

# California Brittany Club



# ON POINT



## President's Corner

By Sheri Harder

Well, the Summer Specialty came and went, and now, so did summer it seems. I hope yours was as enjoyable as mine. I would like to congratulate anyone and everyone for any points or titles that were won this summer.

Speaking of awards, congratulations to all the Brittany's, and their owners and handlers who were recognized at the 2007 Awards Banquet in July. It is always so wonderful to honor the great things that our Brittany's have done and are doing. It is a testament to how CBC members are keeping the Brittany "one very versatile breed!"

Speaking of a great breed, if anyone is interested in helping

out with "Meet the Breed" at the Ekanuba show in Long Beach, that would be wonderful. All breeds will be invited to host a booth where the public can receive information about the breed, and what a great place for you to work on socializing your dogs! This is being held December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Long Beach Convention Center. Please contact Linda McDonald if you would like to help. It is lots of fun and you are able to share with others what life with a Brittany is like, and how a breed like this can change their life. It's a dog-gone great time!

Speaking of time, it's hunting season again—just what our breed truly lives for! Birds! Birds! Birds!



Check out the CBC and other web sites for dates and times of upcoming events—NASTRA, NAVHDA, Hunt Tests, Field Trials, and just good old-fashion hunting!

Speaking of hunting, CBC is always *hunting* for good people to join and become active members of our club. We have many weary members who need a break, so if you have a litter this year, or just see someone in the park with their Britt encourage them to join CBC and personally

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ See you at the CBC Fall Field trial November 1-2, 2008
- ☺ **Next Newsletter Publication will be January 2009** - Deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>. Send ideas, brags and info to Sabrina Arney. See address & phone number info on back.

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# California Brittany Club Award's Banquet

## By Rozanne Woelm

McKenna's on the Bay has been a well-kept secret along the beautiful Seal Beach-Long Beach coastline. Overlooking the Alamitos Bay, it has been the perfect venue for the CBC and its annual Awards Luncheon. Welcoming cool breezes greet those members coming from the inland and the never-ending wonders of the coast are familiar friends to members who visit or live in the area. The food is always delicious with the salmon, by all accounts, being the favorite. The fellowship our members enjoy on this day, is second to none, and it is nice to see so many people relaxing and reminiscing instead of working (volunteering).

When we got down to the business at hand, honoring our members and their fine Britts, all were delighted with the acknowledgments and awards. One thing I would like to say right now is "How proud I am of our CBC members for always being gracious and happy for those who win on this day!"

### NEW TITLES

#### AGILITY

CH Swift River's Destiny Child JH earned an Open Agility Jumper, Open Agility STD, and AX-EX A STD for owners Bill & Sharon Kalionzes

#### HUNTING TEST

CH Lone Oak's Single Chip earned her JH for owners Beve & Ron Bemis

MVP Redlines High Octane earned his JH for owner Karen Nelsen  
CH Remington's Rusty Ridge QTKT earned her MH for owner Myra-Dawn Ellis

#### SHOW

DC AmFldCH Quail Rock Tough Enough - Ellen Weinfurtnner  
CH Lone Oak's Single Chip - Beverly & Ron Bemis

#### AMATEUR FIELD

FC AFC Shiloh's Man About Town - Linda Mc Donald

FC AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition - Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer



FC AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition

#### FIELD

FC Megasmoke Grand Finale - Myra-Dawn Ellis

FC AmFldCH Shady's The Price is Right - Rocky Dennis & Antoinette Fabré

**Our AWARD WINNERS for 2007 received green blanket totes with the award embroidered on the front.**

**They are:**

#### AGILITY

CH Swift River's Destiny Child JH OAJ OA AX EX - Bill & Sharon Kalionzes

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# Congratulations Winners! And a Great Big THANKS to those who made this event a huge success!



