
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you are not in the habit of reading the AKC Board and Delegate Minutes, you need to start!! There are some new items that will be coming up for a vote that will affect you. First, the Dog Show Rules Committee sent to the AKC Board that all dogs must be individually registered before entering a dog show, field trial or any other performance event. In the past, only the Bred by Exhibitor class had this requirement, and everyone else could use their 'litter' number for 1 month. Second, the Group Realignment Committee has sent to the AKC Board their proposal which includes splitting the Sporting Group into two groups, Pointers/Setters and Retrievers/Spaniels. Believe me, the Retriever people were very happy when the Poodle Parent Club decided to stay in the Companion (the new name for the Non-Sporting) Group.

Next, I want to thank any Anthracite Club Member that was able to attend Lobby Day. I did hear from other people, that it was very successful. Although we did not make the front page of the newspaper as HSUS and ASPCA did with their rally on Tuesday, our people were working behind the scenes and actually meeting and talking to their representatives.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your support of me during my Presidency. As the new officers will be voted in at the next meeting, I ask that you volunteer your time to continue our club's success.

Thanks

Cindy

NEXT MEETING:

**Will be on 10/09/2008 at the Starlite Diner,
Fogelsville, PA**

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

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Secretary's Report

*****PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE A REMINDER LETTER FROM THE ANTHRACITE SECRETARY CONCERNING LATE DUES.**

The due dates will still be listed in the newsletter.

PLEASE CHECK THE BACK OF YOUR MAGAZINE FOR DUE DATES.

*****The policy of the American Brittany Club is that you submit your dues 60 to 90 days before the date that is printed on the back of your magazine.

Otherwise waiting to submit your due until the date stamped on the back of the magazine will result in missed magazine issues as well as interruption in membership. As a reminder the due dates are printed below. Annual Dues of \$30.00 payable to the Anthracite Brittany Club should be sent to Deb Rudert at 4364 Valley Drive, Allentown, PA 18104.

The following members are past due:

Mike Sammon
 Ken Merkel
 Steve Brandt
 Patrick Robb
 Pat Ortelli
 John Gropp
 Scott Gropp
 Joe Petroski
 Jim Carpenter
 Daniel Barr
 James Malick

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

October

Domenic Serago
 Carol McMurray
 Bruce Patterson
 Steve Malandra

November

Bobbie Dunkling
 John McMurray

December

Barbara Rokas

January

Judy Kostelac
 Fred Laquasto
 Kathryn Cartier
 Brian Kuczynski
 Mary Jo Meyers
 Charlene Frable

Thank you,

Deb Rudert

Secretary's Items for October, 3rd Meeting

October 3rd Meeting

From AKC

Hunt Test Approval was received and panel accepted. Walking Field Trial Approval received and panel accepted (email also announcing event to club members). November Field Trial Approved. Also Field Judges panel has been approved. Show information packet for 2008

Notice of a PA Federation meeting to be held on Sept 20th

Email form Mary Jo Trimble and several others on the Tax form to be filled out in 2008

In addition Tax form arrived

Received American Brittany Rescue Newsletter Flyer from Dog Collectibles.com

Best impressions catalog for any chair person who needs trophy or hand out ideas

Form Donna Janulis chairperson for National's raffle tickets. Items are:

Garmin Street Pilot GPS navigator system

Baraska Point n' view 8x32mm 4.0 MP Digital Camera Binoculars

Brittany Throw 50 x70 (Brittany picture form Gone Doggin)

Tickets are 5 for \$20 or \$5 each

Received info on CA dog law situation (which was emailed to everyone with email)

Mailing from Mary Jo Trimble in June on National membership:

And in addition, all of the following items can be found on the ABC website:

Field Trial Application

Mary Jo asks that you use the ABC result form instead of the AKC one. She must know if the handlers are Amateurs, for Qualification purposes as well as the length of the stakes and if it carries AF Championship or Sanction.

She reminds all event secretaries that you are no longer required to send AKC all of the entry blanks. However they must keep them on file for one year.

Results must reach AKC within seven days after event. Result must be postmarked to ABC within ten days of event.

It is very important that results for fall trials are sent as soon as possible so that we may determine dogs qualified for all the national championships.

Allow at least 45 days when sending in your membership. Memberships are sent to Bobbie on the first Thursday of the month, and then sent to Langford. Linda works a full time job and does our membership in her off work time. If you don't want to miss a magazine issue, get your dues in early.

Mary Jo also suggests we appoint some in our club to track dog law legislation. The ABC will send letters supporting our regional clubs when state or federal laws will hurt our membership, but grassroots pressure is the key when facing bad local legislation.

