

California Brittany Club



ON POINT



President's Corner

By Sheri Harder

Happy New Year CBC! We had a really great 2008 with so many highlights that I don't know where to begin.

Meet the breed was a blast, thank you to Linda McDonald and all her crew for the American Brittany Club booth at the Eukanuba Show at the Long Beach Convention Center in December. Our booth took third place in the Sporting Breed category to our delight! (See article on p. 9)

On a personal note, I was fortunate enough to end the year at Nationals in Arkansas—it was amazing! Our Club made a great showing in both the show

ring and the field, winning several memorable awards. It was exiting to witness a Dual Champion bitch winning Nationals for the first time ever! What a great testament to our slogan that the Brittany is "Forever the Dual Dog!"

CBC members and their dogs made '08 great!

Now let's turn from the past and look to the future. If you made it out to the Spring Field trial on January 24-25th, you know what a success it was. If you didn't, try to come out to the Hunt Test Febru-

ary 13-15th. We are also hosting a Walking Field Trial in March. If showing is your bag, be sure to attend our Specialty in the Spring. No matter what the event let's make this our slogan for the year...*All the potential for involvement we find, let's do it in '09!*

I hope you'll enjoy this poem that I wrote, my inspiration was our wonderful field events!



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Special points of interest:

- ☺ See you at the CBC Spring Hunt Test February 13-15, 2009
- ☺ **Next Newsletter Publication will be April 2009** - Deadline is March 31st. Send ideas, brags and info to Sabrina Arney. See address & phone number info on back.

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T'was the Night Before a Field Trial

T'was the night before a Field Trial, when all through the grounds
Not a creature was stirring, not even the hounds,
The shot guns were sitting by the trailers with care,
In hopes that St. Chukar soon would be there.

T'was the Night Before Field Trial continued...

The puppies were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of quails danced in their heads.
And Mamma in her thermals, and I in my chaps,
Had just blanketed our horses for a cold night's nap.

When out on the desert there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the doorway I flew like a flash,
Tore open the screen and the door with a crash.

The moon on the crust of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But the President of CBC and all of her gear.

"Now King! now, Colt! now, Al and Tucker!
On, Rider! On, Slim!, on Shane and Tiger!
To the top of the trailer! to the top of the stall!
Now bark away! Bark away! Bark away all!"

And then, in a twinkling, I heard 'cross the land
The pounding of stakes driven into the sand.
As I drew in my head, and upon turning around,
Paul hollered out "All settle down!".

I was dressed all in fur, from my head to my foot,
And my clothes were all tarnished with feathers and poop.
A bundle of chukars flung on my back,
I looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

My eyes-how they twinkled! My dogs they were merry!
My cheeks were cold roses, my runny nose like a cherry!
My freezing hands bundled up against cold,
And the beard of my chin was as white as the snow.

The birds all chubby and plump, just right for the brush,
And I laughed when I tossed them, in spite of myself!
A wink of my eye and a twist of my hand,
and under the bushes, gracefully did land.

I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,
And filled all the landscape, then turned with a jerk.
And laying my leg aside of my horse,
And giving a kick, back to the start of the course!

They sprang off the line, with a "tweet" of the whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
And I heard the handlers exclaim, as dogs on the ridge did appear,
"Happy Hunting to all, and to all a good-year!"

Weathering a Field Trial: CBC Style

Reported By: Karen Nelsen

The television station weather reports were not that ominous...slight chance of rain, some wind, but generally clear and tolerable! Forecaster Dallas "Raines" lived up to his name in more ways than one. But more on that in a bit...

Setting up camp on Friday is always an adventure. It clearly needs to be a TEAM effort in getting equipment unloaded from the club trailer, getting the courses set up, getting water on the starting lines, and getting the 10X20 tent set up. Because of the looming weather forecasts, club members came together in a cohesive group that had everything set up quickly and expertly. Everyone, and we mean everyone, pitched in to help. The tent set-up became a beehive of activity, as the wind was definitely making things difficult. Thanks to the Doirons, Jerry Cape, Rocky Dennis, the Rosenbergs, the White-Horstmeyer team, the Arneys, the Mayhews, Craig Lewis, the Dixons, the Franes, Linda McDonald, Toni Avedissian, Wayne Hale, Dale Shores, the Harders, the Balls, the Leffingwells, and our Spinone friends, the Colettas, we were ready for whatever Mother Nature would bring!

