
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

May 2008



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In an effort to keep our members better informed, we are going to try and issue the newsletter bi-monthly. However, to do this, we will be only sending the newsletter via email as a pdf file and we will be posting it to our website at the members only area. So, if you have brags - get them to the newsletter editor as they occur. If you have an article that you want to write for the general membership, send it to the newsletter editor.

Our next general meeting is Sunday June 22 and it will be a Picnic!! This is a social event so that you can your fellow club members and if you sold puppies this past year - invite them to come and meet fellow Brittany owners. There is no agenda or scheduled events except a general membership meeting at 4 pm - to accept nominations for officers and board members from the floor. The grounds will be available anytime after 1 pm and dogs are welcome. Hamburgers and Hot dogs, made by Chef Jimmy Wilkinson?!?!?, will be served after out meeting. The rest of the meal is pot-luck!!

After the picnic, our next event will be the show at Centre Hall (located next to State College) July 18 and 20. Even if you don't show, this is a wonderful place to camp and take your dogs for a walk - and oh yea, watch the show!

Thanks to all of the club members who continue to volunteer their time to make all of our activities successful. If you are interested in an event, and would like to help, contact me or the Chair person - we always are looking for volunteers.

Cindy

NEXT MEETING:

**Will be on 06/22/2008 at Water and Wings
General Membership: 4:00PM. Contact
Cindy Miller (717-838-6562) for more
information**

Coordinators:

Newsletter: Mike Sammon
mjps@optonline.net

Canine Learning: Deb Rudert
debbie@mayjaysbrittany.com
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Claire_Ricci@msn.com

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:

Jeanne Rozowski
Stan Rozowski
Mike Moser
Mary Jo Pratt
Heather Smith

Justin Ceelen
Joe Sikorski
Jason Umberger
Kevin Doran
Dick Plamer
Joe Znyski
George Habecker
Fred Weiss

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

May

Barbara Buffington

July

Cindy Miller

August

Doug D Amore

Mike Sammon

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

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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.

At the end of this newsletter is an ad form for those people interested in advertising in the Nita Nee catalog this July. Also, for those who receive the newsletter via US mail, this will be your last copy. See the note after the Brags section.

Mike

Brags

From Deb Rudert:

Coplay May-Jay Time in a Bottle bred by Deb Rudert, went Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Puppy and Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes at the Greater Indianapolis Brittany Specialty show.

From Ric Ortelli:

Mt. View's Maxamillion SH (Max) - owned by Joe Cartwright/Wendy Matto, handled by Joe Cartwright:

- Finished his Senior hunter title
- Has 1 leg of his Master hunter title

CH Mt. View's Put'n on the Ritz MH (Cooper) - owned by Ric/Pat Ortelli & MaryAnn Breininger, handled by Pat Ortelli:

- Finished his Senior hunter title in November
- Finished his Master hunter title in six attempts in March

Mt. View's Triple Crown JH (Di) - owned by MaryAnn Breininger & Pat Ortelli, handled by MaryAnn & Pat:

- Finisher her Junior hunter title
- Took Best of Breed of 3 specials for a 3 point major at Wilmington Kennel Club
- Took Winners Bitch the next day for 2 points
- Took Winners Bitch 3 of the 4 days at the Harrisburg shows

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 (pdf – Adobe Acrobat file). Sending the newsletter electronically saves the club postage

- Took Winners Bitch and Best of Breed over 2 specials at Bucks Kennel Club
- Took Winners Bitch at Ludwig's Corner

three point major and three four point majors, two Best of Opposite and one Best of Breed.

Halfmoons Poconos Princess April 28 1st place in Open Standard @ the Clumber Spaniel National Trials.

From Halfmoon Brittanys:

Tonan-Rao Halfmoons Nite Mist May 17 Specialty @ Northern Virginia Major Winners Bitch three point major and Best of Opposite. May 18 Westminster Maryland Four Point Major, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Breed Mist finished her Championship with all majors, two

Anthracite Members that receive their newsletter via postal services Note: Unless a club member that receives their newsletter via the Postal Services VOLUNTEERS to photocopy, fold, address, stamp and mail the newsletter....This will be the LAST newsletter that you will receive via the postal service. The Anthracite newsletter will be submitted electronically to all club members. You can obtain a FREE email account at yahoo.com. The newsletter is also available on the club website via the member only section. We are going to be publishing the newsletter at least every other month to keep the members current. This information will be submitted only electronically by the newsletter editor and will be posted on the Anthracite website. If you want to volunteer your service, time, etc - you can contact Mike Sammon or Cindy Miller.

