
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

June 2007



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I know that we normally do not have a newsletter at this time of the year - but there are a couple of exciting club events coming - and I want to remind everyone of them.

First is the picnic - which is Sunday June 10th - Contact Kim Kaiser for any information! This is a fun day for family, dogs and friends. If you sold puppies this past year, you should invite them to come with you.

Second is the first of our two educational events for the year, "Ovulation Timing" by Melissa Goodman. Terri Hillard is chairing this event. This will be June 30th in Allentown.

Third is the show - which this year is Thursday July 19 and Saturday July 21 and Susquehanna shows are Friday July 20 and Sunday July 22. Four shows at one great location - Grange Fairgrounds in Centre Hall, PA. Linda Starner is the contact for this event. Premium list will be posted to the website shortly.

Remember to make all of these events a success - it takes volunteers to organize and plan the events and it takes your participation to make it a success. Please help the club - volunteer and participate.

Other exciting news is the Anthracite Brittany Club Field Trial made the Harrisburg Patriot News and the article can be found on our website.

From a legislative view, as a member of the Dog Law Advisory Board, we have been taking 'field trips'. The Board will be meeting monthly from now until the end of the year. Last month we visited a K5 kennel - this was a broker kennel, that has close to 12000 (and yes that is 12 thousand) puppies go through his doors in a year. We will be visiting the Radnor Kennels next month. I was hoping with the IRRC comments that some of the proposed rules would go away, but Gov. Rendall insists that we move forward with the proposals.

As usual, if you have any comments, problems, etc. - please do not hesitate to contact me. Please be patient if I don't get back to you right away - as I do have a full time job, a part time job, I am the Harrisburg Kennel Club delegate to the AKC (and on the AKC Dog Show Rules and Regulations Committee) and I am on Gov Rendall Dog Law Advisory Board.

I will miss seeing everyone at the picnic - as I will be at the AKC meeting in Las Vegas that weekend.

Cindy

NEXT MEETING:

Will be on 6/10/2007 at the Anthracite Fun Field Trial and Picnic, Water and Wings, Zionsville, PA

General Membership Meeting is after the picnic. Nominations for club officers will be accepted. Contact Cindy Miller (717-838-6562) for more information

Coordinators:

Newsletter: Mike Sammon
mjps@optonline.net

Canine Learning: Jim Wilkinson
610-965-0096

Website: Claire Ricci
[Claire Ricci@msn.com](mailto: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:

Ric Ortelli 5/07
Carmine Minichini 5/07
Linda Starner 5/07
Joe Wertz 5/07

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

June

Charlene Frable
John Gropp

July

Pat Ortelli
Shane Becker
Jane Ludwig-Samer
Carol McMurray
Shawn Myers
Robert Samer
John Soley
Justin O'Donnell
Cindy Miller
Dana Klouser

August

Doug D'Amore
Mike Sammon
Stephen Brandt
Jeff Glazier

September

Judy Kostelac
Gwen Snyder
Joe Banyas
Jeanne Rozowski
Stan Rozowski
Ken Merkel

Thank you,
Deb Rudert

Brittany Rescue

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly 1000 Brittans 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

<http://www.AmericanBrittanyRescue.org>

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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) 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

Brag

From Peggy Meakin:

CH. MT VIEW GLASS SLIPPER, CD, RAE, JH

Owner: Peggy Meakin

Earned her CD in April, 2007 with placements of first and fourth places.

From Mike Sammon:

CH May-Jay's Sam I Am, CD, RAE, JH, CGC

(Sammie) Earned her Rally Advanced Excellent Title, April 2007 at the Wilmington Kennel Club Shows. Handled by Mike Sammon.

From Jane Ludwig-Samer:

CH Mt View Happy Go Lucky Rhett, MH
(Rhett) completed his Master Hunter title passing 5 consecutive test at 2 1/2 years of age. Owned by Jane Ludwig-Samer and Maryann Breininger, Trained and handled by Bob Samer.

an ADDITIONAL \$5 PER DOG fee for those entering their dogs in any stakes.

This was omitted in the prior information.

Thank you,
Kim Kaiser

Summer Specialty

Anyone who would have anything for the Brittany raffle at the July show should contact Deb, Linda, Bobbi or Terri.