# CBC Award's Banquet

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## HUNTING TEST



CH Remington's Rusty Ridge QTKT  
MH - Myra-Dawn Ellis

## JR HANDLER FIELD



Dakota Renfree

## JR HANDLER SHOW



Katelyn Ford

## SHOW



CH Castle's Sleeping Beauty Zoei -  
Joe Ramondetta

## JUVENILE FIELD

Traveler's New Twist - Jerry &  
Carolyn Cape

## GUN DOG

DC AmFldCH Quail Rock Tough  
Enough - Ellen Weinfurtnner

## ALL AGE

DC AFC T J's Single Shot of Scipio  
- Tom White & Margaret  
Horstmeyer

## AMATEUR HANDLED DOG

DC AFC T J's Single Shot of Scipio  
- Tom White (Handler) & Margaret  
Horstmeyer

## FIELD DOG

DC AmFldCH Quail Rock Tough  
Enough - Ellen Weinfurtnner

**Our Dual Award winners for  
2007 received beautiful  
Lennox Limited Edition vases**

with game bird motif. They  
are:

## JR HANDLER DUAL AWARD

Dakota Renfree

## DUAL AWARD

DC AmFldCH Quail Rock Tough  
Enough - Ellen Weinfurtnner.



A heart felt congratulations to the  
award winners for 2007. A great  
big "atta-boy" to all of our members  
and their Britt's for their hard  
work and accomplishments thru out  
the year. You are what make's this  
club so much fun.

Thank you to a great committee.  
Myra-Dawn Ellis for the great col-  
lage for the CBC 2007 Year in Re-  
view. Barbara Rosenberg for her  
write up and MC duties at the  
luncheon. Rich and Helen Harbour  
for the certificates and all the lit-  
tle things that have to be done. To  
Bob Woelm, my husband, for every-  
thing.





# Tattle Tails

by Leah Shirokoff

My Spooner, AKA **CH Gaitway-Sandbar Silver Spoon** tried it out with a pro handler, Roger Kibbee, at the San Diego Specialty. He took Best of Breed at the Specialty and a Group Two Placement. Neither my feet nor his paws have touched the earth much since. Then my beloved, slightly over-sized Spot, (Spooner's older brother AKA *Gaitway-Sandbar See Spot Run*) won the Top Grande class for the 3rd year in a row at the 2008 Willi Match.



CH Gaitway-Sandbar Silver Spoon

## Lone Oak's Redline Pride

AKA Rider, bred and owned by Ron and Beve Bemis got his first points and major at the Beverly Hills Kennel Club show this summer by going Best of Breed over four specials. Congratulations Ron and Beve! You are on your way!



More Tattle Tails on page 6!



## Check It Out

- Perry Louck's new email address is:  
**[louchp@hotmail.com](mailto:louchp@hotmail.com)**
- Tom Clares' email address is incorrect in the roster and he has not been receiving any mail. It is:  
**[dclarewit@tellis.org](mailto:dclarewit@tellis.org)**

# Welcome New Members

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# Letter from the Editor

By Sabrina Arney

I'd like to begin by introducing myself as your new newsletter editor. After several wonderful years working together, Myra-

Dawn Ellis and Sharon Kalionzes are stepping down. A huge thanks goes out to these two dedicated ladies for all their hard work and effort in creating an informative and certainly superior newsletter. These are going to be some big shoes to fill—two pair actually, but I hope that I am able to continue the tradition and keep members informed of the CBC club's goings on and activities.

A club newsletter is only as informative as the members make it, so you'll all have to get your news items to me so we have interesting and updated information to send out in each issue. For those who might not know, we usually publish quarterly with a January, April, July, and October issue each year. I plan to keep the format for the newsletter the same as it has been for the past few years, but I welcome news articles, editorials, training tips, and any other suggestions that you might have. Criticisms? Please send those to President, Sherry Harder...JK! (For those not in the know, JK is "text-ese" for JUST KIDDING!)

I look forward to meeting more of the CBC members and know that being the editor of the newsletter is one surefire way of doing just that! Please make sure to read my article on the next page about welcoming and encouraging new members to join our club. It is a great hope of mine that we are able to lure more and more people into the CBC where they can share their knowledge and passion for our vibrant breed, the American Brittany! Then, once we have them....SNAP... we hook them and we have a new generation of bird planters, committee show chair people, CBC Specialty chair people, apprentice judges! JK...or maybe...NOT!



## Tattle Tails cont.

Lone Oak's Smokin' Masked Ranger finished his show championship at the Rio Hondo Kennel Club show in Pomona, Ca on Sunday, May 4, 2008, owner handled by Linda McDonald. He was bred by Beverly and Ron Bemis and is out of DC Redlines Tequila Smoker and CH Lone Oak' Sovereign Delta.