The weather ran the gamut from ear-shattering thunder, to ground-striking lightning, to torrential downpours, to skin-stinging sleet to gorgeous double rainbows...and that was just on Saturday.

We started the Gun Dog course under slightly cloudy skies, with large black thunderheads in the distance. By the time of the second brace, lightning was getting perilously close to dogs, handlers, and judges Craig Lewis and Leslie Smeder. A double rainbow forged a huge up-sidedown U at the outer limits of the darkening skies. We mustered on!

On the All-Age course, the first three braces managed to run under gloomy conditions, but no rain. That was until the fourth brace when the heavens let loose with a mighty force! By the time the riders were back in camp, many were soaked to the skin. Judges Gregg



In the end it was a glorious weekend and we were graced with this double rainbow.

Photo by Don Ball

Knight and Ed Dixon braced themselves against the elements. We mustered on!

The third course was home to the Derby stake which began just after lunch. Judges John Cushing and Sabrina Arney braved horrific conditions under drenching rains to see what they could of the eight starters. We mustered on!

Now, while all this was going on, Camp Central became another beehive of activity. Since we were celebrating various titles for seven of our magnificent dogs (hence the "Magnificent Seven" Happy Hour theme) as well as a Halloween Dog Costume contest, we knew we needed more room than the 10X20 had to offer. So, in the driving rain, the team-forces came together again and erected a second tent of the same size, plus a smaller pop-up tent under which we could all celebrate in relatively dry conditions. The teamwork generated to get the task done was phenomenal!

The "Magnificent Seven" Happy Hour and Dinner was hosted by Tom White and Margaret Horstmeyer, Sheri and Duane Harder, Cindy and Bill Leffingwell, Pat and Don Ball, Myra-Dawn Ellis, and Barbara and Jerry Rosenberg

to celebrate their dogs earning an FC, an AFC, a DC, and a NAGD title! Congratulations to them all...dogs and owners! The dinner was a scrumptious affair, with tri-tip cooked to perfection by Heather Skopik and her mom. To go along with the main entrée, they whipped up Irish garlic potatoes, green beans, and salad. We finished the meal off with a lovely cake celebrating Colt's Dual Championship.

The Halloween Costume Party was a trip! Space Alien Brittanys, a Dragon Doxie, a lady bug, some football fans, Spinones dressed as spiders and witches, and a Brittany dressed up as a horse, and a horse dressed up as a Brittany! What imagination, what fun!

The weather took a dramatic shift on Sunday. Sunny skies, with intermittent clouds, windy, but not cold. In fact, a bit warm for the dogs. But, no rain! Thanks to our Amateur All-Age judges, John Cushing and Don Dalton (who recently won the GSP National Amateur Gun Dog Championship), Open Gun Dog judges Karen Nelsen and Gregg Knight, and Open Puppy judges Craig Lewis and Leslie Smeder, we mustered on and finished!

A warm and heartfelt thanks to all who made this weekend possible!

And the placements are:

Open Gun Dog
Judges: Karen Nelsen & Gregg Knight
15 starters all Brittanys

1st DC/AmFC Quail Rock Tough Enough

Brit "King" H: Paul Doiron
 DOB 10/16/01 M AKC SN87253902
 FDSB 1548282
 Sire: DC Jordean's Tough Stuff
 Dam: FC Repeats San-Dee
 Br: Paul & Peggy Doiron
 Ow: Ellen Weinfurter

2nd CH Loki Blizzard of Mischief

Brit "Luke" H: Ed Mayhew
 DOB 9/16/02 M AKC SR04052812
 FDSB 1599459
 Sire: CH Hope's Autumn Sno Storm
 Dam: Loki's Mischief in the Night
 Br: G. & N. Schmieder
 Ow: L. MacDonald, T. Avedissian, N. Schmieder