Club Picnic - Sunday June 22 - there is NO rain date! To be held at Wing and Water and hosted by Jimmy Wilkinson!! The grounds are available at 1 pm for training your dog or just socializing. Club general meeting to be held at 4 pm. This is the only meeting where nominations for officers and the board from the floor can be taken. There will be NO board meeting. Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc will be available immediately after the meeting. The rest of the meal is pot-luck (Remember - Jimmy is hosting and cooking.....just a hint!). Contact Claire Ricci (Claire_Ricci@msn.com) for directions.

ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 30, 2008

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

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

President's Report:

Cindy Miller

Cindy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Subjects that need to be discussed:

- Filing of Fed tax with ABC
- Freeland Rental
- September Hunt test
- November Field Trial
- No Date for Walking Field Trial

Secretary's Report:

Deb Rudert

Items received:

Copy of American Brittany Rescue newsletter.

Received the Club insurance and a copy has been sent to Mary Jo Trimble ABC Secretary.

In addition, a flyer was enclosed stating that there will be two options for insurance. The current insurance we purchase through Equisure and a new Wells Fargo Insurance service. We may want to look into the two at our Dec/Jan meeting.

Letters from AKC

Approval for our Specialty show held in conjunction with the Nita Nee Kennel Club on Sunday 7/20/08.

Approval of our Sweeps judge for the Sunday 7/20/08 specialty. The Sweeps judge will be Ken Rayner

Approval of our Independent specialty Show in Centre Hall on Friday July 18th 2008.

Approval of our Sweepstakes Judge for Friday 7/18, 2008. The sweeps judge will be Marjorie Tuff.

A reminder was received from AKC that the judge's panel for regular classes must be submitted. Cindy took care of this.

The Judge for Friday Regular classes is Don Evens and Sunday is Stephanie Seabrook Hedgepath.

(As a Key note, Stephanie Hedgepath was scheduled to judge the Va Specialty in May. That club has had a judge change to Michael Faulkner.) The premium list is incorrect for anyone wanting to enter.

Approval for the Walking Field Trial and the judge's panel. The date is May 17th 2008. The panel is as follows:

Amateur Gun dog	Stephen Boyer & Cindy Stahle
Open All Age	Roger McPherson & Louis Palazzolo
Open Derby	Roger Mcpherson & Jeff Currier
Open Gun Dog	Art Cohen & Louis Palazzolo
Open Puppy	Stephen Boyer and Cindy Stahle

From AKC a letter to Support AKC PAC. (The AKC Political Action Committee.) They will take Voluntary contributions to help fight dog owners' rights

Letter reminding clubs that other services have been negotiated through the Equisure insurance company.

Fidelity Crime Coverage
Club Liability coverage
Directors and officers liability coverage.

An email from Barbara Donahue, announcing a new facility in which to hold breed specialty events. The Dog Training Club of Chester County in Exton, PA

A reminder from AKC on the annual state filing status.

An email from Bobbie stating that The Anthracite Club is OK this year on not filing the IRS form. A state for will need to be filled out.

Received a postcard from Drew Thurdton Pet Portrait painter.

Letter from Rend Lake Resort Offering Conference center located on the shores of Rend Lake in Wayne

Fitzgerald State Park, IL

Letter from Way to Weave. Suppliers of Weave poles

Email for the Berkshire Belgian Tervern Club announcing a Handling Seminar presented by Corky Vroom on September 20th and 21st 2008 in Syracuse, NY. I have an information packet with me,

An email from Jamie Smith asking for anyone in our club involved with Fly ball or Agility to please fill out a questionnaire on the subject. The web address is available to anyone after the meeting.

A catalog for Amsterdam printing. A source for printing our logo on all types of useful products.

