
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays to everyone -

It is hard to believe that another year has past. Our

club is so active. In 2006, we hosted a spring field trial, a fall field trial and a walking trial; we hosted an independent specialty show and a specialty show in conjunction with an all breed club; we had a weekend of hunt tests; we had a club picnic and we participated in the Canine Learning Experience; and we had two wonderful educational seminars on breeding, AI, and the neonatal puppy. All of this plus our membership meetings. You can see from all of these activities that 100% help of the club members is a necessity.

We don't have time to rest on our laurels - as we have the Canine Learning Experience in January. We have club members that are members of the host club, Lehigh Valley Club, that are willing to help the Anthracite Booth - but just can't possibly be at two places at once. If you are interested in helping with this one day event, Saturday January 26th, please contact Deb Rudert, John McMurray or myself. If we have no one to help with this wonderful public outreach project, we will have to cancel our participation this year.

Our next club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 30th. If you have any weather concerns, check your email and/or website. Yes, we can now post to our website on an as need basis!!!

I want to thank all of my chairpeople who make this club go forward. And there are so many people that work behind the scenes that make the club successful. Thanks to all of you. You are Anthracite!

Happy New Year!

Cindy

NEXT MEETING:

**Will be on 01/30/2008 at the Starlite Diner,
Fogelsville, PA**

**BOD: 6PM, General Membership: 7:30PM.
Contact Cindy Miller (717-838-6562) for
more information**

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Dick Plamer

Deb Rudert

Joe Znyski

Thank you,

Deb Rudert

Secretary's Report

*****PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A REMINDER LETTER FROM THE ANTHRACITE SECRETARY CONCERNING LATE DUES.**

The due dates will still be listed in the newsletter.

PLEASE CHECK THE BACK OF YOUR MAGAZINE FOR DUE DATES.

*****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 \$30.00 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:

Gwen Snyder

Joe Banyas

Jeanne Rozowski

Stan Rozowski

Ken Merkel

Joe Cartwright

Lisa Bryfogle

Mark Shoff

Donald Stroble

Based on information from the ABC, the following members' dues are payable in the month listed:

January

Kathy Chartier

Brittany Rescue

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly 1000 Brittany's find new homes. Despite this staggering number, we also lost hundreds more. We lost them simply because we had no place for them to go.

Foster homes are desperately needed in your state! Short term safety for a Brittany while a forever home is sought could help save many of them.

Transporting them to safety is another way to help.

For more information or to sign up - contact us at

<http://www.americanbrittanyrescue.org/help/volunteer.html>

1-866-BRIT911 (toll free phone number)

American Brittany Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit organization supported by adoption donations and tax deductible donations from the public. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us!

Thank you,

Kristen Basden

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(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 me to volunteer for this job.

BRAG ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you want to submit a brag announcement to the newsletter, send an email to me (mjps@optonline.net) with the word brag (or brags) in the subject line. The mail will automatically be forwarded to Claire Ricci who will post it on our website.

In the “Meet the Members” section, our club secretary, Deb Rudert, talks about her involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.

Mike

Brag

From Peggy Meakin:

CH Mt View's Glamour Girl JH (Belle) took a 3 point major at Middleburg KC Show, Oct. 27th, 2007 and another 3 point major, Best of Breed at Middleburg KC, Oct. 28th to complete her Championship.

From Pat Ortelli:

CH Mt. View's Mark of Excellence MH (Lexi) Finished her Master Hunter title. Handled by Roy Schaeffer.

CH Mt. View's Put'n on the Ritz SH (Cooper) Finished his Senior Hunter title and qualified for 2 of his Master Hunter legs. Handled by Pat Ortelli.

CH Mt. View's Shooting Star MH (Chance) Finished his Master Hunter title. Handled by Dominic Serago.

CH Mt. View's Weekend Player JH (Domino) Finished his Junior Hunter title. Handled by Kathy Kumernitsky.

CH Mt. View's Happy Go Lucky Rhett MH (Rhett) Recd a 3rd placement in the Anthracite Field Trial and a 2nd placement in the Diamond State Shorthair Club's field trial.