3rd DC Redlines Smokin Gun

Brit "Colt" H: Paul Doiron
 DOB 2/21/05 M AKC SR24009601
 FDSB 1579127
 Sire: DC/AFC/2xAmFC Redlines Tequila Smoker
 Dam: Redlines Till Tomorrow
 Br: B & C. Leffingwell
 Ow: Sheri and Duane Harder

4th Dakota's Booker T

Brit "Booker" H: Dakota Renfree (Junior Handler)/Ed Dixon
 DOB 12/25/02 M AKC SR5857702
 Sire: FC/AFC Burford's Booked First Class
 Dam: FC Shilohs Blazin Mad About You
 Br: P. Petersen Ow: Dakota & Brad Renfree

Amt Gun Dog
Judges Craig Lewis & Leslie Smeder
16 starters all Brittanys

1st Midas Blazin Amber Skies

Brit "Amber" H: Dale Shores
 DOB 6/25/06 F AKC SR35777006
 FDSB 1605933

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Sire: FC/AFC Lobos Rebel Dogg
Dam: Klick Tats Night Train
Br: D. Shores Ow: Dale & Rosalie Shores

2nd CH Loki Blizzard of Mischief

Brit "Luke" H: Ed Mayhew
DOB 9/16/02 M AKC SR04052812 FDSB 1599459
Sire: CH Hope's Autumn Sno Storm
Dam: Loki's Mischief in the Night
Br: G. & N. Schmieder Ow: L. MacDonald, T. Avedissian, N. Schmieder

3rd Tucalota's Blazn Smoke

Brit "Smoke" H: Ed Mayhew
DOB 2/21/05 D AKC SR24009603
FDSB 1576353
Sire: DC/AFC/2xAmFC Redlines Tequila Smoker Dam: Redlines Till Tomorrow
Br: B. & C. Leffingwell Ow: Ed Mayhew

4th In It For the Fun

Brit "Dude" H: Wayne Hale
DOB 1/13/05 M AKC SR22791506
Sire: CH RJ's Rivers Bend, MH
Dam: Miss Fontenella Big Cheese, MH
Br: J. Schmoltdt Ow: Wayne Hale

Open Derby

Judges Sabrina Arney & John Cushing
8 starters all Brittanys

1st Good Luke Hunting

Brit "Luke" H: Paul Doiron
DOB 04/17/07 M AKC SR44001904
Sire: FC Sam-Dee's Buckaroo
Dam: Lady Elizabeth Anne Burnett
Br: B. Burnett & L. Pliksis Ow: Brian Burnett

2nd Lone Oak's Redline Pride

Brit "Rider" H: Paul Doiron
DOB 04/14/07 M AKC SR41391801
Sire: DC/AFC 2xAmFC Redlines Tequila Smoker Dam: CH Lone Oak's Sovereign Delta, JH
Br/Ow: Beverly & Ronald Bemis

3rd Redlines Ranchhand

Brit "Handy" H: Bill Leffingwell
DOB 08/22/07 M AKC SR44349201
Sire: DC/AFC/2xAmFC Redlines Tequila Smoker Dam: FC/AFC Redlines Tequila Twist
Br/Ow: Bill & Cindy Leffingwell

4th Brigades Oscar de la Britt, JH

Brit "Oscar" H: Michael Frane
DOB 3/19/07 M AKC SR41073502
Sire: FC/AFC Burfords Booked First Class Dam: Maison De Chasse Magnifique
Br: M. Frane Ow: Michael & Deborah Frane

Open Puppy

Judges: Craig Lewis & Leslie Smeder
9 starters: 7 Brittanys, 1 English Setter, 1 Spinone

1st Redlines Ranchhand

Brit "Handy" H: Bill Leffingwell
DOB 08/22/07 M AKC SR44349201
Sire: DC/AFC/2xAmFC Redlines Tequila Smoker Dam: FC/AFC Redlines Tequila Twist
Br/Ow: Bill & Cindy Leffingwell

