

California Brittany Club



Rita

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Zoei

President's Corner

There was no report received.



How to Tell If You're a Dog Enthusiast

By Ann Underwood

When the author and a friend got stuck in traffic on the way to a dog event, they passed the time discussing their lives with dogs, which evolved into a game of "Top This." Driving home afterward, the author was inspired to create this list.

You just might be a dog enthusiast if...

- you consider crates to be bedroom furniture
- you don't understand why dogs can't be included on your health insurance plan
- your spouse and children respond to a firm "leave it" command
- the J. Crew catalog remains untouched, but the Cherrybrook catalog is dog-eared
- you comb your hair with your dog's comb five minutes before going into the ring

You just might be a dog enthusiast if...

- you never serve leftovers
- your doggie bag really IS for the dog
- you become the neighborhood drop site for old newspapers and old towels
- you finish your basement as a dog playroom instead of a much-needed exercise room for humans
- you choose your spouse based on whether your likes liked him/her - and how much attention he/she paid to them

You just might be a dog enthusiast if...

- your dog is featured on "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous"
- you sign your dog's name to your Christmas cards
- people compliment you on your mohair sweater, and you aren't wearing one
- you remember your kids' birthdays by saying, "Tommy was born right after the Garden, Becky was born just before Bucks County..."
- you've never had to explain to airport security what a striping knife is

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☺ Next Newsletter Publication will be October 2011 - Deadline is September 15th. Send ideas, brags and info to Karen Nelsen. See address & phone number info on back.

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- Friends come to visit and they can't find a place to sit because the dogs have all the best chairs.

You're definitely a dog enthusiast if...you've read this far!

This article first appeared in the February 1997 issue of the *AKC Gazette*. It was submitted by Margaret Horst-meyer.

CBC Specialty 2011



Submitted by Linda McDonald,
Show Chairperson

The California Brittany Club held its specialty show on Sunday, May 29, 2011 in conjunction with the Los Encinos Kennel Club at the Mis-

sion Circuit show cluster in Pomona, Ca. Southern California's soon to be June gloom in the morning gave us some relief from the heat and the spring-like sunny afternoon weather was warm but refreshing. We even had some rain on the morning of the specialty! All kinds of friendly faces from both the field trial and show world joined together to cheer on all of the Brittany's. It was an enjoyable day to celebrate our dogs and have fun together. The four day weekend was supported on Friday by the So. San Joaquin Brittany Club and on Saturday and Monday, it was supported by the California Brittany Club.

Mrs. Margery Blake judged our puppy and veteran sweepstakes with gentle hands and a careful eye well trained from years in sporting breeds. For Best in Puppy Sweepstakes, she put up **Brittany's Ramblin' Twilight** owned and handled by Jenelle Larson and for Best of Opposite, she pointed to **Premier's All About Avatar** owned by John Reardon. For Best Veteran Sweepstakes, she put up the oldest Brittany in the show, **CH Windsong's Time of My Life** owned and handled by Linda McDonald and Breanna Uyeno.

Sam Houston McDonald judged the regular classes with a ready smile and a knowing eye and that showed his years of experience in sporting dogs and his knowledge of our breed. He gave **Best of Breed** to **GCH. Mich's Mt Ready Aim Fire** owned and handled by Kristina Rickard and Lori Rickard, David Peek and John Davies. Best of Opposite was handed to **Ch Hope's Every Heart Beats True, CD**, owned by Nancy Hewitt and handled by Valerie Nunes-Atkinson. **Redline's Hunting For My Halo**, owned by Doreen and Tom Kearney, handled by Roger Kibee earned the points for Winner's Dog and **Mirage-RJ's Symply Sensational**, owned by Joyce and

Bob Wire, handled by Bill McFaddon was pointed to for Winner's Bitch and was awarded Best of Winners.

The specialty show, of course, could not have been held without the hardworking committee who did a superb job under show chairperson Linda McDonald. Beautiful trophies created by Gail Richardson at SGR Gallery in Metamora, Michigan were chosen with care by Dena Miller and Linda McDonald. Sabrina Arney created a beautiful trophy presentation ringside that was commented on by many exhibitors from other breeds who passed by. Deborah Frane worked diligently to obtain trophy donations. Our delicious potluck and morning ringside hospitality was organized by Sheri Harder and Nancy Hewitt. Nancy Hewitt also organized our celebration dessert for the Brittany's who earned their conformation titles last year. Dena Miller and Sabrina Arney worked hard to put just the right finishing touches on a beautiful raffle. Margaret Horstmeier worked tirelessly the morning of the show, lending that, always needed, last minute hand with absolutely everything! The club's supplies and equipment were moved back and forth from our club trailer by the tireless efforts of Mark Ambre.