Mt. View's Maxamillion JH (Max) - Qualified for 2 of his Senior Hunter legs. Handled by Joe Cartwright.

From Ken Merkel:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Canine Learning:

We need your help!! Anyone who can give an hour or two to talk with people who are interested to know more about our breed. If you are one of those people who like talking to people about Brittany's we need your help at this Year's Canine Learning Experience. Please contact Deb Rudert at Debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com or call 610-366-0848. The date is January 26th in Allentown at the Fair grounds. Call or email for more information.

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

CH Arrowking's Toby Unleashed JH owned and handled by Ken Merkel won Best of Breed at the Chambersburg Area Kennel Club show in Gettysburg, Pa on Dec. 8, 2007.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Deb Rudert:

As many of the members are aware, I have been the acting Secretary of the Anthracite Brittany Club since January of 2001. I have enjoyed working for the club and carrying out the responsibilities of this job. I am proud to say that in the five plus years that I have been Secretary, I have missed only one membership meeting and just one board meeting. In doing so, I have been fortunate to meet most of the members and keep active in the progress of the club.

Before my Secretary position, I held Chair and Coordinator positions in the Club and have mentored my successors as well. I served on the Show Committee from 1997 to 1999 as Ring set up and Ribbons coordinator. In 1999 and 2000 I held the Show Chair position and then became a committee member for the 2000 American Brittany Club Summer Specialty hosted by Anthracite. Working to raise funds was my job in 2000. I handled the T-shirt sales and hosted the raffle. In 2001 I mentored our next Show chair and served as Trophy Chair for the 2001 and 2002 shows. Most recently I held the position as Trophy Chair person for the 2005 American Brittany Club Summer Specialty hosted by Anthracite.

In 1998 and 1999 I served as Coordinator for Canine Learning Experience hosted by Anthracite. This is an educational Booth for sharing our experiences and knowledge of the Brittany with the public. For the two years that I served as Coordinator the Club was awarded the third place ribbon and \$25 for our Booth presentation. In 2000, I mentored our new Coordinator who also earned the club a second place ribbon that year. Since 1998, I have helped in manning the booth and helped with set up for most of the Coordinators since. I enjoy talking with the people who visit the booth and of course love talking about Brittany's. This year I set out to help in a new public education by assisting Terry Hilliard in a Meet the Breeds in Quakertown.

For many years I have been active in coordinating a raffle to raise funds for Brittany Rescue at our Club

Picnic. Although we did not have a raffle in 2007 we hope to have one at our show in 2008. I have help with other activities at the picnics as well and served as judge for our fun conformation match.

In my private life I have shown Brittany's in Conformation since 1988. As an owner handler I have completed requirements for Championship on many of our dogs. I have also been active in Obedience training, Hunt tests and now working on Rally. Before Brittany's I was active with Bearded Collie Club of America and a founding member. While training in obedience I was also a founding member of the South Mountain Graduates Club. This club was a once a week training club which worked in obedience and conformation. While in that club I acted as Co-Chair person for our Match Show.

I have whelped numerous litters of Brittany's. My goal as breeder is to work towards improving the Breed. I strive to breed healthy dogs that are of sound body and mind. I am committed to produce the best temperament possible and work hard at socializing our litters. I feel that you must breed the best to the best to produce a sound litter. I follow the American Brittany Club Code of Ethics in breeding as well. I maintain a personal Website for May-Jay's Brittany's and proudly have a Link to the Anthracite Brittany Club Website there.

We have done very well in our quest to win titles on our dogs. We have placed several times at the futurity level; we had two best of opposite in futurity and had a National Brittany Club Run off winner. We have had several other wins at national level such as Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes, Brood Bitch class and Award of Merit. Our grandkids are now winning on the national level as well.

In trying to keep abreast of new methods and ideas, I pride myself in continuing my education in dogs by attending seminars. Those have included Heath, Breeding, showing, Obedience and all aspects of the dogs.

