
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

December 2006



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MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

The officers, board members and chairpeople want to thank everyone for another wonderful year with our Brittanys and our events. Happy Holidays to everyone

and a Wonderful New Year!!

As we start out the new year - why don't you make one of your resolutions to volunteer some of your time for one of our club events. Our club holds two weekends of field trials, one weekend of hunt tests, one weekend of show, one club picnic and one public education day. Certainly, you can find time on one of these dates to volunteer. Just email me and let me know what you would like to do. New Year resolution - VOLUNTEER!!!

Having just returned from Long Beach for the AKC meeting, there are some new requirements that will be going into effect 1/1/07 for events that a specialty club (ie that means US) wants to hold in 2008. This is the educational requirements that are now required of the all breed clubs. I have not received the final list of 15-20 suggestions of which we need to meet 3-5. I do know that our wonderful web site will meet at least two of the requirements and that our day at the K9 Learning Experience will also meet one requirement. After the board reviews the list, we may be looking for a volunteer to make sure that we are compliant with the new requirements. New Year Resolution - EDUCATE the public!!

I was appointed to Gov. Rendall Dog Law Advisory Council. As such, I want you to know that the proposed changes are devastating to the hobby breeder. After the dog law meeting, I will have our webmaster send out an email to everyone requesting that letters be sent and where they need to be sent. I will have sample letters and bulleted list of what needs to be addressed. These letters will need to be sent within 60 days. I am going to be pleading with the membership to respond. New Year Resolution - Be PROACTIVE in dog legislation!

Our next club meeting is Tuesday January 16th, 7:30 pm at the Starlight Diner in Fogelsville (Route 100 off of I78). The board will be meeting at 6 pm. If you have any issues/problems that you would like us to discuss, please email me your concerns/requests. If there are weather concerns, information will be posted on our website, or you may contact any of the officers/board members who will have up to date information. New Year Resolution - Become INVOLVED!

Happy Holidays!
Cindy

NEXT MEETING:

Will be on 1/16/2006 at the Starlite Diner,
Fogelsville, PA.

BOD meeting starts at 6:00PM, General
Membership starts at 7:30PM. 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:

George Habecker 9/06
John Casella 9/06
Richard La Tournous 11/06
Andrew Mc Lean 11/06
Leonard Nawrocki 11/06
Marianne English 12/06
Joe Sikorski 12/06
Geraldo Vasconcellos 12/06

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

January

Larry Franko
Fred Laquesto

February

Charles Canny
Justin Ceelen

March

Kimberly Kaiser
Deb Rudert

April

Dorothy Moon
Linda Starner
Jean Wieder
Mary Ann Breininger
Ric Ortelli

Thank you,
Deb Rudert

Brittany Rescue

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly
1000 Brittany 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/volunt
eer.html](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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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 me to volunteer for this job.

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.

2006 Nationals: I had the opportunity to travel to Ft. Smith, AR in November to handle my dog,

Hunter, at the Nationals. While he did place in sweeps, he didn't make the cut for the regular classes. Nonetheless, it was fun weekend meeting breeders and seeing Brits from across the country. Some pictures from the Nationals are at the end of this newsletter.

Mike

Brag

From Pat Ortelli: CH Mt. View's Puttin' on the Ritz JH (Cooper) got his first leg of the Senior Hunter title at the German Wirehaired Pointer Hunt Test. Cooper is co-owned by Pat & Ric Ortelli & MaryAnn Breining. Handled by Pat.

From MaryAnn Breining: CH Mt. View's Mark of Excellence JH (Lexi) got her first leg of the Senior Hunter title at the same hunt test. Lexi is co-owned by MaryAnn Breining, Roy Schaeffer & Pat Ortelli

From Mike Sammon: May-Jay's Orion's Sword JH (Hunter) Finished his Junior Hunter title at the Delaware Valley German Wirehaired Pointer Hunt Test. Owned by Mike Sammon.

