

California Brittany Club



President's Corner

By Linda McDonald

Happy New Year! Let's all welcome 2016 as a year to "promote cooperation and friendship among owners and breeders of Brittanys and ... strive to keep it **forever a dual dog**". Our new board is all in place, full of new and diverse ideas to involve more members. I look forward to collaborating with them this year and am so appreciative for each one's willingness to serve on the board.

This year, I hope all club members will want to participate in some of the versatile activities our breed is capable of doing, from the

field trials and breed shows our dual breed are known for, to traditional hunting, obedience, agility, therapy dogs, dancing dogs, barn hunts and ... not to mention, just hanging out with our 4 pawed buddies. Several events are on the horizon including our Spring Field Trial and Hunt Tests, and yes, these present opportunities to volunteer so please get in touch with the event chairperson so you can lend a hand. Early spring also brings the Western Regional Futurity and I wish the best of luck and safe travels to our members heading to Madras, Oregon for the National Event to showcase their Brittanys. As CBC promotes the many diverse and new activities that any member could enjoy with their

Brittany, I would like to encourage all of our members to volunteer to make our club thrive.

Keep an eye out for a new look to our newsletter, **On Point**. Board member and chairperson contact information is available on the newsletter so you can volunteer or ask questions. The web site will include all of the news, results and flyers on our events. I hope our club's Facebook page will welcome more participation, sharing and cheering on of notable accomplishments, sports stories and events in the lives of everyone's Brittanys.

So, come one, come all, put a lead on your Brittanys, hang on and join us for Brittany fun during 2016.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ See you at the **CBC Spring Field trial** January 29-31, 2016.
- ☺ **CBC and SDBC double hunt test** on **February 13-14**.
- ☺ **Next Newsletter Publication will be April 01, 2016** - Deadline is **March 15th**. Send ideas, brags and info to Rick and Hillary Herrera. See address & phone number info on back page.

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Club Announcements

Good news! Rick and Hilliary Herrera have graciously consented to take on the newsletter. It will be slightly streamlined so we are not repeating what is on the website. Please, forward them any brags and litter announcements, event dates and closing dates you have for all upcoming events in 2016 so they can include them in the next issue, deadline will be March 15th for the April issue. Their email is rickandhill@gmail.com.



The CBC spring field trial is coming up at the end of January on the weekend of Jan. 29-31. The premium is up on the club website, californiabrittanyclub.org. We hope to see everyone there to run their dogs, come and watch or come to help out!



CBC will be having a raffle at our field trial so check your closets and the sale racks where you shop for raffle items. Remember to bring that item to the trial. We do need some assistance with setting up the raffle and selling tickets on Saturday evening. Please contact Linda McDonald if you have questions or are offering to help out at 760-956-8943 or mcbritbull@gmail.com.



San Diego Brittany Club is having their field trial the week after ours on February 5-7, so please watch for their premium as well.



The CBC and SDBC double hunt test is on the weekend following the SDBC's field trial on February 13-14. That premium should be up soon as well. Of course, helpers are welcome and needed to coordinate the paperwork and help with the event in camp. Contact Sheri Harder

for questions at this time at 310-502-8375 or duane.harder@verizon.net



Don't miss out! We are raffling off a Wagon Walker cart to support the 2016 Specialty. This is great for transporting dog crates, hay, and just about any other heavy item across any terrain anyplace. Please contact Sue, Joy or Linda to buy tickets and to help sell tickets. See flyer on next page.



David Webb will be adding to Shellie Sytsma's Facebook Team to help monitor the CBC facebook site and the new board will start to work on guidelines for them.



**"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."
- Ben Williams**

**CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB
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WAGON WALKER CERTIFICATE VALUED AT \$340**



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Certificate for One Stock#19 36" X 25" cart
Or, use the certificate toward a cart of your choice
Winner responsible for cost exceeding the certificate value

Checks payable to the California Brittany Club - No need to be present to win

Drawing to be held no later than May 29, 2016

Tickets available at CBC events

Sue Richards - 909 723 6802 Joy Ory - 661 296 0276 Linda McDonald - 760 646 3943



Tattle Tails

From the Nationals

Mary Brown and Shellie Sytsma attended the ABC National Specialty show in Ft Smith, AR with 4 of their dogs. All did super in very tough competition. Their dogs did daddy River very proud.



