



## CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

*“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”*

### LET THE FUN BEGIN

While the seasons never rest and dog activities never cease, September seems to be the perennial beginning of a new and very active dog eventing season. With the coming of fall the temperatures drop and the activities ramp up once again. Crisp mornings, comfortable afternoons and starry starry nights (for those of you roughing it in your \$150,000+ motor homes or RVs) make for a refreshing time to get out and about with our best friends. Hunting seasons open around the country and whether you're hunting, showing, performance eventing, obedience or field trialing...our Brittanys are ready for the fun and it is fun, right?

It's going to be a busy time and I want to encourage everyone to come out and support our sponsored events next month. Many thanks for Paul and Peggy Doiron, Myra-Dawn Ellis and Dan Doiron for hosting the 2019 Fall Field Trial at Spanish Ranch west of New Cuyama, CA. It's a great annual event and as an added bonus, Dan's invited Dave Stamey to entertain the crowd on Saturday night. It'll not only be a great evening, it'll be a great weekend!

Volunteers are always appreciated, and I encourage you to trek out to help Paul and Peggy at the Field Trial. Many hands make light work and there's no end to the help you may provide. From marshalling at start line to helping serve judges lunch, no one's efforts will be refused. Another unique aspect of the Spanish Ranch venue is the dog wagon. Non-participants can ride on the dog wagon and watch the dogs running the course while riding parallel across the ridges.

Here's a semi-humorous video describing the nature of our beloved Brittanys!

<https://youtu.be/8KvjusgcrXI>

## 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 Chairman, 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. CBC premium is attached to the end of the letter. (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

Well, as promised, Rowan made her return to the rally ring after a year of concentrating on scent work. As my scent work mentor, Noah Gaines, says, one of the biggest mental differences between scent work and obedience is that in scent work the dog is in charge and leads the way, whereas in obedience the dog is following the handler's lead. At least, that's what I kept telling Rowan during her first and second year while we tried to learn rally/obedience exercises. Since she has tremendous drive and really struggles with heeling, no matter how briskly I walk, I was concerned that a year of scent work

was going to make her even more reluctant to slow down and heel next to me on a loose lead.

Once again, Rowan proved that Brittanys are more clever than we sometimes give them credit for. We arrived at the show site an hour before classes began and strolled around the big grassy field, winding among the tents and set-ups and checking out the grass for possible gopher sightings. Then Rowan returned to the car to relax while I walked through the course several times. As is frequently the case at rally matches, there was only one course set up, with all four levels running in the same area. At each exercise spot there were from one to four signs, with colored post-it strips designating which instructions were meant for each level. I knew at that point that the biggest problem was going to be the handler (me) picking out the correct action at each of the seventeen stations. When our turn came we started out fine, with Rowan downing promptly at my command at the first station and then returning to heel forward. I found the correct sign at all but two spots, repeating those two successfully as soon as I realized I was starting the wrong action. We finished the course in reasonably good shape, earning a “well done” from the judge. It was at that point, exiting the ring, that it occurred to me that not once on the course had I needed to call Rowan to slow down or speed up or get back to my side. Every mistake on course was mine... Rowan knew exactly what she was supposed to be doing. Leading the way on scent work searches for a year not only didn't hurt our obedience performance, it actually taught her to pay more attention to me!

On the scent work front, Nero spent some time up in the Big Bear area and competed very successfully in another trial. He and owners Matt and Stephanie Reed placed second in exteriors and third in containers, both in the advanced level, while completing titles in interiors, exteriors, handler discrimination, and overall Advanced. Great work, Nero!

Unfortunately, Nero had a tough time afterwards. They stayed in a cabin right next to the lake and Nero spent a lot of time swimming and splashing in the water. Saturday night he became seriously ill with diarrhea, not eating, and lethargy. He was put on multiple medications and recovered fully, but not before he lost five pounds. All of this happened right after I had seen a news story about numerous dogs becoming ill or dying after swimming in lakes with blue-green algae. Sounds a lot like what happened to Nero and when I went online and found a long list of lakes in California where the algae is present, I discovered that Big Bear Lake is one of them. Many of you may already know about this danger, but for those of us who hadn't heard, this is a real wake-up call.

Stay safe and enjoy those wonderful dogs in all their varied endeavors!

Jean Anton

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](mailto:jeanganton@aol.com) .

- Jean Anton, Performance Chairman <[jeanganton@aol.com](mailto: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	November 6, 2019	7:00 pm Via Telecon (See below)
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 24-25/26, 2020	Camp H, California City, CA
Double/Double Hunt Test	February 8-9, 2020	Camp H, California City, CA

## SEEKING HELP FOR SPRING FIELD TRIAL

We have an opportunity to grow the Team and pass the baton. Due to unforeseen circumstances Kurt and Jeri Conklin's ability to participate in these events has been dramatically constrained. With a strong membership base the CBC needs your help supporting the Spring Field Trial, scheduled for January 24-25/26 at Camp H. As the 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Ed Moody will lead the overall effort to make our field events spectacular, but he needs help filling the single most important role to a successful field trial. He needs a Field Trial Secretary immediately. If you think you'd like to help the CBC keep our field trial a premiere event please contact Ed, Kurt or Jeri. This is a great opportunity for a new team to pick up the reins and make this event even better. Kurt and Jeri will provide support and mentoring to the new team while transitioning responsibilities.

