept late Sunday prior to leaving.

Throughout all the trials, the judging was impressive and fair. Bird planting was efficient and unobtrusive. The competition was tough and there were pleasant highs and unexpected lows. Having a new Dual crowned was wonderful. Most of you know that Goldie Coats is now the owner of a new Dual Champion. All in all, things went well for such a heavily packed agenda.

By Sunday afternoon only Hal and I were left on the site. It had been an amazing, energizing month. The winds that night were calm, the sky full of stars and a lonely coyote was roaming the camp for left-overs. Monday we rocked and rolled in a day long desert rainstorm. The clubs were fortunate they had scheduled things the way they had; Tuesday we had heavy winds all day. The following Wednesday and Thursday were beautiful again and we departed Friday for Santa Nella...about 6 hours away. Again, kudos to Steve Cosgrave and Dale Shores for a great trial by Sierra View. Most of the same trialers who had been at the "Desert Series 2004" were at the lush grass grounds of Santa Nella. Our horses thought they had died and went to heaven...GRASS!!!!

So we are home. Thanks, California, for another great winter vacation from the rain, fog, snow and ice of the Northwest. We left behind two things this year...a dog with Jimmy B to run for us and an application for the California Brittany Club. If we are going to these trials, we need to work. So San Diego, CBC and High Desert, count on us and use us and Steve, we will try to get to Arizona too next year. It was nice getting to know you and Dianne better. Just have to get over the mountain pass sooner!

Back to the mail....ug. Jodi and Hal Engel

MEET THE BREED BY MARGARET WAITE

On December 3rd, 2003 four members from California Brittany Club took part in the "Meet the Breed Show" at the Long Beach Convention Center. "Meet the Breed" was part of Eukanuba Invitational Cup Dog Show. Linda McDonald was the Chairman in charge of setting up the booth and getting CBC members to help out with manpower. Helping Linda to decorate the booth were Nancy Hewitt, Helen Harbour, and Sharon Kalionzes. On hand with their Brittans were Linda McDonald with CH Windsong's Time of My Life "Risa", Margaret Waite with DC/AFC Oxbow's Chief Riverdancer "Chief", Sharon Kalionzes with CH Swift River's Destiny's Child "Ellie" and Helen Harbour with CH First Time Flyer "Rookie". Pamphlets were available and



Chief in the Brittany Booth

a video was played which informed the public about the Brittany. The video was provided by Dr. Jodi Engel, the AKC Delegate for the Brittany Breed.

It was a very rewarding day, we all shared our Britts and their individual accomplishments as well as inform the public about how versatile this breed is. As all owners of Brittans know, a Brittany can be a show dog, a field dog, participate in agility classes, and obedience classes, as well as being a wonderful companion dog.

CBC SPRING TRIAL AND WRSDC (CONT.)

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3rd SWEET MISSOURI JAZZ

Mike Jessen

"DIXIE" Sire: FC AFC DUDE'S DIXIELAND JAZZ Dam: FC AFC C'S RAISING CAIN
Owner: Michael & Janet Jessen

4th CH JAY-MAR'S TZAR'S

WICKED MISTRESS (GSP)

Don Magoon

"WICKET" Sire: NFC DC JAY-MAR'S BLAKES WINDCZAR SH Dam: CH JAMAR'S WEISEN'S RITE ON TARGET Owner: Don & Cathy Magoon & Nikol Litwin

Open Puppy

Starters: 11

Judges: Brian Rice & Clem Little

1st BLUEWATER DUCE

Wayne Down

"DUCE" Sire: BLUEWATER PINK Dam: BLUEWATER LILLY Owner: Wayne Down

2nd KISMET

Paul Doiron

"KISMET" Sire: DC AFC ROJA'S GAMBLING CHIPS Dam: DC AFC TULE RIVER'S FULL MOON MAGGIE Owner: Linda Langford

3rd RUSTY RIDGE RAM TOUGH

Claude Kilpatrick

"RT" Sire: FC TEQUILA JOKER'S JOSE CUERVO Dam: DC RUSTY RIDGE BOOKERS LST FLING Owner: Claude & Jan Kilpatrick

4th WINCHESTER'S

REPEATER Jimmy

Berneathy

"PETE" Sire: DC NGDC AFC WINCHESTER OF HANGING JAZE Dam: HF-SCORE SALLY RAND Owner: Steve and Diana Swanson

Open Derby

Starters: 18

Judges: Brian Rice & Cindy Leffingwell

1st ROCKING RM HANGING

J'S BIG GUN Ed Dixon

"BUD" Sire: FC AFC JAKE'S SON OF A GUN RUNNER Dam: JJ TEQUILA SUNRISE
Owner: Ed Dixon & Linda Dixon

2nd KELLY KANYON KATE

Paul Doiron

"KATE" Sire: FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER Dam: FC REPEAT'S SAN-DEE
Owner: Carolyn & Jerry Cape

3rd ROCKING RM JOSE'S

RED BALL Ed Dixon

"RED" Sire: FC TEQUILA JOKER'S JOSE CUERVO Dam: CHUBASCO'S LITTLE MARIAH Owner: Ed & Linda Dixon

4th SHASTA'S FAST EDDIE

GAMBLER

Mike Jessen

"EDDIE" Sire: NFC DC AFC GAMBLERS ACE IN THE HOLE Dam: LIT'L SHASTA Z
Owner: Tom and Denise Gross



TATTLE TAILS

Please, it's up to you to let us know when your dog does something wonderful. If you don't tell us... we can't print it!

DAKOTA'S BOOKER T, "Booker T" Owner: Dakota Renfree, handler: Ed Dixon, took 2nd OP at the GSP trial Castle Butte.



Judge Jan Kilpatrick, Madison Renfree & Bud Futurity Dual Dog

Rocking RM Hanging J's Big Gun, "Bud" took 1st Intermediate, and 2nd Money Male with 10 yr. old Madison Renfree "on the lead" to help him take Dual Dog in the Western Futurity at California City. Great job, Madison! Proud parents: Brad & Shannon Renfree, proud owner/grandparents: Ed & Linda Dixon

CH SANDBAR'S CASANOVA, "Caz" owners Arthur Weddell Jr. & Sandra Weddell-Jaqua: 1/4/04 KC Palm Springs, 1st VD, BOB, Grp 2, 3/6/04 Apple Valley KC 1st VD, BOB & Grp 2, 3/7/04 Apple Valley KC 1st VD, BOB & Grp 1.

