



## CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

*“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”*

It's December already and I'd like to wish each and every one of you many blessings as we celebrate the holidays and the coming New Year. Many of you will be spending time with family and friends, but I hope it's particularly special for your 4-legged family members. Just like you, they've worked hard over the last year and deserve the same thing we all want and need...down time to recharge, family to love and gifts to enjoy! How can you deny that?

The California Brittany Club has had a great year and notable accomplishments. Last January we held our largest Field Trial in year...over 104 entries. That same week, we rolled in and hosted the ABC Western Futurity out at Camp H and in California City. On the heels of that, we co-hosted with SDBC a Double/Double Hunt Test...notwithstanding the Biblical winds! In May we hosted a Brittany Specialty Show in conjunction with the Mission Circuit and held our first General Membership Meeting with Awards Ceremony. Our final formal event of the year was the fall field trial held out at Claymine Road Field Trial Grounds outside of California City along with our second General Membership Meeting. It's a considerable amount of work to plan and conduct these activities and I'd like to thank everyone who helped pull off these events off.

I saw a lot of CBC members at the ABC Nationals this year in Arkansas. While I didn't take an official poll, I'd bet the CBC had the most in attendance from any ABC Club. It was great to see so many of you as well as other friends and acquaintances from across the country. There were many great Brittanys there and I wish we'd had more time to watch the complete field events.

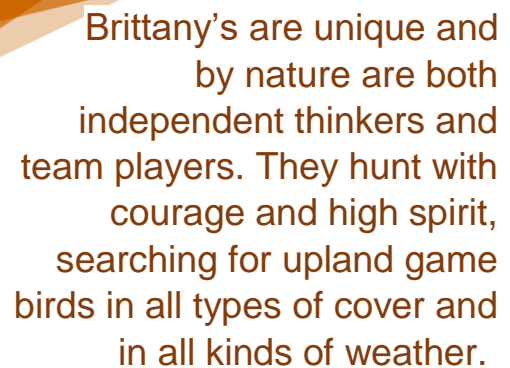
As we close out the year, I'd like to thank our current Board of Directors for their voluntary support, tremendous effort and the many hours dedicated to keeping the California Brittany Club functioning effectively and efficiently. We've accomplished a lot over the year. In addition to the aforementioned events, the Board brought forth and got accepted an updated Constitution and Bylaws (Committee Chaired by Hillary Herrera), implemented conference calling for Board and General Membership

meetings, acquired a new bird pen and increased our membership by 16 new members. Many, many thanks to our outgoing Board of Directors, Kurt Conklin, President, David Webb, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Katelyn Ford, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, David Ford, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (resigned), Christa Wedel, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP (appointed), Peggy Echavarria, Secretary and Jeri Conklin, Treasurer. A special thanks to the nominating committee Kerri Lampman (Chair), Linda McDonald and Christa Wedel. And to our social media team, David Webb, CBC Webmaster and Shellie Systma, Facebook Moderator.

And just as important is the incoming Board of Directors. We have many challenges and opportunities this coming year. As we continue to move forward and promote the Brittany as a dual dog, we're going to continue to perform with excellence at our Spring Field Trial the end of January, the Double/Double Hunt Test the second weekend in February, as well as hosting both the ABC Specialty Show and our own CBC Specialty in conjunction with the Mission Circuit in May, a Willie Match and the Fall Field Trial. It will be a busy year and once again I solicit your help to make these events happen. Our incoming Board is Kurt Conklin, President, Ed Moody, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Katelyn Ford, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Christa Wedel, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Peggy Echavarria, Secretary and Jeri Conklin, Treasurer.

### **2019 CBC SPRING FIELD TRIAL**

It is a pleasure to announce that we're holding our Spring Field Trail at the traditional location "Outside Camp H", California City, CA on January 25-27, 2019. This is but one of over seven field events to be held weekend after weekend at "Outside Camp H". The premium is out and we are already half full. Get your entries in early as we are again limited by daylight hours this month. Stakes for our trial include; OAA, OGD, AAA, AGD, OD and OP. Ed Moody is the Field Trial Chairman and Jeri Conklin the Field Trial Secretary.