I have been a production Supervisor for Kodak for over 26 years and have enjoyed living in the Lehigh Valley in addition to dog we are close to family and try to do an educational Vacation once a year. I enjoy my computer and updating my website with new pictures of our extended family.

ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
October 3, 2007

The Anthracite Brittany Club membership meeting was held at the Starlight Diner in Fogelsville, PA. Officers present were Cindy Miller, John McMurray, Bobbie Dunkling, & Deb Rudert. Board Members Dave Weider and Larry Hilliard were also present. Members who attended were Joe Sikorski, James Wilkinson, Bob Williams, Gloria Hartman, Mike Sammon, Charles Canny and Associate Member Claire Ricci. Guests were Jim Carter and Daniel Canny.

The minutes from the June Membership Meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

President's Report:

Cindy Miller

Cindy reported two board meeting recommendations. The first was a new policy to issue a password to all members in good standing when welcome letter is sent out. The second members returning to the club that left in good standing will be approved without going through the reading twice process.

Secretary's Report:

Deb Rudert

Information received:

Hunt Test Approval was received and panel accepted

Walking Field Trial Approval received and panel accepted (email also announcing event to club members)

November Field Trial Approved

Also Field Judges panel has been approved

Show information packet for 2008

Notice of a PA Federation meeting to be held on Sept 20th

Email form Mary Jo Trimble and several others on the Tax form to be filled out in 2008

In addition Tax form arrived

Received American Brittany Rescue Newsletter

Flyer from Dog Collectibles.com

Best impressions catalog for any chair person who needs trophy or hand out ideas

From Donna Janulis chairperson for National's raffle tickets. Items are:

Garmin Street Pilot GPS navigator system

Baraska Point n' view 8x32mm 4.0 MP Digital Camera Binoculars

Brittany Throw 50 x70 (Brittany picture form Gone Doggin)

Tickets are 5 for \$20 or \$5 each

Received info on CA dog law situation (which was emailed to everyone with email)

Mailing from Mary Jo Trimble in June on National membership. Other info included in the email :

And in addition, all of the following items can be found on the ABC website:

Field Trial Application

Mary Jo asks that you use the ABC result form instead of the AKC one. She must know if the handlers are Amateurs, for Qualification purposes as well as the length of the stakes and if it carries AF Championship or Sanction.

She reminds all event secretaries that you are no longer required to send AKC all of the entry blanks. However they must keep them on file for one year.

Results must reach AKC within seven days after event. Result must be postmarked to ABC within ten days of event.

It is very important that results for fall trials are sent as soon as possible so that we may determine dogs qualified for all the national championships.

Allow at least 45 days when sending in your membership. Memberships are sent to Bobbie on the first Thursday of the month, and then sent to Langford. Linda works a full time job and does our membership in her off work time. If you don't want to miss a magazine issue, get your dues in early.

Mary Jo also suggests we appoint some in our club to track dog law legislation. The ABC will send letters supporting our regional clubs when state or federal laws will hurt our membership, but grassroots pressure is the key when facing bad local legislation./

Received an email form John Mc Murray introducing his suggestion on Anthracite Communication.

Received an email reminder from Terry Hilliard on the Upcoming Myra Savant Seminar October 27th & 28th.

Received a email Premium for the Eastern GSP Fall Hunt Test. Dates are October 20 & 21 in Clarksburg, NJ

In addition Cynthia Bailey of the Eastern German Shorthair pointer Club sent us an email asking if there would be anyone in our club interested in attending an AKC Hunting Test Pointing Breed Judges Seminar at the end of January 2008.

Their club is looking for help in determining a number of people that may be interested in attending. She also enclosed the Section on Judges Eligibility and Approval from AKC.

After 1/1/08 Judges must attend one AKC pointing Breed Hunt Test Seminar. (In addition to several other requirements.) Please see me after the meeting or email if you are interested as soon as possible.

Several emails were exchanged on Judges Selection for the 2008 specialty shows. In addition a new list of judges is needed to present to Carol Brown for future Specialty shows.