2nd Grappa Di Morghengo

Spinone "Grappa" H: Sabrina Arney
DOB 12/08/07 F AKC SR48482815
Sire: Dino Di Morghengo
Dam: Fidelia Di Morghengo
Br: K. Schaffer Ow: Jane Coletta

3rd MTB Scipin' the Breeze

Brit "Scip" H: Tom White
DOB 03/26/08 F AKC SR48815503
FDSB 1606116
Sire: DC/ AFC Clyde's Micro Breeze
Dam: DC/AFC Tj's Single Shot of Scipio
Br/Ow: Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

4th Redlines Twist of Smoke

Brit "Tucker" H: Sabrina Arney
DOB 8/22/07 M AKC SR44340202 FDSB 1599921
Sire: DC/AFC/2xAmFC Redlines Tequila Smoker Dam: FC/AFC Redlines Tequila Twist



Tattle Tails

(Editor's Note: I neglected to include these brags in the October issue. Deepest apologies to Sharon and Bill Kalionzes; Margaret Horstmeyer and Tom White; and to Don and Peggy Echavarria.)

NEW CHAMPION

CH Shiloh's Tru Believer JH



It took five months and 13 trips into the ring in 2008 to earn the 11 remaining points needed to become a champion. "Bella" finished her championship at the SDBC Specialty Show 08/02/08 with a specialty win and 3 majors. Many thanks to Pennie Peterson for her conformation guidance and to Katelyn Ford for her experienced handling in the Open Bitch class. Heartiest congratulations to owners Don and Peggy Echavarria.

Excellent Jumpers With Weaves

CH Swift River's Destiny Child JH AX AXJ

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 SouthCoast 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.

Ch. Swift River's Destiny's Child JH AX AXJ then qualified 14th out of 54 dogs competing in Excellent B Jumpers with Weaves with a score of 100, and 8 seconds under time at the KC of Palm Springs Agility Trial at the Pomona Fairplex on 11/30/08. Ellie and I are THRILLED, and I need to run FASTER! Ellie is owned by Sharon and Bill Kalionzes and handled by Sharon.

NEW DUAL CHAMPION

AFC/CH MTB Emme's Cabo de Scipio



On September 6, 2008 AFC/CH MTB Emme's Cabo de Scipio won the Open All Age stake at the Whid Isle Brittany Club's field trial in Ritzville, WA thus finishing his FC and making him ABC Dual Champion #537!!! Many thanks go to the terrific field team of Paul and Peggy Doiron, his expert show handler Jessica Carlson, and his sire and dam: DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo and DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio. From his proud owners and breeders: Margaret Horstmeyer and Tom White.



More Tattle Tails on page 7!



Letter from the Editor

By Sabrina Arney

So, my first issue is under my belt and I'm now onto the second. As with all new things, I made a few boo-boos! I send out my sincerest apologies to those whose brags I neglected to include in the October issue. I am including those and all that I have in my files in this issue; I hope that I remembered all of you this time!

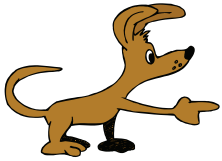
I want to extend a huge thanks to Linda McDonald for inviting me to the Meet the Breed at the Eukanuba Championship in Long Beach in December. Maggie, Gracie, Tucker and I had so much FUN! All the Brits were a

huge hit and they attracted quite a crowd at our booth!

If you've never gone to an event like this, I strongly recommend it. Your dog doesn't have to be a perfect specimen (None of mine are!), but the experience is one that helps create a more balanced dog! Where else do you have the chance to socialize your dog around hundreds of people who LOVE dogs? People are so kind and approach the event with an open heart and willingness to learn all about the breeds. I enjoyed sharing information with them just as much as I enjoyed seeing the smiles on their faces as they watched the dogs do their silly little tricks.

One moment in particular stands out in my mind and that is when an elderly person in a wheel chair rolled up to visit with Maggie. Maggie shook hands with her, and then came up into her lap for a loving pat; she was not intimidated by the wheelchair at all and she put a HUGE smile on that woman's face! At that moment, I knew the day was worth every bit of effort it took to make it happen.