Brittany's are unique and by nature are both independent thinkers and team players. They hunt with courage and high spirit, searching for upland game birds in all types of cover and in all kinds of weather.

### **2019 DOUBLE/DOUBLE HUNT TEST**

The premiums for both clubs are almost ready for release. We are just waiting on a couple of judges. At the recent double/double with the Vizsla/GWP club, they had over 15 braces of Junior Hunter tests each day and turned people away. We have decided to run two courses for each club this year. Master Hunter/Senior Hunter will

run on one course and Junior Hunter on their own course. With the number of MH/SH braces of 6 each, timewise we can't do it with just one course. So we will run two courses per club per day. We will definitely need some volunteer help from the membership. We need line marshals, runners, bird planters and gunners. PLEASE come out and volunteer. Hours will count for food and Dog of the Year awards.

### **2019 ABC SUMMER SPECIALTY**

We are co-hosting the 2019 ABC Summer Specialty with San Diego Brittany Club at next year's Mission Circuit. Thank you to everyone who has already stepped forward to help bring this all together. Plans are coming along nicely for the Summer Specialty weekend with the banquet being arranged by Peggy Echavarria with more details to come and some last items having final decisions made on. I would note that we need everyone's help to make this a successful weekend of events and that you can reach out to me with questions.

v/r Jacqui Campbell  
ABC Summer Specialty Chair

### **2018 CBC DOG OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Rules and the Scoresheets have been sent out to the membership. They are due in **NOT LATER THAN** March 15, 2019. It is up to you to submit a completed scoresheet; Incomplete scoresheets will not be corrected this year. They can be sent back upon request if needed. Awards will be handed out at the CBC Specialty Show General Membership meeting May 26, 2019.

### **LONG-TIME MEMBER PASSING**

It is with great regret to inform you of the passing of Lynda Evans of Burford Brittans. Our condolences to her family and loved ones.

### **BRAGS**

Congratulations to Matthew & Katelynn Dixon owners of CALDREAM'S AVATAR OF POSEIDON who earned a 1<sup>st</sup> place out a nice group of class dogs at the ABC Nationals in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

From Jacqui Campbell - Freya and Finn had a great day at the Washington Brittany Club Specialty Show (December 7<sup>th</sup>). Freya went Best of Breed in a lively lineup and Finn Winners Dog and Best of Winners to finish his championship

From Jeri Conklin – Chip has been out doing some nice showing lately with his BFF Stephen Cabral. Most notable was his Best of Breed win over a veteran special in Stockton at the end of November. No love in the group, but he's still young and upcoming. He will finish out the show season and head to the field this next year.

Xena got her 2nd leg of Senior Hunter at the Vizsla/GWP double/double hunt test. We have some remedial work in the next month or so and plan to finish at our double/double.

Daisy, had no passes in Master Hunter because of her failure to bring the bird back "to hand." A foot behind me or in front of me didn't count. Mostly 10s and 2 9s in all but the "to hand." 😊

Ginny had a great Master test as well, all 10s. After doing everything else right, back, to hand retrieve ... she broke on shot on her second bird. Back for remedial training and we will try again in February.

From Stewart Morgan – Congratulations to GLENN who passed 2 legs of Senior Hunter at the Vizsla/GWP Double/Double Hunt. His first venture into hunt tests!

Please send in your brags. All brags provided by owners will be acknowledged. Feel free to share them with Shellie Sytsma for Facebook; David Webb for the website and send to [kurt\\_conklin@yahoo.com](mailto:kurt_conklin@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the newsletter.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Spring Field Trial	January 25-27, 2019	Outside Camp H, Cal City
Double/Double Hunt Test	February 9-10, 2019	Outside Camp H, Cal City
CBC Board of Dir. Mtg	February 13, 2019	Teleconference @ 7:00 pm

v/r Kurt Conklin, President  
California Brittany Club

#### **CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Kurt Conklin, President	Christa Wedel, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President
David Webb, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Peggy Echavarria, Secretary
Katelyn Ford, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jeri Conklin, Treasurer

Past Presidents: Linda McDonald, Ed Dixon, Bill Leffingwell, Bill Landress and Sheri Harder