SWIFT RIVER'S SURFER GIRL "Gidget" went WB/BOW & BOS at Silver Bay KC on 2/20/04. Gidget also got her first leg toward her JH title at the CBC HT 3/6/04 with Helen handling.

CH FIRST TIME FLYER, "Rookie" took BOB both days at Orange Empire on 2/24-25/04. Both dogs are owned by Rich & Helen Harbour and were handled by Amy Rodrigues.

New **CH SANBAR'S ALBANIAN LEGACY**, "Albie" finished his "CH" at nine months old with this record: 11/9/03 Cabrillo KC WD/BOW, Best Pup & Best Pup Group, 11/13/03 Sahuaro Specialty Best Puppy, 11/14/03 Canada del Oro, Tuscon BOS in Sweeps, 11/17-18/03 Tuscon KC WD, 1/3/04 KC Palm Springs Best Puppy BOB, Puppy Grp.1, 1/24-25/04 Orange Empire WD/BOW (major on Sat.), 2/16/04 San Jose KC WD, 2/21/04 Silver Bay KC WD & BOB, 2/22/04 Silver Bay WD/BOW, 2/27/04 Scottsdale WD/BOW (major), 3/1/04 Superstition WD/BOW to finish!!! Congratulations to his breeders Art Weddell and Sandra Jaqua!!

New **"CH" LONE OAK'S SOVEREIGN DELTA**, "Sally" went 1st Intermediate and BOB at the Western Futurity in California City, 11/3/03 BOW 5pts, Greater Sierra Vista KC, 1/30/04 BOW/BOS 4pts KC Palm Springs, 1/4/04 BOW 3pts KC Palm Springs.

FC TULE RIVER'S TRAVELING SAM, "Sam", owner: Jerry Rosenberg & Barbara Robben went 1st OGD on 11/8/03 High Desert BC, 1/9-11/04 at the Vizsla Club of So. Cal. 1st OLGD with Paul Doiron handling. And with Bill Landress handling and Tom White as scout, 1st Amateur GD, AND 3rd Amateur Limited GD!!! Super!



Barbara, Bill and Sam, 1st AGD & ALGD

New **"CH" LOKI'S JEST MISCHIEF**, "Jack" owned by Glen &

Suky Reilly (now of N.C.) took back to back 4pt majors to finish in Florida. Conrats!

CH TANTARA'S WALK IN THE PARK, "Walker" qualified for two legs toward his JH 3/6-7/04 at the CBC Hunting Test with owner Nancy Hewitt handling.

SHILOH'S WHOA NELLIE, "Nellie" took 1st Am. Walking GD (3 pt major) for owner/handler Karen Nelsen and 4th OGD with handler: Paul Doiron at San Diego Golden Empire BC trial. Nellie finished her MH at the CBC Hunt Test 3/6-7/04 with Karen on the whistle. Congratulations!!!



New Master Hunter, Nellie and Karen

OXBOW'S BOUNTY HUNTER, "Hunter" went 2nd OP 2/14-15/04 at Golden Empire BC trial, 1st OP at Central CA BC 2/28-29/04. Owner Don and Margaret Waite

HANGING JAZE ARIZONA SUNRISE "Azee" earned her Derby points at the Central CA Brittany Club trial February 28-29, 2004 held at Santa Nella. Not only did she have a great run, pointed 4 birds but also was caught in a tule weed pond and had to be pulled out!

TJ'S SINGLE SHOT OF SCIPIO "Emme" was runner up in the Western Regional Shooting Dog Championship AND the Chukar Classic (both hour stakes) held January 26-30, 2004 in California City she is owned by Margaret Horstmeyer & Tom White

Katelyn Ford took Best Jr. Handler 2/21/04 at Del Sur KC with CH BURFORD'S BRNZ DESERT ROMANCE, "Desi" Congrats!

ABC WESTERN FUTURITY RESULTS

BY LINDA LANGFORD

The ABC Western Futurity commenced on Wednesday, Jan 21, 2004, hosted by the California Brittany Club. A generous supply of Purina Pro-Plan High Performance Dog Food was displayed for distribution among all the participants and winners. High winds taunted the eleven all age competitors, and kept handlers, scouts and judges Jan & Claude Kilpatrick sitting tall in the saddle, as the dogs ranged in and out of sight over the hills and ridges of the Southern California Mohave desert. A relaxing deli sandwich lunch and warm stew dinner was provided for everyone by Carolyn & Jerry Cape. Thursday, the 14 gun dog entries, also judged by Jan & Claude had some milder weather in the morning, but the afternoon saw the winds starting to return. Chicken salad sandwiches and Mexican soup were devoured for lunch, along with a hearty, barbeque chicken dinner, hosted by Linda & Ed Dixon and their daughter Shannon Renfree. We had 25 field entries and 20 show entries. 15 dogs competed in both show and field, with 6 of the 8 field placements preparing to battle for the coveted dual dog award. We were grateful to Cindy Mitchell, proprietor of the "Dog House" who allowed us to set up what felt like a dog bathing relay race in her grooming shop Friday morning before the show. At the conclusion of the futurity show on Friday, January 23, everyone feasted at La Conquista restaurant to relax and celebrate another year of exciting, competitive Brittany youngsters, and to dream about their futures. As regional event secretary, I would like to thank Neveta Salmons for her work at the National level, preparing the necessary paperwork for this futurity, and to western chairman, Bill Landress, and the entire committee and membership of the California Brittany Club who made this possible. I also want to thank the ABC members who traveled to reach the grounds, including Terry Courtright from Montana, Karen and Susan Beardslee from Colorado, the crew from Washington, Sherre Granger, Bill Vye, Bob & Joan Donnell and Clem &



All Age Futurity Winners

Front Row, left to right: Ed Dixon with Bud, Paul Doiron with Azee, Wayne Down with Deuce and Peggy Doiron with Kismet Back row, left to right: Madison and Dakota Renfree, Margaret Horstmeyer, Tom White, Judges Claude and Jan Kilpatrick, Chairman Bill Landress and Linda Langford

Marilynne Little. We also thank our northern neighbors in Oregon, Michael & Lori Palmer, Roger & Debra Borine, Hal and Jodi Engel.