Fun Field Trial and Picnic

TO OUR MEMBERS REGARDING THE PICNIC:

Please note there is an error on the website and in the last mailing concerning the cost of the event.

The BASIC cost of entry, or "entry fee" is \$10 per individual or family,

HOWEVER, to cover the cost of birds, gasoline and other expenses related to running the dogs, there is

**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

April 17, 2007

The Anthracite Brittany Club meeting was brought to order by President Cindy Miller on April 17, 2007 at the Starlight Restaurant in Fogelsville. Officers present were John McMurray, Deb Rudert & Bobbie Dunkling. Directors present were Larry Hilliard and David Wieder. Members present were Joe Sikorski, Jim Wilkinson, Mike Baniewicz, Mike Sammon, Terry Hilliard, Bob Williams, Gloria Hartman, Jason Umberger, Kim Kaiser and Associate Member Clair Ricci. Guests present were Fred and Lynn Weiss and John Gropp

Minutes from the January newsletter were voted on and accepted.

President's Report:

Cindy Miller

Introductions from the membership were made. Cindy asked for approval of the minutes as printed in the Newsletter. Motion made by Bobbie, second by John and passed.

Secretary's Report:

Deb Rudert

Items received:

Best Impressions catalog

The Danbury Mint Brittany Fleece Jacket pamphlet.

Announcing THE ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER REHABILITATION AND FITNESS SERVICE CENTER. In N. Y. C.

2/11/07 Email from Claire Ricci, Website coordinator on new username and password for Website

Letter from Mid NJ Lab club on a Carmen Battaglia "Breeding Better Dogs Seminar 4/21 & 4/22.

2/7/07 Email from Showsite Magazine. They are looking for representatives of each breed for featured monthly. The cost is \$99 per month for a 12 month run.

Letter was sent out 2/27/07 to PA Federation of Dog Clubs for request for membership in the club. The Cost was \$25.

Letter from AKC asking if our club would support the development of an International Obedience

Invitational Trial by the AKC? and

Do the Obedience exhibitor within your club support the development of an AKC International Obedience Invitational?

After discussion with the officers we replied that our club at this time does not hold obedience and that the club members that do obedience would likely not oppose the program.

2/8/07 Letter on Exercise Pens at Dog Shows. At an independent specialty show we will have to provide a minimum of two exercise pens suitable for the size of our breed.

1/12/07 Letter from AKC – Subject 2007 Pointing Breed Hunting Test Advisory Committee. In an effort by AKC to continue growth and vitality for the sport of purebred dogs. The board will

meet 3/31/07 to discuss and vote on Proposals. The ABC representative is John Tiller of Guthrie, OK

1/30/07 Show application was not approved due to Disaster Emergency plan, officer's signature and \$25 event fee.

1/30/07 and again on 2/27/07 Approval for Sweepstakes to be held on 7/19/07 with approval for Judge Mrs. Lisa Warren.

Approval for Sweepstakes to be held on 7/21/07 with approval for Judge Mrs. Sheila Smith.

2/12/07 Field Trial application for 5/19/07 not approved due to parent club approval and \$25 event fee.

2/12/07 Approval for judging panel for Sat May 19th Field trial as Follows:

Amateur Gun Dog	Paul Snyder & Helmut Schoen
Open All Age	Jerry Albanese & Helmut Schoen
Open Derby	Jerry Albanese & Gus Allimonos
Open Gun Dog	Clyde Daubert & Gus Allimonos
Open Puppy	John Perry & Joanne Perry

2/22/07 Field Trail application approved.

2/22/07 received the Field trial committee list:

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairperson, committee, Claire Ricci, Joe Sikorski, John McMurray, Les Casselberry, & John Soley.

3/1/07 received the Club Insurance from Equisure. Copy sent to Mary Jo Trimble, ABC secretary.

3/5/07 letter received from AKC, Companion Animal Recovery announcing New Microchip. It is called the AKC companion Animal Recovery ID system. The system is being offered at a one time discount price for the club. It can be used as a fund raiser. Price list is included.

3/10/07 received Flyers for Intergroom 2007 a Grooming trade show to be held on 4/20,21, & 22 in Somerset, JJ.

