
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays!

As this is the end of my two year term as your President, I want to thank all of the club members that have volunteered to make our club successful. From the beginning of the year with the January Canine Learning Experience, the spring fall trial, the summer picnic and shows, and then the fall hunt tests, walking trial and field trial, we have something to offer to everyone. The various committee chairs do hours of work to make their events successful - why don't you help out - and give one of the chairs - and ask - can I help? Make a New Year's Resolution - volunteer to help with one event this year. I hope that you continue to show the incoming officers the same support that you have shown me.

Happy New Year!

Cindy

NEXT MEETING:

**Will be on 01/14/2009 at the Starlite Diner,
Fogelsville, PA**

**BOD: 6:30PM, General Membership:
7:00PM. Contact Dave Weider (610-473-
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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:

Peggy Meakin
Judy Kostelac
Kathryn Cartier
Brian Kuczynski
Mary Jo Meyers
Steve Malandra

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

February

Ray Hines
Kathy Kumernitsky
Mike Moser
Joe Sikorski
Gwen Snyder
Linda Starner
Jason Umberger

March

Joe Cartwright
William Dodd
Deb Rudert

Bob Williams

April

Gary Guz
Mary Ann Breininger
Gina Currier
Jeff Currier
Carmine Minichini
Dot Moon
Dave Weider
Jean Weider
Claire Ricci

Thank you,
Deb Rudert

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

American Brittany Rescue, Inc

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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).
2. The newsletter will no longer be sent via US mail. If you want a copy, contact another member or send me your email address.

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.

Mike

Braggs

From Peggy Meakin:

CH Mt View's Glamour Girl RN JH (Belle) earned her RA in October at the Harvest Cluster in Augusta, NJ. Fri got a 2nd place, Sun a 4th place and a 3rd place on Monday to finish

From Deb Rudert:

Copley May-Jay Time in a Bottle bred and owned by Deb Rudert, out of Ch Castle's One in A Millennium JH x Ch May-Jay's Jeanie In A Bottle, Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes - American Brittany Club National Specialty show. Also went Winners Bitch at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club Show and Best of Winners at the Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club shows.

CH May-Jay's Jeanine In A Bottle bred and owned by Deb Rudert, out of Ch Jordean Your Wildest Dreams x Ch May-Jay's Lady Liberty, First Place in Veteran Sweepstakes 8 years to 10 years Bitch Class at the American Brittany Club National Specialty.

From Pat Ortelli:

CH Mt. View's Weekend Player JH (Domino) Finished his Junior Hunter title. Handled by Kathy Kumernitsky. Owned by Mary Ann Breining, Pat Ortelli & Kathy Kumernitsky

CH Mt. View's Triple Crown MH (Di) - owned by MaryAnn Breining & Pat Ortelli, handled by MaryAnn & Pat: Finished her Junior hunter title in the spring of 2008. Finished her Championship title at 10 months with a 4 pt major at the Susquehanna Brittany Specialty. Finished her Master Hunter title at 13 months. Received her Natural Ability title from NAVHDA at 12 months with a Prize 1 and perfect score of 112.

Mt. View's Trouble with Angels JH (Sadie) Finished her Junior Hunter title. Handled by Kathy Kumernitsky. Owned by Mary Ann Breining, Pat Ortelli, Kathy Kumernitsky.

CH Mt. View's Lucky Number Seven SH (Summer) Handled by Dominic Serago, finished her Senior Hunter title in December. Owned by Mary Ann Breining, Pat Ortelli & Michelle Serago.

From Ken Merkel:

CH Iarrowkings Toby Unleashed SH trained and handled by Ken Merkel earned his Senior Hunter title at the Freeland Kennel club. He also gets an unofficial title of pheasant master from the people who hunt over him. With a week and a half still left in 2008, 49 pheasants have gone into the game bag because Toby found and retrieved them.

