



The American Brittany Club, Inc.

2013

EAST REGION QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: MIKE BLONDIN

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **Northern New England** Region: **EAST COAST** St. of Residence: **VERMONT** Phone #: **802-922-0118** Email: mgundog@live.com

I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: **ME, NH, MA, NY, CONN, PA, VA, GA, AL, RI, NC, MI**. How many years have you been involved with Brittans? **15** yrs. With ABC?

11 yrs Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? **YES**

Check activities in which you have participated: Field Trials Shows Rescue Hunt

Tests Futurity Agility Obedience Tracking Breeder Rally Field Trial

Judge AKC Am Field Show Judge: How many championship or other titles

have your dogs earned? What titles did these include? **FC, AFC, JH** Regional Club Activities

Club Officer Offices Held: Breeder Referral Event Chairman Event Sec. Event

Committee Which type of events? **Field Trials, Hunt Tests** Other? National Club Activities: ABC

Officer ABC Director Nat. FT Committee Nat. Specialty Show Committee Other Nat.

Committees on which you have served What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why?

I am very willing to give my time and efforts in the commitment as an ABC Director As a Director, I will look at all sides of an issue and will welcome input from the constituency, both individuals and clubs to make objective policy decisions for the ABC. I love the Brittany and am willing to do what I can to promote and protect the breed and the American Brittany Club.

I have been the stakes manager for the national amateur gun dog championship for 2 years.

Thank You For Your Consideration.

Candidate: KAREN HANSEN

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **Tidewater and Northern Virginia** Region: **EAST COAST** St. of Residence: **Virginia** Phone #: **804-357-6609** Email: Hansonkrn1@aol.com I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: **VA, NC, SC, MD, NJ, DE, PA, NY, IL, WV, AR (and my dogs go to other states primarily East Coast thru Central)** How many years have you been involved with Brittans?

37 yrs. With ABC? **20+** yrs Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? **YES**

Check activities in which you have participated: Field Trials

Shows Rescue Hunt Tests Futurity Agility Obedience Tracking

Breeder Rally Field Trial Judge AKC Am Field Show Judge: Hunt

test: How many championship or other titles have your dogs earned? **Too many to remember!**

More than 50. I'm even prouder of the bred by titles, and the Dual Ch. I co-bred. What titles did these include? Show champions, hunt test, obedience, rally. I have several young dogs that are show ch that are working for their FC and hopefully DC. Regional Club Activities (please check) Club Officer

Offices Held: Breeder Referral Event Chairman Event Sec. Event Committee Which

type of events? **Show and field trial** Other? National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC

Director Nat. FT Committee Nat. Specialty Show Committee Other Nat. Committees on

which you have served: Current National Trophy Chair (show) What will be your strongest asset as a

member of the BOD and why? **I believe that I have a balanced and pragmatic view of the Brittany**

and the issues that we face. Clubs are up against pressures from animal rights groups, loss of grounds, declining membership, and the constant struggle to keep the Brittany a dual dog. I believe

that in order to meet these challenges we must be open to new ideas and technologies to provide information to the membership to include archiving of historical documents for research.



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EAST CENTRAL REGION

Candidate: WM. "BO" ACKERMAN MD

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **Bama** Region: **East Central**
Phone #: **770-983-2021** Email: BoAckerman@aol.com State of Residence: **GA** I attend
Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: **AL, GA, FL, TN, NC, VA, OH, IL, KY, AR, KS,**
NE, SD, IA, MI, TX, OK, MO, CA, AZ How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? **26**
years Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in November in Booneville? **YES**
Please check the activities in which you have participated: **Field trials** **Shows** **Hunt**
Tests **Obedience** **Agility** **Tracking** **Rescue** **Futurity** **Breeder** **Judge**
 Which Activities judged?: **All Field Trial Stakes, National Championships, AF & Classic**
Championship from coast to coast including other breeds. Other: **Reporter for many National &**
Regional trials, championships including the Nationals. Which Championship titles have your dogs
earned: **3 X National Champions, 9 X National Placements, 10 FC/AFC, etc. Handled two dogs to**
national titles, 11 national placements, 2003 Purina Dog of the Year. Regional Club Activities: Club Officer
 yes Offices held: **Pres. & V.Pres for 21 Years, Event Chairman** **Event Sec** **Event Committee**
 Which type of Events?: **Field Trials, Regional, Championships, & Nationals, Breeder Referral Chair**
 National Club Activities: ABC Officer **ABC Director** **12yrs** **National FT Committee** **(AA &**
GD Nationals multiple times) **National Specialty Show Committee** Other National Committees on which you
have served: **Total of Seven times as either stakes manager or FT Chairman for the AA or GD Nationals, served**
on multiple Nominating Committees, etc. What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and
why? **I feel very strongly that I can represent the best interest of the East Central Region's**
membership through my long experience and dedication to the betterment of the ABC on a local and
national level. It has been an honor to serve as a Board member for the last 12 years, and I welcome
and appreciate the opportunity to do so again.

