
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

September 2004



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2004

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2005

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Picnic: Terri Hilliard
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President's Message

The club has been very busy for the past few months. We hosted our first Agility Match in conjunction with Nita-Nee Kennel Club. The AKC made us jump through hoops but thanks to Charlene Frable's determination and hard work we made it through and passed with flying colors! Many thanks to Charlene and all the volunteers, including none members and the Nita-Nee people for helping in this extremely difficult task. Job well done!!! We now can have a licensed trial at the ABC Summer Specialty next year.

The Summer Specialty went well and as always we all had a great time. Thank you Gloria Hartman for your hard work. Congratulations to Terri and Larry Hilliard on your Best of Breed win with Gabby.

The Fun Field Trial was FUN!!! We had a nice entry and all enjoyed the company, food and dogs! Thanks Jim Wilkinson for putting this together and Water and Wings for allowing us to use the land.

We had super day for the Summer Picnic. We had about 30-40 people attend. The adults and the kids had a blast running their dogs and playing the games. The kids had the most fun with the games and sure did give us a laugh! Some of them stopped at nothing to get those dogs over the finish line. Right Megan McMurray??? And the good-natured Britts just went right along. Don't you just love it! Thanks again to Terri for co-chairing to all the volunteers.

Well, summer will be gone in a few weeks and we will be thinking about hunting and other sports we do with our dogs. Enjoy!.....Linda

**NEXT MEETING: FMI: Linda Starner
Wednesday October 27, 2004
Starlite Diner – 7 pm - Allentown
IMPORTANT: Final Vote on the Bylaw
change as proposed by the Board**

Coordinators:

Newsletter: Cindy Miller
canmiller@psu.edu

Canine Learning: TBA

Fun Field Trial: Jim Wilkinson
(610-965-0096)

2005 Summer Specialty: Terri Hilliard
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Agility: Charlene Frable
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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.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

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

The following members are PAST DUE:

Ken Hoffman
Tom Quinn
Renee Beville
Marianne English
Richard Booth
Mark Shoff
Deb Zaktansky

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A new K-9 Learning Coordinator is needed. Please contact Linda Starner if you are interested in volunteering for this all important day. If you are new to our club, the K9 Learning Experience is a Saturday in January sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club. The event is held in Allentown. It is a public education day. The coordinator needs to setup the booth on Friday night and schedule club members and their dogs to man the booth throughout the day. If you need more information, contact Linda Starner. Please volunteer – our club and its activities happen because of the volunteers – Please volunteer your time!!

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

October

Larry Franko
Jerome Kelly

November

Neil Colquhoun
Bobbie Dunkling
Sharon Karpiszin
Richard LaTournous
John Mc Murray
Michael Mercanti
Barbara Rokas
Donald Stroble
Robert Watkins

Braggs

Brookewood's Just An Illusion owned by Cindy Miller and Howie Huber completed her requirements for a show champion at the Del Val Brittany Club Specialty August 8, 2004.

Thank You,
Deb Rudert

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 Linda Starner, Bobbi Dunkling or myself to volunteer for this job.

Cindy

Brittany Rescue

Visit our web site @
www.americanbrittanyrescue.org.

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ABR Sends Out The Call For Volunteers

Many 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.

From the Secretary:

The ABC has once again sent up Raffle ticket for the National Specialty. The items being raffled are a Honda Generator, a Yamashita Generator, and a Brittany Sporting Dog Rag Quilt. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. If you are interested email Deb at mayjays1@aol.com or call 610-366-0848.

Independent Show Specialty

Submitted by Gloria Hartman

In January 2004, Anthracite Brittany Club lost a very good friend, Jim Sargent. It is to his memory that we dedicate our July 15, 2004 Specialty Show. Les Casselberry provided a little insight into Jim's personality and how Jim and Brittanys lived, worked and played together. He was at field trials, conformation shows, rescue picnics, fun in the field events. He is very much missed.

Centre Hall Grange Fairgrounds was the site for our Thursday evening Specialty Show. I would like to thank Jim Wilkinson, Neil Colquhoun and Dave Weider for setting up our ring inside of Building #63. They set up a beautiful ring. Then along comes Rau Dog Show, Superintendents, and asked us, since the following two days obedience trials would be using this building, could they re-mat the floor. So, we had a fully matted floor to use. It was nice. Our Brittany Sweepstakes Judge, Dennis Collins, had 4 Puppy Dogs and 11 Puppy Bitches to choose from. He selected Tonnan's We Made Her Out Of Clay, (Bitch) owned by Larry Weinstein as BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES, and BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX was Top Shelf's Right Up Front, (Dog) owned by Karen Putnam.

