
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last letter from the President as the new officers were voted on and passed at our last meeting. I hope you will continue to support Cindy Miller and the new slate of officers as they bring us into 2014 with new ideas and challenges.

I attended the Nationals this year in Booneville and Fort Smith, as I have for the last 3 years with my wife. The All Age Field Trial is something everyone needs to experience once in their lifetime, whether on the dog wagon or riding in the gallery. The field where the event is run is nothing like we see here in the North. The fields go forever and the cover is perfectly groomed for the dogs. They run on birds that are released by the Wildlife Commission several weeks to a month prior to the running of the dogs. The grounds are only used for National events and are not used for weekly field trials so it allows the birds to covey up. Sometimes the dogs can put up 20 birds in a covey, something to be seen. And when a dog makes a move he can really make a big cast too.

Most of you may, or may not, be aware of the number of dogs in the Anthracite Brittany Club who are winners at the National Level, whether it be Gun Dog, All Age or Show. That is not to mention the dogs that win at the Master Level of Hunt Test competition, that there is no National event. We are a small club in relationship to some clubs across the Nation, but we probably have more National winners per capita in this club than any club around. Keep up the good work.

We also have 3 VP's for the Nationals in this club alone and one potential new member who is on the BOD. We are represented well.

In the clubhouse we were discussing the Brittany clubs across the country that have dissolved and other clubs that are barely hanging on. I can tell you I was happy to report that the Anthracite Club is in good shape, thanks to the dedicated and loyal club members that keep it going, keep our treasury solvent and put on quality events. I thank all of you who have so diligently worked for this club over the years and the new members who are coming on. Without the dedication and commitment, we could be in the same shape as those other clubs who have dissolved or are hanging on by a thread. Kudos to all of you and please keep up the good work.

I will still be around to help the club as I can but I think I am leaving the Anthracite in good hands.

Larry Hilliard, Outgoing President

NEXT MEETING:

**January 9, 2014 - 7 PM at Trivet Restaurant,
Rte. 309 and Tilghman St. Contact Larry
Hilliard at 610-349-3760 for more
information**

Brittany Rescue

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly 1000 Brittanys 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/index.php?module=pagesetter&func=viewpub&tid=3&pid=3>
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,

Rhonda Carlson

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COMING EVENTS

Meeting – January 9th at the Trivet Restaurant

January 25th – Canine Learning Experience

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 address.

BRAG ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you want to submit a brag announcement to the newsletter, send an email to me (autumnsno1@yahoo.com) 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.

Also, please note that the next club meeting will be at the Trivet Restaurant. Directions to the Trivet Restaurant:

From the West:

Rte. 309 South (I 78 South) Exit at the Stigma Street West Exit. The Trivet is just on your right as you exit.

From the East:

Rte. I 78 West to the Tilghman Street, West Exit. Go under the overpass and the Trivet is on the right. The sign that you can see from I 78 and when you come off the exit says DINER. You do not actually see the Trivet sign until you are directly in front of the restaurant.

Bobbie

BRAGS

Julie is now GCH CH Britwood Blaze At The Beach, RAE CGC. She finished her grand at Talbot K.C. on Nov. 7—Joe (my puppy) is now J-K's Absolute Inferno At The Beach, RN CGC. Joe finished his Novice title at Talbot K.C. on Nov. 6. I am especially thankful for Julie's GCH. She is now retired from the show ring. I may attempt a 2nd RAE—we'll see! Julie and Joe are owned by Judy Kostelac. Congrats Judy

We went to the Thanksgiving weekend shows in West Springfield, Mass. Billie picked up Select Bitch on Thursday at Holyoke KC. and Best of Opposite at the Springfield KC show on Sunday. She hadn't been in the show ring for more than 2 years.

Billie is Ch. Mt View's Lady Day MH. She also got a leg on her MHA in Oct.

Billie is owned by Charlie Strunk. That is great Charlie. Congratulations!

CH MT. View's Finnegan the Hooligan finished his Senior Hunter Title October 12, 2013 at Schuykill Valley German Shorthair Hunt Test held at the Freeland kennel Club, Weatherly Pa. Handled by Jim McLaine. Congratulations Jim!

Tessa is GCH Hope's Dream Weaver (CH Pine Hollow's Dualing Banjo x CH Hope's April Shower), owned by Doug Tighe & Karen Schramm,

Bred by Doug Tighe. Congratulations on your Grand Championship

Moo is GCH Woodland's Water Fairy (DC Britt Haven's Blaze of Glory x GCH Hope's Dream Weaver), owned by John & Karen Schramm, bred by Karen Schramm & Doug Tighe, and handled to her final points by junior, Mariel Schramm. Congratulations Mariel!

CH Woodland's Forrest Fire finished his show CH title on 12/14/13 at Anthracite Brittany Club's supported entry at Lehigh Valley Kennel Club's show His first 11 points (and 1st major) were from the Bred By Exhibitor class. He is DC Britt Haven's Blaze of Glory x GCH CH Hope's Dream Weaver, owned by Karen Pillion-Schramm & John Schramm, and bred by Karen Pillion-Schramm and Doug Tighe.

WEBSITE

The website has been updated and contains some new information and pictures. Please take the time to check it out . If you have any suggestions or other information that should be included, let Claire know. Claire can only put up what is sent to her. Let her know what you think.



Anthracite Brittany Club Meeting

11/21/2013

Meeting held at the Starlight Dinner in Fogelsville. Members present; Terry Hilliard Larry Hilliard, Jim Wilkinson, Bobbie Dunkling, Bob Williams, Deb Rudert, Joe Sikorski, Claire Ricci, Charlie Strunk, Marty Lorish, Dave Wieder,. Guests John and Joann Perry.

Larry Hilliard thanked everyone for coming. Asked for a motion to accept minutes from last two meetings. Terry made a motion and accepted by Bobbie

Treasurers Report

	Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
Sept	12,282.09	432.00	2,371.80	10,342.29
Oct	10,342.29	3,045.00	998.75	12,388.54

Secretary's report

There will be a Greg Strong Seminar on Handling, making a great show dog December 1, 2013

Show Report:

Dot Moon is our Show Chair and is working toward getting the show approved. It is in July in Nita Nee. I sure she could use some help. Please contact her for details.

Hunt Test: Bobbie stated that the profit for the event is \$314.25

Field Trial: Joe and Claire

Successful field trial, 77 dogs entered major in adult stakes. Profit of \$272. Terry made a beautiful dinner and thanks to all that helped.

Canine Learning is in desperate need of a Chair person. All of the materials are printed if you want to use them or you can come up with your own. Please contact Cindy if you are interested.

Website Claire

Bobbie came up with some new information to place on the home page of the website. Needs some more updating before sending to Jess to put on website.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Members for 1st reading:

Kevin Halbfoerster New Tripoli..... found our club on the web

Gary Hoover Ronks, PAfound our club on the web

Second reading and voting:

Lisa Bryfogel

Paul and Lisa Pollock

John & Joann Perry

Mike Schneck

Welcome new members!

Slate of officers to be voted:

Cindy Miller President

Claire Ricci Vice President

Deb Rudert Secretary

Bobbie Dunkling Treasurer

Larry Hilliard Board of Directors

Brag: Bob Williams: Gus North Pen's Mr. Roberts finished his requirements for this conformation title at Leesburg Va Kennel Club going Best of Breed. Handled by Rachel Kulp.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting will be Jan 9th 2014 at the Trivet restraint, Allentown Pa., at 7 PM