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Candidate: BRIAN HENDRICKSON, DVM

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **BCK** Region: **EAST CENTRAL** St. of Residence: **OH**
Phone #: **740-441-9086** Email: hqacres@aol.com
I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis:
How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? **25** yrs. With ABC? **25** yrs
Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? **YES**
Check activities in which you have participated: **Field Trials** **Shows** **Rescue**
Hunt Tests **Futurity** **Agility** **Obedience** **Tracking** **Breeder** **Rally**
Field Trial Judge **AKC** **Am Field** **Show Judge:**
How many championship or other titles have your dogs earned? **4**
What titles did these include? **FC AFC NGDC**
Regional Club Activities (please check) Club Officer Offices Held: **President Buckeye Brittany**
club Sec/Treas Kentucky Brittany club Breeder Referral Event Chairman Event Sec. Event
Committee Which type of events? **National Gun Dog Championships as well as regional weekend**
trials and hour events Other? National Club Activities: ABC Officer **4th VP** ABC
Director Nat. FT Committee **NGDC chairman** Nat. Specialty Show Committee Other Nat.
Committees on which you have served. What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and
why? **I am a strong proponent of ALL THINGS BRITTANY. I believe the only way to move**
forward with the ABC is to celebrate anything Brittany. Getting everyone working together from all
walks of Brittany ownership is essential to the ABC.



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CENTRAL REGION QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate: Todd Parmenter

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **Heart of Illinois B.C.** Region: Central Region St. of Residence: **Illinois**
Phone #: **217-871-4559** Email: **todd@dogwoodbrittanys.com** I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: **Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri** How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? **35+ yrs.** With ABC? **11 yrs** Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? **YES** Check activities in which you have participated: Field Trials **X**, Shows **X**, Rescue **X**, Hunt Tests ___ Futurity **X**, Agility ___ Obedience ___ Tracking ___ Breeder **X**, Rally ___
Field Trial Judge **YES** AKC **X** Am Field ___. Show Judge: ___ How many championship or other titles have your dogs earned? 1 What titles did these include? **CH** Regional Club Activities (please check) Club Officer ___ Offices Held: Breeder Referral **X** Event Chairman **X** Event Sec. **X** Event Committee **X** Which type of events? **Field Trials, 2013 ABC Gundog Classic** Other? National Club Activities: ABC Officer ___ ABC Director ___ Nat. FT Committee ___
Nat. Specialty Show Committee ___ Other Nat. Committees on which you have served What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why?

I am a breeder that loves to compete in field trials. The goal of every litter we raise is to produce superior individuals while increasing the percentage of Titled and OFA Certified dogs in the five generation pedigree. We have produced FC, AFC, CH, BOB, BOS, FTCI DOTY and Futurity placing dogs and our pups have also competed in Agility, Obedience, Hunt Tests, NSTR, and Tracking. In 2013, eleven dogs from litters whelped at Dogwood Brittanys, with nine different owners had multiple wins and placements in Field Trials, Shows and Hunt Tests.

I am the Executive Minister of Operations for Northwood's Community Church in Peoria, IL. I received my BA in Business from Trinity International University and have over 30 years' experience in both For-Profit Business and Not-For-Profit leadership and finance. I have been married to Pam for 30 years, and have two sons and a daughter and one grandson.

