
THE ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A new year is beginning and the holidays will be over. I hope everyone had a safe, happy, healthy Christmas and New Year.

The spring dog trials will be here soon. The show people are making the shows. The Canine Learning Experience will be held on February 3rd & 4th at Ag Hall. Mark your calendar and plan to help. As always, all of our club activities welcome new and old volunteers. K-9 Learning, Field Trials, Hunt Test all need volunteers to be successful. The members who chair these events do it to promote the Brittany. They do a fantastic job and all deserve our gratitude. I hope we see some new faces at our events.

Our website is always available for your news, brags, puppies and articles for sale.

Jim

NEXT MEETING:

January 11th, 2018- 7 PM at Caitlyn & Cody's Restaurant
Rte 663, Quakertown, PA Contact Jimmy Wilkinson at (610) 965-0096 for more information

NEW FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

Like us on Facebook! Anthracite Brittany Club's new page is now up. You can now look there for updates, pictures, and reminders of upcoming club events. The website will continue to be updated as always.

To find the page log into your personal Facebook account, go to search box on the top of the page and search for "Anthracite Brittany Club." Click the "Like" button and any new posts will appear on your news feed.

If anyone has brags, pictures of past club events, or knows of events that maybe of interest to club member please email them to Eva Tobiasson:
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

All information for the newsletter should be submitted in a *timely fashion*.

BRAG ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you want to submit a brag announcement to the newsletter, send an email to me (autumnsno2@gmail.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.

CLUB MEETINGS

Also, please note that the next club meeting will be at Caitlyn & Cody's. Directions to the restaurant:

Take the Northeast Extension of the TPK south to the Quakertown exit. Turn left onto Route 663 and the restaurant will be right there on your right.

Or: Take 309 South into Quakertown. Turn right on Route 663. Follow 663 to the restaurant on your left at the junction of the Turnpike.

Bobbie



HUNT TEST

Anthracite Brittany Club held our fall hunt test on Sept. 23rd, 24th. We start the test season every fall at Freeland Kennel Club in Weatherly, Pa. As four other clubs follow our lead through Nov. on these beautiful grounds. The weather this year was very hot with temperatures in the 90's. Saturday & Sunday's events moved along well, thanks to friends who volunteered their time & equipment. The judges' dinner is always a nice time to end the day with folks you haven't seen all summer and enjoy great food. THANKS YOU Mureen Rolison. To watch the dogs, handlers, gunners, & judges from the club house makes for special memories. Thanks all, see you next year
Michelle & Domenic Serago

FALL FIELD TRIAL

The Anthracite Brittany Club held its' Fall Field Trial on November 11-12, 2017 at the Freeland Kennel Club, Weatherly, PA. Saturday dawned cold, with temperatures at 11 degrees and moderate winds. Water buckets froze solid overnight. It slowly warmed up and by Sunday afternoon we had more seasonable temperatures that made it a little more pleasant to sit in the saddle all day. We had a nice entry of 67 dogs and majors in all three adult stakes. For the first time in several seasons we also had enough entries to run a derby stake. We ran about as many dogs as we could in our shortened daylight hours. It takes a village to run a successful field trial and we are very appreciative of everyone pitching in to help. Paul Pollack and Marcia Rupnow jumped in to cook breakfast and lunch for us when our kitchen help called out sick. Terry Hilliard created a beautiful dinner for us, which was perfect at the end of a long, cold day. Bird Planters, Paul Snyder and Jimmy Wilkinson, braved the cold all day long to set out birds. And everyone worked to get to the line in good order to keep things moving along. And our judges who spent long hours in the saddle watching our dogs. Thank you all. Thank you for your support, for both entering your dogs and pitching in to help wherever necessary. The spirit of comradery and good sportsmanship inherent in our club was evident to everyone who was there.

See you in the Spring



Anthracite Brittany Club
September 14, 2017

Members Present:

John Perry

Joanne Perry

Claire Ricci

Bobbie Dunkling

Ginny Snyder – Guest

Paul Snyder

Terry Hilliard

Joe Sikorski

Call to Order: Claire Ricci- Called meeting to order – In place of absent Jim Wilkinson

Secretary Report – minutes published in last newsletter –

Treasurer's Report – Read by Bobbie, 2 Months of reports – See reports John Perry made motion. Joe Sikorski 2nd

Correspondence: Deb absent, No report

Reports

Hunt test – Sep 23-24, 2017

Show - Supported Entry. Saturday 9/16/17. Charles in Charge. Trophies Bought

Field Trial – Paperwork in Nov 11-12, 2017 @ Freeland. Considering a raffle to make money

Gun Dog Classic: no report, except no money has been sent yet from Purina for the 2017 Classic. Need to find out where's the money.

Old Business –

Walking Trial @ Greenwood. Can run the walking trial with Del Val. Date has been reserved and approved

New Business- Nominating Committee. Jimmy will be stepping down as president. So Joanne Perry will be running for President. C Ricci for Vice President. Deb Secretary, Bobbie treasurer. Jimmy will become a director. We will also need a second director to replace Cindy Miller who has not rejoined the club.

Nominating Committee formed for 2018 positions. The committee will consist of John Perry, Joanne Perry and Paul Snyder. Positions to fill will be for all officers and 1 board member.

New Members – 1st reading. Rick Farley

2nd Reading: Mark Bachvalt - Motion by Joe S. to accept. Second by Bobbie. Motion carried

Next Meeting – Thursday, Jan 11, 2018 @ Caitlyn and Cody's 7:00 pm. Rte. 663, Quakertown, PA

Brag. Terri took three dogs to hunt tests and got three junior hunter titles.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn Terri, Seconded by Paul Snyder.