All Age Futurity Running :

Brace 1 – **BLUEWATER DUCE** (Down) & **KISMET** (Doiron). Both dogs ran with good range and ground speed, with Kismet proving a little hard to handle in the wind, and exhibiting a more lateral pattern, while accumulating 3 finds. Duce ran a more forward race, and while he let down a little in the middle, he had 5 finds, and showed good intelligence in seeking objectives.

Brace 2 – **TERRA'S CABO WABO** (Doiron) & **BLUEWATER FLYING ACE** (Down). Sammy & Ace broke away to the front, and Sammy quickly disappeared over the ridge. As we crested the hill, he was seen making a huge move, running the ridge of the far hillside. As the course turned to the left, Sammy popped over the back on the far ridge, and wasn't seen again until the brace was almost over. The heavy winds seemed to shorten Ace's range somewhat, notwithstanding a good effort, he was not able to produce a bird.

Brace 3 – **HIDEAWAY RYEGRASS JETSABLAZEN** (Palmer) & **HANGIN JAZE ARIZONA SUNRISE** (Doiron). Both dogs broke away with good speed, and were quickly over the first ridge into the valley. Jet made his move to the far hillside, and popped over, and was not seen again. Azee moved forward across the valley, kept increasing her range as she hunted to the farthest end of the course. After a little difficulty getting her to make the turn, she had a beautiful find on the hillside, and finished the course with 2 finds to her credit.

Brace 4 – **SHADY'S BEANS BLAZE PHOENIX** (Doiron) & **M.C. JARED O'DEE REZANE** (Sherer). Blaze demonstrated excellent ground speed, but his pattern was a little erratic, and he finished the stake with out a find. Jared was running with sore feet, and while he was putting out the effort, he wasn't up to his standard performance, and was picked up by his handler.

Brace 5 – **KELLY KANYON KATE** (Doiron) & **ROCKING RM HANGING J'S BIG GUN** (Dixon). Kate proved to be a hard handle, and eventually was picked up by her handler. Bud put down a solid,

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consistent performance from start to finish. He showed good range, and an intelligent pattern, seeking objectives, which was rewarded by 5 finds and 2 stops to flush. His manners on his bird work was that of a broke dog, and he handled easily throughout the course.

Brace 6 – **M.C. O'DEE'S FRONT PAIGE STORY** (Sherer). This young bitch, running in season, took off with lightning speed, and quickly disappeared from view, and remained out of sight for the rest of the stake.

All Age Futurity Placements:

All-Age Futurity Starters: 11

Judges: Claude & Jan Kilpatrick

1st ROCKING RM HANGING

J'S BIG GUN Ed Dixon

Sire: FC/AFC JAKE'S SON OF A GUNRUNNER
Dam: JJ TEQUILA SUNRISE Owner: Ed & Linda Dixon

2ndHANGING JAZE ARIZONA

SUNRISE Paul Doiron

Sire: FC/AFC JAKE'S SON OF A GUNRUNNER
Dam: JJ TEQUILA SUNRISE Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

3rdBLUEWATER DUCE

Wayne Down

Sire: BLUEWATER PINK Dam: BLUEWATER LILLY Owner: Wayne Down

4th KISMET Paul Doiron

Sire: DC/AFC ROJA'S GAMBLING CHIPS
Dam: DC/AFC TULE RIVER'S FULL MOON
MAGGIE Owner: Linda Langford

Gun Dog Futurity Running:

Brace 1 – **BLAZEN' JAZE JEFE** (Courtright) & **PJ'S CALAMITY JANE** (Engel). Jefe, who endured a long trip from Montana, seemed a little unfamiliar with the terrain, and unfortunately finished the brace birdless. Jane had hunting on her mind and made several good moves. She had 2 finds but failed to establish point.

Brace 2 – **JACKSON PHOENIX** (Berneathy) & **KELLY CANYON CRUISER** (Doiron). Jackson's performance today was thorough, but a little too close working, although he had 2 finds with excellent style. Cruiser showed smart use of wind and excellent range, running the rocky ridges, yet handling easily. His effort was rewarded with 4 broke or nearly broke finds. His style and intensity on each find was commendable.

Brace 3 – **SQUARE BUTTE SADIE** (Courtright) & **HIDEAWAY RED'S BESS BET** (Borine). Sadie applied herself to the business of hunting, but despite her efforts was unable to locate

game. Bess took off with excellent range, running hard into the wind with snappy moves, taking to the hills. She had 2 finds to her credit, and feeling good in the weather, she was a little hard to handle but excelled in all other aspects.



1st Money Female & Best in Futurity
LONE OAK'S SOVERIGN DELTA

Brace 4 – **NAPA VALLEY GAMBLER'S ROCKET MAN** (Dorrough) & **PJ'S FIVE STAR SPORT, JH** (Engel). After 2 days traveling with a bitch in season, Rocket needed a few yards off the breakaway to clear his head. Rocket's handler was also nursing bad knees, and quickly fell behind his brace mate. Nonetheless, Rocket hunted up the forward ridge and went over the top, and eventually came around the hill to join up with his handler on the flats where he demonstrated good ground speed and he had a nice find with excellent class and intensity. After the flush, Rocket's handler released him but he broke to the rear going with the bird, the wrong way for the course, and it took some effort to get him back moving to the front into 30 mph winds. He shortened up into the wind, working back and forth about 100 yards to each side when time was called. Sport broke away to the front and took the big hill to the left, then came around on the side of the hill again to the front, where he had a nice point. The bird took off with Sport in pursuit over the next hill. He had a big, almost all age cast to the side and the front through the flats to the finish, showing good pattern and stamina.