Thanks to all who came to make our specialty a success, including judges, competitors, trophy donors, raffle contributors, an all of the hardworking club members and enthusiasts. The show couldn't go on without everyone!

We'd also like to thank those who gave generously to the Trophy Fund for the following sponsorships:

Best of Breed—Duane & Sheri Harder

Best of Opposite Sex—Frank Bianchini & Joe Ramondetta in honor of Ned Castillo

Best of Winners—Marc & Vicki Rittner in memory of our good friend, Ned Castillo, Castle Brittany's

Select Bitch—Carl & Ardena Miller

Winner's Bitch — Nancy Hewitt

Reserve Winner's Bitch—Tom & Doreen Kearney

Best Puppy—The Nunez Family in Memory of Ned Castillo

Best Bred-By Exhibitor—The Nunez Family in Memory of Bev Millette

Field Trial Dog—Bill & Cindy Leffingwell

Veteran Dog—Ron & Bev Bemis in Memory of Ch Burford's Delta Flyer (Pilot)

9-12 Month Puppy Bitch Class—Michael & Deborah Frane in Memory of Tru Pearl of our Dreams

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch Class—Sue Richards

Field Trial Bitch—Michael & Deborah Frane

Open Bitch Class 1st—Sharon & Bill Kalionzes

Best in Veteran Sweeps—The Franes, The Harders, & Linda McDonald in Memory of Ned Castillo

And now for the placements:

SWEEPSTAKES: Judge: Mrs. Marjorie Blake

6—9 Month Puppy Dogs

1—Ory's Doc Holliday B/Arlette Hennessey O/Tim & Joy Ory (FC/AFC/NAFC Maxwell's Blew By You II X K Nine's Coyote Ugly)

2—K Nine Hellraiser B/Arlette Hennessey o/Steven Crabb (FC/AFC/NAFC Maxwell's Blew By You II X K Nine Guns and Roses)

9—12 Month Puppy Dogs

1 /OS—Premier's All About Avatar B/Kristine Richard, Lori Richard & David Peek O/John Reardon (GCH Mich's Mt Ready Aim Fire X GCH Castle's Sleeping Beauty Zoi)

2—Tru's Double Booked B/O Marc & Vicki Rittner (Rusty Ridge Lucky Strike X CH Tru's Jump N Jada)

12—18 Month Dogs

1—Shiloh 'N Swift River's It's About Time B/PJ Peterson & KM Ford & FN Phillips O/PJ Peterson & FN Phillips (DCH Redlines Tequila Moon X CH Swift River's Flashback 'N Time, JH)

2—Shiloh's Light My Fire B/Don & Peggy Echavarria O/Emily Fisk (DC Redline's Smokin Gun X CH Shiloh's Tru Believer, JH)

6 -9 Puppy Bitches

1—K Nine's On The Loose B/Arlette Hennessey O/Arlette Hennessey & Linda McDonald (NAFC/FCAFC Maxwell's Blew By You II X K Nine Guns and Roses)

9-12 Puppy Bitches

1/B Brittany's Ramblin' Twilight B/Lani Ann Emanuel & Jenelle Larson O/Jenelle & Nancy Larson (CH Britt's Ramblin' Bet the Three-Spot X CH Britts Ramblin' Eliza Doo-little

2—Tru's Lucky Charm B/O Marc & Vicki Rittner (DCH Rusty Ridge Lucky Strike X CH Tru's Jump N Jada)

12—18 Bitches

1—Shiloh's Swift Kiss a Taq B/Pennie Peterson, Katelyn Ford & Frances N Phillips O/Michael & Deborah Frane (DCH Redline's Tequila Moon X CH Swift River's Flashback N Time)

Best in Sweepstakes— Brittany's Ramblin' Twilight

Best Opposite—Premier's All About Avatar

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES: Judge Mrs. Marjorie Blake

8—10 Year Old Bitches

1—CH Swift River's Destiny's Child, JH AX, AXJ B/Frances Phillips & Nancy Morabi O/Sharon & Bill Kalionzes (DC Jordean Tough Stuff, MH X CH Swift Rivers Time to Spare, JH)

2—CH Loki's Angel on a Carousel B/Gail & Nancy Schmeider O/Doreen Kearney (CH Hopes Autumn Sno Storm X CH Loki's Mischief in the Night)

10—12 Year Old Bitches

1/B—CH Windson's Time of My Life B/Linda & Paul Mooney O/Linda McDonald & Breanna Uyeno (CH Burford's Delta Flyer X CH Jordean's Dirty Dancer)