From Bob Williams: CH Mt. View At The Top (Ginger) completed her title at the DelVal Wirehaired Club on 5/27. **CH melridge Two-D Holly** (Holly) finished her title at the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club on 10/1.

From Dot Moon: Halfmoon's Poconos Princess CGC, RA, AXJ completed her Rally Excellent title October 14, 2006 with three first places
Owners: Dorothy Moon and Charles Kanopsic

Rao Ready Halfmoon Pistol Pete was awarded his Canine Good Citizen October 25, 2006
Owners: Dorothy Moon and Charles Kanopsic

Halfmoon's Gorgeous George CGC, RA, CD, OAJ, OA was Winner's Dog at the Worcester County Kennel Club show December 3, 2006 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Owners: Dorothy Moon and Charles Kanopsic

**Anthracite Brittany Club Hunt Test Report
September 23 & 24, 2006**

Qualifiers Saturday

Master

7 entries, 6 starters; 1 qualifier
Gretchen Wolf Schaffin's Eche, GSP
Owner Robin Young
Handler Mike Blanchard

Senior

5 entries; 5 starters; 1 qualifier
Ch Cloverhill's Rimestone Cow Gal JH, GSP
Owner & Handler Ellen Cavalla

Junior

22 entries; 22 starters; 10 qualifiers
Jerelin's Holy Hannah, GWP
Owner Linda Krepak
Handler Jerry Krepak
Von Treffend's Fully Loaded, GSP
Owner & Handler Dustin Staton
Allmac's Remington Steel, Brittany
Owner & Handler Jason Umberger
Crystal Glory Days Autumn Leaves, GSP
Owner & Handler Richard Bailey
Renegade Rusty Alan, Brittany
Owner & Handler Robert Weaver
Two Britts Blazin' Saddles, Brittany
Owner & Handler Dave Wieder
Mallory Nuss, GSP
Owner Keith Nuss
Handler John Staton
Ch Britt Haven's Little Tough Guy, Brittany
Owner Arlene Berlet
Handler Doc Berlet
Mt View's Glamour Girl, Brittany
Owner & Handler Peggy Meakin
May-Jay's Orion's Sword, Brittany
Owner & Handler Mike Sammon

Qualifiers Sunday

Master

4 entries, 4 starters; 0 qualifier

Senior

4 entries; 4 starters; 3 qualifier

Ch Cloverhill's Irish Mist JH, GSP
Owner & Handler Ellen Cavalla
Ch Mt View's Irish Cream JH, Brittany
Owner & Handler Andy McLean
Ch Cloverhill's Rimestone Cow Gal JH, GSP
Owner & Handler Ellen Cavalla

Junior

23 entries; 22 starters; 14 qualifiers
Two Britts Mist in the Valley, Brittany
Owner & Handler Dave Wieder
Von Treffend's American Liberty, GSP
Owner Tiffany & Brooke Staton
Handler John Staton
Two Britts Blazin' Saddles, Brittany
Owner & Handler Dave Wieder
Fieldfine's Solar Powered, GSP
Owner & Handler Steve Ware
Mt View's Leather & Lace, Brittany
Owner Charles Canny
Handler Tom Canny
Mallory Nuss, GSP
Owner Keith Nuss
Handler John Staton
GinJac May-Jay Wishful Thinkin', Brittany
Owner & Handler Jeff Currier
Ch Britt Haven's Little Tough Guy, Brittany
Owner Arlene Berlet
Handler Doc Berlet
Von Treffend's Fully Loaded, GSP
Owner & Handler Dustin Staton
Stonewall Busters Mayze, Brittany
Owner & Handler Justin O'Donnell
GinJac Rumor Has It, Brittany
Owner and Handler Toril Hinchman
Hallmac's Guardian's Gatilho, GSP
Owner & Handler Manuel Cunha
Mt View's Glamour Girl, Brittany
Owner & Handler Peggy Meakin
Get A Bird Gabriel, Brittany
Owner & Handler Matt O'Donnell

Thank you to:

- Marianne Breininger, Pat Orтели, Pam Canny and Casey Canny for all their help in the kitchen. Thank you also for all the donated food and delicious desserts!!