Gun Dog Futurity Winners

Front row, left to right: Paul Doiron with Cruiser, Roger Borine with Bess, Jessica Carlson with Petit, and Rosey with Tom White Back row, left to right: Peggy Doiron, Claude Kilpatrick, Deb Borine, Gordon Theilen, Jan Kilpatrick, Margaret Horstmeyer

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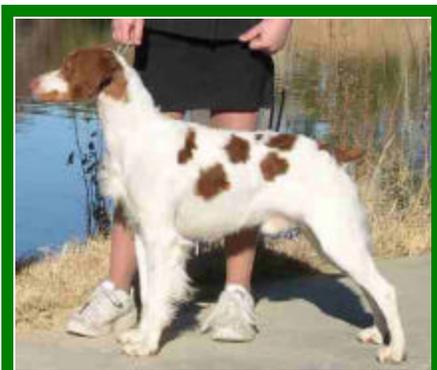
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1st Money Male & BOS
CASTLE'S TANGERINE DREAM

Brace 5 – **DAKOTA'S BOOKER-T** (Dixon) & **PJ'S CROOKED RIVER BAN-DIT, JH** (Engel). Booker-T, the youngest dog in the Western Futurity, made a big move to the top of the hill, and was rewarded with two finds on his way down and thru the shoot, and a third find in the flats. He showed excellent style and intensity on his game, but a little immaturity in his race as he came from behind once. Ban-dit made some nice casts, but for the most part was enjoying his brace mate. Although he hunted the terrain properly, he didn't find any birds.



2nd Money Male & DUAL DOG
ROCKING RM HANGING J'S BIG GUN

Brace 6 – **BARTOK'S HUNGARIAN MELODY** (Nold) & **HIDEAWAY HANK** (Borine). Barley exhibited his desire to please, running the course with a good pattern and being rewarded with 4 good finds. He showed potential, but was called off some of his casts a bit

early. Hank demonstrated a strong running style with class on his one find. He lacked maturity in his pattern and checked in a little too much to be competitive in the stake today.

Brace 7 – **SMOKEY'S TEQUILA ROSE** (Doiron) & **BRETON'S MON PETIT SOURIRE** (Carlson). Both girls put on a show, making nice big moves with lots of bird work. Petit showed a little better range and pattern. Rosie's two finds showed good intensity, and Petit proved her bird finding abilities with 5 steady finds.

Gun Dog Futurity Placements:

GD Futurity Starters: 14

Judges: Claude & Jan Kilpatrick

1st KELLY CANYON CRUISER

Paul Doiron

Sire: FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER Dam: FC REPEAT'S SAN-DEE Owner: Paul & Peggy Doiron

2nd HIDEAWAY RED'S BESS

BET Roger Borine

Sire: FC/AFC JALO'S PHD MH Dam: HIDEAWAY CEDARIDGE LUCY Owner: Roger & Deb Borine

3rd BRETON'S MON PETIT

SOURIRE Jessica Carlson

Sire: FC/AFC HI SCOR JAC D RUFFIAN Dam: ROYAL RUTHLESS Owner: Carolyn & Gordon Theilen DVM

4th SMOKEY'S TEQUILA ROSE

Paul Doiron

Sire: FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER Dam: DC/AFC TRAVELER'S REIGN OF TERRA Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

Futurity:

Show Futurity 20 Entries

Judge: Jan Kilpatrick

JUNIOR DOGS (1)

1st DAKOTA'S BOOKER-T

Sire: FC BURFORD'S BOOKED FIRST CLASS Dam: FC SHILOH'S BLAZIN MAD ABOUT YOU Owner: Dakota Renfree

INTERMEDIATE DOGS (6)

1st 2ND MONEY MALE, ROCKING RM HANGING J'S BIG GUN

Sire: FC/AFC JAKE'S SON OF A GUNRUNNER Dam: JJ TEQUILA SUNRISE Owner: Ed & Linda Dixon

2nd TILLTRO TOTAL REQUEST

Sire: CH. JORDEAN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS Dam: CH SPLASHES MILLENNIUM DEBUT Owner: Karen Beardslee

3rd PJ'S FIVE STAR SPORT JH

Sire: DC/AFC SOINIC OF BLACK BUTTES MH Dam: CH PJ'S MAGIC OF SONIC Owner: Hal & Jodi Engel

4th TERRA'S CABO WABO

Sire: FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER Dam: DC/AFC TRAVELER'S REIGN OF TERRA Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer



3rd Money Male **BARTOKS BARTOKS HUNGARIAN MELODY**

SENIOR DOGS (4)

1st 1ST MONEY MALE, CH CASTLE'S TANGERINE DREAM

Sire: CH CASTLE'S PRIME CANDIDATE Dam: CH CASTLE'S NO VANITY HERE JH Owner: Cortney Granger

2nd 3RD MONEY MALE, BARTOKS HUNGARIAN MELODY

Sire: DC DOGWOOD'S TM DAN-DEE Dam: CH WYNGOLD'S LYRICAL MELODY Owner: Tim Nold

3rd JACKSON PHOENIX

Sire: CH CHELSEA'S JUST TURN ME LOOSE Dam: PHOENIX ROCKET'S RED GLARE Owner: Sherre Granger

4th CASTLE'S JUST CALL ME DAVE

Sire: CH CASTLE'S PRIME CANDIDATE Dam: CH CASTLE'S NO VANITY HERE JH Owner: JJ & BJ Castillo

JUNIOR BITCHES (1)

1st 2ND MONEY FEMALE, KISMET

Sire: DC/AFC ROJA'S GAMBLING CHIPS Dam: DC/AFC TULE RIVER'S FULL MOON MAGGIE Owner: Linda Langford

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INTERMEDIATE BITCHES (5)

1st 1ST MONEY FEMALE, LONE OAK'S SOVEREIGN DELTA

Sire: CH ALAR'S THE ROCKETEER JH Dam: CH SOVEREIGN'S CODE OF HONOR JH
Owner: Beverly & Ron Bemis

2nd 3RD MONEY FEMALE, HANGING JAZE ARIZONA SUNRISE

Sire: FC/AFC JAKE'S SON OF A GUNRUNNER Dam: JJ TEQUILA SUNRISE
Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

3rd PJ'S CALAMITY JANE JH

Sire: DC/AFC SOINIC OF BLACK BUTTES MH Dam: CH PJ'S MAGIC OF SONIC Owner: Hal & Jodi Engel

4th SMOKEY'S TEQUILA ROSE

Sire: FC REDLINE'S TEQUILA SMOKER Dam: DC/AFC TRAVELER'S REIGN OF TERRA Owner: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer



2nd Money Female **KISMET**

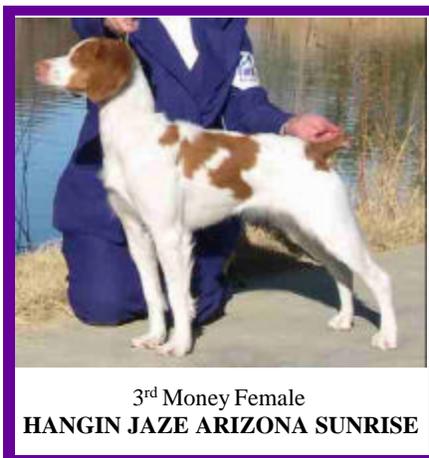
SENIOR BITCHES (2)