3/13/07 received the Brittany Rescue Magazine.

3/16/07 Information on Pet food recall

4/4/07 Custom Lapel Pins postcard

4/10/07 Two emails from Carol Brown in reference to the Conformation Specialty show that will be held in conjunction with the Nita Nee Kennel Club Show.

Any info received can be accessed by contacting the Secretary

New Members Presented for first reading:

Kevin Doran Berwick, PA referred by Dave Weider Interested in conformation and club picnic

Dick Palmer Mt Bethel, PA referred Dave Weider/ K9 learning Interested in Public Education, club picnic

Fred Weiss Allentown, PA former member Interested in Field Trials, Conformation, Hunt Tests, Public Education, Club Picnic, Rescue Work

Brian Kuczynski Airville, PA ABC Website

Tracy Jo Pratt Assoc

Interested in Field Trials, Conformation, Hunt tests, Club Picnic, and Rescue work

Treasurer's Report:

Bobbie Dunkling

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
Jan. 2007	\$ 9,883.67	\$ 2,223.49	\$ 1,800.28	\$10,306.88
Feb 2007	\$10,306.88	\$ 1,779.11	\$ 1,215.50	\$10,870.49
Mar 2007	\$10,870.49	\$ 217.00	\$ 464.01	\$10,623.48

American Brittany Rescue \$5,019.09

Income was \$6,720.43 Expenses were \$1,701.34

A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report.

Vice-President's Report:

John McMurray

No Report

Will bring up the idea for a Date coordinator in New Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hunt Test:

Charles Canny, Chairperson

Not present No report

Dave Weider reported that the date were September 22nd and September 23rd.

Show Report:

Linda Starner

Not Present No report

Cindy reported the Emergency Plan was sent and all is complete. All should be approved shortly. Nita Nee will be moving their show to Sunday due to York K.C not taking date.

Cindy is working with Linda on the new x-pen ruling to find out about what we need.

Show dates are July 19, 20, 21, and 22. Anthracite will hold independent specialty on the 19th and the 21st. Susquana will host independent on the 22nd and supported on the 20th. This will mean (hopefully) four days of majors.

The President reported that the AKC will be enforcing new Eligibility Regulations for AKC events. It will require events to be in the club's territory. This will include all events.

Field Trial:

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairperson

Jimmy was appointed as Chair person. Jimmy acknowledged Claire and thanked her for all her help in the preparations for the trial. Date for the Trail are May 19th and May 20th. There will be trophies for 1st place and ribbons for 2nd through 4th place.

Still need kitchen help, someone to run Happy Hour and hotels for the judges. The entries are filling fast. Looks like it will be a really good entry.

Foot Handled Trial

Jason Umberger & George Habecker

Jason reported that the date is September 9th. The stakes are open Puppy, Derby and Gun dog. The information will be on the website. In need of Kitchen volunteers and bird planters. George will be Chair person and Jason is Secretary. Motion made to accept by Jimmy and seconded by Dave and motion accepted.

An armature Stake will be considered next year. This foot handled trial is on a trial basis.

Website

Claire Ricci coordinator

Claire reported that there is lots of new information on the website. Fun Field day/ Picnic, Seminars, Newsletters, members only page. We need to post member list and by laws on the members only page. Cindy and Deb will send information to Claire.

Newsletter Editor:

Mike Sammon, Editor

No report

Mike reported that at the last meeting he would try to make phone calls to members still receiving the newsletter via US mail. The phone calls have not yet been made but will have it by next meeting.

Fun Field Day & Picnic

Kimberly Kaiser. Chairperson

Date of Event: Sunday, June 10, 2007 with an 8 AM start

Place Water and Wings

Cost of Entry 1st dog \$10 additional dogs \$5 includes lunch

Stakes Field Trial and Hunt Test

Beginner – No experience

Novice some training

Experienced

Grounds Jimmy Wilkinson

Hostility Gwen Snyder

50/50 raffle and games Terry Hilliard

Starter Sandy Patterson

Judges Field Trial: Jimmy Wilkinson, John McMurray, Jeanne Rozowski

Judges Hunt Test: Justin Ceelen, Dave Weider and John Gropp

Alternates Jason Umberger, Bob Williams

Entries to be mailed to Kim Kaiser 2210 Helen street, Allentown, PA 18104

Email is wolfmother@rcn.com phone is 610-432-2422 or cell 484-264-0325 for brace times

No charge for grounds, port a john arranged, 4 ATV's available, cost of birds \$3.25 each

Canine Learning:

Need Chair person: Kim Kaiser and Deb Rudert volunteered to do the booth.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Members for Second reading and to be voted upon for membership:

Gwen Snyder

Joseph Cartwright

Heather Smith

Mike Moser

Motion was made and 2nd to accept the new members. Motion passed by a show of hands.

