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# The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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November 2004

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## Officers & Chairpersons

**President:** Linda Starner  
(570-839-0473)

**Vice President:** Les Casselberry  
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**Secretary:** Debra Rudert (610-366-0848)  
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Debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com

**Treasurer:** Bobbie Dunkling  
(610-435-5897)

### **Board of Directors:**

2004

Steve Tubach (607-753-6905)

2005

Terri Hilliard (610-966-4922)

2006

Dave Weider (610-473-9426)

### **Chairpersons:**

**Field Trial:** George Habacker  
(570-443-2470)

**Hunt Test:** Dave Weider  
(610-473-9426)

**Show:** Gloria Hartman  
(717-761-7130)

**Picnic:** Terri Hilliard  
(610-966-4922)  
Linda Starner  
(570-839-0473)

## **President's Message**

Winter is on the way, the nights are getting shorter but we have had some great days to hunt! As usual the club is going in many directions working toward a common goal. The Hunt Test was held in September on the worst day of the year (during the Hurricane!) but Dave Weider persevered and had a very successful weekend. Thank you Dave. The Field Trial is upcoming this month and hopefully we will have a good turn out. Claire Ricci has agreed to handle K-9 Learning in January and Terri Hilliard is busy at work on the 2005 ABC Summer Specialty hosted by our club in Center Hall, PA this July.

Please join us in our upcoming events and volunteer to help where you can. Thanks to all of you who made time out of your busy schedules to attend the membership meeting on October 27. We had a good turn out but would love to see some new faces at the next meeting. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, January 20, 2005, 7:00 PM at the Starlite Restaurant in Allentown and join us for dinner and the meeting.

Linda

### **Coordinators:**

<b>Newsletter:</b>	<b>Cindy Miller</b> canmiller@psu.edu
<b>Canine Learning:</b>	<b>Claire Ricci</b> (610-965-5670)
<b>Fun Field Trial:</b>	<b>Jim Wilkinson</b> (610-965-0096)
<b>2005 Summer Specialty:</b>	<b>Terri Hilliard</b> (610-966-4922)
<b>Agility:</b>	<b>Charlene Frable</b> (570-386-5049)
<b>Website:</b>	<b>Pat Ortelli</b> slixter@rcn.com

### **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:***

Marianne English  
Richard Booth  
Deb Zaktansky  
Jerome Kelly  
Neil Colquhoun  
Sharon Karpiszin  
John Mc Murray  
Robert Watkins

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

##### **January**

Fernando Barahona  
Keith Keister  
Fred Loquasto  
Mary Jo Meyers  
Dave Wieder

##### **February**

Charlene Frable  
Sandy Sargent

##### **March**

Marta Beckstead  
Barbara Buffington  
William DeCicco  
Clyde Daubert  
Charlotte Gulycz  
Kimberly Kaiser  
Carmine Minichini  
Claire Ricci  
Joe Znyski

Thank You,  
Deb Rudert

#### **Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

January 20, 2005: Membership Meeting; Starlite Restaurant, Allentown. FMI: Linda Starner

January 29, 2005: Canine Learning Experience: To volunteer at booth, contact Claire Ricci.

#### **In the Litter Box**

Litter due end of September - Ch Sargent's Diamond In The Ruff (Jewel) x FC Cisco Kid Del Prado

Jewel is a multiple BOB and specialty winning bitch. She was RWB at the ABC Nationals in 1998 (shown at 6 months of age by her breeder, MaryAnn Breininger). Jewel also has several juvenile field placement.

Cisco has several adult all age and gun dog placements. He is full brother to the 2003 ABC Amateur Gun Dog Champion. He is also show pointed with only a major needed for his dual title. I am expecting dual quality pups with exceptional temperaments! See [www.stillhunter.com](http://www.stillhunter.com) for more info and pedigree

Please contact Sandy Sargent at 865-689-2633, [ssargent88@hotmail.com](mailto:ssargent88@hotmail.com) or Les Casselberry at [570-494-0888,delprado@mail.csrlink.net](mailto:570-494-0888,delprado@mail.csrlink.net)

These pups are being whelped by me in Tennessee but am willing to transport to PA.

#### **NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

President Linda Starner  
[Lstarner@ptd.net](mailto:Lstarner@ptd.net)

Secretary Deb Rudert  
[Debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com](mailto:Debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com)

### Attention All Members

We are taking out an ad in the American Brittany Magazine in February to recognize our membership accomplishments. If your dog received a Title or a Special Recognition award in 2003 or 2004, please send the information to Deb Rudert. Email [debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com](mailto:debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com) or 4364 Valley Drive, Allentown, PA 18104. Please include Title or Award, year, Full name of Dog and owner. This will be your responsibility to get this information to me. There will be no other reminders, so get it to me as soon as possible. Thanks!