2—CH Roja-Exebrit On Rappahannock, JH, AX, AXJ B/Susan & Larry Kerns & Linda Langford O/Susan & Tracy Kerns & Linda Langford (DCH/AFC Ojibwa's Rebel of Cimmaron & Roja's Toulomne Gold)

3—CH Gaitway to Infiniti, JH B/Nancy & Gail Schmeider O/Leah Shirokoff (CH Hopes Autumn Sno Storm X CH Loki's Mischief in the Night)

Best Veteran: CH Windsong's Time of My Life

Regular Classes—

Judge Sam Houston McDonald

6—9 Puppy Dogs

- 1—Ory's Doc Holliday (see Sweepstakes)
- 2—K Nine Hellraiser (See Sweepstakes)

9—12 Puppy Dogs

- 1/R—Premier's All About Avatar (See Sweepstakes)
- 2—Tru's Double Booked (See Sweepstakes)

12—18 Dogs

- 1—Shiloh's There's a Reason B/O Don & Peggy Echavarría (DC Redline's Smokin Gun X CH Shiloh's Tru Believer, JH)
- 2—Shiloh's Light My Fire (See Sweepstakes)

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

- 1—Shiloh 'N Swift River's It's About Time (See Sweeps)

American Bred Dogs

- 1—Smokin' Grand Finale B/Dale & Rosalie Shores O/Mark Ambre (FC/AFC Megasmoke Grand Finale X Midas Blazin' Amber Skies)

Open Dogs

- 1/W Redline's Hunting For My Halo, JH B/Doreen Kearney O/Doreen & Tom Kearney (DC/AFC Redlines Tequila Smoker X CH Loki's Angel on a Carousel)
- 2—redlines Ruby Son of a Gun B/Cynthia Goldsmith O/Duane & Sheri Harder (DC Redline's Smokin Gun X Renegade's Perfect Ruby)
- 3—Midas Smoke's A Blazin' B/Dale & Rosalie Shores O/Mark Ambre (FC/AFC Megasmoke Grand Finale X Midas Blazin' Amber Skies)
- 4—Bittersweet Truckin' Tonka B/Alex Findlay, Christine Eaton & Terry Wiley o/Warren & Susan Schmitt (CH Starlight's Escaping Capella X Heavenly Cassiopeia)

Winner's Dog: *Redline's Hunting For My Halo*

Reserve Winner's Dog: *Premier's All About Avatar*

6—9 Puppy Bitches

- 1—K Nine's On the Loose (See Sweepstakes)

9—12 Puppy Bitches

- 1—Tru's Lucky Charm (See Sweepstakes)

12—18 Bitches

- 1—Shiloh's Swift Kiss a Taq (See Sweepstakes)

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

- 1/R Brittany's Ramblin Twilight (See Sweepstakes)
- 2—Whisper Ridge Last Dance b/Sue Richards, Stephanie Kepler & J. Larson O/Sue Richards & Stephanie Kepler (CH Britt's Ramlin' Bet the Three-Spot X CH Brittany's Ramblin' My Madera, JH)
- 3—Shiloh's Babbling Brook b/Linda McDonald, Lynda Evans & Pennie Peterson O/Mary Brown & Linda McDonald (CH Loki's Blizzard of Mischief X CH Shiloh's Tru Believer, JH)

American Bred Bitches

- 1— Finale's Flyin' Colors B/Dale & Rosalie Shores O/Myra-Dawn Ellis (Megasmoke Grand Finale X Madas Blazin Amber Skies)

Open Bitches

- 1/W/BW Mirage-RJ'S Symply Sensational B/Sandra & William Moruzzi O/Joyce & Robert Wire
- 2—MTB Scipio's Hot Shot of Whizki B/O Tom White & Margaret Horstmeyer

Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners:

Mirage-RJ'S Symply Sensational

Reserve Winner's Bitch: *Brittany's Ramblin Twilight*

Field Trial Dogs

- 1—DC Redline's Smokin Gun B/Bill & Cindy Leffingwell O/Sheri Harder (DC/AFC redlines Tequila Smoker X Redlines Till Tomorrow)
- 2—CH Brigade's Hi Hopes Rocket, JH B/Michael Frane O/Michael & Deborah Frane (FC/AFC Burford's Booked First Class X Maison De Chasse Magnifique)

Veteran Bitches

- 1—CH Gaitway to Infiniti, JH (See Veteran Sweeps)

Stud Dog

- DC Redline's Smokin Gun b/Bill & Cindy Leffingwell O/Sheri Harder (DC/AFC Redlines Tequila Smoker X Redlines Till Tomorrow)

