



CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”

Congratulations to all the winners!!!

The California Brittany Club has had a very successful and busy New Year! After a very dynamic year of promoting the Brittany in many events in 2017, the momentum continued with the hosting of three major events in January and February, the 2018 Spring Field Trial, the ABC Western Futurity and co-hosting a double/double hunt test with the San Diego Brittany Club. All were resounding successes with full venues creating very competitive events that truly showcased the quality and versatility of our dogs.

This was an amazing season of competition both out in the field and at the Futurity Show. Competition brings out the best in both our dogs and ourselves. Of course we couldn't pull this off without our exhibitors, many of whom traveled hundreds and even thousands of miles to hang out in the desert with us. We had folks travel in from Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and even Texas. I'd like to thank everyone for the effort it took to trek out the deserts of Southern California.

We cannot overstate the value of our judges. They are heroes in my book. Working arduously off horseback all day to provide an honest assessment of our performance dogs, they do this out of love for the sport and not for the money! It's tough work with little compensation so we truly appreciate the sacrifices they make so we may enjoy our events. I'd like to recognize each and every one of our judges; **Wayne Hale, Jim House, Leslie Like, Jim Hammett, Jim Murphy, Mike Vaz, Raul Pineda, Steven Crabb, Arlette Hennessy, Leslie Troncale, Nancy Rapoport, Wendell Smith, Jeff Rhine** and of course our Futurity Show Judge, **Ann Short**. Thanks to each one of you for the success of our three field and show events.

All this activity is not without a lot of work and I'd like to recognize the hard work of the few that without their time and dedication none of this would have happened. **David Ford**, as our social coordinator, chef and caterer, made this a great event by ensuring all our members, exhibitors and judges were well fed with creative menus

and hearty stock. Who'd have ever planned things like Pasta Faggioli or Almond Chicken with Wonton Soup at a field trial? David, your traveling kitchen was a showcase in the wilderness and I know this was a big challenge, but you made it look easy and it was amazing...Thank you! We received several "thank you" emails with requests to be added to our Spring Field Trial mailing list provided you will continue to cook at the event.

Ed Moody, a stalwart club supporter and a dependable volunteer/handyman. When Ed shows up, things get done. Doing a little bit of everything, he set up the courses to include getting water on course, he salted and planted birds and took care of a myriad of things that pop up...making the field trials proceed without a hiccup. Oh, and he even had time to enjoy his best friend, Tazz! Ed, truly without you we'd never ever be able to do what we do.

Jeri Conklin, as the Event Secretary, for all our field events and Futurity, she's the lynchpin in the whole operation. She dedicated literally hundreds of hours working every aspect of the planning, execution and tying up the loose ends. Anyone who's ever worked even one of these events knows how overwhelming it can be, from coordinating with other clubs, working judging assignments, getting permits and a myriad of other things. It's amazing how successful and smooth these events went off! Jeri, thank you for all the hard work and emotion that went into making these three major events pleasurable and memorable for all participants.

There were a number of others who contributed to the success of our events; **Mary Brown, Linda McDonald, Katelyn Ford, Sheri Harder, Amber Rojas, Kyle Tetlow (Northern California), Jim Murphy (Northern California), Karey & Greg Lampman, Todd & Jan Brietenfeldt (Montana), Arlette Hennessey and Steven Crabb (Arizona) and Ben Campbell (Washington)**. If you don't recognize some of the names it's because many of our helpers were folks who came to participate and assisted where able. Couldn't have done it without them. It really takes a lot of teamwork...thank each and every one of you for your assistance!

From the financial aspect it appears Field Trial and Hunt Test events were successful and in the black. Unlike last year, the Futurity suffered in participants from the failure of the National Committee's inability to support our event in the timely manner needed. Fortunately, our costs will be offset by the National Committee to ease the burden on the CBC. The receipts and final tally will be reported at the upcoming CBC Board of Directors Meeting. (Update: all our expenses recognized by the National Committee were covered and the check is in the mail.)

Our next major club event is the CBC Specialty Show held in conjunction with the Antelope Valley KC Show, part of the Mission Circuit, on May 27, 2018 @ the Los

Angeles/Pomona Fairplex. Mid-afternoon, we'll have a luncheon and a General Membership Meeting and the Annual CBC 2017 Dog of the Year Awards. We'll be looking for nominations for the 2019 Club Officers slate as well. If you or someone you know wants to be a part of a great team then please send in nominations to the Nomination Committee (to be announced), Peggy Echavarria, CBC Secretary, myself or nominate from the floor.

It's an honor to lead and serve this club and to recognize the accomplishments of our members and associate members. Looking forward to see each and every one of you throughout this coming season.

v/r Kurt Conklin, President
California Brittany Club

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