- This year was the first time to have finishing ribbons. Thank you to Marianne Breininger and Bob Williams for providing the finishing for Master & Seniors.
- Samantha Moser, Jacqui Adams, Casey Canny and Rachel Wieder for their help in taking care of the horses all weekend long, including grooming and feeding.
- Rachel Wieder for making sure everyone was on the line in time for their brace.
- Charles Canny for planting birds and helping wherever needed!!
- Bobbie Dunkling for taking care of scores, ribbons, money, hats, etc, etc, etc.
- Samantha Moser and Casey Canny for selling all those 50/50 tickets!!! You will make great sales people!!
- Mike Moser for lending us the 4 wheeler
- Ed Shupp, Tom Markee, Bob Rynkiewicz and Jeff Currier for judging
- Bob Samer, Bob Rynkiewicz and Jeff Currier for gunning
- To all who entered their dogs or were there for support and offered their help...Thank you!!

Jean and I thank you for trusting us to run the hunt test for Anthracite Brittany Club for the past few years.

Submitted by Dave and Jean Weider

**Minutes of the Anthracite Brittany Club
Board of Directors Meeting
September 13, 2006**

Officers present: Bob Williams, Deb Rudert, & Bobbie Dunkling

Directors present: Linda Starner, Dave Weider & George Habecker

Dave Weider made a motion to accept the minutes from a Board meeting held on 5/30/06. Bob asked for an all in favor, there were two votes in favor to accept and three votes opposed. (one member not present for this vote). Motion carried the Board Minutes printed in the Newsletter of 8/2006 not accepted.

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: 9007.33 in Treasury.

Specialty Show Chair: The preparations for the 2007 show are underway. Judges are being selected.

Hunt Test: Entries are low to date approximately 40 entries. We will need 80 to break even. Entries close Monday. Braces will be posted on Wednesday. This year we will have Ribbons for dogs that finish there titles. The Finishing Ribbons were donated by Bob Williams and Mary Ann Breininger. Dave also expressed his interest in mentoring a new Hunt Test Chair person. He would like to step down form the position.

Field Trial: George reported that the approval has been given to hold the Fall Trial. The dates are November 11 & 12. A person is needed to run the kitchen, have items for lunch and breakfast.

Old Business

Auditing of the Books; Bobbie reported that this has been done and everything looks good.

Linda asked if anyone had the framed artwork that Rod had shown to the board at one of the board meetings, It was donated and to be raffled off at the show. Since, it was not given to the show Chair this did not happen. Bob is going to look into who has the Artwork

New Business:

Bobbie made a motion that the Board Meeting of May 30th be stricken from the records and that all minutes, motions and business conducted at that meeting be disregarded since the meeting was not called in compliance with the constitution and By-Laws of the Anthracite Brittany Club. The motion was seconded by Linda. A short discussion was held. George stated that the minutes regarding the field trial report indicated that in

someway George had called in that night with his report. This was no so and the report was called in way in advance of the meeting.

Bob called for a vote on the motion. There were four in favor of striking the minutes of the meeting of 5/30/06 and two abstained. Motion was carried. The Board Meeting of 5/30/06 will be stricken from the records of the Anthracite Brittany Club.

The board discussed the possibility of having the next general Membership meeting in January. The motion was made, seconded and passed. This will be presented at the meeting for a vote.

The board noted that all chair positions with the exception of the Show Chair and some co coordinator positions need to be fill for 2007.

Meeting Adjourned
Deb Rudert
Anthracite Secretary

**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 13, 2006**

The general membership of the Anthracite Brittany Club was called to order by Vice President Bob Williams. The meeting was held at the Starlight Diner in Fogelsville. Officers present were Bob Williams, Bobbie Dunkling, & Deb Rudert. Board members present were George Habecker, Linda Starner and Dave Weider. Members present were Joe Sikorski, Mike Baniewicz, Charlie Canny, Ric Ortelli, Dominic Serago, Terry Hilliard, John McMurray, James Wilkinson, Larry Hilliard, Gloria Hartman, Jason Umberger, Cindy Miller, Carol McMurray and Associate Member Clair Ricci.