Secretary's Email

PA Fereration Handbook

Approval for November Field Trial

Christine Ward-Weber was elected ABC Board of Directors 3 VP in charge of the National Specialty show. Christine's email cimmaron@huntel.net

Family Pet Expos Announcement



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Lifetime Achievement Awards 2009

AKC Honors Recipients of the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Awards

The American Kennel Club (AKC®) honored the recipients of the 2009 AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards at the December 16, Delegates Meeting in Long Beach, California, in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. The winners received an engraved Tiffany and Co. sterling silver bowl. A larger Tiffany and Co. bowl, engraved with the names of all recipients past and present, is on permanent display at the AKC Headquarters in New York City.

The AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards were created to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of purebred dogs on a national level. The recipients were selected by votes cast by AKC member clubs for nominees in each of the following categories: Conformation, Companion Events and Performance.



Left to Right:

Doug Ljungren (Assistant Vice President of AKC Performance Events)

Mary Jo Trimble

Kenneth A. Buxton

Curt Curtis (Assistant Vice President of AKC Companion Events)

John Lyons (AKC Chief Operating Officer)

Wendell J. Sammet

Dennis Sprung (AKC President and Chief Executive Officer)

Hon. David C. Merriam (AKC Vice Chairman of the Board)

The 2009 recipients are:

Conformation: Wendell J. Sammet

Wendell J. Sammet, of Bryantville, Massachusetts, became active in the sport of purebred dogs after World War II, in which he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was a P.O.W. He began breeding Dalmatians under the Dalmatia banner in 1950, finishing many Champions.

In the early 1950s, Mrs. Henry T. Kaiser asked Wendell to breed and exhibit white Standard Poodles for her Alekai Kennel in Hawaii. In 1984, she turned the line over to him, at which time he changed the name to Ale Kai.

Through the decades, Wendell has prided himself in breeding for health, temperament and breed type. Along the way, he has always found time to serve as mentor for newcomers to the breed and the sport, as well as an advisor to his peers. He has been an active member for both the Poodle Club of America and the Dalmatian Club of America. Today he co-breeds many of his Poodles with Karen LeFrak of On Fifth fame.

Over the years, Wendell has garnered numerous accolades, including: Dogdom's Professional Handler of the Year (1977); Dogs in Review Achievement Award as Best Breeder-Owner-Handler (2004); and breeder of *Dogs in Review* Top Non-Sporting Sire (2007). Wendell was the inaugural recipient of the Anne Rogers Clark Hall of Fame Award in 2008, as well as the first AKC Breeder of the Year Award in 2002.

Companion Events: Kenneth A. Buxton

Kenneth A. Buxton, of Kingwood, TX, and his wife Donna purchased their first St. Bernard in 1966, deciding Saints should be able to earn at least a Companion Dog title, breed championship and tracking title. The first and only Saint accomplishing this until almost 10 years ago was a dog from their first home-bred litter, Ch. Twin Oaks Cinnamon Bear UDT. Starting at Queen City Dog Training Club, Ken trained several dogs to their UD's. Eventually, exhibiting changed to judging. Ken currently judges all classes in Obedience, Rally, and Tracking, plus four groups (Sporting, Working, Non-Sporting and Herding).

Ken has been active in Queen City Dog Training Club, Clermont County Kennel Club (lifetime member), St. Bernard Club of America, and now Baytown Kennel Club in Texas. In these clubs he served in various positions including President, Vice President, Board of Directors, Show Chairman, Obedience Chairman and Director of Training. He was on the 1988 AKC Obedience Advisory Committee and the committee for the Illustrated Commentary of the St. Bernard. Currently, he is on the Board of the American Dog Show Judges, serving as benefit chairman.

Ken was in the Marine Corps and has degrees in finance and economics. He was an accountant, serving as accounting manager before retiring. Hobbies include working out at the YMCA, computers, investments and two grandsons, 7 and 8-years-old.

Performance: Mary Jo Trimble

Mary Jo Trimble, of Carterville, Illinois, has been involved with Brittanys since the mid-1960s. She was a charter member of the Sahuaro Brittany Club in Arizona and the Illinois Brittany Championship Association. She is Treasurer for the Illinois Brittany Club and has served as Executive Secretary of the American Brittany Club (ABC) since 1998.