Best of Breed/Group 2

GCH Mich's Mt Ready Aim Fire B/Michelle Chaney & Arlene McCabe O/Kristine & Lori Richard & David Peek & John Davies ((CH Castle's Tangerine Dream, JH X CH Mich's Mt Dori Ready Set Go)

Best Opposite

CH Hope's Every Heart Beats True, CD B/Douglas Tighe, Nancy Morabito & Valerie Hamilton O/Nancy Hewitt ((CH Hope's Oliver Twist X CH Tonan-Hope's Rockin the Boat)

Select Dog

CH Tru's Redd Baron of Willowick, JH b/Catherine Fitzgerald O/Marc & Vicki Rittner ((CH Castle One in a Millennium, JH X GCH Willowick Talltean)

Select Bitch

CH Castle's Sleeping Beauty Zoei B/Ignazio & Berry Castillo O/Joseph Ramondetta (CH Castle's Tangerine Dream, JH X CH Mich's Mt Dori Ready Set Go)



Tattle Tails

Congratulations to Mark Ambre: Larry (**Midas Smoke's A Blazin**) went Winner's Dog and Best of Winners at the San Diego Specialty Show held in conjunction with the Mt. Palomar Kennel Club Show. What a great major win! The judge was Dorothy Macdonald.

From the Horstmeyer/White Camp:

DC/AFC TJ's Single Shot of Scipio (Emme) placed third in the 2010 ABC Amateur All Age Championship in Booneville. This is the fifth national placement for Emme. She didn't ever win the BIG one as did both of her parents, but came close as Runner-Up NFC in 2006, and Runner-Up NAFC in 2009. emme also won the Arizona Amateur All Age Championship in January 2010. Emme was also the 2010 ABC National Dual Dog Award winner. After a very successful career, Emme is now retired at 10 years of age. She's earned her rest!

DC/AFC Megasmoke Limited Edition (Ted) earned a 4th place in the 2010 ABC Open All Age Nationals!

DC/AFC Cabo Rita De Scipio (Rita) was Runner-Up in the ABC Chukar Championship. Rita was named the 2010 Northwest Field Trial Council (all breed) All Age Dog of the Year.

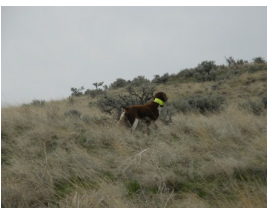
DC/AFC Emme's Cabo de Scipio (Cabo) was the winner in the Oregon Brittany Club's All Age stake in April.

DC/AFC Terra's Cabo Wabo (Sammy) was Runner-Up in the Arizona Amateur All Age Championship. Sammy placed 3rd out of 73 dogs in the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship in May in Idaho!

MTB Can Am Formula Fun (Frani) got her first adult placement at the CBC Spring Trial in the OAA stake.

MTB Scipio's Hot Shot of Whizki (Cali) was Runner Up in the All Age stake at the Western Futurity.

Nelsen's News: Tiger (**FC MVP/Redline's High Octane, JH**) won the Open All Age stakes at the Whid Isle and Inland Empire Brittany Clubs' field trials in April in Washington. He won a total of five all-age stakes this spring!



CBC Awards Banquet



This is Chef Ed Dixon!

He and Linda are hosting the CBC Awards Celebration at their home in Norco.

The date is Saturday August 20th. The time is around 3PM.

Everybody is welcome, but please bring an item for the Pot-Luck.

Mike Frane will be sending out a flyer with more information including a map to the Dixon's. If you have any questions, please contact Mike at michaelfrane@verizon.net

NFC/DC/AFC MICROCHIPS OF NUTMEG

AUGUST 25, 1995 – JANUARY 13, 2011

MEGGIE-MOO

NFC/DC/AFC MICROCHIPS OF NUTMEG

As a puppy Meg, attended her first field trial in Arizona, so it was appropriate that the last field trial she attended was also in Arizona.

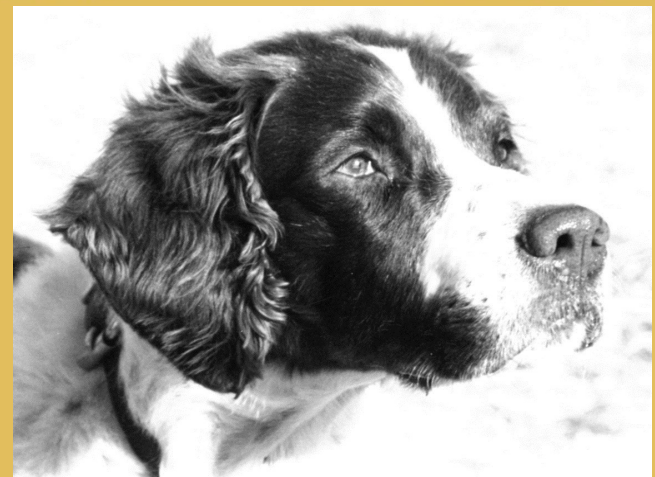
After a wonderful 15 ½ years, she went to sleep in Tom's arms. Among the many things we miss about her is her very vocal 4:30 PM reminder that "It's time to EAT. Feed me!!!!"

