



## CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

*“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”*

### **Spring’s Just Around the Corner!**

It’s actually the middle of winter, but we live in SoCal...how much better could it be? This is the weather the whole world envies and we get to spend it outside (or in) with our best friends. Our Brittanyns thrive during this season and we all get to enjoy our time with them...in the field or in the show ring. Oh, and other events as well.

I want to apologize for not sending out a letter in January. Due to personal reasons I was otherwise distracted to attend to other important issues. It’s been a trying year for us all in one way or another...and the struggles spread into our sport as well.


With a lot of help, the Field Trial was firmly scheduled, judges hired and birds purchased. However, as it turns out to be more common this year than past, we were unable to raise enough entries to create any majors outside of the Open/Amateur Gun Dog stakes. There were insufficient entries to support the trial and unfortunately had to cancel for this year. We were able to turn the birds back so we were not charged as expected. As it goes, we are but one of many field trials that were canceled out here on the West Coast this year. A very disturbing trend it appears.

Two weeks later, once again with a lot of help, we did successfully co-host a double/double hunt test with the San Diego Brittany Club. With relatively nice weather...just a little wind, we pulled off the event. With 25-28 dogs each day it was an enjoyable day with many new title

winners awarded. I would like to note that most of the help to pull off this event were not even Brittany Club Members...But let me recognize some key players that without their help neither event would have gotten off the ground.

### **A MAGGIE DOG STORY:**

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/1997/04/06/a-maggie-dog-story/afd36467-3e62-40bc-a1f9-f40a321f4375/>



First and foremost, Sheri Harder. She stepped up to take over from Jeri and I when Jeri had to enter the hospital shortly after New Year's. Sheri picked up the pieces and rallied the troops. Under her leadership she was able to muster the talent and resources to make it all happen. Sheri's friend Christine Snyder was without exception the Volunteer of the Century! Not even a member, she marshalled the CBC line and took care of all the paperwork and recording the stake results on both days. Ed Moody and Brian Jean showed up early in the week to set up and tear down courses for both sides. Ed Moody, Andrew Head, Mark Nunez and Robert Danelen were our gunners. Peter Hollenhorst and his family hosted the evening meal of lasagna and sides. So well done! Peter also judged both days, SDBC on Saturday and CBC on Sunday. Tyler Mitchel judged for the CBC both days and Leslie Troncale judged CBC on Saturday. Renee Thurber judged for SCBC on Saturday and Nancy Rapoport judged Sunday with Michael Parks. Mary Brown hosted and led the effort on the SDBC side...and they too had their host of volunteers to make it happen. It just shows that it takes a village to pull off a successful event.

As a side note, I was able to bring Jeri out to Camp H so she could see so many friends and watch Xena run to finish her Senior Hunter title. Though mostly sequestered to the camper and in bed, it was a personal goal of hers to make it out to the desert and she's so thankful for all the well wishes and greetings from so many good friends and acquaintances.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

I'd like to highlight two other events coming up this year, both of which Linda McDonald is hosting...three cheers for her efforts! The first is the America's Family Pet Expo in April 24-26, 202 at the OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA. This is a great family event in which we get to showcase the Brittany to the many visitors of the major annual event. Please take some time to come out and support this CBC sponsored booth. The second event is the California Brittany Club Specialty Show held on May 24, 2020. A part of the Mission Circuit at the Fairplex in Pomona, it is also the day which we hold our General Membership Meeting and Annual Awards. Three major club events on one day! If you don't attend all, many or any CBC events, this is the one we'd really love to see you at. As a part of the General Membership Meeting we close nominations for the Board of Directors and vote if no contested offices. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## 2019 DOG OF THE YEAR

It's time now to nominate and recognize your Brittany's for the various Dog of the Year categories. Details and forms are available to you on the CBC website. All nominations must be submitted not later than March 15, 2020. See <<https://www.californiabrittanyclub.org>> for more information.

### BRAGS

From Jeri Conklin: We are very proud of our GCH CH Camelot's Coppers Rollin' Four Dice JH, who with limited showing in 2019 finished 25<sup>th</sup> All Breed and 31<sup>st</sup> Breed Standing with his first Group placement. Dice and his BFF Emily Montoya of Team Stephen Cabral piloted Dice to his Grand Championship and he is now just 4 points away from his Grand Champion Bronze.



Dice & Diamond's offspring: CH Camelot's Rollin' Poker Chip JH is dual-pointed and working on his Senior Hunter then onto Master Hunter this spring. Chip was Second Money Male in the 2019 Western Futurity. Wolram's & Camelot's Comstock Cate SH, has field and show placements and working on her Master Hunter. Cate was 4<sup>th</sup> Place Junior Female in the 2019 Western Futurity.

