



## CALIFORNIA BRITTANY CLUB

*“The Brittany Forever a Dual Dog”*

### FALL FUN

As I begin writing this, the first brace of our Fall Field Trial is kicking off at the Spanish Ranch in New Cuyama. Many thanks to Dan Doiron for hosting and to Paul & Peggy Doiron for Chairing the event and of course Myra-Dawn Ellis for the unenviable job as Field Trial Secretary. Of course there are a number of volunteers we'd like to thank, because without them these events can never be pulled off successfully. I'd like to recognize our judges who ride all day in the saddle giving our competition the fair evaluation and assessment of the competitors. And of course all of the participants...without you we'd have no Field Trial.

I regrettably am not able to attend or participate this year, but I know many of you are having the pleasure of sharing this year's activities with family and friends. Tonight Dave Stamey will serenade the Trialers and that's all due to Dan's amazing relationship with Dave...Can't begin to thank you enough. I will be streaming Dave's music today just to live tonight's event vicariously through his music. Enjoy this amazing Field Trial and may the BEST Brittany's win!!!

Here's a great little article about hunting pheasant!

<https://pheasantsforever.org/BlogLanding/Blogs/Nancy-Anisfield/Medium-Size-Full-Force-The-Brittany.aspx?feed=articles>

### Performance Brittanys

Sometimes I am so wrapped up in how well our Brittanys do at scent work that I forget they are still individuals susceptible to all kinds of outside influences. Both Rowan and Nero were entered in a trial near Sylmar early in September. Unfortunately, my fears about Southern California's unpredictable autumn weather turned out to be accurate

(we've been really lucky up until now with mild temperatures in Pomona and Burbank). Up in Little Tujunga Canyon our luck failed us.

The site on a ranch could have been really nice, but the staging area was crowded, hot, and dusty, with no relief from the sun. This was a self-queuing trial, meaning that the search areas for all levels and elements were available all day. The organizers planned an "evening trial" to avoid the heat but unfortunately, since there was no lighting for the search areas, they had to begin at 2:00 p.m. in order to be finished before dark (still didn't quite make it). This meant that we were there to check in and compete in the heat of the day. The self-queuing concept is great, and, if everyone doesn't show up at the same time, works pretty well. Sadly, because of the shortened day, nearly everyone was there at about the same time, leading to long waits. In spite of lots of water to drink, a soaking wet cooling vest, and a fan, Rowan was clearly overheated and unhappy.

Since we couldn't get the car out of the crammed parking area, we took a shot at the searches. When you add the uncomfortable weather to the site, which was scrub oak on hilly terrain and gullies, filled with birds, lizards, rabbits, and who knows what else, Rowan and I were fighting an uphill battle. My always super interior searcher couldn't ignore all the wildlife she smelled in the gear-and-junk-filled storage shed and found no hides. Then she ignored the sand-filled tubs in the buried class and paced up and down staring at the nearby ravine filled with chattering birds. She strained at the perimeter in the exterior search area, avoiding the lovely grass and paver lattice in favor of the wilds beyond, stepping right over the hides without blinking. Only the container search interested her long enough to find both hides and earn another leg. By the time we made it back to the staging area she was panting so heavily that all I wanted to do was get her to the air-conditioned motel. Expecting the same situation the following day, I withdrew from Sunday's competition and took her home. Stephanie and Nero didn't arrive until near the six o'clock deadline and had to cope with fading daylight (they didn't finish until after dark), but somewhat cooler temperatures. Nero managed to qualify in containers and interior, placing third in interiors.

Rowan did manage to redeem herself this past weekend in Moorpark, where she finished her Container Advanced Elite title, taking two first places and two fourths along the way. She still showed way less focus than hoped for in an area filled with lizards and running quail, so we will be working hard on engagement and focus the next few weeks.

October 26th and 27th will see Rowan, Nero, and Iona all competing at the big trial in Altadena, in various Advanced, Excellent, and Master's level classes. Hopefully the Brittany contingent will put in another eye-catching performance!

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 Brittneys at [jeanganton@aol.com](mailto:jeanganton@aol.com).

- Jean Anton, Performance Chairman <[jeanganton@aol.com](mailto:jeanganton@aol.com)>

## BRAGS

Glenn owned and handled by Stewart Morgan won this year's 2019 CBC Open Gun Dog with an amazing run at Spanish Ranch. Congratulations to Glenn and Stewart!



*Glenn handled by Stewart Morgan*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Directors Meeting      October 16, 2019      7:00 pm Via Telecon (See below)

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San Diego Walking Field Trial	November 2-3, 2019	Claymine, California City, CA
General Membership Meeting	November 6, 2019	7:00 pm Via Telecon
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

## 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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