Meg gave us some thrilling field trial moments and was a loving pet when she wasn't working.

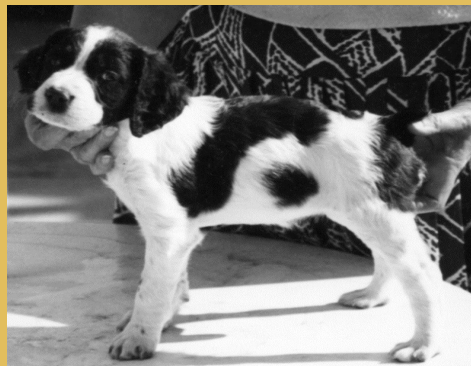
Her offspring: Emme, Lance, Hunter, Al, and Ted have carried on their mom's talented genes and have excelled in their own way.

Goodbye "Meggie Moo". Thank you for enriching and changing our lives! We know you are having a great time up there with your breeders: Rita & Linus, with your siblings and with your star half brother Vegas!

Love,
Margaret And Tom



*Meg won the American Brittany Club's
National Open All Age stake in 2002.*



**"Enough of this...Where are
the birds?"**

2011 California Brittany Club Willi Match

Join us for our annual club fun day with your family and Brittanys. The Willi Match is a Club competition designed to simulate an actual dog show. AKC registration papers are not required. Rescue dogs, Limited Registration, spayed and neutered, too small and too tall are welcome! We have a perpetual Best Junior Handler trophy and a perpetual Trop Grand trophy for oversize dogs.

Come early to participate in grooming and handling demonstrations.

Meeting and Potluck to follow show and photos.

Saturday, August 6, 2011
Grooming and Handling
Demonstrations at 8:15am
Ring time 10:30 a.m.

Judge
Cheryl Riggs



The CBC Willi Match is open to all current CBC and SDBC members of Amateur Status. It is open to Brittanys only. If you are not sure which class is best, someone will be glad to help you.

Junior Showmanship Competition will be for youngsters up to and including 17 years old.

Brittany handled may belong to any club member.

ENTRY FEES: \$5.00 per dog will be charged for the Adult classes.

Puppy, Junior Showmanship and Veterans classes are free.

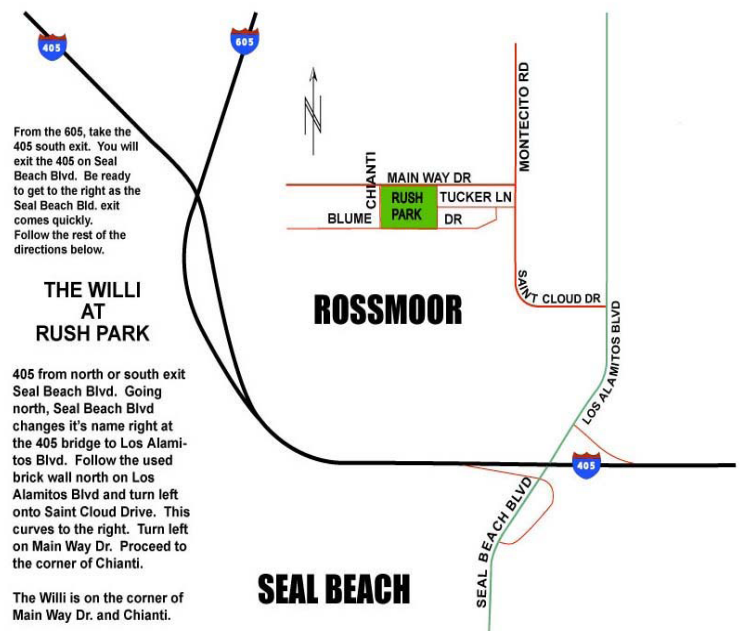
WILLI MATCH CLASSES

Under 3 Months Puppy Dogs	Under 3 Months Puppy Bitches
3-6 Month Puppy Dogs	3-6 Month Puppy Bitches
6-9 Month Puppy Dogs	6-9 Month Puppy Bitches
9-12 Month Puppy Dogs	9-12 Month Puppy Bitches
12-18 Month Junior Dogs	12-18 Month Junior Bitches
Field Trial Dog	Field Trial Bitch
Open Dogs	Open Bitches
Veteran Dog (8yrs & up)	Veteran Bitch (8yrs & up)
Novice Dogs	Novice Bitches
Best Puppy	Best of Breed
Best of Opposite	Best of Winner
Best Jr. Handler	Parade of Champions

Bring old trophies to recycle

Food for 6 to 8 people

Contact: Michael Frane michaelfrane@verizon.net



CBC GENERAL MEETING

5/29/2011

Pre- approved Minutes

CBC General meeting was held in conjunction with the Specialty Show on May 29, 2011 at the LA County Fairplex in Pomona, CA

Meeting was called to order by President Sheri Harder at 1:06 pm.