President's Report:

Rod Beckstead sent a resignation letter to the membership. His resignation was effective 9/5/06.

Secretary's Report:

Deb Rudert

**Please email or call Deb for more information on any of these items received.
Everything received as correspondence is pure information.**

The following Correspondence was received;

Letter from Bob Williams requesting his name be removed from the election ballot for position of Vice President for personal reasons.

Letter from Rod Beakstead resigning from the office of President and the Anthracite Brittany Club.

Letter from Jane Samer asking that her nomination be withdrawn for the position of Club Secretary for personal reasons.

American Brittany Rescue Newsletter arrived. An additional letter came asking for donations to the Rescue. The Newsletter can be viewed on the rescue website at www.AmericanBrittanyRescue.org

Posted to Brittany-L list for Gordon Theilen

Subject: Brittany DNA Sample Collections

Date: Thu, 31 Aug 2006 07:46:15 -0700

From: Gordon Theilen <ghtheilen@ucdavis.edu>

Several questions have come up about Brittany DNA Sample collections. The Following is intended to help answer questions when a large number of Brittany persons representing UCD Genetics Lab who are collecting DNA samples.

1) These samples go into the Brittany DNA Bank established at UCD Davis, Veterinary Genetics Laboratory for future and present research purposes. For any DNA problem being investigated it often takes hundreds of samples to find the gene or gene marker being sought. The main reason for the large number of samples needed.

2) When ever possible, AKC or Am. Field, or other Registry organization number is requested with sire and dam. When a problem is being sought, the quickest way to find Carrier Dogs and finding gene markers is by following family pedigrees. Thus, the reason for the question and needed information. As much information as possible about any dog collected is of value. Those that are collecting samples from dog families and new litters are of huge value.

3) The owner or breeder may not wish such information to become public, then such persons should fill out needed information and send it to the lab themselves. ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL. THE LAB IS NOT INTO EXPOSING INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN DOGS OR BREEDERS. IT IS OBVIOUS THIS IS ALWAYS LEFT TO THE OWNER OR BREEDER TO DISCUSS OPENLY.

4) Sample from any Brittany is being collected, even if the registration is not known and even if it is a cross breed. That should be indicated when known and what other breed/breeds the cross was created.

5) Rescue dogs are heavily involved because the Rescue folks are most often able to indicate the dog has a problem, thus it is usually a dog that is affected with a known genetic problem. In addition, Rescue people have been extremely dedicated in getting samples to the Bank. Many rescue dogs are affected with aggression, a main study at present in our lab. For sample collection from dogs with aggression, unclotted blood sample is requested. In those cases, please ask the veterinarian collecting the samples to waive the costs of collection as these samples are for research, or ask the owner to pay for collection. This brings up the reason why we desperately need donations to the Marvin Nelson Jr. Fund for Brittany DNA Samples so we could have money available for such costs. At the present we have not allowed money donated to the Fund be used until it grows substantially in amount that interest from the endowed fund will support needed research. We now have \$30,000 and all interest has been returned to the fund.

6) These samples can not be used to certify dog identification required by AKC and American Field. We are hoping some arrangement can be made that some day this will be possible. Yes, we can identify a dog that has its DNA banked at UCD, but for commercial reasons, AKC and Am. Fld. will not allow us becoming involved in dog identity certification. THESE SAMPLES ARE STRICTLY FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE RESEARCH, or in cases where parentage is needed for some personal reason. It is very impressive the wave of enthusiasm from Brittany people across the Nation and Canada that have gotten involved in this effort that will be of great value to future Brittany Owners and Breeders. It is all of us that are making this a huge success. I am off in a few hours to Oregon Field Trial. Two days travel to get there, thus will not be back until next Tuesday evening. For immediate questions contact Kathryn Robertson at the lab. THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS., Gordon