Received a Hodges Badge Company Dog Show Awards catalog

A letter from Tri-tronics looking for Members of it new "Influential Club" The club entitles you to a list of free products and also will become a dealers in the multi dog and remote e-collars if you so choose. The information is available after the meeting.

An application for a Capital One on No hassle business credit card.

An email from Cindy asking for volunteers for the 2008 Nominating committee. Also if you are interested in an officer position or a member of the board.

Received a letter from Pa Federation asking for our club information. They would like to have two primary delicates and two alternates. This should be brought up in new business or taken care of my a nomination of our president.

Information on the Brittany Discussion List that my effect exhibitors in Field and show events:

A message from Mary Jo Trimble to let everyone know that our President of the American Brittany Club Ronald Zook has pass away on March 10th, 2008 He was a resident of Pataskala, Ohio.

Along with his dedication to the Brittany club he achieved a lot of his goals in life. He received a bachelor's degree in Civil engineering, A US army Veteran, Worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation for 40 years.

He was the safety task force leader for the transportation subcommittee of eminence and standing committee for Highways. He served on the Ohio department of Natural Resources from 1994 to 1998. He enjoyed Hunting, fishing, and golfing.

From Robin Tomasi, Larry Sandusky put together a PowerPoint slideshow explaining the changes to the AKC hunt test rules. He has given permission for other clubs to use it if they would like.

The program is on the ABC website for your use the link is Clubs.akc.org/brit/news.htm

The National Specialty Site has been changed to the hotel for the nationals will be the Howard Johnson's across the street. The reason for the change is cost for the facility as well as the cost of the rooms.

There are two letters her from the Show Chair Nancy Anderson explaining why the site has been changed and more information on it if anyone would like to see them after the meeting.

There is a committee being formed to spark more interest in the Futurity and possible bring back a Futurity Run off.

Letter from Mary Jo on Pet Law List:

For Mary Jo Trimble, The state of NJ is trying to do away with the department of Agriculture.

The NJ Department of Agriculture supports our farmers, our horse industry and protects quality of our food sources. Website is available after the meeting.

Legislation in SC. The bill will allow animal rights groups and law enforcement to go after any dog that is caged in any way. Crate, kennel, cage, x-pen, tether. The bill had exclusion on tethering for hunters. That has been removed.

Information is here for you interest.

Mary Jo put together information needed for:

Reporting Field Trials, Hunt Tests, and Specialty Shows.

I made a copy for all chair people. Questions should be directed to ABC Secretary Mary Jo Trimble

Letters from John Yates, American Sporting Dog Alliance:

Game Commission Rule May Impact Field Trials, Training In Pennsylvania. I have made a copy for all of the chair people involved in these events.

American Sporting Dog Alliances Seeks investigation of Kennels in Oprah Report. Ask U.S. Attorney Generals to find out Why prosecute.

Pa dog laws. Letter states new and old info. Cindy will have up to date information.

Two email for Kris Christine:

First chance to Wyoming's rabies laws.

Second is how you can help. If you would like to see the national 3 year rabies protocol adopted, you can contact the information I have listed in these emails.

Members for First Reading

Kathy Kumernitsky Mary Ann recommendation, Schnecksville, PA

William Dodd Cindy recommendation, Carlisle, PA

Gary Guz Found us on the Web Bangor, PA

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>
Jan 2008	\$15,899.28	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,945.34	\$ 14,073.94
Feb 2008	\$14,073.94	\$ 270.00	\$ 286.17	\$ 14,057.77
Mar 2008	\$14,057.77	\$ 102.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 14,099.77

Vice-President's Report:

John McMurray

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trial:

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairperson

Spring trial all set, working on getting birds and hotel rooms for judges

Dinner will be Pork Tenderloin, Veggies and pies for \$5 per person

Calcutta and a 50/50 will be held. Clair has set up our logo with the ribbon company and if any other function need ribbons etc the logo is on file and need not be paid for set up again.

Walking Field Trial

Jason Umberget, Chairperson not present no report

Hunt Test:

Charles Canny, Chairperson Not present no report

Specialty Show Report:

Mike Sammon Chairperson

Panel is approved, premium list is almost complete, Deb and Terry will help with the mailing. Closing date is 7/2.

