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# The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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April 2007

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The calendar says it is spring – but we have 8 inches of snow on the ground! It has been a busy winter for me for dog activities. As a member of the Governors' Dog

Law Advisory Council, there has been a lot of reading, writing, phone calls, lunches, etc to try and get the proposed regulations overturned. Hopefully, you all sent your letters into Mary Bender by the March 16<sup>th</sup> deadline. The latest bill we are reacting to is HB 365 which is going to attempt to control the way you socialize your puppies. It is attempting to setting rules governing toys, playtime, background music, etc. Please review HB365 and write your representative that you OPPOSE this bill. We also had an Agriculture hearing on HB 445 and we hoped to have stopped that bill in committee. As we discuss these issues with our friends and our representatives, please remember that your language is very important. There is a difference between animal welfare and animal rights; there is a difference between a breeder and a responsible pet owner. Remember, we are responsible pet owners who are interested in our animal welfare!!

Besides the legislation issues, I took time to go to Crufts again. As I wrote in our newsletter over 10 years ago, there is no way to explain Crufts. It is 25 acres of dogs and vendors. And in three days, I did not see it all!! I had to fly home a day early to attend the AKC Delegates meeting in NYC. My report on the Delegates meeting will be in the ABC magazine since Karen was unable to attend.

Currently, I am working on having James, the Springer Spaniel that won Westminster and the AKC Invitational, visit the Hershey Medical Center Pediatric Unit on Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>. This is the Blue Gray Cluster in Harrisburg and unfortunately at the same time of the Summer Specialty in Perry, GA. I hope that some of the club members are able to support the Summer Specialty, but I will be working here in Harrisburg.

So, those are a few of the items I worked on this winter – and yes, I hold a full time job for Penn State and I also work part time for a surgical simulator company in Elizabethtown. Which puts me on my pedestal, if I have time to volunteer for the club – why don't you? Please don't ask us to call you – call us and Volunteer – there is so much to be done and we would love the input of new ideas. We are going to be having 4 days of Specialties in July. Susquehanna will be having shows Friday and Sunday and Anthracite will be Thursday and Saturday. There is the Field Trial to be held this spring – and we have the summer picnic and the Fall events.

Cindy

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Will be on 4/17/2006 at the Starlite Diner,  
Fogelsville, PA.**

**BOD meeting starts at 6:00PM, General  
Membership starts at 7:30PM. Contact  
Cindy Miller (717-838-6562) for more  
information**

**Coordinators:**

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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:**

Richard La Tournous 11/06  
Leonard Nawrocki 11/06  
Geraldo Vasconcellos 12/06  
Larry Franko 1/07  
Charles Canny 2/07  
Justin Ceelen 2/07

Dorothy Moon 3/07

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

**May**

Pat Ortelli  
Ric Ortelli  
Barbara Buffington  
Gloria Hartman  
Carmine Minichini  
Claire Ricci  
Linda Starner  
Dave Weider  
Jean Weider  
Joe Wertz

**June**

Charlene Frable  
Larry Hilliard  
Terry Hilliard  
Cindy Miller

**July**

Shane Becker  
Bill Hazelton  
Fred Loquasto  
Jane Ludwig-Samer  
Carol McMurray  
Sean Myers  
Robert Samer  
John Soley

**August**

Doug D'Amore  
William DeCicco  
Justin O'Donnell  
Mike Sammon

Thank you,  
Deb Rudert

**Brittany Rescue**

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly 1000 Brittanys 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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### **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 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](mailto: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

### **A Special "Thank You" from Cindy**

Since our last meeting, I have to thank the following club members:

Jimmy Wilkinson - who along with John, Kim, Deb and other members won an Honorable Mention at the Lehigh Valley Canine Learning Experience. The club has had a booth at this event for close to 20 years (can it be that long??) and this is the first Honorable Mention that I remember.

