
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

July 2004



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Thoughts from Linda

Hello To All Members:

It is time to get "Front and Center" and get serious about this club. Our Newsletter has become defunct and information has not been passed on to our members and our new members. Hence a new Newsletter chairman has been assigned to do the job. Thank you Cindy Miller for accepting the position until we can find a replacement. Deb Rudert has agreed to do the first mailing and Bobbie Dunkling has agreed to take over after that. The club really prefers to send by e-mail because sending by postal service costs more and takes more time for our "Volunteers" who have a lot to do. So, I am pleading with you to PLEASE let Cindy Miller know your e-mail address and if you will accept your Newsletter via e-mail. **This really important!!!** Again **PLEASE** let Cindy Miller know your e-mail address. Also please send all correspondence to Cindy Miller for anything and everything for the Newsletter.

All in all...The club has been busy. The field trial went very well. Although I did not run a dog, I enjoyed being at Happy Hour on Saturday night listening to Les Casselberry chant the ever popular "Calcutta". I rode on Sunday and was quite impressed with the quality of dogs in our Open Gun Dog Stake.

The fun field trial held at Water and Wings was a fun time. Everyone had a great time. Including ME!!! We had a nice turn out and will do it again next year.

We try to keep our events light and fun for everyone and we really needs new people. So come out to our events and learn more about your Britts. We do have fun.

Looking forward to seeing all our "old" members and especially our new members at our events. Next event is the Specialty Show July 15-17, 2004 at Center Hall Pa. Come on out and join us.

Linda

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Canine Learning Coordinator:

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Fun Field Trial Coordinator:

Jim Wilkinson
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Summer Specialty Coordinator:

Terri Hilliard
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Agility Coordinator:

Charlene Frable
(570-386-5049)

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Specialty Show: Thursday July 15 and Saturday July 17, 2004. Contact Gloria Hartman (717-761-7130)

Agility Match: Friday July 16 at the Grange Fairgrounds. Contact Charlene Frable (570-386-5049)

Summer Specialty Meeting: Friday, July 16 at the Grange Fairgrounds. Contact Terri Hilliard (610-966-4922)

Summer Picnic: Sunday, August 22 at the Freeland Kennel Club. Contact Linda Starner (570-839-0473)

Club Meeting: At the Summer Picnic, Sunday August 22 – to follow the days events – Freeland Kennel Club

Hunt Test: September 18 and 19th. Contact Dave Weider (610-473-9426)

Secretary's Report

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

The following members are PAST DUE:

Rod Beckstead
Les Casselberry
Kevin Diehl
Jeff Fusco
Ken Hoffman
Jeanne McLean
Tom Quinn
Stan Rozowski
Kirk Schlappich
John Soley
Renee Beville
Doug D'Amore
Joe Sikorski
Steve Tubach
Christy Weigel

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

August

Deann Eberle
Marianne English
Mike Sammon

September

Richard Booth
Mark Shoff
Deb Zaktansky

Thank You,
Deb Rudert

From the Editor's Desk

Well, to the members of Anthracite – I am like a bad dog – I keep coming back to you. Once again, I am in charge of the newsletter. As such, Linda and I will strive to get the information to the membership in a timely fashion. What can you do to help?

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 either Linda or myself to volunteer for this job.

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.

Cindy

2005 Summer Specialty Meeting Notice

There will be a Summer Specialty meeting at Larry and Terri Hilliard's trailer after BIS on Friday night at the Nita Nee Kennel Club Show (Friday July 16, 2004). Everyone should have their reports to give for their committees. If unable to attend, please email Terri with the reports. Bring something to eat and join in. If anyone else is interested in joining us, please feel free to do so.

Brittany Rescue

Visit our web site @

www.americanbrittanyrescue.org.

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ABR Sends Out The Call For Volunteers

The ABR boasts over 450 volunteers across the US and Canada. There are still more Britts coming into ABR every day. Complicating the situation is that some areas of the country either have fewer volunteers than others or have dogs coming into foster care at a much higher rate than most.