Candidate: Steve Ralph

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **St. Croix Valley, MN & Hawkeye** Region: **Central** Region St. of Residence: **MN**
Phone #: **651-303-0129** Email: **mail@blazinbritts.com** I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: **MN, WI, IA, SD, MO, KS, NE, OK, AR** How many years have you been involved with Brittanys? **33 yrs.** With ABC? **20 yrs.** Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? **YES**
Activities in which you have participated: Field Trials **X** Shows **X** Rescue **X** Hunt Tests **X** Futurity **X** Agility ___ Obedience ___ Tracking ___ Breeder **X** Rally ___ Field Trial Judge **X** AKC **X** Am Field **X** ___ Show Judge: ___ How many championship or other titles have your dogs earned? **5 AKC & 11 Am. Field** What titles did these include? **FC/AFC and American Field Championship**
Regional Club Activities (please check) Club Officer **X** Offices Held: **President, Vice President, Secretary** Breeder Referral ___ Event Chairman **X** Event Sec. **X** Event Committee **X** Which type of events? **Field Trials** Other? National Club Activities: ABC Officer ___ ABC Director **X** Nat. FT Committee **X** Nat. Specialty Show Committee ___ Other Nat. Committees on which you have served: **ABC Webmaster, Magazine Committee, ABC National All Age Championship FT Sec. ABC Booth at Pheasant Fest.**
What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why?

I've hunted with bird dogs all my life and been involved with Brittanys since 1993. I attend a multitude of ABC events (field trials, shows, championships, nationals) across the country, where I'm able to listen to members and their concerns not only locally but nationally. I have been involved nationally as an ABC Director and also on various ABC committees, which has provided a good understanding of ABC and the ABC members. I will continue to use the knowledge that I have gained over the years to help do what is best for the Brittany and the membership. I will listen to the membership and represent my region to the best of my ability with no personal agenda.



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MIDWEST REGION QUESTIONNAIRE

CANDIDATE: ANDI CHRISTENSEN

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: Skyline Brittany Club Region: MIDWEST REGION St. of Residence: Colorado
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I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: CO, NM, NE

How many years have you been involved with Brittans? 27 yrs. With ABC? 25 yrs

Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? YES

Check activities in which you have participated: Field Trials X Shows X Rescue

Hunt Tests X Futurity X Agility Obedience Tracking Breeder X Rally

Field Trial Judge X AKC X Am Field X Show Judge: How many championship or other titles

have your dogs earned? 9 What titles did these include? FC/AFC/DC/CH/JH Regional Club Activities (please check)

Club Officer X Offices Held: 3rd VP Breeder Referral X Event Chairman Event Sec. X Event

Committee X Which type of events? Field Trials and Hunt Tests Other?

National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director Nat. FT Committee

Nat. Specialty Show Committee Other Nat. Committees on which you have served

What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why?

I am a true believer in the Dual Brittany. My family has been involved in Brittans since I was 3 years old. I started showing dogs early on in both conformation and in junior showmanship as well as running dogs in puppy and derby at field trials. Our family traveled to futurities and to the National Show and All Age trial most years when I was growing up. Since then, I have finished a DC/AFC/JH, and other CH, FC and JH's, I finished the 10th Dual Champion Pointer in the show ring (yes, there are only 10!), and have been an event secretary for many hunt tests and field trials. I also teach a confirmation class at a local dog training center. I am active in not only my regional club, but the Colorado Pointer Club and the Northern Colorado Brittany Clubs as well. I have come out to the Nationals to compete in the show (got reserve winners bitch one year, among other placements in that time) the last 3 years as well and I look forward to running a dog in the All Age Nationals there soon!

