
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

January 2005



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looks like Old Man Winter has a nasty streak! Many of us, including me were out of power for days (6 to be exact!) then hit with more Ice and then several snow storms. Is Spring on it's way soon??? Probably not.... but oh well we must move forward. We had a nice meeting at the Starlite Diner in Allentown on Jan 19. We had a nice showing with about 15 people attending but of course it is still the same faces. I wish some of the new members would attend and get involved. Some of us are getting a little weary. We need some new blood to keep the club going.

Some points of interest are K-9 learning. Plan to attend this event. It is very educational as well as fun to see all the dogs and events. We have big plans for the Summer Specialty so keep watching for more news on that BIG EVENT.

The Bi-Laws revision was presented to me at the meeting. A board meeting is planned to review the changes and will present the revision at a general membership meeting to vote on each individual change. Please watch for the date of the meeting.

We finally made a decision about a Website and Claire Ricci will head the committee to get the Anthracite Brittany Club Website up and running. This sounds like an exciting thing for our club. We will keep you posted as to the progress.

Hope to see you all when the ground thaws!

Linda

NEXT MEETING:
April 13th, 2005
FMI: Linda Starner

Coordinators:

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Based on information from the ABC, the following members' dues are now payable: (cont)

April

Rod Beckstead
Mary Ann Breininger
Jeff Currier
George Habecker
Carol McMurray
Sam Moser
Rick Ortelli
Joe Ringler
Linda Starner

May

Gloria Hartman
Larry Hilliard
Joe Wertz

Thank You

Deb Rudert

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Secretary's Report

The policy of the American Brittany Club is that you submit your dues 60 to 90 days before the date that is printed on the back of your magazine. Otherwise waiting to submit your due until the date stamped on the back of the magazine will result in missed magazine issues as well as interruption in membership. As a reminder the due dates are printed below. Annual Dues of \$25.00 payable to the Anthracite Brittany Club should be sent to Deb Rudert at 4364 Valley Drive, Allentown, PA 18104.

The following members are Past Due:

Fernando Barahona
Keith Keister
Mary Jo Meyers

Based on information from the ABC, the following members' dues are now payable:

March

Marta Beckstead
Barbara Buffington
William DeCicco
Clyde Daubert
Charlotte Gulycz
Kimberly Kaiser
Carmine Minichini
Claire Ricci
Joe Znyski

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please volunteer – our club and its activities happen because of the volunteers – Please volunteer your time!!

From the Editor's Desk

All information for the newsletter should be submitted in a *timely fashion*. I would prefer if information were submitted via email in the message section or as an attachment. Just a reminder that

1. All members that have an email on file with the secretary will be receiving their newsletter electronically. This will be as an attachment (pdf – Adobe Acrobat file). Sending the newsletter electronically saves the club postage and photocopying expenses.
2. If you are receiving this newsletter via 'snail/US' mail, then we are asking that you volunteer your time to make the photocopies, stuff envelopes and mail the newsletter. Please contact Linda Starnar, Bobbi Dunkling or myself to volunteer for this job.

Cindy

Upcoming Calendar of Events

January 29: Canine Learning – Contact Claire Ricci

February 27th: Board Meeting and Summer Specialty Meeting

April 13th: Membership meeting – FMI: Contact Linda Starnar

June 4th: Fun Field Trial: FMI: Contact Jim Wilkinson

Summer Specialty Trophy Donations

Hi Members!! We need help from all of you to make the 2005 American Brittany Club Summer Specialty, hosted by the Anthracite Brittany Club a success. We are asking for you to sponsor a class for the summer specialty.

We still have some open spaces on our Trophy donation list. The classes available at \$10 each are:

- Novice Bitch
- American Bred Bitch
- Sweeps 6 to 9 puppy dog
- Sweeps 9 to 12 puppy bitch.

Please contact me if you are interested in sponsoring a class (Deb Rudert 610-366-0848 or by email at debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com)

ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING January 20, 2005

The Anthracite Brittany Club meeting was brought to order at approximately 7:15 PM by Linda Starnar on January 20, 2005 at the Starlight Restaurant in Allentown. Officers present were Linda Starnar, Mary Ann Breininger, Deb Rudert & Bobbie Dunkling. Directors present were David Wieder and Terri Hilliard. Members present were Jim Wilkinson, Pat Ortelli, Bob Williams, Marta Beckstead, Joe Sikorski and Associate Members Claire Ricci and Rod Beckstead.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the last Anthracite Brittany Newsletter. Seconded by Marta Beckstead and Motion passed.

President's Report: Linda Starnar

The Chair people and officers have been busy with the upcoming events. Claire is working on Canine Learning Experience, which is Jan 29th and Jan 30th. We are still looking for someone to volunteer for the Show Chair Spot that will be opening for 2006. The Website is overdue and we will discuss it in Old business tonight. Also, the Summer Specialty will be a challenge this year. We need all club

members to help out and volunteer to make all of our events successful.