These states are woefully understaffed and include Pennsylvania. Contact your state coordinator to obtain an ABR's volunteer application. .

Even if you are unable to foster, there are many other ways to help Britts in need.

Braggs

From Jeff and Gina Currier:

Ch. Triumphant's Too Hot to Handle JH (Nitro) took BOB at Maryland Specialty Show on Saturday June 26th. The next day, Sunday June 27th, Nitro took BOB and went on to a Sporting Group 3. He also took a Sporting Group 2 on Monday. We also went BOW with Ginjac's Rustic Dream (Rusty) on Saturday and Sunday. Rusty finished his show championship on Sunday with three majors. Ginjac's Rosie Delprado (Rosie) was WB at the Maryland Specialty and now needs needs one point for her CH .

July 15, 2004 Is Coming Soon!

The Anthracite Brittany Club Specialty Shows, July 15, 2004 and July 17, 2004 at Centre Hall, PA (State College, PA) are fast approaching.

The Sweepstakes start Thursday, July 15th, at 7:00PM. The Sweepstakes Judge is Mr. Dennis Collins from Fort Washington, MD. When he is finished, then Mrs. Sandra Goose Allen enters the ring, and makes her selection.

This year, we are dedicating this show to the memory of Jim Sargent.

Regina Currier has chosen very interesting trophies again this year. Terri Hilliard will be our Hospitality expert, so bring your appetite. Our grounds keeper is Jim Wilkinson, with helpers Bob Williams and Neil Colquhoun. Bobby Dunkling is the Show Secretary, collecting all the entries, and passing them over to Ric and Pat Orтели, Catalog Chairs. Carol McMurray will help with Program distribution and keeping me straight with prize presentation. Poor Carol Brown! She has fielded all of my questions, and will still help me as the Ring Steward.

If you want to see Brittany's, and visit with club members, and have a wonderful time - Come to Centre Hall, PA, Grange Fairgrounds July 15, 16, and 17th!

Don't miss our new event on Friday and Saturday. Charlene Frable has scheduled our first ever Agility 'A' Match. It should be a great addition to the show.

Summer Picnic has been Changed!!!! The new date is Sunday, August 22, 2004

The Summer Picnic will be held at Freeland Kennel Club on August 22, 2004. Starting at around 8:00 AM a field event will be held until around 11:00. An Agility Demonstration, The Brittany Olympics, the Diaper Derby and Raffles will start around 11:00 and continue through the afternoon with Lunch, of course (Please bring a covered dish for lunch). Freeland has potable water for the dogs. Bring shade for your dogs and lawn chairs for you. Bring your friends and family too! There will be a charge of \$5.00 (to defray the cost of birds) for anyone running a dog in the field event. Don't Miss this FUN event.

Any questions call Linda Starner at 570-839-0473 or e-mail me for directions at klsmain@aol.com.

**CLUB PICNIC / MEETING
August 22, 2004 (Sunday)
Freeland Kennel Club
FMI: Contact Linda Starner**

8 am: Field event
11 am: Agility Demo; Brittany
Olympics, Diaper Derby
Noon: Lunch – Bring a Covered Dish
After Lunch: Club Meeting

The Anthracite Breeder Referral List

ATTENTION: Please look over the current Anthracite Breeder Referral List and contact Deb Rudert if there are any changes, deletions or additions to be made. Deb can be emailed at mayjays1@aol.com or write Deb Rudert, 4364 Valley Drive, Allentown, PA 18104

Allmac Kennels
John & Carol McMurray
717-469-0354 or Allmac1@cs.com

Brookewood Brittany's,
Cindy Miller and Russ Walborn
Field, Show & Pets,
Orange Only, Stud Avail
Puppies Occasionally
717-838-6562, email canmiller@psu.edu

GinJac Brittany's
Gina & Jeff A. Currier
5501 Walnut Lane
Zionsville PA 18092
610-966-2927,
EMAIL jcchbritt@juno.com
Field, Show, Obedience, Hunt, Pet