## 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

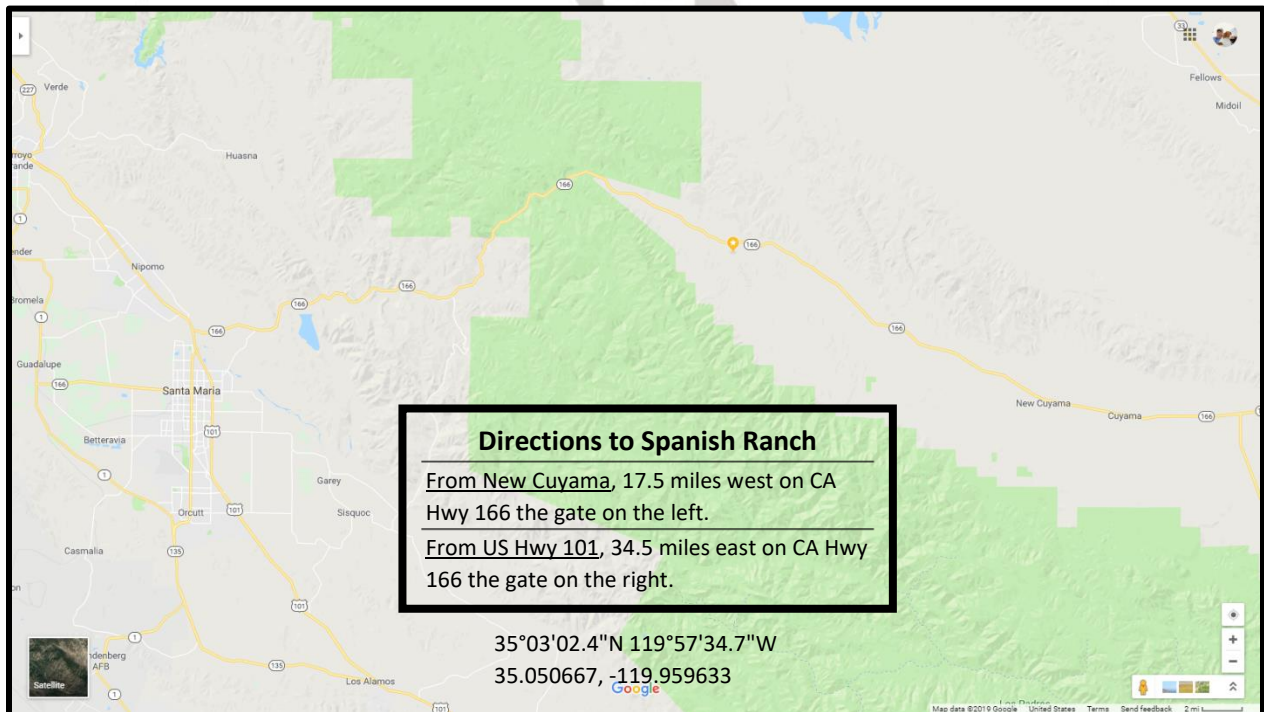
## CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kurt Conklin, President  
Ed Moody, 1st Vice President  
Cathie Magoon, 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

## DIRECTIONS TO THE FALL FIELD TRIAL





Field Trial Premium

Event Number 2019147205



**CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB**

Myra-Dawn Ellis  
17050 Scottsdale Road  
Riverside, CA 92504

**CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB**

October 12 - 14, 2019  
Spanish Ranch - New Cuyama, CA  
GPS: N 35-03.040 X W 119-57.578  
Additional info at: [www.californiabrittanyclub.org](http://www.californiabrittanyclub.org)  
This Field Trial is being held under the Rules and Procedures of  
The American Kennel Club

**All stakes are open to all Pointing Breeds.**  
Bitches in season may not compete in any stake.

Make checks payable to  
**CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB**  
All fees must be paid prior to the running of the dog.