There is nothing like the LOVE that exudes from a dog. From this experience I'm inspired to work on Maggie's Canine Good Citizen certification so we can visit nursing homes and provide others the chance for a hug as only a dog can give one.



Check It Out

Barbara Marsh has a new email address:

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There was a mistake in last month's issue. Bob Miller's email address should read:

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More Tattle Tails...

New Show Champion! CH Brigades Hi Hopes Rocket



Deborah and Michael Frane are celebrating the recent achievement of their dog, Brigades Hi Hopes Rocket JH by FC AFC Burford's Booked First Class, "Rocket Sr." (Owners: David and Lynda Evans) and Maison De Chasse Magnifique, "Maggie" (Owners: Deborah and Michael Frane).

Winning his Championship after 28 shows, he was handled by Lynda Evans, Mike Frane, Katelyn Ford (1st major), Roger Kibbee and Kathy Grayson. Kathy handled him for his final Major at the Tucson Brittany Specialty. Rocket also has 6 field trial placements.

Putting It Together

Nancy Hewitt is thrilled with "Walker," Tantara's A Walk In The Park CD, NA,NAJ. JH. He earned 2 legs in December and qualified first place in his Jumpers class with a score of 100! In his

Standard class he also earned a first place and achieved a perfect score! Nancy feels Walker is finally putting it together and she couldn't be happier!

News from the Nelsen Camp

MVP/REDLINE'S HIGH OCTANE, JH (Tiger) took 2nd place in AAA at the CBC trial Nov 1-2. He was handled by Ed Dixon and scouted by Dakota Renfree.

FC SHILOH'S WHOA NELLIE, MH (Nelle) took 2nd place in the AGD stake at the GWP Club of Southern California trial Nov. 15/16. Nelle was handled by her owner, Karen Nelsen

Congratulations Ed and Linda Wagher!



On October 26, 2008, Sandbars Rusty Iron Oxide received his Senior Hunter title. He was bred by Sandra Jaqua and is owned and loved by Ed and Linda Wagher.

New Show Champion

New CH LoneOak's Redline Pride aka Rider (DC/AFC Redline's Tequila Smoker x Ch Lone Oak's Sovereign Delta JH) finished his show championship at the Malibu KC show on December 7, 2008 with 3 majors and 5 singles. Owners/breeders Ron & Beve Bemis couldn't be more proud. Rider has his Derby points and will be returning to Paul and Peg Doiron.

National News!

DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio (Emme) handled by Paul Doiron placed 3rd out of 65 dogs in the ABC Open All Age Nationals in Booneville, Arkansas in December. This was her second National placement! She was also posted in the Amateur All Age stake. Our other dogs that were posted were DC/AFC MTB Emme's Cabo de Scipio in the Amateur and DC/AFC Terras Cabo Wabo in the Open. Margaret Horstmeyer & Tom White are the proud owners.

DC Redline's Smokin Gun took second place in the dual champion class at Nationals. Owner Sheri Harder was lucky enough to be in Arkansas to see her boy take another ribbon!

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Walking Field Trial

Save the Date:

March 7-8, 2009

Submitted by Karen Nelsen

Put the date on your calendar now! March 7-8, 2009! The Club will be sponsoring an all Walking Field Trial at San Jacinto Wildlife Area in Lakeview. The efforts of Tom Clare need to be acknowledged, as he worked diligently with the Officer in Charge, Scott Sewell. Thanks so much Tom for your great follow-up!

We have our judges and all our paperwork in place. Premiums will be emailed out and posted to our website as well as on the ABC website, on February 2nd. This trial is

open to all pointing breeds, and entries are **very** limited as we'll be running only one course. In addition, no email or phone entries will be accepted.

We will be running the Open stakes on Saturday, with the Amateur stakes on Sunday. Gun Dog, Derby and Puppy stakes will also be offered.

Help will be needed with the following jobs: bird planters, food organizers (breakfast, lunch on each day for workers and judges only), and general clean up. Please contact me if you're able to come out and help. A successful trial depends on everyone pitching in to help. I can be reached at ruwyrd@aol.com,

Even more Tattle Tails...

New Field Champion and *Baby Blue* for the Cape Camp!