Minutes from the last general meeting held at the Willi Match September 19, 2010 were read. Mike Frane made the motion to approve and Agnes Rodrigues provided the second. Motion passed. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Margaret Horstmeyer reported that the Chase checking account balance is \$15,727.27.

Committee reports:

1. Awards Banquet and Willi Match- Mike Frane

Mike reported that the Awards banquet date is June 26, 2011. A discussion ensued that since the points submission closes June 20th, there is not enough time to calculate the points and get the awards ready in 6 days so the June date was tabled.

The Willi Match will be held Saturday August 6, 2011 at Rush Park. Rozanne Woelm will make reservations with the park. Mike is looking for grooming & handling mentors. Lea Shirokoff volunteered to help with the grooming. Sharon Kalionez questioned why the event was being held on a Saturday when historically it has been on Sunday to better accommodate those who have to work on Saturdays.

2. Field Trial- Karen Nelsen not present but sent her report which was read by the Secretary. The Fall field trial will be held October 28-30, 2011 (Friday— Sunday) at the Spanish Ranch in New Cuyama. Chairman is Paul Doiron and field trial secretary is Myra Dawn Ellis.

Spring field trial will be held January 27-29, 2012 (Friday-Sunday) in California City. Chairmen are Joe Gower and Mark Nunez. Secretary is Karen Nelsen.

3. Newsletter- Karen Nelsen Deadline for next issue is June 15th for a publishing date of July 1, 2011. Officers' reports, brags, pictures, updated information, new members, results of shows, etc, etc should be submitted in a timely fashion.

4. Specialty Show- Linda McDonald Linda thanked everyone who pitched in to help and make the event a success. Deborah Frane is still accepting money for the trophy fund. Dena Miller organized the raffle donations. Sabrina Arney handled the trophies at the show. Sheri Harder presented Linda McDonald with a hat in appreciation of her services as secretary at the Western Futurity show.

New Business:

Elections: Slate of Officers for 2012 presented by the Nominating Committee: Ed Dixon, Bill Leffingwell and Bob Woelm.

President Sheri Harder read a description of the duties of each position and then presented the slate:

President: Sheri Harder
Co-1st Vice Presidents:
Mark Nunez and Joe Gower
2nd Vice President:
Linda McDonald
3rd Vice President:
Michael Frane
Secretary/Treasurer:
Carolyn Cape

There were no nominations from the floor so Sharon Kalionez moved that the slate be accepted as presented. Dena Miller made a 2nd and the membership voted in favor of the slate for 2012.

2. Other business:

Roster: Margaret Horstmeyer reported that the membership roster had been mailed and to please let her know if you need additional

copies. Please also keep the secretary updated with any changes in your address, phone number or email address.

Western Regional Director needed: Mary Brown is on the nominating committee and requested volunteers for the position.

Santa Barbara Kennel Club is honoring Joe & Agnes Rodrigues as Honored Breeders at their show and CBC is supporting the Brittany entry. Please try to attend and support our long time club members, Joe and Agnes!

Motion to adjourn made by Linda McDonald at 1:30 pm. Sabrina Arney provided a second. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Horstmeyer
CBC Secretary/ Treasurer



Our **Loyall** representative, Mary Reynolds, has moved to Minnesota.

This is a photo of her little boy, Tyler Lucas Reynolds.

She sent a note thanking us for all the support given her and for making

her feel so welcomed by the field trial crew.

We will be having the continued support of Loyall (Cargill) and their new representative, Charby Holdener. She can be reached at 209-609-7645 (cell) or at Charby_Holdener@cargill.com



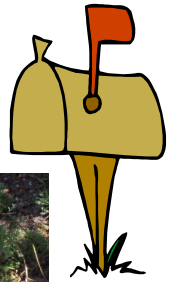
Welcome New Members

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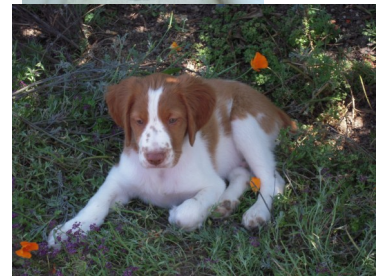
Tim & Joy Ory
28930 Shadow Valley Lane
Santa Clarita, CA 91390

Patrick Baccari
29556 Bright Spot Road
Highland, CA 92346

John Graff
5940 Barton Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90038
310-651-1741
johnjamesgraff@gmail.com
John got his puppy from Mark Nunez.
Hi...My name is Cuthbert."