As approved by the membership, Charles Canny, will be the Hunt Test Chair for our hunt test in September. He will be mentored by Dave Weider and I am sure that he is hoping that Mary Ann Breininger will be helping out in the kitchen!!

The Spring Field Trial Chair will be chaired by Jimmy Wilkinson and assisted by Les Casselberry. I want to thank Jimmy and Les for taking on this task. And a special thank you to my VP, John, for helping in filling this position.

Cindy

### Braggs

From Pat Ortelli:

#### **CH. MT. VIEW'S SHOOTING STAR, JH**

Owned by The Serago family, Handled by Pat & Ric Ortelli & Mary Ann Breininger earned his show Championship on Dec. 16, 2006. Handled by Pat.

From Peggy Meakin:

#### **CH. MT VIEW GLASS SLIPPER, RAE, JH**

Owner: Peggy Meakin  
Earned her Rally Advanced Excellent in January, 2007.

From Mike Sammon:

**May-Jay's Orion's Sword JH** (Hunter) Took Best in Sweeps at the Big Apple Sporting Society Show on 2/8/07. Owned and handled by Mike Sammon.

**CH May-Jay's Sam I Am, CD, RE, JH, CGC** (Sammie) completed her Companion Dog title at the Bayshore Companion Dog show on 2/18/07. She also completed her Rally Excellent title placing 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of 95. Handled by Mike Sammon.

From Pat Ortelli:

**CH Mt. View's Mark of Excellence SH** (Lexi) - finished her Senior Hunter title and got the first leg of her Master Hunter title. Handled by Roy Schaeffer. Owned by MaryAnn Breininger, Roy Schaeffer & Pat Ortelli.

**CH Mt. View's Put'n on the Ritz JH** (Cooper) - got his first leg of Senior Hunter title. Handled by Pat Ortelli. Owned by Pat & Ric Ortelli & MaryAnn Breininger

**CH Mt. View's Shooting Star JH** (Chance) - got his first three legs of Senior Hunter title. Handled by Domenic Serago. Owned by Domenic & Michele Serago.

**Mt. View's Vita Nuova** (Dante) - got his first two legs of Junior Hunter title. Handled by John Smith. Owned by Heather Smith, MaryAnn Breininger & Pat Ortelli

**Mt. View's Lucky Number Seven** (Summer) - got her first two legs of Junior Hunter title. Handled by Domenic Serago. Owned by Michele Serago, MaryAnn Breininger & Pat Ortelli

**Mt. View's Maximillian** (Max) - got his first leg of Junior Hunter title. Handled by Joe Cartwright. Owned by Joe & Wendy Cartwright.

**Mt. View's Belle of the Ball** (Belle) - got her first two legs of Junior Hunter title. Handled by Kathy Chartier. Owned by Kathy & Jim Chartier

**CH Mt. View's Happy Go Lucky Rhett SH** (Rhett) - got his first three legs of Master Hunter title. Handled by Bob Samer. Owned by Jane & Bob Samer & MaryAnn Breininger.

**DC/AFC Mt. View's High Chaparral MH** (Shane) - took second place in the Open Limited Gun Dog Stakes at the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club's field trial in Medford NJ.

## **Minutes of the Anthracite Brittany Club**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 16, 2007**

January 16 2007 a board of directors meeting was held at the Starlight Diner at 6:30pm. Officers present were Cindy Miller, John McMurray, Deb Rudert, and Barbara Dunkling. Board members present were Dave Weider, Linda Starner, and Larry Hilliard.

First on the agenda were the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, published in the Newsletter of December 2006. Motion by Bobbie to accept and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Approved.

#### **Secretary's report**

Most of the items to be read were for the general membership meeting. One item for discussion was the renewal of the club insurance. It was agreed to renew the policy as stands.

#### **Treasurers Report**

Bobbie stated all is in balance however some of the 2006 field trial expenses will be carried into the 2007. Bobbie reported that Brittany Rescue is doing very well.