#### 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 [Debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com](mailto:Debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com) or call 610-366-0848.

### Brittany Rescue

Visit the web site @  
[www.americanbrittanyrescue.org](http://www.americanbrittanyrescue.org).

- **PA:** Beth Triolo  
Email: [bttriolo1@aol.com](mailto:bttriolo1@aol.com)
- **DE:** Kathy Knappenberger  
Phone: 302-235-7012  
Email: [kathy@knappenbergers.net](mailto:kathy@knappenbergers.net)
- **MD:** Debbie Lary  
Phone: 410-827-9612  
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- **NY:** Mary Beth Schadell  
Phone: 716-896-8492  
Email: [mdavey14@aol.com](mailto:mdavey14@aol.com)
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Email: [falkinburgm@comcast.net](mailto:falkinburgm@comcast.net)

### Emergency Call for ABR Volunteers **Posted November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

From National Coordinator: Rhonda Carlson:

If you can provide even temporary housing for a Brittany or 2, please contact Beth. ABR will make sure all their vet work is up to date.

From the PA Coordinator: Beth Triolo: .  
2 males and a female are being pulled this weekend from the trailer they are living in alone and vetted and then kenneled. I'll know more after the vet examines them. They will get UTD shots, heartworm tested and dewormed. We have 3 dogs in foster care, a 7 mo old female surrender I'm picking up tomorrow, a 5 yr old surrender and now these 3!!! Can someone PLEASE consider helping, even on a very temp basis, with fostering? The dogs are not aggressive but fearful and have been treated very poorly. I'm told the owner, who is now in jail for attempted murder, kicked, hit and punched them. They will need extra TLC but if ok physically they need someone to help until we can get them adopted. We have a bunch of potential adopters so please consider helping with these poor creatures! With this kind of volume, which I have not experienced in the 1½ yrs I've been coordinating, it CANNOT be done by 2 or 3 people. The dogs we have in care now have had the great fortune of having incredibly wonderful people go way out of their way to save them and foster them. It takes a lot of extra effort but the reward is given back tenfold. Please email me if you can do anything. I don't want to have it on my conscience that these dogs were put down because I couldn't get help for them. Many thanks to those of you who have been so giving of your time and energy!

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

**Cindy**

### **Braggs**

Ch May-Jay's Sam I Am JH CGC, ( Ch May-Jay's Dream to Remember JH x Ch May-Jay's Scouts Honor) Finished her Championship taking a third Major with her owner handling, Mike Sammon. Then Sammie and Mike entered four Hunt tests and qualified four in a row. Sammie managed to get a Score of All Tens her first time out! In addition Sammie completed the requirements for her CGC and Therapy Dog Certification.

### **Summer Specialty Trophy Donations**

Hi Members!! 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.

We still have some open spaces on our Trophy donation list. The classes available at \$10 each are:

- Novice Bitch
- American Bred Bitch
- 6 - 9 month Sweepstakes Dog and Bitch class
- 9 - 12 month Sweepstakes Dog and Bitch class
- 12 - 18 month Sweepstakes Dog and Bitch class.

Other Class Available is:

Best Bred by Exhibitor at \$15.

Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of the excitement of sponsoring a class at the American Brittany Club Summer Specialty, hosted by the Anthracite Brittany Club. (Deb Rudert 610-366-0848 or better by email at [debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com](mailto:debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com))

<p><b>NEXT MEETING: FMI: Linda Starner</b> <b>Thursday January 20, 2005</b> <b>7 PM</b> <b>Starlite Restaurant</b> <b>Allentown</b></p>
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**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
October 27, 2004**

The Anthracite Brittany Club meeting was brought to order by Linda Starner on October 27, 2004 at the Starlight Restraint in Fogelsville. Officers present were Linda Starner, Deb Rudert & Bobbie Dunkling. Directors present were David Wieder and Terri Hilliard. Members present were Larry Hilliard, Jim Wilkinson, Bob Williams, Joe Sikorski, Marta Beckstead, Neil Cloquhoun and Associate Member Clair Ricci and Rod Beckstead. Guests were Shannon and Monica Colquhoun.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the last Anthracite Brittany Newsletter. The motion was seconded 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 club will be in need of a Specialty Show Chair for 2006. Claire Ricci has agreed to take on the responsibility of Chairperson for the Canine Learning Booth in Allentown. I am sure Claire would appreciate help if anyone is interceded. (Claire Ricci 610-965-5670 or [Claire\\_Ricci@email.msn](mailto:Claire_Ricci@email.msn))

We will be talking about the website in Old Business in hopes to get that underway.