Nutting is our Photographer

Grange is approved and paid

Insurance has been sent to grange

Cindy will be doing the Trophies

Bobbie is Show Secretary

Dot Moon will be doing Hospitality

Deb will set up a raffle table (members with items to donate to the raffle please get to day by show day.)

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

Please get your event dates to Claire for posting on the website

Canine Learning:

Coordinator needed

Deb Reported that 2008 Canine learning went very smoothly. We had lots of Visitors answered lots of questions. He received no placements this year but we had a great time anyway. I would like to thank Ken Merkel, Dave Wieder, Linda Starner and Jimmy Wilkinson for helping out. All of these people did a great job with the folks that stopped by the booth. Thanks also to the club members that stopped by to say hello. Fred and Jane Loquasto, who stop by every year, Gwen and Brian Snyder, Mary Ann Breininger, Pat Orтели and of course Terry Hilliard and Bobbie Dunkling who were working so very hard feeding all of the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club members.

Picnic/Fun Field Day

Coordinator needed

Talked about having just a picnic at water & wings or at Cindy's house.

Bi-Laws committee:

No report

PA Federation Report

Bob Williams, Delegate

A lot of conversation on email on the dog laws. No meeting scheduled as of yet. Advisory board is meeting May 14th. Very little new info or new proposals to report. Jim Holt a great sponsor of breeders who has been on the board has passed away. This will be a loss for the breeders cause.

Seminars

No coordinator no report

Nomination of officers

Dave Wieder President

Les Casselberry Vice President

Deb Rudert Secretary

Bobbie Dunkling Treasurer

Cindy Miller Board member

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

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

Jim carpenter

Daniel Barr

Pan Canny

Welcome New Members!

OLD BUSINESS

Storage Shed issue was tabled.

Cindy needs info on the Walking field trial.

Cindy will be placing info in the newsletter on events. This last month was on Field trials and Hunt Tests. Next month will be Obedience and Rally.

Need a member to volunteer for an article in next newsletter. "Meet the Members"

NEW BUSINES

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. Anyone interested in going see Terry or Deb.

BRAGS

Cindy has 2 pups being shown. One finished in 5 shows with all 4 pt majors. Griffin went WD and Best in Sweeps. Also one of them has 4 field placements

Thank you all for coming to the meeting!

Next Meeting:

June 22nd 2008

At water and wings

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Deb Rudert

Club Name: Nita-Nee Kennel Club Show Date: July 18-20, 2008

Please enter my order for advertising as per copy shown below.

- Full Page (\$40) Half Page (\$20) Quarter Page (\$10)
- (4.5" x 7.5") (4.5" x 3.75") (4.5" x 1 7/8")
- Photo - if not electronic (\$8) Patron Listing (\$5)

NOTE: no price increase!

AD #

****ADS****

must be received by Superintendent
six weeks before show date.

All advertisers get a free catalog.
Pick up your catalog at the show.

Advertiser _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Advertiser Signature _____ Payment of \$ _____ enclosed.

PAGE

HALF
PAGE

FULL

QUARTER
PAGE

(Great for Business Cards)

FULL

One-line Patron Listing (\$5) (please print):

___ Use same ad as last year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All catalog printing is done by offset. Do not send cuts or electro mats.

All photographs and art work will be returned to the Advertising or Show Chairman on the day of the show by the Superintendent.

Unless ad is camera-ready, composition will be made at the printer's discretion. Any ad less than one-quarter page will be made and billed as a one-quarter page ad.

Reproductions of pictures from show catalogs, telephone books, business cards, etc. result in poor quality and are not guaranteed.

For best results, send black and white glossy photographs. Any other photograph cannot be guaranteed and may reproduce a picture of questionable or poor quality.

For any additional art work or camera work, an additional charge will be made.

Be sure all photographs, artwork, etc. are labeled. Do not bend, fold, tape, or staple pictures. There will be a charge for each photograph.

IMPORTANT

Print plainly or typewrite all ad copy to avoid typographical errors.

Please return to
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NNKC Catalog Ad Chair
150 Steeplechase Dr.
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823

If you desire special placement of your ad, specify _____

Deadline - May 30, 2008