Mary Jo is a Hall of Fame recipient and was recently elected to the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois Honor Roll for her service to that organization. Her dogs have won numerous AKC Championships, including the National Open Brittany Championship, and awards such as the IAMS All-Age Dog of the Year, and the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame.

Mary Jo is the ABC's AKC Legislative Liaison, and a Director and Legislative Committee Chair for the Field Trial Clubs of Illinois. She attended the first AKC Parent Club Conference as a presenter and has twice been invited to attend AKC's Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. *The American Field*, *The American Brittany Magazine* and *AKC Afield* have published her articles on legislation.

The Illinois General Assembly declared May 28, 2006 as Trimble Day, to recognize Mary Jo's and her husband Ray's contribution to the sport of field trialing and for their efforts to help acquire 16,000 acres of new public land, including two new championship-type field trial areas in Pyramid State Park. With Ray having won the AKC's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000, Mary Jo makes the Trimbles the first couple to both win this prestigious award.



**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

October 9, 2008

Starlite Diner, Fogelsville, PA

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Miller. Present were John McMurray, Bobbie Dunkling, Bob Williams & Deb Rudert.

Agenda was dispensed with unless you had something important to bring up.

Discussed members up for 1st reading and by laws

Proposed Friends of Juniors Westminster Scholarship fund

Committee members and membership in the club

Board will recommend a trophy in memory of Lowell Starner.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 22, 2008

October 9, 2008

Starlite Diner, Fogelsville, PA

The general meeting was called to order by Cindy Miller. Present were John McMurray Bobbie Dunkling, Bob Williams, Jim Wilkinson, Claire Ricci, Joe Sikorski, Dave Wieder, Mike Sammon, Kim Kaiser & Terry Hilliard.

Approval of the minutes was given

Secretary's report for October 9th meeting.

Received from AKC:

Approval for the November 8th and 9th Field trial application

Approval for the October 25 & 26th Walking trial application

Approval for the September 20 & 21 Hunt Test application and Judges.

Packet for applications for 2009 specialty shows

The licensing of AKC Agility Trial Secretaries

Other Mail:

Info pulled from Brittany L

Governor Rendell praises House Passage of Dog Law Reforms in PA

AKC Eligibility Requirements to hold Future Dog Shows

Letters from:

DogCollectables.com Items for trophies and personal use.

PA Federation

Form National Trophy Field fund Asking for Donation for National Ch trophies

Lizard Printing and Graphics www.spotted-lizard.com, T shirts, logos etc.

K9 College Cruise; 8 days western Caribbean cruise, 2/17 to 2/25 departing from Ft Lauderdale. Includes

three ports of call and 9 seminars to include Pat Hastings, Dr Hutchinson, and Carmen Battaglia to name a few.

Trophy catalog from Dinn Brothers

Brittany Rescue newsletter

RVNA Kennel and Dog Club insurance

Letter for our insurance offering Crime protection and directors and officers liability insurance

National Raffle tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Need not be present to win

Camcorder

Cyber shot Digital Camera

Sony 9" wide screen LCD Digital Photo Frame

Email from:

Enzo Simmarano introducing a new training collar

Lori Wright concerning specialty or supported entry opportunity at the Celtic Classic in York Pa on March 12th through the 15th

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petexpo5 great pet shows Meadowlands 11/22 and 11/23, Reading expo center 3/20 & 22, Philadelphia 11/6, Brookhaven, Long Island 8/7/09 to 8/9/09 and Long Island TBA

Pet food Recall www.petcare.mars.com

Information on the AKC Group Realignment Committee

Post card from LKC custom Designs

Treasurer's Report:

June	12,672.56	income \$26.49	expenses \$2,715.01	total \$9,984.04
July	9,984.04	5,462.80	877.86	14,568.98
Aug	14,568.98	331.00	605.25	14,294.73
Sept	14,294.73	2,742.50	1,259.56	15,777.67

Vice President: – No Report

Hunt Test: Dave reported a profit of \$200. Need a new Hunt Chairperson. Dominic Serago was suggested. Corrected in report profit \$285.