1st BRETON'S MON PETIT SOURIRE

Sire: FC/AFC HI SCOR JAC D RUFFIAN Dam: ROYAL RUTHLESS Owner: Carolyn & Gordon Theilen DVM

2nd CASTLE'S FRIENDLY PERSUASION

Sire: CH CASTLE'S PRIME CANDIDATE Dam: CH CASTLE'S NO VANITY HERE JH
Owner: T. Foster, P. McLeod, IJ & BJ Castillo



3rd Money Female
HANGIN JAZE ARIZONA SUNRISE

Best of Breed LONE OAK'S SOVEREIGN DELTA

Best of Opposite Sex CH CASTLE'S TANGERINE DREAM

2nd Money Male ROCKING RM HANGING J'S BIG GUN

2nd Money Female KISMET

3rd Money Male BARTOKS HUNGARIAN MELODY

3rd Money Female HANGING JAZE ARIZONA SUNRISE

** DUAL DOG ** ** ROCKING RM HANGING J'S BIG GUN **

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONT.)

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March 22, 2004

California Brittany Club Board of Directors:

It is with deep regret that effective immediately, we must submit our resignation as officers in the California Brittany Club, I as your President and Linda as your Treasurer.

As many of you know, last year Linda and I lost two of our parents within six months and at this time, we are caring for Linda's mother. We want to be with her as much as possible, enjoying both her and our family during this time. We do not feel that we will be able to dedicate the time required to the offices we presently hold. We know the remainder of this year will become more difficult and time consuming personally. Right now we feel that we must put family obligations first.

We are in no way withdrawing our support of CBC and when available, we will work hard to make our events as successful in the future as they have been in the past. We have a wonderful club and certainly put on first class events and we know that tradition will continue under your new President and Treasurer.

Your new president will take office immediately, and Linda will continue until a Treasurer is found. We will work with these new officers to see that a smooth transition takes place, providing whatever tools and procedures are needed to ensure this is transitioned in a way that is not detrimental to the club.

This club has a long tradition of overcoming adversity and shining through to promote the Brittany and all it stands for and we do see that tradition continuing.

Regretfully submitted,

Ed and Linda Dixon



OVER SEAS

Toni and Bob Avedissian's son Paul, is finally coming HOME from Iraq!!!

He should be here around the 15th of March. He was awarded the Bronze Star, but we have to wait until he's home to find out what he did! Happy Homecoming to him, to his wife and parents.

TRACKER COLLAR USE BEYOND THE USER'S MANUAL BY TOM WHITE

Good News! I found our Derby dog "AZ" in the California City desert, in the darkness of night, using my Tracker Maxima 5000/25. It took 7 hours, primarily due to a lot of false positive indicators.

I thought I was fairly experienced using the Tracker, however when the emergency search turned into the hours of darkness, and the horses were exchanged for motor vehicles, it became clear that there were things happening that were not covered in the documentation.

For example:

Driving around the desert in a truck, with the engine running, and the Tracker being held by hand up to window level, provided a strong false signal that was followed for hours by mistake. I discovered it was a false signal by stopping the truck's engine, exiting the vehicle and the strong, positive signal **DISAPPEARED**. The signal had to be engine noise.

Also, the same problem was revealed using a HONDA RECON All Terrain Vehicle. The false signal wasn't as strong as the truck, but it did clearly alter the direction by 30 to 40 degrees.

Part of the false indicators was changes in the BEEP frequencies. The beep signals received indicated that the dog would run, stop, run, stop - the beeps were so predictable in frequency that I could have been tracking a ballet company. From where I finally found the dog these had to be false signals and indicators also caused by the engine noise.

The dog was finally found by taking readings with the engine of an ATV stopped and moving a short distance

away from the ATV then driving in the direction of the signal, stopping every quarter mile and repeating the process. The dog was found about 5 miles from where it was lost and in the opposite direction of the original false indications.

Recommendations:

Have voice communicators available and ready for use by search parties members set to the same frequency.

Make sure you know all features of the tracking collar **prior** to conducting an emergency search.

Know the frequency of the collar on the dog. Each collar has six numbers followed by MHz. Know what the frequency is, write it down and keep it available. The red one or the yellow one is of no value when asking others to load the frequency into their receivers to assist in the search.

Know how to load the frequency into a receiver. Many people will load their collar frequencies into the receiver when originally purchased by utilizing

the documentation and when the process must be repeated in the field, there's a lot of trial and error.

Everyone with a Tracker Receiver can

assist in the search if you know the proper frequency and can load it. A good practice is to load all the collar frequencies of the people you train and trial with into your receiver.

There are two modes of receiver operation - manual and automatic. When you have no clue where the dog is, operate the receiver in AUTOMATIC mode. This mode provides a general indication of where a signal is coming from and is the best

mode for signals beyond a mile. The tech rep at Tracker, Paul Taylor,

suggested if you're searching from a vehicle, put the receiver in automatic while driving around in the area. As soon as you get an audible indication of a signal reception, switch to the Manual mode (pressing the "ENTER" button toggles between AUTO and MANUAL.). Get out of, or off, the vehicle and take readings with the engine stopped.

The MANUAL mode is operated adjusting the "gain" or sensitivity of the receiver with the large horizontal knob. Sweep an area in MANUAL with the gain set a high level. As the indicating bars in the display show a strong signal, adjust the gain lower, continuing to sweep, until the signal received is still indicating consistently. This is the direction you must move toward to find the dog. It is very important to also check the reciprocal of the bearing where your best signal is coming from, for example, if you get a good signal from North (000 degrees) turn around and sweep the Southern area (180 degrees). You don't want to commence a search that is moving away from the dog. It is a good idea to periodically sweep in all 360 degrees to verify you're searching in the proper direction. The closer you get to the dog, the stronger the signal will become. As you grow closer, you will be adjusting the Manual gain lower in the continual refinement of the best reception. Pretty soon you'll see the reflection from a set of Brittany eyes that are looking for you!