Forty-eight dogs and bitches presented Judge Sandra Goose Allen with a difficult decision. Winners Dog was Triumphant's Paint By Number, owned by Joanne S. Dohr and Linda McCartney-Roy. Winners Bitch was Tonnan's We Made Her Out Of Clay, owned by Larry Weinstein. Judge Allen selected BEST OF BREED CH Jordean Believe It Or Not, (Dog) owned by Gary & Geri Clements. BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX was CH May-Jay's Jeanie In A Bottle, (Bitch) owned by Debra Rudert & Gerald

Happel. BEST OF WINNERS was Triumphant's Paint By Number, owned by Joanne S. Dohr & Linda McCartney-Roy.

We experienced our Annual Fireman's Festival Parade of Fire Trucks and Ambulances, complete with sirens blowing and lights flashing around 9:00PM and nature's rain storms. Luckily, we are inside!

I would like to thank Terry Hilliard and Linda Starner for our delicious hospitality treats. Every year they get more tasty than the previous year! My Show Secretary, Bobby Dunkling, received all of the entries and sent all of the information to Ric and Pat Ortelli. The Ortelli's provided us with a full-page catalog. Everyone loves the large, easy-to-read catalog. Regina Currier presented us with great prizes and two junior handlers to hand them out, Rachel Wieder and Miranda Genetti. Carol McMurray helped me with Catalogs, disbursing and marking. And to the lady that keeps the event moving in a timely fashion, Carol Brown, Steward. Carol reminds me what she

needs - when, and I try to provide it. Finally, I want to thank all of the people that came and watched and cheered for their favorites. The ring area was filled with wonderful people, ones that come every year and people new to dog shows.

THANK YOU, one and all!

Summer Specialty Trophy Donations

We need help from all of you to make the 2005 Summer Specialty a success. We are asking for you to sponsor a class for the summer specialty. A Class placement sponsor is a \$10 donation. There are many classes still available. Including all of the Sweepstakes classes. There are also still openings for Winners Bitch, Best in Sweepstakes, Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes. Those classes are all \$20. Please contact Deb Rudert at mayjays1@aol.com or call 610-366-0848 if you are interested in being a part of this event.

ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING August 22, 2004

The Anthracite Brittany Club meeting was brought to order by Linda Starner on August 22, 2004 at the Freeland Kennel Club, the site of the Annual Club Picnic. 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, Doug D'Amore, Michael Sammon, John Soley, and Associate Member Jeanne Rozowski.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the last Anthracite Brittany Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Doug and passed.

President's Report: Linda Starner

Linda reported that the club has been very busy the last few months. Preparations are being made for the Summer Specialty to be held in 2005. The Agility Match was a lot of hard work well spent. We got the OK from AKC and will be hosting an Agility Trial at the Summer Specialty in 2005. The Spring Field trial, the Specialty conformation show, and the Fun Field days all went well. Everyone appeared to enjoy all of the events. Thanks to all the members that Chaired and helped out at these events. Remember we always need volunteers to come forward to help make these events a success.

Secretary's Report: Deb Rudert

No report

Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Dunkling

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
March	\$14,209.72	\$ 1,366.28	\$3,475.33	\$12,100.67
April	\$12,100.67	\$ 239.00	\$ 129.00	\$12,210.67
May	\$12,210.67	\$ 325.00	\$ 419.95	\$12,115.72
June	\$12,115.72	\$ 2,833.00	\$ 0\$14,948.72	
July	\$14,948.72	\$ 3,236.40	\$ 2,930.81	\$15,254.31

ANTHRACITE BRITTANY RESCUE

January to June 2004 - Income \$4,316.67 Expenses \$ 1,549.11 Remaining Funds \$2,767.56

A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report seconded by Larry Hilliard. Motion passed.

Bobbie also reported that we had numerous expenses related to the Agility Match. However, most of these items will be reused at future Trials. Items were rulers, tape measures etc.

Vice-President's Report: Les Casselberry

Not present. No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Field Trial:**

George Habecker, Chairperson

George was not present; However Linda Starnar reported that we lost money this year due to grounds cost and low entries. The grounds costs have tripled.

Hunt Test:

Dave Weider, Chairperson

Date is September 18 and September 19, 2004. Premiums have been mailed. Looking for good weather

Newsletter Editor:

Cindy Miller, Editor

Not present, no report

Show Report:

Gloria Hartman, Chairperson

Not present. Bobbie reported that at this time there is a \$250.00 profit. However the Trophy expenses have not been deducted.

Picnic: Linda Starnar and Terri Hilliard - Co Chairpersons

Great day for a picnic, Thanks to all who brought covered dishes. The Meal was great. Thanks to all of the members who brought item for the rescue raffle. The club will match the funds made at the raffle.