Third Vice President and National Specialty Show Chairman has appointed 15 people to serve on the 2008 and 2009 National Specialty show Judges Selection committee. The full list can be viewed on the Brittany-L. Terry Hilliard and Deb Rudert were two of the 15 selected. If you have an suggestions on Judges for the year 2007 & 2008 Specialty show, Please email Terry at Lockridgebritts@aol.com or Deb at Debbie@mayjaysbrittanys.com

American Brittany Club Raffle tickets. Items be raffled; Magnavox 15" LCD Flat Screen TV, Oak Regulator Clock, and a Digital Camcorder/still camera. Tickets are \$5.00 or 5 for \$20. Deadline is November 10th.

AKC Approval for:

Hunt Test, September 23rd and 24th and Judges have been approved.

Field Trial has been approved for November 11th.

Postcard for Carpet Barrier, Carpet protection film. Adhesive plastic film for carpets. Protects carpets from soil and stains. www.carpetbarrier.com/dog

Letter from Kennel Clubhouse. Kennel Clubhouse has both the knowledge in programming and in dog clubs' specific needs. In order to help as many clubs as possible and to facilitate the communication and exchange between them. Kennel Clubhouse was created. The Clubs are all under a virtual roof with each club having its own room. All clubs share a communal room to communicate with each other and exchange news and ideas.

New Members presented for 1st reading:

Shane Becker - Bowmanstown, PA (Mt. View Brittany's)
Shawn Meyers - Broomall, PA (ABC Application)
Justin O'Donnell - Lakewood, PA (received application at Field Trial at Freeland)
Dana Klouser - Elizabethville, PA (found on Internet)
Stephen Brandt - New Bloomfield, PA (Website)
Jeff Glazier - Allentown, PA (May-Jay's Brittany's)

Treasurer's Report:

Bobbie Dunkling

<u>Month</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Closing Balance</u>
June	\$11,369.17	\$ 1,367.97	\$ 479.38	\$12,257.76
July	\$12,257.76	\$ 1,671.75	\$ 1,596.36	\$12,333.15
August	\$12,333.15	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 3,640.15	\$ 9,733.00

Brittany Rescue: Income to date \$10,271.32 - Expenses \$4,777.60 - Total rescue Funds \$5,493.72

Vice-President's Report:

Bob Williams
No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trial:

George Habecker, Chairperson

Fall Field Trial dates are approved for November 11, 2006 and November 12, 2006. We are still in need of a person to man the Kitchen for the two days. The menu could be simple and would be up to the person volunteering for the job. We would need a simple breakfast and a lunch. Anyone interested please see George.

Happy hour will be handled by Claire Ricci who has volunteered. Jeanne Rozowski and Les Casselberry will help to run the event.

Hunt Test:

Dave Weider, Chairperson

September 23, 2006 and September 24, 2006 are the date. Braces will be posted on the website as of today 41 total dogs entered. Mary Ann Breininger and Bob Williams have donated Ribbons for anyone finishing a title.

Dave has requested that a new Chairperson be nominated for 2007. This is his 5th year and would like to move on. Dave will be glad to mentor the new 2007 chairperson.

Newsletter Editor:

Mike Sammon, Editor
Not present no report

Show Report:

Linda Starner (temporary chair)

The shows went well. Thanks to all the volunteers and congratulations to the Winners. We had 25 entries which is low but we still made a profit. Approximately \$200.00.

This year we only had to pay \$200.00 to the Thursday night Judge for his fee. Nita-Nee paid for all his expenses. The Sat judge was paid for by Nita-Nee and all her expenses. And both Sweepstakes judges were judging for Nita-Nee and neither one charged us. So as you can see working with Nita-Nee has saved the club lots of money.

2007 Shows

We are working on the 2007 show.

Judy Webb and Nancy Liebes are contracted for the Friday and Sat Shows.

We need to hire a judge for Thursday night. Carol had two suggestions:
Frank Washabaugh and Bob Ennis. If there is any preference please let me know.

Lisa Warren has been suggested for one of the Sweeps judges and several others are under consideration but not definite.