A letter from AKC: (condensed version)

The AKC has been protecting the interest of Purebred dog fanciers since it founding. The right to own and breed dogs responsibly is seriously threatened by new Legislation. Examples include the Bill in California which is a mandatory Spay and Neuter bill.

Similar bills were introduced in New Mexico and DC. A bill in Minnesota was also introduced that would ban ownership of AM Staffordshire Terriers and Staffordshire Bull terrier, Akitas and Rottwielers.

The AKC Canine Legislation Department was created 17 year ago to specifically focus on addressing discriminatory legislation and to protect your rights as breeders, exhibitors and owner of dogs.

The canine legislation Dept is committed to providing whatever resources are necessary to defeat harmful canine legislation.

Combating negative Canine legislation is costly. A Canine Legislation Support fund has been set up for contributions. They will directly support canine legislation efforts. Information and updates are on the AKC website.

Members for First Reading

Joe Petroski

James Malick

Treasurer's Report:

Bobbie Dunkling

We need make a decision in old business on who will fill out the IRS form for 2008. The decision was made to out source the form to Bobbie's Accountant.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
May 2007	\$11,462.87	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 1,225.63	\$ 11,407.24
June 2007	\$11,407.24	\$ 4,194.50	\$ 4,625.01	\$ 10,976.73
July 2007	\$10,976.73	\$ 3,990.85	\$ 1,013.13	\$ 13,954.45
Aug. 2007	\$13,954.45	\$ 1,084.00	\$ 3,708.85	\$ 11,329.60
Sept. 2007	\$11,329.60	\$ 6,069.00	\$ 3,588.77	\$ 13,809.83

Vice-President's Report:

John McMurray

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trial:

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairpersom

Ready to go in November all set with everything.

Walking Field Trial

Jason Umberget, Chairperson

Joe Sikorski reported this trial was a great success. Claire and John McMurray, Stan & Jean Rozoski, Carl Bergan, Les Casselberry and Larry Hilliard all really did a great job to make this event a good one. Profit was \$159.92

26 dogs were entered 17 open gun dogs which made a 3 point major win.

Paul Snyder's puppy won 1st in puppy

DanCordero's dog won open Derby

Jason Umbergers dog won Open Gun Dog

Hunt Test:

Charles Canny, Chairperson

80 entries both days. 73 starters Event profit was 634.02

Charlie received email from someone who arrived late and wanted a refund. After much discussion the membership at the meeting decided not to refund the money.

Charlie wanted to thank Stan and Jean Rozowski for a great job with the birds. They made the job so much easier for him. He would also like to thank Mary Ann Breininger, Pat and Ric Ortelli, and the Sarago family for helping in the kitchen, Marshaling. Other helper were Ken Merkel, Mike Moser, Joe Cartwright, and especially Sam Moser and Rachael Wieder who sold a ton of 50/50 tickets.

Anthracite Brittany Club 2007 Fall Hunt Test Results Saturday, September 22, 2007 Qualifiers

Master (8 starters)

CH MT. View's Happy Go Lucky Rhett, MH (Brittany) Handler: Bob Samer

Senior (11 starters)

Misty's Freckles, JH (Brittany) Handler: Bob Williams

Junior A (10 starters)

Junior B (8 Starters)

CH MT. View's Weekend Player (Brittany) Handler: Kathy Kumernitsky

Boyce Riley Des Grands Lac (Brittany) Handler: Douglas D'Amore

Sunday, September 23, 2007

Master (8 starters)

Senior (11 starters)

MT. View's Maxamillion, JH (Brittany) Handler: Joe Cartwright

CH MT. View's Put'n on the Ritz, JH (Brittany) Handler: Roy Schaeffer

Misty's Freckles, JH (Brittany) Handler: Bob Williams

Junior B (8 starters)

CH MT. View's Weekend Player (Brittany) Handler: Kathy Kumernitsky

Specialty Show Report:

Linda Starner Chairperson

Cindy reported that the show will be moved. The Thursday night Specialty will be moved to Friday night and the Saturday Specialty will be move to Sunday.