Helen Mc Hugh
1447 Franklin St. #6
Santa Monica, CA 90404
310-315-9339
hdmchugh@gmail.com
Helen got her puppy, Navan, from Mark
as well.



Cuthbert & Navan are brothers



Wishing a speedy recovery and rehab to Barbara Rosenberg. While she and Jerry were "puppy proofing" their deck for the arrival of the new "Bucky" (Barbara

decided to do a three-point landing on her back-side off the deck. Bucky's formal name is **Shane's Blazing Rough Rider**, named in honor of Buckey O'Neil, one of Prescott's iconic figures who was one of Teddy Roosevelt's "Rough Riders." She broke her clavicle (recently had a pin inserted to help get the arm going in the right direction), has a hair-line fracture of her hip, and (if that's not enough) they found a new/old compressed fracture in her back. She's resting comfortably at the Taj Majal of rehab hospitals. She's getting physical both physical and occupational therapy.

Contact Jerry at 928-237-9271 for updates and other inquiries.

Congratulations & Best Wishes



Craig Lewis and Leslie Smeder were married on Saturday May 21 at a beautiful ceremony in the hills above Santa Clarita.

Ellis Herz stood up for Craig as his best-man. A gamut of field trial enthusiasts took to the dance floor and rocked the night away.

Craig and Leslie honeymooned on a cruise to Alaska.

We wish Craig and Leslie every happiness!

CONGRATULATIONS

Best Wishes to Barbara Marsh on her recent marriage.



Happy Birthday America!

Field News from the First Vice- President



May 18, 2011—Performance Events Department
To: All Licensed Pointing Breed Hunting Test Clubs
Re: Multiple Hunting Test Titles

The Performance Events Department is seeking comments from Clubs and participants regarding the attached proposal meant to provide additional activities for participants in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests. The Hunting Test Program has been in existence for over 25 years. The pass/fail nature of the events and the graduated test levels have provided an enjoyable activity for owners and dogs with a wide variety of training and experience.

The Department has received many requests to provide additional activities for dogs that have earned Hunting Test titles. This proposal is meant to provide an incentive for owners to continue to enjoy the field experience with the dog at any level that they choose. The proposal folds into the existing program and creates no additional effort for host clubs.

Performance Events would like to hear your comments regarding the proposal to provide multiple titles. In addition, there is a related by separate suggestion at the bottom of the attachment regarding allowing dogs that have earned higher level titles to enter lower level tests strictly for the enjoyment of the dog and owner.

Please email your comments to Lisa Carroll, Manager of Performance Events, LAC@akc.org, no later than Friday, July 8th. Comments may be sent by Clubs or individuals.

MULTIPLE POINTING BREED HUNTING TEST TITLES

Objective: Provide additional activities for dogs that have completed their JH, SH, or MH titles

General Description: A dog that has previously earned a Hunting Test title may continue to enter the same test level in an attempt to earn a numeric designation after the title. Five additional passing performances earns a dog a higher numeric designation. This may be done at any test level. For example, a dog may earn a JH2, SH2 or MH2 title.

Why This Approach? AKC receives numerous requests to provide additional activities for hunting test dogs. Many participants do not have the time or resources to work toward the higher test levels but still want to enjoy their dog by entering hunting tests even after earning their JH or SH title. For those that have achieved the MH title, recognition will be provided to dogs that maintain the Master level standard of performance. This approach will provide an incentive for owners at all levels to remain active with their dogs.

Title: After a dog has earned a hunting test title, if the dog earns five additional passing scores, a numeric designation will continue to be increased by one for every additional five passing performances (JH3, etc.). As is currently the case, a higher level hunting test will supersede the lower title. For example, a SH title will supersede a JH title regardless of the numeric designation on the JH title.

The owner is responsible to keep track of the dog's passing performances using a form developed by the Performance Events Department. Once five additional passing scores have been earned beyond the initial title, the completed form is mailed to the Department along with a title processing fee of \$20. Upon verification by the office staff, a number is placed behind the dog's existing title. The new title will be recorded on a dog's record (it will appear on pedigrees) and a title certificate is issued.