Mail advance entries, with entry fees, to:  
Myra-Dawn Ellis, Field Trial Secretary  
17050 Scottsdale Road, Riverside, CA 92504  
Contact Field Trial Secretary at 951-789-7222 for information.  
No phone entries please.  
Email entries on official AKC entry form will be accepted at  
[mppoon711@aol.com](mailto:mppoon711@aol.com)

Entries will close at 2PM (PST) on  
**Monday, October 7, 2019**

With the Field Trial Secretary at 17050 Scottsdale Road, Riverside, CA 92504.  
Drawing will take place at 7:00 PM (PST) on **Monday, October 7, 2019**  
At 17050 Scottsdale Road, Riverside, CA

**Judges and Stakes to be Judged**

**Open Gun Dog**

Craig Lewis (Z1821) - 27712 Heywood Dr., Sanguis, CA 91350-1741  
Ed Mayhew (Z1329) - 32655 Priscilla St, Winchester, CA 92596-9688

**Open Derby**

Joe Cower (96046) - PO Box 4346, Auburn, CA 95604  
Michael Vaz (19120) - 3254 Keith Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546-2952

**Open Puppy**

Ed Dixon (Z1919) - 3200 Rocking RM Ln, Norco, CA 92860  
Michael Vaz (19120) - 3254 Keith Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546-2952

**Amateur Gun Dog**

Ed Mayhew (Z1329) - 32655 Priscilla St, Winchester, CA 92596-9688  
Patti Van De Coevering (26082) - 25620 SE Rebban Rd, Borning, OR 97009-8116

**Open All Age**

Bruce Hale (Z2131) - 5358 Trail St, Norco, CA 92860-2467  
LeRoy Merrell (17445) - 16138 Ummh Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93314-9299

Saturday, Oct. 12  
**Dave Stamey**  
Cowboy Entertainer  
Performing

**Closing Date**  
**Mon, Oct. 7th**





Welcome to the

# California Brittany Club's

Fall 2019 Field Trial

## Meals for the Weekend

To Start Your Day – Continental Breakfast

**Saturday Lunch**  
Lunch Meat

**Sunday Lunch**  
Tri-tip or Pulled Pork Sandwiches

**Monday**  
On your Own

**Saturday Dinner \$10**  
Tri-tip

**Sunday Dinner**  
Lasagna

### Saturday Night Dinner and Entertainment

**\$10 per person**



#### Dave Stamey Cowboy Entertainer

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.

(Cut off here and return with entries)

### MEAL RESERVATION FORM for dinner and entertainment Saturday, Oct. 12th

Please return this form By October 7<sup>th</sup> to

CBC c/o Myra-Dawn Ellis, 17050 Scottsdale Road, Riverside, CA 92504

*A separate check made payable to  
California Brittany Club for meal would be appreciated.  
It makes bookkeeping easier.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meals  
Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 (per person) TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_



**Use of personal ATV's on grounds must be approved prior to trial.**

Camping is permitted on the grounds.

**The fire danger will be high, so no campfires,  
and smoking in your rigs only please.**

There will be a porta-potty.  
Water will be available at the starting line and on the course.  
Weather – Be prepared for anything.

Bracing Information will be available on the  
California Brittany Club's website  
[www.californiabrittanyclub.org](http://www.californiabrittanyclub.org)

### **Lodging and Other Vital Info**

**HOTELS IN SANTA MARIA, CA** - These hotels are approximately 36 miles from trial grounds. These are the two closest hotels directly off the North Broadway (1st Santa Maria exit) exit on Highway 101 that allow dogs.



**Motel 6 Santa Maria #675**  
2040 North Preisker Lane  
US 101/SR 166 at SR 135/North Broadway Street  
Santa Maria, CA, 93454  
Phone: (805) 928-8111 Fax: (805) 349-1219



**Holiday Inn & Suites**  
2100 N. Broadway  
Santa Maria, CA  
(805) 928-6000



Everyone will be required to sign a "Release and Indemnification Agreement" form before the trial begins.  
See Myra-Dawn Ellis to check in and sign the release.

### THE ALL IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS

GPS: N 35-03.040 X W 119-57.578



THERE ARE NO GAS STATIONS CLOSE TO THE RANCH.  
THE CLOSEST GAS STATIONS WILL BE FOUND  
IN MARICOPA, OR SANTA MARIA.



TEMPORARY LOCK WILL BE INSTALLED ON GATE FOR THE TRIAL  
**COMBINATION IS 1234**  
REMEMBER TO LOCK THE GATE AFTER YOU PASS THROUGH IT



The ranch is a working cattle ranch.

Please drive carefully and watch for any stray cattle that may be on the roads.

Make sure you close all gates behind you on your way in and out.

The fire danger will be high, so no campfires, and smoking in your rigs only please.

From Interstate 5, go west on 166 toward Maricopa. Proceed through Maricopa and go approximately 47 more miles to mile marker 47. Spanish Ranch is approximately 17 miles past New Cuyama on the left. (It is a total of 65 miles from I-5).

\*There is a sign, and a pull out at the entrance to the Ranch. Proceed through the gate, and cross the bridge. There is a speed limit on the bridge and the owners have requested that only one rig cross the bridge at a time. Continue on the road and follow the signs to the trial grounds and parking area.

From Highway 101, take Highway 166 east and go approximately 36 miles to mile marker 47. Spanish Ranch will be on your right. Then proceed as directed above.\*