Jerry and Carolyn Cape want to brag about their special "Angel," Wholly Smoke. Angel earned her Field Champion title at the German Wirehaired Pointer Trial in November by taking 1st Place in the Amateur Gun Dog with good handling by Bill Leffingwell. They celebrated that achievement at the CBC Spring Trial!

They are also excited to share that their puppy, Mikey's Spice Girl won her first blue ribbon at the

same trial. It was her second time to compete and there were 12 starters. Good girl, Spice! And the Capes want to thank Paul and Peggy Doiron!

Congratulations to Dale Shores and Amber

Midas Blazin Amber Skies took 1st place in Am Gun Dog at the CBC Fall Trial winning a 3 point major. She also took 1st place in Am Gun Dog at the Northern Nevada Spring Trial for another point toward her field championship.



Midas Blazin Amber Skies

Meet the Breed

By Linda McDonald



Is this an active breed? Are they hyper? What were they bred to do? ...and so on for 2 days at the 2008, Eukanuba Championship, Meet the Breed, held on December 13 and 14, 2008 in Long Beach, CA. What an opportunity to share with hundreds of people about Brittanys!

On the Friday before, Helen Harbour and Rozanne Woelm started to decorate the booth with the support of items from Bob Woelm and Nancy Hewitt. I joined Helen later to finish setting up a hunting theme using Nancy's beautiful Brittany tapestry as a background, Bob's hunting vests, shirts, caps, whistle, his replica "toy" shotgun, and his stuffed quail won as field trial trophies. An old hunting print featuring a Brittany was added as a table centerpiece. Rozanne added fall foliage for our table which was decorated with stuffed, toy game birds, as well as stuffed Brittanys and the children's book *Charlie the Little Brittany* which can be purchased to support rescue. A DVD was shown continuously on Sheri Harder's laptop so people could see our dogs in action at Gun Dog Nationals. Display boards of snapshots designed and put together by Myra-Dawn Ellis presented a picture of local Brittany field trials, hunt tests, specialty shows and our fun "Willi" match activities. We had plenty of rescue information which was added to the ABC magazines, brochures and pamphlets available about our breed, as well as about local clubs and events. A few extra touches were added to complete the colorful, eye-catching presentation.

On Saturday, the booth was ably manned by Doreen & Tom Kearney, Nancy Hewitt, Mary Brown, Margaret Horstmeyer, and me. Hootie, Liza's Angel Gets Her Wings; Bruiser, Redline's Hunting For My Halo; Ticker, Hope's Every Heart Beats True; Pebbles, Shiloh's Babbling Brook; Ted, FC AFC Megas-moke Limited Edition, Manny, FC AFC Shiloh's Man About Town; Desi, Ch Burford's Brnz Desert Romance, CGC and Risa, CH Windsong's Time of My Life happily met the public answering the question about activity level by showing off their retrieving skills and cute dog tricks in the aisle.

Sunday saw the booth well-manned by Shari Harder, Sharon Kalionzes, Sabrina Arney, Nancy Hewitt and me. Ellie, CH



AKC Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Mary Jo Trimble shows off the fine fare at the awards banquet.

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Swift River's Destiny's Child JH, AX, AXJ ; Maggie, Arney's Mystical Maggie; Grace, Smokey's Amaz'n Grace; Tucker, Redline's Twist of Smoke enjoyed greeting the crowds and showing off more cute Brittany tricks. Mid-morning, we were surprised and thrilled when the AKC, Meet the Breed committee presented our booth with a 3rd place sporting group ribbon. They also took lots of photographs of our award winning effort!

The honoree of the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award in performance events, our own ABC executive secretary, Mary Jo Trimble and her husband Ray joined us at the booth both days. Judy Tighe, our ABC delegate joined us as well on Sunday. They were wonderful ambassadors of the Brittany to the general public. They were so delightful and knowledgeable and we loved having them with us at the booth. We were also thrilled to have such interest for our dogs by the two United Kingdom sporting group delegates who visited our booth.