It's clear that you must be so familiar with the operation of the receiver without having to look at the display constantly. Learn to "read" the audible



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CBC HUNTING TEST MARCH 6TH & 7TH, 2004

KAREN NELSEN, HUNT TEST CHAIRMAN

It was a dark and stormy night...! No, that was the week before, when the winds howled, the rains pelted and the snow fell...all in Southern California. The gods were holding the good weather for the club's first-in-a-very-long-time hunting test. The temperature got into the high 60's, with plenty of sunshine and a nice breeze for good scenting conditions for the dogs.

A lot was riding on our event, as the club had not sponsored one in quite some time and I wanted it to be a rounding success. While our Master and Senior entries were lower than expected, we had a good entry for the Junior tests. We had many first time handlers as well as seasoned veterans. With a smaller entry, we were able to start a bit later, which gave everyone a chance to grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Everyone was excited to watch the first dogs go. The bird field was set reasonably close to camp, so everyone could watch the goings-on from the "spectator's gallery" near the secretary's table. "What's going on now?" was heard more than once. Excitement grew when shots were heard from the bird field! Once the handlers were in, folks wanted to know how each dog did.

Of the pointing breeds, we had Vizslas, German Shorthairs, a German Wirehair, Setters (both Irish and Gordon), a Weimie, lots of Britts, and even a

Spinone as part of our entry. There were several who earned Hunt Test titles, including Master Hunter (a Brittany and a Wirehair...who now only needs to pass a water test to finalize his title). Many juniors completed their JH title as well! We even saw the makings of a couple of "all-age" dogs!

I couldn't have picked a better crew to work with, many of whom were working a hunt test for the first time, including my secretary Linda McDonald. Once we got the paperwork part figured out, the notations went quite smoothly. (We did learn that we need to accept email entries only if they are on official AKC forms.)

The Food Committee kept everyone well fed. Sharon Kalionzes and her crack crew, Helen Harbour, Roseanne Woelm, and Bev Bemis kept pots, pans and people filled with fresh coffee and muffins in the early hours. Rich "Weber-Kettle-Man" Harbour got the coals fired up and did a great job with hamburgers for lunch. (I heard that some of the cheeseburgers found their way to a place for warming and were found a few days later...YUK!) The same crew did a "mahvelous" job with dinner as well. We offered bar-b-que'd tri-tip, special onion-baked potatoes and a continental salad along with dessert and drinks to our helpers and

guests. Charlie Licitra provided a tub for the warm fire as everyone gathered around for the twilight dinner and joyful camaraderie. Sunday's lunch rivaled anything that "Subway" could ever prepare. The deli-sandwiches were "delish" and yummy!

We also held a raffle during lunch on both days. This proved to be very successful and a lot of fun! Our ticket seller and "raffle-er" on Saturday was a great twelve-year-old, Josh Betzer (his older brother ran a Vizsla in JH). His buddy, Ryan, also helped out with the ticket sales. Both boys volunteered to plant birds during the JH test, and they did a great job in the field as well!

The gunners were wonderful! Many thanks to club members Bob Woelm and Eldon Bouchie for helping out on Saturday. Although we only had eight dogs in the Master and Senior, they were kept busy overseeing the bird field in the afternoon. On Sunday, Bob continued his gunning chores along with Craig Troncale, who I was able to enlist from the local GWP club. Thanks also go to Charlie Licitra (another GWP person) for helping to plant birds when our young helpers had to leave early.

Our judges Leslie and Genaro Vargas, Pennie Peterson and Leslie Troncale were positive in their perspective of the

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Saturday Brittany Qualifiers

Front row, left to right: Karen Nelson with Nellie, Toni Avedissian with KC, Linda McDonald with Vic, Sharon Kalionzes with Ellie, Nancy Hewitt with Walker, Helen Harbour with Gidget, Joe Rodrigues with Jonnie, Ed Dixon with Booker-T Standing: Judges Genaro and Leslie Vargas

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Rich Harbour taking photos

dogs' performances, and were especially helpful to our many first time handlers. The Vargas' motorhome had mechanical problems, but they arrived early on Saturday morning nursing their old truck, which had a couple of its own problems. Thanks to Pennie Peterson for providing the use of her horse for the Vargas'. It enabled them to run their MH dog during Sunday's test. The "other" Leslie (Troncale) and Pennie formed quite a team...Pennie first on a yellow horse, then on her brown horse...Leslie's mule became a little concerned, when "Blondie" turned to "Brownie", but since both had two shorter ears and the same four legs, the mule muddled through!

I really appreciated the efforts of Ed Dixon for schlepping the water all the way from Norco! Not only did Ed still suffer the effects of a bad cold, he had just returned from judging earlier in the week when all the horrible weather occurred. Again, kudos to Bob Woelm and Linda Mc Donald for helping to set up the bird field. They looked like Roman legionnaires carrying battle standards! To Eldon Bouchie for truckin' the birds to the field on Saturday, and to Craig for the same duty on Sunday, I thank you.

We couldn't have done it without the participation of our guests. To everyone who entered our tests, I thank you for coming, for helping out in the many ways you did, and for keeping the cheering section going! You were awesome!

A report of the Brittanys receiving qualifying legs towards a title follows: (Thanks to Linda McDonald)

Saturday, March 6 Judges: Genaro and Leslie Vargas MASTER HUNTER Starters-3

SHILOH'S WHOA NELLIE
Karen Nelsen
"Nellie" Sire: FC SAM DEE' S TRAVELER
Dam: DC SHILOH'S BLAZIN' SADIE Owner: Karen Nelsen

JUNIOR HUNTER Starters-17 CH LONE OAKS DELTA FORCE

Linda McDonald
"Victor" Sire: CH BURFORD'S DELTA FORCE Dam: CH JORDEAN'S DIRTY DANCER Owner: Beverly Perrdue-Bemis and RL Bemis

CH TANTARA'S A WALK IN THE PARK

Nancy Hewitt
"Walker" Sire: CH HOPE'S AUTUMN SNOW STORM Dam: CH TANTARA'S COVER GIRL Owner: Nancy Hewitt

CH LOKI'S STORM IN THE NIGHT

Toni Avedissian
"KC" Sire: CH HOPE'S AUTUMN SNO STORM Dam: CH LOKI'S MISCHIEF IN THE NIGHT Owner: Toni and Bob Avedissian

CASTLE'S CASEY FLY BY

Richard Hostetter
"Casey" Sire: CH CASTLE'S LET'S MAKE A DEAL SH Dam: CH CASTLE'S MAGIC MOMENT JH Owner: Richard and Lori Hostetter

CH SWIFT RIVER'S DESTINY'S CHILD

Sharon Kalionzes
"Ellie" Sire: DC JORDEAN TOUGH STUFF MH Dam: CH SWIFT RIVER'S TIME TO SPARE JH Owner: Sharon Kalionzes and Pennie Peterson



Linda McDonald enjoying her paperwork!



