



CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy Holidays to all! The season for festivities is upon us as we close out the calendar 2019. As a club we can take pride in our accomplishments over this past year. We've hosted two successful field trials, co-hosted a double/double hunt test, and co-hosted the ABC Summer Specialty as well as our hosting our own CBC Specialty. It's been a very busy year and now it's time for all of us to take a respite and enjoy some time with family and friends. I'd like to wish each and everyone of you a joyful holiday season and a most bountiful New Year!

The ABC Nationals held in Booneville and Fort Smith, Arkansas are still on-going. While the show and agility are were completed November 23rd-24th, the field trial is still going and encountering challenging weather. Typical for this time of year, there have been a few delays. More news from the field trial next month when the high-level competition event finally ends.

It was great to attend portions of the ABC National event and the Annual Board Meeting and see the California Brittany Club and California in general well represented. We'd like to congratulate a California based Champion, GCHS River Run Shake A Tail Feather JH “Piper” for winning this year's ABC National Show Dog, handled by Janice Hayes and owned by Gail Easter and Joel Dannewitz from the Northern California Brittany Club. A great run and well-deserved win!

Brittany Judging at the 2019
Westminster Kennel Club Dog
Show!

[https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/
breed-results-videos/breed-videos-
2019/brit-2019-video](https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/breed-results-videos/breed-videos-2019/brit-2019-video)

Close on the horizon is our 2020 Spring Field Trial to be held at “Outside Camp H” in California City, CA on January 25-26, 2020. The premium is out and posted on the CBC webpage <<https://www.californiabrittanyclub.org>>. As one part of seven consecutive

weeks of field events, I encourage everyone to participate and volunteer to work the event. It takes more than just two-three people to make these big events happen...we truly need YOUR HELP!

Then on February 8-9 we co-host with the San Diego Brittany Club a Double/Double Hunt Test also being held at Camp H. This is a very fun event for everyone and very participant friendly. Come on out and have some fun with your Brittans and as always, we can use a little help to pull it off!

I'd like to also highlight two other events later next year. The first is the Pet Expo in April at the Costa Mesa Fairgrounds and the CBC Specialty Show in May at the Fairplex in Pomona.

2019 DOG OF THE YEAR

It's time now to nominate and recognize your Brittans 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.

PERFORMANCE BRITTANYS

Our good friend Nero has tried a whole new sport! Matt and Stephanie took him to a Trailing and Locating event sponsored by NASDA and had an exciting time. Unlike scent work trials, in which the dog searches a designated area for a "hide" consisting of a q-tip size article scented with birch, anise, clove, or cypress oil, which may be in a container, buried in a tub, or hidden anywhere in an interior or exterior, this new sport involves a live target, generally a rat. A trail is laid, which the dog follows to find a live rat (in a cage) within the allowable time. This differs from a barn hunt, where there is a live rat, but no scent trail.

Anyway, Nero made a total of six runs, earning his TL1 title and is only two points away from his UL1 (urban locating) title. In the process he won first place and high in class in two runs as well as two seconds and a third. Way to go Nero!

Meanwhile Rowan is on a sort of sabbatical leave from scent work competition while we try to recalibrate her searches. It seems that she has decided the possibility of finding live prey in the surrounding environment is more enticing than locating more oil-scented hides in the designated areas. With the guidance of two terrific trainer/competitors, I'm trying to get her engaged in fun games every time she comes

out of the car or crate wearing her harness, leading to simple searches once she is focusing well. Only after a successful alert on a hide does she earn a wonderful treat that she never gets any other time. If you have ever smelled buffalo lung steaks, you have to wonder, as I do, why anyone would think it's worth eating, but Rowan says they are delicious!

We are on the waiting list for a small trial at the end of December, and entered in another big trial in early January, so we'll see if this new patterning does the trick. Meanwhile, Happy Holidays to everyone! I'm sure there are some Brittany's out there competing in Rally, Obedience, Agility, and other sports, but we need to hear from them!

P.S., 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 Brittany's at jeanganton@aol.com.

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

BRAGS



SR's Blew By Typhoon

From Dan Doiron: 2019 ABC National Field Championship winners! Runner Up: SR's Blew By Typhoon, handled by Paul Doiron for owner Dan Doiron

From Kris Sandberg: Pending AKC confirmation, Sunny went Best of Breed in Arizona and is now CH CalDream's Sailor Sunny La Mer.

Congratulations to "Sunny", Kris and Kathy Grayson.



Sunny



Dice

From Jeri Conklin: Congratulations to team Emily Montoya of Team Stephen Cabral and GCH Camelot's Coppers Rollin Four Dice JH on their BOB and Group 3 placement at Costa Mesa on December 7th under breed and group judge Mr. Terry Stacy over a nice ring of specials.

From Linda McDonald:



Linda McDonald

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Allie, DC K Nine's Finale's Way To Go is the new National Amateur Gun Dog Champion! Thank you to Tommy Thomas who stepped up to handle and to Mike Poehler who scouted my girl (and to their horses who I understand she wore out.) A huge thank you to her trainers, Paul and Peggy Doiron, who have done such an incredible job training her. I am SO proud of my wild child!



UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 Spring Field Trial	January 25-26, 2020	Camp H, California City, CA
Double/Double Hunt Test	February 8-9, 2020	Camp H, California City, CA
Board of Directors Meeting	February 19, 2020	7:00 pm Via Telecon

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

In January I will be appointing a committee to solicit and vet candidates for the Board of Directors for the upcoming year. With the realignment changes approved at the May 2019 General Membership Meeting, CBC officer terms are two years and half are offset for continuity's sake. This coming year there will be vacancies for President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. 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

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

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