From Charles Canny:

Hello,

I just wanted to forward my hunt test report and finance report for tomorrows meeting. I will try to be there, but I had a death in the family this week and am a little behind at work.

I also wanted to let you know that I am looking to relocate somewhere down south in the near future. Since I can't be sure when, I think it is prudent that someone else take over as Chair of the Hunt Test. Domenic Serago has helped me for the past two years and has agreed to become the Chairman if the club approves. I will stay on to serve on the committee and mentor Domenic to ensure a smooth transition like Dave and Jean Weider did

for me.

It has been a pleasure to give back a little to so many that have helped me learn about and appreciate Brittanys. Domenic is very conscientious and competent and will continue to make this event better in the future for the club.

Thank you.

Charlie

Anthracite Brittany Club
2008 Fall Hunt Test Report
September 22, 2008

The Fall Hunt Tests were held at the Freeland Kennel Club on September 20&21, 2008. There were a total of 55 entries for both days. The breakdown of entries, starters and qualifiers are as follows:

	20-Sep-08			21-Sep-08		
	Entries	Starters	Qualified	Entries	Starters	Qualified
Master	4	4	2	5	5	2
Senior	10	10	4	9	9	2
Junior	13	13	10	14	14	12
Totals	27	27	16	28	286	16

The event produced a profit of \$283.01.

The weather was foggy in the morning on Saturday which delayed the start until 8:30am. The conditions improved by late morning, and the afternoon was bright, sunny and warm. The tests were completed by 3:00pm each day.

Thank you also to the Hunt Test committee for all their efforts in making this a successful event: Bobbie Dunkling, Dominic and Michele Serago, Ken Merkel, Joe Cartwright, Mary Ann Breininger and Pat Ortelli and our friend Kelly Downs. We also send a huge THANK YOU to the young people that helped including Rachael Weider, Patrick Dilks and Dan, Tom and Casey Canny. These young people handled the line marshalling, bird planting, and sold \$217.00 in 50/50 tickets!

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Canny

Hunt Test Chair

Field Trial foot handled: Date is October 25 & 26 at Freeland Kennel Club. Entries are good. It is a 3Pt stake for Adult. There will be Happy Hour.

Field Trial (Fall): Jimmy had some judge changes will be using Larry, Les and Jeff. Will be using Grace Eckerd for the Kitchen.

Specialty Show: Profit of \$268.87. Mike would like to thank his committee; Dot, Linda Cindy, Terry and Deb.

PA Federation – Bob reported he has been at several meetings. Most discussed is dog bill.

Newsletter – No report

Website – No Report

Bylaws – No report

Picnic – No report.

Seminars –No report

Brittany Rescue – No Report

Canine Learning – Date is June 24th Need a Chairperson

Grounds – No report

Election of Officers: Dave Wieder President, Les Casselberry Vice President, Deb Rudert Secretary, Bobbie Dunkling Treasurer, Cindy Miller Board of Directors

First Reading of Members: Elizabeth Shellhamer

Members for the second time and voted into membership: Raymond Hines

Old business: none

New Business: Cindy made a board recommendation that some sort of dedication be made to Lowell Starner. Terry and John to work on project.

Need a new Field Trial Chair

The next meeting will be January 14th at the Starlight Diner. Board Meeting at 6:30 PM and General Meeting at 7:00 PM

It was decided that we don't need more than an hour for the Board meeting and that will get people out earlier.

Brag:

Mike Sammon's Hunter finished his Canadian Championship going Group 1 and two days Group 2. This makes Hunter eligible for the Eukanuba for 2009 He also went Best in Specialty Show at the North Jersey Brittany Club Specialty.

Jimmy Wilkinson's Itch won the open Limited gun dog stakes and Jimmy won the raffle. He also pointer puppy one at NY pointer setter stake.

2009 Specialty:

For the Friday night specialty - I have a theme this year! It is Christmas in July. I am looking for people to wrap a gift and use it as a trophy for one of our classes - just let me know what class(es) you would like to sponsor!!

Cindy (email cindy.a.miller@att.net)