From the CBC/SDBC Double/Double: We had a great time out at Camp H, February 8-9, and it my pleasure to recognize five of our member's newest title winners from that event.

New Title Junior Hunters:

- Caliah's Chief Brody Bodega Del Oso JH (Brody) O: Naomi & Samuel Gomez & Shellie Sytsma H: Naomi Gomez
- Caliah's Standing At Wallace Creek JH (Wallace) O: Mary Brown, Shellie & Caleb Sytsma and David Web H: Mary Brown



Wallace & Brody

- Mt. View's Mojave Night Wind JH (Brad) O: Stewart Morgan, Domenic Serago and Patricia Ortelli H: Stewart Morgan

New Title Senior Hunter:

- CH Copley's Warrior Princess of Camelot SH (Xena) O: Jeri Conklin, H: Brian Jean



Xena

The Following Weekend Junior Hunter,

- TK's Thunder Rolls Over Nashville West JH (Thunder) O/H: Brian Jean



Brad



Thunder



Deacon

From Joy Ory: Since going Reserve Winner's Dog at the 2018 American Brittany Club National Specialty Show, Deacon returned to competition in April 2019 and was awarded Best of Breed over the top male and female specials (our Piper), wrapped up his CH in May, GCH in June and placed in the Sporting Group in September. This youngster (19 months) was shown periodically and ended the year as the No. 18 Brittany in Breed with more than 20 Best of Breed wins awarded and No. 30 in All-Breed. GCHB CH Ory's Catch the Action (CH Triumphant's Absolutely G.Q. MH ROM x BISS GCHG CH Ory's Catch Me If You Can)

From Joy Ory: Our Piper was shown on a very limited basis in 2019. She departed the ring as the No. 1 Brittany Bitch and No. 3 Brittany overall as her focus was to return home to prepare for the future. She welcomed a beautiful litter in December and wrapped up 2019 as No. 15 in both Breed and All-Breed. Piper has achieved Top 20 status 2016 through 2019, garnering nearly 100 Best of Breed wins and a plethora of Sporting Group placements. Piper's offspring performed in 2019 earning 4 CH, 2 GCH and one BISS from the classes. Three offspring have defeated top specials from the classes while earning their



Piper



Championships. *BISS GCHG CH Ory's Catch Me If You Can (GCH DC Ory's Marshal Dillon SH ROM x CH Copley's Casino Royale)*



*Murphy*

From Joy Ory: Dillon's offspring continue to excel. During 2019, Rumor completed her first year as a special with multiple Best of Breed wins and Group Placements earning her Bronze GCH and ending the year as No. 8 in Breed and No. 12 All-Breed. Murphy continued to shine in the conformation ring and ended the year as the No. 9 Owner Handled Brittany and No. 23 in Breed. Gus and

Kasiri both completed their CH. Several are in the field running in adult stakes. GCH DC Ory's Marshal Dillon SH ROM (MBIS GCH CH Shelttany's Against All Odds ROM x DC Alar's Tango Bar)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Board of Directors Meeting      March 11, 2020      7:00 pm Via Telecon

(605) 475-4835 • Conference Number  
977356 • Access Code  
<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/free-teleconferencing-service>

CBC Summer Specialty      May 24, 2020      At Pomona Fairplex

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE**

We are looking for Volunteers to join the 2020/2021 Board of Directors. A member of the Nominating Committee will be reaching out to solicit and vet member candidates. With the realignment changes approved at the May 2019 General Membership Meeting, CBC officer terms are two years and are offset for continuity's sake. This coming year there will be vacancies for President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. Jeri and I will not be running for any offices so the club will need members to fill those two positions. Other board members, 1st Vice President (Ed Moody), 3rd Vice President (Christa Wedel) and Secretary (Kris Sandberg) will serve out terms through June 2021. I look forward to a new and energized leadership team and encourage all members to consider the opportunity to lead and drive positive change for our Club.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always looking to brag about our accomplishments...I can't brag on you if you don't first brag to me. So, please send me your accomplishments, victories...adventures. Also, if you'd like to share something with our fellow members, feel free to become a contributing editor/author. Pass on your great stories to our members.

v/r Kurt Conklin, President  
California Brittany Club

## CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kurt Conklin, President  
Ed Moody, 1st Vice President  
Vacant, 2nd Vice President

Christa Wedel, 3rd Vice President  
Kris Sandberg, Secretary  
Jeri Conklin, Treasurer

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

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