CANDIDATE: MARY KARBINER

Regional Club(s)Affiliation: Lone Star & Greater Milwaukee (since '75) Region: Midwest

Phone # 940-928-2315 Email: txbritts@sbcglobal.net State of Residence: TX I attend Brittany events in

the following states on a regular basis: TX, OK KAS, NE, SD, AR. How many years have you been

involved with Brittans? OVER 35 + YEARS With ABC? 35 + yrs. Will you be willing to attend the ABC

BOD meeting in November in Booneville? YES Please check the activities in which you have participated:

Field trials X Shows X Hunt Tests Obedience Agility Tracking Rescue

Futurity X Breeder X Judge X Which Activities judged?: Regional Brittany field trials,

ABC Classics, Other breed regionals & national championships, and fun matches. Which Championship

titles have your dogs earned: Field champion, Am FC, & 3 Dual Champions. Regional Club Activities

(please x): Club Officer X Offices held: Sec, Trea, 1st VP Event Chairman X Event Sec X Event

Committee X, Which type Events? FIELD TRIALS, LOCAL SHOWS Other (specify): Reported Nat'l

Open Champ, ABC Classics, Tx Open Ch & US Open Brittany Championship National Club Activities:

ABC Officer ABC Director XX National FT Committee National Specialty Show

committee Other National Committees on which you have served: AUCTION COMMITTEE SINCE

INCEPTION, LONG RANGE PLANNING, POLICY BOOK BOOK OF THE 90'S, and STATISTICS

COMMITTEE FINANCIAL OVERSITE, NOMINATION, MAGAZINE COMMITTEE..

What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why?

Dedication and Experience. With over 35 years of involvement with Brittany competitions, both regional & national levels, Field & Show. During these years I have competed East Coast, Southwest and heavily in the Central & Midwest Regions gaining experience as to concerns in those regions.





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WEST COAST REGION

Candidate: JOE GOWER

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **CA and SSJ** Region: **WEST COAST** St. of Residence: **CA**
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I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: **Yes**

How many years have you been involved with Brittneys? **15** yrs. With ABC? **4** yrs

Will you be willing to attend the ABC BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? **YES**

Check activities in which you have participated: Field Trials Shows Rescue

Hunt Tests Futurity Agility Obedience Tracking Breeder Rally

Field Trial Judge AKC Am Field Show Judge:

How many championship or other titles have your dogs earned? **7**

What titles did these include? **CH., AFC, FC and NAFC** Regional Club Activities (please check) Club

Officer Offices Held: **VP and President** Breeder Referral Event Chairman Event

Sec. Event Committee Which type of events? **Field Trials and National Championship**

Other? National Club Activities: ABC Officer ABC Director Nat. FT Committee

Nat. Specialty Show Committee Other Nat. Committees on which you have served

What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why?

I have a business leadership background with well developed communication and diplomacy skills. With a strong dog and hunting upbringing I have an acute awareness of the cultural changes around us that puts our breed activities at risk. I am committed to embracing the diversity of the Brittany breed to serve the needs of as many as possible; thereby, harnessing the power of our numbers to protect the future.

Candidate: SUSAN KERNS

Regional Club(s) Affiliation: **SDO & CA** Region: **WEST COAST** St. of Residence: **CA**

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I attend Brittany events in the following states on a regular basis: **CA, AZ, AR** How many years have you

been involved with Brittneys? **33** yrs. With ABC? **31** yrs Will you be willing to attend the ABC

BOD meeting in Nov. In Booneville? **YES** Check activities in which you have participated: Field

Trials Shows Rescue Hunt Tests Futurity Agility Obedience

Tracking Breeder Rally Field Trial Judge AKC Am Field Show

Judge: How many championship or other titles have your dogs earned? **8** What titles did these

include? **CH, JH, CE, RN, AX, AXJ** Regional Club Activities (please check) Club Officer Offices

Held: **Pres, VP, Sec, Trea, Show Chair.** Breeder Referral Event Chairman Event Sec.

Event Committee Which type of events? **FT, HT, Show** Other? National Club Activities: ABC

Officer ABC Director Nat. FT Committee Nat. Specialty Show Committee Other Nat.

Committees on which you have served? **Nominating Committee, Breed Standards, Nat. Specialty Show**

Committee. What will be your strongest asset as a member of the BOD and why?

I have a well rounded experience in many aspects of the dog fancy. I actively participate in Brittany events in the West and at the National Level. My dogs have competed in show, field, agility, and obedience. I am a good listener and will fight for what I think is important, but also know when to compromise. I will bring to the National Club my experience in business, my experience in holding every office at the local club level, a desire to keep the Brittany a dual dog, and a wish to work toward reaching more Brittany owners in addition to the field and show venues.