Ch. Swift River's Destiny's Child JH AX AXJ, "Ellie" finished her Excellent Jumpers with Weaves title on Sunday, 8/10/08 at the South Coast Agility Trial in Costa Mesa taking 2nd place in EX A Jumpers. She also qualified in EX B Standard and earned a "Double Q" for the day. She is handled by Sharon and owned by Sharon and Bill Kalionzes.

## President's Corner cont.



invite them out to our events. If you need more information about Brittany events, or if any of the things you read about in this newsletter sounds fun, just contact any board member or myself, Sheri Harder at #310-502-8375 (cell) for more information. If you are involved in an activity or event that we can

share with other members, please contact any board member so that we can get the information and publish it in the newsletter or post it on our web site.

Speaking of members, I would like to say THANK YOU to everyone involved with any 2008 event over this past year.

# Extend a Warm and Welcoming Hand

An editorial by Sabrina Arney

The first time I attended a CBC event might have been my last. At one of my first hunt tests in 2002, someone commented about my Brittany not being in standard and I felt so embarrassed, I thought I'd never bring her back to another CBC event. True, my Britt Maggie, was not show quality; I knew that when I purchased her. I bought her for the field and at the time knew very little about showing and nothing about dual potential.

But this editorial is not about Maggie. It is about the spirit of extending a welcoming hand to new or potential members.

Three years later, my Spinone friend encouraged me to attend a hunt test hosted by CBC. "No," I said. "You know that they will just laugh at my ugly Brittany." She stressed that she had the best time ever at the Spring Double-Double the year before, and no matter what anybody said about Maggie, it shouldn't stop me from participating in the hunt test. Besides, this was my chance to finish her senior hunt title in one weekend! So, I sucked up my pride and went.

She was right. This time was very different from the first. I met wonderful people who encouraged me not only to keep hunt testing my dog, but personally invited me to a field trial as well. The happy hour was a fun-filled event, especially because we had finished our second-to-last leg on our SH title that day. Most valuable of all, Gregg and I met some wonderful folks and made connections to peo-

ple who were destined to become life-long friends.

We need to encourage new and potential members to join CBC. Not only do we need their help, knowledge, friendship, and all the yummy food they might bring to our potlucks; we also need a "new generation" of Brittany owners "to pass the baton to," as the saying goes.

As I said at the July meeting, I don't want to offend anyone, but the fact remains that many of our members are in their "golden years," and times appear to be changing. Fewer and fewer children are walking in their parents' footsteps and fewer are taking on the roles and responsibilities required to keep our breed and our hunting tradition moving in a forward direction. Who will be the Paul and Peggy Doirons, Bill and Cindy Leffingwells, Sharon Kalionzes', Agnes Rodrigues' (just to name a few) of the future? To whom will we turn when we have questions about show training, field training, or about breeding a dual-prospect Brittany?

I look around and I see the 30-something crowd almost non-existent in our membership. Our junior handlers are growing up and dwindling away. The 40-something crowd is in short number as well. This is not only happening in our breed, it is happening in other breeds and in other hunting organizations too.

So, what can we do about it? One thing we are doing is informing our new Brittany owners that there are many things they can do with their new pups. CBC hopes to pub-

lish a document on the website and have available to hand out at events called the ABC's of the CBC. It is intended to inform new Brittany owners of all the things they can do with their Brittany and provide them with local contacts who can help them get started in these events. It should be available by January 2009. If you have a litter or hear of someone with a new Brittany puppy, download a copy for them and encourage them to get involved in some activity with their dog. We all know that an active Brittany is a happy Brittany!

At the meeting, I also made the suggestion that we create a *Welcoming Committee*—either formal or informal. Members of this committee would agree to keep a watchful eye out for any visitors or new members to our club events and help them feel welcome.

Finally, we need to think about the things we say about other people's dogs when they bring them out to an event. Even if Fido is not going to win any ribbons in the show ring, or he never leaves the owner's side when he runs in a puppy class, we need to remember that the owners might take our remarks to heart and be too embarrassed to come back to another CBC event.

I am glad that Gregg and I decided to go to that CBC Double-Double in 2005. Maggie finished her Senior Hunt title; we met a wonderful group of people who have brought two more Brittany's into our lives, and SNAP, you got us...hook, line and sinker!