Although, it was absolutely worth the time and energy of the volunteers to educate people about our breed and very exciting to win the 3rd place sporting group ribbon for our booth, the focal point was on the dogs that showed everyone what our breed is truly about. They cheerfully stood out in the aisle patiently to greet the public with tails wagging, toys in their mouths, tricks up their sleeves and kisses for all. They were affectionate with the children and very sweet when they greeted the many disabled visitors in wheelchairs and walkers. The 2008 Eukanuba, Meet the Breed, was another wonderful chance to educate the public about our incredible, versatile, dual Brittany!



Lf: Our award winning booth manned by Risa and Ellie! Notice our beautiful yellow ribbon for our hunting themed display!



Rt: Linda McDonald and Sheri Harder show off some of our dog's tricks and ability to focus on TREATS!

Willi Match 2008

By Frank Bianchini

The Willi Match on August 17th at Rush Park was a great success. This year we had over 55 people attend the match. The weather was hot, but not as bad as last year. It was great to have so many CBC members as well as some new juniors. It really was a fun Brittany day.

The day started off by getting our motor home to the Park at 6:30am so that we were sure to get the right spot for our event. The set up went

very smoothly and the ring and displays went up without a hitch with the hard work of Joe Ramondetta, Rozanne Woelm, and Helen Harbour. At 8:15 am Agnes Rodrigues did the handling demonstration and seminar. At 9:15 Bob Woelm provided an excellent grooming demonstration and seminar. The seminars were fantastic and several people watched carefully as they learned how to groom and handle their dog in the show ring. Thank you so much to both Agnes and Bob for sharing their talent at the Willi Match.

A special thank you goes out to Rozanne Woelm and Helen Harbour for handling registration. Again this year they did a fantastic job. What would we do without those two ladies? Rozanne was also responsible for securing the permit for Rush Park, what a great place to have the Willi Match - Thanks Rozanne! It was a real pleasure to have Brittany Judge Marissa O'Connor as our judge this

year. She really took the time and provided guidance to the juniors and amateur showman. Thank you Marissa for taking time on your Sunday to provide your judging talent to help the California Brittany Club.

Again this year after the Best of Breed com-



Photo Courtesy of Deborah Frane

petition Deborah Frane took our group picture. The picture came out great as you can see! This annual tradition really puts a special touch to the Willi Match day. I hope we can get

that picture in the Brittany Magazine to show how strong the CBC is.

Thanks to everyone for bringing their favorite dish to the Willi Match. The food was great and we had plenty for everyone. There was a little bit of everything on those tables.

Next year for the Willi Match we are going to try to do the registration on line. This will help greatly in getting everything ready for the match earlier. The date for next year's Willi Match has not yet been determined, but the membership will be kept advised as to the future date early in 2009. If anyone has any suggestion for a judge, please contact me via e mail at:

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I hope that everyone had a fun day at the Willi Match. This type of event really makes the CBC stand out as a premier Brittany club. Congratulations to everyone!



Remembrances

A Tribute to Trav



Smart Breeder: Barbara & Jerry Rosenberg
Great Trainer/Handler/Scout: Paul and Peggy Doiron
Submitted by Proud Owners: Jerry and Carolyn Cape

Never in our wildest dreams did we think we might own such a fine dog. As you know, all Brit-tanys are exceptional, but Sam-Dee's Traveler was an extraordinary credit to his breed.

Trav acquired us in August of 1997. We had "retired" from field trialing some years prior but that year fate led us to see old friends, camp and enjoy the beauty of the White Mountains at the Sahauro Club trial. After our arrival, many friends were urging us to get "back in the action." Larry Marsh and Rita Keating told us about a nice young dog belonging to Paul Doiron and encouraged us to meet him. So Trav and the Capes rubbed noses, sniffed each other out and concluded this might be a good union. Back in our camp Jerry and I discussed an acquisition (realizing this is more of a life style than dog ownership) and then talked about watching him run the next day before making a decision. Ha! It dawned on us that how well he performed the next day wouldn't amount to a

hill of beans. We have always loved our Brits for better or for worse until death do us part. Dog deal done. And what better recommendation could you get than that from Rita and Larry?!!