Lilly -
Copper Caliah's Dream Hi River Lilly,
Best puppy in match
Best of Winners (5 pt)
from 6-9 mo puppy bitch class
2nd 6-9 mo puppy sweeps
owners: Kristina Rickard & Shellie Sytsma

Moses-
Caliah's Moonlight Falls on Moses
1st Bred by Exhibitor dog class
2nd 15-18 puppy dog sweeps
Owners: Leslie Bordan & Shellie Sytsma

Penny-
Caliah's Lotus Blossom Falls
3rd Bred by Exhibitor Bitch Class
owners: David Webb & Shellie Sytsma, R. Maynard

Cricket-
Copley Caliah's Up a Crick
3rd 15-18 mo puppy bitch sweeps
4th 15-18 mo bitches regular classes
owners: Shellie Sytsma & Mary Brown

New Champion

Caliah's Lotus Blossom Falls (aka Penny Blossom) finished at the Malibu Kennel Club show on December 6th, 2015 with a total of 3 majors and 16 points.

She is owned by David Webb, Shellie Systema and Robyn Maynard and is the first champion from the Caliah Brittanys that was started by Mary Brown and Shellie Systema.



ABC National

Amateur Field Champion

Like father, like son. A cliché of unknown origin that blessed the Spanish Corral boys this fall in Booneville, Arkansas when



Spanish Corral's Sonny Patch followed in his father's footsteps, Spanish Corral's Sundance Kid, in winning the American Brittany Club National Amateur Field Championship.

Patch ran a forward race for Joe Gower, owner and handler, and using the course he was given, charging down the lines, transitioning smoothly from one piece of cover to the next and was rewarded with two covey finds that he stood intently and mannerly. Patch finished his fall preparations under the tutelage of Paul Doiron who is a master of polishing the rough spots I always seem to leave, and my thanks to Peggy Doiron who has always had a shine for Patch and is unmatched in keeping the boys healthy and happy on the road. We are looking forward to 2016 and in bringing along a third generation.



Would you do it again?

By Alice Benoit

On Sunday, Jay and I were discussing Grizzly, our Brittany who succumbed to pancreatic cancer seventeen months ago. We talked about his greatness and how much we missed him. Although it has been more than a year, I assure you, we are still grieving. Through my tears I asked Jay, "Would you do it again? If you had a "do over", a chance to have Grizzly in your life as a puppy one more time; with all of the joy plus a risk

that you could lose him to cancer, would you do it again?" Jay thought about it for a split second and he said, "I already am."

The truth is, when we take in a puppy as our own we don't know what will happen. When they are born, they may live to be little old dog men and women; or they could die young from an accident or disease. Fred and Grizzly are from the same litter. Grizzly is gone but Fred lives on. He will be ten

this year and he still dances a jig. As I write this, I consider the two puppies that are sleeping right here in the room with me. They are beautiful, smart and joyful. We don't know what will happen; but because our hearts are open, we have fallen in love all over again. Without risk, there is no reward.

Would you do it again?

"I already am."



Pregnant Paws

Puppies!

What a way to start the year! Sue Richards and Joy Ory are pleased to announce the New Year's Morning arrival of 4 boys and 5 girls.

GCH DC Ory's Marshal Dillon SH (Dillon) X GCH Granmars One Rough Diamond JH (Millie)

For more information please contact Sue at 909 732-6802

More Puppies!

Puppies expected the end of January
FC Kiger Hills Louee
X Lock and Load Daisy

Contact Dakota Zamudio at Brits_n_barrels@msn.com or 951-236-8721



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Please advise of any litters

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*)

- \$ 50.00 (one year)
- \$100.00 (two years)
- \$150.00 (three years)

& hereby apply for _____ year(s) active membership in California Brittany Club. I agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the American Brittany Club, and the California Brittany Club.

Send your membership to:

Joy Ory, 28930 Shadow Valley Ln, Santa Clarita CA 91390

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip+4: _____

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

Note: **Associate Memberships** are \$5.00 per person per year

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