## Letter from Sharon Kalionzes

Just a quick note to let everyone know how much I have enjoyed working with Myra-Dawn Ellis, and Linda Langford (in the beginning) on the CBC newsletter. It was a true joy bringing you all the news of the club's events, and the wonderful accomplishments of our dogs and their owners.

I have been in awe of the pro-

gression that the newsletter has taken over the years with Myra-Dawn's artistic vision. It has become a beautiful history of CBC with the introduction of photos, collages and lovely design to enhance the written accounts of events. I want to personally thank her for her talents, her dedication to her vision of the design of the newsletter, and for keeping me on my toes with my writing for it. It has been such fun working with her these past 6 plus years. It has been great working for you all too.

I wish Sabrina success and fun as the new Editor. I will enjoy clicking up the new "On Point", and seeing a new vision for the newsletter. I look forward to tomorrow, to the new leadership of the club, and the successes of our members and their Brittanys.

Thank you for allowing me these years to brag on you and your dogs!

Most Sincerely,

Sharon Kalionzes

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### San Jacinto Wildlife Area Land Management Plan by Margaret Horstmeyer

On September 29, 2008 the California Department of Fish & Game and Dudek, an environmental planning & biological resource team hosted a meeting to gather public input for the development of a land management plan. Factors and facets for consideration by many government agencies and cooperative partnerships were discussed and the acronyms mentioned were numerous: MSHCP, SKR HCP, CEQA, EIR, DFG, RCA!

The dog training/field trial/hunting interest group was well represented and voiced their concerns about the scarcity of areas in Southern California available for hunting and dog training; they urged that these 20,000 acres be preserved for this use. The hosts seemed quite receptive to these concerns.

Lewis Homes is planning a development at the north end of the SJWA which will impact the Davis Road access.

Further meetings are planned and we need to stay current with proposals. If you wish to contribute your input, a contact at Dudek is [ghagen@dudek.com](mailto:ghagen@dudek.com).



## CBC General Meeting - 08/17/08 Pre-Approved Minutes

CBC General Membership Meeting  
August 17, 2008  
Rush Park, Rossmoor, CA

Meeting was called to order by 1st V.P, Bill Leffingwell, at 1:40 p.m. Minutes were approved as read.

Specialty Show—Sharon Kalionzes reported on the success of the CBC Specialty and the ABC Summer Specialty shows and thanked her committee for all the hard, long work.

Field Trial - CBC Field Trial will be on November 1-2, 2008 California City. All is in order and ready to go. There will be a huge Happy Hour as seven dogs finished championships. Their owners are hosting the Happy Hour. Dinner will not be provided and on an "on your own" format. Karen also mentioned that the Spring Trial would be January

24-25, 2009 in California City.

Willi Match—Frank Bianchini and Joe Ramondetta reported that the Willi Match, while a lot of work, went as planned and thanked all who attended and helped. In turn, the membership thanked them with a big applause and said they hoped that they would continue to do the Willi Match. They agreed to do so.

CBC Newsletter—Myra-Dawn Ellis and Sharon Kalionzes are stepping down from their jobs of publishing our newsletter. We all thanked them profusely. They have done an excellent job. Sabrina Arney will be doing the newsletter in the future.

New Business:

New Membership Pamphlet—Sabrina Arney has been working on a pamphlet to go to new members of CBC that gives information about our club as well as some tips and insights as to what events are offered, what they are and how to get involved in them.

Agnes Rodrigues made a motion to give Sabrina Arney the authority to spend, but not to exceed \$250.00 to burn and print CDs of this information to give to new members. A 2nd from Karen Nelsen and the motion was passed. Discussion followed on how to get more members involved in the events offered by CBC.

Walking Field Trial—Karen Nelsen talked about a walking field trial to be held Mar.7-8, 2009 depending on the availability of grounds. More information will be available at a later date.

A motion was entertained by Sharon Kaliones to adjourn the meeting. A 2nd from Jerry Rosenberg followed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rozanne Woelm

(For Margaret Horstmeyer  
Sec/ Tres.)

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**Brittany is a better bird dog.**

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application for New Membership, Renewals and Address Changes  
(Look on the mailing label for your membership expiration date.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am enclosing dues  
in the amount of *(check an amount)*

- \$30.00 (one year)
- \$60.00 (two years)
- \$90.00 (three years)

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

### Send your membership to:

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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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