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**Committee Reports:****Hunt Test**

Dave reported a profit of \$628.99. He also stated that without the contributions of MaryAnn Breininger the profit would not be as high. She donated most of the food for the kitchen and donated her time as well. In addition MaryAnn and Bob Williams donated finishing ribbons for the Master and Seniors who completed their titles at this test and the test to follow. Dave reported that Charles Canny is willing to chair the Hunt test.

**Show Chair report**

Linda will accept the show chair for 2007. The Judges are Thursday, Robert Ennis regular classes and Lisa Warren for sweeps and Saturday, Nancy Leibes for regular classes and Sheila Smith for sweeps.

Linda reported a profit of \$101.65 for the 2006 show.

Cindy brought up the fact that York will no longer be having their show on the Sunday following the Nita-Nee shows. She suggested that either Anthracite lock in the date at Center Hall or Susquehanna will do so to keep that open for just Brittany's. This way even if another club decides to hold a show that day we will have Brittany's locked in at our show.

At this time Susquehanna does not have the man power to do an independent show so, if Anthracite does not take the date Susquehanna will need help from us. Cindy contacted AKC and reported that if the Judges are willing to switch their judging assignment from Thursday night to Sunday then we will not be penalized and can just switch our date.

Linda will check with the Judges and if they will switch to the Sunday date then we will have our show on Sunday instead of Thursday.

Linda asked if anyone had gotten the print (that Gloria Hartman donated to the Show for raffle) back from Rod Beckstead. Dave volunteered to call Rod.

It was discussed that a recommendation be made to the general membership that all event reports and financial logs be submitted to the Treasurer no later than 2 weeks after the event. Also, informal written reports should be submitted to the secretary after report is given at a meeting.

**Field trial**

Cindy had no report for the fall trial. Cindy did receive an email from Jeanne with an attached letter from the German Shorthair people. They were the only Shorthairs entered and they wanted to thank the judges and the club member for making them feel welcome. The letter read "Thanks for your genuine hospitality", Melanie and Phil Wladessa.

Cindy also will be speaking to Stan and Jeanne on the prospect of the two of them chairing the Field Trial.

John told the board that George Habecker and Jason Umberger are interested in chairing a foot handled trial. If we have a third trial it one of the three must be foot handled. Discussion included finding enough interest and people to help with the event. Also, a date must be approved and grounds must be secured for the event. A suggestion was made to use Water and Wings or Freeland. It was decided that the suggestion will be brought to the general membership for a vote.

For the past two years Terry Hilliard, Linda Starner, and Deb Rudert have put together raffle Baskets for the National Specialty in the name of Anthracite. Deb asked if the club could pay for half of the cost of the basket. This basket is raffled off at the show and 1/2 of the donation goes to the Melvin T. Nelson fund for research in Brittany health. In addition Deb would like to see the club donate a basket each year for this fund.

After discussion it was decided that the board will recommend that the general membership pay for the basket that was presented in 2006 at a cost of \$64. And that in 2007 \$70 will be allotted for the cost of future baskets.

The board agreed that the Club newsletter should be posted on the website and that all members be give a password to view it. This will not replace the email or U.S. mail copy. However it will archive our newsletters in addition to hard copies.

Bobbie need to have Chair people who need Freeland grounds to let her now dates as soon as possible so a check can be sent to Freeland to secure dates.

Legislation, Cindy talked about the proposed PA dog laws.

Larry has volunteered to serve as chair to update the by laws.

Cindy suggested that a change should be made so that the incoming President takes office at the Oct/Nov meeting. This way the president can get the chair people nominated and active on the committees. Bobbie was concerned that it may conflict with end of year finances. It was decided to table this until the by laws committee looks at the changes.

Signature card for checking account needs to be signed by Cindy and sent to the bank.

Next Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Starlight Diner. Board meeting to begin at 6:00 pm general membership at 7:30

Meeting adjourned 7:10.