OLD BUSINESS

PA Dog Laws

Everyone should be receiving a post card with a phone number to call. Please call every day. It is important to get our concerns about the new laws across.

Bob Williams has accepted the position as reprehensive for our club in the PA Federation of Dog Clubs. He will attend quarterly meetings.

Motion to accept Bob was made by Dave, seconded by Jimmy and passed.

Seminar: 2 seminars scheduled.

Please see website for full details:

DR. MELISSA GOODMAN

OVULATION TIMING SEMINAR

June 30, 2007

Chaar Saddlery, Farm & Pet Supplies

1635 Airport Road, Allentown PA

Contact: Terri Hilliard

DR. MYRA SAVANT

CANINE REPRODUCTION

WHELPING & PUPPY INTENSIVE CARE SEMINAR

October 27 & 28, 2007

Chaar Saddlery, Farm & Pet Supplies

1635 Airport Road, Allentown PA

Contact: [Terri Hilliard](#)

Nominating Committee: John McMurray, Kim Kaiser, Gloria Hartman

1. Cindy Miller nominated for President
2. John McMurray nominated for Vice President
3. Debra Rudert nominated for Secretary
4. Bobbie Dunkling nominated for Treasurer.

To fill the vacating Board Seat Robert Williams will allow his name to be placed in nomination. It is my sincere belief all of those placed in nomination will fulfill their responsibilities in the various positions to the best of their abilities.

Sincere regards
John McMurray

A \$25 donation was made to the Club for the specialty show by the late Fred Laquasto Sr. The donation will be used for Best of Breed at the Saturday Show in July. A huge Thank You to the Laquasto family.

Breeder Referral list: The Breeder referral list was removed from the website.

This statement follows recommendations made at the Anthracite Brittany Club meeting held April 17th 2007.

The Anthracite Brittany club is a Member of the American Brittany Club and as so should follow the objectives set by The ABC. In November of 1996, the ABC adopted the American Brittany Club Code of Ethics. Its purpose is : *To promote cooperation and friendship among the breeders and owners of Brittany's and to encourage higher standards in breeding, training and showing of Brittany's in the field and in the show ring; to discourage the breed from becoming split into groups of "field dogs" and "show dogs" and to strive to keep it forever a "dual dog". It further states that, the following principles are to be used as an educational guide and a tool for Brittany breeders for the purpose to develop more genetic and disease free dogs, while being ethical in all matters with the public and with our peers.*

The code is as follows:

Ethical breeders should:

1. Comply with all ABC and AKC rules and regulations.
2. Maintain a high standard of health, care, and cleanliness for dogs under one's care.
3. Truthfully and realistically represent the Brittany being bred and/or sold in terms of quality, health, and genetic history. Refrain from breeding a bitch or using a stud until they are two (2) years old.
4. Consult with your breeder and with knowledgeable, experienced members of the ABC, regional clubs, or local kennel clubs to broaden your understanding and knowledge of the history of the breed BEFORE breeding your Brittany.
5. Breed only stock which are physically and temperamentally sound and in good health. No dog or bitch should be bred that is known to have serious inheritable defects or genetic diseases, such as:
canine hip/elbow dysplasia, primary epilepsy, a seizure disorder,
eye disorders - retinal atrophy, undescended testicles,
heart defects, extreme shyness, viciousness, other inheritable diseases or defects
6. Not attempt breeding without the ability to distinguish between correct and incorrect physical attributes. This ability requires a careful study of the breed standard, principles of genetics, and a study of both the sire and the dam's pedigrees. Breeders should study and learn the good points within our dogs, looking to both field ability and conformation.
7. Have their breeding stock OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals), GDC (Genetic Disease Control) or PennHip certification numbers for hips on, at least, both the sire and the dam; preferably for three (3) generations on both sides of the pedigree. In addition, other tests (brucellosis, eyes, elbows, and other unspecified tests) should be declared in agreement between owners of the sire and the dam prior to breeding.
8. Refuse to sell to commercial wholesalers, retail brokers, or research laboratories.
9. Have tails docked and dew claws removed soon after birth. Prior to the sale of the puppies, initial shots for known infectious diseases should be given and worming administered. A buyer should be supplied with a four-(4) generation pedigree, registration certificate, information on all veterinary care, and instructions for the care, feeding, and training of the Brittany.
10. Remember your responsibility, as a breeder does not end with the sale of the puppy. A breeder should have contact with the buyer of a pup throughout the life of the dog. This information will enhance breeding