Rachel & Richard Hostetter with Casey another Saturday qualifier

CH SANDBAR'S CURTAIN CALL

Joe Rodrigues
"Jonnie" Sire: CH AFC SANDBAR'S CALL COLLECT MH Dam: CH MILLETTE'S ALL BOOKED UP Owner: Polly West, Barbara Scott, Agnes Rodrigues

SWIFT RIVER'S SURFER GIRL

Helen Harbour
"Gidget" Sire: DC JORDEAN TOUGH STUFF MH Dam: CH SWIFT RIVER'S TIME TO SPARE Owner: Rich and Helen Harbour

DAKOTA'S BOOKER T

Ed Dixon
"Booker" Sire: FC/AFC BURFORD'S BOOKED FIRST CLASS Dam: FC SHILOH'S BLAZIN MAD ABOUT YOU Owner: Dakota Renfree and Brad Renfree

Sunday, March 7 JUDGES: Pennie Peterson and Leslie Troncale

MASTER HUNTER Starters-3 SHILOH'S WHOA NELLIE

Karen Nelson
see Saturday's qualifiers

JUNIOR HUNTER Starters-17 CH LONE OAK'S DELTA FORCE

Linda McDonald
see Saturday's qualifiers

CH TANTARA'S A WALK IN THE PARK

Nancy Hewitt
see Saturday's qualifiers

CH LOKI'S STORM IN THE NIGHT

Toni Avedissian
see Saturday's qualifiers

CASTLE'S CASEY FLY BY

Richard Hostetter
see Saturday's qualifiers

CH CASTLE'S TANGERINE DREAM

Courtney Granger
"Tango" Sire: CH CASTLE'S PRIME CANDIDATE Dam: CH CASTLE'S NO VANITY HERE JH Owner: Courtney Granger

CH SANDBAR'S CURTAIN CALL

Joe Rodrigues
see Saturday's qualifiers

CBC ANNUAL AWARDS RULES

Eligibility:

1. Only Brittany's are eligible
2. Points may be earned in the following events:
 - a. American Kennel Club licensed shows, field trials, hunt tests, obedience trials and agility tests occurring in the Western region as laid out by the American Brittany Club.
 - b. American Brittany Club licensed events occurring in the Western region as laid out by the American Brittany Club.
 - c. The American Brittany Club Nationals. (National All Age, National Amateur All Age, National Gun Dog, National Amateur Gun Dog, National Specialty, National Summer Specialty and National Obedience trial.
 - d. American Field trials – Within the ABC Western Region (NASTRA trials are NOT included.)
 - e. Designated California Brittany Club events (Willi Match and Club Championship Fun trial).
3. The highest point total in each category determines the winner.
4. The dog must be owned or co-owned by a member or associate member of the CBC, or a minor member of their immediate family.
5. The point year runs from January 1 to December 31.
6. It is the dog owner's responsibility to compile and submit a list of their dog's points to the club secretary. If there is a problem for any member finding the correct number of dogs defeated in any event, the club secretary is the official statistician and has the AKC results publication in which they can look up this information.

MAJOR AWARDS

Show Dog: The Show Dog Award will be determined by the highest total of dogs defeated in the show ring. Dogs and bitches can be awarded points if they place Reserve Winners or better. Futurity Show wins are counted in the same manner as regular show wins, 2nd money winner or better.

Example: Total Brittany's shown was 32; 10 class dogs, 11 class bitches, 7 male champions and 4 female champions.

- Winners Dog gets 9 points (10 class dogs less self = 9)
- Winners Bitch gets 10 points (11 class bitches less self = 10)
- Reserve Winners Dog gets 8 points and Reserve Winners Bitch gets 9 points
- Best of Winners if won by the Dog would add the Bitch entry to his 9 points giving him 20 points. If won by the Bitch she would add the Dog entry to her 10 points giving her 20 points. To those who win Best of Winners when the other class winner takes Best of Opposite Sex over Specials, be sure to add those specials defeated to your total.
- Best of Opposite Sex if won by a Bitch Special gets 14 points (sum of all Bitch entries less self: 11 + 4 – 1 = 14). If won by Dog Special, he gets 16 points (sum of all Dog entries less self: 10 + 7 – 1 = 16). If won by Winners Dog, add the count of male specials to his point total. If won by Winners Bitch, add the count of bitch specials to her point total.
- Best of Breed gets 31 points (sum of all Brittany's less self).
- Group placements (1st thru 4th) get points for total entry of each breed defeated.

Field Dog: The Field Dog will be the highest scoring dog of either the All Age Dog or the Gun Dog. In the event that the dog competes in both categories the scores will be added together.

Dual Dog: The Dual Dog is required to compete and place in both the Field and the Show. At least one-third of the pts must be earned in adult field stakes, one third in the show ring, and the remaining one third may be comprised of adult field or show wins or a combination of both.

Bonus points in the Dual Category: A finished show champion actively competing in the field may add 5 points (in the Dual Category only) for each show it was shown in. If the champion takes BOB or BOS the number of dogs defeated in this show OR the 5 the 5 points (whichever is greater) may be counted for the show – not both.

AWARDS

Field events; There will be three field events; All Age, Gun Dog and Juvenile Dog (to include both Puppy and Derby placements). These events will be calculated as follows:

- 30 minute stakes – 1st through 4th place – Number of dogs defeated. (10 dog stake, 1st place defeated 9 dogs, 2nd place defeated 8 dogs, etc.)
- Hour stakes – 1st through 4th place – Number of dogs defeated times 2 (10 dog stake, 1st place defeated 9 dogs times 2 = 18 points, 2nd place doge defeated 8 dogs times 2 = 16 points.)
- **Other Performance Events:** There will be three performance awards; Obedience, Agility and Hunt Test.
- The Obedience winner will be determined by taking the average of the three highest scores for the year. The dog with the highest average will be the winner. In case of a tie, the highest individual score will be the winner.
- The Agility winner will be determined by adding up all of the qualifying scores and the number of seconds under standard time for those qualifying scores.
- The Hunt Test winner will be determined by awarding points for each qualifying score as follows:
 - o A Junior Hunter earns 5 points for each qualifying score up to a maximum of 20 points in a year.
 - o A Senior Hunter earns 15 points for each qualifying score up to a maximum of 75 points in a year.
 - o A Master Hunter earns 50 points for each qualifying score with no maximum.