Secretary's Report: Deb Rudert

The National Club has raised the dues in 2005 to \$30 a year for membership. Associate membership will remain at \$5 for the year.

The revised By-Laws have been mailed to AKC.

The Club Insurance is due. We should take the opportunity to look at other options and if our policy is working for us. We will discuss in New Business.

The memberships "New Titles and Special Awards" ad for 2003 & 2004 has been sent to the magazine. It should appear in the March Magazine.

Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Dunkling

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
October	\$12,727.33	\$ 475.62	\$ 776.00	\$12,426.95
November	\$12,426.95	\$ 340.00	\$1,553.28	\$11,213.67
December	\$11,222.41	\$ 3,232.22	\$ 350.00	\$14,114.63
ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB FINAL REPORT 2004				
	\$14,993.29	\$17,249.25	\$18,127.91	\$14,114.63
ANTHRACITE BRITTANY RESCUE FINAL REPORT 2003				
	\$1,866.67	\$4,493.00	\$4,089.35	\$2,270.32

A motion was made to accept the report and Seconded by Jimmy Wilkinson.

Vice-President's Report:

Mary Ann Breininger no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trial:

George Habecker, Chairperson

In George's absence, Bobbie gave this financial report. The trial was held on May 21 and May 22, 2004. We took in \$2827.00, spent \$3159.00 for a loss of \$332.00. A portion of the loss was attributive to the purchase of the Jim Sargent Challenge Trophy.

Hunt Test:

Dave Weider, Chairperson

The Hunt Test was held September 18 and September 19, 2004. After recalculations were made we took in \$2925.44, expenses were \$2824.58, with a profit of \$186.00.

Picnic:

Linda Starnner and Terri Hilliard, Co-Chairpersons no report

Brittany Rescue Report: No report

Canine Learning:

Claire Ricci, Chairperson

Preparations are just about completed. Set up for the booth is Friday night Jan 28th between 2pm and 8pm. Anyone that would like to come out to help set up is welcome. (Check with Claire on what time she is arriving). Any pictures you have to place in the books on the table would be appreciated. Get them to me as soon as possible.

The booth will be set up from 9am to 4 pm on Saturday Jan 29th. Anyone who would like to help out at the booth talking to Brittany lovers is welcome. Please stop and visit. The directions are on the Rau website at www.raudogshows.com under Canine Learning Experience. Or on the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club site at www.lvkc.org

Grounds: No report.

Legislative: No report.

Newsletter:

Cindy Miller, editor
Not present no report

Bi-Laws committee:

Rod Beckstead Chairperson

Rod and his committee Dave Weider and Larry Hilliard have presented proposed changes. This is to be discussed at the board meeting in February. The two main points are to eliminate Associate Memberships, and to allow Chair people to serve more than two year terms. The committee has also proposed splitting the By-Laws into two separate sections the Constitution and the By-Laws.

2005 ABC Summer Specialty Show committee:

Terry Hilliard Chairperson

All the paperwork is filed with AKC. We will have another meeting of the committee in February.

Pat Ortelli and Mary Ann Breininger reported that the Ad is ready for the magazine and will most likely be in the February issue. We will have a two page ad in May. The group is working on the t-shirts and pens.

The show will close the first Wednesday in July with Rau Superintendent.

We are looking for someone to come up with an idea for a backdrop for the pictures. Anyone with suggestions email or call Terry.

Agility Committee:

Charlene Frable Chairperson

Bobbie reported that the applications have been sent in, the judges are hired, the equipment is rented and the Secretary is in place.

Fun Field Trial

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairperson

Fun Field Trial will be held at Water and Wings in Zionsville on Saturday June 4th.

Election of New Members

Carl Fuls was presented for new membership. Jimmy Wilkinson made a motion to accept. Seconded by Deb Rudert

First reading of new members: Bill Hazelton, Doylestown, PA

OLD BUSINESS

Website_- A motion was made by Bobbie Dunkling to set up a Website with Jessica Carlson. Motion seconded.

Discussion was held. The website is a \$200 set up fee and \$120 per year charge. Domain is owned by American Brittany Club.

Claire Ricci agreed to contact Jessica and begin setting up the site.

By-Laws proposal: To be reviewed by board and voted on at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Williams made a motion to respond to the AKC purposed online entry service.

After discussion a motion was made by Jimmy Wilkinson to send out a letter to both the Dog show Superintendents Assoc and to the AKC stating that our Club opposes the online entry service. Seconded by Joe Sikorski.

Club Insurance - Dave Weider Made a motion to accept the current insurance. Seconded by Bob Williams.

After a discussion on the insurance some of the other Brittany Clubs have, it was agreed to keep the insurance we currently have.

Brag

Rod Beckstead reported that their Brittany Mack placed with a score of 195 at the Princeton NJ shows. In addition to that Rod's Red and White dog (a toller) finished his CD. Way to go Rod, Marta, Rudy (the Red Dog) and Mackenzie!

Next meeting will be held on April 13th. Location to be announced.

Terry Hilliard made a motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Sikorski.

Submitted by Deb Rudert