knowledge and improve the foundation for a good long-term breeding program. This will also help your regional club to grow with new members and possible participants and workers.

11. Use spay/neuter agreements and/or consider limited registration if it is known or believed to manifest hereditary defects detrimental to the breed. **THE LONG TERM INTEREST OF THE BRITTANY SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY BREEDER.**

12. Consider DNA finger printing for all dogs in your breeding programs.

The Anthracite Brittany Club in an effort to comply with the ABC Code of Ethics is asking that members who wish to be on the referral list to comply with the code. If you wish to have prospective puppy owners referred to you from the club's referral, we ask that you send the **Sire and Dam's name, OFA certification Number and approximate due date of Whelping**, to the Secretary. As email and phone calls come in for Brittany referral your name will be passed on to the prospective owners.

John McMurray proposed a new position in the Club, a Date Coordinator. This person would coordinate all of the event dates, secure grounds and inform Chair persons. It would be appointed by the president.

Discussion was held on who would follow up the coordinator to see that all is accomplished. It was suggested the president. After a lengthy discussion Cindy asked if the club would allow her to do this job for this year. Then we will see if we will need one for next year.

Date for next meeting is June 10th at the Fun Field Day and Picnic at Water and Wings in Zionsville, Pa Web address for directions <http://www.waterandwings.com/>

- Take the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike
- Get off at the Quakertown exit and bear to the right after going through the toll
- Make a right at the second light. You are now on Geryville Pike, AKA Kings Highway

For the Public Sporting club:

Travel 2.3 miles and bear right at the large rock onto Janes Lane. Turn right at 9173 Janes Lane.

For Dog Training & Private Hunting Grounds:

Drive straight down Kings Highway (4.1 miles). Turn left at 7626 Kings Highway. Zionsville, PA. 18092.

Look for our large embossed stones.



NEW BUSINESS

None

Brags:

Terry Hilliard Gabby was Best of Opposite Sex at Westminster kennel Club show and Best of Opposite at the American Brittany Club Nationals. Took a 3rd place in her first Field Trial.

Trace, Larry's dog took a 3rd place in the Eastern Futurity gun dog stakes and a 2nd at his first Field Trial.

Mike Sammon: Sammie took her 6th and 7th RAE placements

Hunter took WD

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Deb Rudert

Dr Melissa Goodman **Ovulation Timing Seminar**

Presented by the Anthracite Brittany Club

June 30, 2007

Chaar Saddlery, Farm and Pet Supplies

1635 Airport Road, Allentown, PA

Anyone who breeds dogs, whether it is Natural breeding, Artificial or Frozen inseminations, will benefit from this seminar.

This seminar will cover:

- **Ovulation timing**
- **Artificial Insemination by chilled Extended Semen & Frozen semen**
- **This will help you to determine your bitches Cycle, so that you can maximize your chances of success in your breeding program.**
- **How to perform and interpret "Smears"**
- **How to identify with your vet the Fertile Period**
- **Proper Technique for collection and insemination**

And much, much more!

Dr. Melissa Goodman is a 1979 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and a 1983 graduate of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. After 5 years in small animal general practice, 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

Contact Terry Hilliard

8496 Hensingersville Rd

Alburtis, PA 18011

610-966-4922

Here is a copy of an article and pictures in the Patriot News from the Anthracite Field Trial at York Pointer and Setter Club:

Brittany's perform under the gun

Hunting competitions attract owners from many walks of life

BY MARY KLAUS
Of The Patriot-News

WELLSVILLE • With tails wagging and brown eyes shining, dozens of Brittany's seemed to anticipate their field trials with the eagerness of a child waiting to open gifts on Christmas morning.