Junior Handler: There will be a Junior Handler award in both the field and the show categories.

- The Show Junior Handler points will be tabulated on the number of handlers defeated in Junior Handler events.
- The Field junior will be based on the points earned by the dog(s) handled and they will get a 5 point bonus for every event in which they participated.
- Dual Junior Handler will be determined the same way that the Dual Dog is determined. One-third of the points must be earned in the field, one third in the show and the remaining third can be comprised of field points, show points or a combination of both.

Amateur Handled Dog: This award will go to the dog that earns the most points while being handled by an amateur in an adult field event.

Special Awards: When deemed appropriate a dog or person may receive an award for a particularly special accomplishment. (Examples – OTCH and MACH) This will be decided by a vote of the board of directors. Recommendations for a Special Award should be submitted to the president Any dog earning a title during the year will also be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

This system of awards will become effective with the 2003 calendar year.

Deadline for submitting score sheets is June 30, 2004

CBC AWARDS SCORE SHEET Year Ending 2003

Please complete and return to: Margaret Horstmeyer
3760 W. Meyers Road
San Bernardino, CA 92407
909-880-2818

Dog's Name _____ Dogs Sex _____

Dog's Date of Birth _____ Owners Name _____

Breeder _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Please list any titles this dog has earned during the year and the name and date of the show/trial/test at which it earned this title.

Obedience _____

Show _____

Field _____

Hunting Test _____

Other _____

Please list any breeding that occurred during the year. Include the name of the partner, the number and sex of the puppies and the date of birth.

Please list any other accomplishments from the year. Let us know what you and your Britts are up to, especially if you don't get out to compete much. If your dog had an exciting hunting season, or something you are proud of let us know. Also be sure and brag about the accomplishments of any puppies that your dog produced.

TRACKER COLLAR USE (CONT.)

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signals. They'll tell you the direction of the signal as you cross the signal cone transmitted by the collar and whether or not the dog is stopped or moving.

The tracking collars work. However, their optimal performance is a combination of knowing the technical details of the features and functions and having developed and honed the art of their operation. Each time you run the dog in training, practice the use of the tracking collar until you master it.

One final point; start puppies running with the tracker collars whether they need them now or not. By the time they really need them, the collar will just be part of the dog's normal jewelry and won't affect their field performance.



Here's a note I received in the mail from Roger & Deb Borine after the Western Futurity.

Dear Linda,

Deb & I want to thank you and the rest of the folks who put together the Western Futurity. It was a very special event for us and we had a great time.

The trial was so well organized as well as all the other events! Dinner and lunches, show. The food was something else. Ed's soup kept a guy moving around the course!

Being strangers in the Southland, you all (Bill, Cape's, Dixon's, Horstmeyer-White's, Kilpatrick's and others I am forgetting) made us feel welcomed. Please thank them for us when you get a chance.

*Again, thanks to you all and hope to see you folks again soon!
Roger & Deb Borine*



FYI Pet Fair at Orange Co Fairgrounds April 2 thru 4th Pet Fair will showcase 150 AKC breeds and many "other pets" to the public. The Brittany Booth will be manned by volunteers, from the CBC and San Diego BC, who will hope to educate people about our breed and talk about Brittany Rescue. Great place for people interested in getting a Brittany! Everyone is welcome!!!

FYI Please note that AKC makes changes in their rules and procedures from time to time that can effect those of us who own and participate in events with our dogs. You may check on line at the AKC website, or pick up a rules pamphlet at any dog show from the AKC table. We need to know the rules so that we don't error.

FYI Those of you with junior handlers...be aware of changes in age brackets, and new groupings for competition that will start in '05! Check it out!

FYI The new entry forms are on the ABC website in both the .pdf & .doc formats. <http://clubs.akc.org/brit/Forms.htm>. Clubs and individuals are to start using the new form by April 1, 2004.

FYI Make plans to visit our northern neighbors and support the ABC Summer Specialty this summer, July 10, 2004. For more information, contact Dianne Kroll, Show Secretary, 19340 SW Alexander Street, Aloha, OR 97006 tel. 503-649-1335 fax. 503-598-0433 dianne.kroll@verizon.net

FYI The CBC Specialty plans are underway. Please take note that this year our specialty will be held on Saturday, May 29th in conjunction with the San Fernando KC All Breed Show at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, as part of the 4 day circuit known as the Mission Circuit.

Premiums are being distributed by Jack Bradshaw. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Breed judge: Mr Douglas A Johnson from Bloomington, IN and Sweeps (Puppy and Veteran) Mr. Dean Matteson, Ontario, CA.

We plan our regular meeting and pot luck luncheon to follow the regular judging on the grounds Saturday.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings! I'll keep it short this issue...Great Hunting Test weekend!

So many nice people, lots of fun and there were many "legs" earned toward hunting dog titles for our Brittans. Great food, great workers (and we can use more of them), and we're looking forward to the Fall. Please take note of the FYI' and other notices found in this issue. Thank you SO MUCH, Ed and Linda Dixon! You have been such tireless supporters of the CBC, and we'll miss your leadership. Happy Spring and best of luck to everyone this upcoming Specialty Season!!! SK

Sad note: Ed and Linda Dixon's horse "Duke" died early Thursday morning the 4th of March. Duke was a mainstay for Ed at field trials and will be sorely missed. They had owned him for over 25 years.



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\$25.00 (one year)

\$50.00 (two years)

\$75.00 (three years)

& hereby apply for ____ year(s) active membership in California Brittany Club.

Send your membership to:

Margaret Horstmeyer, 3760 W. Meyer Road, San Bernardino, CA 92407

Name: _____

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Check box to be **excluded** from the club directory.

Note: **Associate Memberships** are \$3.00 per person per year

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