Several emails were sent to all members that show dogs in conformation asking for suggestions for judges. Two members replied.

The judges for 2008 are Stephanie Hedgepath for Breed and James Deppen for Juniors and Ken Raynor for Sweeps. Sunday will be Don Evens for Breed and Majorie Tuff for Sweeps. No Juniors judges has been chosen.

Bobbie says look like a profit of \$670.89 to date.

Newsletter Editor:

Mike Sammon, Editor

If you have email and can receive the Newsletter by email Please get your addresses to Mike.

Website

Claire Ricci, Coordinator

Having a lot of trouble getting items up quickly. Braces for hunt test etc. Cindy will contact Jessica to see if we can get better way to add items to site.

Membership list will be renewed quarterly on the webpage.

Canine Learning:

Kim Kaiser, Coordinator

No report

Date is Jan 26th

Picnic/Fun Field Day

Kim Kaiser

People who attended that were present at the meeting said that Kim did a great job with the running and the food. Thanks to Sandy Patterson and Gwen Snyder for doing the hospitality and to all the judges that worked so very hard.

The event would have made a profit but lost \$64 due to the tent. Everyone agreed that the tent was a great touch.

Bi-Laws committee:

No report

PA Federation Report

Bob Williams, Delegate

Bob has attended two meetings and shared several emails of which he receives many daily. A lot of conversation on the dog laws

Seminars

Terry Hilliard, coordinator

Everyone attending enjoyed the seminars. The disappointing fact is that only three of our own club members attended. Terry will not be doing anymore seminars at this time. We will need a new person for that position.

Election of Officers:

Cindy Miller President

John McMurray Vice President

Deb Rudert Secretary

Bobbie Dunkling Treasurer

Motion to accept was made.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Members for second reading and voting as well as reinstatement of members in good standing

Patrick Robb

John Gropp

Scott Gropp

Jeff Currier

Gina Currier

Mary Jo Meyers

Welcome New Members!

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made to send the tax form to Bobbie's accountant. Motion passed.

Any future grounds will be up to the Chairperson to secure.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made and passed to continue the Walking Field Trial

Motion made and passed that prior members in good standing do not have to go through first reading.

It will be the Chairperson's discretion to hire the judges for an event. Motion passed.

A discussion was held about using clubs money for Happy Hour at the Field Trial. Since it is not a part of the event it will not be funded my club money. This will be listed in the premium that a covered dish should be brought to the event for happy hour.

Chairpersons will be allowed to get advances for events.

There is a shortage of Field trial judges. John McMurray suggested helping a club member get into the

program (if someone is interested) by helping to pay for some of their expense for the training such as paying for the horse. This was dropped due to insufficient information on eligibility of mentor program and seminar requirements.

Cindy asked everyone to be careful on making posting on their website. Sometime these posting of links and other things can lead readers to places like Pet Finder.com and places that we would not want an educated puppy buyer to go for a puppy.

Motion was made to give new members access to members only page on the website as soon as their check is deposited for membership.

Terry Hilliard and Deb Rudert participated in a meet the Breeds in Quakertown, PA. These are types of events that we will be required to attend for AKC requirements in 2008. This count for our public education.

Deb suggested that the Anthracite Club not give up the Saturday event at Nita Nee and move to Sunday. Saturday is the better day, higher entry and easier to plan two days in a row instead of having our days split. Cindy said that it was not possible to make the change for 2008 since all of the paperwork for Susquehanna had already been sent in. Deb made a motion to change our day back to Saturday for 2009. Cindy will look into changing it with Nita Nee.

Deb suggested the club get a storage unit to keep all of the club supplies inside. Most fronded on in due to the area that the club covers and the cost of the unit.

John McMurray is going to check into the price of having the meeting at Cabelas

BRAGS

Thank you all for coming to the meeting!

Next Meeting:

January 30th 2008

Board Of Directors Meeting 6:00

General Membership Meeting 7:30

Starlight Diner, Fogelsville, PA

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Deb Rudert