The following day our new family member evidently wanted to demonstrate that we had made a wise choice by placing 2nd in Open Gun Dog. We were bursting our buttons!! (1st place went to a German Shorthair...Sheesh!) There were 36 "starts" and his placement qualified him to compete in the Gun Dog Nationals in the Spring of '98 where now and then through binoculars we could see him chasing a deer for, oh maybe, 500+ miles (he had lots of stamina). From then on, to make a long (but wonderful) story short, Trav earned 59 placements including twenty-three 1st places during his field trial career.

We've been proud, but we know full well that at the end of the trail it isn't the number or color of ribbons collected that counts. The grand prize goes for winning human hearts. What counts are the contributions he made to the breed, the wonderful memories and the unconditional love he gave to us. And if you have a smart pup that has a big heart, a very very sweet disposition, loose legs and a big smile, he probably has some of the great Trav blue ribbon DNA!!

Now our guy is romping around with Rita, Larry, Jim, John, Chuck, our good ole Foxtrotter, "Blue" and many others you can add to the list. Meanwhile, he will live in many earthly hearts until we meet again.

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Friends: Gone But Never Forgotten



By Bill and Cindy Leffingwell

The CBC recently lost one of its long time members, Larry Marsh. Larry and his wife Barbara got involved with Brittanys like most of us do, by buying a Brittany to hunt with then getting involved in

field trials. They had several field champions, dual champions, and show champions. Larry was very involved in CBC; he served as president and on the board of directors for many years. Larry could be seen with his wife and his favorite horse, Sugar Babe at every field trial enthusiastically running his dogs or judging. After the trial he could recall every detail of the braces he rode! Larry was also an avid Colt collector. Larry and Barbara, moved to Santa Ynez and retired from field trialing several years ago. Larry spent many happy years enjoying his ranch, his horse, Sugar Babe, and all of his dogs. He will be sorely missed and we know that he has claimed all the best dogs for himself and is running them in the most perfect hunting grounds of all!

We also lost our dear friend, John Morrison, who was a long time member of CBC and the High Desert Brittany Club. He trained many dogs and he and his wife, Ruth, were always available to "talk dogs" over a slice of Ruth's famous cake!



Puppies!



Please send your notices of new Brittany litters to our puppy referral person, Mary Brown. In addition, there is occasionally an interest in adult Brittanys that may be suitable as family pets. So, let Mary know when you have a litter on the ground, if you want to place a Brit, or if you have an adult Brit for sale. Mary can be contacted at: mrybrown@cox.net



CBC Treasurer's Summary 2008

Spring Field Trial

INCOME

Entries	4,082.00
Raffle	500.00
Food sales	—
TOTAL INCOME	4,765.00

EXPENSES

Birds	1,550.00
Judges - fees	610.00
Judges - gifts	144.00
Judges - motel	—
Judges - fuel	275.00
AKC fees	278.00
ABC fees 82 x 2	164.00
Food	452.50
Equipment	22.71
Water truck/porta potty	137.50
Refunds	141.00
American Field Ads	100.00
Postage/printing	38.80
Nastra Tent	132.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,749.86

NET PROFIT/LOSS 15.14

2008 Hunting Test

INCOME	3,433.00
Food sales	158.00
SDBC shared expenses	1,002.47
TOTAL INCOME	4,593.47

EXPENSES

Birds	2,150.00
Judges - fees	150.00
Judges - gifts	—

Judges - motel	—
AKC fees	312.50
ABC fees	144.00
Food	166.11
Water truck/porta potty	275.00
Postage/printing	111.36
Gunner	200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,954.29

NET PROFIT/LOSS \$639.18

2008 Specialty Show

INCOME

Trophy Donations	1,215.38
Raffle Income	802.00
Sweeps/Bradshaw	384
Supported entry/SFKC	142
TOTAL INCOME	2,543

EXPENSES

Raffle	0
Placements	249.60
Trophies	1,049.46
Food	131.99
Grooming Space and Parking	150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,197.37

NET PROFIT/LOSS \$934.33

2008 Awards Banquet

INCOME

Meals	1,090.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,090.00

EXPENSE

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