Brittany Rescue Report:

No report

Canine Learning:

Currently there is no Chairperson for this event. Please speak to Linda Starnar if you are interested.

Grounds: No report.

Legislative: No report.

ByLaws committee:

Rod Beckstead Chairperson
Not present. No report

2005 ABC Summer Specialty Show committee:

Terry Hilliard Chairperson

Terry reported that a lot has come together in the past few weeks. The show dates are July 20th through July 24th. North Jersey Club will host Wednesday. They are looking to get Judge Peggy Parks. The Sweepstakes judge will be Christine Walker. Pennsylvania Brittany Club with Karen Wilson Judging will host Thursday. Friday, Susquehanna Club is waiting on approval for Judge Lester Mapes. Anthracite will host the American Brittany Club Summer Specialty on Saturday. Our Judge was chosen from a list that was compiled by members of the club. Nita Nee will pick up the cost of the Judge and expenses if they can use the judge for another Breed or Group. The Summer Specialty judge will be Huston Clark. No Sweepstakes judge has been selected at this time.

The Agility will be Thursday and Sunday Brittany's only. Friday and Saturday will be all breed Agility. The Grange will do the food for all 5 days. Wednesday, after judging there will be a bus tour to the Penn State Campus. A wine and Cheese party is planed for Wednesday night as well as a handling Seminar given by a judge. Thursday will be the Agility Trial, Breed Seminar, and a Junior Showmanship seminar given by a judge. Then the Juniors will have the opportunity to go to a movie and out for Pizza. Friday after Best in Show Judging there will be a food get together.

Agility Committee:

Charlene Frable Chairperson

Not present. Bobbie reported that the AKC has sent a letter stating that we passed the requirements for the Agility Match.

Fun Field Trial

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairperson

Fun Field Trial was held at Water and Wings in Zionsville on June 6th. Everyone had a great time. It was a great day to run dogs.

OLD BUSINESS

The Website - At the last meeting Pat Ortelli agreed to Chair a committee to head up a website. She was going to bring her report to this meeting. In her absence Doug D'Amore made a motion to empower the Officers of the club to make a final decision on the Website. The motion was seconded and passed. Linda Starner is going to contact Pat and report to the other officers her findings.

NEW BUSINESS

The reading of New Members -

The following people were presented for the first reading:

For Full Membership:

Jane Samer, 18 Rittenhouse Road, Stockton, NJ
Don Suda, 43 Sheffield Lane, West Chester, PA
Bruce Patterson, 85 Cedar Lake E, Denville, NJ
Joseph Wertz, 1039 E. Norwegian Street, Pottsville, PA

Associate Membership

Sandy Patterson
Robert Samer

The following for presented for 2nd reading and voting:

Kimberly Kaiser
William DeCicco
Claire Ricci

A motion was made by Jimmy Wilkinson to accept the new members. The motion was seconded by Dave Wieder and passed unanimously.

The Nominating Committee:

The Committee has presented for the slate of Officers: Linda Starner for President for one year only. Mary Ann Breininger for Vice President. Deb Rudert for Secretary. Barbara Dunkling for Treasurer. Board Member Dave Wieder (2006) and Terri Hilliard (2005) and to serve until 2007, George Habecker.

The officers and board submitted the following change of the ByLaws to be within regulations regarding holding an Agility Trial for 2005. (Ed. Note: see bold, italicized section)-

ARTICLE 1

Name and Objectives

Section 1: The name of the Club shall be "The Anthracite Brittany Club, Inc." hereafter referred to as "the Club".

Section 2: The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. To further the advancement of the purebred Brittany
- b. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the purebred Brittany and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at the American Kennel Club (AKC) purebred dog events.
- c. To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, ***and any other purebred dog event for which it is eligible under the rules and regulations of the AKC.***

Section 3: The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club or from any other source shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Section 4: The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time review such bylaws as may be required to carry out there objectives.

Dave Wieder made a motion to accept and seconded by Larry Hilliard. (Ed. Note: Current Article VII, Section 1 states in part that the amendments proposed...be considered by the Board of Directors and ...be submitted to the membershipfor a vote within three months of the petition.)

Brag:

Terri Hilliard had numerous brags about her "little Girl" Ch RJ's Talk of the Town JH. They included Best in Futurity at both the Central and East Futurities. Numerous Best of Breeds. Several Group placements and Going Best of Opposite to Johnny, at the Summer specialty and the days around it. Congratulations to the Hilliards!

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27, 2004 at the Starlite Diner in Allentown.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded by Larry Hilliard.

Submitted by Deb Rudert