



CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”

THANKS & GIVING

November is upon us and the year coming swiftly to a close. As the holiday season approaches, we should reflect upon all the great things that we've been blessed with this year and never forget that giving is every bit as important as receiving. We've had amazing events this year and we are eternally thankful for all the volunteers as well as participants who've supported our California Brittany Club events. As a quick rundown, the year started out with the Spring Field Trial in January quickly followed by the highly successful Double/Double Hunt Test in February. Over Labor Day the CBC co-hosted the ABC Summer Specialty Show as well as held our own CBC Specialty Show in conjunction with the Mission Circuit at the Fairplex. Then in October, CBC hosted an amazing Fall Field Trial out at the Spanish Ranch in New Cuyama, where Paul and Peggy Doiron pulled out all the stops and set another high bar for our Club.

NBC Sports showcases
the Brittany at the 2018
National Dog Show!

<https://www.nbcsports.com/video/brittany-2018-national-dog-show-sporting-group>

On the giving side, The California Brittany Club generously donated to many good causes this year. We sent AKC Reunite - \$250, California Search Dog - \$250, The National Bird Dog Hall of Fame - \$100 and to F.I.D.O. - \$100.

So, as we roll into the festive season ahead, I wish to pass on my personal thanks to all the folks who've helped make this year one of the best ever. May you enjoy time with your family and your best Brittany friends. I wish each of you peace and generous blessing for this holiday season and the coming New Year!!!!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On November 6, 2019 we held our semi-annual General Membership Meeting via telephone conference. It was held this way out of a means of convenience and in a effort to increase participation. Information was in each of the previous three monthly news letters and Kris did an email blast the just before the meeting. To participate is by way of the telecon is easy and free. Earlier in the year, we'd sent a survey out regarding this medium and it received a resounding 100% affirmative vote. Sadly, only three people called in. Our NEW Constitution and Bylaws reduced the stringent requirement of 15 members to form a quorum down to 7, and then we didn't even get that! With nearly 80 members in the CBC I am disturbed by the lack of participation of our club members...in meetings, events and nearly everything. The burden falls upon a scant few to push the club through the year. With just a handful of people, we keep the business of the CBC moving, but the burden is such that the activities everyone wants to have will soon vanish without more help, more participation, more engagement. After the first of the year, I will once again look for a nominating committee to seek officers for the next year. I can only hope that we have enough support from our membership to pick up the leadership mantle and to engage and participate in making the CBC stronger.

PERFORMANCE BRITTANYS

October brought hot whether to our area, which may have slowed, but never stopped the Performance Brittany's. The first weekend saw Rowan heading to Moorpark for a three-day trial with mixed results. We left home on Friday with temperatures in the 70's and arrived at the trial site in the 90's. My cool coastal dog showed her displeasure with just one qualifying score, a 10th place finish in Advanced Containers in 1:27, about double her average score. Saturday she forgave me and turned in three qualified scores, in Advanced Buried, Interiors, and Containers, placing 4th and a pair of first place wins. More like a Brittany performance! Sunday we only had two classes, with a successful run in Containers and what would have been a q in exteriors if I hadn't misread her crazed digging at the foot of a planter as lizard hunting, when actually she really was on the hide. What can you do with handlers who just don't get it? Anyway, the qualifying score in Containers gave her her 10th leg in that class, and her Scentwork Containers Advanced Elite title.

Nero, in the meantime headed to a barn hunt and reportedly had a great time! He was entered in the Open class and received first place and high score in his breed (well, he was the only Brittany in the class so that wasn't too hard). Next, he competed in Crazy Eights, where there are eight rats hidden in a pretty big arena and they have 2 or 2 1/2 minutes to find as many as they can, climbing over hay bales and through tunnels. Nero found seven of the 8 rats and received a score of 90 out of 100. Stephanie reported that

he had a fantastic time and left the arena covered in hay and with his tongue hanging out (big Brittany smile).