Highlander Kennels
Neil and Monica Colquhoun
Field, show, and pet
Stud service, puppies
www.highlanderkennels.com
dualbrit1@aol.com, 610-760-2411

Lockridgebritts
Larry and Terri Hilliard
8496 Hensingersville Rd.
Alburtis, PA 18011,
Orange and White only

Stud dog available, Occasional puppies
email: lockridgebritts@aol.com

May-Jay's Brittany's
Deb Rudert & Jerry Happel
Show, Hunting and loving Companions
Orange and White only
Stud dogs Available
Puppy's health guaranteed and well socialized.
Allentown, PA
Mayjays1@aol.com or 610-366-0848
Website = www.mayjaysbrittanys.com

Mt. View Brittany's
Show, Field and Companion Dogs
Show and Field Training
"We Hunt Our Show Dogs"
610-767-4662
Email = mtview@enter.net
Website = www.mtviewbrittanys.com

Oak Run Brittany's
Lowell and Linda Starner
PO Box 169, Tannersville, PA 18372
Ph: 570-839-0473
E-mail: klsmain@aol.com

Rock Steady Kennel
AKC Brittany's w/champion bloodline
Working dogs or pets
Puppies & started dogs
Stud service available
570-638-2311, rocstddy@quik.com

Roc Ridge Brittany's
Field trial & Hunting companions
Stud service & puppies
Watsonstown, Pa 17777
570-649-5881 rocridge@webtv.net

ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING March 10, 2004

The Anthracite Brittany Club meeting was brought to order at approximately 8:00 PM by Linda Starner on March 10, 2004 at the Starlight Restaurant in Allentown. Officers present were Linda Starner, Deb Rudert & Bobbie Dunkling. Directors present were David Wieder and Terri Hilliard. Members present were Larry Hilliard, Jim Wilkinson, John McMurray, Pat Ortelli, Mary Ann Breininger, George Habecker and Associate Members Carol McMurray and Rick Ortelli.

Linda asked that we all join in a moment of Silence for our dear friend and loyal Club member Jim Sargent.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the last Anthracite Brittany Newsletter. Terri Hilliard pointed out that under the section Up Coming Events, the contact person for the show is Gloria Hartman. In addition to that under Summer Specialty 2005 the list of Judges to be submitted should have been listed as need by January not June. Changes noted and Motion passed.

President's Report: Linda Starner

A board meeting was held on February 22, 2004. Old and New business was discussed. (See Board Meeting Minutes)

A 2005 Specialty Show Meeting was held on March 7, 2004. Permission has been granted by the National Club for Anthracite to host the 2005 American Brittany Club Summer Specialty. This event will need support from the membership. Our club did a super job in 2000 and will be a hard act to follow. Terri Hilliard will be the contact person for the event.

The club made a \$150.00 donation to Brittany Rescue in memory of Jim Sargent. In addition the 2004 Specialty Show will be dedicated to Jim.

Charlene Frable is taking on the task of holding an Agility Match at the 2004 Specialty Show in Nita Nee. This will make it possible to host a four-day Agility AKC sanctioned Agility competition at the 2005 ABC Summer specialty at the same location.

The Bylaws committee had there first meeting.

Special Thanks to Marianne English for getting the Newsletter out so quickly with a broken Shoulder.

Secretary's Report: Deb Rudert

Correspondence for AKC has stated that he Specialty Show scheduled for July 15, 2004 has not yet been approved. However the Sweepstakes Judge, Dennis Collins, has been approved the requirements that need to be fulfilled are the Disaster Emergency Plan. The Specialty Show scheduled for July 17, 2004 has the Sweepstakes judge approved, Dr Thomas M. Davies. However, the Show is cannot be approved due to items pending with the host club Nita Nee. In addition there was a futurity Judge listed as approved. This needs to be revised since there will be no futurity held. It was also received by AKC that the Field Trial, which is scheduled for May 15, 2004, couldn't be approved due to parent club approval and event fee submission. All of these matters are minor setbacks and will be easily rectified by the Secretaries and Chairpersons.