Received an email form John Mc Murray introducing his suggestion on Anthracite Communication.

Received an email reminder from Terry Hilliard on the Upcoming Myra Savant Seminar October 27th

& 28th.

Received a email Premium for the Eastern GSP Fall Hunt Test. Dates are October 20 & 21 in Clarksburg, NJ. In addition Cynthia Bailey of the Eastern German Shorthair pointer Club sent us an email asking if there would be anyone in our club interested in attending an AKC Hunting Test Pointing Breed Judges Seminar at the end of January 2008. Their club is looking for help in determining a number of people that may be interested in attending. She also enclosed the Section on Judges Eligibility and Approval from AKC.

After 1/1/08 Judges must attend one AKC pointing Breed Hunt Test Seminar. (In addition to several other requirements.) Please see me after the meeting or email if you are interested as soon as possible.

Several emails were exchanged on Judges Selection for the 2008 specialty shows. In addition a new list of judges is needed to present to Carol Brown for future Specialty shows.

A letter from AKC: (condensed version)

The AKC has been protecting the interest of Purebred dog fanciers since it founding. The right to own and breed dogs responsibly is seriously threatened by new Legislation. Examples include the Bill in California which is a mandatory Spay and Neuter bill.

Similar bills were introduced in New Mexico and DC. A bill in Minnesota was also introduced that would ban ownership of AM Staffordshire Terriers and Staffordshire Bull terrier, Akitas and Rottwielers.

The AKC Canine Legislation Department was created 17 year ago to specifically focus on addressing discriminatory legislation and to protect your rights as breeders, exhibitors and owner of dogs.

The canine legislation Dept is committed to providing whatever resources are necessary to defeat harmful canine legislation.

Combating negative Canine legislation is costly. A

Canine Legislation Support fund has been set up for contributions. They will directly support canine legislation efforts. Information and updates are on the AKC website.

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

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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).
2. The newsletter will no longer be sent via US mail. If you want a copy, contact another member or send me your email.

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's Glamour Girl RN JH (Belle)

Finished her RN: Friday 8/29 96 and 3rd place under Carol Mett at Newton KC, Saturday 8/30 98 and 3rd place under Jon Mett at Newton KC, Sunday 91 8/31 under P. Broderick at First Dog TC, Monday 9/1 97 and 1st place under P. Hess at Schooleys Mtn.

From Jim Malick:

CH Stony Mt Chained Bleu Lightnin, JH went WD/BW/BOB for a 4 point major at the Skyline KC show in Fisherville VA on June 7. This was Bleu's 2nd major, leaving him with just 4 points to finish his CH. He received his third major in a row at the Bryn Mawr show. He finished his AKC Show Championship at the South Hills Kennel Club shows in Waynesburg, PA. He went BOB both days at the Berryville, VA shows July 12 & 13, 2008.

Lockridge's Stony Mt Mist made her AKC Show debut at the Old Dominion KC Show in Timonium, MD on April 19th. At just 7 months old and the first time in the ring, "Misty" was awarded Winners

Bitch, 2 points, from the 6-9 month Puppy Class. She also went Winners Bitch one day for 2 points and went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners on Sunday at Bloomsburg, PA July 26 and 27, 2008.

From Mike Sammon:

CH May-Jay's Orion's Sword RN JH owned and handled by Mike Sammon finished his Rally Novice title under Pat Scully with placements of 2nd and 3rd. He won BOB at the North Jersey Brittany Club Independent Specialty on August 9th, 2008. He also finished his Canadian Championship in August with one Group 2 and two Group 3 placements.

**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

June 22, 2008

Water and Wings, Allentown PA

General Membership (4:00 pm)

Meeting Agenda

Officers: John McMurray, Deb Rudert, Bobbie Dunkling

Board Members: Bob Williams

Members present: Dave Weider, Jimmy Wilkinson, Stan and Jeanne Rozowski, Tyler, Mike Moser, Samantha Moser guest

Approval of April 08 Board/General Membership Meetings as published in the Newsletter

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: Debbie Rudert

Received:

Letter from Brittany Rescue asking for monetary donations

The letter from the commonwealth of Pa stating the Corporation form was accepted.

Letter from AKC with an invitation to the Breeder's Symposium on August 2nd and 3rd in Syracuse, NY. Topic to be discussed ABC's of breeding, Reproduction. Infectious disease, Vaccines, Dentistry, Cardiology, Ophthalmology, and others.

Register on line go to www.akcchf.org

Notice from Nita Nee kennel club asking for Trophy donations

A notice from ABC asking for national Trophy donations.