The Field trial is coming up. If you have not yet gotten a premium please call George Habecker at 610-845-8017. We will be hearing about the result so the Hunt test held in September from Chair person Dave Wieder.

Please remember to send any change of address, phone or email to Cindy Miller and Deb Rudert so that the Clubs records are up to date. 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. Thanks to all the Members for Caring about making this club work!

**Secretary's Report:** Deb Rudert

Still tickets left for the National Raffle. I still have discounts for the AKC gazette. If anyone is interested please send me a self addressed, stamped envelope. Deb Rudert, 4364 Valley Drive Allentown, 18104

Received conformation that the Field Trail is approved by AKC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bobbie Dunkling

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
August	\$15,254.31	\$ 725.59	\$4,264.69	\$11,355.21
September	\$11,355.21	\$ 3,541.14	\$2,169.02	\$12,727.33

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

**Vice-President's Report:** Les Casselberry

Not present. No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Field Trial:** George Habecker, Chairperson

Not present

Linda Starner reported that premiums have been sent.

**Hunt Test:** Dave Weider, Chairperson

Dates were September 18 and September 19 2004. The Weather was gloomy in the morning. Overnight rain and flooding held away a few entries. For the most part the entry held. There was an AKC rep present and he had no complaints. The entry was 62 with around 50% qualifying. The income was \$2868.44 with a loss of \$104.09.

**Newsletter Editor:** Cindy Miller, Editor

Not present. No report

**Show Report:** Gloria Hartman, Chairperson

Not present.

**Picnic:** Linda Starner and Terri Hilliard - Co Chairpersons

No report

**Brittany Rescue Report:**

No report

**Canine Learning:** Claire Ricci Chairperson

Contact Clair at 610-965-5670 or [Claire\\_Ricci@email.msn](mailto:Claire_Ricci@email.msn)

Dates are January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Grounds:** No report.

**Legislative:** No report.

**ByLaws committee:** Rod Beckstead Chairperson

Rod Reported still working on Changes and will have a rough draft ready for next Board of Directors meeting. Changes to possibly include Associate membership, consolidating policy and By-Laws.

**2005 ABC Summer Specialty Show committee:** Terry Hilliard Chairperson

All of the paper is ready to file. We will be adding this time Best Puppy, Best Bred by Exhibitor and Best Veteran. There will be a Best Junior on Wednesday. Sweeps Judge will be Gary Sprague. Check American Brittany Club Website for the latest information.

**Agility Committee:** Charlene Frable Chairperson

Not present.

**Fun Field Trial**

Jimmy Wilkinson, Chairperson

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Website - At the last meeting Pat Ortelli agreed to Chair a committee to head up a website. Due to Pat not being present, and no contact made, a motion was made to give the Board of Directors and Officers Authority to begin the website. The limit would be \$1000.00. Several options were discussed. Jessica Carlson, who Les had contacted, a person Jimmy Wilkinson had suggested and a person that Deb Rudert had contacted. A meeting of the board will be held and a vision will be made at that time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The reading of New Members -

The following people were presented for the first reading:

For Full Membership:

Carl Fuls

The following for presented as full members for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and voting:

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:

Carol McMurray

Rick Ortelli

Robert Samer

A motion was made to accept all of the new members and passed unanimously.

## **Election of Officers:**

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.

Motion to Accept and passed.

## **Changing of By – Laws**

To be within regulations regarding holding an Agility Trial for 2005. -

The officers and board submitted the following:

### **ARTICLE 1**

#### **Name and Objectives**

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- 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.
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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.

A motion was made and seconded to change the wording of the By Laws to read as above. Discussion

was held. New motion was made to amend by changing the following words. In Section 2, b. To do all in its power (remove) and in Section 4 change Review to Revise and their (a typo).

Motion accepted and passed.

**Article 1 will read:**

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Motion made by Deb Rudert to take out a one page ad in the February American Brittany Magazine to contain club member's awards and special recognition for 2003 and 2004. Seconded and passed.

Mention was made of the sad loss of Vegas. Dog owned by Jim Zacktansky. Also, that Tom Tighe will be undergoing Open Heart Surgery.

#### **Brag:**

May-Jay's Sam I Am finished her Championship with her third major. Handled by her owner Mike Sammon. She then finished her Junior Hunter Title in four straight tests again with owner Mike.

Blazer received his Am Field Title with 11 placements.

Shannon Colquhoun ran in Open Puppy from horseback and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Way to go Shannon!

Next meeting will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Location to be announced

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Deb Rudert