Feedback from owners regarding the need to keep track of passing performances indicates this is not an issue as most owners do this already. From the host club's point of view, this proposal will require no change to either the physical test itself or paperwork.

An Additional Change to the Regulations: Currently, the Regulations state that once a dog has earned a higher level title, the dog may not be entered in a lower level. There are cases where owners of older dogs would like to enter them in lower level tests simply because the dog enjoys the hunt but is no longer able to perform at the higher level. We would like to hear the thoughts of hosting clubs and participants regarding removing the restriction regarding entering a lower level. It should be noted that in this situation, the entry is strictly for the pleasure of the dog and owner since a dog will not be awarded a lower level title after it has earned one at a higher level.



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Performance Events Department

June 1, 2011

To: All Licensed Pointing Breed Field Trial and Hunting Test Clubs

Subject: **SportDOG GPS Tracking Collar**

The AKC Performance Events Department has approved the SportDOG GSP tracking collar for use in field trials and hunting tests. The model of this unit is TEK-VIL, which consists of the TEK-L collar and the TEK-H receiver. The GPS collar has an antenna that runs from the box below the dog's neck up around the side of the dog's head. The unit is pictured below.



This unit is unique in that there is an e-collar module that can be attached to the same collar. **The collar can not be used with the e-collar module attached.** The e-collar module has its own antenna; therefore this collar with the e-collar module attached will have two antennas, one on each side of the dog's head. Judges should be alert to the number of antennas. If there is any question or uncertainty, judges have the authority to request the collar be removed for inspection.

It is the responsibility of the handler to insure the dog is wearing an approved collar. If a handler errors, whether intentional or by mistake, it is the event committee's responsibility to investigate the matter and if in their opinion a violation of the regulations has occurred, the handler must be charged with misconduct.

The use of specific tracking devices may be rescinded at any time by the Performance Events Department if the regulations pertaining to their use become overly difficult to enforce or in the case of repeated misuse.

All AKC approved tracking devices and the Regulations governing their use may be viewed at – www.akc.org/trackingdevices/.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



SOMETHING TO CHEW ON.....

OK...Your Club is doing great...you've just gotten a bunch of new members...now what? How do we make these folks feel welcome? What can we do to encourage their participation in club events?

I recently found an article from *The Daniel Island News* about how participation in clubs and groups can impact the quality of our lives and overall health. I felt it was apropos, no matter whether it's new members or new clubs that we need to cultivate. What can we do to help them?

Research has shown that positive interactions with groups are beneficial to our health and well-being. How do we know what's beneficial? Let's ask ourselves the following:

Do I feel connected and valued by the group or club members? When an individual feels respected by others, it can boost an individual's confidence and self-esteem.

How much do I value social relationships? Introverts often get fatigue and feel emotionally and physically depleted by social obligations. Yet extroverts get energy when working and interacting with others. When you've got a Brittany, you must be an energized person!

What are the group dynamics? If a group is cohesive and shares similar thoughts and beliefs, members will tend to feel more connected. It is important to engage in activities that you look forward to attending and that make you feel that you are valued and appreciated.

How big is the group? If too large, they may not be opportunities to make connections. If too small, we may feel that we cannot "be ourselves." It's important to ask if the group size is conducive to making meaningful relationships/friendships.

Is there interdependence? To what degree does the group rely on each other to reach their goals? Each member wants to feel needed, valued, and together we all working forwards accomplishing something. Please call the event chairpersons to volunteer. We can find a job for you!

Do I feel confident in my skills and level of contribution? Everyone has something to offer and contribute. New ideas are valued and welcomed. Being in a group, or sport, that allows a person to feel good about himself, is critical to a good experience within the group.

What have I done, or can I do, to help the group be successful? New clubs or long-standing clubs – all need our support to keep them going. Many of us have stepped up to help out other clubs in need. Whether it's becoming members of multiple clubs or shuffling event dates when necessary, we do what's needed for each group to be successful. We band together to get equipment to events, to get the events set up, to make our guests feel welcome. What we do reflects on how we feel about ourselves and about helping others. What we do impacts not only each club, but the breed itself.

Is the activity and group compelling to you? It's important that what the club or group is involved with be more than just vaguely or intermittently interesting to you. Has the group contacted me? Was I made to feel welcome? The club's activities can be used to "get us out of our own heads" or find people to connect with. According to the author of the article, "People can spend a good deal of time ruminating over difficulties in their lives, and other things that may be negative. The activity and group must be compelling enough to turn our focus from within, and back toward connecting the outside world."

No matter if you're a "newbie" or a long-time club member, your ideas, input, and participation are desired and welcomed. Please make plans to attend the upcoming Willi Match or the Awards Banquet (or both). You will be glad you did!

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