Peter Green

Beth Sweigert

Ken or Jackie Raynor

Or a handler that may be on the grounds that night.

So we still need one judge and one sweeps judge.

We are considering having the show under the new pavilion. We have permission from AKC to have it there and it is available. Waiting to hear from the Grange as to the rental price. Will be much cooler as it is open and we can use the stage for Hospitality and the bleachers for seats.

Picnic:

Chairperson Needed

Canine Learning:

Jimmy Wilkinson and John McMurray

Grounds:

Les Casselberry, not present no report

Fun Field Trial:

Chairperson needed

Bi-Laws committee:

Chairperson Needed

Website

Claire Ricci Chairperson

Hunt Test premium is on the site and Braces will be posted as soon as drawing takes place.

Election of Officers:

A call for acceptance for the following unopposed offices was called for by acting President Bob Williams.
Motion passed as follows;

President – Cindy Miller
Vice President – John McMurray
Secretary – Deb Rudert
Treasurer – Bobbie Dunkling

A written ballot was passed out to members for selection of new Board of Directions position. Larry Hilliard was voted in as new director.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit of Books was completed

Chair person for Canine Learning: John McMurry offered to Chair with Jimmy Wilkinson.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Board of Directors meeting was held before the general membership meeting.

Highlights of the meeting were;

A motion was made to strike the minutes from the 5/30 board meeting. Motion was carried and passed. The minutes which appeared in the August 2006 Newsletter relating to a Board Meeting held on May 30, 2006 have been stricken from the records.

A question was asked why or how could a whole meeting minutes be stricken. The answer was that the meeting was not called in compliance with the constitution and By-Laws of the Anthracite Brittany Club.

A Board recommendation was made to hold the December General Membership meeting in January. Motion was made by Bobbie to hold the meeting in January. The motion was seconded by Linda Starner. Motion passed.

Meeting date was set for January 16, 2007 at the Starlight Restaurant in Fogelsville, PA.

Braggs:

Linda Starner

Moonbabes Never Ending "Albert" finished his Championship at the Maryland Specialty Show - 4 point major on July 4th weekend. Then went Best of Opposite in Sweeps at Anthracite Specialty.

Oak Run's Perfect Storm "Storm" won both Anthracite Specialties (I did not show him at the Independent because I was Show Chair). Then got Best of Winners at Del Val Specialty - 4 point major. He needed one point to finish. Then he finished his Championship going Best of Breed over Specials at Newton on Labor Day weekend.

Terry Hilliard

This summer alone (including last weekend), Gabby Ch RJ'S Talk of The Town JH. has gotten 15 BOB, 3 group 1, 3 group 2, 1 group 4, BOS at the Summer Specialty, and 3 specialty wins.

Ric Ortelli

Mt. View's Luck of the Draw finished her Master Hunter title at 2 years of age. Owned by Mary Ann Breininger and Pat Ortelli.

Jimmy Wilkinson

Shot a ground hog at 384 yards!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Claire Ricci

Ch Highlander's Dakota Snow CD RAE JH CGC

Owner: Claire Ricci

Earned his Rally Advanced Excellent Title in July 2006.

Earned his Companion Dog Title in Aug, 2006

Joe Sikorski

The puppy got his first point with Joe handling!

George Habecker

Becky's wins: 2004 New England Grouse and Woodcock Champion. 2005 ABC Grouse and Woodcock Champion. 2005 National Brittany Open(Michigan) Grouse Champion. 2005 Hudson Valley Wild Bird Classic winner. 2005 Penna. Brittany Championship Assn. Grouse and Woodcock Classic runner up. 1996-Present, The best little buddy a guy could hope to have. Turning 10 years old!

Next Meeting Starlight Restaurant, Fogelsville, January 16, 2007

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Deb Rudert

Next Meeting:

January 16th 2007

Board Of Directors Meeting 6:00

General Membership Meeting 7:30

Starlight Diner, Foglesville, PA

Some pictures from the 2006 American Brittany Nationals, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