The AKC has also sent correspondence concerning all Premium Lists. This includes all AKC events. The following wording for premium lists for all events held on and after May 1, 2004: "Exhibitors should follow there veterinarians' recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable disease's, and have appropriate vaccinations." (Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination).

There are two members to be submitted for first reading:

- 1) Kimberly Kaiser, 51 Carter Rd, Thornton, PA 19373, 610-358-9675, KimberlyKa@comcast.net
- 2) William DeCicco, 2247 Sunset Dr., Clarks Summit, PA 18411, 570-388-3913, Billy21080@aol.com

There were three associate members submitted for first reading:

- 1) Claire Ricci, 16 W. Main St., Macungie, PA, 18062, 610-965-5670, Claire_Ricci@email.msn
- 2) Carol McMurray, 269 Dairy Lane, Palmyra, PA 17078, 717-469-0354, allmmac1@cs.com

3) Rick Orтели, 182 W. 30th St., Northampton, PA 18067, 610-261-2951, slixter@rcn.com

Due to the calls and emails received for request for Brittany Breeders, I ask that you review the Breeder Referral list. If there are any corrections needed or if you are not on it and would like to be, please contact me by email at mayjays1@aol.com or by mail at Deb Rudert, 4364 Valley Drive, Allentown, PA 18104. Complete the information, as you would like it to appear. (Ed. Note: See complete list elsewhere in newsletter)

Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Dunkling

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
November	\$12,263.16	\$ 932.00	\$1,151.99	\$12,043.17
December	\$12,043.17	\$ 4,152.97	\$1,202.85	\$14,993.29
January	\$14,993.29	\$ 750.00	\$ 799.08	\$14,935.47
February	\$14,935.47	\$ 175.00	\$ 900.75	\$14,209.72

ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB FINAL REPORT 2003

\$14,984.55	\$16,621.72	\$16,612.98	\$14,993.29	Profit \$8.74
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ANTHRACITE BRITTANY RESCUE FINAL REPORT 2003

\$1725.32	\$5,955.00	\$5,813.65	\$1,866.67	Profit \$141.35
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A motion was made by Jim Wilkinson and seconded by Linda Starner to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion passed.

Vice-President's Report: Les Casselberry
not present no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trial:

George Habecker, Chairperson

The fall field trial was successful. Entries were down in all age and amateur gun dog. The spring trial planning is underway. Judges are set hoping for a better entry. All issues in the Secretary's report are already being addressed. Please join us at the trial.

Hunt Test:

Dave Weider, Chairperson

Date is September 18 and September 19 2004

Show Report:

Gloria Hartman, Chairperson

Not present. No report

Picnic: Linda Starner and Terri Hilliard, Co-Chairpersons

Picnic will be held at Freeland Kennel club on June 27th 2004. We are planning a field event. This will not be as structured as in the past. There will be birds available and new members are encouraged to pair up with some of the experienced club members to walk a brace. There will be more games this year, since this is a part of the picnic that everyone seems to really enjoy. There is a possibility we will have someone micro chipping dog too. A raffle will run all day and a full membership meeting will end out the day. PLEASE, plan to attend the meeting.

Brittany Rescue Report:

No report

Canine Learning:

Marta Beckstead, Chairperson
not present no report

Grounds: No report.

Legislative: No report.

Newsletter:

Marianne English, editor
not present no report

Bi-Laws committee:

Rod Beckstead Chairperson

In the absence of Rod, Larry Hilliard and Dave Weider reported. One issue under discussion was the reason for Associate Members and what advantages and privileges they have. Would like to see the club have a policy manual. Deb Rudert reported that there is one. Also looking at Terms of Officers.

2005 ABC Summer Specialty Show committee:

Terry Hilliard Chairperson

A meeting was announced for anyone wanting to be on this committee. The meeting was well attended and sparked a lot of ideas. Anthracite will host the 2005 Summer Specialty on Saturday July 16th 2005. Pennsylvania will do Wednesday, North Jersey will do Thursday, and Susquehanna will do Friday. There will be Agility four days as well.