Deb Rudert

Anthracite Secretary

## **ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB**

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**January 16, 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 Linda Starner, Dave Weider, and Larry Hilliard were also present. Members who attended were Joe Sikorski, Terry Hilliard, James Wilkinson, Bob Williams, Gloria Hartman, Kin Kaiser, Mike Sammon, Jason Umberger, and Associate Member Claire Ricci. Guests were Mike Moser and Samantha Moser.

The minutes from the September 13<sup>th</sup> 2006 Membership Meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

#### **President's Report:**

Cindy Miller

Cindy welcomed the membership. She announced that Terry Hilliard has volunteered to chair a fund raising seminar this year. Cindy also gave a brief overview of the new proposed PA dog laws. The deadline for letters in February 15<sup>th</sup> and everyone is encouraged to write. Letters should be sent to Mary Bender.

Some of the new Laws would include inoperable fence inserts, not running dogs together and they must run on gravel. A ledger must be kept on water given and temperature of housing.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Deb Rudert

Received from AKC: Approval for November 2006 Field Trial (Saturday event)

Annual Club Officers update and information sheet for publication in the AKC gazette

Received from the PA Federation of Dog Clubs Inc. A letter containing information on Governor Rendell's proposed Dog Laws. It talks about how dog owners should stay informed on this issue. It also gives a web address to view some of the proposed laws. The Federation also asks if we are interested in becoming a member of the PA Federation of Dog Clubs we should contact them.

Received a dog show awards catalog.

Received a 2006 Holiday Catalog from the American Brittany Rescue.

Received a letter from Carol Brown asking for the information for the Premium list for the Summer Specialty.

Received a letter and hand out from the Mid Jersey Lab Club on information on a seminar. The Seminar is Dr. Carmen Battaglia Breeding; Better Dogs That Win. The two day seminar is April 21 and 22 in Somerset, NJ.

Received the application for the Club insurance.

There are five members to be read for membership:

- 1) Gwen Snyder of Wind Gap, PA membership gifted by Deb Rudert
- 2) Mike Moser of Topton, PA guest at the meeting, son of the late Sam Moser former member of the Club.
- 3) Joseph Cartwright of Auburn, PA learned about the club through breeder (Mt. View Brittany's)
- 4) Kathy Cartier of Easton, PA learned about the club through breeder (did not list name of Breeder)
- 5) Heather Smith of Harrisburg, PA learned about the club through breeder (Mt. View Brittany's)

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bobbie Dunkling

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expences</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Sept. 2006	\$ 9,733.00	\$ 3,477.04	\$ 2,424.82	\$ 10,785.22
Oct. 2006	\$10,785.22	\$ 1,513.28	\$ 2,610.31	\$ 9,688.19
Nov. 2006	\$ 9,688.19	\$ 985.00	\$ 909.78	\$ 9,763.41
Dec. 2006	\$ 9,763.41	\$ 989.23	\$ 768.97	\$ 9,983.67

Final Report 2006	Beginning Balance		\$10,102.94
	Income		\$16,939.61
	Expences		\$17,058.88
	Loss		\$ 119.27
Final Report 2006 Brittany Rescue	Beginning Balance		\$3,946.32
	Income	\$9,205.00	
	Expences		\$8,160.00
	Profit		\$1,045.00

### **Vice-President's Report:**

John McMurray

John mentioned that Jason Umberger and George Habecker would be willing to chair a foot handled field trial. New people in the club may be interested in this field trial. John suggested that his could be a learning experience for new people by the older members. Cindy suggested that Jason and George come up with date and approval and she ill appoint them for the Chair. The trial will be brought up in new business and for voting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Field Trial:**

Cindy has sent a letter to Jeanne and Stan Rozowski asking for them to take over the field trial. No response has been received as of today. We hope to run two field trials this year as we have done in the past.

If Jeanne and Stan accept the chair we need approval from the membership. Bobbie made a motion to accept seconded by Linda Starner.