October 26th and 27th saw Rowan, Nero, and Iona all in Altadena for the San Gabriel Foothills scent work trial. Handler Noah was busy shadowing judges on Saturday as he plans on becoming a judge soon. If he judges anywhere near as well as he trains and teaches, he'll be a great asset to the sport. (I confess to being a little biased as he has been my mentor since our very first lesson). Rowan attempted her first to Excellent level classes on Saturday. She didn't pass, but we both learned a lot and enjoyed the experience. Nero did better, qualifying in Excellent Containers and Handler Discrimination, placing 5th in both.

On Sunday all three dogs were competing, with Rowan scoring her first leg in Excellent Containers in 5th place, Nero placed second in Excellent Containers and 5th in Handler Discrimination and winning an Excellent HD Ace Award! Big congratulations on that one, as only two dogs in Excellent qualified in H.D. both days. Iona and Noah came to play on Sunday, earning legs in Master's level in both Containers and Interiors. Brittanys didn't rule the show this time, but they made their presence known!

I'm sure there are some Brittanys 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 Brittanys at jeanganton@aol.com.

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

BRAGS

From Linda McDonald: K Nine Finale's Way To Go, "Allie", is now DC K Nine's Finale's Way To Go, owned and bred by Linda McDonald, trained and handled in the field by Paul and Peggy Doiran. In conformation, Allie was mostly owner handled with some assistance from Katelyn Ford and Nicole Riesgo. Allie will be a mother late this next spring but will continue with her field trialing, as well, hopefully working towards her AFC and American Field titles.



K Nine Finale's Way To Go

From Eric VonHerzen: I couldn't be any prouder of my Sonnyboy winning 1st place in Derby this weekend (2pts). Now to the Big leagues for him next season! And most of all the arrival of three beautiful chunky little girls. CH Colt JH, MHA and CH Pink (aka Pink a Dink) the proud parents...And me the proud Grandpa!!! Sometimes there's more to life than playing music.



Eric VonHerzen with Sonnyboy and Colt/Pink Litter

From Brian Jean: So very proud Jazz (TK's and CB's Jasmine Heart of Dixie SH) bred by Anne Henry and Jacqui Campbell. She took her first gun dog placement (3rd place) at the San Diego Brittany Club field trial (a Brittany Major). All of the mistakes made were made by the handler (my bad). Also, very proud of Thunder



Jazz with Brian Jean

(TK's Thunder Rolls Over Nashville West) bred by Anne Henry and Sheri Saul. Thunder was not eligible to run Saturday because he wasn't old enough yet — but he turned 6 months old on Sunday and was eligible. He ran great!! Handled very well responding to all of my commands. Judges were very impressed, but he ran out of gas in the last 1/3 of the course so couldn't be in consideration for a placement. He will be stronger next time!! I am totally thrilled about how each of the kids performed this weekend.

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

(605) 475-4835 • Conference Number

977356 • Access Code

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/free-teleconferencing-service>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Regrettably, I've accepted the resignation of our Second Vice President, Cathie Magoon, who is moving with her family to Colorado and unable to fulfill her duties and

responsibilities assigned. We wish her well as she makes the move to the Rocky Mountain State!

The Board of Directors will be looking for a volunteer to fill the Second Vice President's position. Anyone wishing to help the CBC by taking on that role, please contact any Board Member and we will evaluate and vote on the matter.

As a result of Cathie's resignation, I've appointed Linda McDonald to chair the CBC Specialty Show that'll be held in conjunction with the Mission Circuit at the LA County Fairplex over the Memorial Day weekend. She will need your help and support to pull off a successful show, so please connect with Linda to see where she can use your skills. Thank you Linda for stepping up!

As an added note, please understand that Jeri and I will be stepping down at the end of this term from the Board of Directors due to health reasons. We need time to resolve these issues and appreciate the opportunity we've had. We will continue to support the CBC and it's efforts but need to pass the baton on to a new team of leaders.

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
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