A Pa Federation newsletter with next meeting at AFDC annual dinner Thursday September 11,2008 at the Best Western Inn, Kulpsville, PA

Treasurer's Report: Bobbie Dunkling

April balance forward \$14,099.77 took in \$102.95 expenses \$600.20

May balance forward \$13,6023.52 took in \$371.00 expenses \$1,300.96

The Spring Field Trial grounds were paid for the Hunt Test grounds are paid for and \$100 was paid to secure our next trial.

Committee Reports:

Vice President: John McMurray

We will be having a Walking trial. A meeting was held in June and the consensus is that we will take the date that Northern Va gave up this year. The date will be 10/25 and 10/26. I will be two days.

A motion was made by Bob to accept the walking trial as stated above 2nd by Bobbie and passed

Hunt Test: Charlie Canny

(Sept 20, 21 at Freeland) Not present, However report by Dave was that all is set except for one judge and all is going smooth.

Foot Handled Trial: Jason Umberger

We thought we had another date Oct. 25 and 26 however we just found out that it is the same date as

the National Championships in Michigan. We are holding an informal meeting 6/11 to see if we might have the interest to still do it. The problem may be getting help because most of the field trialers from our club who work at our trials will be at Nationals. I will keep you posted. We are doing our best to hold this as it was well received last year. Jason will chair the event as per John McMurray.

Field Trial: Jimmy Wilkinson

(May 17, 18 at Freeland)

From Claire: I have forwarded the p and L to Bobbie for the meeting and of course Jimmy has a copy. They will take care of exchange of revenue and getting Jimmy reimbursed. I followed up with Rebecca Raba at the AKC and faxed to her all of my correspondence and the results. I have not heard anything back from her. As of May 31 the AKC had not cashed my check for the fee for the number of dogs drawn.

Jimmy gave a complete report on expenses and the total spent was \$3,414.50 and the profit was \$359.20.

Specialty Show: Mike Sammon

(July 18, 20 at Centre Hall)

specialty: premiums were printed up and sent to Deb Rudert who then, along with Terry, Bobbie and Linda Starner mailed them out. I also sent a copy of our premium to Tonya Romano at AKC and Mary Jo Trimble and Steve Ralph at ABC who put it up on akc.org. Both judges were emailed a copy of our premium.

Deb added that Judges are approved and everything looks to be going smoothly

PA Federation: Legislative: Bob Williams

Need faxes and phone calls to House Ag Committee on Monday. If you have the time, need people to be present at the House Ag Committee discussion on Tuesday.

Bob attended the meeting this month at Cabela's. The hours will be bring the bill to the floor on Tuesday. The bill is 2525 and be found on line. This bill is being targeted for Pa and so that it can be used as an example for other states.

If the house does not pass the vote on Tuesday, it will be dead issue until next year.

Newsletter Editor: Mike Sammon

The switch to publishing right after the club meeting seemed to go pretty smoothly.

Deb will be getting all of the U.S Mail newsletter receivers and sending out a letter telling them of the change in newsletter delivery.

Website: Claire Ricci

As for the website, I really do not have anything to report. But I do need someone to forward to me anything that needs to be posted including the club approved dates for the walking trial. I also need that info so I can get ribbons ordered and the premium started.

Bylaws: Larry Hilliard

not present no report

Picnic: Jimmy

we are here having it.

Seminars:

No chair no report

Brittany Rescue:

Not doing as well as earlier this year.

Canine Learning:

Need chairperson

Grounds: Les Casselberry

not present no report

Election of New Members:

Members for first reading

Raymond Hines assigning by nationals

Elizabeth Shellehamer, York Springs, PA

Members for second reading and nomination

Kathy Kumernitsky

William Dodd

Gray Guz

Motion made by Bobbie to accept 2nd by Dave. Welcome new members!

Old Business

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee has completed their job of filling the positions of officers and BOD position for 2009 for the club. The slate of officers will be:

Dave Weider- President

Les Casselberry- Vice President

Deb Rudert - Secretary

Bobbie Dunkling - Treasurer

Cindy Miller - BOD

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the club in this function.

Larry Hilliard, Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Judy Kostelac

Gloria Hartman

New Business

Nominations from the Floor

John McMurray called for any nominations from the floor. None were made and the nominations are closed

Next Meeting: October 9th at the starlight diner, board at 6:60 meeting at 7:00– This is the annual meeting

Brag:

Mike Sammon: CH May-Jay's Orion's Sword RN JH finished his RN title in Novice B under Pat Scully with placements of 2nd and 3rd. He also took BOB at the Wrightstown, PA cluster on 6/1.

Bobbie Dunkling's Trinket finished her open obedience title at the Allentown Dog training club show taking 1st place and winning \$25!