Their handlers and scouts sitting quietly astride horses seemed equally eager. When the starting whistle blew seconds later, dogs and mounted handlers, scouts, judges and spectators headed into the York Pointer and Setter Club woods near here in search of quail and excitement at the second and final day of the Anthracite Brittany Club Spring Field Trials, held earlier this month.

Not as well known as fox hunts, field trials involve Brittany's running through the woods to find quail, then pointing or standing statue-still until the handler flushes the bird, fires a blank and releases the dog from the still position. The third member of the team, the scout, helps both dog and handler.

Swatara Twp. Deputy Police Chief Jason Umberger, who competes with his Brittany named Remmy, calls it an "exciting sport and a

stress reliever."

Umberger, looking as comfortable astride a Tennessee Walker as he is in a Swatara Twp. police car, got into the sport in 2004 after buying a Brittany from John McMurray, Anthracite Brittany Club vice president.

McMurray taught Umberger about the breed, then used his Brittany's to demonstrate field trials. Umberger, who found Remmy a perfect family dog, was intrigued and took up the sport. McMurray also taught him to ride a horse and lends him one for the field trials.

Some of that training showed at the event Umberger called a "simulated" hunting sport because no real shots are fired.

Seventy-six dogs and 55 handlers from five states competed. The rugged, energetic and agile dogs ran around fields, woods and thickets, flushing out quail for their handlers.

During one of the "braces" or competitions, two Brittany's took off at the sound of the whistle, with the handlers, scouts, judges and spectators following. Each dog ran around a different part of the woods.

Suddenly, one light brown and white dog stopped to focus on a brush



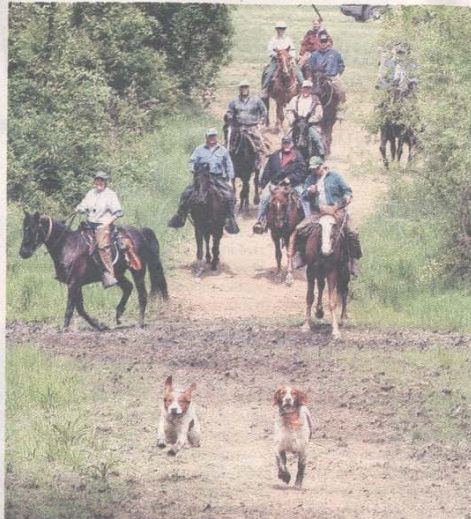
VICKI VELLIOS BRINER, The Patriot-News

Callistar, a Brittany who is a two-time national amateur gun dog champion, takes a break at the Anthracite Brittany Club Spring Field Trials.

pile. The Brittany stood still, the scout came forward and the hunter dismounted. When the quail exploded from the trees, the hunter fired a shot. The bird flew away but the Brittany remained frozen in place until the hunter "released" her.

Bob Young of Mechanicsburg, president of the Susquehanna Brittany Club, said that's how it's supposed to be. Young, who got Queen, his first Brittany, in 1959, started field trials in 1970.

Linda Chokran of East Hanover Twp. attended as a spectator, cheering for her husband, John, a handler. "We go to 16 to 20 trials a



VICKI VELLIOS BRINER, The Patriot-News

Brittany's lead their handlers, judges and scouts into the York Pointer and Setter Club woods near Wellsville in search of quail.

year," she said.

Handler Joe Sikorski of Macungie called field trials a change of pace from his roles as a bank loan officer and borough council member. "When I'm out, I sing or whistle to my dog so he knows where I am," he said. Clair Ricci of Macungie, his scout, said she heads the dog in the right direction.

McMurray said the sport, which dates to the 1800s, is

not well known. "It's not as popular as it once was.

There aren't as many quail and pheasants as there used to be. We want to keep it going."

Umberger agreed. "We're from all walks of life," he said. "But we don't talk about work when we're together. We just enjoy our dogs and horses."

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