#### **Hunt Test:**

Dave Weider, Chairperson

The fall Hunt test went well. It was a good weekend; however the number of entries was down. Mary Ann Breininger and Bob Williams have donated finishing ribbons for seniors and Masters who finish at our test.

Also, a special thanks to MaryAnn for running the kitchen and the donation a lot of food. This contribution gave the club a higher profit for the hunt test and everyone enjoyed the good food. The expenses for the test were \$2485.05 the income was \$3114.04 and a profit of \$628.99.

Dave announced that he is stepping down from his Chair position of 3 years and has enjoyed the experience. Charles Canny has expressed an interest in taking over and Dave is willing to mentor him through the event.

Cindy asked for a vote to accept Charles Canny if he agrees to the Chair. This will speed the process. The motion was made by Linda Starner and seconded by Mike Sammon.

#### **Specialty Show Report:**

Linda Starner Chairperson

Independent Specialty was held on Thursday July 20, 2006 Center Hall Fairgrounds. Judge for regular class on Thursday was Nolan Dale and sweepstakes and juniors were judged by Anne O'Reilly and Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Bonnie Lynne Clarke. The entry was smaller than usual. The expenses were \$1307 income was \$1469 with a profit of \$162.

Linda discussed the letter from Carol Brown and the possibility of now having a Sunday specialty. York Kennel club is

giving up the Sunday date which allows us to take it. As of now our Thursday Judge is Bob Ennis and Saturday will be Nancy Leibes. The moving of the dates will be discussed in new business.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Mike Sammon, Editor

We are still having problems with one email accounts bouncing back the Newsletter. Mike suggests that every one please check with him or the Secretary if you have had an email address change. It is much more cost effective for the club to send the newsletter via email.

**Website**

Claire Ricci Chairperson

The website will be updated with the new chair people and officers. Please send brags directly to Claire for posting.

**Canine Learning:**

Jimmy Wilkinson

All is set please contact Jimmy if you would like to help out.

**Picnic/Fun Field Day**

Chair person needed

A nomination was made by Jimmy and seconded by Bobbie to accept Kim Kaiser as Fun Field Trial/Picnic chair person.

Kim announced that she has come up with several ideas for the day. Mike Sammon and Deb Rudert will be on the committee. The location will be at Water and Wings in Zionsville, PA. Kim hopes open the day to all pointing breeds and run two kinds of coursed one for first time fun runners and an open gun dog class as well as puppy.

**Grounds:**

Les Casselberry

Les was not present for a report, however, Indian town gap was mentioned as a possibility for futurity because it would have the area for a I hour course and would cost about \$100 for the day. Also Del Val grounds were mentioned.

**Legislative:** No report.

Cindy reported that AKC has expanded the location area for holding events.

Bi-Laws committee:

Chairperson needed

Cindy announced that Larry Hilliard has accepted the chair. Bobbie made a motion to accept Larry as Chair and was seconded by Dave Weider. John McMurray was added to the committee and one other non officer in needed for the committee. Anyone interested please contact Larry Hilliard.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

**Members for second reading and voting**

Shane Becker	Jeff Glazier
Shawn Meyers	Steve Brandt
Justin O'Donnell	Dana Klouser

Motion was made by Bob Williams to accept the new members and the motion was seconded by Linda Starner and passed.

Welcome New Members!

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cindy brought up for discussion the possibility of having a walking field trail. She asked George and Jason to come up with a date, time and place and get permission from ABC. A motion was made by Larry Hilliard and Seconded by Jimmy Wilkinson to move forward and hold the event on a one time trial basis, if the above criteria are met.



Discussion began with Bob Williams commenting on the excellent turn out some of the walking trials get. He mentioned that it may pull in some of the Hunt test crowd. Linda had concerns that this would be a strain on the membership to have the three trials. We will need to pay for horses for the judges and need people to volunteer to help out with the event.

Cindy appointed George and Jason the Motion was made by Jimmy to accept the two as chair persons and was seconded by Larry Hilliard.

