



CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”

THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER...

While the heat is on in Southern California and many of our active club members are on hiatus from events, there's still a lot going on. And as the calendar quickly eclipse us, soon we'll all be so busy that we'll forget this down time. There are still some local events, but the pace certainly has slowed down. Fall field trial and show events will be ramping up in September and all this summer training will pay off with a new crop of winning and championship dogs.

Don't forget there are a lot of alternative events for us to participate in as well. Jean Anton will bring us up to speed on many of the performance events going on in our area. Of course, there's the pleasure of playing on the beaches, hiking in the foothills and running out across the deserts. As for me...there's nothing wrong with the lap time either.

As we move on through the hot summer time, don't forget to watch out for the safety of your Brittanys. Heat stress is a real concern. Make sure to provide plenty of shade, water and cooling for your prized best friends. While air-conditioned kennels are probably not practical, having a nice mister system is a great way to show love. And don't forget to take care of yourselves as well...stay hydrated and if you start to feel any kind of dizziness or fatigue, stop your activities immediately, seek a cool place to rest and drink plenty of water.

How about sage grouse hunting in Montana? Here's a great video to enjoy and share!

<https://youtu.be/IHeT7xHxLeM>

WILLI MATCH

Regrettably we canceled the Willi Match at this time out of an abundance of concern for safety's sake. The temperatures we're experiencing in the Central Valley could place participants and our dogs in distress despite the fact that Christa's "Resort" has a nice cool swimming pool. Christa is working on establishing a new date and location and we'll pass that on as soon as she works out the details. We apologize the inconvenience to anyone who'd made plans and we hope that you'll join us for the event later this year.

FALL FIELD TRIAL

This year's 3-day Fall Field Trial will be returning to the Spanish Ranch in New Cuyama, October 12-14, 2019. Paul Doiron, the Field Trial Chair, invites everyone to come out to the amazing trial grounds with beautiful vistas for an amazing event. Saturday night will be exceptionally special with Country Entertainer Dave Stamey, Cowboy Laurette and Poet, providing an evening of great entertainment. Come out and enjoy the competition, the friendship and fun. As a bonus, the Southern San Joaquin Brittany Club will be hosting their 4-day trial starting the following Thursday, October 17-20. Premiums will be sent out when published. (Map included below)



Dave Stamey

COWBOYS AND INDIANS MAGAZINE HAS CALLED HIM "THE CHARLIE RUSSELL OF WESTERN MUSIC." WESTERN HORSEMAN MAGAZINE HAS DECLARED HIS "VAQUERO SONG" TO BE ONE OF THE GREATEST WESTERN SONGS OF ALL TIME. TRUE WEST MAGAZINE NAMED HIM BEST LIVING WESTERN SOLO MUSICIAN FOUR YEARS IN A ROW.

DAVE STAMEY HAS BEEN A COWBOY, A MULE PACKER, A DUDE WRANGLER, AND IS NOW ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR WESTERN ENTERTAINERS WORKING TODAY. HE HAS BEEN VOTED SEVEN TIMES ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR, SEVEN

TIMES MALE PERFORMER OF THE YEAR AND FIVE TIMES SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR BY THE WESTERN MUSIC ASSOCIATION, AND RECEIVED THE WILL ROGERS AWARD FROM THE ACADEMY OF WESTERN ARTISTS. HE'S DELIGHTED AUDIENCES IN TWENTY THREE STATES, AND FINDS THAT HE PREFERS THIS TO BEING STOMPED BY ANGRY HORSES.

IN NOVEMBER OF 2016 DAVE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE WESTERN MUSIC HALL OF FAME.

PERFORMANCE BRITTANYS

I know there are Brittanys out there in obedience, rally, agility, FastCat, and other sports, but I'm not getting any news, so here goes another report on the scent work contingent.

The Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills held their two-day trial on July 12th and 13th at the Los Angeles Live Steamers Museum in Griffith Park. Entries were limited to 450, so you know it was a big deal. In spite of temperatures in the 90's, it was a great site for a trial, and we enjoyed big shade trees, a grassy park, and a pleasant breeze while we awaited our turns.

Saturday was a big day for Rowan (Oakhill It'sAbout Time) as she qualified in all four of her odor classes, earning a first in Containers, a fourth in Exterior, fifth in Buried, and sixth in Interior. The best news of all was when they announced that Rowan was Advanced High in Trial!

On the same day, Nero qualified in Exterior, Container, and Buried, and placed third in Buried. On Sunday Rowan qualified in Exterior, and placed third in Interior. Rowan and Nero placed first and second, respectively, in Advanced Buried. Brittanys rule!

The following weekend Rowan headed to Moorpark, where she won the Interior and Buried classes on Saturday. She repeated the win in Interiors on Sunday and took second in Buried. She also completed her Interior Advanced Elite title, with her tenth qualifying leg. These were evening trials to avoid the heat, with the last searches happening in gathering darkness well after sunset. Talk about challenging! The dogs just continued to follow their noses, but the handlers definitely struggled.

August looks pretty quiet as far as Central Coast scent work, but we will ramp up again in the Fall. Meanwhile, Rowan is going to test her heeling skills in a rally/obedience match this month. Hopefully I can convince her that, unlike scent work where she gets to lead, she's supposed to follow my lead around the ring. We've been trying to negotiate this matter for 2 years now, and although I know Brittanys are known to be eager to please, I have a feeling she is still not ready to concede on this issue. If you never hear any results from this event, you'll know Rowan ruled the day (from her perspective at least) again.

There are plenty of obedience, rally, and scent work trials coming up, so hopefully there will be new wins, points, and qualifying runs to share next month. Don't forget to send me your stories and brags about those great performance Brittanys at jeanganton@aol.com.

- Jean Anton, Performance Chairman <jeanganton@aol.com>

BRAGS

Unfortunately, I've received NO brags this month. Come on folks! I know there's a lot of things going on out there...feel free to share. Send me an email and pictures and we'll share with the whole club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Membership Meeting	TBD	TBA
2019 Fall Field Trial	October 12-14, 2019	Spanish Ranch, New Cuyama, CA
Board of Directors Meeting	October 16, 2019	7:00 pm Via Telecon (See below)

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

2020 Spring Field Trial	January 24-26, 2020	Camp H, California City, CA
Double/Double Hunt Test	February 8-9, 2020	Camp H, California City, CA

REST IN PEACE

We just received notice of the passing of long-time Brittany Brittany member Susan Kerns passed away July 13, 2019. Friends may contact the family through Susan's daughter Tracy at <playin2win@san.rr.com>.

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

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DIRECTIONS TO THE FALL FIELD TRIAL