Cindy Miller will be handling the Judges Seminar; Deb Rudert will do Trophies with Bobbie Dunklings help. Pat & Rick Ortelli and Mary Ann Brieninger will be do advertising, T-Shirts and momento for all exhibitors. Charlene Frable will be Agility chairperson Bobbie Dunkling will help. Nita-Nee will host two days of agility and Anthracite will host two days. This should draw many people from all over the country as well as bring in revenue. Gloria will do a raffle for Anthracite. Rescue people will be contacted to see if they would like to set up a raffle as well to benefit Rescue. Terry is planning to have a night and activities for Juniors. A caterer will be contacted for food for the entire weekend. This is too big of a job for one person considering that we have the agility people to feed as well.

A list of Judges was requested from all club members. From that list the top five judges were presented to Nita-Nee for finalization. We will have camping, a potluck night and plenty of fun for all.

Agility Committee:

Charlene Frable Chairperson

Fun Field Trial

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairperson

Fun Field Trial will be held at Water and Wings in Zionsville. On June 6th beginning anytime after 9 AM. Call either Jimmy or Water and Wings for directions.

OLD BUSINESS

The suggestion was made at the last meeting to set up a Website. Many of the members feel that this is a good idea. Website. Claire Ricci and Deb Rudert were to present proposals. Clair sent an email to Deb

stating that the person that she talked to had a list of questions that she needed answered before making a proposal. Deb got a proposal of \$250 to set up the site and \$125 a year. After discussion a committee was formed. Pat Ortelli will chair and bring information to the June meeting. We would like to vote on the site at that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The following New Members were voted in:

Kirk Schlappich
Renee Beville

A motion was made by Deb Rudert to accept the new members. The motion was seconded by Bobbie Dunkling and passed unanimously.

The Board of Directors and Officers met and the following were recommendations:

1. To approve the use of monies in an emergency by majority vote of the board members. Approval via e-mail or phone with limit. Bobbie made a motion to make the limit \$200. Larry Hilliard seconded it motion passed.
2. To have an AKC Sanctioned Agility A Match in 2004 in conjunction with the Summer Specialty show in July. We need this to be licensed for the Agility in 2005. Passed
3. To have a Seminar in 2006. This is the job of the Vice President. Linda will contact Les Casselberry about it.
4. Chairpersons have their reports and articles to the newsletter editor two weeks after the close of the event. Passed.
5. Appointment of a nominating Committee. Need three people on the committee. Carol McMurray, George Habecker and Larry Hilliard volunteered.

George Habecker mad a motion to allow all AKC Registered Pointing breeds (not just Brittany's) into our Field Trial. Motion seconded by Jimmy Wilkinson. George brought the motion because he felt that the club should discuss the possibility. We have been loosing money in our trials lately. We lost \$300 on the fall trial and \$50 on the spring. Entries were low. We are paying more money for grounds, the per dog fee has gone up for AKC. A lot of other clubs are doing it. On the other hand it will limit the number of Brittany only trials. It is required that you have one major in a Brittany only trial. If a lot of other clubs are doing it, and we don't, it may make our trial more desirable and entries will go up. Or trial has been successful in the past. Motion was NOT passed.

George Habecker made a motion to start a Jim Sargent Memorial Trophy. This would be a revolving trophy to be won at a trial and kept for a year and returned at the next year's trial. George will head up a Committee to look into cost. He will bring results to the June meeting. Motion passed.

Brag

Becky owned by George Habecker was Runner up at the Grouse Classic. She also finished her Am Field Championship! Congratulations Becky and George!

Twrvieview Misty's On The Green, JH (Bailey) finished her Show Championship in Maryland. Congratulations Bailey, Dave and the Weider Family!

Next meeting will be held on March 10th. Location to be announced.
Deb Rudert made a motion to adjourn seconded by Gloria Hartman.

Submitted by Deb Rudert