Bobbie asked that Chair people please inform her as soon as they have dates confirmed so that checks can be sent to secure grounds.

For the past two years Terry Hilliard, Linda Starner & Deb Rudert have made up a state basket donation in the name of the Anthracite Club for Auction. The money from the basket is split between show costs and the [Marvin D. Nelson Memorial Fund for studies of Brittany Health](#). Deb asked that if the club would consider paying for ½ of the cost of the basket for 2006. The board has made a recommendation that the full cost of the basket is paid. A motion was made by Gloria Hartman and seconded by Kim Kaiser and passed.

An additional motion was made by Linda Starner that in the event someone is going to the Nationals and is willing to make up a basket in 2007, \$70 will be donated by the club for the basket. Motion was seconded by Larry Hilliard and motion was passed.

A suggestion was made to establish a password protected section on the website to post the Newsletter, By Laws, and other information that could only be viewed by club members. Claire will look into cost and availability.

Dave Weider discussed the possibility of helping out with the Promise Land Youth Hunt. Someone had contacted him asking for help in any way. Club members attending the hunt with dogs, working with the kids, donations and so forth. The sponsor puts out pheasants at a cost of \$5000 and holds seminars on Muzzleloader and clay bird shoots. This was an event that former member Sam Moser was very committed to help with.

A motion was made by Dave that we as a club select an amount to donate to the youth fund. Motion was seconded by Larry Hilliard.

Discussion continued, and Bobbie mentioned that although the treasury looks good now over \$4000 of that belongs to Rescue. John McMurray suggested we go to the event and see if we would want to make a donation. A vote was called and motion failed.

Dave will send information to the Newsletter, containing the time and place for the event.

Terry made a motion to joint the PA federation of Dog Clubs to keep informed on current dog legislation and so that possible a club member could attend one of their meetings. The fee was a concern so Cindy will check and if it is a reasonable amount we will join.

### **BRAGS**

Linda Starner - Albert took a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in open derby at the Del Val and Anthracite Field Trials.

Larry Hilliard - Trace took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in open derby a the PA Brittany Club trial.

Terry Hilliard - Gabby was awarded Best of Opposite Sex at the American Brittany Club Nationals. She finished number one Brittany Bitch in 2006

Mike Sammon - Hunter finished his Junior Hunter title just before the Nationals. At the Nationals he qualified for his CGC and Therapy Dog Titles.

Mike Sammon - Sammie qualified for her Rally Excellent and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place on sat and qualified again on Sunday with a first place.

Clare Ricci - Peggy Meakin's dog Glass Slipper, finished her Rally Excellent Title.

Thank you all for coming to the meeting!

### **Next Meeting:**

**April 17, 2007**

**Board Of Directors Meeting 6:00**

**General Membership Meeting 7:30**

Starlight Diner, Foglesville, PA

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Deb Rudert

**AKC Delegates Meeting (From Cindy Miller)**

**March 12 and 13, 2007**

**NYC, NY**

Caucus:

- The delegates that were running for the Board of Directors had a panel discussion and Q & A for two hours.

Legislative Caucus:

This is a new caucus meeting for the first time at the March meeting. For this meeting, we had a discussion on how your selection of terminology matters. Animal welfare vs. animal rights; breeders (commercial and non-commercial) vs responsible pet owners; and companion (guardian) vs pet (owner). Remember we are all responsible pet owners who care about our animal welfare.

Coordinating Committee:

The Forum at the June meeting will be results of the Mixed Breed Listing Service. The AKC wants everyone input. They are asking that you review the powerpoint presentation that they have on line before submitting your answers to the questionnaire.

Field Trial and Hunting Test Club Committee:

The Beagle Field Trial issues were discussed. The Basset Hound requested that the number for a stake be reduced to 6.

Dog Show Rules Committee:

We did not vote on any new revisions to the Dog Show Rules. We discussed an informational folder that we are going to present to the Board for their July Retreat at which time they are going to discuss the further division of groups. The territory issue and the new requirements for holding shows (effective 2008 for all breed; 2009 for specialties and obedience) was discussed. Although I was very concerned about the eligibility requirements to hold future dog shows for the small independent clubs, after lengthy discussion with Robin Stansell, I believe that most of the clubs should be able to meet these requirements. Having a canine legislation representative, having a breeder referral service, helping an all breed club do a dog show tour, participating in a Meet the Breeds all qualify to meet your requirements.

Forum:

- The Delegates running for the Board of Directors each had 3 minutes to talk to the delegates on their vision and hopes for the next four years.

Meeting:

Board of Directors Elections:

<b>Class of 2011</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Vote
# votes / # needed	401 / 202
Dr. Carmen Battaglia	177
<b>Dr. Patricia Haines</b>	214 (elected)
Judy A. Hart	151
<b>Kenneth A. Marden</b>	207 (elected)
<b>Patti L. Strand</b>	222 (elected)
Cindy Vogels	152

Voted and passed the following amendment:

- Move up the publication of the Nominating Committee's selection in the AKC Gazette.
- Require all petitions for self nominating to the Board of Directors to have 50 signatures instead of 20.
- Formally define the 6-9 and 9-12 month Puppy class and further clarify the age determination at multiple day events.
- Clarify the requirements prohibiting a Best of Breed at designated specialties in breeds that have varieties (ie American Cocker Spaniel, Dachshund, etc)

- Relieve the clubs from a requirement when they use a veterinarian off of the show premises
- Divided the amendment concerning Basset Hounds, Beagles and Dachshunds which would modify the way a show secretary reports the results to the AKC and length of time that forms must be stored. This amendment passed for Beagles and Dachshunds and Failed for Basset Hounds.

Read the following:

- Clarification of the prizes/trophies conflict between two sections of the Dog Show Rules.
- Clarification on the judge's ability to excuse for any cause.

Thank you to the Harrisburg Kennel Club for having me as your delegate. As always, if there is anything I can do for you in your workings with the AKC, please let me know.

Cindy Miller

**Dr Melissa Goodman**  
**Ovulation Timing Seminar**  
**Presented by the Anthracite Brittany Club**

June 30, 2007

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Dr. Melissa Goodman is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania and University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. She joined International Canine Genetics, Inc. where she received specialized training in small animal reproduction and became Vice President of Veterinary Services. Dr. Goodman left ICG in 1997, and now maintains a specialty practice in the reproduction of dogs and cats at the Veterinary Referral Center, a state of the art specialty, emergency and critical care facility in Malvern, PA. Dr. Goodman is Board Qualified in the American College of Theriogenology (the specialty of veterinary reproduction), has authored numerous publications in the field of canine reproduction for both veterinarians and dog breeders, and is a regular speaker to both groups. Dr. Goodman exhibits and breeds Golden Retrievers, is active in conformation, field, agility and obedience events, is a past Director of the Golden Retriever Club of America and a past chairman of the GRCA Health & Genetics Committee. She is on the Board of the Institute for Genetic Disease Control for Animals (GDC), and has been a veterinary advisor to the American Kennel Club.

**Seminar cost is \$30.00, prepaid. Deadline for registration is June 10, 2007. Limited Space Available**

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\*\*\*\*\***June 10th Fun Field Day and Picnic**\*\*\*\*\*

Come out and run your dog in a fun relaxed setting. The grounds are great and you can get a chance to see how your dog would do in a real field trial. There will be experienced club members there to help you get started. It's all about fun and getting the dogs on birds.

There will be a picnic lunch, so bring a covered dish. A few games are planned for the kids. A 50/50 raffle and more. Full details will follow in a flyer. Any suggestions are welcome and if you are interested in helping out with bird planting, judging, or helping a new member, please call the chairperson.

For more information contact Kim Kaiser at wolfmother@rcn.com or call 610-432-2422